

## From the President

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In an ongoing effort to communicate the activities of the **Cornwell (Winnipeg) Branch** of the Navy League of Canada and the **Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps John Travers Cornwell V.C.**, the Cornwell Communicator was born. Why the Cornwell Communicator? Since the inception of the Cornwell (Winnipeg) Branch in December 1996, the Branch has been attempting to effectively inform both parents of cadets and members of Branch and Corps activities. Other attempts such as letters and personal phone calls have helped, both have only focused on upcoming events in the short term, thus leaving a void over the planned long term activities of the Branch and Corps. Accordingly, the purpose of the Cornwell Communicator will be to advise both parents and members of upcoming activities and where your support is needed. Also, the Communicator will provide further insight into what the Navy League of Canada is and what the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet program, as conducted by John Travers Cornwell V.C. cadet corps, is all about. Feedback of the Communicator as well as any other areas that you wish to comment on is always welcomed.

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## Upcoming Events

**Recruiting Campaign** - currently the Branch is conducting a recruiting campaign for the Corps. The Corps strength is approximately 100 cadets. The aim is to raise its strength to 150 cadets. Based on the number of friends a cadet brings down to experience the Corps program and ultimately join, the cadet becomes eligible to win a prize. Prizes range from a Famous Players ticket, a 21 speed bicycle or a trophy for the most recruits. The campaign ends March 31, 1999.

**VOLUNTEER BINGO NIGHT:** at the ANAF Vets Unit #60 at 279 Garry Street. Volunteers are needed to work in the canteen during the following times. Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Friday 2 sessions from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and from 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., as well as Saturday afternoon and evening. This event is our primary fundraiser and will be run for the full year. If you can give us one or even more nights a month we would really appreciate your help. The bingo club will donate up to \$25.00 per person to the Branch to support Corps operations. For more information or to volunteer your time please call Rick Hunt at 885-5468.

**Band Instrument Drive** - The band is currently seeking donations for used and in repairable condition band instruments. If you have one you no longer want please bring it to Hanger 11 on Thursday night or call Anne Marie Marshall at 633-0466 to make arrangements for pick up.

**18 March: ANAF Vets Unit 60 - 71<sup>st</sup> Anniversary & St. Patrick's Day Celebration.** One year ago, the Cornwell (Winnipeg) Branch and the Commanding Officer of the Corps were invited to participate in these festivities. It was on this occasion the the Corps was presented with a generous donation from the Unit. Members and parents are welcome to attend this event. It will start at 7:00 p.m. at 279 Garry Street.

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**28 March: The Cadet Honour Band** begins practises and tour. This event will be held in Penhold, Alberta. The band will also go to Calgary, Edmonton, Saskatoon, Winnipeg and Thunder Bay. Congradulations to those cadets who were chosen.

**7 April: The Cadet Honour Band** performs in Winnipeg. The performance will be held at the Winnipeg Centenial Concert Hall at 7:30 p.m.. Tickets are \$10.00 per ticket. Portions of every ticket sold will go to the cadet corps. Bring your friends and family for a great night of music. Please call Miss Alison Edwards at 896-1920 for tickets or fax 896-8848 for more information.

**28 April: Cornwell Comedy Night** will be held at Rumors Comedy Club. Tickets are \$10.00 per person. This is the third Cornwell Comedy Night and is run as a fundraising venture for the Branch and Corps. The evening will consist of a silent auction and a rainbow auction with entertainment from one of Rumors scheduled comedian acts. For every ticket sold by the Branch and Corps, a portion of the ticket sale is returned to the Branch to support Corps operations. As well, all the monies raised from the silent auction and rainbow auction are in support of the Corps. Approximately 200 tickets are being sold for this event. It is a great evening to socialize, be entertained and possibly win a great prize. Your assistance is needed in obtaining donated prizes for the silent auction, the chinese auction and in ticket sales. Gather a group of friends and come out and enjoy the evening while supporting a most worthwhile youth program. Tickets can be obtained by contacting David Marshall at 633-0466.

**13 May: Corps Annual Ceremonial Parade and Change of Command:** at Hanger 11, 17 Wing / CFB Winnipeg commencing at 7:00 p.m.. Every year the Corps hold an Annual Ceremonial Parade. This is an opportunity for the cadets to strut their stuff in front of their parents and friends. Combined with this year's parade, will be a Change of Command parade wherein Lieutenant-Commander Jim Ruel will hand over command of the Corps to a new Commanding officer. All are invited to attend this show of pomp and circumstance put on by the cadets. Refreshments, put on by the Branch, will follow the formal part of the evening.

**27 May: Corps BBQ.** More information to follow .

**29 - 30 May: Assisting the Childrens Hospital** with their annual Teddy Bear Picnic. More information to follow .

**July and August: Summer Camps.** Cadets should be preparing their applications right now for the summer training courses. These courses are for a Boatswain Trade, a Gunnery Trade, a Music Trade or a Sail Trade. The summer training centres are held in different parts of Canada. More information about summer training and applications can be obtained through the cadet's Divisional Officer. Applications should be submitted to the Executive Officer as soon as possible.

Parents are welcome to attend any of the general meetings held on the second Thursday of each month at Hanger 11 starting at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting will be April 8, 1999.