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## **2018/2019 Annual Report of the Awards and Scholarships Committee to The Navy League of Canada, Ottawa Branch**

I met with the senior cadets of Falkland to brief them on what was required to apply for a Navy League (and other) scholarships and they were encouraged to do so. The cadets were also encouraged to contact myself or CI Nathalee Jacques should they have any question or require assistance. Nathalee has reported that there is reason to believe that at least two cadets will apply for scholarships at the national level but the closing date for these applications is not until June 30. Given that there were only five cadets who attended the above meeting, the response is actually better than last year when we had four cadets apply out of a possible pool of 15+. All the applications submitted will be considered for Branch level scholarships. The closing date for Branch scholarships is now the beginning of the following cadet training year.

Unfortunately, two applicants last year who applied for national scholarships were not accepted, however two were successful. CPO1 Mackenzie Hanratty and PO1 Alvin Zhang won \$1000.00 scholarships from the national level RCSC Education Fund. My thanks and appreciation for their support goes to CI Nathalee Jacques and LCdr Marchand for their help with scholarships this year.

In the eleventh hour before Falkland's ACR, I was pressed into service to procure a bell for the Bell Trophy keeper. The hunt was successful, but I recommend that purchasing 2 or 3 more such bells be done as they are not easy to find.

Last year's report addressed the matter of the Sovereign's Volunteer Medal (SVM). Everyone present was in favour of pursuing opportunities to ensure that deserving Ottawa Branch members are considered. However, I have only been made aware of interest on behalf of one person. If those interested wish to pursue this matter, I am glad to help. As a matter of interest, John Mackillop received the SVM for his work with the Navy League as all those who won the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award in the past were so honoured. I also received the honour as my name was put forward at the National level of the League.

This year I persuaded my wife Saskia use her skills with CorelDRAW (a graphics software) to develop a Navy League Ottawa Branch certificate. So far we have created two Certificates of Appreciation. These were for the Barrhaven Legion in recognition of their donation of a range backdrop and the other to the Carlton Memorial United Church for our continued use of their Church for our Tag Days. The former has been presented while the latter has not. Having the ability to produce certificates ourselves gives great flexibility. The certificates can be used not only for appreciation but also for recognition of various acts of aid or support, or Certificates of Achievement for our own branch members and officers and cadets. I encourage branch directors to make suggestions how we may use this asset and to recommend those deserving. I had suggested that those commercial outlets that allow our cadets to "Tag" on their property be recognized this way. I have purchased a box of 24 frames that can be used with the certificates and so far we have only used two.

Also, I would like to encourage branch directors to put names forward for those people who qualify for the Navy League Service Medal. Those who have served more than 10 years qualify for this medal that has grades for every 10 years of service using a bar or a bar with anchors. Please put forward the names of any members who you know deserve the medal with dates of service etc.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Cummings