



**The Naval Association of Canada - L'Association Navale du Canada
NAC Endowment Fund**

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Dear fellow NAC member

Once again it's time to consider your annual donation to the NAC Endowment Fund.

The Fund report was published in the spring/summer edition of Starshell (pages 9 and 10). In it you will see how the grants were distributed last year.

The Fund awarded grants totalling \$38,331 in 2019 to assist with (amongst other things) Sea Cadet scholarships (through the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Education Fund) and support to Sea Cadet activities in the Montreal area. Post-secondary Scholarship support was also provided to the Quadra Education Foundation (for former sea cadets trained at HMCS QUADRA), and funding was provided toward a scholarship (organized by NAC Calgary) for a post-graduate scholarship in military & strategic studies. You also continued to provide support for the funding of the Shipbuilder Statue in Vancouver (to be completed in 2021). As in previous years you supported the Veterans Memorial Lodge at Broadmead (Victoria), and grants were made to the Maritime Museum of BC, and the Esquimalt Naval Museum. However, as in most years, the total of requests was greater than amount available – most were very worthwhile, and some very difficult decisions had to be made.

A particularly interesting grant we made last year was toward a statue, being erected in Cobourg, Ontario, to commemorate Fern Sunde – the first woman wireless operator on a merchant ship in the Battle of the Atlantic (she made 78 crossings and married the captain of her ship!).

For 2020, we have received grant proposals totalling almost \$55,000. We realize that in this COVID-19 world many organizations are enduring financial challenges, and therefore we would like to substantially increase our grants for this year. We seek your help in doing this.

Your Fund serves as a catalyst in supporting suitable branch and community projects. As I said in a previous letter, if every member of NAC gave at least \$100 annually, we could maintain the fund at about \$1,000,000 – and that could allow us to continue to make annual grants of as much as \$50,000. Can we count on your support?

Please be generous in completing and returning the attached donation form!

Yours aye,

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Chair, NAC Endowment Fund,
On behalf of the Trustees

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