

# THE FLAG HOIST

NAVY LEAGUE OF CANADA ONTARIO DIVISION NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2015 ISSUE

## SEASON'S GREETINGS

To all our cadets, corps, officers, branches and volunteers. Wishing everyone a safe and happy Holiday season and a prosperous New Year!

## VOLUNTEERS DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!!!

Yes, volunteering does make a difference. As volunteers you do not always realize how much of a difference you make but in this heartfelt letter from PO2 Emilio Arruda it is explained. (Printed with permission of P02 Arruda, his parents and the Brantford Branch).

*“I’m writing a letter from school for religion. The reason I’m writing this is because you have been spirits in my life. Which means you helped me and that it will stay with me forever. You all have made me successful. This doesn’t mean I’m perfect but I’m a lot more mature since I first started cadets.*

*You have all helped me..... Every single officer helped me intellectually, socially, physically and emotionally.*

*For everything you did I just want to say thank you. Also for being a light in my life, you made my life*

*better by volunteering your time to cadets.”*

So this is why you do it. Not all cadets can articulate as well, but each and every one of you make a difference whether as a branch volunteer, an officer or a parent getting your cadet to training. I hope this helps each and every one remember why we volunteer and what volunteering at any level means to our cadets.

## NEWS FROM ONTARIO DIVISION

Ontario Division office will be closed on December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at noon and will reopen on Monday January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

## AWARDS REMINDER

The deadline for the 2015-2016 Cadet Medal of Excellence submission for both Sea Cadet and Navy League Cadets to Ontario Division is **March 1, 2016**. This award is based on a quota system (one medal for every 200 cadets). All applications will be opened on March 3, 2016 and any applications that are incomplete or arrive after the deadline will not be accepted. ***Please ensure all applications are complete including signature before they are sent in as incomplete applications cannot be***

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*considered.* The NL21E – 2013 Administrative orders has complete details. This along with the Award Application form is located on the Navy League National website – [www.navyleague.ca](http://www.navyleague.ca).

We at Ontario Division strongly encourage all Branches, Navy League and Sea Cadet corps to send in at least one application. You may have many deserving cadets, so start the process now.

The deadline for submission of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 also exist for the following awards:

For Sea Cadets –

Cadet Division Music Award

For Officers –

National President's Award  
Distinguished Service

Award

Meritorious Service Award

For Volunteers –

National President's Award  
Distinguished Service

Award

Meritorious Service Award

If you have any questions or need more information, do not hesitate in contacting Ontario Division at [1-877-635-2791](tel:1-877-635-2791) or [416-439-0123](tel:416-439-0123) or by email at [ednavyon.bellnet.ca](mailto:ednavyon.bellnet.ca). (A separate Awards Reminder will be sent to all branches with copies of the application in the new year).

## 2016 AGM

Mark your calendars. The Annual General Meeting and Navy League Cadet Commanding Officers' Conference will be held this year on April 1, 2 & 3, 2016 at the Casablanca Winery Inn at 4 Windward Drive, Grimsby, Ontario L3M 4E5

The AGM package will be forwarded to all branches in the New Year.

## FROM OUR BRANCHES

### BRANTFORD BRANCH

Submitted by Ann Keeley-Meloche



On October 24, 2015 Navy League Cadet Corps Admiral Landymore rallied together to attend an early Santa Claus Parade in St. George Ontario for a terminally ill 7 yr. old- Evan Leversage. They came bearing gifts for Evan and his two brothers, Logan and Tyson one of which were embroidered Admiral Landymore toques. So very proud of these cadets.

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## CALEDON BRANCH

Submitted by Harold Janes



On October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Joel Welch of the RCMP and Ontario Division did a presentation to the cadets of RCSCC Crescent.



On October 17<sup>th</sup> RCSCC Crescent Sea Cadets came out to help fill sand bags, to secure the roadside signs for the Home James Caledon Designated Driver program. By helping fill these sandbags, the Cadets are doing their part to help reduce impaired driving, and save lives.



For the past four years Navy League of Canada Caledon Branch has been giving back to the community by way of a coat drive. This year was the best drive so far. This year we collected 25 bags of coats. All have been delivered to our collection partner Krystians Menswear in Orangeville where they will be available to local Church groups, Group Homes, Women's Shelter, etc.



At the 2015 Crescent Christmas Dinner, the guest of honour was Town of Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson. Mayor Thompson was on hand to present, on behalf of the Town of Caledon, a new Cutlass, to the Navy League Caledon Branch and RCSCC Crescent Sea Cadets. Thank you to Mayor Thompson and Town of Caledon.

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## NORTH BAY BRANCH

Submitted by Jamie Andreyechen,  
President



### *Season's Greetings from North Bay!!!*

We have had a great year so far. One of our greatest achievements has been when we were able to participate in North Bay's Santa Claus Parade on November 22, 2015, which by the way we placed **1<sup>st</sup> Place** in "Service Groups or Organizations". Everyone had a great time from NLCC North Bay, RCSCC Brilliant and The Navy League of Canada North Bay Branch. Our Sub **ROCKED!!!** It was great to see all the wonderful smiles and to hear the comments from the crowds. I don't know who enjoyed themselves more the Cadets or the Officers/Branch Members.

## THANK YOU TO ALL

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 Spring 2016 newsletter are due by January 31, 2016. Please send your articles and pictures to Irena Hopper at [ednavyon@bellnet.ca](mailto:ednavyon@bellnet.ca)

Or if you need to more information please call at 416-439-0123 or 1-877-635-2791.

## NORTH YORK BRANCH



NLCC Enterprise Cadets Perform Opening Ceremonies at University of Toronto - Varsity Blues Athletics on Remembrance Day.