



SPIT & POLISH: Tom Grant, the Acton Legion's Sergeant-at-Arms, was the Reviewing Officer recently when the Compass Rose Navy League Cadet Corps held its annual inspection at the Acton Legion, which has hosted the Corps for the past year. — Frances Niblock photo



OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT: Navy League Chief Petty Officer 1st Class James De Rabbie of Acton earned the prestigious Navy League Medal of Excellence and the Commanding Officer's Award, presented to him by Lieutenant Commander Chris Mulhall, during the Compass Rose Corps' annual inspection recently at the Acton Legion. — Frances Niblock photo



MULTIPLE AWARD WINNER: Petty Officer 2nd Class Jesse Bonello of Milton received an Award of Merit from Acton Legion president Wes Kutasienski during the 168 Compass Rose Navy League Cadet Corps annual inspection at the Legion recently. Bonello also earned an award for his consistently high level of self-discipline. — Frances Niblock photo

Spit and polish at Navy inspection

By Frances Niblock

Two years ago, Jesse Bonello was a little mouthy, not very respectful and unhappy with himself.

Today, the 10-year-old Milton boy is an award-winning cadet with the 168 Compass Rose Navy League Corps and his parents credit the Navy League program for the positive changes.

"He's more respectful — and not just at Navy League. He's more confident, he's more polite and he's having a lot of fun and making friends," said Rhonda Gow, Bonello's mother, before last Sunday's annual inspection of the Compass Rose Corps at the Acton Legion, home to the Corps for the past year.

With proud parents and brass from HQ watching, 19 Cadets showed off their skills — with a drill demonstration, a communications demonstration that spelled out "welcome" and a slide show highlighting cadet events of the past year.

In his remarks, Reviewing Officer Tom Grant offered congratulations and said he'd watched with interest as the Corps had grown since moving to the Acton Legion a year ago.

Invoking the call to service made by U.S. President John Kennedy to "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country," Grant told the cadets "that's not a bad way to live."

Commanding Officer George De Rabbie thanked the cadets' parents for their support and understanding, and their help with tag day fundraising, poppy sales and for driving their children to the Legion each Wednesday night.

Among the Cadets earning awards were:

· Chief Petty Officer James de Rabbie — Navy League Medal Of Excellence (awarded to one in 500 cadets for consistently outstanding achievement), Commanding Officer's Award

· Petty Officer 1st Class Bonello — Legion Medal of Excellence, the Navy League Badge of Merit, Executive Officer's Award

· Able Cadet Rebecca Bath — Esprit de Corps Award for demonstrating pride, loyalty and responsibility, Seaman-ship Award

· Lieutenant (NL) Glen Wilkinson-10-year Service Medal

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St. John 4:23 KJV

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· Standing water and catch basins in Acton are treated with larvicide as Halton launches its West Nile virus control program.

· While physician recruitment efforts have found several doctors for Georgetown, the search continues for family practitioners in Acton, which has the most acute need in Halton.

· Acton mourns the passing of Max MacSween, a Master Gardiner whose green thumb is evident in the planters and gardens around Acton.

Five years ago in The New Tanner:

· A backlog of cases in the Town's bylaw enforcement office delayed the seizure of a dog, identified as a Pit Bull Terrier, that ran free in Acton,

biting one person and charging at another

· Acton School of Dance owner Susanne Keith surprised all but her immediate

family with the announcement she would retire after 18 years of teaching dance.

· A Storey Drive woman threatened to chain herself to her House if the Town proceeded with a demolition order at the property, boarded up and vacant for several years following a suspicious fire.

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