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*The Navy League Ontario Division Newsletter*

***Some of the Highlights that took place over the summer and before...***



## Whitby Branch

On Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup> we co-hosted a Day of Reflection with Wounded Warriors of Canada. The event took place at the Wounded Warriors Park of Reflection in Cullen Park Whitby. The Cadets along with members of Wounded Warriors set up display booths that covered the role and sacrifice of Canada's Veterans. The event was attended by members of the public who also dropped off food items that were donated to a local food bank. We were also pleased to have our local MPP Lorne Coe attend along with David McDonald a Veteran of Afghanistan and Carl Burrill a Royal Canadian Navy Veteran of the Korean War.

Afghanistan Veteran David McDonald & Korean War Veteran Carl Burrill with Cadets



David McDonald & MPP Lorne Coe

## Brampton Branch

**Natasha Ruiz** was with teams August 24-26 Regatta at Portsmouth member of the #139 meets weekly in Brampton. all regions in the country. Canadian Olympic Regatta have the opportunity to develop their skills with Olympic calibre coaches and test themselves in a healthy and competitive environment.



Canada's top Sea Cadet sailing for the National Sea Cadet Sailing Harbour in Kingston. She is a Illustrious Sea Cadet Corps that Participants were selected from The event is part of the annual Kingston (CORK) where the sailors

## Cornwall Branch



NLOC Long Service Medals were presented by Past National President (2004-2006) Tim Porter at the December 2015 Branch meeting at the Cornwall Armoury.

**Left to right: Tim Porter, Jean Patenaude, Treasurer; Diana Dupelcyz Immediate Past Branch President; and Reiney Eisner Past President.**

## Kemptville Branch

### Renaming of the Armoury

The old Armoury building has been used by the Kemptville Sea Cadets (RCSCC Defiant), and the Kemptville Navy League Cadets Corps (NLCC Assiniboine), since 2011. In 2015 a grant of up to \$100,000 was received by the municipality from the Canada 150 Infrastructure Fund to repair the outside of the Armoury, and the Navy League has committed to spending \$20,000 toward that renovation, in addition to their regular rent on the building. So, the future of the old Armoury is looking very promising after many years of uncertainty and neglect.

Councillor Arnaud made a formal application to have the Armoury renamed in April of this year, making the argument that: "In view of the supreme sacrifice made by **Private Williamson** in the service of his country I believe the naming of this former militia armoury in his memory would be a true reflection of our community's profound respect and appreciation for this wonderfully brave young man." Private Williamson was serving his second tour of duty in Afghanistan in October, 2006, when he and another soldier were killed in an ambush about 25kms from Kandahar. Blake was just 23 years old. The Pte. Blake Williamson Memorial Hall will be the home of the Navy League and Sea Cadets, which is possibly the most appropriate use for the building, both from an historical point of view, and in honour of the young man after whom it is to be named.



## Milton Branch



Thirty international Sea Cadets and their adult chaperones visited the Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport through July 9 following two weeks of developing their leadership skills as cadet leaders, meeting new friends, and experiencing the cultural attractions in the New England area. The cadets represent seven maritime countries that are members of the International Sea Cadet Association

(ISCA), a voluntary association of independent Sea Cadet Corps or corresponding organizations, promoting the benefits of sea cadet training worldwide. **Cadet Petty Officer First Class Jessica DiSouza**, 17, is with the 304-Chaudiere. She comments, "Being here, I've learned how other cadets represent themselves. I can bring this back to my unit. This is a once in a lifetime experience that I may not have again. The IEP experience encourages the cadets to learn from each other. Every cadet has a different way of teaching their skills through leadership, discipline, and drill. We shared our views with each other, bonded, and developed friendships."

## Sault Ste. Marie Branch



RCSCC Royal Sovereign had the honour of playing the Vice-Regal Salute for Ontario's **Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Dowedell**. She commended the cadets on such a good turnout and said "it was a wonderful way to be greeted".

