

Alberta Division 2023 Annual Program and Reports Book

Alberta Division is happy to report that of its 10 Navy League corps, 18 Sea Cadet corps and 20 Branches all but one Navy League corps has stood up and in full inperson operation.

In October Alberta Division held its Annual General Meeting where there was minor change in the make up of the board. Sterling Martin (president, 3rd year), Jay Wilson 1st VP and Sea Cadet Chair, Ruth Anne Johnson 2nd VP and IT lead, Cheryl St. Martin Treasurer, Tonja More Secretary, Jim Golbourn Navy League Chair Lynn Russel Director our new Screening Coordinator, and appointed to the team post AGM we are happy for the return of Randy Petrie as a Director. Alberta Division also appointed Jesse Groth as our Navy League Commander in 2022.

The Navy League Commander and his amazing team of officers LCdr (NL) Basaraba, LCdr (NL) Von, LCdr (NL) Turner and Lt (NL) Smith have successfully run an officer training and rank qualifications weekend with a full team of officers attending both training events. The rank Qualification weekend allowed 37 officers from 9 corps (90% corps attendance) and 3 Division Officers to take part in the new National officer promotion guidelines. The weekend was caped off with a Mess Dinner which was enjoyed by all.

Alberta's Navy League team offered up an advanced training weekend (ATW) where 27 officers supported 95 cadets with training in band, ceremonial drill, and leadership. The cadets were instructed in music theory, and the playing of relevant Navy League program mainstays of O Canada and God Save the King. The leadership program focused on team building exercises and personal growth as well as an opportunity for some to try out different positions in the parade state for the running of Ceremonial Divisions at the conclusion of the weekend. As a cap to the weekend 6 cadets were selected by the instructors to receive 'Bravo Zulu' pins for their awesome display of leadership, enthusiasm, and knowledge over the 2 days.

On the Sea Cadet side of the program as of the time of this report we are happy to report that all Alberta Division Sea Cadet corps are operational and meeting inperson.

As with many Branches following the covid return to in-person a few of the branches have had some struggles to fill positions and move forward. Once again at the time of the National AGM most of the Branches are operational with minimal support needed. Alberta has a great group of volunteers supporting the Navy League and Sea Cadet program.

In June of 2023, the Alberta Navy League will be running 'Fleet Days' where cadets from all Navy League Corps will have the opportunity to get together for a weekend of training and lots of fun. We estimate that up to 130 cadets and officers will

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participate in a theme-based weekend encouraging leadership, teamwork and other cadet activities while developing friendships for a lifetime (FYI the theme is top secret).

As a final good news event, the Alberta Division had the opportunity to operate a booth at the 2022 Global Fest held in Calgary over five evenings in August. Global Fest is an international firework and cultural evert with teams from five countries displaying their pyrotechnic expertise. Our team of LCdr Turner, Tonja More lead by Lynn Russell represented the Alberta Navy League program talking with prospective cadets and adult volunteers.

