

Flag Hoist

The Navy League Ontario Division Newsletter

Great Moments, Endearing Stories

ROYAL CANADIAN SEA CADET CENTENNIAL PARADE



On September 9th 2018 Queens Park, Toronto was the site of an historic occasion where Sea Cadets gathered to celebrate their 100th anniversary! The Navy League of Canada has been proudly supporting this world-class youth program of future leaders since 1918 alongside our partners in the Canadian Armed Forces.

In honour of this event we had the privilege of having the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario as our speaker. The Honourable Dowdeswell inspected the troops stopping to talk with various cadets. Here are some excerpts from her speech. "The qualities that best define cadets----inventiveness, resourcefulness, duty, loyalty, compassion and tolerance----are at the heart of good governance and are the hallmarks of good citizenship.

The challenges we face in the 21st century cannot be solved through tired and outdated visions. If we are to anticipate and respond to rapid technological change, climate change, and geopolitical change, we must be resilient. We need expansive new approaches and ways of critical thinking. So I hope that you will continue to be curious. For, as cadets, you are well qualified to make a significant contribution now and in the future. Each of us can make a difference in this world. We are, after all global citizens."

Visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E0ZWovhcjX8&feature=youtu.be> for full event.





Remembering those who served and sacrificed for our freedom. **2018 marks the 100th anniversary** of Canada's 100 days and Armistice. Many of our cadets participated in commemorative events in their local communities including an all night vigil.



Navy League Honours, Awards and other Recognitions

As this issue of Flag Hoist reaches you it is time to consider Corps Candidates worthy of recognition for the Navy League Cadet Medal of Excellence as well as other medals and potential RCSC Scholarships. The average Ontario Division Corps had an enrollment of almost 40 Sea Cadets as we started this training year so that probably makes 4 to 6 Senior Cadets at most eligible for special recognition.

Since the majority of our Sea Cadets join in September and October as the school year begins, those who have been with us four or more years should have already received any deserved Service Medal or Bars in time for Remembrance Day Parades and other observances.

It is the Branch's responsibility to submit the appropriate Form NL(104)E or(F) Award Application Form and all supporting documents to the Ontario Division Office well before the March 1st 2019 deadline. This also applies for the Divisional Music Award documentations. NL21 Administrative Orders section 2.06 gives appropriate direction and guidance.

The beginning of the calendar year is a busy time for our RCSC Commanding Officers as they are dealing with summer training applications at this time which some might understandably consider a higher priority than honours, awards and scholarships. Here is where Branch Presidents and RCSC Chairpersons can offer to assist Corps CO's and staff in organizing documentation to ensure complete and timely submissions.

Letters of reference by Branch Presidents and Corps CO's need to do more than simply state that the Cadet meets the criteria and thus deserves the award. A principle of Claim and Support should be followed. Instead of just stating that the cadet is "active in the community" it is a reasonable expectation that several examples of the individual's community involvement and accomplishment are provided. Similarly, any other statement of a Cadet's positive attributes should be factually supported to the most positive degree.

An up-to-date copy of the individual's Cadet Information Card (CIC) is an essential part of the submission and is carefully and extensively evaluated by the Divisional Honours and Awards Committee. It might be entirely appropriate to remind the Corps CO of this requirement since we Branch people cannot maintain and update a Cadet's personnel file.

Since the Cadet is expected to submit an essay outlining how Cadet Membership has affected and enhanced his or her life experience to date it is unlikely or more probably not possible to make this award a surprise to the individual.

Submissions must be complete and are best submitted in the order outlined in NL 21. A crisp and clear colour picture of the Cadet in uniform is also recommended and while it will not be used to assess the candidate's qualification for the potential award it is readily available for publicity purposes.

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It is our policy that all Navy League Honours and Awards be presented by an appropriately attired Branch or Divisional Executive Member at the earliest possible formal occasion after any award is officially announced. Divisional Area Representatives and other Directors are readily available to assist in presentations if requested. The Navy League Cadet Medal of Excellence should be presented immediately after the Divisional AGM in April with the expectation that the Cadet might wear it in uniform for Battle of Atlantic Observances. It would be entirely appropriate to present or to re-present the accompanying certificate at any awards ceremony prior to the ACR or at the ACR itself. Since we are now providing the Service Medal and Bars at no charge to the Branch a "nice to do" action on the part of the Branch is to have the Cadet's medal(s) mounted as Branch support of their Senior Cadet(s). Carefully and extensively prepared references and recommendations saved on computer can often be readily reworked or updated with only slight effort to support RCSC Scholarship Applications and other potential recognition opportunities.

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Appointment of the Navy League of Canada Ontario Division Commander, LCdr. (NL) Steven Drury



GUELPH BRANCH



As a Navy League Cadet, Ashley has an appreciation for and understanding of discipline that others her age may not, which she hopes will set her apart from the competition. Also a competitive cheerleader, Ashley hopes to bring her own unique spirit and best cheer to the Canada's Smartest Person Junior stage. See promo at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v5ysjP4X1Yg&authuser=0>

Watch full episodes of Canada's Smartest Person Junior, for free, on Canada's National Broadcaster: <https://watch.cbc.ca/season/canadas-s...> or on CBC Wednesdays at 8:00pm. Show began airing November 14th for a 6 week series.

Canada's Smartest Person Junior: Canada's Smartest Person Junior is hosted by Paul Sun-Hyung Lee. Over six weeks, 12 remarkable kids aged 8-12 battle it out for their chance to be named "Canada's Smartest Person Junior." Each week, they take on fun and spectacular challenges that test their smarts in six categories: Physical, Musical, Social, Linguistic, Logical and Visual. They must prove they have what it takes in every category or face elimination. It's an entertaining and action-packed competition as young competitors compete for the coveted title with the whole country cheering them on. Way to go Ashley!

Guelph NLCC Achilles Alumni Serves as Legislative Page

Sophia Ruffolo recently completed her service as a Legislative Page at Queen's Park. During Sophia's 3-week term of duty, she served as a messenger on the floor of the Legislative Chamber, meeting key parliamentary figures and learning about Ontario's parliamentary system of government.

Applicants for this competitive Program must write an essay that outlines what experiences, achievements (academic, athletic, volunteer) and activities they have been involved in at school, at home or in the community that demonstrate their leadership, responsibility and interpersonal skills.

Sophia credits her time as a Navy League Cadet as being an important factor in being chosen, and successful during her tenure. She believes she had an advantage in both the application process and while at Queens's Park.

"Navy League allowed me to develop my leadership skills, taught me respect, self-discipline, How to march and stand, and properly maintain a uniform – all important skills to be good Page."

Sophia is grateful for her time at NLCC Achilles as it, "prepared me for this opportunity, and those yet to come." Congratulations Sophia! What an awesome opportunity.



ELLIOT LAKE BRANCH

For over a year the Navy League in Elliot Lake have been without a building. They have been using basements, a dentist's office and storing equipment wherever space was available, even spare bedrooms and car trunks.



The old building was torn down because of water damage and mold. The building was owned by the City of Elliot Lake. At the July 23 regular meeting, council voted to refurbish the existing slab from the original building and purchase a building from Olympia Steel Buildings of Canada at a cost of \$24,750, plus taxes. Council's view is that the Navy League has been inconvenienced enough this past year, that these are our kids and our citizen's kids attending this function and they are the ones being hampered in their enjoyment of the facility.

It is evident that the Navy League organization is important to the community of Elliot Lake. We look forward to a completed building.

TIMMINS BRANCH

Jagmeet Singh, the Federal leader of the National Party made a stop in Timmins as he toured Canada different communities. Timmins has Corps from all three Leagues – Navy, Army and Air. Mr. Singh met with all the corps to learn more about the programs. He spoke with the cadets during inspection asking questions about the program and the awards and medals. He toured the Parade Deck, trying on a shooting jacket and sitting in the flight simulator. He was very impressed with the Navy League Cadets semaphore display and the fact that the cadets learn two new "languages" in order to perform it. He applauded their hard work and was happy to see so many youths in the community taking part in the different cadet programs and wishing them a great future.



Democratic
visiting

BRANTFORD BRANCH

PO2 Isaiah Loftman and MS Brandon Barnard qualified for the Provincial Competition held in Cambridge, ON. MS Barnard placed 1st in the Junior Male Individual Competition and PO2 Loftman finished 2nd in the Intermediate Male Individual Competition



May 2018 the Navigation Simulator was named MV Frank Begley. Mr. Begley had been a long standing supporter of both corps and the branch. The room was finished in July 2018 complete with red lights to simulate Engine Room atmosphere. He was the Past Commanding Officer of RCSCC Admiral Nelles. Mr. Begley passed away in October 2018.



UPCOMING EVENTS

AGM 2019

APRIL 5, 6, 7TH

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