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The Navy League Ontario Division Newsletter

MILTON BRANCH

Cadet Maeen Hussein is 13 years old and is among 130 cadets who will complete their Basic Sail course this year at HMCS Ontario, which provides unique and challenging training opportunities to members of the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets from corps located across the province. HMCS Ontario is located on the grounds of the Royal Military College of Canada campus, situated on the shore of Kingston's Navy Bay.



WOODSTOCK BRANCH



NLCC Unicorn and RCSCC Woodstock cadets are fortunate to have a Sail Centre at Pittock Conservation Area and can spend their "parade" nights during the summer months on the water. In addition to this, a Regatta is held with local companies each sponsoring a boat.

This fundraiser is our way of "giving back" to United Way Oxford, our major year-round sponsor. The cadets enjoy the challenge of a race and always come ashore with a big appetite for lunch! Navy League Cadets from Woodstock which sees them spending the morning sailing, a barbeque lunch and more fun and games in and on the water in the afternoon.



TIMMINS BRANCH

Stephanie Barstad of RCSCC Tiger 101 had the privilege of being the only one other than the crew to be aboard a Canadian coast guard ship that broke ice through the Arctic Circle in Greenland. She was at sea for four weeks. Barstad had taken training in basic seamanship through the cadet program as well as a six-week boatswain mate program course which she believes qualified her for the Greenland expedition.

Stephanie praised the cadet program for the benefits of personal growth, and the opportunities like this one. The sea cadet program has helped to form her into who she is today. An excellent article.

For the full story click on the link: <http://www.timminspress.com/2017/08/07/timmins-sea-cadet-joins-crew-for-greenland-adventure>



BELLEVILLE BRANCH

Belleville Branch has benefited from a relationship with the Bay of Quinte Yacht Club over the years. This summer they were able to return the kindness. With the high water in the Bay of Quinte this year, the BQYC was flooded and could not operate from their location. As they collaborated together, a Memorandum of Understanding was drawn up and Belleville Branch was able to offer their facilities. With some minor changes, paid by BQYC they were able to proceed with their

sailing school. Club made places in their Quinte cadets at were awarded who did not summer and they were



Bay of Quinte Yacht Club available several sailing school to no charge. The slots to keen new cadets meet the criteria for training this year successful in

earning Cansail Levels. By sharing space which did not interfere with our Branch's activities BQYC were able to maintain the continuity of their very successful sail training and racing programme. We look forward to continuing a good future relationship. A win win result for all!

SCARBOROUGH BRANCH



A total of 41 cadets and 11 adults from NLCC Prince of Wales and Exeter traveled to Halifax NS to celebrate Canada's 150. NLCC MicMac joined them for the last day of their 9-day trip.

Some of the highlights were: Magnetic Hill NB, longest covered bridge in the world; Peggy's Cove; Shearwater Aviation Museum; Tall Ship Silva; Harbour Hopper; Theodore Tugboat; Discovery Centre; Fleet Dive Unit Tour; Citadel; walking Point Pleasant Park; Confederation Bridge to PEI and swimming.

RCL152 Spryfield hosted a fantastic Spaghetti Dinner and NL Halifax Branch hosted a BBO.

OSHAWA BRANCH



Sometimes overhearing a conversation has a positive outcome. LCdr (NL) Shaun Cudmore had such an experience. At a graduation ceremony at Blackdown a mother was talking about the first day her daughter started Navy League cadets and was so shy she wanted to quit and go home but Lt (NL) Pauline Trumble took the time to show her kindness and spend the one on one time with her. The result is this girl went on to participate in band and other activities and then joined the Sea Cadet program. A moment in time largely unnoticed that had long lasting effect. Bravo Zulu Lt(NL) Pauline Trumble!



Camp Unitus was held August 13-19, 2017 in Grafton, ON. Eleven Corps attended.

Courses offered were- 2 Regular (Port Division and Starboard Division), Boatswains, First Aid, Semaphore, Navigation and Communication, Power Boat, Sailing, Marksmanship, and Canoeing was enjoyed by all.

We also had a dance, bonfire, movie night, swimming, crafts, utensil free Spaghetti dinner, air band competitions and more.....so much fun for the cadets.



BARRIE BRANCH

In a few months we will be celebrating Remembrance Day... this Navy League cadet pays his respects on Peacekeepers Day. May we be reminded not only on special occasions that others have paid the price for our freedom.



Following this year's Peacekeepers Day parade in Angus, Tyson Barker, 9, of Springwater Township, a member of Barrie's Navy League Cadet Corps, pays his respects at the Angus grave of Corporal Bruce Stringer, and gains a better appreciation of the sacrifice sometimes involved in peacekeeping missions. Cpl Stringer was one of nine Canadian servicemen killed on 9 Aug 1974, when Syrian forces shot down a Canadian Forces Buffalo transport aircraft that was in service with the United Nations Emergency Force Middle East (UNEFME). National Peacekeepers Day is now observed in Canada annually on the anniversary of this tragic event. – Submitted by Greg Barker



With the unanimous support of all Members of Provincial Parliament, the Legislative Assembly of Ontario paid tribute to women who served in the military during the Second World War.

In the gallery at Queen's Park to witness the tributes were:

- several WWII veterans (including WREN, Nursing Sister and CWAC);
- serving military personnel from HMCS YORK, Lorne Scots, 32 Service Battalion, 32 Signal Regiment, Queen's York Rangers, Queen's Own Rifles, Canadian Forces College and Fourth Canadian Division; and
- representatives from the Royal Canadian Legion, St. John Ambulance, the Royal Canadian Military Institute and other organizations.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d5Ge0wGznmQ&feature=youtu.be>