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Congratulations to all cadets, Sea and Navy League on a great training year.

NEWS FROM ONTARIO DIVISION

The 2014/15 Navy League of Canada Ontario Division executive as elected at the 2014 AGM

Gordon King – President
Miriam Wylie – 1st Vice President
Joel Welch – VP Finance
Peter Christie – VP Sea Cadets
Gloria Campbell – VP Navy League Cadets
Bill Wilson – VP Maritime Affairs

The committee chairs are as follows:

Lisa Allen – AGM Chair
Larry McGuin – By-law Chair
Donovan Arnaud – Awards Chair
Maria Dasilva – Branch Training Chair
Mike McIntosh – Fund Raising Chair
Donovan Arnaud – Cadet Renewal Chair

Ontario Division is currently exploring the possible need to relocate the provincial office. More information on this, as it becomes available.

This is a gentle reminder to branches that all communication shall be directed through Ontario Division. Please do not call the National Office.

INSURANCE CERTIFICATE is available on the National website at www.navyleague.ca. Click on “Forms & Publications”, then click on “Publications”, then click on “Risk Management” and the “Certificate of General Insurance and Liability” is about halfway down the page. If you

require an insurance certificate which adds a specific location, the application form is located further on the same page. If you need any assistance, please call Ontario Division at 416-635-2791 or at 1-877-635-2791.

UPCOMING NAVY LEAGUE OFFICER TRAINING COURSE

Ontario Southern corps will be held in Port Hope, September 26, 27, 28, 2014 and Ontario Northern corps will be held in Timmins, October 3, 4, 5, 2014. Registration to be into Ontario Division by September 20th, 2014

2014 AWARD PRESENTATION REPORT

At the Navy 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 done on a quota basis and the numbers are provided to us from the National office.

For the current year the number of awards that were presented where:
Distinguished Service of Award - 4
Meritorious Service Award - 11
Cadet Medal of Excellence
7 for Navy League Cadets
13 for Sea Cadets

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.

2014 Sea Cadet of the Year – Ontario Division

CPO2 Pascal Gravelle – RCSCC Hero

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Other recipients of Sea Cadet Medal of Excellence are:

CPO1 Katie Jean Dangerfield, RCSCC
Defiant

CPO1 Martin Roach-Leclair, RCSCC
Quinte

PO1 Cole Alessandro – RCSCC Lion
CPO2 Andrew Barr – RCSCC Iron Duke
PO1 Qianshu Wang – RCSCC Warspite
PO2 Kristian Gjinari – RCSCC Ontario
PO2 Shakara Andrews – RCSCC Drake
PO1 Adeline Tian – RCSCC Scarborough
PO1 Dustin Vanni – RCSCC Trillium
PO2 Dakota Sacchetti – RCSCC Onondaga
PO2 Ashlee Ambrose – RCSCC Ojibwa
CPO2 Nathan Wright – RCSCC Harwood

2014 Navy League Cadet of the Year – Ontario Division

CPO1 Zuhair Siddiqi – NLCC Revenge

Other recipients of Navy League Cadet Medal of Excellence are:

PO2 Michael Leung – NLCC Prince of Wales

CPO2 Caitlyn Lloyd – NLCC Hawkins
PO1 Hillary Lizano – NLCC Enterprises
CPO1 Ainsley Shaw NLCC Chambly
CPO1 Rebecca Vrolky – NLCC Admiral Landymore
PO1 Yasna Dhabhar – NLCC Revenge

2014 Distinguished Service Award

Lt(NL) Ramon O’Neil
Lt(NL) Sylvain Boucher
Jeffrey Marshal
Randi Lachapelle

2014 Meritorious Service Award

Lt(NL) Robert Stoyles
SLt(NL) Walter Guerreno
SLt(NL) Scheshawna Lemaire
Lt(N) James Messecar
SLt Konrad Da Cuhna
Dawn Rodriques

Ray Contantineau
Carmen Laidley
Sophia Doyle
Catherine Smith
Katherine Thibeault

2014 National Life Time Membership Award

Phyllis J. Mulholland

2014 National Navy League Officer

LCdr (NL) Steve Drury

2014 Ontario Division Presidents Award

Gloria Campbell

Below is a copy of the speech given by the recipients of the Sea Cadet of the Year

Sea Cadet Medal of Excellence Speech from CPO2 Pascal Gravelle April 8, 2014

I’m honored by this Navy League Cadet Metal of Excellence which you’ve awarded me; and I’m extremely privileged to be here to acknowledge those to whom I owe my success.

It’s very impressive to know how many people and organizations work to achieve one common goal; the training of Canada’s youth in excellence and leadership, which prepares us to be next leaders of this great Nation.

Therefore I wish to thank several parties to whom I hold boundless gratitude. Thank you Lt.-Col. MacMillan and the Department of National Defense. Thank you National President of the Navy League, Mrs. Louise Mercier. Thank you President of the Navy League, Mr.

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Gordon King. Thank you all Navy league branch members, Navy League cadet officers, and CIC Officers. Also, thanks to my dedicated and hardworking corps officers for teaching and guiding me through the vast amount of knowledge which this cadet program has to offer.

And finally thank you to my family for your full support and commitment in ensuring my participation in this awesome organization.

I thank you all for the standard of excellence you uphold, and all the support and opportunity that you have presented me and many Canadian youth.

Without all the support I've received throughout my cadet career, the opportunities which have been afforded to me would be non-existent. The chance for me to grow into the confident young man I am now would have passed me by.

The Cadet program has taught me so much as I've grown up in it.

One of the most important lessons I've learned are the life lessons that have helped prepare me for my future. Much of this experience has been the constant push for better leadership in myself and those around me.

I've recently become the Coxswain of a one year old Royal Canadian Sea cadet Corps # 357 Hero. I am learning not only how to manage people, but also, how to inspire and influence the cadets under my responsibility.

This is a challenging job with many diverse aspects, but with the support of my staff, I am learning a lot about different ways to strive for this excellence as a corps and as a team.

This is my promise to you, I will strive to exemplify and uphold the standard of excellence that this award acknowledges throughout my life as a future leader of this Nation.

FROM NAVY LEAGUE 2014 PROVINCIAL COMPETITIONS

The winners of the 2014 provincial competitions are as follows:

Drill without arms:

- 1st place – NLCC Cougar
- 2nd place – NLCC Unicorn
- 3rd place – NLCC Enterprise

Drill Commander Without Arms:
Cougar–CPO1 Dywer

Drill With arms:

- 1st place – NLCC Cougar
- 2nd place – NLCC Landymore
- 3rd place – NLCC Hawkins

Drill Commander with Arms: Hawkins –
CPO2 Lloyd

Seamanship:

- 1st place – NLCC Cougar
- 2nd place – NLCC Vice Admiral
Kingsmill
- 3rd place – NLCC Exeter

Semaphore:

- 1st place – NLCC Glorious
- 2nd place – NLCC Timmins
- 3rd place – NLCC Hawkins

First Aid:

- 1st place – NLCC Timmins
- 2nd place – NLCC Chambly
- 3rd place – NLCC BlackCreek

Congratulations to all on a job well done.

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HMCS OJIBWA



Adventure like you've never experienced it before

Are you looking for an adventure with mystery and intrigue? Add a burst of pride about our Canadian forces and a unique educational setting and that just about skims the surface of what our Oberon Class Cold War Submarine HMCS Ojibwa has to offer cadets and all our visitors. It's big, it's real and it's ready for you to explore from how to stern. It is quite simply the most unique and exciting experience around.

HMCS Ojibwa was commissioned into the Royal Canadian Navy in 1965 in response to grow apprehension about the Cold War and served until 1998. Although glorified in movies, until now little has been told about the real activities of the submarine service. They left harbour in the dark of night and returned the same way, their crews coming and going dressed as regular dock workers to avoid detection by Soviet Spies. Our tours take you inside this secret world of Cold War submariners. Jim "Lucky" Gordon, a sonar man, put it this way. "During my time in OJIBWA we might have to slip into hostile harbours and remain undetected while gathering audio and visual intelligence on military facilities, warships and submarines. The

atmosphere was electric, absolute silence throughout the submarine. We would move stealthily under Soviet warships close enough to photograph their hulls..."

For a full-day adventure, our *Land, Sea and Air Program* goes beyond the Cold War to take cadets deep into the world of the three services during World War II. First visit to HMCS Ojibwa to learn about the Battle of the Atlantic and the ultimate strategies that led to Allied victory at sea. Next visit the *Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association* for a trip through the air war and the amazing Harvard aircraft that formed the backbone of the Allied Air Training Fleet. Finally it is on to the *Bill Findlay Outdoor Trench Warfare and Living History Site* to participate in the re-enactment of a WWII battle. It is a day that you will remember forever!

For more information visit our web site at www.projectojibwa.ca, email us at info@projectojibwa.ca or call the Museum at 1-519-633-7641

FROM OUR BRANCHES

ESPANOLA BRANCH

Uncommon Heroes: A Year in Review
By Danika Gravelle June 1, 2014

The Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps Annual Review is not just about the cadets showcasing their accomplishments of the year,

On May 28, 2014, RCSCC Hero's Commanding Officer, Lt(N) Debra Goode, was joined by LCdr John

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Metcalf, the Reviewing Officer, and Navy League President of Ontario, Gord King, for this momentous occasion.

Hero was also joined by two other special guests; RCSCC Manitoulin was represented by two officers and six cadets, while RCSCC Admiral Mountbatten of Sudbury brought their award winning Brass and Drum band; both corps marched on parade with RCSCC Hero.

The evening began with the Ship's Company falling in, and a rousing performance of O Canada by Mt. Batten. The Reviewing Party came aboard and was given the General Salute. At this time, the dignitaries present performed an Inspection of the Ship's company where each of the cadets was evaluated on their dress and deportment. Upon its completion, the Ship's Company honored the Reviewing Party with the customary March Past.

Then came the fun part of the program; the static displays. There were five different events, showcasing what the cadets had participated in over the course of the year; sailing, orienteering, nautical flags, heaving line and range. ASLt(N) Darryl Nadeau, the corps emcee, explained to the Reviewing Party and attendees what the events were and how well the cadets performed at those local and Provincial events.

The Year in Review: RCSCC Hero had one cadet place first at the Regional Sailing Regatta in Kingston and sixth at the National level. For the local Orienteering event, RCSCC Hero had cadets on the winning male team, junior male winner, junior female winner and second place intermediate male. All

three cadets advanced to the Provincial competition where the males won first for their composite team and a second place finish for junior males.

At the Sudbury Zone Marksmanship competition, the range team came in second place over all with four of their junior marksmen performing in the top six. At the Northern Ontario Band and Drill competition, RCSCC Hero won Best Dressed Corps and Best Drill Without Arms Commander.

Both Drill With Arms and Drill Without Arms performed their routine for the Reviewing Party and attendees. RCSCC Admiral Mountbatten was also given the opportunity to perform their Freestyle Band routine that won them third place at the Regional Band and Drill Competition several weeks ago. LCdr Metcalf and the Reviewing Party were quite impressed at the high level of excellence all of the cadets performed.

Next was the highly anticipated Awards Ceremony. All year, cadets are evaluated on many different levels of discipline, deportment and naval knowledge. There are many opportunities to excel and have their name emblazoned upon a trophy for all time.

RCSCC Hero was also awarded earlier this year with the Navy League Cadet Medal of Excellence and Top Cadet in all of Ontario to CPO2 Pascal Gravelle. The corps also won the Navy League Service Award for establishing corps excellence and retaining a high number of cadets in its first year.

The evening was wrapped up with LCdr Metcalf giving a rousing speech to these Uncommon Heroes. He acknowledged his astonishment at what RCSCC Hero

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has accomplished as a corps their first year and can hardly wait to see how they improve upon what has proven to be an outstanding and exceptional year. NL President Gordon King also gave an emotional speech, praising RCSCC Hero for accomplishing in their first year what most established corps have never achieved. He, too, looks forward to watching how RCSCC Hero will continue to strive for excellence in the coming years.

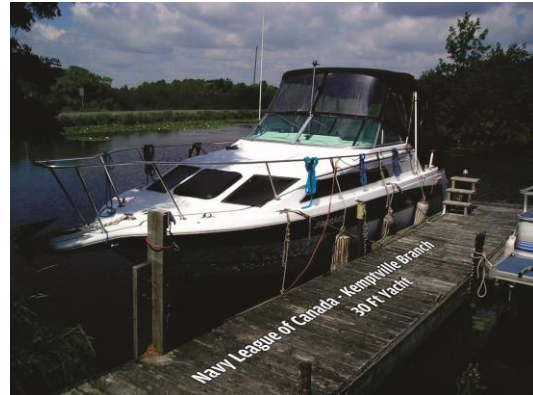
Commanding Officer Lt(N) Debra Goode wrapped up the evening by acknowledging her Officer Cadre' for their tireless dedication and hard work throughout the year. Navy League President: Denise St. Pierre. NL Vice-President: Ray Constantineau.

RCSCC Hero wants to thank the parents and the Espanola Community at large for their support in establishing such a dynamic corps. RCSCC Hero looks forward to a long and prosperous future in serving the community with Canada's best kept secret for youth programs: The Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps. www.espanolaseacadets.com.

KEMPTVILLE BRANCH

The Kemptville Branch of the Navy League of Canada recently accepted the charitable donation of a 30ft Yacht on April 24th, 2014. The Kemptville NL branch is also looking at another 31 ft. yacht donation with the aim of forming a small power squadron at RCSCC Defiant. The goal is to provide local Seamanship sponsored by the NL Kemptville to RCSCC Defiant. The historic Rideau canal system runs through the town of Kemptville and is

the ideal calm waterway for cadet power boat training.



TRENTON BRANCH

Just two of the cadets from RCSCC Trent. They put a recruiting booth at the Frankford Riverfest and used one of the trailers that Ont. Division owns as a cool backdrop. The cadets are CPO1 Hunter Hannah and AB Cole Rittwage.



WINDSOR BRANCH

Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Windsor, ON: April 9, 2014. The RCSCC Agamemnon, along with The Navy League of Canada, Windsor Branch, hosted an Award Ceremony at

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HMCS Hunter to acknowledge six cadets who received the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. This is a first for RCSCC Agamemnon. Currently there is a second group working on their Bronze and this group is working on their Silver

The presentation was preceded by full Ceremonial Divisions performed by the 70 cadets in attendance, after which Commander Dan Manu-Popa, Commanding Officer of HMCS Hunter, presented the awards to the distinguished cadets. A reception followed for the cadets and family.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award was founded in 1956 by His Royal Highness, Prince Philip and began as a program to help young people develop a sense of responsibility to themselves and to their communities. It encourages personal discovery, growth, self-reliance and perseverance in a non-competitive format for young Canadians between the ages of 14 – 24. www.dukeofed.org.



CPO2 (Ret'd) Ian Scott, CPO2 Jake Broderick, WO Manny Sousa, PO1 Bonnie Leung, CPO1 David Almasi. Absent, PO1 Gog Kieu and supporting staff.

RCSCC AGAMEMNON wins Western Ontario Area Band Competition

10 May 2014, Windsor ON
WOA Band and Drill Competitions were held in London ON 10-11 May 2014. First Place in the combined A/B Class Band Competition was RCSCC Agamemnon. First Place Drum Major Award went to CPO2 Jake Broderick from RCSCC Agamemnon.

RCSCC Agamemnon Band competed in the Provincial Band Competition in Borden on 24 May.



Canada's First Naval Casualties

By William Wilson, VP Maritime
Affairs

One Hundred years ago, the first graduates of the Royal Canadian Naval Academy were enjoying the end of their formal training. They now awaited postings to the ships of the RCN or exchange duty with the Royal Navy. Far away in the Balkans the heir to the Austro-Hungarian Empire was cut down by a Bosnian assassin and the train of events that would lead to the Great War was lit.

At the end of July as Europe mobilized the Royal Navy re-commissioned many older ships for service on foreign stations where the latest ships were not considered necessary. One such station was the Western South Atlantic where a

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cruiser squadron was created under Rear Admiral Christopher Cradock consisting of two armoured cruisers; HMS Good Hope and Monmouth with the light cruiser HMS Glasgow and an ancient battleship HMS Canopus. The personnel of Cradock's squadron were made up of reservists recalled from civilian life and who had not trained together. He was also short of trained officers. During a stop in Halifax, he contacted his old friend Vice Admiral Kingsmill, who had earlier retired from the Royal Navy and was now head of the RCN, and requested the attachment of some Midshipmen from the recent graduating class of the RCNA. Four Midshipmen, who were top of the class, were assigned. They were Midshipmen Cann, Hathaway, Palmer and Silver.

In the mean time the German East Asia Squadron under Vice Admiral Maximilian Graf von Spee sailed from its base at Tsingtao in China so as not to be trapped by the navy of Great Britain's ally Japan. The Royal Australian Navy to the south was also superior to his force. The German squadron sailed the Pacific taking merchant prizes and threatening British island colonies. They even caused a panic in British Columbia where it was feared they would attack. The German ships were the armoured cruisers SMS Scharnhorst and Gneisenau, and the light cruisers Emden and Nurnberg. They had been together since 1911 and Vice Admiral von Spee, a gunnery specialist, had trained them hard.

By the end of October the Germans had reached the coast of Chile and von Spee had decided to make a break for home. The British Admiralty was aware that he was in the area but did not realize that he

had his whole force with two additional cruisers with him. Admiral Cradock had sailed around Cape Horn to intercept. On the evening of October 30th the two forces met off Cape Coronel, Chile. Cradock was clearly outclassed but chose to engage lest he be charged with failing to engage the enemy. He started the battle with the tactical advantage of being up sun, but after sunset his ships were silhouetted against the afterglow.

Both British armoured cruisers were sunk. HMS Good Hope was sunk with all hands including the four Canadians. When the news got back to Britain there was outrage. This was the first British naval defeat in over on hundred years. Two battle cruisers HMS Invincible and Inflexible were sent to the Falkland Islands and a new cruiser squadron was created consisting of HMS Kent, Cornwall and Carnarvon and was also dispatched there. By chance the British Fleet arrived on December 7th 1914, one day before the arrival of the Germans. The next morning, when the Germans arrived, von Spee realized that this time he was outclassed and he tried to flee. However, The British ships were faster and it was the height of the southern summer so they had all day to hunt down and sink the German squadron. The result was sinking of all but one of the German cruisers

THANK YOU TO ALL

Remember this is your divisional newsletter. I would like to thank everyone for sending in your information for publication. So please keep the articles and pictures coming. We are happy to accept photos and brief articles (100 to 200 words) for publication. It is great to hear from all our branches and hope in the very near future to have articles from all branches.

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