



Friends of HMCS Calgary Committee Report

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Friends of His Majesty's Canadian Ship (HMCS) Calgary is responsible for Calgary-based charitable activities, events designed to enhance awareness of HMCS Calgary and the Ship-City relationship, work with the Royal Canadian Navy to establish an HMCS Calgary-City of Calgary Canadian Leaders at Sea program, direct support programs for retiring sailors of HMCS Calgary.

COMPOSITION

10 Members:

- 6 Public Members
- 1 Executive Officer of HMCS or designate
- 2 Members of Council
- 1 Administration

ANNUAL UPDATE & KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- In the past 12 months we have assisted in fundraising just shy of \$10,000.00 supporting the Ships Designated Charity and the Youth Centres of Calgary through hosting of Calgary based events and the recent commissioning anniversary of the ship.
- In 2022, the Hoedown at Crossroads Market hosted over 400 people for a pre-Stampede gathering which connected the community to the ship at an all-ages western hospitality celebration.
- Since our last report we have successfully supported the Ships Company in the Annual Barn Burner Event held on the Anniversary of the Commissioning of HMCS Calgary. This included the sourcing of silent-auction items to aid the Ship's charitable efforts in supporting the Calgary Firefighter's Burn Treatment Society.
- Friends of HMCS Calgary hosted the leadership of HMCS Calgary during Remembrance week which included school visits, a gathering at the Naval Museum, and participation at events on Remembrance Day.
- We continue to coordinate the White Hat Program for sailors, where HMCS Calgary is the only unit in the Canadian Armed Forces authorised to wear the Iconic Smithbilt hat as a piece of uniform clothing.
- We continue to support the ship with Calgary based events and activities in 2023 with the HMCS Calgary, as well as support to the HMCS Calgary sponsored fundraiser the Road Hockey Rodeo.
- We have facilitated contacts in the community in terms of connecting HMCS Calgary with Calgarians.

WORKPLAN FOR THE NEXT YEAR

- In the next year we expect to see an amalgamation with our Committee looking to join as a sub committee under the resurrection of the Calgary Salutes Committee.



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OPERATIONS

- We have held the following meetings:
 - 12 annual meetings and various other sub committee meetings
 - Meetings are mostly online by way of Microsoft Teams with one in person meeting.
 - Public participation (non committee members) remains a challenge due to meeting space, teams challenges and the fact that our materials are not published to the City website.