

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION
POST #25

DATE: 25 January 1995

SUBJECT: Affiliation with the Navy League/Sea Cadets

Background. In December, Rutledge and Padgett discussed focal points for the Post as a way to boost membership/morale. Rutledge suggested an affiliation with the Sea Cadets, or possible sponsorship. Padgett encouraged a survey of the Cadets. Rutledge wrote to Captain Paul Livingston, USN (ret'd) with the idea. He provided two regional contacts: LCdr George Proud, USNR (ret'd), director, and LT John Grant, a former Canadian Forces pilot. Padgett communicated with Grant, Rutledge spoke with Proud by telephone.


LCdr Proud was very positive about an affiliation/sponsorship. One such arrangement was sorely needed with the San Mateo Sea Cadets, based at the San Bruno Armoury. He would be happy with any assistance the Post might provide. LCdr Proud had some nice things to say about the Canadian Maritime folks - he spent a wild evening with the Canadians at Thunder Bay for TRAFALGAR DAY one October years ago. Proud asked me to call LT Lealand Smith, the San Mateo unit commander.

LT Smith will not be available to speak with until 3 February. In the meantime I spoke with Mrs. Smith. She said the San Mateo unit had about twenty youths enrolled, about 12 to 15 attend regular meetings. The meetings are on the first weekend of the month, and the all Tuesday nights, sans the Tuesday after the drill. LT Smith pays alot of the expenses out of his own pocket. The kids do pay a membership fee however, but this does not cover all the postage costs, etc... Adult leaders, chaperons, and occasional instructors are needed too. This unit can use our help!

The Bay Area Sea Cadets send about ten (+) kids to Esquimalt, CFB each Summer. Canada sends a like number to San Diego. The respective fleets take care of the expenses. Perhaps a legionaire could be an escort? We could host the youths at Canadian ship receptions too. Lots of possibilities are out there and they should not break the bank. The benefits far outway the costs. This relationship is a natural. Let us not falter in our endeavour, or be torpedoed by hesitation and fear. Its time to man the rails...

More to follow.

Submitted for your approval.


Fred Rutledge

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DATE: 08 FEB 1995

TO: FRED RUTLEDGE, ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, POST 25

FROM: COMMANDING OFFICER, ARKANSAS DIV, NSCC

SUBJECT: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

THIS LETTER IS A REQUEST FOR YOUR FINANCIAL HELP TO ASSIST THE ARKANSAS DIVISION WITH ITS OPERATING EXPENSES AND TRAINING'S.

OUR FUNDRAISING RESOURCES ARE LIMITED AND THERE IS NO SAN MATEO COUNTY NAVY LEAGUE COUNCIL TO SPONSOR US. MOST OF THE EXPENSES HAVE BEEN MET BY THE PARENTS WHICH IS A FINANCIAL BURDEN TO SOME AND SEVERELY LIMITS THE CADETS ABILITY TO PARTICIPATE.

AS OF JULY 1994 WE HAD RAISED \$118.00 SELLING DONUTS AT DRILL WEEKENDS AND ABOUT \$67.00 WAS EARNED THROUGH A 1993 CHRISTMAS RAFFLE FUND DRIVE. MAJOR EXPENSES, HOWEVER, THE PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS, AN AMERICAN FLAG, AND A UNIT FLAG WERE ABSORBED BY ONE INDIVIDUAL.

I AM ASKING YOUR HELP TO KEEP THESE YOUNG PEOPLE INTERESTED IN THE SEA CADET PROGRAM BY ALLOWING THEM TO PARTICIPATE TO THE FULLEST IN THE MANY TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE.

I THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND ASSISTANCE.



LT LEE SMITH
COMMANDING OFFICER

INCL: 12 PLAN OF THE MONTHS

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