

District Commander's Report to the Niagara District

January 18, 2012

Welcome to the January 2012 Council meeting.

Since my last report Garry VanZandt and I ran an Officer Training Seminar at Macassa Bay Yacht Club last November 19th. There were 32 attendees. A big thank you goes out to all who presented the topics, including Craig Stewart from Ashbridge's Bay Squadron. A huge thank you goes to those who helped organize the event, Vicky Grimshaw, Mike Kott, Diane Allan and Ron Warby. The event did come in within the budget.

I attended Christmas celebrations at Fort Erie and Burlington Squadrons. I also attempted to attend another event put on by some of the Port Dover people but our car failed when we were almost there, and had to be towed back to Kitchener that night. I wish to thank all of those involved for the wonderful hospitality shown to Diane and I.

A volunteer stepped up to accept the Flag Officer's position on the Niagara District Council.

I'm happy to report that Nick Louras of Fort Erie Squadron has been appointed to that position.

As of this date, I have processed Merit Marks for 7 of our 10 Squadrons and hope that the other 3 can submit theirs as soon as possible.

On Jan 4th, I worked with Jim Brown, Darryl Lankin and your incoming D/C Garry VanZandt. Even though Diane and I were relaxing in Florida at the time, we used Skype and held a video conference to get the task done. Nominations for almost every position were filled that afternoon.

Thank you to all who accepted their nomination for the 2012-2013 District Council!

We're going to have a dynamic group!

Nobody has stepped forward to coordinate the Niagara booth for the 2012 Central Ontario Boat Show, so I'm asking once more if anyone will consider helping out. Please contact me at ballan87@gmail.com

I talked with all Squadron Commanders about the 2015 National Conference and asked that they search out hotels and Conference Centres that are capable of holding a national Conference. Most have agreed to do some preliminary background work on this. I'll need all of that information by Jan 31/12 at the latest. I need Council to reach a decision on which area the Conference will be held at the February 2012 District meeting.

The Northern area (Kitchener-Waterloo, Guelph, Cambridge)

The Central area (Brant, Burlington, Hamilton, Pt Dover)

The Southern Niagara area (Pt Dalhousie, Fort Erie, Pt Colborne)

Once it's decided which area of the District the Conference is going to be held, a committee can be formed and a local Chair can be appointed.

Respectfully submitted,
D/C Bill Allan SN