

# PPCLI Association Newsletter



Sep 14, 1993 - Sergeant Rod Dearing's section, in front of their trenches the morning after their firefight in the Medak Pocket: (back row, from left) Pte. Mike Daigle, Master Cpl. Robert Deans, Pte. Guy Simmons, Cpl. Bill Ray, Sgt. Rod Dearing, and Cpl. Andrew Pendlebury; (front row) Cpl. Richard Hamilton, Pte. Scott Leblanc.

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## President's Report – 6 April 2018

At last year's AGM, I made a commitment to develop a five-year strategic plan for the Association. It will take time and effort to develop and coordinate this plan so that it is integrated with the serving component and the Foundation and it is still a work in progress. One of my top priorities for 2018 will be to establish a Veterans and Family Support Committee at the National level. This committee would be tasked to oversee the Volunteer Patricia Program (VPP), determine how that Association can best support Veterans and Families, establish and maintain contact with the families of the fallen and amend existing policies to ensure support to Veterans and Families is a high priority for all.

The Association has made outstanding headway with respect to Mental Health and Suicide Awareness or what I call the "Healthy Soldier - Healthy Veteran". Mental Health is an extremely complicated issue and I do not intend to create a new approach. Rather, we must partner with others and raise Mental Health awareness within the Association and retired military community. We have successfully conducted two workshops in Edmonton and Victoria, with three more planned for Sep and Oct 2018. The VPP / Mental Health and Suicide Awareness Workshop article will provide you with more details. My biggest concern is that so far, no retired or released Patricias under the age of 55 has participated in the workshops to date. The current generation must get involved in helping their peers.

We must encourage recently released or retired Patricias to join the Association. The Association provides a free three-year membership for soldiers releasing after 1 May 2016 and very few have taken advantage of this offer. I can understand the reluctance of those who served 25 or more years; who want a break from the military and are concerned that they will be asked to continue in a leadership role. However, the PPCLI Association needs their leadership, experience and knowledge of the gaps so that we can help younger veterans. LGen (Ret'd) Walter Semianiw made it very clear that from VETS Canada's perspective, medically released Combat Arms Sgts and below with less than 10 years of service are the group that needs the most help. Very few, if any of these individuals are joining the Association upon release despite the offer of a three-year free membership. Many of us know individuals who have released and not joined the Association. I ask everyone to reach out and encourage them to join.

Transition to a civilian career, is an area where I believe that Association members can help. There are many Patricias out there who are now well established in a second career. How many are willing to mentor or provide advice to a young soldier who is in the process of leaving the military? Herb Kenny, President of the Edmonton Branch, has established a process where a volunteer will help releasing soldiers convert their military career into a resume. We need to build on this and put a plan in place where the Association can help with the transition. Once again, my request is that you get involved, help others so they will have a successful second career.

The Association is improving communications with the serving community and released or retired members. However, the majority still have no concept of what the Association does or how we help.

For example, in 2018 the following funds are planned for distribution:

### Mental Health

Suicide Awareness	\$30,000.00	Note: this is contingent upon receiving a grant of up to \$24,000 from True Patriot Love
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Student Bursaries	\$21,000.00
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Regimental Museum	\$10,000.00
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PPCLI Cadet Corps	\$10,000.00
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Col Belcher Center Calgary	\$ 4,000.00
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Kipness Center Edmonton	\$ 4,000.00
Soldier On	\$ 1,500.00
Wounded Warriors	\$ 5,000.00
MFRCs Edmonton	
Calgary and Shilo	<u>\$ 6,000.00</u>
Total	\$91,500.00

I wish to thank the Calgary Branch for their continuous support to the Calgary Casino which raises about \$75,000 every 18 – 24 months. Dave Pentney, as the VPP Facilitator, has been the driving force in ensuring that veterans and their families receive assistance. Mike Austdal and his team do an outstanding job with respect to Student Bursaries. Dougal Salmon is very passionate about supporting PPCLI affiliated Cadet Corps and it is due to his initiative that the Association provides Hat Badges and PPCLI Flashes to cadets. Don Dalziel does an excellent job of ensuring that we adhere to ever changing government policies affecting non-for-profit agencies and that our By Laws and Regulations are current. Herb Kenny and the Edmonton Branch have done a great deal of work to ensure that Patricia Park is always well maintained and accessible. There are many others who should also be acknowledged. Each and every one of you contributes to the Regiment and the welfare of others. The donation of a vehicle to a veteran in need by an anonymous donor was a very generous act. Thank you.

The PPCLI Association will evolve to meet the needs and requirements of our current veterans and lay the foundation for the future. This cannot not be accomplished in isolation and everyone must realize that the PPCLI Association is only as strong as its membership. My commitment is to promote Mental Health and Suicide Awareness, increase membership, raise the profile of the PPCLI Association, help with the transition from military life to civilian, carry on with our charitable objectives and respond to your needs. We need more VPP Coordinators at the Branch level. In particular we need recently released and retired members to join the PPCLI Association; ensure that their voices are heard and to take on a leadership role at the Branch and National level.

Once A Patricia, Always A Patricia

Paul Hale  
President

# MEMBERS WANTED!

FOR

## PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY ASSOCIATION

**1916 - First PPCLI Service Clubs established to assist veterans**

**1947 - PPCLI Association established by Hamilton Gault**

**1953 - Association incorporated**

**1964 - Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund established**

**Qualifications:** Have served or deployed with the Regiment.

**Desire to assist fellows soldiers when they need help.**

**Incentives:** Recently released Patricias automatically  
qualify for a free, three year Basic E-Membership

**DON'T WAIT ☆ GET INVOLVED NOW ☆ HELP OTHER VETERANS**

**CHECK OUT ☆ [WWW.PPCLIASSOC.CA](http://WWW.PPCLIASSOC.CA) ☆ FOR A BRANCH NEAR YOU  
OR JOIN AS A E-MEMBER**

## 10 Reasons to join the PPCLI Association

1. **Once a Patricia, Always a Patricia.** We are all part of this Regimental family. Regardless of your background, your length of service or your 'next bound'. You will always be a Patricia and welcome in The Association. Did you know that the Association offers a free three-year National membership for those released or retired since April 2016?
2. **Volunteer Patricia Program (VPP).** The VPP supports serving, released and retired Patricia's and their families who need assistance. Since June 2017, they have helped 18 individuals who were either homeless, dealing with extensive medical bills, needed help travelling to medical appointments or needed a fire team partner. We need more VPP supporters who have the time and energy to help others.
3. **Mental Health and Suicide Awareness.** The Association has been aggressively promoting Mental Health and Suicide Awareness. The 1<sup>st</sup> workshop was conducted in Edmonton in Oct 17, the 2<sup>nd</sup> in Victoria 23 – 23 Mar 18 and three additional workshops are planned for Sep and Oct 18. Get involved and attend a workshop so that you can help your brothers and sisters. Saving even one life makes it all worthwhile.
4. **Education.** In 2018, the Association will award 11 Student Bursaries for a total of \$21,000. This program is available to serving, released and retired Patricia's, including wives, children and grandchildren. Applications must be submitted by 15 July of each year
5. **Support to Veterans and Families.** In 2018 and beyond, the Association will provide financial support to MFRCs Edmonton, Calgary and Shilo, Col Belchner Centre Calgary, Kipness Centre for Veterans Edmonton and Valour Place Edmonton.
6. **Cadets.** Our 'Farm Team.' Young people who work hard to perpetuate our Regiment. The Association provides Regimental hat badges, shoulder flashes and financial support to PPCLI Affiliated Cadet Corps. Cadets will benefit from your mentorship to the youngest members of the Regimental Family
7. **Regimental History and Heritage.** Memorials to the fallen are sacred and must be preserved. As part of the 100<sup>th</sup>, the Association raised \$300,000 for Patricia Park in Edmonton, completely refurbished Frezenberg at a cost of \$65,000 and Lansdowne, Ottawa at \$25,000. Designed and paid for the Memorial Baton. The Association is responsible for maintaining Frezenberg, Lansdowne and Patricia Park and other Regimental Memorials.
8. **Regimental Museum.** The Museum preserves our achievements and history and it provides outreach into the civilian community. They depend on The Association for funding and volunteers. The Association's funding is important supporting the museum's operations and outreach.
9. **Fundraising.** The Association cannot accomplish the above without money. Every 18 months, the Calgary Branch volunteers at a Casino which raises between \$60-80,000. The average return on Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund investments is \$25,000 per year and a further \$10-20,000 is donated by Association members. With more support, we can have an even greater impact.
10. **Regimental Influence.** There are 14 Branches across Canada and each hold a number of social activities based on the desires of their membership. They keep the Regimental spirit alive and often assist individuals within their local area. There is no rank in the Association. If a retired or released Pte/Cpl/MCpl, etc.. does not like the way things are going they can voice their opinion and be heard. Get involved in a Branch and help chart the Way Ahead for the Branch or Association. The Association is not just for 'Old Geezers.' It is your Association – get involved and steer it towards activities that interest you.

Serving members can join and those long retired are also welcome! National dues are \$25.00 a year and cover the costs of operating the Association. FIND OUT MORE at: <http://www.ppcliassoc.ca> on how to contact your local branch or join as an e-member. The bottom line is the Regiment needs the Association. We work behind the scenes, building and protecting your legacy so that the serving component can get on with making history.

## **Volunteer Patricia Program**

### **Mental Health and Suicide Awareness**

Since June 2017, Dave Pentney has been the VPP Facilitator and the main driving force behind the support that we have been providing to various veterans in need. As of 4 April 2018, VPP has helped 18 veterans. Only two of these individuals were Association members and in fact there was also an Engineer, Signaler and Admin Clerk in the group. The requests for assistance involved everything from attempted suicide, homelessness, financial distress, assistance with VAC claims to Social Support.

Many of these cases were referred to us by VETS Canada. Both the Regimental Veterans Care Cell (RVC) and VPP have a very good relationship with VETS Canada. Cases initiated by VETS Canada are generally about contacting the veteran and providing moral support. VETS Canada does most of the detailed work in physically getting the individual off the streets and into suitable, if temporary, accommodation. Two cases of these involved non-Patricias (one Sigs and the other CME). In both instances we were able to facilitate a hand-over to their respective Associations.

Most cases have been a relatively simple matter of touching base with the veteran, acting as a point of contact and letting them know that they are not alone while providing limited assistance. There have been a few that are more complex. In one case, a retired Patricia did not have sufficient funds for medical treatment for his wife. RHQ/RVC took the lead in coordinating funding through the Royal Canadian Legion, the Soldier On Trust and a PPCLI Benevolent Fund Grant. VPP acted as the point of contact with the veteran. In another case, we were advised by another agency that a former Patricia, undergoing PTSD treatment needed a serviceable vehicle in order to attend treatment sessions. This case was referred to the local branch. This was resolved when an anonymous donor agreed to pay for a replacement vehicle – an unbelievably generous act.

More than 40% of the cases dealt with to date have been outside the catchment area of an established branch. In these cases, Dave has contacted an Association member, most often an E-Member, and sought their assistance. In all cases they have responded positively, if they were in the area, and have made the first contact with the veteran, then reporting back to Dave while continuing to follow-up as required

The VVP network is growing and via the Mental Health and Suicide Awareness workshops we have trained 6 retired and 4 serving Patricias in Edmonton and another 12 retired Patricias in BC. The workshops have been very successful and the Naval participants in Victoria were very supportive and appreciative of being included. The workshops consist of a two-day VAC Mental Health First Aid course for Veterans and a third day which focuses on the duties and responsibilities of a Branch VPP coordinator. For the third day, there are a series of guest speakers from VETS Canada, Operational Stress Injury Social Support (OSISS), SISIP, Soldier ON, Legion Service Officer and VAC. These speakers provide an overview of how they help veterans and how they can be contacted. It is not our intent to create a new system. It is critical that the Branch VPP coordinators understand who is available to assist veterans and how to contact the agencies in their region. We also reviewed several case studies based on the veterans we have helped since June 2017. The intent was to highlight what worked well and where we need to improve our support to veterans.

It was stressed during the workshops that we are all volunteers and are not Mental Health experts. Our capacity to affect change is limited and we must deliver on what we promise. We cannot work in isolation and need to develop partnerships with like-minded agencies that currently exist to assist veterans. We need a pool of trained volunteers across Canada. To accomplish this, we are planning to conduct three workshops in Sep and Oct. The intent is to bring Patricias in from outside the local area and from adjacent Provinces. It is estimated that it will cost up to \$30,000 for the three workshops, including the one that was

just conducted in Victoria. This is primarily due to travel and accommodation costs. In order to alleviate this cost an application has been made to True Patriot Love for a grant of \$24,000. TPL has acknowledged receiving the request and it is believed that we have a very good chance of receiving some or all of the funds requested.

The planned workshops are:

Gagetown 7-9 September with participants from Nfld, NS, PEI, Quebec and NB;  
Calgary 21 -23 September with participants from Alberta, Man, Sask and Yellowknife; and  
Kingston 19 – 21 October with participants from Ontario and Quebec.

By the end of October, we should have up 60 trained VPP coordinators across Canada. There is little doubt that requests for assistance will increase as more as more people become aware of what the Association is doing to help Veterans. Several other Associations have been approached with respect to adopting the PPCLI Association Mental Health and Suicide Awareness Workshop model. The Association has put in place an action plan because of the workshop that was conducted at the 2017 National AGM. Mental Health and Suicide Awareness is a complicated issue to address and as an Association we are setting the example for others.

On 6 April, Dr Alexander Heber, Chief Psychiatrist for VAC, requested that the PPCLI Association participate in a one-day roundtable discussion to be held in Ottawa on 23 May. The roundtable will discuss whole-of-community approaches for preventing suicide with representatives from researchers, clinicians, front-line workers and various veteran Associations. The work that the PPCLI Association is doing with respect to Mental Health and Suicide Awareness is being observed and followed at senior levels within VAC.

We are making a difference in the lives of veterans and if we save only one life it is worth the effort.

Paul Hale  
President



## 2017 PPCLI Student Bursary Report

### General

The selection board sat in Wainwright, AB on 27 July 2017. The board consisted of Michael Austdal, Director Bursaries, Jim Croll, Association Treasurer, Major Tony Ross, 3CDTC and MWO Kevin Littlejohn, CMTC.

There were 25 applicants, 11 were awarded bursaries for a total of \$17,000. This was the greatest number of applications to date and all the candidates were well qualified. Three of the bursaries are awarded in the name of Association branches that donated money directly to the program. One was awarded in the name of the Association and the remainder in the name of well-known Patricias. \$17,000 is the largest cumulative amount awarded for bursaries and \$2,500 is the largest individual award to date. Our aim is to eventually reach \$25,000.

### List of Bursary Awards

#### 1. Alissa Keer



Alissa comes from a second-generation military family, her father a retired Patricia. She was born and raised and still lives in Wainwright, AB. A previous winner of a bursary, she is entering her third year at the University of Alberta's Augustana Campus in Camrose where she is pursuing a Bachelor in Management. She was awarded the Calgary Branch Bursary for \$2500.

#### 2. Blake Peloquin



Blake's great grandfather enlisted in the PPCLI in Winnipeg in 1940. He will be entering his third year of Cellular, Anatomical, and Physiological Sciences at UBC. His goal is to achieve his Doctorate of Medicine in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. He was awarded the SW Ontario Branch Bursary for \$2500.

#### 3. Tatiana Blackburn



Tatiana is the daughter of a retired Patricia (82-85). Her parents are currently serving as missionaries in Peru and are actively working to re-open an orphanage. She intends to pursue a degree in Theology (Social and Family Ministries) at the Heritage College & Seminary in Cambridge, ON. She has been awarded Lady Patricia Bursary for \$2000.

#### 4. Eleanor Van Gunst



Eleanor's father having spent World War 2 in the Netherlands joined the PPCLI as a tribute to being liberated by the Canadian Military. Eleanor has been accepted and will pursue a Master of Arts in Counselling Psychology degree at Yorkville University in Fredericton, New Brunswick. She was awarded the PPCLI Association Bursary for \$2000.

#### 5. Allison Anderson



Allison is married to a member of the PPCLI and has decided to upgrade her education from being a Registered Nurse to pursue a Master's in Nursing at Queen's University. She has been awarded the Saskatchewan Branch Bursary for \$1500.

#### 6. Cherie Topham



Cherie is a previous recipient of a PPCLI Student Bursary and is the daughter of a retired Patricia. Last year she completed a Master of Science in Clinical Psychology and has begun her Master's in Business Administration at the University of Miami. She has been awarded the Lt. Jack Munro Bursary for \$1500.

#### 7. Anya Maves



Anya is the daughter of a retired Patricia. She is currently enrolled in Media Studies at the University of Vancouver. She has been awarded Major-General C.B. Ware Bursary for \$1,000.

#### 8. Sean Rea



Sean is the grandson of Bertrand Rea, a veteran of World War 2. He is completing his Grade 12 at the Dauphin Regional Comprehensive Secondary School and has been accepted into the Faculty of Engineering at the University of Manitoba. He hopes to become an Aerospace Engineer and help build the next generation of eco-friendly aircraft. He has been awarded LCol H.C. Buller, DSO Bursary for \$1,000.

#### 9. Esmeralda Alfaro



Esmeralda is the 2554 PPCLI (Calgary) RCACC Chief Warrant Officer. She has completed her High School and has enrolled in the Continuing Education and Open Studies program at the University of Calgary. Her ultimate educational goal is to become a Neurosurgeon. She was awarded the LCol F.D. Farquhar, DSO Bursary for \$1,000.

#### 10. Kaitlyn Kokoska



Kaitlyn is the daughter of a Retired Patricia (82-85) and partner of a serving Patricia serving with 3 PPCLI. She is entering her fifth and final year of a degree in Fine Arts, focusing in Creative and Professional Writing at the University of Victoria. She was awarded a Hamilton Gault Bursary for \$1,000.

#### 11. Kristin Makulowich



Kristen is the daughter of a retired PPCLI Officer. She is entering her final year in Nanotechnology Engineering at the University of Waterloo. She hopes to continue her education by entering a Master's program dedicated to clean energy technology. She has been awarded a Hamilton Gault Bursary for \$1,000.

Prepared by Michael Austdal, Director of Bursaries  
Past President PPCLI Association 01 Sep 2017

# PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY ASSOCIATION

## STUDENT BURSARY TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. In 2018, the HGMF Board of Trustees intends to award 11 bursaries for a total of \$21,000:
  - a. Medak Pocket \$3,000;
  - b. Pte John Prezenski \$2,500;
  - c. LCol AG Pearson, MC, DCM \$2,500;
  - d. Capt Jim Decoste \$2,000;
  - e. Lady Patricia \$2,000;
  - f. Cpl Crawford Dover \$1,500;
  - g. Hamilton Gault \$1,500;
  - h. Hamilton Gault \$1,500;
  - i. Hamilton Gault \$1,500;
  - j. Hamilton Gault \$1,500; and
  - k. Hamilton Gault \$1,500;
2. Eligibility. To be eligible for a PPCLI Association Student Bursary, you must be a serving, former or retired member of the Regiment or their spouse, child or grandchild or a member of a PPCLI Cadet Corps. Applicants for a PPCLI Association Student Bursary must be enrolled in an accredited post-secondary institution.
3. Post-Secondary Institutions. An eligible educational institution is defined as any accredited degree or diploma granting post-secondary institution (i.e. university, community college, or technical school), located anywhere in the world. (Note that part-time, correspondence, or night school programs are not eligible for subsidization).
4. Application Procedure. Applications are available through the Association Bursary Coordinator at (780) 261-0300 or [maustdal@hotmail.ca](mailto:maustdal@hotmail.ca) or on the Association website <http://ppcliassoc.ca/>. Applications must be received, no later than 15 July, by the PPCLI Association Bursary Coordinator:  
  
Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association  
PO Box 3163  
Wainwright, AB  
T9W 1T1
5. Obligation. The bursary recipient(s) must enter the post-secondary institution of his/her choice in the year of application and maintain a course of study leading to a diploma or degree. **Part-time, correspondence, or evening courses are not admissible.** It is the obligation of the recipient to maintain satisfactory progress and to submit the Certification Form to the Association Bursary Coordinator on completion of the year. A Statement of Understanding must be completed prior to the first semester.
6. Selection. The HGMF Board of Trustees will use the selection criteria, based on the applicants' submission as outlined at Appendix 4 to prioritize applicants

## Support to PPCLI Cadet Corps

### Hat Badges and Shoulder Titles

The Association used funding from the HGMF and Association Operating Fund to provide hat badges and shoulder titles to cadet corps as follows:

Cadet Corps	Hat Badges	Cost	Shoulder Titles	Cost	Corps Totals
2551 Edmonton	15	\$150.00	0	\$0.00	\$150.00
2943 Campbell River	15	\$150.00	30	\$49.50	\$199.50
2276 Fort St John	20	\$200.00	40	\$66.00	\$266.00
2483 Esquimalt	15	\$150.00	30	\$49.50	\$199.50
2901 Estevan	15	\$150.00	30	\$49.50	\$199.50
2837 Yellowknife	10	\$100.00	0	\$0.00	\$100.00
2701 Winnipeg	10	\$100.00	0	\$0.00	\$100.00
533 Winnipeg	0	\$0.00	30	\$49.50	\$49.50
2757 Fernie	10	\$100.00	20	\$33.00	\$133.00
2554 Calgary	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
3003 Wainwright	7	\$70.00	0	\$0.00	\$70.00
				Total	\$1,467.00

### Financial Support to Cadet Corps

Cadet Corps were required to send a letter to the Association requesting funding with substantiation. The Association provided support using a combination of the HGMF and Association Operating Account. The allocations were based on need with struggling Cadet Corps receiving extra funding to help them.

- 533 Winnipeg - \$1,500
- 2483 Esquimalt - \$1,000
- 2554 Calgary - \$1,000
- 2943 Campbell River \$1,200
- 3003 Wainwright - \$1,000
- 2551 Edmonton - \$1,000

**For a Total of - \$ 6,700**

### **PPCLI Association Cadet Trophy**

The PPCLI Association Cadet Trophy was won this year by 2554 Calgary with a score of 97. They will receive a cheque for \$1,000 from the HGMF, have their name engraved on the trophy and be presented with a keeper plaque.

2757 Fernie did not provide a score. Their Training Support Officer did provide a report on the state of the Corps which is struggling with low strength and a lack of staff.

Scores for all Cadet Corps are as follows;

<b>Score</b>	<b>Corps</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Province</b>
97	2554	Calgary	AB
94	2837	Yellowknife	NWT
92	3003	Wainwright	AB
90	2483	Esquimalt	BC
90	553	Winnipeg	MB
79	2276	Fort St John	BC
78	2901	Estevan	SASK
75	2551	Edmonton	AB
61	2943	Campbell River	BC
53	2701	Winnipeg	MB
Nil Return	2757	Fernie	BC

<b>PPCLI Association Membership as of 20 Mar 2018</b>						
<b>Branch</b>	<b>Active</b>	<b>Membership by Location</b>				
	<b>Mbrs</b>					
<b>Atlantic</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>Alberta</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>Nova Scotia</b>	<b>49</b>	
<b>Calgary</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>Arizona</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Nunavet</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Cypress Hills</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>BC</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>NWT</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>Edmonton</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>California</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Ontario</b>	<b>276</b>	
<b>Fraser Valley</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>China</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>PEI</b>	<b>3</b>	
<b>Kingston</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>Colorado</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Philippines</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>Man NW Ontario</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>Florida</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Quebec</b>	<b>3</b>	
<b>Mid Van Island</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Japan</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Saskatchewan</b>	<b>22</b>	
<b>Ottawa</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>Manitoba</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>South Korea</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Saskatchewan</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Texas</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>SW Ontario</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>New Brunswick</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>United King</b>	<b>4</b>	
<b>Vancouver</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Netherlands</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>Newfoundland</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Yukon</b>	<b>3</b>	
<b>Wainwright</b>	<b>21</b>					
<b>E Mbrs</b>	<b>214</b>					
<b>Total</b>	<b>874</b>					

## PPCLI Association and HGMF Fundraising Report 2017

1. Total funds donated to the HGMF during the period 1 January to 31 December 2017 are as follows:
  - a. Canada Helps – HGMF General Account \$400.00;
  - b. Direct Donations – HGMF General Account \$4,092.65;
  - c. Direct Donations – Student Bursaries \$11,200.00;
  - d. Direct Donations – Cadets \$2,000.00
  - e. United Way Donations – \$374.04; and
  - f. Total 2017 Donations – \$18,066.69.
  
2. Veterans Affairs Canada reimbursed the HGMF \$17,500.00 for funds spent in 2014 with respect to the refurbishment of the Lansdowne Memorial.
  
3. It was budgeted that we would raise \$46,000 for the HGMF. We received \$18,066.69 in donations or 39.3% of the goal. When VAC funds are added to the total, we received \$35,566.69 or 77.3%.
  
4. I would like to thank the Calgary Branch for their continued support of the Calgary Casino which brings in about \$75,000 every 18 months. These funds can only be spent in Alberta and are used to support the Regimental Museum, Veterans Centres in Alberta, MFRC Calgary and Edmonton, Cadets and Student Bursaries awarded in Alberta.
  
5. For 2018, we have a set a goal of raising \$26,000 for the HGMF. Based on our current status of 874 active members this equates to \$30 per member. You can donate to the HGMF by sending a cheque to Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund, 4520 Crowchild Trail SW, Calgary AB T2T 5J4 or by an etransfer to [association@shaw.ca](mailto:association@shaw.ca). Any donation would be greatly appreciated and will allow us to continue to help the Regiment.

Paul Hale  
President  
Fundraising Committee Chairman





## **PRINCESS PATRICIA 'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY ASSOCIATION**

### **NOTICE OF 70<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

12 April 2017

Paul Hale, President of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association, has called the Annual General Meeting of the Membership for 26 May 2018. The meeting will be held at Medicine Hat Lodge, 1051 Ross Glen Dr SE, Medicine Hat, Alberta at 0900 hours (Mountain Time). Members not able to physically attend may participate by Global Meet video conference. The date is within the 15 months limit as prescribed by Part II, the Canada Corporation Act.

#### **Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Minute of Silence
3. Opening Remarks from the Chair
4. Opening Remarks by the Colonel in Chief
5. Approval of the Agenda
6. Approval of Minutes of the 69<sup>th</sup> AGM, of 10 June 2017
7. Reports:
  - 7.1 President's Report President
  - 7.2 Finance Committee Report Finance Committee Chair
    - 7.2.1 Current Financial Position Treasurer
      - Association Operating Fund
      - Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund

7.2.2	2017 Reviewed Financial Statement	
	- Association Operating Fund	
	- Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund	
7.3	Membership Committee Report	Membership Chair
7.4	Public Policy and Communications Committee Report	President
7.5	Governance Report	Governance Chair
7.6	Fundraising Committee Report	President
7.7	Heritage Committee Report	Vice President East
7.8	Volunteer Patricia Program Report	VPP Facilitator
7.9	Webmaster Update	Webmaster
7.10	Cadet Report	Vice President
7.11	Regimental Majors Update	Regimental Major
<b>8 New Business</b>		
8.1	Charitable Goals 2018 - 2025	President
8.2	2019 Association Operating Fund Budget	Finance Chair
8.3	Appointment of Association Auditors	Treasurer
8.4	Mental Health and Suicide Awareness	President
8.5	Partnership with VETS Canada	President
8.6	Resolution 01-18 A Resolution of the AGMG, amending PPCLI Association By Law No 1.	Governance Chair
9.	<b>Date, Location and Host Branch of next AGM:</b>	President
	9.1 Edmonton 9 – 10 August 2019 – Edmonton Branch	
	9.2 Saskatoon 22 – 23 May 2020 - Saskatchewan Branch	
10.	Closing Remarks	Incoming COR
11.	Adjournment	President

# PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY ASSOCIATION

## 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

### NOTES TO AGM RESOLUTION 01-18

The Executive of the Association thanks all who participated in the recent review of PPCLI Association By-law No.1. All the suggestions made by Directors and Members have been considered against the terms of the Canada Not-for-profit Act (NFP Act), which provides regulatory guidance for all Not-for-profit Corporations registered in Canada. Most of the suggestions have been incorporated in the amendment: the rationale for those not accepted at this time has been given the Director or Member who made the suggestion.

As well, a review of amendments to the NFP Act and its accompanying Regulations has been conducted, and the single item which has an impact on the Association has been incorporated in the Resolution.

This note covers the resultant amendment, which follows. In summary, the amendment includes:

- New definitions for “e-member” and for “spousal or partner member”, to account for the fact that the *Patrician* is no longer automatically mailed to members;
- Updating and revision to the rules governing Board and Member’s Meetings concerning mailed-in ballots, and meetings with both Directors/Members present and Directors/Members who are participating by electronic means, to reflect the technical advances made since 2014;
- Updating the rules concerning non-payment of dues to allow for a suspension of membership after three months, followed by termination after 12 months rather than the more draconian termination after three months in arrears;
- Deletion of the list of Standing Committees, the creation and amendment of which is the prerogative to the Board of Directors, and thus should not need an amendment to the By-law every time a change is made;
- A revision of the HGMF Board of Trustees, to include the Past President, and the Chair of the Finance Committee as Advisors to the Board; and
- A change in the notification time for Board Meetings to five from seven days.

It should be noted that this Resolution, as it has been approved by the Board of Directors, cannot be subject to amendment, but rather is an “up or down vote” of confirmation.

**PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY ASSOCIATION**

**2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS**

**RESOLUTION 01-18**

A Resolution of the AGM, amending PPCLI Association By-law No.1

WHEREAS By-law Number One of the PPCLI Association was approved by Members at the Annual General meeting held in Edmonton AB on 08 August 2014, and came into effect on 22 October 2014, the date the Articles of Continuation were approved by Industry Canada/Corporations Canada;

AND WHEREAS it has been over three years since By-law No. 1 took effect, the Board of Directors decided to give Directors and Members the opportunity to review and suggest revisions to By-law No.1;

AND WHEREAS after the opportunity to review the By-law, it was noted by Directors and Members that there were a number of areas which required updating and amendment;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with Article 11.01 of these By-laws, an amendment to the By-law No. 1 is made by Resolution or Special Resolution of the Board of Directors and confirmed by similar Resolution or Special Resolution at the following AGM of Members of the Association;

WHEREAS none of the items to be considered for amendment at this time are such that a Special Resolution is necessary;

AND WHEREAS the Board of Directors, at their Meeting on 11 April 2018, considered and passed BoD Resolution 01-18, the second Amendment to By-law No.1, the terms of which are presented to Members at the 2018 AGM for consideration and confirmation.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

PPCLI Association By-law Number One, as amended, be further amended as follows:

1. Replace the content of sub-paragraph 1.02. k, with revised wording:

“k. “e-member” is not a class of Member, but rather the description of a Member or Supporting Member who has agreed that all correspondence

with the Association will be by electronic means, and who thus will not receive any printed material or publications from the Association by mail and/or in hard copy. An e-member may be a Member of a Branch, although this would be unusual. AL2”

2. Replace the content of sub-paragraph 1.02. s, with revised wording:

“s. “Spousal or partner member” is not a class of Member, but rather the description of an individual who is qualified to become a Member as a result of their relationship to another Member. (See paragraph 2.02 2.a.(1).(c) below). A spousal or partner member may be a Member of a Branch or may be an e-member. AL2”

3. Insert a new sub-paragraph, 2.04. 6:

“6. Provided Members not present may access a meeting electronically, by telephone or other communications method, and there is a method and means of receiving, authenticating and tabulating votes cast through these means, it is not necessary that the Chair of the Meeting provide for absentee voting by means of mailed-in ballots. Such absentee votes by electronic means shall be collected, counted and reported as if the Member were present at the Meeting. AL2”

4. Delete paragraph 3.01 Membership Dues, and insert a new paragraph 3.01 with same title:

**“3.01 Membership Dues**

1. On the recommendation of the Board of Directors, the Members, by Ordinary Resolution, will establish the amount of annual dues for Members, Supporting Members, spousal or partner members, and e-members. Annual dues may be waived for those Members who have prepaid for Life Memberships, for those previously admitted as Honorary Members, or for other Members or Supporting Members recommended by the Board for approval by Ordinary Resolution at an AGM.

AL2

2. Members shall be notified, in writing or by other means, of the amount of annual membership dues payable by them. If applicable dues are not paid within three calendar months of the renewal date, then the Secretary or Branch President, as applicable, shall suspend all membership privileges, including voting, until the dues owing are paid in full. If the Member, Supporting Member, spousal or partner member, or e-member has not paid in full the dues owing by 31 December of the membership year, then the that member shall be considered to be in default, and their membership in the Association will automatically be terminated.

AL2”

5. Delete paragraph 4.09 Meeting Held Entirely by Electronic Means, and insert a new paragraph, 4.09 Meeting Held Wholly or Partially by Electronic Means:

**“4.09 Meeting Held Wholly or Partially by Electronic Means**

AL2

1. If the Directors or Members of the Association call an AGM or other Meeting of Members pursuant to the Act, those Directors or Members, as the case may be, may determine that the Meeting shall be held, in accordance with the Act and the Regulations, wholly or partially by means of a telephonic, electronic or other communication method. Thus Members present for the meeting may be joined electronically by Members not actually present, or alternatively, the meeting may be held with all Members connected electronically. However, Members participating electronically must be able to clearly hear and to be heard by all those attending the meeting. In addition, there must be a means to collect, count and include their votes on Motions as if they were present at the meeting. In accordance with Subsection 159. (4) of the Act, Members participating in a meeting electronically in this manner are deemed to have been present at the meeting.

AL2

2. A meeting by electronic means will be conducted through a conference call using telephones, speakerphones, computers running a web conferencing program, or other suitable electronic devices. Individual Members may be allowed to dial in, but Branches will be encouraged to gather as many Members as possible in a suitable room or rooms, each with a communication device. A controller, who will coordinate and control the communications in a manner very similar to a “directed net”, will assist the Chair. Special instructions will be issued for each meeting conducted in this manner.

AL2

3. Normal voting may be conducted by show of hands of those present at the meeting, and/or by voice roll call for those using electronic communication. However, it will not be possible to carry out a vote by ballot should this be requested by a Member in accordance with Subsection 165(1) of the Act. Should this situation arise, the Chair will suspend the Motion until such time as arrangements can be made to conduct the vote on the Motion by means of mail-in ballots and electronic voting, using the methods described in paragraphs 2.04 and 2.05. AL2”

6. In paragraph 5.05 Committees, sub-paragraph 2, lines 3 to 5, delete the sentence: “Subject to continuing concurrence of the Board, the Standing Committees will be: Governance; Finance; Membership; and, Public Policy and Communications”.

7. In paragraph 6.02 Notice of Meeting, line 2, delete “seven days” and insert “five full days”. Insert “AL2” at the end of the last line of the paragraph.

8. Delete paragraph 6.04 Meeting Held Entirely by electronic Means, and insert new paragraph 6.04 Meeting Held Wholly or Partially by Electronic Means;

**“6.04 Meeting Held Wholly or Partially by Electronic Means AL2**

1. The Chair of the Board, or Directors, may call a meeting of Directors pursuant to the Act. In accordance with Subsection 126. (3) of the Act, no person shall act for an absent Director at such a meeting. The Chair or the Directors, as the case may be, may determine that the Meeting shall be held, in accordance with the Act and the Regulations, wholly or partially by means of a telephonic, electronic or other communication method. Thus Directors present for the meeting may be joined electronically by other Directors not actually present, or alternatively, the meeting may be held with all Directors connected electronically. However, Directors participating electronically must be able to clearly hear and to be heard by all those attending the meeting. In addition, there must be a means to collect, count and include their votes on Motions as if they were present at the meeting. In accordance with Subsection 136. (7) of the Act, Directors participating in a meeting electronically in this manner are deemed to have been present at the meeting. AL2

2. The meeting using electronic facilities will be conducted by means of a conference call using telephones, speakerphones, computers running a web conferencing program, or other suitable electronic devices. Instructions will be issued for each meeting conducted in this manner. AL2

3. Normal voting may be conducted by show of hands of those present at the meeting, and/or by voice roll call for those using electronic communication. However, it will not be possible to carry out a vote by ballot should this be requested by a Director in accordance with Subsection 165. (1) of the Act. Should this situation arise, the Chair will suspend the Motion until such time as arrangements can be made to conduct the vote on the Motion by means of mail-in ballots and electronic voting, using the methods described in paragraphs 2.04 and 2.05. AL2

9. Delete paragraph 7.05 Relationship to HGMF, and insert new paragraph 7.05 with same title:

“The Officers listed in paragraph 7.01. 1 above are Members of the Board of Trustees of HGMF. In addition, the Past President and the Chair of the Finance Committee are Advisors to the Board. See also paragraph 2.03. 2 of these By-laws, concerning the relationship between the HGMF and the Council. AL2”

10. On the By-law No. 1 Record of Approval and Amendment, the last pages of the By-law, after paragraph 2. Amendment One, insert a new paragraph 3. Amendment Two;

“3. Amendment Two

AL2

a. The second amendment to By-law No.1 was tabled for consideration and approved by the PPCLI Association Board of Directors at their teleconference meeting held on 11 April 2018. The amendment will be presented to Members for confirmation at the AGM to be held at Medicine Hat on 26 May 2018. The amendment is effective on 11 April 2018, the date it was approved by the Board. A copy of the newly-amended By-law No.1 including Amendments One and Two, will be forwarded to Industry Canada/ Corporations Canada, together with a copy of the certified AGM Resolution 01-18, both for their retention.

AL2

b. The amendment includes:

- an updated definition of e-member (paragraph 1.02. k);
- an updated definition of “spousal or partner member” (paragraph 1.02. s);
- a new paragraph confirming that It is not essential that mailed-in ballots be made available for every meeting, provided that electronic means were provided (2.04. 6);
- a replacement paragraph reflecting changes to the structure membership dues as a result of the cancellation of the practice of automatically mailing hard-copies of the *Patrician* to Association Members (3.01. 1);
- a replacement paragraph introducing suspension of membership for non-payment of dues after three months, and termination of membership if dues have not been not paid by the end of the calendar year (3.01. 2);
- a revision to the procedures for conducting meetings of Members either wholly or partially by electronic means (4.09. 1, 2, and 3);
- deletion of the list of Standing Committees (5.05. 2);
- a change to the notification time required in advance of meetings of the Board from seven to five days (6.02);
- a revision to the procedures governing meetings other than Meetings of Members, primarily Board Meetings, held wholly or partially by electronic means (6.04. 1, 2 and 3); and,
- a revision to the list of Members of the Board of Trustees of HGMF, and the addition of Advisors to the Board (7.05).

AL2”

Dated: 07 April 2018

(Original Signed By)  
Paul Hale  
President  
PPCLI Association

CERTIFICATION

BoD Resolution 01-18, amending PPCLI Association By-law Number One, was tabled at the teleconference Meeting of the Board of Directors held on 11 April 2018, and was approved.

Dated: 11 April 2018

(Original Signed By)  
Paul Hale  
President  
PPCLI Association

# **PPCLI Association AGM Medicine Hat AB 25-26 May 2018**

## **Overview**

1. The 2018 AGM will be held in Medicine Hat AB. Activities are centered on The Medicine Hat Lodge, located at the east end of the city. The Lodge has numerous amenities. The hotel is located close to many other facilities including, restaurants, fast food joints and it is across the street from the Medicine Hat Mall for those who wish to do a bit of shopping. Even better there is a Tim Horton's right across the street. The Lodge has easy access to the Trans-Canada Highway. There are several other hotels in the general vicinity.
2. The event starts on Friday 25 May with the HGMF Board of Trustees meeting from 0900 hrs to 1000 hrs and the Association BoD Strategic Planning Session from 1015 hrs to 1200 hrs in Saamis Room C. On Friday afternoon casino training from 1300 hrs to 1600 hrs will be offered in Saamis Rooms C/D. Not much is known about this event at this time.
3. The evening of 25 May the program for attending members will commence with a meet and greet. This will be held in Saamis Rooms A/B and will start at 1800 hrs to 2400 hrs. The dress for this event will be business casual or if you are so inclined western garb.
4. Saturday morning breakfast is from 0700 hrs to 0830 hrs, is complimentary and available in the Eatalion Kitchen. The kit shop will be located in Salon 157 and will be open all day on Saturday. It may be open briefly on Friday depending upon interest. The AGM will take place on Saturday morning from 0900 hrs to 1200 hrs in Saamis Rooms C/D.
5. There will be a ladies' luncheon hosted by our Patron from 1200 hrs to 1300 hrs in Salon 161. All wives, spouses, significant others and sweethearts are encouraged to take part. Lunch for the remainder is under individual arrangements.
6. A Regimental Foundation meeting is scheduled for Saturday from 1300 hrs to 1400 hrs. At this time this has not been confirmed.
7. Saturday afternoon is set aside for recreational events. Your welcome package includes a number of activities in which to partake. There are also a number of organized activities. There is the opportunity to play golf, visit the local Museum and spend time at an indoor range. Details are:
  - a. The Golf Tournament will be at the Cottonwood Coulee Golf Course. This is an executive par three course in very nice setting. Please include the cost for this event when you register. We must pay up front to confirm the tee times.
    - i. #3245-10th Avenue SW Medicine Hat, Alberta T1B 4B3.
    - ii. \$30 walking, \$40 with a cart per person.
    - iii. Hours 1330 hrs to 1600 hrs.
    - iv. Team prizes/individual prizes.
    - v. 2-person best ball.
    - vi. Mulligan - \$5 (Limit of one per person).
    - vii. Participants may enter as a team or individuals. Individuals will be placed on a team by the Tournament Committee.
  - b. The museum is located downtown Medicine Hat in the Esplanade.



- i. Esplanade Arts and Heritage Centre 401 1<sup>st</sup> Street SE Medicine Hat.
- ii. \$7.00 admission.
- iii. Displays – Medicine Hat Story, Keepsakes of Conflict.
- iv. Hours 1200 hrs to 1700 hrs.
- v. Medicine Hat transit is the most economical mode of transport.

c. The Canadian Gun Hub is an indoor range with 8 firing lanes. No specific license or registration is required.

- i. #1 1218 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave Dunmore, AB.
- ii. \$40 per person.
- iii. Hours 1400 hrs to 1600 hrs.
- iv. \$10 per weapon.
- v. Ammunition Cost, per 50 rds.
  - 1) .22lr pistols and rifles - \$8.
  - 2) 9 mm pistol - \$20.
  - 3) .40 S&W Carbine Rifle - \$25.
  - 4) .45 ACP pistol - \$30.
  - 5) .357 / 38 special - \$30.
  - 6) .223 REM AR-15 Rifle \$40.

8. Saturday evening is the Dinner/Dance in Saamis Rooms A/B. Cocktails at 1800 hrs with dinner starting around 1900 hrs. After dinner the dancing will start approx 2030 hrs and end at 2300 hrs. Dress for the men is Association Blazer/Jacket and tie and the ladies appropriate and corresponding attire.

9. Registration will be in place in the main lobby as of 1300 hrs Thursday 24 May for those arriving for meetings. It will also be set up on Friday, 1000 hrs to 1700 hrs or until all arrival packages have been picked up. In the arrival package you will find other options to fill your time if you are not taking part in the planned events.

10. The Medicine Hat lodge has reserved a number of rooms for the AGM and are available on a first come first served basis. Contact details are.

- a. Toll Free 1-800-661-8095
- b. Local 403-580-8503
- c. Fax 403-528-4075
- d. Email [groups@medhatlodge.com](mailto:groups@medhatlodge.com)
- e. Website [www.medhatlodge.com](http://www.medhatlodge.com)

11. The group reference number is 759262, and the group name is PPCLI. Rooms are on a first come first served basis. You may book as of 15 March and rooms must be booked by 23 April. After 23 April, rooms are not available at the reduced rate.

- a. Thursday 24 May.
  - i. 20 rooms with two queen beds.
- b. Friday 25 May.
  - i. 42 rooms with two queen beds.
  - ii. 23 rooms with a king bed and a pull-out couch.

- c. Saturday 26 May.
    - i. 42 rooms with two queen beds.
    - ii. 23 rooms with a king bed and a pull-out couch.
  - d. Room Group Rate is \$139:00 plus taxes and includes a deluxe hot buffet breakfast.
12. There are also numerous hotels in the general vicinity of the Lodge.
- a. Comfort Inn: <http://www.comfortinnmedicinehat.com>
    - i. Contact:
      - 1) Toll free: 1 800 4CHOICE
      - 2) Local: (403) 504-1700
      - 3) Fax: (403) 527-1579
      - 4) Email: [info@comfortinnmedicinehat.com](mailto:info@comfortinnmedicinehat.com)
  - b. Holiday Inn Express: [https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/medicine-hat/yxhsr/hoteldetail?cm\\_mmc=GoogleMaps--EX--CA--YXHSR#scmisc=nav\\_hoteldetail\\_ex](https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/medicine-hat/yxhsr/hoteldetail?cm_mmc=GoogleMaps--EX--CA--YXHSR#scmisc=nav_hoteldetail_ex)
    - i. Contact:
      - 1) Toll Free: 1 877 504-5151
      - 2) Local: (403) 504-5151
      - 3) Fax: (403) 504-0055
      - 4) Email: [mrae@fortisproperties.com](mailto:mrae@fortisproperties.com)
  - c. Day's Inn: <http://www.daysinn.com>
    - i. Contact:
      - 1) Toll Free: 1 800 DAYS INN
      - 2) Local: (403) 580-3297
      - 3) Fax: 403-580-3299
      - 4) Email: [daysinnmedhat@d3h.ca](mailto:daysinnmedhat@d3h.ca)
  - d. Motel 6: <http://www.motel6.com>
    - i. Contact:
      - 1) Toll Free: 1 800 4Motel6
      - 2) Local (403) 527-1749
      - 3) Fax: (403) 527-1339
13. There are also a number of campgrounds in and around Medicine Hat. Details are:
- a. Gas City Campground: <https://www.medicinehat.ca/government/departments/parks-and-recreation/camping/gas-city-campground>
    - i. Contact:
      - 1) Phone: 403 529 8158
  - b. Wild Rose Campground: <http://www.tourismmedicinehat.com/profile.asp?bPageID=3273>
    - i. Contact:
      - 1) Phone: 403 526-2248
  - c. Cottonwood Coulee Golf & RV Park: <http://cottonwoodcoulee.golf/rv-camping-facilities>

- i. Contact:
      - 1) Phone: 403 529 1010
      - 2) Fax: 403 528 6742
  
  - d. Ross Creek RV Park: <http://www.rosscreekrvpark.com/>
    - i. Contact:
      - 1) Phone - 403 526 5809 / 403 581 7975
      - 2) Email – info@rosscreekrvpark.com
14. Registration options are outlined on the registration form. The dead line for registration is 1 May 2013 and there will be no routine refunds after that time. Unforeseen circumstances will be decided upon on a case by case basis.
15. All documentation will be posted on the Association Website. The registration forms can be filled out on your computer then saved and printed. The mailing address is: #130 20 Street NE Medicine Hat, AB T1C 1S1. Make payments payable to: Cypress Hills Branch PPCLI Association.
16. Contact information for the organizing committee:
- a. Email: [dgpalmer@shaw.ca](mailto:dgpalmer@shaw.ca)
  - b. Phone: 403 502 3042

### **Teleconference / Global Meet Registration.**

Members who wish to participate by teleconference or Global Meet must register by 12 May 2018. Branch Presidents are requested to canvass their members and if possible set up a central location where the Branch can dial into the AGM via Global Meet. Branches must then provide a consolidated list to the Association President. Members can also register individually if they are unable to go a central location. Names are required so that paid-up membership can be verified, and a roll be prepared for the minutes. The details for connecting to the AGM via Global Meet will be provided to all registered members by 18 May 2018.

**PPCLI Association**  
**Statement of Income**  
**31 Dec 2017**  
**Unaudited**

Expenses	
Interest & Bank Charges Gen Acct	\$69.47
Office	\$804.63
Interest & Bank Charges Casino	\$48.00
Calvista Yearend Review	\$2,500.00
AGM Subsidy	\$750.00
Printing (AGM	\$260.73
Newsletters & Bulletins	\$150.39
Friends of the Colonel Belcher Donation	\$5,000.00
Kipness Veterans Centre Donation	\$5,000.00
Donation TMMF	\$5,000.00
Donation HGMF (Bursaries)	\$6,500.00
Donations Cadets	\$5,479.93
Donation/Acquisitions	\$10,000.00
Directors & Office Insurance	\$1,021.00
Maintenance Memorials	\$837.55
Postage	\$216.61
Travel	\$5,462.09
Telephone	\$808.52
Web Expense	\$630.00
PayPal Expense	\$159.47
Total Expenses	\$50,698.39
NET INCOME	\$8,543.41

**Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund**  
**Statement of Income**  
**31 Dec 2017**  
**Unaudited**

**Revenue**

Donations - Tax Receipted	\$4,092.65
Donations -Canada Helps	\$400.00
Donation - United Way	\$374.04
Donations for Bursaries	\$5,000.00
Cadet Donations	\$2,000.00
Other Revenue	\$17,500.00
SW Ontario Branch Bursary	\$2,500.00
Calgary Branch Bursary	\$2,000.00
Ottawa Bursary	\$200.00
Donation Saskatchewan Bursary	\$1,500.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$35,566.69</b>

**Expense Accounts**

Soldier On Atlantic Golf Invitational	\$1,500.00
Patricia Park	\$1,071.63
Fund Raising Expense	\$55.65
Student Bursaries	\$17,000.00
Cadet Support	\$4,510.00
CalVista Yearend Review	\$2,500.00
Travel	\$4,500.17
Interest & Bank Charges	\$52.60
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$31,190.05</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$4,376.64</b>

## Charitable Expenditures and Revenue 2018 - 2025

The spreadsheet below is a projection of expenditures and revenue for the future and will be updated on annual basis. Veteran and Family Support will include Veterans Care Centres, MFRCs in Edmonton, Calgary and Shilo, Solider On, Wounded Warriors and the Mental Health and Suicide Awareness Workshops.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Proposed Funding Areas</b>								
Student Bursaries	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,000	23,000	23,000	23,000
Veteran and Family Support	24,500	23,500	23,500	23,500	23,500	23,500	23,500	23,500
PPCLI Cadet Corps	10,000	10,000	10,250	10,250	10,250	10,500	10,500	10,500
Regimental Museum	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Regimental Memorial Maintenance	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,250	5,250	5,250	5,500
HGMF Operating Expenses	9,020	9,020	9,500	9,500	9,500	10,000	10,000	10,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>79,520</b>	<b>78,520</b>	<b>79,250</b>	<b>79,250</b>	<b>79,500</b>	<b>82,250</b>	<b>82,250</b>	<b>82,500</b>
<b>Revenue</b>								
HGMF Investments	16,809	21,758	22,000	22,000	22,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Donations	25,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,500	20,500
Casino Funds	38,000	38,000	38,000	38,000	38,000	38,000	38,000	38,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>79,809</b>	<b>79,758</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>83,000</b>	<b>83,500</b>	<b>83,500</b>

Loss / Gain	\$289	\$1,238	\$750	\$750	\$500	\$750	\$1,250	\$1,000
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Assumptions:	1. HGMF assumed that 50 % of annual return on investments is used to support charitable objectives.
	2. Casino expected to raise \$75,000 every 18 months. Funds can only be spent in Alberta.
	3. To date there have been no Memorial Maintenance charges for Frezenberg and Lansdowne. However, we must budget for future bills.

## 2019 Association Operating Fund Proposed Budget

<b>ASSOCIATION OPERATING FUND</b>				
		<b>CASINO</b>	<b>GENERAL ACCOUNT</b>	<b>ASSOCIATION OPERATING FUND TOTAL</b>
<b>Revenue</b>				
<b>4105</b>	<b>Membership - Regular (650*25)</b>		<b>\$16,250</b>	<b>\$16,250</b>
	<b>Membership - Partner (75*10)</b>		<b>\$750</b>	<b>\$750</b>
<b>4130</b>	<b>Casino Revenue (Note 1)</b>	<b>\$38,000</b>		<b>\$38,000</b>
	<b>Other Revenue</b>			
	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$38,000</b>	<b>\$17,000</b>	<b>\$55,000</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>				
<b>Administration</b>				
<b>5610</b>	<b>Office Expenses</b>		<b>\$850</b>	<b>\$850</b>
	<b>Accounting/Audit Fees (Projected)</b>		<b>\$2,750</b>	<b>\$2,750</b>
	<b>AGM Meeting Subsidy</b>		<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>5660</b>	<b>D&amp;O Insurance</b>	<b>\$2,100</b>		<b>\$2,100</b>
	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>\$400</b>	<b>\$700</b>	<b>\$1,100</b>
	<b>Printing Expense</b>		<b>\$300</b>	<b>\$300</b>
<b>5650</b>	<b>Stationary</b>	<b>\$250</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$350</b>
	<b>Postage</b>	<b>\$150</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$250</b>
<b>5780</b>	<b>Web Expense</b>		<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$100</b>
<b>5635</b>	<b>Casino Expense</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>		<b>\$3,000</b>
	<b>Travel/Directors/Bursary Adjudication</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>\$5,500</b>	<b>\$7,500</b>
	<b>Fund Raising Expense</b>			<b>\$0</b>
	<b>Interest and Bank Charges</b>	<b>\$60</b>	<b>\$70</b>	<b>\$130</b>
	<b>Miscellaneous</b>		<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$100</b>
<b>Publications</b>				
<b>5665</b>	<b>Newsletter/Bulletin</b>	<b>\$125</b>	<b>\$125</b>	<b>\$250</b>
<b>Programs</b>				
	<b>Museum Donation</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>		<b>\$10,000</b>
	<b>Memorial Maintenance</b>			<b>\$0</b>
	<b>Student Bursaries (Note 2)</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>		<b>\$5,000</b>
	<b>Cadet Support</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>		<b>\$5,000</b>
	<b>Veterans and Family Support</b>	<b>\$9,750</b>	<b>\$5,250</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>
	<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$37,835</b>	<b>\$16,945</b>	<b>\$54,780</b>
	<b>Revenue over Expenditures</b>	<b>\$165</b>	<b>\$55</b>	<b>\$220</b>
<b>Notes:</b>				
1. Casinos are conducted approximately every 18 months with the funds becoming available approximately six months later. These funds are considered "Deferred Revenue" until they are programed in the budget on a monthly basis of Casino Revenue/18 months x 12 month.				
2. Donations of \$5,000 to HGFM for Bursaries from Casino Account.				

## Reflections on Medak 25 Years On; Operational Success and Operational Stress

By Bryan Bailey, former OC C Coy at Medak



This year marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Medak operation and I was pleased that the President of the Regimental Association asked me to write a short article about its significance. Like many, I am extremely proud of the Second Battalion's accomplishments during its 1993 tour in Croatia and I would like to share a few opinions and thoughts. I will also reflect on the exceptionally heavy toll that Medak took in terms of operational stress injuries because, sadly, the operation that took place in September 1993 was the catalyst for many operational stress injuries, some of which only manifested many years later.

The Medak operation was indeed unique for a number of reasons. First of all, it was a multi-national Battalion level operation; two French mechanized infantry companies were attached to the battalion along with a small contingent of unarmed Military Observers from other countries. Secondly, it dramatically underscored the reality of post-Cold war peacekeeping as the UN was deployed into a number of ongoing civil wars which are inherently more complex and dangerous than traditional peacekeeping. Medak has become synonymous with a dramatic evolution in peacekeeping and the imperative to be more robust and expeditionary. Thirdly, the Medak operation constituted a relatively rare example of a successful Battalion level UN peacekeeping operation which helped restore some of UNPROFOR's beleaguered and battered credibility in Sector South. Lastly, the subsequent conduct of the UN special assessment into ethnic cleansing led to the International Criminal Court indictment of a Croat General.

In addition, 2 PPCLI garnered significant praise for the manner in which it was very rapidly force generated and successfully integrated an exceptionally high number of Reserve soldiers. Hundreds of reservists answered the call to arms from coast to coast on essentially no notice. While the 44% reserve augmentation number is astonishingly high, a better measure is that two thirds of the soldiers deployed at the sharp end were drawn from the ranks of the Army Reserve and most were less than twenty years of age. It was these same soldiers who were exposed to the highest risk and grisly aftermath of ethnic cleansing.



Our Reserve soldiers were returned to their parent units only a few days after our redeployment to Canada. While the Regular Force was becoming better at recognizing and treating operational stress injuries, our Reserve brethren did not enjoy the same access to care. To make matters worse, they did not have the same level of peer support which might have mitigated some of their stress injuries. The Reserve chain of command correctly observed that many of their soldiers were suffering from invisible injuries upon return. In response, 2 PPCLI was tasked to dispatch teams of leadership who served at Medak. While well intentioned, these teams were not able to reconnect with those who were experiencing the greatest post-tour transition and operational stress difficulties.

Many in the unit will recall that Psychiatrist Greg Passey, then a serving military Medical Officer, fortuitously selected 2 PPCLI for a study on operational stress. Every member in the unit was surveyed both pre-tour and post tour in a very comprehensive manner. I recall that the results seemed improbably high to me at the time, as they indicated that we had become the most stressed unit in the Canadian Army with one in nine having suffered a significant stress injury and two thirds stressed at lower levels. We all accept that stress comes with the territory when deployed on operations and, fortunately, not all stress exposure manifests into injury. That said, an inordinately large number of stress injuries were a result of that tour. One of the aspects of PTSD that was not generally understood until more recently was the cumulative nature of stress. Over the years I became aware of many more veterans of the Medak operation who suffered from operational stress injuries. Sadly, many of the very best soldiers and leaders were medically released, much to their reluctance. Not surprisingly, many of the leaders who carried the day as the “go to guys” bore the brunt of the stress and succumbed to the insidious effects of stress. This very well might be related to their mission focus and overarching but conflicting desire to safeguard the welfare of their subordinates when confronted with lethal danger.



**The farm house behind 32B's position. Note the 20 mm hole behind the soldiers**

These same leaders also were part of the system designed to help other soldiers deal with stress. The battalion certainly did not enter the theatre totally unprepared for stress. The two unit Padres, Mike Brown and Bob Sparks, both of whom were exceptional and now sadly are deceased, conceived and delivered a leading edge peer support counselling programme with the aim of mitigating the effects of stress exposure. Every company was mandated to have at least one trained peer support counsellor in each section. I was initially uncertain about this approach, so in Charlie Company the peer debriefer was either the Section Commander or 2IC as I felt that these positions would benefit the most from the education and training and

would be better able to identify stress affected individuals. Furthermore, I believed that they would have the credibility to effectively lead the debrief sessions and defuse stress. While not a panacea, every tool was beneficial. However, supporting others is also stressful.

Many members of the battalion will recall that a team of military mental health specialists was deployed into theatre with a mandate to conduct stress debriefings immediately prior to our redeployment. While recognition of the need and the rapid response by NDHQ was admirable, the execution and effectiveness was deemed to be largely ineffective as they lacked sufficient credibility to interact with the soldiers.

A final issue that led to disillusionment and stress for some members was the initial lack of appreciation for 2 PPCLI's accomplishments at Medak. Although the operation has become synonymous with steadiness under fire during an ugly era of largely unsuccessful peacekeeping missions, I recall that some of the sparse media attention was shockingly negative. This led to a great deal of disappointment and anger amongst those who were there. Fortunately, due to the efforts of several key leaders and, in particular, our unit CO, Jim Calvin, recognition would follow nearly a decade later. At an outstanding ceremony in 2002, then Governor General Adrienne Clarkson presented 2 PPCLI with her Commander-in-Chief's Unit Commendation.



**Croat T-55s were compelled to withdraw after the entry of the Battalion**

The Medak operation is largely remembered for the firefights and steadfastness of the soldiers while under fire. To intervene between active belligerent forces, to stand our ground and respond with force to enforce a ceasefire agreement and compel the separation of Croat and Serb forces is a feat worthy of admiration. Given the threat of mines, direct and indirect fire, it is indeed miraculous that the unit did not suffer any loss of life. For the many who bore witness to this historical turning point in modern peacekeeping, and suffered invisible injuries, I hope that the significance of what the unit accomplished can be of some solace.

Fortunately, there are now much better resources available to those currently serving and veterans. While PTSD stigma is declining, far too many veterans still suffer in isolation with their invisible injuries. Worse, some veterans end up taking their own lives. For those who continue to suffer, you should be aware

of the PPCLI Association initiative to deliver Mental Health and Suicide Awareness Workshops. There have been two to date with more scheduled and the response has been excellent. In my opinion, there is nothing better than reuniting with members of the Regimental family. Taking part in a Regimental workshop may be the easiest first step to managing stress injuries.

I would also like to make mention of the Wounded Warriors fundraising bike ride which will be held in the Balkans this year. The ride will start in Sarajevo on June 9<sup>th</sup> and end in Medak on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Paul Hale, Martin Kenneally and Mike Spellen are a few members of the Regiment who come to mind as participants. The challenging route will cover more than 560 kilometres over the week. Paul Hale's goal is to raise \$10,000 in order to cover the cost of training a psychiatric service dog for a veteran, which is an admirable goal.

The Legion has prepared a very attractive commemorative pin which might be of interest to many who participated in the Medak Operation. Here are the images of the pin and text. They are currently available for purchase through the Legion at: [https://www.poppystore.ca/lapel-pin-medak-pocket-600430#utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_campaign=poppystore](https://www.poppystore.ca/lapel-pin-medak-pocket-600430#utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=poppystore)



I would also like to note that 2 PPCLI will host a 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Medak ceremony during the weekend of 7-9 September in Shilo. The battalion has developed a full three-day programme which will offer something for everyone. It is hoped that there will be a good turnout of those who participated in the operation, although it will be impossible to equal in number the Medak old guard that marched into the old Winnipeg Arena as part of the 2002 ceremony.

It is hard to believe that 25 years have come and gone. Most of us who served at Medak have either retired from military service or are nearing retirement. If you haven't already done so, do yourself a favour and join the Association. Our Regiment is the most inclusive organization on the planet, "Once a Patricia, Always a Patricia!"



**This photo of 9 Platoon track immediately post Medak accompanies the commemorative pin.**

## LCol Alfred Glynn Pearson, MC, DCM

By Paul Hale, CD

Alfred Glynn Pearson was born in Staffordshire, England on 16 August 1880 and as a young man emigrated to Canada. His civilian occupation was a shipping agent and he served for 3 months with the 34<sup>th</sup> Fort Garry Horse, Winnipeg in 1914. On 24 December 1914, he volunteered and enlisted as a Private (51383) for overseas duty in the 1st Reinforcing Draft, PPCLI, also known as the 500 Draft. They embarked in Halifax and arrived in England onboard the SS Southland on 29 January 1915. The draft was temporarily barracked at Tidsworth, Wiltshire England. Promoted to Lance Corporal, Pearson crossed to France on 23 February 1915 and was taken on strength with the Regiment in the field at St Eloi, Belgium on 1 March 1915.

Lance Corporal Pearson fought at Battle of Frezenberg 8 May 1915 and was noted along with three other NCOs for their brilliant handling of the withdrawal where the officers had fallen<sup>1</sup>. He was wounded during that action with shrapnel wounds to the neck and back. He was evacuated to Rawal Pindi British Hospital at Wimereux, France on 10 May. Pearson was then transferred by hospital ship to England where he was treated for his injuries and discharged on sick leave until 11 July. He was promoted to Corporal and returned to France on 23 August. He rejoined the Regiment at Armentieres on 1 September 1915.

He was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for actions at the Battle of Frezenberg. His citation reads: "For conspicuous gallantry and devotion. After practically all the garrison at the front trench had been killed or wounded by the enemy's shell fire, Lance Corporal Pearson, with a few men, still held on, and, fortunately, although wounded himself, managed to bring out the survivors in safety after a new position had been taken up."<sup>2</sup> Lance Corporal Pearson is the soldier carrying the ammunition box in the Frezenberg painting below by W.B. Wollen



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<sup>1</sup>Ralph Hodder-Williams, PPCLI Vol 1, pg 64.

<sup>2</sup> London Gazette 14 January 1916, Supplement pg 616

Pearson was promoted in the field to Temporary Lieutenant on 20 December 1915 and was appointed Bombing Officer. During the Battle of Mont Sorrel (Sanctuary Wood) he was wounded in action on 2 June 1916. It was not until after the battle that he learned his organization and training of the bombers had contributed towards the success of the defence.<sup>3</sup> Due to the shrapnel wounds to the right forearm he was evacuated to England for treatment. He was discharged, declared fit for duty and attached to RCR/PPCLI Depot at Shorncliffe on 7 September 1916. He rejoined the Regiment in the field at the Somme on 10 October 1916.

On 19 December 1916, the 172<sup>nd</sup> Tunneling Company blew three underground mines in front of the PPLCI lines. Lieutenant Pearson was in command of two 30-man groups of Patricias who were tasked to seize the newly created craters. Lanes had been pre-cut in the wire and duckboards had been laid in preparation for the operation. The near lips of the craters were successfully seized at a cost of nine casualties. At the request of Lieutenant-Colonel Agar Adamson, the main crater was given the official name of "Patricia".<sup>4</sup> The crater was some 250 feet in diameter and 60 feet deep, and it can still be seen today when you visit Vimy Ridge.



**Patricia Crater, Vimy Ridge. May 1918. Sign reads: Patricia Crater: Blown by the 172nd Tunelling Company and consolidated by the Princess Patricias Canadian Light Infantry 18 December, 1916.**

Pearson was promoted to Temporary Captain on 9 January 1917. He was subsequently made Acting Major and took command of #3 Company on 16 February 1917. Major Pearson commanded #3 Company which was left forward during the Battle for Vimy Ridge on 9 April 1917. The company took 68 casualties with at least 13 killed in action.<sup>5</sup> Major Pearson was wounded during the assault with a gunshot wound to the chest and left lung. It should be noted that Pearson reverted to the rank of Captain when he relinquished

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<sup>3</sup> Ralph Hodder-Williams, PPCLI Vol 1, pg 124

<sup>4</sup> Ibid, pg 200

<sup>5</sup> PPLCI War Diary (1914-1919), pg 130 - 139

command of #3 Company after being wounded. He was evacuated to England for a third time on 20 April 1917 and was discharged from the hospital on 7 July 1917. He was then posted to the Eastern Ontario Regiment Depot and 6<sup>th</sup> and 7th Reserve Battalions while awaiting a Medical Board. Pearson was declared Medically Unfit for duty and appealed directly to Lieutenant-Colonel Gault for a position in France.<sup>6</sup> He returned to France as Adjutant 3rd Canadian Division Wing, Canadian Corps Reinforcing Camp on 25 April 1918.

Pearson was seconded back to the Regiment after the terrible losses during the Battle of Tilloy, just outside of Cambrai. He was promoted to Acting Lieutenant-Colonel on 15 October 1918 replacing Lieutenant-Colonel Stewart who had been killed in action on 28 September 1918. He led the Regiment to Mons and the Armistice. Pearson retained command until 21 November 1918 when he relinquished the post to Lieutenant-Colonel Gault. He reverted to Temporary Major on 22 November 1918. However, he was Acting CO, during Lieutenant-Colonel Gault's absence on leave.

Major Pearson returned to Canada with the Regiment on the SS *Carmenia*, arriving in Halifax on 17 March 1919. He travelled with the Regiment to Ottawa and most likely participated in the 19 March arrival parade where the Regiment was reviewed by the Governor General. He was demobilized from the CEF on 20 March 1919. He was awarded the Military Cross on the occasion of His Majesty's Birthday. There is no citation for the award, but it is believed to be in recognition of his leadership of the Regiment in the last days of the war.

On 1 October 1957, Lieutenant-Colonel AG Pearson, MC, DCM participated in the official breaking of ground for the Frezenberg Memorial. Our founder, Brigadier General Hamilton Gault, DSO, ED, CD turned the sod and planted a maple tree in the centre memorial. In addition, the service was attended by two other Frezenberg veterans, Lieutenant-Colonel HW Niven, DSO, MC who was a subaltern and Sgt HF O'Connell who lost an arm at the Battle.<sup>7</sup>



Lieutenant-Colonel Alfred Glynn Pearson, MC, DCM died on 11 December 1967 in Orpington, Kent, England at the age 87.

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<sup>6</sup> Jeffery Williams, *First in the Field Gault of the Patricias*, pg 140

<sup>7</sup> G.R. Stevens, *PPCLI 1919 – 1957*, pg 397 - 398

## 100th Anniversary of Passchendaele

By Cpl (Ret'd) Eric Hjalmarson CD.

10 November 2017 marks one hundred years since the end of the horrific battle of Passchendaele. Also known as the Third Battle of Ypres.

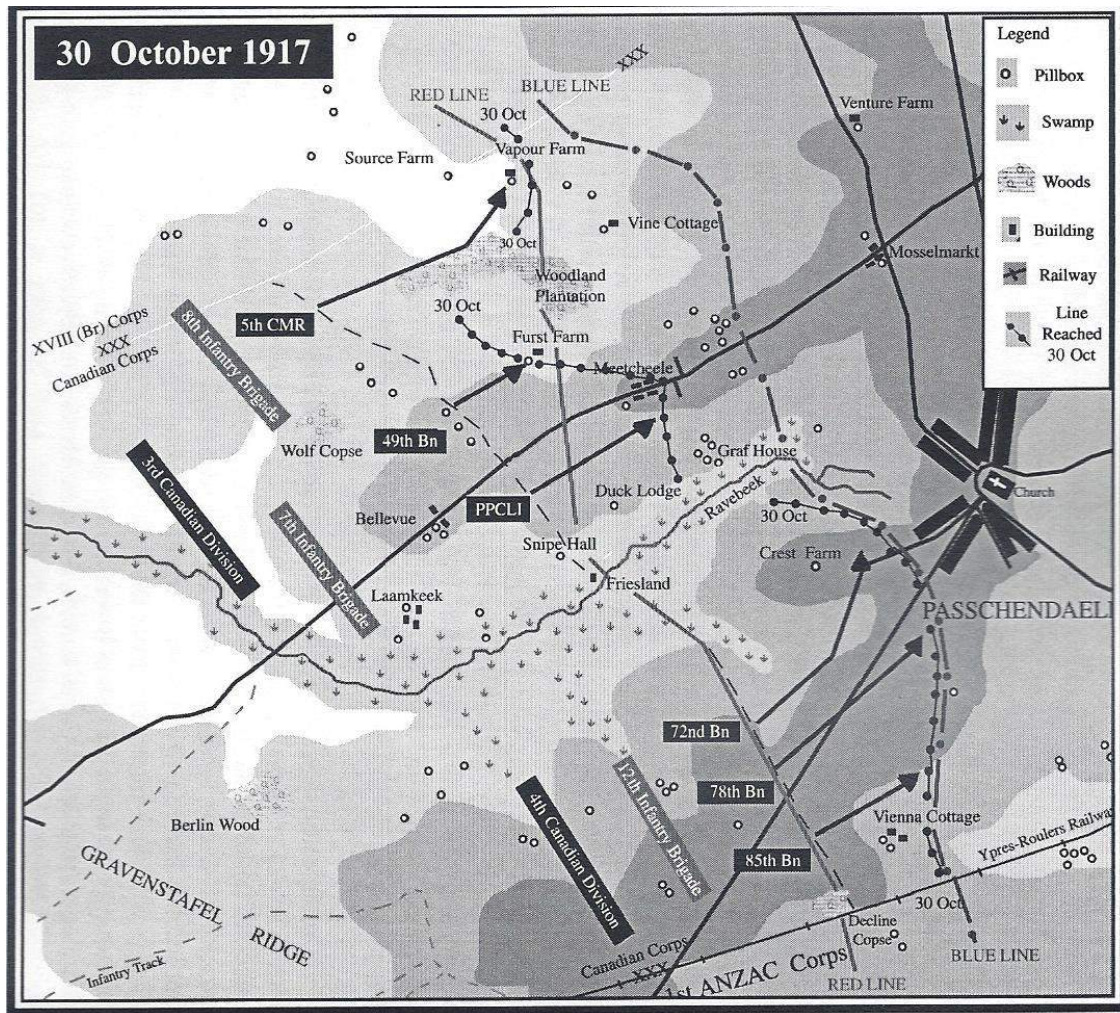
The Canadian Government sent a delegation to Belgium to take part in ceremonies to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Passchendaele. I had the great privilege to be chosen by the Association to represent the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry for this occasion. The delegation consisted of Members of Parliament, the Royal Canadian Legion, Army, Navy, and Air Force Veterans of Canada, one Senator, the 2017 Silver Cross mother, First Nation members, youths from across Canada and 10 Veterans each representing a Regiment that had a Victoria Cross recipient from the Battle of Passchendaele in the Autumn of 1917.

The delegates arrived in Ottawa in the afternoon of 5 November 2018. The next day we spent touring the National War Museum. In the evening we attended the annual Candlelight Tribute to the fallen. Due to a flight delay we toured Parliament Hill and the National War Memorial.

On the 7<sup>th</sup>, we flew to Lille France our base for the trip. Arriving at 06:00 hrs we quickly stored our kit in our rooms and took off for a Battlefield tour. At Passchendaele we meet our historians and walked part of the ridge. The historians explained and pointed out the start lines and objectives of each Battalion.

The Battle of Passchendaele was initially launched on 31 July 1917 by the British. In September 1917, Field Marshall Haig, Commander of the British Expeditionary Force ordered in the Australian and New Zealand troops (ANZAC). By October these troops were severely depleted and worn out. Field Marshall Haig, then ordered the Canadian Corps an assault force of 100,000 storm troops to take the ridge. General Currie, commander of the Canadian Corps, opposed the plan predicting it would cost 16,000 Canadian casualties. His estimate was only short by about 500 men. Currie's strategy was to take the ridge in short limited objectives. A bit and hold attack then bring in fresh Battalions for the next objective. On 26 October 1917, the 4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Division launched the first attack, led by the 46<sup>th</sup> (South Saskatchewan) Battalion. This was my grandfather's Battalion. On 30 October, the PPCLI were the right forward Battalion as part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Canadian Division and they attacked up the north spur towards Duck Lodge and Meetcheele. On that morning the Patricia's stepped off 600 strong by the end of the fight there would be 237 left standing and two Victoria Cross's.

The night before the attack, Sgt George Mullin was doling out the rum ration to his troops and was heard to say, "I'm feed up to the teeth. Tomorrow morning it's either a wooden cross or a VC for me". Sgt George Mullin and Lt. Hugh McKenzie were both awarded the Victoria Cross along with seven other Canadians in the battle of Passchendaele.



Walking the ridge and seeing first hand where the Patricia's fought in October and November 1917 gave me chills. Looking across at the area where Mullin and McKenzie took out the Pill box's. In that period, the landscape would have been a lake of slim and mud, shell holes filled with water, covered by enemy fire, artillery and it seemed an impossible task to advance.

I also walked part of the route taken by my grandfather's Battalion on 26 October 1917 and was amazed to find a shrapnel ball from the field. It will find a home in the case with his Medals. My grandfather, Corporal Gestur E Hjalmarson, joined the Canadian Army in 1915 serving with the 46th Battalion (South Saskatchewan). He arrived in France on 10 August 1916 and fought in most of the major battles of the war, including Passchendaele. He was wounded twice and was awarded the Military Medal twice. Gestur survived the war and in June 1941 he joined the Veterans Guards of Canada. He died on duty on 22 January 1942 and is commemorated on page 82 of the Book of Remembrance in the Peace tower on Parliament Hill.

On the evening of 8 November, we were at the Menin Gate in Ypres to take part in the Last Post Ceremony that is done every night to commemorate the fallen with no known resting place. The Canadian contingent took a large part that night with First Nations dancers and the Canadian guard unit. I had the greatest honour to recite the Act of Remembrance in the hallowed place. To know that my voice was the only thing heard at that moment echoing off the stone walls of that magnificent Memorial Gate will stay with me forever.



The following morning, we headed to the St Julien Canadian Memorial to dedicate a new plaque to commemorate the almost impossible accomplishment of the Canadian Corps in taking Passchendaele Ridge. The next stop for the day was at the Passchendaele Memorial Gardens. Here countries that took part in the Battle of Passchendaele each have their own garden with plants native to their country. We had a small ceremony to open the New Canadian garden. After the Ceremony we toured through the Passchendaele Memorial Museum. They have reconstructed trenches and underground bunkers. The rooms are set up just as they would have been in 1917 and full of artifacts.

The afternoon found us back at the Passchendaele Memorial to dedicate the Canadian Gate. This is the sister gate to the one in Halifax Harbour called The Last Steps. It honours the 350,000 Canadian soldiers who boarded ships at pier 2 to go to WWI. It has footprints going through it to the harbour. At Passchendaele the footprints emerge from the Gate and into the village of Passchendaele. A very moving Monument indeed. That evening we watched the Sunset Ceremony at the Passchendaele Monument. Music was provided by Royal 22<sup>nd</sup> Regiment band. Soldiers from Regiments across Canada provided the guard which was commanded by a Patricia Major from 1 PPCLI.

The 10<sup>th</sup>, found us at Tyne Cot Cemetery for a very moving Commemorative Ceremony with all dignitaries and Parliamentarians including the Minister of National Defence. Letters from a WWI German Officer and a Canadian Signaler were read. After the end of the ceremony the Minister of Defence handed out a few challenge coins to members of the delegation. We then had some time to wander the cemetery looking for fallen members of our respective regiments. We then headed to Essex Farm Cemetery to conduct a short Commemorative Ceremony to Lt.Col. John McCrae. The field hospital where he worked and the Cemetery he wrote In Flanders Fields has been restored. Tourist can walk into the small rooms of the hospital and try to imagine the horrors that were seen in them.

That night we took part in a torchlight parade from the Passchendaele Memorial to the Village market square and local church.

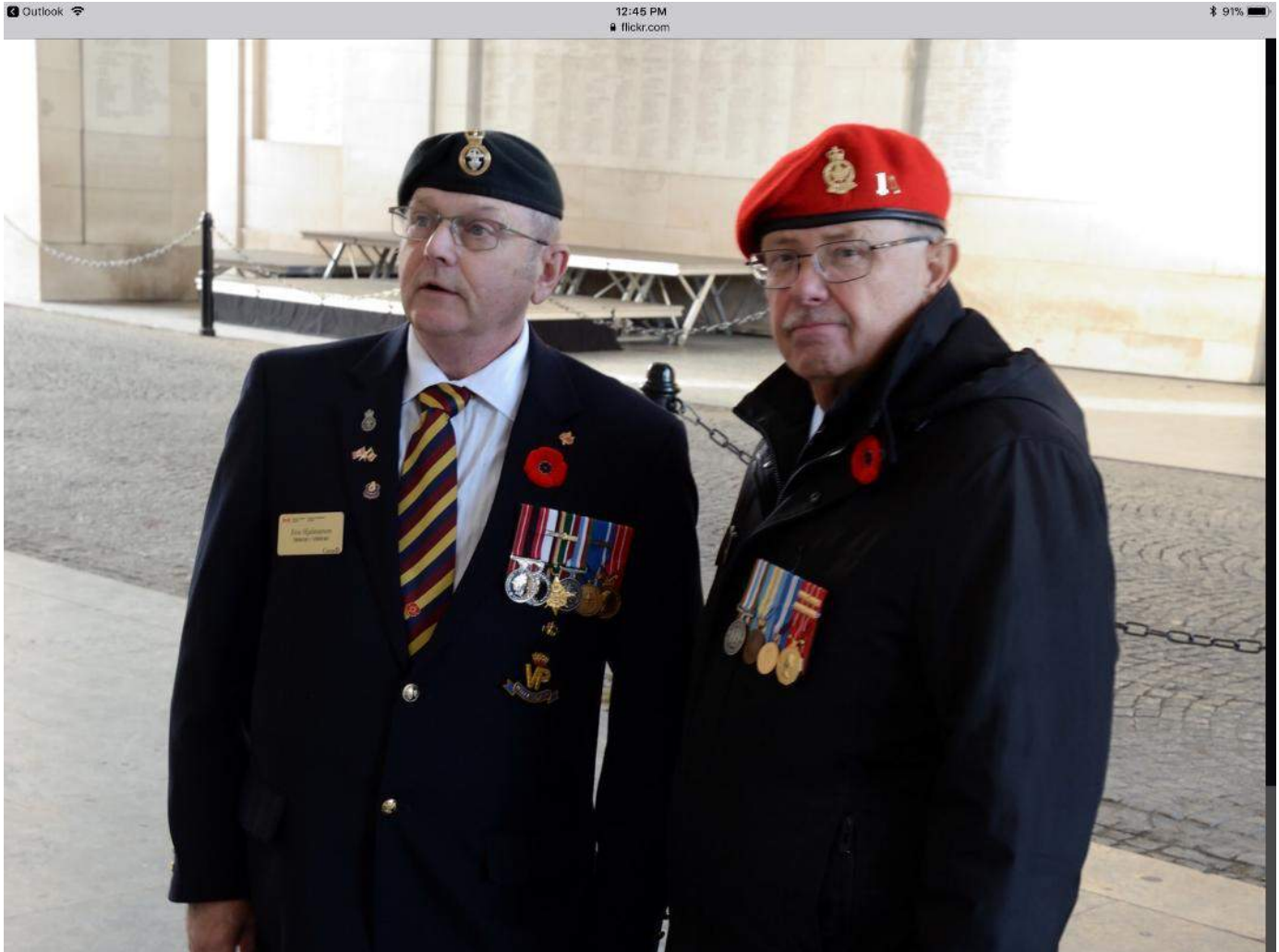
On November 11<sup>th</sup> we assembled at the Novotel Hotel then made our way to the St. Martin Cathedral to take up our place in the parade to the Menin Gate. The bugles played Last Post and as the wreaths were laid and the music played Poppy petals fell through the openings in the roof. Gently floating down on the people gathered in this hallowed place to remember the tragic loss of life in that terrible war.

After a relaxing lunch we went to Hill 62 (Sanctuary Wood) another hard battle for the Regiment. We held a short Remembrance Ceremony then spent some time to place Canadian flags and flowers on the resting places of Canadian soldiers. So sad to see so many fallen Patricia's in that place.

The following morning found us back in Ypres. This time to visit the In Flanders Field Museum. The curator gave us a great tour of this magnificent place. So many wonderful displays and articles to see.

After we grabbed some souvenirs and had lunch at the Meat House we made our way to the Passchendaele New British Cemetery to pay respects to Alex Decoteau. Alex was a Cree native who was the first indigenous person in Canada to become a police officer. In 1911 he joined the Edmonton Police Service. He also represented Canada in the 1912 Olympics in the 5,000 meter event. He enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force in 1915 and died in the Battle of Passchendaele on 30th October 1917. That afternoon the youth of our delegation along with a couple of other members took part in the annual Alex Decoteau Poppy run in Zonnerad. Back at the hotel in Lille we held our farewell dinner to say goodbye to the wonderful staff that made our trip run so smoothly and the new friends we had all become. In the morning we boarded the plane that would take us on the long journey home.

It had been an outstanding trip and an honour to represent Canada and the Regiment on such an important anniversary. Friends were made, laughs and tears were shared. The Battlefields of the First World War where the Canadians fought is a must see for all Canadians but more so for anyone that has served this great country. To walk in the footprints of these great warriors on those fields, you still can feel their presence. May they all Rest in Peace.



Cpl (Ret'd) Eric Hjalmarson CD and Henry Hall, CD at Menin Gate

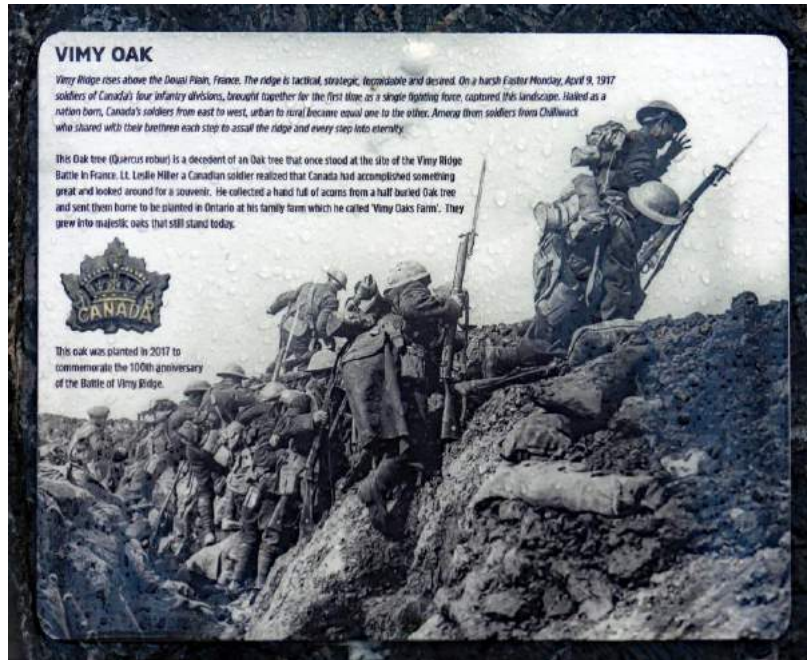
## CHILLIWACK AND THE VIMY OAK LEGACY

After the Battle of Vimy Ridge in April 1917, a Canadian soldier name Leslie Miller wanted to take a souvenir home; something to remind him of what Canadian soldiers had so valiantly accomplished at Vimy. Leslie looked around and saw a half-buried oak tree. He picked up a handful of acorns and sent them home to be planted at his family farm in Ontario. Following Leslie's return to Canada his father gave him 24 acres of the farm. He named his land "Vimy Oaks Farm". Leslie replanted the young oak trees and ten of these trees are still standing today at Vimy Oaks Farm.

In 2017, the non-profit Vimy Oaks Legacy Corporation repatriated saplings from Vimy Oaks Farm to groups across Canada in commemoration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge and in remembrance of all Canadians who fought in World War One. The City of Chilliwack was selected to receive a commemorative sapling. On November 1<sup>st</sup> 2017, a ceremony was held to mark the anniversary and plant the Vimy sapling. This was attended by Mayor Sharon Gaetz, several City Counsellors, 2 members of the Chilliwack RCMP Detachment and several former members of the Canadian Armed Forces, who had served at CFB Chilliwack along with a group of interested citizens. The oak sapling was planted in the Canadian Education Park, which is part of former Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Chilliwack. The Legacy Walking Trail was developed as a tribute to the men and women who lived and worked at CFB Chilliwack from 1942 to 1995 when the base closed. The Trail winds its way through Garrison Crossing and the Canadian Educational Park to its end at the Vedder River Rotary Trail. Visitors and residents can walk along the pathways and learn about the history of CFB Chilliwack and the vital role it played in Canada's military. For more information on the Legacy Walk you can goggle Garrison Crossing Commemorative Parade Project and The Vedder\_Crossing Military Museum Project.



**Site of the Vimy Oak, Chilliwack, BC**



**The plaque mounted on the stone in front of the oak reads:**

“Vimy Ridge rises above the Douai Plain, France. The ridge is tactical, strategic, formidable and desired. On a harsh Easter Monday, April 9, 1917 soldiers of Canada’s four infantry divisions, brought together for the first time as a single fighting force, captured this landscape. Hailed as a nation born, Canada’s soldiers from east to west, urban to rural became equal one to the other. Among them soldiers from Chilliwack who shared with their brethren each step to assail the ridge and every step into eternity.



This Oak tree (*Quercus robur*) is a descendant of an Oak tree that once stood at the site of the Vimy Ridge Battle in France. Lt. Leslie Miller a Canadian soldier realized that Canada had accomplished something great and looked around for a souvenir. He collected a hand full of acorns from a half buried Oak tree and sent them home to be planted in Ontario at his family farm which he called “Vimy Oaks Farm”. They grew into majestic oaks that still stand today.”

## Branch Articles

### Kingston

The Kingston Patricias have been busy with a number of social and charity events. Our Christmas season dinner was again superbly organized by John Hooyer and was well attended with over 40 serving and Association including the National President enjoying the evenings camaraderie at Megalos. During our AGM in January, we approved a Branch Fundraising Plan for \$1000 annually for the National Association's General Account. In March, we commemorated our Regimental Day with a Dinner, organized by Mike and Patti English, at the Captain Matthew Dawe Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. Over 30 attended including our Colonel of the Regiment designate, General Vince Kennedy, for an evening of commemoration and friendship (including a hearty rendition of our marchpast!).

Our next events on our Branch schedule include a clean-up of a sector of the Highway of Heroes on Sat 14 April; a golf tournament Sat 26 May, and a wine tour Sat 29 Sep. All Patricias, families and friends are always welcome, just contact any branch executive member for sign up details. Then our attention will shift to supporting the Association's Ontario Mental Health Seminar weekend 19-21 Oct.

Marv Makulowich  
Kingston Branch President



## South Western Ontario

A cross section of our SW Ontario Patricia veterans that have served over the last 7 decades and their spouses attended our Regimental Day Dinner at Betty's Restaurant.

### Regimental Day - Niagara Falls



#### Patricias Niagara Falls

Front Row: Bill Chrysler, Hub Lalonde, Romeo Delay, Paul Hale, John Hunter  
Back Row: George Ledwon, Al Foster, Jeff Wahlman, Jurgen Rudolph, Greg Ferguson, Malcolm Williams, Bruce Paxton, Jimmy Cawley, John McGregor, Glenn Reed, Bill Johnson, Rick Cadilha, Phil Cook, Michael Bryne



#### Spouses Niagara Falls

Front Row: Joan Lalonde, Jay Chrysler, Valarie Johnson, June MacDonald, Ruth Hunter  
Back Row: Beth Daley, Lida Paxton, Juliana Cook, Sandra McGregor, Barb Ledwon, Diana Cardoni, Natalie Cadilha, Cidalia Hall, Absent from photo Courtney Wilde

## Regimental Day - London



Murray Stewart, Henry Klausnitzer, Bruce Stock, Randy Warden, Ric Awade, Doug Furchner, Jeff Wahlman, Rick Davey, Ron O'Conner

## Patricia's Regimental Day - Trenton



### REGT DAY

Lou Cartnan, Ian White, Paul Clarke, Tom O'hara – missing Maurice Charette who arrived later. Apparently, the photo is as foggy as the stories told. It was a very good Regimental Day with many stories shared, lies told and toasts drunk.

## **John Hunter Awarded the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers**

On February 28, 2018, the Governor General of Canada, Julie Payette, presented John Hunter of the South West Ontario branch with the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers. John was presented with the award for his contribution to the creation of Volunteer Patricia Program, fundraising for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary through the PPCLI Foundation and research into veteran suicides. Much of John's work on the VPP was undertaken while he was a member of the Ottawa Branch.



John with daughter Catherine, wife Ruth, Her Excellency and his son James at Rideau Hall following the medal presentation

## **Remembering a Patricia - Matthew Vintinner**

Matthew Vintinner of St. Catharines served with 3 PPCLI from 2012 – 2015. He passed away after being involved in a vehicle accident. Following release from the PPCLI he joined the Lincoln and Welland Regiment and about 6 months ago released again to pursue a post-secondary education. Patricias gathered in St. Catharines to honour his service and to raise a toast to a young soldier and Patricia Veteran.



Front Row: Jimmy Cawley, Paul Hale, Rick Cadhilla, John McGregor, Bill Johnson, Eric Bailey  
Back Row: Malcolm Williams, Sgt Christopher Gillis 3VP, Paul McMenemy, Mitch Sear - RCR,  
Derrick McClinchey



## Manitoba / NW Ontario

The MB and NW Ontario Branch is once more an active branch. At a General Meeting on the 10 December 2017 members present did not want to see our Branch Charter returned to Regimental HQ. A questionnaire in our branch newsletter results confirmed this. We welcomed Perry Batchelor, Rick Sellwood and Jim Zelazny to the Board of Directors, and Stu Weeks as Director - Communications and Treasurer.

We currently have 40 members. Our Branch has been a member of the PPCLI Association since Day 1 of "The Patricia Club" and to call it a day, would have been unthinkable. Thanks to all who have renewed their memberships. On 13 December 2017, some of Winnipeg members travelled to Shilo to meet up with our Brandon members for the Annual Junior Ranks Christmas Dinner. Thank you 2 PPCLI for your hospitality.

On the 17 March 18 some members joined the 'younger vets' to celebrate a Regimental Beer Call. There was a large turnout (see picture). Thanks to Mike Pottie and Paul Ryan for a great night. Our Branch celebrated Regimental Day on Sunday 18 March with a get together and light lunch. Thanks to all who came out for our special day.

We are now looking forward to the Annual Ceremonial Review of 2701 PPCLI Cadet Corp and 553 Tommy Prince Cadet Corps



## Saskatchewan

There are many components of a small engine that when combined, ensure that the small engine operates to perform its task of running a machine. One of the main components of any small engine are the spark plugs. This holds true for any organization, especially volunteer organizations, that within the make-up of a volunteer group, there are certain individuals that are "spark plugs" and the Sask Br. P.P.C.L.I Association is blessed with a few "spark plugs" that keep the organization running. No names, no pack drills.

Some of the major events held since the Fall newsletter, was the gathering of the Sask Br. members, spouses and guests for the 1st annual Christmas Dinner held on Friday, 22 December 2017, which saw 12 people, plus a visit from National Membership chairman, Fred Goldring from Edmonton, enjoy Christmas Dinner, Toasts, and fellowship in the Spirit of Christmas, at the Lynx Club in Saskatoon. There was a surprise was that most of the drinks were paid by fellow Combat Arms team, the Combat Engineers, to which there will be a payback in the future. Another major event was the gathering of Patricias in Prince Albert for the March 10th Birthday, where a "small but sturdy" group of Sask Br, Members met in the P.A. Armory Mess of the North Saskatchewan Regiment. The Branch is attempting this year to hold gatherings (Beer Calls/Meetings) in more parts of Saskatchewan rather than the core area and central part. Speaking of the North Saskatchewan Regiment, many of our Patricias have served in that Regiment and attended their trooping of the Colors this past February.

President, Ray Moskowec and Secretary-Treasurer, Darcy Parker traveled to Estevan, Saskatchewan to have Christmas dinner with the P.P.C.L.I. Cadet Corp which was great, being able to assist in the presentations and promotions of the Cadets. Support of the Cadets is a mandate of the Association and the Sask Br. totally tries its best in meeting that mandate. The Sask Br. recently purchased SNR NCO Sashes for the Cadet Corp. Other events with the Cadet planned is to attend Vimy Celebrations and the A.C.R in Estevan.

The Sask Br. continues its fund raising efforts through the FUNDRIVE program signed last year with VALUE VILLAGE INC. The Br. also continued to disburse donated furniture received under the program. (adding 2 more veterans to the list) and holds small raffles at events to keep the "bank account active".

Membership has grown steadily and continues under the current leadership which the 2-year term will expire in Jan. 2019. The Sask Br. is looking forward to attending the 2018 National A.G.M in Medicine Hat, and 2019 A.G.M in Edmonton, Alberta, with the expectation of getting some experience, because preliminary planning has already commenced for the proposed 2020 National A.G.M being held in "armpit" .....oops, the wonderful prairie City of Saskatoon.

So, with all of the above mentioned, it is great to be involved in the Patricia family in Saskatchewan and "thank you" to all the "Spark Plugs" in our great Patricia organization.

Respectfully submitted by Raymond Moskowec

## Edmonton

Another spring has arrived here in Edmonton. The winter was cold and wet, but we survived. Our members, despite the weather, attended our branch functions in greater numbers than ever before. On November 11th, we had an excellent showing for the Remembrance Day parade at Patricia Park. We finished off 2017 with our annual Christmas dinner which saw an outstanding attendance level from the membership. In attendance were; the acting CO, RSM with their wives from 1st Battalion and the RM, RWO and their wives. We have an annual event during our dinner, we collect and donate to Edmonton food bank; this year it was 100 plus pounds of food and \$300.00!

January was an important meeting for us as we set our goals for the coming year. February saw us hold elections for all positions on our board. When all was complete the following was the outcome: President Herb Kenny, Vice President Tim Penney, Treasurer and Secretary Fred Goldring.

March 17<sup>th</sup> we held a short gathering at Patricia Park to commemorate Lady Patricia's birthday and we passed for a moment of silence for our fallen. The also paused for a moment for all our members and others suffering from within. This event was well-attended not only by our members for surrounding Patricia's that enabled us to recruit a few more members.

We again had the misfortune of attending to many celebrations of life for our members.

In fall edition we will expand on the following that our membership is planning to attend. Our Frezenberg dinner on the 12<sup>th</sup> May, if anyone is in Edmonton and wish to attend contact us. Also, on your horizon is the AGM in Medicine Hat. An Airborne reunion in June. The Patricia Camp, 10 August gathering, Korean Parade and many other events. All of which will be made into events on the face book page and passed on via our e-mail chain.

A reminder to all Patricia's in the Edmonton area and those passing through we hold our meetings at 1100 hrs 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month at the Kingsway Legion, 143 Ave 50 St Edmonton. Please check out PPCLI Association Alberta and Saskatchewan face book page for upcoming events in and around Edmonton.





**17 MARCH PATRICIA PARK**



01.12.2017 13.41



**Patrick won the raffle**

09.12.2017 11.59



17.03.2018 08.59



**Fred surrenders !**

27.01.2018 11.01

2551 PPCLI Cadet Corps in Edmonton are attracting more recruits, which is a good thing. They take part in lots of activities during the year. A few pictures show some of their activities. Map and Compass, several physical activities and or course drill.



**Once a Patricia Always a Patricia.  
Herb Kenny - Edmonton Branch President**

## **Cypress Hills**

Regimental Day 17 Mar 2018

The Cypress Hills Branch held a gathering to celebrate Regiment Day 2018 in two locations. We started at Ken Lockies' residence to achieve several goals prior to the all-out celebration. We have a fellow Patricia Rocky Leer, who had relocated to Medicine Hat and unfortunately was diagnosed with ALS in July 2017.

Through the efforts of several fellow Patricia's; Joel Turnbull, Scott Brush, Ron Migadel, A Quilt of Valour was organized and presented to Rocky on behalf of the Quilt of Valour organization, all Patricia's and the Cypress Hills branch. The presentation was a surprise to Rocky and well attended by the branch members, achieving the goal to recognize Rocky's fight with a debilitating disease and to once again note: Once a Patricia, always a Patricia!

We then carried on with our celebration with Col(Ret'd) Dan Drew's rendition of our Regiment history followed by a Regimental Toast. Our members Dan Palmer, Chris & Robin Corry, Stu Waldron, Ken Lockie and associate member Johnny Ballard, welcomed new member Ernie (Richard) Okrainec to our branch.

We finished at our local watering hole where we proceeded to reminisce about the lore of our service time and embellish all stories. A great day for all Patricia's and we enjoyed our day celebrating with the usual Regimental zeal.



Ken Lockie presenting Rocky Leer with a Quilt of Valour

### **Fraser Valley / Vancouver**

Our Annual Christmas Dinner, December 2017, was a great success. This excellent occasion was made possible with the help of a number of our members and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Vedder Legion. Great Food, and toasts to all and we honored Our Fallen Comrades.

On 04 January 2018, the new (volunteer) President, Dennis Johnson presided over his first meeting. All went well, and he survived.

In February, we acquired 5 new members. Some of these new members were previously associated with the Vancouver Branch. With the backing of our national President, we made contact with the Vancouver Branch and initiated a temporary amalgamation with our Fraser Valley Branch. A number of the Vancouver Branch members were contacted. Thelma Holland, the Vancouver Branch Secretary, welcomed our involvement and is being very helpful with the transition. There are a number of items of Memorabilia that our Branch will recover and hold in safekeeping. This is still an ongoing project.

In an attempt to attract new members, we have started advertising in the local newspapers. So far only the Chilliwack Progress has picked it up. We are hoping also to get the Abbotsford news on board.

Dennis Johnson,  
President PPCLI Fraser Valley Branch, BC

## Mid Vancouver Island

Greetings from the Mid-Island Branch, things have progressed in a forward motion. Our branch has busied itself with a Christmas Luncheon, combined with the members of the Korea Veterans Association and our branch, enjoying a wonderful meal, catered by the staff of the Mount Benson, #256 Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, in Nanaimo.

We have also been busy with the 2943 PPCLI Cadet Corps in Campbell River with the cadet annual awards and with the Change of Command for their new CO.

Our membership hosted, a “mess style” luncheon for the Regimental Day celebrations including members of the Royal Canadian Legion #256 Mount Benson branch and members of the 2943 PPCLI Cadet Corps from Campbell River.

The biggest event to note for 2017, was the recognition of one of our branch members, Korea Veteran Peter Seiersen, who in July of 2017, while in Korea was awarded the Republic of Korea’s Order of Civil Merit by Korean Prime Minister Lee Nak-Yeon.

Peter, pictured below, after receiving the prestigious award, accompanied by his wife Young Sook, bow to some 3,000 applauding dignitaries, including other veterans from many of the UN contributing nations. Peter Seiersen while being a member of the Mid-Island Branch of the PPCLI Association is also the National President of the Korea Veterans Association of Canada. Congratulations to Peter, for doing his Country, Regiment and Association proud, “WELL DONE PETER”.

Kazimierz Jednorog (Jed)



## Victoria Branch

The branch continues to be active and we are adding new members monthly. Great membership work by all but especially Butch Montreuil! We have changed our monthly meeting date to the second Thursday of each month instead of Tuesday's. The Legion is less busy on Thursdays with more parking

## AGM 17 February

The Branch had a very successful AGM on 17 February at the Trafalgar/Pro Pats Legion with a much better turnout than last year. Ed Widenmaier provided a cake of course.



AGM Turnout – and yes that's Larry Gollner hiding behind Kent Foster

Ed Widenmaier and Captain Madelaine Dahl, CO  
2483 PPCLI Cadet Corps with Ed's cake for the  
AGM





## Regimental Day 17<sup>th</sup> of March Six Mile Pub

A great turnout as usual!



Ed Widenmaier's Cake

Some of the Group



Grant Maclean and Dick Cowling

Some more of the group



Bob Stewart former Colonel of the Regiment

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Henry Cheverie	2 VP 60's	Jul 2016	Grande Cache
William J Harris 82	50's 60's 70's	Jul 2016	Victoria
Clarence Zwarich 84	Korea 50's	Aug 2016	Kamloops
Hillary Isbister 85	served mid 50's 2 VP	Sep 2016	Mission, BC
Michael Slater 92	WW 2 VP then 1 Can Para	Sep 2016	Winnipeg
Robert Grady J 76	60's	Sep 2016	Freeport, NS
Armand Bourassa 84	served mid 50's	Oct 2016	Prince Albert, Sask
James Larlham 86	Korea	Dec 2016	Olds, AB
Andrew Skibirsky 62	1 VP	Dec 2016	Massey, Ont
Pete Gregerson	WW 2 Korea	Dec 2016	Beaverton, Ont
Herman Pratt 93	WW 2	Jan 2017	Fredericton
Claude MacDonald	Korea	Feb 2017	Mission, BC
Frank Hardy 87	Korea	Feb 2017	Kitchener, Ont
John R Holland 84	Korea	Feb 2017	Surrey, BC
John C Turner	WW 2	Mar 2017	Surrey, BC
Sid Brewster Sid 83	Korea	Apr 2017	Nanaimo, BC
Gary King 63	2 VP	Jun 2017	Winnipeg
Joseph Beland 85	Korea	Jun 2017	Laval, PQ
Clifford Ferris 85	Served 55-59	Jul 2017	Brandon
Theodore Febel 91	WW 2	Jul 2017	Ashern, Man
Tom Aherne 66	1 VP	Oct 2017	Calgary
Doug Daniels 72	served 62-72 ish	Oct 2017	Saskatoon
David Cecil Jones 48	1 VP 1986	Oct 2017	Morrell PEI
Robert May 91	joined VP 1945	Nov 2017	Winnipeg
Bob McRoberts 56	joined 1985 - 2017 mostly 2 VP	Nov 2017	Winnipeg
Leonard Reid 79	VP Germany 50's	Nov 2017	Winnipeg
Gerald Robertson 87	2 VP Korea Kapyong	Nov 2017	Ottawa
Ernie Shannon 90	Korea served with all 3 Bns	Nov 2017	Vernon, BC
Tom McKenzie 55	1 VP 80's	Dec 2017	Strathmore, Alberta
Helmut Peter Daniels 75	1 VP 65-69	Dec 2017	Vermillion, AB
Bob Westerson 87	2 VP Korea Kapyong	Dec 2017	Rimbey, AB
Alex Forsyth 63	1 VP 1971	Dec 2017	Herbert, Sask
Carl Verner Soderberg 81	1 VP 55-58	Dec 2017	Prince Albert, PA
Ken Heatley 84	1 VP 54 - 75 ish Calgary VP Assn	Dec 2017	Calgary
James Wells	2 VP 80's	Dec 2017	Milton, Ont
Doug Acton 94	2 VP Korea Reg Force	Dec 2017	Barrie, Ont
Ricky Benoit 56	3 VP Victoria in 1984	Dec 2017	Toronto, Ont
Andy Gallant 88	2 VP Korea and Reg Force	Dec 2017	Winnipeg
Robert H Good 87	Korea	Dec 2017	Dartmouth, NS
Hank Edwards 89	Korea 2 VP Reg Force	Dec 2017	Calgary
Doug McNeil 83	2 VP 1952 - 1977 Calgary Branch VP Assn	Jan 2018	Black Diamond, AB
George Blake 85	Korea 1 and 3 VP	Jan 2018	Midland, Ont
Roger Beaugard 85	joined 1 VP 1955 served many years	Jan 2018	Ottawa, Ont

George A Jamael 82	Germany mid 50's	Jan 2018	Sydney, NS
Val Maeren 82	Served with one VP early 60's	Jan 2018	Winnipeg
Michael Barley 55	3 VP 1981	Jan 2018	Campbell River, BC
Timothy Kirk 50	1 VP 90 -2014	Jan 2018	Edmonton
Ronald C Monkman 83	WW 2	Jan 2018	Selkirk, Man
William H Carlton 83	rebadge QOR to 3 VP	Jan 2018	Victoria
Gordon Larsen 75	2 & 1 VP 61-86	Jan 2018	Creston, BC
Donald Cole 86	Korea 1 VP	Jan 2018	Ottawa
William Talbot 89	Germany mid 50's	Feb 2018	Red Deer, AB
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Gerry Phillipot 68	2 VP Germany 67-70	Feb 2018	Winnipeg
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Matthew B Vintinner 26	3 VP 2012 - 15	Mar 2018	St Catharines, Ont
Bill Greeley 86	Korea 1 VP Edmonton 2 VP	Mar 2018	Edmonton
John Rudy 61	joined 1976 1 and 3 VP, 2 Cdo	Mar 2018	Perth, Ont
Andrew Butt 80	1 VP	Apr 2018	Blairmore, AB