

**Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps  
John Travers Cornwell Victoria Cross**



**95th  
Annual Ceremonial Review  
Parade  
May 14, 2015**

# Boy Seaman 1st Class John Travers Cornwell VC 1900 - 1916



**CORNWELL, JOHN TRAVERS**, Boy, First Class, Royal Navy, was born on 8 Jan. 1900, at Leyton, the son of Eli and Alice Cornwell. He was educated at Walton Road School, Manor Park. He wished to be a sailor when he left school, but his parents could not bear the thought of losing him so soon so he bravely turned to the work that lay to his hand, and became a boy on a Brook Bond's tea van. He was also a keen Boy Scout, and held two certificates. When the European War broke out his father promptly joined the Army, and Jack Cornwell was given his chance to join the Navy. He went through preliminary training at Devonport from 27 July, 1915 and became a First Class Boy on HMS Chester for active service in Admiral Beatty's North Sea Squadron. A few months after Jack Cornwell joined his ship, Admiral Beatty came to grips with the German High Seas Fleet near Jutland 31st May 1916; he was mortally wounded in action, and died two days later in Grimsby hospital. He was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross [London Gazette, 15 Sept. 1916] : "*John Travers Cornwell, Boy (First Class), O.N. J.42563: Mortally wounded early in the action, Boy, First Class, John Travers Cornwell remained standing alone at a most exposed post, quietly awaiting orders, until the end of the action, with the gun's crew dead and wounded around him. His age was under sixteen and half years.*"

## **Biography of Lieutenant-Colonel M.M. Claveau, CD2**

LCol Michele “Scrapie” Claveau was recruited in Ottawa in 1981 and spent several useful years on OJT in Comox, BC. Upon graduation from basic Air Traffic Control (VFR and IFR) occupational training in 1986 and newly commissioned, LCol Claveau completed operational tours in Cold Lake, Alberta and Lahr, Germany, serving in a variety of Aerodrome, Radar and Terminal/Approach Control and Supervisory positions.

Repatriation in 1993 was followed by five years as an Instructor and Standards Officer at the Canadian Forces School of Aerospace Control Operations; and was cross-trained in the Air Defence discipline as the Air Traffic and Air Weapons Control occupations amalgamated to become Aerospace Control (AEC). In 1998, Capt Claveau was selected for an Exchange Officer position at Royal Air Force (RAF) Shawbury’s Central Air Traffic Control School in the United Kingdom.

Promoted to Major in 2000, she was posted to 14 Wing Greenwood as Wing Air Traffic Control Officer. In 2003 Maj Claveau was appointed A3 Aerospace Standards and Regulations at 1 Canadian Air Division HQ and Team Leader for the AEC Standards and Evaluation Team (AECSET); also working as an Air Operations Officer on the Canadian NORAD Region (CANR) Battle Staff.

In 2005 Maj Claveau was selected for the year-long Command and Staff Course at Canadian Forces College in Toronto. Upon graduation in Jun 2006, LCol Claveau was promoted to her current rank and posted to the Air Traffic Management Coordination Office in Ottawa, working as CF liaison officer to NAV CANADA, Transport Canada and to NATO for all Air Traffic Management and airspace issues. In August 2009 she took command of the Canadian Forces School of Aerospace Control Operations in Cornwall, Ontario. In 2010, she was tasked as Regional Air Operations Centre Director for OP PODIUM during the Vancouver Olympics. Upon completion of her command tour in 2011, LCol Claveau was posted to NATO Headquarters Supreme Allied Command Transformation in Norfolk, Virginia, filling a variety of NATO training and exercise roles, including support to Afghanistan pre-deployment training.

LCol Claveau holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Studies from the University of Manitoba and a Masters in Defence Studies from RMC, and is a recipient of both a Canadian NORAD Region and Canada Command Commander’s Commendation. She is married to retired ATC Warrant Officer (now Red Seal Chef) Mitch Claveau. She is an avid hockey player, who also enjoys walking her dog, motorcycle touring, fine dining and wine appreciation.

## **Annual Ceremonial Review Parade Routine**

1850 – Ship's Company Musters  
Ship's Company Falls In  
Officers Fall In  
Colours  
Arrival of the Official Party  
Arrival of the Reviewing Party  
Reviewing Officer Inspections  
March Past

1925 – Ship's Company Marches Off

1930 – Band and Drill Team Displays

1950 – Moving and Static Training  
Displays

2000 – Stand Easy

2020 – March on Ship's Company

2025 – Awards, Presentations and  
Speeches

2115 – Sunset

2120 – Inspecting Party Departs

2130 – Liberty Boats

## Corps Officers and Volunteers

Commanding Officer	Lt(N) S. Pelland CD
Executive Officer	Lt(N) K. Daeninck CD
Supply Officer	Lt(N) S. Chadwick CD
Training Officer	Lt(N) L. Palmquist
New Entry Training Officer	SLt M. Gregoire
Band Officer	SLt T. Lehtinen
Guard Officer	SLt A. Norquay

***The Cadets and Officers of RCSCC John Travers Cornwell VC would like to acknowledge and extend our appreciation to the members of the Cornwell (Winnipeg) Branch for all of their time, effort and support of the Corps. We would also like to take this time to also acknowledge the support the Corps has received from the National and Provincial Divisions of the Navy League of Canada. Without your support, Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps John Travers Cornwell VC would not be where it is today. Thank you and Bravo Zulu for all that you do for us.***

## Important Dates to Remember

Thursday, May 21, 2015	Corps Photo
Thursday, May 28, 2015	Corps BBQ
6 - 8 June 2015	Sail Weekend
20 - 22 June 2015	Sail Weekend

## **The Navy League of Canada Cornwell (Winnipeg) Branch**

Welcome everyone to Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps John Travers  
Cornwell Victoria Cross 95th Annual Ceremonial Review.

I would like to congratulate the Corps Commanding Officer, Lt(N) Sadie Pelland, her Officers, the Chief's and Petty Officer's Mess and the Cadets, for achieving another successful cadet year. They have worked very hard to reach this point and continue to show the Cornwell pride.

The cadets parading before you tonight are part of the Canadian National Cadet Program. The partnership between the Navy League of Canada Cornwell Branch and the Department of National Defence sponsor RCSCC John Travers Cornwell VC. There are many people who work behind the scenes who support our program and I would like to acknowledge just a few here at our local level:

- The staff at the Regional Cadet Support Unit (Northwest)
- The Commanding Officer of HMCS Chippawa, LCdr Paul Stiff
- Mr. Brian Hawkeye, President Manitoba Division Navy League of Canada
- The Executive and Members of the Cornwell Branch Navy League of Canada
- Mr. John Chapman, President Manitoba Rifle Association
- Mr. Bob Watling, President West Kildonan Legion #30

Most important, I would like to thank the parents and their families. Without your support and encouragement, our cadets would not be able to achieve the success they share with you tonight.

**Stand Your Station!**

Don Bullee  
President  
Cornwell (Winnipeg) Branch