



Navy League of Canada- Lanark Branch

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Attention!! Parents/ Guardians of Navy League CADETS and Sea CADETS:

Important!

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Navy League of Canada-Lanark Branch

Monday, June 15, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m. at the corps

Join us on June 15th! We need your involvement, we need your vote, we need your membership and we need you to attend this meeting! We need your help to support this key program for your children!

Come out and “see” for yourself. This yearly meeting provides a forum to exchange information, to report on the years’ activities and to recognize the many accomplishments of our cadets.

It is also a time to vote on the election of branch officials.

We need to elect a new board! Several members of the board are NOT running for re-election and NOT returning next year. We need your VOTE!

- **Without volunteers there is no Navy League**
- **Without funds generated by the Navy League there is no additional training or extra curricular activities for the cadet program**
- **Without a Navy League there is no cadet program**

IMPORTANT: To be eligible to vote, you must be a member of the Navy League for a minimum of 30 days prior to the meeting. Your \$10 membership fee DOES NOT mean you have to do anything, it DOES NOT mean you are signed up for anything. It means you support the Navy League and cadet programs and you have a “voice” or “vote”. You don’t have to get involved in anything else if you don’t want to – even though the Navy League and the cadets need you to be!!

Apart from the yearly AGM, **we meet the second Wednesday of every month** – we need your ideas, your feedback and your opinions! We work together as a team in the best interest of the two cadet programs (sea cadets and navy league cadets).

**If we don’t have a Navy League Branch with key branch positions,
we don’t have a cadet program**

The Sea Cadet program (age 12-18 yrs) has two partners – DND and the Navy League. **Without BOTH of these partners, the cadet program does not exist.** DND and the Navy League work cooperatively to provide the necessary structure, guidance and resources to support the corps.

The Navy League Cadet program (age 9-12 yrs) does NOT have two partners – it only has the Navy League to pay for the cadet program and this includes ALL training, uniforms, special events, transportation, insurance, awards/trophies, etc. The officers are strictly volunteers just like the Navy League branch members.

The Navy League Branch is comprised of volunteers. Branch positions along with roles and responsibilities are posted on the website: <http://www.gocadets.ca>

Why not become a member of the Navy League, Lanark Branch and attend a few meetings to see what it's like. We meet the second Wednesday of every month September through June. After being a member for a period of one year, if you decide to, you can consider running for one of the positions if you want. If not, just stay a member, be "in the know", attend a few meetings and most importantly, your membership entitles you to a "say" – a "vote". **Don't you want a say in the program?**

Purchase your \$10 membership any Monday or Wednesday evening when you pick-up your cadet. There is usually someone in the boardroom towards the end of the cadet evening – check to see if the door is open.

WHY IS THIS SO IMPORTANT?

As you know, the cost of participating in the Cadet Programs for parents and cadets is almost nil. This is *partly* due to the Department of National Defense providing uniforms for the Sea Cadets (but not the Navy League cadets) and funding of mandatory training. **The Navy League of Canada, Lanark Branch, provides all the rest.** Over **\$28,000** in funds directly to our Cadet programs here in Carleton Place.

The Navy League Cadet Program (9 to 12 yr. olds) is funded 100% by us, the local Navy League at a cost of about **\$10,000.**

The Sea Cadet Program (12 to 18 yr. olds) receives about **\$18,000** in local Navy League funds for expenses such as: Work dress uniforms, ball caps, transportation to flotilla competitions in Cornwall, meals and a \$300 participation fee; transportation and meals for optional training weekends and special events such as to Ottawa for Vimy Ridge Ceremonies, Battle of the Atlantic; Ceremony of the Bells, transportation to Santa Claus and Remembrance Day Parades; insurance; etc. **The Navy League also pays a \$25.00 fee for each cadet** to Ontario Divisional Headquarters; we pay for trophies, awards and engraving; 100% of the BAND PROGRAM for instruments, repairs and maintenance of instruments and music (at least **\$6,000** per year).

In addition, we are responsible for the maintenance expenses of the building here at 137 John Street. Heat and electricity alone cost approximately **\$15,000** plus cleaning supplies and services and office supplies, telephones, internet, etc.