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NEWS FROM ONTARIO DIVISION

The 2015 AGM was April 10, 11 and 12 2015 held this year at the Toronto Radisson East. Thank you to all branches who attended this year. The workshops, the networking and the sharing of information made this AGM extraordinary.

The 2015/16 Navy League of Canada Ontario Division executive as elected at the 2015 AGM are:

Miriam Wylie – President
Lisa Allen – 1st Vice President
Anne Marshall – VP Finance
Peter Christie – VP Sea Cadets
Gloria Campbell – VP Navy
League Cadets
Bill Wilson – VP Maritime Affairs

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2015 AWARD PRESENTED AT THE AWARDS LUNCHEON

At the Navy League of Canada (Ontario Division) Annual AGM, the awards for the Medal of Excellence, Meritorious Service Award and Distinguished Service Award were presented. These awards are given out on a quota basis and the numbers are provided to us from the National office. All completed applications received by Ontario Division are reviewed and the top applications are submitted to Navy League National for approval. Bravo Zulu to all the winners and thank-you to all for submission.

Please note all recipients names will be published in the summer edition of the newsletter. Below are the Navy League Cadet of the Year and the Sea Cadet of the Year, Ontario Division.

2015 Navy League Cadet of the Year – Ontario Division

PO2 Jaylen Patey – NLCC Unicorn



Col MacMillan, PO2 Jaylen Patey, Cdr.(N) Woolfrey

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2015 Sea Cadet of the Year – Ontario Division

CPO1 Alec Murdock, RCSCC Hero



Col MacMillan, CPO1 Alec Murdock, Cdr (N) Woolfrey

2015 Certificate of Service

Lt(NL) Wayne Closs

2015 Ontario Division Presidents Award

Robert Moseley

Below is a copy of the speech given by the recipients of the Navy League Cadet of the Year (Ontario Division) and the Sea Cadet of the Year (Ontario Division).

Navy League Cadet Medal of Excellence Speech from PO2 Jaylen Patey – NLCC Unicorn

April 11, 2015



Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen:

First, I'd like to say, I'm very grateful to be here and I would like to thank the people who made this possible.

The selection committee for reviewing my application, I'm very honoured!

Lt(NL) Butcher for believing in me and pushing me to be the best person I can be.

Officers of NLCC Unicorn for giving so much of their time and caring about us all.

Mrs. Walters for supporting me and being an awesome branch president! She is so dedicated to our corps.

My nana, papa and family, they are the most important people in my life. Thank you for taking care of me and all the love and encouragement you show me.

My twin sister Emmalee, for making me laugh and understanding me, even when we have to fight it out!

Cadets is a big part of my life and I believe it has made me a stronger, better person. It's taught me to be disciplined and inspired me to do well in all activities. It teaches me to be a good role model to my friends and it has definitely made me much more confident than I was. I feel a lot of love and support from everyone in my life.

Thank you very much!!

Sea Cadet Medal of Excellence Speech from CPO1 Alec Murdock

April 11, 2015

I am Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Alec Murdock, the Coxwain of RCSCC Howe in Peterborough. I would like to take this opportunity to say a few words.

First of all there is a list of people that I would like to thank. First among them is the selection committee, for choosing me out of a pool of very worthy candidates.

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Second, I would like to thank all the people who supported my nomination for the award, I truly appreciate the time and effort you put into your letters of recommendation. Next I have to thank my parents, for supporting all of my endeavors, both inside and outside of cadets. To Lt(N) Paulette Prentice, Lt(N) Cathy Carter, and the officers of RCSCC Howe, thank you for training, challenging, and mentoring me over the past seven years, if not for your efforts I am sure that I would not be standing here now. There is one final group of people that I have to thank, and that is the cadets of RCSCC Howe, because quite often they are the ones who inspire me to be the best Coxwain, and the best Cadet that I can be.

I'd like to talk a little bit about myself, and help all of you get to know me a little better. I'll start with my reason for joining cadets, and go on from there. If you look at my family history, I think it would be a bit surprising if I wasn't a cadet. In fact if you go far enough back, the last name Murdock comes from a Scottish Gaelic word meaning "Sea Warrior". In more recent history, I have had two great grandfather who fought in the First World War, a great uncle in the RCAF, a great uncle in the RCN. My grandmother was an air cadet and my grandfather was the XO of RCSCC Howe. My father was an air cadet and later a member of the Canadian Army reserve, and my mother was the Coxwain of RCSCC Howe a few decades before me. I think it was by the age of five that I knew I was going to be a cadet.

I was one of those really keen first year cadets, and I will admit that I cared more

about things like my uniform and my drill than I did about school some days. I found out that I felt much more at home with a rifle in my hand out on the parade square than I did in a classroom or anywhere at school.

Some of the best experiences that I have had are experiences that I have had at camp. I have two trades under my belt, and I am both a drill instructor and a shipwright. Of course, we didn't have the Drill and Ceremonial course when I joined cadets, back then we called it Gunnery.

Now, I don't remember exactly how I ended up doing trade group 1 gunnery instead of General Training when I was twelve, all I know is that the night before I was sent to camp I was told that there wasn't space in GT for me, but there was a space in gunnery.

At the time when I joined, I actually wanted to be a bos'n, but I went to Tg1 gunnery anyway, and I found out that it was the trade that I wanted to complete.

Gunnery was not easy. In my first year, for the first week all I wanted to do was go home. But I toughed it out, because I'm just not a fan of giving up.

When camp application time came around the next year, I was pretty much told that I need not apply to TG2 gunnery because they didn't think I could pass it. But I made it into the course, and I passed it anyway. I'm not saying that it was easy for me, in fact, TG 3 gunnery was probably one of the biggest challenges that I have faced in my life. I was the youngest cadet and I had the least experience. I was not the best cadet in that course by any means, but I can honestly say that I don't think that there was any cadet who tried harder than I did during those six weeks.

One of the most important things that I have learned over my cadet Career is leadership. One of the most important things that I have learned is that being truly successful as a leader in this program means doing everything you can to make the cadets experience better, whether that means jumping in and helping them or stepping

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back and letting them solve the problem on their own.

I think that that focus on the cadets is one of the most important things for the leaders in this program to remember. I think that whether you're the Commanding officer, the Cox'n, or even just a divisional petty officer, the reason why you're there is to make sure that the cadets' experience is the best it can be.

I have worked hard over the last six years to get where I am today, and I cannot describe in words how much this program has helped me develop as an individual. All I can say is that the blood, sweat and tears that I have put into this experience have been worth it. I plan on using the things I have learned here in the future. I'm hoping to be able to use my skills in a senior staff position at HMCS Ontario this summer. In the fall, I will be returning to the program as a CI and I plan on eventually enrolling as a CIC Officer. I love teaching the cadets, and I love that fact that I have the chance to help change them the way this program changed me. These last few years have been the best of my life, and I hope that I can give the next generation of cadets the same experience. Thank you very much.

2015 NAVY LEAGUE CADET PROVINCIAL COMPETITION

April 18, 19, 2015 held in Woodstock,
Ontario



More photos are available at

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/pt9i3dxco6uwz0t/AACt5AVXal12RHkHfXeFEofSa?dl=0#/>

Thank you to Rainbow Squadron for hosting such a wonderful event.

The winners of the competition events are as follows

Drill Without Arms

1st - NLCC Cougar - Niobe Squadron
2nd - NLCC Exeter - Jefferies Squadron
3rd - NLCC Unicorn - Rainbow Squadron

Top Drill Captain - NLCC Timmins - Aurora Squadron

Seamanship

1st - NLCC Cougar - Niobe Squadron
2nd - NLCC Glorious - Rainbow Squadron
3rd - NLCC Exeter - Jefferies Squadron

Semaphore

1st - NLCC Timmins - Aurora Squadron
2nd - NLCC Cougar - Niobe Squadron
3rd - NLCC Prince of Wales - Jefferies Squadron

First Aid

1st - NLCC Chamblay - 5th Barber Pole Squadron
2nd - NLCC Cougar - Niobe Squadron
3rd - NLCC Hawkins - Jefferies Squadron

Congratulations to all.

Gloria Campbell
Vice President Navy League Cadets
Ontario Division

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FROM OUR BRANCHES

BRANTFORD BRANCH

Christmas Dinner 2014
NLCC Adm. Landymore & RCSCC
Adm. Nelles held their Christmas
Dinners in December 2014. The NL
Cadets were surprised with a visit by
Buster the Safety Buss. He entertained
and had a wonderful time with all the
cadets. Three Midshipman were
promoted to ASLt. and our newest
member was given his Civilian
Instructor epaulets. Congratulations to
all. CPO2 Emily Stamp, Coxswain was
promoted to CPO1.



January 8, 2015 Mr. Frank Begley,
Poppy Chairman for Branch 90 Legion,
Brantford, Ontario presented a cheque
for \$2500.00 to RCSCC Admiral Nelles
and the Navy League Brantford Branch

for the purchase and installation of a
Ship's Simulator and programs. Just the
beginning!!!!

Mr. Frank Begley, Brantford Ontario
donated \$2500.00 toward the purchase
and installation of a Nautical Flagpole to
the Navy League Brantford Branch. The
flagpole will be installed in the spring
of this year.



ESPANOLA BRANCH

By Danika Gravelle

The Marine Club yearly awards the Gold
Medal for Proficiency to the Navy League's
Medal of Excellence winner and Top Sea
Cadet in Ontario.

On January 16, 2015, The Marine Club
awarded CPO1 Gravelle with the Gold
Medal for Proficiency at their 76th Annual
Dinner at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel in
Toronto. With approximately 1,000
members and guests in attendance, it was an
evening to remember. Chief Gravelle was
accompanied by his Commanding Officer,
Lt(N) Vickie Boucher and several family
members. CPO1 Gravelle was awarded the
Gold Medal, a commemorative plaque, a
bursary check, and engraved watch. Lt(N)
Boucher also received a plaque and was
recognized for her leadership role in RCSCC
#357 Hero, and the Canadian Cadet

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Movement.



Having just turned seventeen, Chief Gravelle has a few more years in Cadets and to complete his homeschool studies before deciding the direction of his future. He is very thankful for the excellent training he has received through the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet program and to The Marine Club for their acknowledgment of his success.

LONDON BRANCH



The Veterans of Parkwood Hospital, the Duchess of Kent Legion and NLCC Glorious. The Cadets and Officers of NLCC Glorious enjoy visiting the Veterans of Parkwood Hospital. The sponsoring Legion, the Duchess of Kent arranges a visit for the cadets and Officers for Christmas morning. The group goes around dispersing gifts, cards and personal greetings to the Veterans. Such a wonderful exchange occurs on these visits and the cadets are regaled with tales of Navy days past.



The cadets also had a “Valentine’s for Vets” day. One of the fascinating Veterans is 102 years old. The London branch is certainly proud of the devotion, sense of community and personal time given that our your Glorious Cadets are displaying with the fine mentorship of their officers, the support of our Legion, the Duchess of Kent. Bravo Zulo Glorious! Keep up the great work.

THANK YOU TO ALL

With annuals just around the corner, I am hoping that all branches will submit articles and pictures on their annuals. Remember, this is your divisional newsletter. Please keep the articles and pictures coming. We are happy to accept photos and brief articles (100 to 200 words) for publication.

Submission for the Summer 2015 newsletter are due by June 15, 2015
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