



## Scholarships and Awards Committee Annual Report 2019-2020

### PORTFOLIO OBJECTIVES 2019-2020

- To support the medals, awards, scholarships and bursaries requirements of both R.C.S.C.C Falkland and N.L.C.C Vice-Admiral Kingsmill as requested and required.
- To meet with officers and cadets of the two Corps for the above purposes if called upon.
- To encourage awards and expressions of appreciation to fellow members of the Navy League of Canada Ottawa Branch and arrange same as nominated and approved.
- To bring forth suggestions and recommendations to the Board of Directors of the Ottawa Branch to express appreciation and to encourage support from outside organizations and businesses who provide support in any form to the Ottawa Branch or the Corps.

### **Comments of Achievement Status**

- On a personal level many of my aims and ambitions of the 2019 -2020 training year were not accomplished. This was primarily due to my travelling out of country in the month of February and upon my return the COVID-19 pandemic occurred. Happily, in my absence, the Branch President and the Secretary-Treasurer took great steps in arranging for awards and service medals for branch members and others. I appreciate that two of my nominations for the Distinguished Service Award have been approved. I do not have a complete knowledge of what awards were arranged for in my absence but I am grateful that this initiative was taken. Thank you to both Karen and Gerry.
- Another note of appreciation is due to Nathalee Jacques for her good work at the Corps level to ensure cadets are aware of the scholarships and bursaries available to them. My access to the cadets is very restricted under the present circumstance and as such I did not meet with the senior cadets this year as usual.
- It is my understanding that there will be no more than three cadets able to apply this year if they choose to do so.

### **Recommendations for 2020-2021 Objectives**

- On the assumption that the organization as a whole returns to “normal” or in the hope of the “new normal” not being too restrictive it is hoped that the awards and scholarships program can be used to raise the branch’s profile with the Corps and the community.
- Dividends would be reaped if we are more active in recognizing outside support.
- That once meeting sociably in larger numbers is allowed perhaps we can organize an event to present some awards and medals.

- Until the above can be accomplished perhaps arranging for virtual presentations would be considered.

### **ISSUES AND CONCERNS**

- That our in-house capability for producing Certificates of Appreciation (as reported in the 2019 report) has not been used to advantage (the one for the Carleton Memorial United Church is still in my possession).

### **RECOMMENDATIONS (General)**

- As we now have a larger Board I suggest that we energize the social aspect of our local organization to enhance our communications and creativity. Team building!

### **SUMMARY**

As an aside and not part of my portfolio I am very encouraged with the number of new Board members we have. Once we get past this present situation I believe our future looks bright.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Cummings  
Scholarships and Awards Chairperson