



VP Sea Cadets Annual Report
Ottawa Branch Navy League of Canada:
2019-2020

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Portfolio Objective

- Continued support of the daily operations of RCSCC Falkland.
- Assist CO in relation to the Navy League.
- Continued to interact with parents of the corps to help increase the understanding of what the Navy League does with both the corps and the community.

Comments of Achievement Status

- Falklands strong commitment to developing and training the cadets during the Covid-19 crisis.
- Successful completion to the training year.
- Promote Navy League involvement to current parents of RCSCC Falkland bring better understanding to the role of the League helping to run a successful parents meeting.

Recommendations for 2019-2020 Objectives

- Create job aid/expectations for the VP Sea Cadets role so that whoever takes the position in the future has a clear understanding of the roll and the requirements.
- Work with and help develop the new proposed role of Assistant VP Sea Cadets so that we can support the corps to our fullest capabilities.

Issues and Concerns

- We need to continue to recruit new members to the Ottawa NL branch so that we can build towards the future. We have recently had an influx of new members to the board however I feel that we need to maintain active recruiting and invite them to attend board meetings when possible to bolster our ranks and prepare for the inevitable retirement of members.
- Continue to look for opportunities in fundraising for the corps, e-commerce is growing consistently and my worry is that we may come to a day when tagging is no longer a viable fundraising endeavor and we will not have the processes in place to adapt to a new world of fundraising.
- Working with the CO and the President of the Ottawa Branch to on how we can move forward with the new normal after COVID-19, so that we can continue to be a supporting presence to the corps.

Summary

The past year has been nothing but challenging in dealing with the COVID-19 situation. I want to start by apologizing to the Council and the CO as due to multiple external factors I have not in my opinion been able to support the corps to the level that they deserve. I make a commitment here that I will be available for more support towards the corps moving forward as I am stepping away from other external factors.

I was once again given the honor of being a part of the merit review board and look forward to continuing to be apart of this process as long a I hold the role of VP Sea Cadets.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate LCdr Lafrance and all of his staff for the excellent job that they preformed this past year. They were handed an extremely difficult task of maintaining a corps with no in-person interaction between them and the cadets. That not only presented an intriguing and engaging training challenge, but they also managed to onboard new cadets this year. Hearing that other corps had lost head count over this past year, it is a true testament to you and your team that Falkland continued to grow and prosper.

I am excited for the upcoming training year and look forward to once again visiting the cadets in person when we can eventually return to the Unit.

Jason O'Dale