



2017 Christmas Message from the Colonel-in-Chief

My Dear Patricias,

The holiday season is finally upon us, this is a wonderful and joyous time of year. Not only because it brings us all together, but it allows us reflect upon all we've accomplished and enjoy a much needed break from the demands of a yet another high-tempo year. I hope you all have the opportunity to relax and spend time with loved ones.

You should be proud of your accomplishments this year. From the beginning, 2017 it has been very busy with members of our Regiment deploying to Poland, Ukraine and Latvia, where Bravo Company and LCol Rutland continue to work and represent the Regiment so well. Let us not forget those Patricias who aided the people of B.C. during the fires as part of Op LENTUS last summer. Just like every other year, 2018 will bring its own set of challenges, as we begin the training to meet our Road to High Readiness commitments. I know you will meet these challenges head-on and continue to accomplish all that is asked of you and make the Regiment proud.

I would also like us to acknowledge the Association for their hard work this year. The Annual General Meeting organized by the South West Ontario Branch was extremely productive, as were the excellent Mental Health initiatives taken on by the Association. I encourage you to become active participants in the Volunteer Patricia Program so that collectively we can help others in their path to becoming healthy veterans.

2017 also represented great sadness for the Regiment with the loss of my predecessor, Lady Patricia Countess Mountbatten of Burma. Lady Patricia was revered for her elegance, sense of humor, and her down-to-earth approach. She loved her Regiment and she will be missed. I ask that you take a moment this holiday season to remember her and all she did for our Regiment. May she rest in peace.

I would like to wish you all the best during this holiday season and New Year. Take this brief respite to recoup from this busy year and enjoy your time off with your family and friends. Be safe my Patricias. God bless you.

Yours faithfully,

The Rt. Hon. Adrienne Clarkson
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