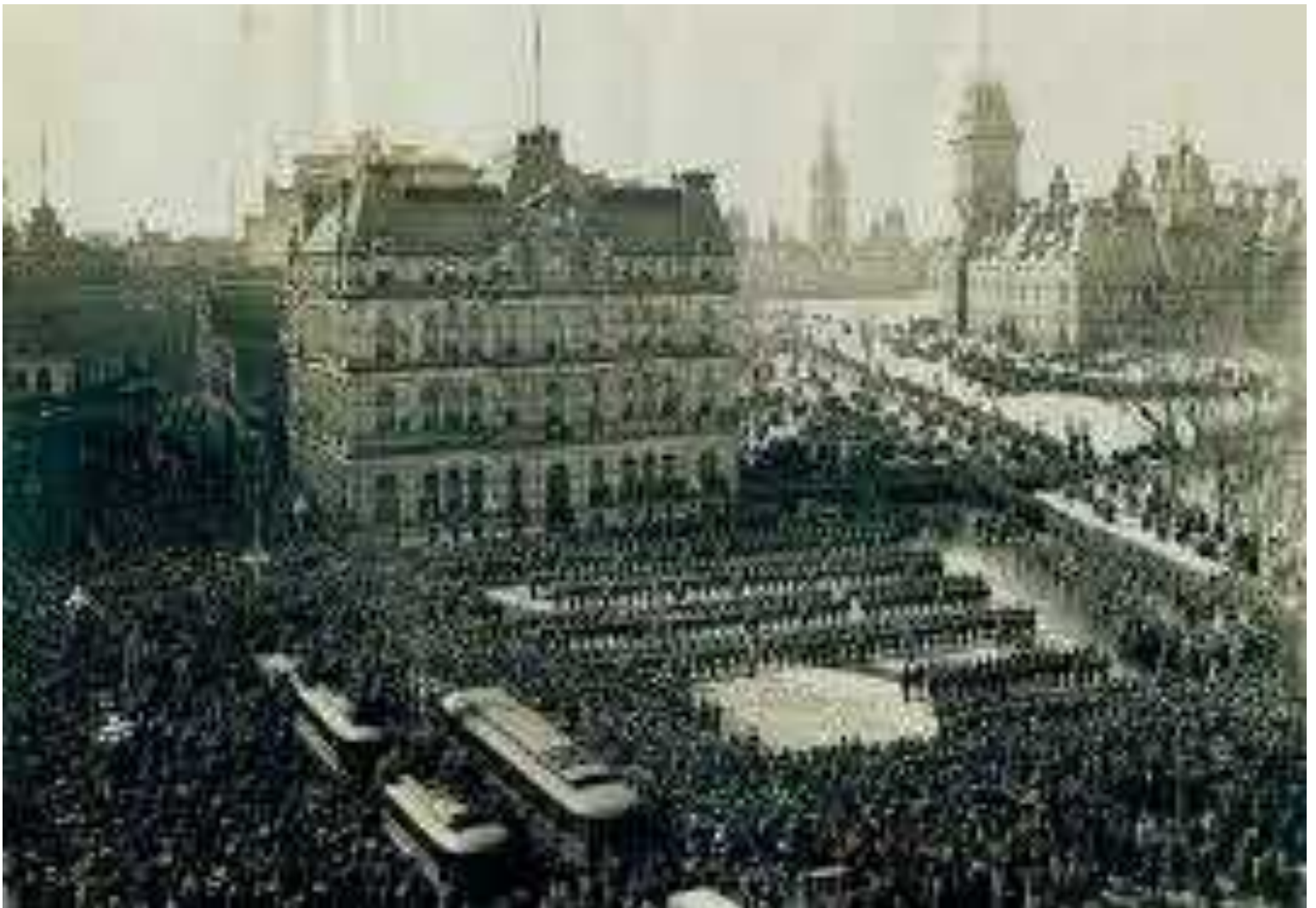




## **PPCLI Association Newsletter Spring 2019**



**The Regiment's Dismissal Parade Ottawa  
19 March 1919**

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**The Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, PC, CC, CMM, COM, CD. Colonel-in-Chief**

### Colonel-in-Chief Message

My Dear Patricias,

I continue to be amazed by the incredible advancement of the PPCLI Association's activities. Since the last newsletter two more Mental Health and Suicide Awareness workshops have been completed. Over 100 Association members have completed Mental Health training since October 2017. The Association was invited to participate in the National Conference on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder where a number of agencies were asked to provide input into the development of a Federal strategy framework on PTSD. For the second year in a row, the Association participated in the Canadian Institute for Mental Health and Veterans Research.

Brittany and Arthur Laramie's initiative to create a peer support group "Breath" to support the partners of CAF members and First Responders is an outstanding initiative and an example of how Patricias are making a difference. I am sure that these types of initiatives will continue, and I am looking forward to the changes that will occur once wives are on the Association Board of Directors.

I wish to compliment the Edmonton, Wainwright and in particular Calgary Branches for their outstanding work in support of the Calgary Casino. Due to their efforts, the Association will distribute almost \$62,000 in support of Veterans, Cadets, Student Bursaries, the Regimental Museum and Patricia Park.

I am looking forward to the 105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and Association AGM in Edmonton. I hope to meet many of the wives at my luncheon on 9 August.

Yours faithfully,

Adrienne Clarkson  
Colonel-in-Chief  
Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry



**Brigadier General Vince W. Kennedy, OMM, MSM, CD. Colonel of the Regiment**

### Colonel of the Regiment

The Association has a long history of providing a social and informational focus for retired Patricias, effectively extending the camaraderie of service for its members. But of course, it goes far beyond that, and what is achieved by the Association can be broken down into two streams of activity – the social and informational, and the specific and directed.

Much of the common perception of the Association is inherent in the first stream – the social and informational. These events, which happen at beer calls for the Edmonton Branch in the Celtic Knot, or attendance at meetings or reunions are big items in this stream. We might all recognize that in many ways, this stream has been under assault for some time. Many recent retirees do not want to ‘come out’ to meetings or hold positions in a committee; drunk driving changes have tended to thwart turnouts to casual meetings where strong flows of alcohol and storytelling run together; and the demands of multiple loyalties pull the retiree in many directions.

But the ‘specific and directed’ stream has been gathering strength – it is what I call ‘purpose revisited’. The very effective development of a pan-Association approach to Mental Health Awareness has been a success for us and a model for other organizations and has put to bed the previous silence when the question ‘Well, what can we do?’ was asked. This activity will be carried forward with an annual plan to reinforce the first year’s success of over 100 ‘aware’ people within our VPP group. The ‘First 100’ will be bolstered as funding is identified by adding further training for practical suicide intervention for some of the already trained group. Other examples in this stream are individual efforts – such as the Patricia team – not solely composed of PPCLI Association members but well represented in the team and supported by the bigger family - in the D-Day Veterans Bike Ride 19 raising money for Wounded Warriors. Another is the work of Brian Cole, son of the late Capt Vern Cole. Brian and his family have taken to tending to the 128 graves of our fallen in the Field of Honour at Calgary’s Queen’s Park Cemetery. Or there is Deborah James the Grand Daughter of Private Alexander Temple, an Original, who decided she would donate her Grandfather’s medals from the First War to the Regiment, through the auspices of the South West Ontario Branch. These examples press the fact that yes, while we have a formal structure and branches, web sites, and Facebook groups, there are also a hundred smaller big-family stories that arise each year and which augment the force of good that is the Association in its broader context.

I intend to try and have us capture this next year abroad list of all the agencies, groups and causes that Patricias, as a big-family group, support on a continuing basis. By doing so it will help us sharpen our focus if that is needed, or widen it if not, and ensure that there are not needs out there that may properly be ours to tackle and which we do not address, or that we are missing some other new challenge entirely.

The PPCLI Association should be proud of what it has accomplished. I am proud to be a member, and very happy to be your Honourary Chairman. Thank you to all who also are members, or who read the material because you have a connection or are just supporters of the PPCLI family.

I hope to see many of you at the 105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events in Edmonton this summer. All attendees will have a chance to mix with serving soldiers and their families, to honour recent additions to Patricia Park and to join in a host of activities. VP!

## **Regimental Major**

First off, I would like to thank the Association for the opportunity to contribute to this important newsletter. As one who works at what seems to be the hub of all things Regimental, I cannot understate the importance the RHQ team puts on maintaining a cohesive relationship with the Association and across the Regimental Family. We are fortunate in that every Patricia who works in RHQ, whether it is the main office, Kit Shop or museum and archives, is dedicated to supporting the Regimental Family and to the adage ‘Once a Patricia, Always a Patricia!’

The spring has proven to be a busy time in Edmonton, with 1 CMBG deployed to Wainwright and two of our battalions (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>) preparing for deployments in the summer to be followed by the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion’s deployment in early 2020. This coupled with preparations for the Regiment’s 105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (9/10 Aug) and routine RHQ operations (producing *The Patrician*, Regimental Council meeting, Kit Shop and Museum business, etc) keeps us occupied. In addition to these duties, we work within the Regimental Strategy which identifies our major projects, the two most notable are the following:

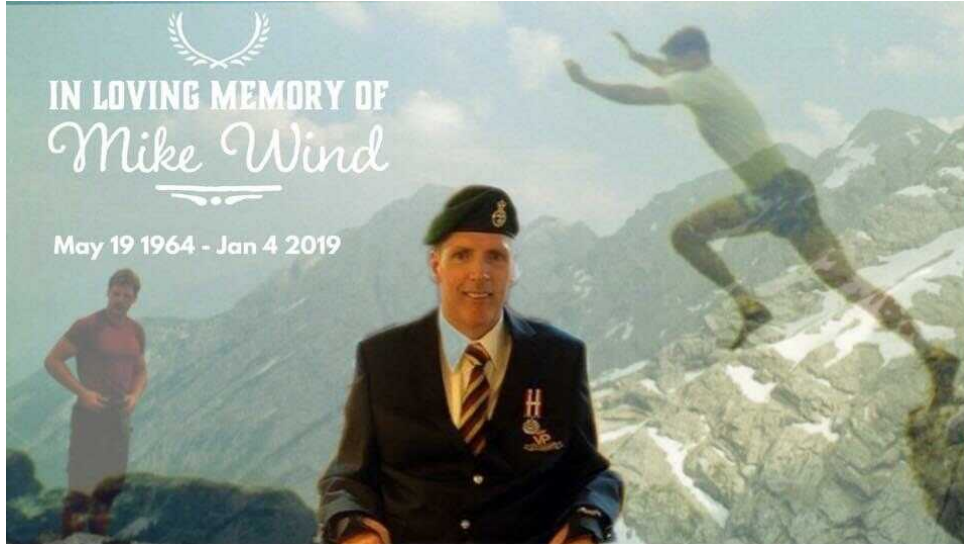
1. The PPCLI Museum and Archives. This is critical to preserving and perpetuating our Regiment’s history and the Serving Component is grateful for the annual financial support provided by the Association. We have a great team working in the museum and Archives and encourage Patricias and their families to visit; and

2. Official History of the Regiment, Vol VI. This volume will cover from 1958-2000. We are in the initial stages of this project and hope to begin writing in the next year. It is our hope to expand our archives and other resources for the author. I encourage anyone who would like to contribute a story, or document that can enhance our history to contact the museum directly or upload your story on our website by clicking on ‘Your Stories.’

For those who have any questions or need anything from RHQ, please do not hesitate to contact us. The Patricias at Regimental Headquarters continue to work in support of the Regimental Family.

Major Slade Lerch, MMM, CD

## Mike Wind 19 May 1964 – 4 January 2019



*Although I only knew Mike since our regimental centennial, there was no doubt that his first love was the regiment that we served in. He was a hero in my eyes as most young people these days are the 'me!' generation, Mike clearly was not. He was dedicated to the regiment and his comrades. He deserved a medal, for struggling with his medical challenges and ensuring our comrades in the association have an information platform so we know what's going on in the regiment. Mike I will never forget your smile and dedication; hence we dedicate this issue to your memory, - bless you Mike!" – the editor*

It is with great sadness and heavy hearts we announce the sudden passing of Mike after a courageous, hard fought battle with esophageal cancer surrounded by his loving family. Mike was born in Maple Ridge BC, moving to Campbell River with his family at the age 10 when his Mother Grace married George. After graduating from Carhi High Mike joined the military but after a horrific army vehicle rollover in September 1983 during basic training Mike returned home to recover and worked as a lifeguard at the local pool.

Mike reenlisted with the PPCLI and went to Germany with his unit where he was able to travel and see sights and do things he could only have imagined. The 160 km, 4-day Nijmegen march in Holland was one of many highlights of his time over seas. While stationed in Germany, Mike had a tragic accident rendering him a quadriplegic. He lived at Gordon House in West Vancouver for 9 years before returning home to Campbell River. His smile, laughter and positive attitude is how Mike will be lovingly remembered.

**PRINCESS PATRICIA 'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY ASSOCIATION**  
**NOTICE OF 71<sup>st</sup> -ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

24 May 2019

Paul Hale, President of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association, has called the Annual General Meeting of the Membership for 8 August 2019. The meeting will be held at Saint Albert's Inn, Saint Albert, Alberta at 0900 hours (Mountain Time).

Members who wish to participate by teleconference or Global Meet must register by 26 July 2019. 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 provide a consolidated list to the Association Secretary, Terri Orser [svizone@gmail.com](mailto:svizone@gmail.com) 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 list prepared for the minutes. The details for connecting to the AGM via Global Meet will be provided to all registered members by 31 July 2019.

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 70<sup>th</sup> AGM, of 18 May 2018
- 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 as of 30 Jun 19  
Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund as of 30 Jun 19
    - 7.2.2 2018 Reviewed Financial Statement Treasurer  
Association Operating Fund  
Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund
  - 7.3 Casino Report Treasurer

7.4	Membership Committee Report	Membership Chair
7.5	Public Policy and Comms Committee Report	President
7.6	Governance Report	Governance Chair
7.7	Fundraising Committee Report	President
7.8	Heritage Committee Report	Vice President East
7.9	Volunteer Patricia Program Report	VPP Facilitator
7.10	Student Bursary Report	Student Bursary Chair
7.11	Cadet Report	Vice President West
7.12	Web Master Report	Web Master
7.13	Regimental Majors Update	Regimental Major
<b>8</b>	<b>New Business</b>	
8.1	Board of Directors Elections	Nomination Committee
8.2	2020 Association Operating Fund Budget	Finance Committee Chair
8.3	Appointment of Association Auditors	Treasurer
8.4	Mental Health and Suicide Awareness	President
<b>9</b>	<b>Open Forum</b>	
<b>10</b>	<b>Date, Location and Host Branch of next AGM</b>	President
10.1	Saskatoon 22 – 23 May 2020 - Saskatchewan Branch	
10.2	Halifax 21 – 22 May 2021 – Atlantic Branch	
11	Closing Remarks	COR
12	Adjournment	President



## President's Report

It has continued to be a busy and productive period for the PPCLI Association since my last President's report in November 2018. The Mental Health and Suicide Awareness Workshops have been a tremendous success. Since October 2017, we have conducted seven workshops across Canada. Over 100 Patricias have completed Mental Health training along with 54 individuals from a wide range of other organizations.

To date, the Volunteer Patricia Program has helped over 100 individuals. 4 were Association members, at least 10 were non Patricias and the remainder were Patricias who were not members of the Association. Cases continue to be referred by VETS Canada, other agencies, local Branches or word of mouth. The point is that we are making a difference in peoples' lives and wellbeing by referring them to the appropriate support agency and providing them with social support. I have noticed that people are going outside their normal comfort zone and helping people they did not know. I believe this is a direct result of understanding the challenges that people face when they feel isolated and alone.

Canada Revenue Agency approved the addition of Mental Health training and home modifications as charitable objects to the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund. To my surprise this was accomplished in less than three months. We are now in the process of adding additional objects to enhance our ability to support Veterans and their Families, and Regimental Heritage. I hope that this will be completed prior to the August AGM.

Special thanks for outstanding work to the Edmonton, Wainwright and in particular the Calgary Branches who raised \$62,000 from the Calgary Casino. This, combined with funds from True Patriot Love and the HGMF, will result in the following activities and charitable support in 2019:

Mental Health and Suicide Awareness Workshops	\$22,500
Student Bursaries	\$21,000
PPCLI Cadet Corps	\$10,750
Regimental Museum	\$12,500 (TBC)
Kipness Centre Edmonton	\$10,000
Valour Place Edmonton	\$10,000
Col Belchner Calgary	\$10,000
Mental Health Video	\$ 5,300
The Military Museum	\$ 5,000
Soldier On	\$ 3,000
Memorial Maintenance	<u>\$ 2,200</u>
Total	\$112,250

In order to provide the same level of support in future years, we must continue fundraising, especially as we continue the Mental Health and Suicide Awareness Workshops and increase support to Veterans and Families. The Mental Health video will be shown at the AGM and distributed to Branches as an information and fundraising tool. You can donate by e-transfer to

[association@shaw.ca](mailto:association@shaw.ca), by cheque to Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund, 4520 Crowchild Trail SW, Calgary, AB T2T 5J4 or by using Canada Helps <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/hamilton-gault-memorial-fund/> .

Congratulations are in order for 3003 Battle River Cadet Corps. They were the top PPCLI Cadet Corp and will receive a \$1,000 from the HGMF and a keeper trophy.

A reminder and service announcement that Student Bursary applications must be submitted by 15 July 2019. The application form is on the Association website. <http://ppcliassoc.ca/>

At the August AGM we will be electing new members to the Board of Directors. You will find the bios of the proposed directors on page 19 of this newsletter. Full disclosure both Dougal Salmon and I will stand for reelection as Vice President and President respectively. The Association AGM has been combined with the 105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations and I encourage everyone to come to Edmonton and participate. The theme for the 105<sup>th</sup> is “**Celebrating our PPCLI Veterans of the Past, Present and Future**”. It will be a busy period which will culminate with a Dedication Service at Patricia Park on the morning of 10 August 2019, where we will add names of eight Patricias who made the ultimate sacrifice in World War 2 and unveil newly installed Personal Legacy Stones. The 105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will end the closing of the Better ‘Ole later in the afternoon.

I encourage everyone to reach out to those who served with the Regiment and are not members of the Association. The fact that the majority of people we have helped to date were not members of the Association speaks for itself. It has been pointed out on numerous occasions that Sgts and below, medically released with less than 10 years service, are the group that have the most challenges. The Association is making a difference in peoples’ lives and we are continuing what was started by the PPCLI Service Clubs in 1917.

Paul Hale  
President

## Finance Committee Report

### Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund (HGMF)

A summary of the HGMF portfolio performance for 2018 to date is as follows:

2018 Opening Balance	\$766,679
First Quarter	\$761,702
Second Quarter	\$778,368
Third Quarter	\$786,016
Fourth Quarter	\$741,538

The value of the portfolio **decreased** \$25,141 or 3.28% in 2018.

Our Financial Advisor, Marv Fenrich, and the fund managers who support him, have done a fine job in mitigating the loss in a shrinking market, particularly in the fourth quarter.

The disbursement quota is the minimum amount a registered charity is required to spend each year on its own charitable activities or on gifts to qualified donees. The disbursement quota calculation is based on the value of a charity's property not used for charitable activities or administration. The disbursement quota for HGMF is 3.5 % of the average value of the fund. In 2018 this was \$27,621.

The HGMF exceeded the disbursement quota for 2018. The disbursement quota for 2019 is \$26,478.

Dave Pentney  
Finance Chair

<b>PPCLI Association</b>		
<b>Balance Sheet As at 31 Dec, 2018</b>		
<b>ASSET</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Operating Account	19,925.99	
Cash - Casino	98,147.00	
Investment - Association	16,342.09	
Total Receivable		134,415.08
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<u>134,415.08</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSET</b>		<u><u>134,415.08</u></u>
<b>LIABILITY</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Deferred Revenues - Casino		98,147.00
Prepaid Association Dues		765.00
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<u>98,912.00</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITY</b>		<u>98,912.00</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
<b>Retained Earnings</b>		
Fund Balance		32,643.05
Current Earnings		2,860.03
<b>Total Retained Earnings</b>		<u>35,503.08</u>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<u>35,503.08</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		<u><u>134,415.08</u></u>

**PPCLI Association**  
**Income Statement 01 Jan, 2018 to 31 Dec, 2018**

**REVENUE**

**Sales Revenue**

Membership Fees	12,000.00
Membership Fees - Partnership	355.00
E-Membership - Premium	5,157.00
E Membership - Basic	165.00
Casino Revenue	27,321.33
Miscellaneous Revenue	15,902.70

**Total Other Revenue** 60,901.03

**TOTAL REVENUE** 60,901.03

**EXPENSE**

**Expenses**

Office	1,538.70
Int & Bank Charges General ACT	69.73
Int & Bank Charges Casino	48.40
Casino Acct Pay Back	3,060.98
AGM Subsidy	1,000.00
Donation/Acquisition - Museum	10,000.00
Donation - Cadets/Others	5,818.29
Casino Expenses	2,213.40
Miscellaneous	0.10
Directors' & Officers` Insurance	2,100.00
Newsletter & Bulletin	127.93
Memorial Maintenance	137.55
Donation HGMF	5,000.00
Travel	25,309.75
Postage	379.76
Telephone	793.35
Pay Pal Expense	443.06

**Total General & Admin. Expen...** 58,041.00

**TOTAL EXPENSE** 58,041.00

**NET INCOME** 2,860.03

## Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund Balance Sheet As at 31 Dec, 2018

<b>ASSET</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash	34,260.30	
Investment - Mutual Funds	767,348.58	
Total Current Assets		801,608.88
<b>Total Assets</b>		801,608.88
<b>TOTAL ASSET</b>		801,608.88
<b>LIABILITY</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Veterans And Families		3,810.00
Ottawa Ottawa Memorial Mainte...		100.00
Total Liabilities		3,910.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITY</b>		3,910.00
<b>EQUITY</b>		
<b>Retained Earnings</b>		
Fund Balance		814,685.54
Current Earnings		-16,986.66
Total Retained Earnings		797,698.88
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		797,698.88
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		801,608.88

# Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund

## Income Statement 01 Jan, 2018 to 31 Dec, 2018

### REVENUE

#### Revenue

Donations - Tax Received	6,376.99
Donations - Non Tax Received	1,383.74
Donations -Canada Helps	1,875.00
Donation - United Way	186.98
Donations for Bursaries	7,500.00

<b>Total Revenue</b>	17,322.71
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<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	17,322.71
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### EXPENSE

#### Expense Accounts

Soldier On Atlantic Golf Invitational	1,500.00
Fund Raising Expense	184.81
Office	21.90
Student Bursaries	21,000.00
Wounded Warrior Canada	5,000.00
Cadet Support	3,700.00
Travel	2,849.06
Interest & Bank Charges	53.60

<b>Total General &amp; Admin. Expen...</b>	34,309.37
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<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	34,309.37
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<b>NET INCOME</b>	-16,986.66
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## Voluntary Patricia Program Update

The Voluntary Patricia Program (VPP) continues to support veterans and their families across Canada. The overall aim of the program is to help others get the professional help they need to address whatever issues they are dealing with.

The process used by the VPP is a very simple one. Individuals with an issue are identified to the program from a variety of sources: social media; word of mouth; by the Regimental Veterans Care Cell at RHQ; through Association Branches; or from other outside agencies. Once an individual with an issue is identified, the first step is to link them up with a VPP Coordinator. VPP Coordinators are volunteers, primarily from Branches, most of whom have now received the mental Health and Suicide Awareness training. The role of the VPP Coordinator is to link up with the individual in order to ensure that they know there is someone out there who cares and is willing to help. At the same time the VPP Coordinator listens to the individual to determine what the issues are, asking questions to make sure that they have a sound understanding. What the VPP Coordinator **does not** do is provide advice.

Once the VPP Coordinator has a sound understanding of what the issues are they will consult with the national VPP Facilitator and/or the appropriate support services and agencies to develop options for a plan of action to address those issues. These options are then presented to the individual for consideration. It is very important to note that the decision on how best to move forward is one for the **individual to make**. In many cases an individual may decide to take no action. In that case the role of the VPP Coordinator is to simply maintain contact with the individual and attempt to introduce them into a wider social support network.

Should the individual decide on a plan of action, then the role of the VPP Coordinator is to assist the individual in implementing that plan. This may include arranging appointments on behalf of the individual with the agencies and services best able to support the individual; assisting the person acquire or complete documentation required to further their plan of action; and assisting with transportation to and from appointments. While the plan of action is being implemented, the VPP Coordinator will maintain contact with the person and monitor their progress, providing moral support, encouragement and assistance as required.

Many of the cases that we have encountered to date have involved people who do not live in close proximity to a Branch. In these cases, the VPP Facilitator has reached out to Association members in the local area to seek their assistance in helping a brother or sister in need. I am happy to report that in all cases these fine Patricia's have stepped up to the plate without hesitation to fill the role of an ad hoc VPP Coordinator and they have done a fine job supporting those in need of assistance on your behalf.

Dave Pentney  
VPP Facilitator

## PPCLI Association Student Bursaries

The application deadline for 2019 PPCLI Association Student Bursaries is 15 July 2019. The application form is attached. This year we intend to award a total of \$21,000 in student bursaries. The Bursary Committee will determine how many bursaries to award and the amount for each. At this time the only specified amount is \$1,500 for the Mike Wind Bursary. The funds for this bursary were privately donated.

Applications must be received by Mike Austdal no later than 15 July. The application can be found on the Association website. <http://ppcliassoc.ca/> You can send the application by email to [maustdal@hotmail.ca](mailto:maustdal@hotmail.ca) or mail/courier to

PPCLI Association  
PO Box 3163, Wainwright, AB  
T9W 1T1

## Cadet Report Spring 2019

It is my privilege to announce that 3003 Battle River Cadet Corps was rated as the top PPCLI Cadet Corps. They will receive a cheque for \$1,000 and a keeper plaque to be presented by Mike Austdal at their Annual Cadet Review. Training Support Officers responsible for PPCLI Affiliated Cadet Corps are asked to fill out a marking score sheet annually. Here are all the scores for 2019.

Score out of 100	Corps	Location	Province
96	3003	Wainwright	AB
94	2483	Esquimalt	BC
93	553	Winnipeg	MB
87	2837	Yellowknife	NWT
84	2901	Estevan	SK
76	2554	Calgary	AB
74	2551	Edmonton	AB
73	2276	Fort St John	BC
62	2757	Fernie	BC
62	2943	Campbell River	BC
58	2701	Winnipeg	MB

The Association provided the following Hat Badges and Shoulder Titles this year.

Corps	Hat Badges	Shoulder Titles
	\$12	\$2.00
2551 Edmonton	15	30
2943 Campbell River	10	24
2276 Fort St John	20	40
2483 Esquimalt	15	30



2901 Estevan	0	30
2837 Yellowknife	0	0
2701 Winnipeg	0	0
533 Winnipeg	0	30
2757 Fernie	0	18
2554 Calgary	10	20
3003 Wainwright	15	30

The PPCLI Association in cooperation with Regimental Headquarters of the PPCLI will continue to provide hat badges and shoulder titles to our 11 PPCLI Cadet Corps. This program is intended to show the Corps that we do indeed care about their wellbeing and ensure that all PPCLI cadets are smartly and correctly dressed.

When we fill the allocation of 15 hat badges and shoulder titles for each Corps, hat badges and shoulder titles are still for sale from Regimental Headquarters. Cadet Corps may purchase hat badges for \$12 and shoulder titles for a \$2.00. This is a special reduced price for PPCLI Cadets only.

### **Requests for Donations**

Donations to Cadet Corps for 2019 were as follows:

From the Casino Fund

2551 Edmonton      \$1,000  
 2554 Calgary        \$1,000  
 3003 Wainwright    \$1,000

From HGMF

533 Winnipeg        \$1,500  
 2483 Esquimalt     \$1,000  
 2837 Yellowknife    \$1,500  
 2943 Campbell River \$1,000

Dougal Salmon  
 Vice President West  
 and PPCLI Cadets

### **Regimental Memorials and Heritage**

2019 started with Karen Storwick and Robert Curtin continuing their interviews with individuals relating their Regimental memories and service. One of the embedded stories will be a history of the Rebels Hockey Teams from the early days in Hemer Germany to the return to Canada of 2 PPCLI in the late eighties. Ray Demeules, Gerry Bowes, Gebby Gebhardt, Cal Kemp, Mike Ray, Gene Markell and many others will contribute their personal recollections of a great team of soldier's who provided a Canadian Hockey legacy greater than simply winning the European Cup in the early seventies. We will grow these and many more individual interviews in the next two years.

We continue to receive donations for the Regimental Museum from individuals and families of Patricia' to commemorate their service. Thanks go to Cynthia HessVonKrudner and

John Joly for the donation of Trench Art in commemoration of the Regiment. We will continue to acknowledge individuals who have helped to continue building our legacy.

The summer activities will include Rebels player interviews in Calgary and Edmonton in addition to individual interviews by Karen and Robert. This summer we should be able to finalize the Association and RHQ financial responsibilities for the maintenance of Memorials and Monuments. We will report our progress in the next newsletter.

Finally, we need to continue encouraging our Regional representatives to visit local sites identified in the published Manual of Monuments and Memorials and to submit the details required to complete the non-existing or missing geographical and historical information.

Jay Lapeyre, CD

### Membership as of 14 May 2019

Fred Goldring

(Not totally Accurate)

<b>Branch</b>	<b>Data</b>	<b>Active</b>	<b>Active</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Inactive</b>	<b>Inactive</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Deceased</b>	
	<b>Base</b>	<b>Mbrs</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Active</b>	<b>Mbrs</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Inactive</b>	<b>Mbrs</b>	
				<b>Mbrs</b>			<b>Mbrs</b>		
Atlantic	82	54	2	56	22	1	23	3	82
Calgary	136	85	12	97	24	10	34	5	136
Cyp Hills	11	8	0	8	3	0	3	0	11
E Mbrs	266	174	1	175	91	0	91	0	266
Edmonton	164	124	0	124	34	0	34	6	164
Fraser Valley	60	34	12	46	7	4	11	3	60
Kingston	53	29	0	29	19	5	24	0	53
Man	77	45	16	61	7	7	14	2	77
MVI	33	20	0	20	10	0	10	3	33
Ottawa	60	38	4	42	17	1	18	0	60
Saskatchewan	31	21	3	24	5	2	7	0	31
SW Ont	132	42	9	51	72	7	79	2	132
Vancouver	30	0	0	0	22	8	30	1	31
Victoria	56	39	1	40	13	0	13	3	56
Wainwright	29	15	0	15	13	0	13	1	29
1224	1220	728	60	788	359	45	404	29	1221
<b>Total Active Members</b>		<b>788</b>							

## Board of Director Elections

Below you will find the bios for new members of the proposed directors. Full disclosure both Dougal Salmon and I will stand for reelection as Vice President and President respectively.

### Brittany Laramie



Brittany Laramie began her career with the Canadian Armed Forces at 17 years of age. After graduating Battle School, she was posted to 2PPCLI where she served nearly 7 years as an Infantryman. She served in Charlie Company where she had the opportunity to put her life-long passion of competitive marksmanship to the test at the 2009 CFSAC competition. Later, she deployed on domestic op- Op Podium- during the 2010 Winter Olympics. She deployed on many exercises and completed many courses during her time in C Coy. She also supported her husband, also a Patricia, and cared for their son through two tours to Afghanistan, TF 1-11 and TF 2-13 while still serving as an Infantryman. As her husband's career and operations tempo increased, she naturally made the move to serve in the Ops & Training Cell of 2PPCLI, which would give her a vast amount of experience in operations planning and equipment management that would later on become an enormous asset to her entrepreneurial endeavours. Upon the return from her husband's second deployment, both she and her husband were posted to CFB Kingston where she eventually retired and helped start-up The Iron King Ltd., a fitness facility that provides a safe and familiar space to veterans, current-serving CAF members, police, fire, paramedics, correctional officers and nurses to manage their mental health complications from service through physical fitness and comradery. She is currently working on designing a research study that will advocate for and enable more injured Veterans to access fitness facilities as a part of their recovery regimen through Veterans Affairs. At 28 years old she is now the CEO of The Iron King Ltd, sits on the Equitas Board of Directors, is a National-level organizer and Kingston Team Lead of the Canadian Walk for Veterans, a mother of two beautiful boys ages 7 and 3, wife to a Patricia diagnosed with complex PTSD, and founder of Breath; a peer-lead support group for spouses of service personnel dealing with mental health challenges from service. Brittany is finishing her first year of her Bachelor of Business Administration program through St. Lawrence College/Laurentian University with the intention of pursuing her Master's in Business Leadership immediately upon the completion of her Bachelors. Brittany endeavours to bring her unique experience both as a wife, a mother, an entrepreneur and a Patricia to the National Board of Directors of the PPCLI Association.

### **Pete Leger, MMM, CD**



Pete joined the CAF in April 1983. Recruited out of Montreal, imagine the shock of the PPCLI Battle School in Wainwright. Posted to 1PPCLI, he soon deployed to Cyprus with B Coy. Pete was DAPSed to MCpl at the Men's Christmas dinner in 84, Promoted to Sgt in 88, to WO in 93 and to MWO in 2003. In 2009 he was fortunate to be appointed RSM of 3 PPCLI as LCol Pete Dawe's fire team partner. He held roles like sect 2i/c, section comd, Coy Sigs NCO, COs signaler, Pl WO, Sigs Pl WO, various instructional positions, CSM A Coy, Red Devils, Regimental Career Manager, RSM, DGMC/DSA CWO. Pete was posted to CFOCS in Chilliwack, CTC Gagetown, Infantry School, DMilC, DGMC in Ottawa. He deployed to Cyprus in 84, Croatia in 94 and Afghanistan in 2006. Pete released from the CAF in 2015 with 32 years of service to take a position with Colt Canada. He presently works with DND, as a Senior Advisor for Chief Military Personnel Chief of Staff Strategic where they are working to implement the CDS initiative for the military members and their families. He also works as a Defense Consultant, advising and instructing Law Enforcement Agencies and foreign Governments on small arms, equipment and tactics.

### **Edward (Ted) Giraldeau, CD**



Ted Giraldeau began his military career in 1976 as a reservist with the GGFG. He transferred to the Regular Force in 1979 and attended Royal Roads Military College. Upon graduation and commissioning, he was posted to 3rd Battalion, where he served as a rifle platoon commander and as 2ic and OC Mortar Platoon. Following a French course and a 2-year stint at FMC HQ, Ted returned to Regimental duty in Calgary in 1989, just in time to celebrate the Regiment's 75th Anniversary. He was seconded for a year to Brigade HQ as G1, then served as Rear Party Adjutant during a Cyprus tour, and later as Training Officer. In 1992, Ted was posted to the Army Staff College in Kingston and then returned to 3rd Battalion as Adjutant when it stood up again in Edmonton in 1996. He was promoted that year and assumed command of the Para Company. Following a NATO mission to Macedonia and later into Kosovo, Ted was posted as the Commanding Officer of Land Forces Western Area HQ. After his two years of command, Ted was posted to RHQ as the Regimental Major. He served in this self-described "penultimate Regimental duty" for almost six years until his retirement from the CF in December 2006. For the next 11 years, Ted continued his public service through appointments to the Veterans Review and Appeal Board and the Appeals Commission for Alberta's Workers Compensation. He also served a term as the Association's Edmonton Branch secretary leading up to the 100th Anniversary from 2012-14. He is currently fully retired and residing on Vancouver Island.

### **J.T. (Tim) Penny, CD**



Tim joined the Canadian Forces in September 1977, in Cornwallis, Nova Scotia, after which he was posted to the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Battle School Wainwright, Alberta. On completion of his training he joined 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion PPCLI in Esquimalt, British Columbia in May 1978. He deployed in March 1980 on operations with the United Nations Forces in Cyprus. He was posted to Cornwallis, Nova Scotia 1986. He returned to regimental duties in July 1989 at 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn PPCLI. In 1992 he was deployed on operations to the former Yugoslavia as part of UNPROFOR. In 1993 he was posted to Western Area Training Centre Wainwright, Alberta. He returned to regimental duty once again in June 1997 at 1<sup>st</sup> Bn PPCLI. In May 2000 he deployed to Kosovo, and in 2003 deployed to Bosnia as part of SFOR. In June

2004 he was posted to the Infantry School in Wainwright, Alberta. In 2008 he was promoted and joined Land Forces Atlantic Area Training Centre as the RSM. In 2011 he accepted SRCP and was posted to CTC HQ until his retirement on 25 January 2014. He is married to Linda Penney (Coble) of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, and resides in Edmonton Alberta. He is involved with the St. Albert Legion as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Poppy Chair.

### **Sherri Peterson Casey**



Sherri Peterson Casey is married to Dave Casey, who served 18 years with the PPCLI 1st BN, 3rd BN and the Battle School in Wainwright. He left the CAF 18 years ago to serve with the RCMP and is currently a Staff Sergeant with K Division- Edmonton. As the wife of a veteran with 36 years of service, Sherri has a unique perspective on service-related family issues as well as extensive knowledge of the CAF and of veteran issues. With an educational background in psychology, she has 28 years of professional experience within the provincial and federal public service, mainly working in the field of mental health and addictions. She has led provincial teams responsible for the development and implementation of new initiatives addressing mental health and addiction issues. She has

been recognized with awards both provincially and federally for her innovation and commitment in the public service working with vulnerable and high-risk populations. She also has extensive experience in conflict resolution, crisis management, strategic planning and project management. Sherri is currently working at CFB Edmonton Garrison, where she has the privilege of providing services to still serving and released members of the CAF.

### **Terri Orser**

Bio not available at time of publication

## **Kingston Spousal and Partners Peer Support Group**

By Paige LeClair (Canadian Military Family Magazine)

A new peer support group geared towards spouses and partners of Canadian Armed Forces members and first responders has been established in Kingston, Ontario. Brittany and Arthur Laramie both former Patricias opened their gym, The Iron King Ltd to offer a safe, familiar and accepting space for frontline service personnel dealing with mental health challenges from service.

“We focus on the important role physical health has on mental health and the management of those mental health challenges through physical exertion; a common ground for all those that work or have worked in a front-line service occupation,” say Brittany Laramie, owner of the Iron King Ltd.

After noticing a gap in the system, the spousal support group called Breath was created to offer formal support outside of the various transition centres, formerly JPSU/IPCS across Canada. “The main goal of the group is to gather spouses and give them a space to be vulnerable in,” says Laramie. “To give them an opportunity to be emotional, let out some emotion and express themselves in a way that they may not necessarily be able to anywhere else.”

As a veteran and spouse of a veteran, Brittany says she understands the challenges of dealing with mental health. Breath has already had a number of meetings with a mix of spouses in attendance. The impact in the local community has been positive, reaching many through social media.

“There is this really impactful moment at each meeting where we all recognize that we all have so much in common, no matter what branch of Frontline Service our spouses come from, and that is reassuring and encouraging,” says Laramie. “It is nice for our group members to know that they are not the only one going through this very unique experience; there are so many common denominators behind caring for a Frontline Service spouse dealing with a mental challenge, and what that looks and feels like being the spouse.”

Laramie participates in the weekly meetings and takes the role to open and close the conversation. “We are just a bunch of people that are trying to do the best we can with what we know in the best interest of our relationships and our partners.” says Laramie. “at times, it can feel like our entire world is crashing down around us, and no one really sees that. This group SEES each and every person and gives that support.”

Breath meets every Monday night at 7pm at Fractal Workspace, 623 Fortune Crescent, Suite 100, Kingston Ontario and is open to all spouse from a variety of frontline services.

## Registration Form – 71<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting

7 – 10 August 2019

Edmonton, AB / St. Albert, AB

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/ Partner/ Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Food Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Date	Activity	No of pers	Cost	Total	Remarks
Wed 7 Aug	HGMF BoT		\$0.00	\$0.00	
	Mental Health Workshop		\$0.00	\$0.00	
	Casino Training		\$0.00	\$0.00	
	Meet & Greet		\$25.00		
Thus 8 Aug	AGM		\$0.00	\$0.00	
	CiC Lunch with spouses		\$30.00		
Fri 9 Aug	105 <sup>th</sup> Golf Tournament		\$40.00		Purchase direct from RHQ 1-780-973-4011 ext 5450 <a href="mailto:RHQPPCLI@forces.gc.ca">RHQPPCLI@forces.gc.ca</a>
	105 <sup>th</sup> Gala Dinner and Ball		\$150.00		Purchase direct from RHQ 1-780-973-4011 ext 5450 <a href="mailto:RHQPPCLI@forces.gc.ca">RHQPPCLI@forces.gc.ca</a>
Sat 10 Aug	Dedication Service Patricia Park		\$0.00		
<b>Total</b>					

Registration forms can be filled out on your computer then saved and mailed or e-mailed to Herb Kenny [hkenny@shaw.ca](mailto:hkenny@shaw.ca). The mailing address is: 10 Hanover Place St. Albert, AB T8N 6P7. Make payments payable (cheques) to: **Edmonton Branch PPCLI Association**. Or e-transfer funds to Herb Kenny [hkenny@shaw.ca](mailto:hkenny@shaw.ca)

**PPCLI Association Annual General Meeting and 105<sup>th</sup> Regimental Anniversary**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Timings</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Speaker / Chair</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
<b>Wednesday 7 August</b>	0830 - 1000	HGMF Board of Trustees Meeting	Ridgewood Room	Paul Hale	Meeting open to all
	1015 - 1100	Mental Health and Suicide Awareness Workshop	Ridgewood Room	Paul Hale	Open to all
	1100 – 1115	Health Break		Herb Kenny	Coffee to be provided
	1115 - 1130	Way Ahead for the PPCLI Association 2019 – 2021 and Group Discussion	Ridgewood Room	Paul Hale	
	1200 - 1300	Lunch - own arrangement	Ridgewood Room		
	1300 - 1500	Casino Training	Ridgewood Room	As arranged by Jim Croll	PPCLI Foundation and other charities invited to participate
		Meet & Greet	Ridgewood Room	Herb Kenny	
<b>Thursday 8 August</b>	0900 - 1200	Association AGM	Grandin Room	Herb Kenny	Morning timing caters to Eastern time zones Poly conf phone system required
	1200 - 1300	Lunch - own arrangement			
	1200 – 1400	CiC Luncheon with spouses			Buffet style
	1330 - 1600	Association BoD Strategic Planning Session - Directors Duties and Responsibilities - Veterans Support guidelines	Grandin Room	Paul Hale	
	1600	Opening of Better 'Ole	1 PPCLI Lines CFB Edmonton	1 PPCLI	



<b>Friday 9 August</b>		105th Golf Tournament	CFB Edmonton Golf Course	3 PPCLI	Foundation will run 50/50 Edmonton Branch will run Mulligan prize
		105th Gala Dinner	Hotel Macdonald	PPCLI Foundation	
<b>Saturday 10 August</b>	1000 - 1100	Dedication of additional names on Roll of Honour and Personal Legacy Stones	Patricia Park	Herb Kenny	Regimental Blazer or equivalent with medals
	1100 – 1130	Airborne Memorial	Patricia Park	Bill Dickson	
		105th Better 'Ole and closing ceremonies	1 PPCLI Lines CFB Edmonton	1 PPCLI	
<b>Sunday 11 August</b>		Departures			

# Regimental History

## The Princess Pats Return to Ottawa – 19 March 1919

By Don Dalziel

On 11 November 1918, the 7<sup>th</sup> Brigade, led by the Black Watch, augmented by a company of each of PPCLI and The RCR, fought their way into Mons. WW I ended that day. But it was four long months after that that the Princess Pats (as they were widely known at the time) returned to Canada – and the Regiment was indeed fortunate, as most others waited far longer.

However, a lot happened between Mons and the Regiment's departure for Halifax from Liverpool in early March. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Division was not selected for the German Occupation Force. Maj A.G. Pearson, pressed into command when LtCol Charles Stewart was killed at the Battle of Canal du Nord, was replaced by a somewhat reluctant (it's a long story) LtCol Hamilton Gault. While Hamilton Gault was in London making arrangements for a possible visit by Princess Patricia, someone sent all the experienced officers and NCO's off on leave, and there were some difficulties. These were all resolved overnight when Hamilton Gault returned. The Regiment marched west for five days to St Leger, on the Belgian border, where they remained until end-January, when they learned that Canadians would be repatriated through Britain, and that the Patricia's, first in the field, would be among the first to leave.

On 28 January 1919, the Camp Colour, the Ric-a-Dam-Doo which Princess Patricia had made and had presented in Lansdowne Park back in August 1914, and which the Regiment had carried into every battle, was consecrated on a parade in a snowy field and officially became the Regimental Colour. On 7 February, PPCLI sailed for Britain from Le Havre, where they had landed 50 months earlier. They had fought longer than any overseas fighting unit, and in fact longer than almost every British battalion.

They stayed at Bramshott Camp near Guildford, waiting for a ship to take them to Canada. On 21 February, her Regiment paraded there for Princess Patricia, just as they had at Lansdowne Park – only two officers (Hamilton Gault and LtCol Agar Adamson) and 42 NCO's and soldiers were on both parades. It was a Regimental family affair with no politicians or generals in attendance. Princess Patricia, who had been formally appointed Colonel-in-Chief almost exactly one year before, on 22 February 1918, placed a silver gilt wreath of laurel on the Colour. Engraved on it are the words:

To the P.P.C.L.I. from the Colonel-in-Chief  
PATRICIA, in recognition of their heroic  
service in the Great War, 1914 -1919



**Princess Patricia presents the Laurel Wreath**

A week later, she married then-Commander Alexander Ramsay in Westminster Abbey, the first Royal to be married in the Abbey since Richard II in 1382. She left the Abbey as Lady Patricia Ramsay. Her Regiment of course was very present at the ceremony and provided the Royal Guard of Honour. The surging crowds in the streets prevented the planned inspection by King George – and as the Colonel-in-Chief later mentioned: “This was the only occasion in history on which the Regiment lost its ground.”

On 8 March 1919, in Liverpool, PPCLI embarked on *S.S. Carmania* for the nine-day crossing to Halifax, arriving on the birthday of the Colonel-in-Chief. An invitation, sponsored by Andrew Carnegie, to travel to New York to march down Fifth Avenue, had to be declined, as was a similar invitation from the City of Montreal. The Patricia’s boarded a train for the two-day trip to Ottawa and were greeted enroute with “uproarious welcome” as they moved along.

All Canadian regiments were to be returned to their place of formation for demobilization, but it was particularly fitting that the Princess Pats came back to Ottawa. Although today we think of PPCLI as a western Canada-based regiment, during WW I they were Ottawa’s. Not only had they been formed in Lansdowne Park and were named after the very popular Princess, but they were the only face of the Canadian military in the heady days of patriotic fervor immediately after the declaration of war in August 1914, as they marched through Ottawa to train at Rockcliffe. The people of Ottawa had adopted the Princess Pats as theirs, and over 12,000 turned out, jamming into the Lansdowne grandstand for the unadvertised presentation of the Camp Colour by Princess Patricia on Sunday, 23 August 1914. They came out again in record numbers to see them off as they departed Ottawa for Europe several days later. They had followed their battles, fortunes and

casualty lists even more closely than those of the regiments which had been raised from the local population.

The Ottawa newspapers began reporting the impending return in breathless front-page stories days before the scheduled arrival. At mid-morning on Wednesday, 19 March, the troop train entered Union Station in downtown Ottawa, with soldiers hanging out of the windows, laughing and waving. The *Ottawa Evening Journal* seemed to have little else in their 5 o'clock edition that day, and a very large headline announced: "A Welcome to You Pats – A Wave of Enthusiasm as Men in War Accoutrements Swing Along Route – Canada's Capital Extends Joyful Welcome to Corps That Won Enduring Fame". There were stories of WW I battles fought and won. There was a full-page of the names of the Originals.

The Regiment formed up in the railway station concourse, wearing their helmets, carrying their rifles with bayonets fixed, and the now-Regimental Colour, shrapnel holes clearly showing, in front. Mayor Harold Fisher mounted a dais. Hamilton Gault called the Patricias to attention, turned to the Mayor, saluted, and announced: "Present, Sir!". And according to the *Journal* reporter: "The effect was stupendous – for an instant the crowd, which had cheered itself hoarse as the men detrained – stood in silence – then burst forth a mighty crescendo of acclaim, of cheers with a sob behind them, cheers for the men present with duty done, sobs for those who remained behind whose battles had been fought and won, who had paid the price and earned the victory and the glory". The Mayor spoke and Hamilton Gault responded, the Chaplain-General said a prayer, and Hamilton Gault marched the unit out of the train station.

Greeted by a crowd which the papers called the largest ever assembled in the nation's capital, the Regiment was led out by the Patricia's Old Comrades, already an association of veterans who had been invalided home. They marched to Connaught Square, and very fittingly formed up in the place which is now the site of the National War Memorial. Hamilton Gault again called the Regiment to attention, and this time reported to the Duke of Devonshire, the Governor General. Speeches were made, and Hamilton Gault introduced each officer to the Governor General.

He spurned the offer of a horse to ride, and despite his artificial leg, marched in front of his Regiment from Connaught Square to Parliament Hill and then through the streets of downtown Ottawa to Lansdowne Park. Again, according to the *Journal*: "It was a triumphal procession, a welcome befitting the battalion in whose honour it was arranged, worthy of the men whose achievements have gained for Canada an enviable place in the records of the Empire's heroic sacrifice".



**The Regiment lead by LCol Hamilton Gault marches through the streets of Ottawa**

Hamilton Gault had asked that he be allowed hold a special dinner at which he planned to thank and say farewell to the soldiers who had served so well. However, the local military staff told him that this would be impossible. As soon as the Regiment was dismissed, the demobilization machine would begin its work, and most would have left Ottawa by train by day's end. Clearly upset; Hamilton Gault addressed his Patricia's:

“The memories of our fallen Comrades who have so gallantly given their lives for the great cause in which we have been engaged will ever be present in our lives. To these men and a host of others the Regiment owes its all, and it will ever be with affection and pride that their names will be recalled in the years to come.

“I believe we have all returned to Canada better fitted to take up the duties and responsibilities of citizenship in the Country we love so well.”

The Princess Pats cheered their Commanding Officer and Founder for several minutes, and then, gathering himself, Hamilton Gault dismissed his Patricia's.

On 20 March 1919, J.E. Duggan\* wrote a letter. It is quoted on page 372 of Bob Zubkowski's wonderful book *As Long as Faith and Freedom Last*, a collection of stories and antidotes taken from the Regimental Archives:

“I remember the last glimpse of Col Gault in Ottawa the day the Battalion was disbanded. The rumour was that he wanted to keep the battalion together for another day or so, so that he could give

the boys a good-bye farewell dinner, but he had been refused by higher-ups. I saw him sitting in a small room with his head in his hands, and I believe he was crying. His heart was in that Regiment. I might have taken more notice at this time, but I was looking for a Sgt whose teeth I had promised to knock out.”

Library Archives Canada have produced a short documentary called *PPCLI Returns to Canada, 19 March, 1919*. It can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dK2rOqPp7Ho>

\* Pte Joseph E. Duggan was a 22-year-old Private who had joined the Army in Ottawa in May 1916, went overseas in Jun 1917, and joined the Patricia's only in Feb 1918. His service records indicate that he served with the Regiment until his release on 20 March 1919. One hopes that Duggan could surprise the sergeant in question, as when he joined, he was only 5'4" with a chest measurement of 33". However, during the fighting of the last 100 days, he had been awarded the Military Medal. Unfortunately, after March 1918, citations were no longer required, so absent a lot of searching, the circumstances are unknown.

## **Chemical Warfare Trials – August 1971 – Suffield Alberta**

In the summer of 1971, I was a volunteer test subject for a live chemical warfare agent (mustard gas) test in Suffield, Alberta. I was an Acting Corporal Section Commander in "C" Company, 2 PPCLI stationed in Winnipeg at Kapyong Barracks at the time. Our company was selected to perform the user trials on the new chemical warfare protective suit in Suffield - that user trial lasted the entire month of August 1971. We were formed as a reinforced rifle company with appropriate Support Company troops (mortars, anti-tank, pioneers, recce, etc). We underwent a series of exercises and tests and wore the suits for the entire month - we were only allowed out of the suits to shower and for six hours on Saturday evening, when we visited Medicine Hat. Essentially, we wore the suits under normal soldiering conditions for a month, including several trials with test agents.

At the end of the month the Company was asked for volunteers to undergo exposure to a live chemical warfare agent, and, when offered \$10 to do so, I volunteered. I believe I was selected as a volunteer based on one of the earlier trials with a harmless test agent. That trial consisted of a platoon in the defence exercise lasting 48 hours. The site where we were dug in was contaminated with a persistent tear gas variant – we were told it had a similar ability to penetrate chemical warfare protective suits and gas masks as nerve gas. We were in the closed state, with gas masks and protective gloves and boots on for the entire period. The tear gas was very irritating and gave everyone good incentive to keep well protected and buttoned up! They collected our urine to measure exposure to the agent and we were told the results a couple of days later. Three of us – my platoon commander and I, and one other section commander – had received a large enough dose that, if it had been a live agent, it would likely have been lethal. Not surprisingly, the platoon commander and section commanders were the ones who moved around the most during the 48 hours. To the extent possible, everyone else stayed at the bottom of their slit trenches and endured the two days of discomfort. It was assumed that moving around gave the agent a better chance to penetrate the protective suit.

In any case, toward the end of the overall trial we were told that the defence scientists wanted to check the suits for their continued protective capacity following their use in the field over the period of a month. I don't recall the exact numbers who volunteered and were selected - it was around ten

soldiers, including my platoon commander. We wore our chemical warfare suit in the closed state (with NBC mask on, hood up and fixed in place, and wearing protective gloves and boots).

We went into a chamber and they put several drops of mustard gas on the inside of the lower arm of the suits we were wearing – it had an oily consistency. We then remained in the chamber for about an hour and underwent some physical exercises and moving around so that there was some activity while the mustard gas was on our suits. After about an hour we went into the decontamination chamber and very carefully took off our suits and left them for the analysts. This was all done under the close supervision of the defence scientists. We were paid a token sum (on an acquittal sheet) for volunteering - I believe the sum was ten dollars, and that provided some spending money for the last Saturday night in Medicine Hat!

There was some follow-up to the test - they wanted to see if we had any reaction to the exposure so they could see how well the suits still protected us after being worn for a month. I think they also wanted to make sure that we didn't have any lasting effect from the exposure. I recall having my arm inspected every day for the last few days we were in Suffield, and then several times after we went back to Winnipeg. A couple of the soldiers developed small blisters that lasted quite a long time. Most of the rest of us developed a rash on the inner part of the lower arm where they had applied the mustard gas, but the rash eventually went away. I recall that my rash was quite large but not particularly irritating and it lasted quite a long time before it went away. I recall being called to the MIR in CFB Chilliwack for follow on examination of my arm in February or March 1972 while I was on basic officer training. Clearly, the protective suits still provided a good level of protection, as the amount of mustard gas they put on our suits would have had a devastating, and perhaps lethal, effect if they had been applied without protection.

While I was at Suffield for the trial I was notified that I had been selected for officer training and left for that training the following January. I was commissioned in 1973 and served 25 more years, eventually transferring to the air force as an Air Weapons Controller. I retired as a Colonel in September 1998 and then worked for a NATO Agency as a civilian employee in Brussels, Belgium for ten years in the area of air command and control.

In 2005, after some embarrassing questions in the House of Commons, the Government established a recognition program for those used as test subjects in live chemical warfare trials. Most of those recognized were WWII veterans and some had been seriously injured in the early trials. A much smaller number were test subjects under much more controlled conditions during the Cold War in trials like mine. I applied for the “recognition” award and eventually received a cheque for \$24,000, tax free. I put the money toward the sailboat I bought when I retired; I was going to christen the boat “Colonel Mustard” but my wife vetoed that idea!

It's worth noting that the test was done professionally with what appeared to be appropriate precautions. We were volunteers in every sense of the word - it was a bit of an adventure! At 19 years of age, I wasn't very concerned about consequences and we all had confidence in the suits. I believe that the CF did not act recklessly, but also now see that we were certainly taking more risk than we appreciated at the time - probably more than the scientists realized as well.

Keith Maxwell, OMM, CD  
Colonel (Ret'd)

## **Return to Mons for the 100th Anniversary of the end of the World War 1**

Fifty years ago, while serving with 2 PPCLI in Germany I had the privilege of taking the Corps of Drums and several flag parties to Mons. The occasion was the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of World War 1. Veterans Affairs had organized a large contingent of World War 1 veterans to attend the ceremonies in and around Mons. All the allied countries were represented but as I recall we were front and center for most events. The veterans were a lively bunch.

The regiment had entered Mons on the night of 10/11 November 1918 and paraded that morning with the Ric-a-Dam-Doo. Fifty years later, in 1968, the Mons Square was packed with locals, dignitaries and veterans as they remembered the liberation of the City and the sacrifices of the soldiers. Our troops performed as you would expect. Little did I realize that 50 years after that, in 2018, I would be back in Mons as a veteran representing our Association. But that is what occurred.

As you might imagine I was truly honoured to be selected and if that wasn't enough I was advised by Veteran's Affairs that as I was over 80 I had to be accompanied by a caregiver. I had two choices as two sons had served in the Regiment. Rod, who served with 1 PPCLI was available so he became my caregiver much to his delight.

Those selected for the trip assembled in Montreal. Our party consisted of representatives of seven regiments, The Royal Canadian Legion, Army, Navy and Airforce Veterans, National Council of Veterans Associations, Assembly of First Nations, Metis National Council, Silver Cross Mother (2017), family members of George Price (the last Commonwealth soldier killed on the western front) and four school children. In addition, we had the Minister of Veterans Affairs, several Members of Parliament and a Senator. The Black Watch representative was Alex Morrison who served with our Regiment when The Black Watch was stood down. Mike Rigor represented the Loyal Edmonton Regiment.

Our first event was a visit to the Canadian Center for the Great War. This museum is located in an old factory in Montreal and contains a remarkable collection of World War 1 artifacts, very knowledgably described by the curator.

Our first day in Belgium was not to be a duty day so Rod and I rented a car and drove to the Bournon Wood Cemetery near Cambrai in France to visit the grave of my uncle Captain John Macintosh M.C., who served in the 28<sup>th</sup> Battalion (Regina Rifles) for three years and was killed in October 1918.

On November 9<sup>th</sup> we assembled in the village of Hyon which had been liberated by members of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada (19<sup>th</sup> Battalion). The Minister unveiled a plaque commemorating the sacrifice of the soldiers who liberated the town. This solemn event was followed by a visit to a nearby school where a hundred or so enthusiastic 6-year olds greeted us and exhibited their research projects. A First Nation's dancer thrilled the children with her magical moves with the hoops.

The Mons Memorial Museum was next on our itinerary. A fascinating recently installed meeting place between history and memory, the museum features the involvement of Mons in military history from the 1600's and ending following World War 2. It was a very worthwhile tour.

That afternoon we visited the St. Julien Canadian Memorial – The Brooding Soldier on the ground where the First Canadian Division withstood the German gas attack in April 1915.



Following the last post and reveille and the lament I laid a wreath. I cannot imagine trying to defend that ground. It is so flat.

Our next stop was the Railway Dugouts Burial Ground Cemetery. The Cemetery contains the graves of 2,459 commonwealth soldiers. 559 of whom are Canadian; Rod and I decorated a large number of Patricia graves.

The last stop of the day was the Menin Gate in Ypres. This was not on the initial itinerary however a number of us who were aware of its significance to Canada prevailed and we had time to look in wonder at the memorial which is a large archway in the center of Ypres which covers the road to Menin. The Memorial contains the names by regiment of over 50,000 Commonwealth soldiers who died in World War 1 and have no known grave. Five hundred and fifty-seven of the names are Patricias. It is a sobering experience. Every night for the past 100 years the Ypres Fire Department has played The Last Post at the site. In 1965, 1 PPCLI received the freedom of the city of Ypres. For those of you who have not been to the town and are planning a Battlefield Tour I would put the Menin Gate at the top of your list.

The following day (November 10<sup>th</sup>) we traveled to a Cemetery in St Symphorien a village near Mons. The Cemetery contains the graves of British and German soldiers and two Canadians one of which is George Price of the 28<sup>th</sup> Battalion who was killed two minutes before the armistice. Our Governor General attended as did Belgian and British dignitaries. A Canadian composite guard of reservists and the Stadacona Band performed well. The slight rain and somber occasion seemed fitting to the event.

That afternoon a further recognition of George Price was held in the Ville-sur-Haine when a large monument was unveiled. The official party included the Governor General and Princess Astrid of Belgium. Again, the Canadian Guard and band attended. Students from the local George Price school also took part in the ceremonies.

That evening in the Mons Grand Place we were treated to a magnificent sound and light performance, which was projected on the façade of the Mons City Hall (15<sup>th</sup> Century). It traced the history of the Canadians Expeditionary Force in France and Belgium concluding in Mons. The day ended with a concert in the Theatre Royal.

On November the 11<sup>th</sup> the official party split in two and I was detailed for ceremonies in Saint-Ghislain a village near Mons which the Regiment had liberated on November 9<sup>th</sup>. We were joined by the Colonel of the Regiment - BGen Vince Kennedy, the Regimental Major - Maj Slade Lerch, the Regimental Warrant Officer – WO Shaun Peterson and Sergeant Major Cory Harik who had trained the Guard. It was a simple ceremony, well conducted with Pipes and Drums, church bells ringing and villagers participating. I laid a wreath at the memorial. It was a “Patricia” event. We enjoyed a beer and a tour through some village wartime artifacts following the ceremony. While we missed the main event in Mons it somehow felt better to be together in a small village where the Regiment had been 100 years ago than at the much larger event with all the dignitaries etc.



**MWO Cory Harik, CD, BGen Vince Kennedy, OMM, MSM, CD, Rod Macintosh, CD, LCol (Ret'd) Dick Macintosh, CD, Maj Slade Lerch, MMM, CD and WO Shaun Peterson, CD**

The climax to the day and the tour was the Liberation Parade and Remembrance Ceremony held in Mons Square. Veterans from the United Kingdom, Belgium, France and Canada formed up and marched into the square. The cobblestones echoed with our footsteps as we marched to the music. Following us into the square was a 1918 machine gun car, a field gun towed by huge Belgium horses and a horse drawn ambulance. A World War 1 tank sat stationary in the square.

As we took our seats, members of the public filled the square and a remembrance service was held. Music was provided by the Royal Chamber Orchestra of Wallonia which played indoors but was seen and heard via two large screens in the square. Following the Remembrance Ceremony, the Canadian Armed Forces were granted the Freedom of the City of Mons – following which the Guard fixed bayonets! The evening concluded with an outstanding performance, on stage, by a tenor singing Leonard Cohen's – Hallelujah.

It was a most memorable trip and one I will never forget. For me it was a mixture of remembrance for those who gave their lives and an appreciation that the Belgians after 100 years have not forgotten that sacrifice by Canadians.

LCol (Ret'd) Richard Macintosh, CD  
Once A Patricia, Always A Patricia

## 100th Anniversary of the Wreath of Immortelles

On February 21, 1919, Princess Patricia, accompanied by Prince Arthur of Connaught and Lady Evelyn Farquhar, went to Bramshott Camp to say good-bye to the Regiment. The review at Liphook, “in a little field, hedge-enclosed, surrounded by copses and wooded knolls – just one of those gracious green fields of England which were kept safe from the barbarian at such proud cost,” seemed to the sympathetic correspondent from a London newspaper “a family reunion rather than a military pageant.”

Among some 500 on parade, two (Colonel Agar Adamson and Colonel Hamilton Gault) were officers, and 42 others were rank and file, of the “Original” battalion to which the Colour had been entrusted at Lansdowne Park, Ottawa, four and a half years before.

Colonel Gault gave the word of command for the royal salute, and then Princess Patricia, accompanied by the two Colonels – inspected the Regiment; after which the men rallied on the Colour to hear their Colonel-In-Chief’s farewell address:

“I cannot help referring to that grim struggle known as the Second Battle of Ypres ; the repulse of the heavy German attack on Sanctuary Wood in June 1916, when your gallant Commander, Colonel Buller, lost his life ; the prolonged and costly battles of the Somme, in which the capture of Courcellette was such an outstanding feature ; the brilliant assault and capture on a snowy April morning of the redoubtable Vimy Ridge in 1917 ; the mud and glory of the Passchendaele battle, and finally the series of severe and successful assaults of the last year, which, culminating in the capture of Mons, led up to the final termination of the War, but in which, alas ! your gallant Colonel Stewart laid down his life.



Soon you will be returning to your homes once more to resume your normal occupations. I feel I cannot conclude my remarks without a few words of special recognition of the splendid services rendered to the Empire by your Founder, and present Commanding Officer, Lieut. -Col. Gault, wounded on three occasions and gaining the D.S.O. His great gallantry and determination have been a source of continual inspiration to all ranks throughout the Campaign, and I will now beg him to allow me to place on the Colour a wreath of laurel as a token of my deep admiration for, and pride in, all who have served in my Regiment since 1914.”

## **The Originals (of the PPCLI) Ypres Salient, 1915**

Named for a Royal, Princess Patricia of Connaught  
the Regiment Hamilton Gault had doggedly sought  
Raising the colors she had presented to them  
t'will be our Ric- A- Dam Doo declared the men!

Where the group of original's had once stood their ground  
in the Regiments history these names can be found  
At Hooge, Bellewaerde ridge, Frezenberg, Mount Sorrel and Sanctuary Wood  
they had faced the devil, their fates understood

Bloody and awful were those terrible times  
the job they were told, to hold the lines  
To stop the Hun do what you must  
but listen to your officers, give them your trust

Eight hundred Patricias  
dug in and ready to fight  
From a rain of fire and steel  
they found little respite

Trenches now collapsing blown open wide  
leaving the boys little cover, no place to hide  
Mud, dead boys, some whole, some here and there  
some frozen with fear, most do what they dare

Rats scurry about the chaos, incessant machine gun fire  
this place of quick judgment where no man is a liar  
The smell is revolting, excrement and death  
they gave it a name.....the devils breath

Artillery pounded them, bodies torn and tossed  
still they held, the line was not lost  
The Germans came in after time after time  
leaving fewer Patricias to hold the line

But hold it they did  
the attackers finally had failed  
Of the eight hundred originals  
one hundred fifty four had prevailed

This task was not easy but they'd do it again  
such was the spirit of the Canadian men  
Though steeped in fear they had fought to a fault

led by the officers Farquhar, Buller and Gault

Paled is the anguish and suffering of all  
when compared to this living hell where they fall  
Do not forget them, remember them well  
those boys, those soldiers, the Patricias who fell

Named for Princess Patricia of Connaught  
the regiment for which Major Gault had fought  
They earned the colors she had presented to them  
t'is our Ric- A- Dam Doo declared the men!

Darrell B Marsh

### **A Gift of Pages – Dr Ken Eyre, CD, PhD**

In the 2017 list of the fallen, Major (Ret'd), Dr Kenneth Eyre is amongst the many others. Ken was a member of the QOR of C, and then PPCLI and Airborne (1965-1982). He had a great reputation as a leader and innovator. At Royal Roads as a Captain lecturer and Squadron Commander, he also taught Canadian military history. He held a Masters in History, and later a PhD, concentrating on Canadian military strategy in the North. When he retired from the army he got into war gaming/simulations and then became the first Director of Studies at the Canadian Pearson Peacekeeping Centre, where he worked in various roles for nearly two decades.

Ken Eyre was also a firearms enthusiast and arms historian. He had an impressive book collection (100+), technical and historical and a bit of coffee table, on small arms. His widow, Carole Eyre, graciously donated them to the Small Arms Laboratory at the Canadian Forces Quality Engineering Test Establishment (QETE), where they are most welcome and already in use.

In a short dedication on 15 May at QETE, the Director of the Laboratory Steve Barrett offered some words of thanks, and Pierre Lachapelle (PPCLI), who had organized bookplates and a suitable plaque, made the presentation with Phil Bury, another longtime friend.



Peter d'Entermont and Phil Bury present an explanatory mounting that will reside beside the book collection to Steve Barrett, Senior Weapons Technologist in the Small Arms Lab.



l to r: QETE CWO Cote, Vince Kennedy PPCLI, Tony Anderson PPCLI, Steve Barrett, Peter d'Entermont Ken Eyre's nephew, Phil Bury RCR, Pierre Lachapelle PPCLI, Serge Carigan RCEME and Superintendent QETE, and former Pearson Peacekeeping Centre colleagues Assistant Commissioner (Ret'd) Graham Muir RCMP, Col (Retd) Tim Sparling, Paul Chapin Foreign Service Ret'd.

QETE falls under COS ADM Material and is located in the old National Printing Bureau building (the Queen's Printer), in Gatineau. It delivers multi-disciplinary engineering and applied science services ensuring that the material and services used by the CF satisfy the operational and performance requirements throughout their life cycle. For the army, this includes a world class small arms laboratory – re-invigorated in the early days of the introduction of the C-7 series of small arms into the CF in the 1980s.

BGen Vince Kennedy, OMM, MSM, CD

### **Roy Rushton - A Centenarian and Two-War Veteran A Rare Loss Indeed**

This man had jumped with 1 Can Para into Normandy ahead of the main body for the D-Day landings, was wounded, was also at the Battle of the Bulge and then, with his second combat jump, went to secure the crossings over the Rhine, and was wounded again. He de-mobbed to the Pictou area of Nova Scotia. Five years later when Canada appealed for volunteers for a new unit, Roy Rushton gave his mother the keys to the convenience store he had opened and went to the nearest recruiting depot to join Big Jim Stone and 2 PPCLI. Six weeks after arriving in Korea they were in the line. In the first major attack in Dog Company on an enemy hill, Roy's platoon commander was badly wounded in the knee. Roy took his binoculars and map case and took command, leading the

platoon in its final charge. He made Sergeant. Then he was in Dog Company when they assaulted a hill in the weeks before Kapyong, in a fight so hard that the Company lost 8 killed and 26 wounded. Rushton was away on a training mission when Kapyong happened and returned shortly after to end the tour. As in 1945, he returned to Pictou to settle down in peace.

Roy was able to visit Korea again in July 2003, as a veteran delegate with a Korean War Pilgrimage group sponsored by Veterans Affairs Canada. He had been in a veteran's hospital for the past year, having fallen and broken a hip. He died in 2018. A well-attended commemoration was held in the Pictou Legion 18 August.

Almost all of those who served with him have passed on. Those who have not surely would remember the gregarious, good natured, tough as nails soldier who played a guitar in rest positions and who sang like a nightingale.



**The picture shows Roy in Korea, circa 1950, lower left, with three other mates.**



**The group shot is Atlantic area 2 PPCLI veterans who attended Roy's commemoration service with the Colonel of the Regiment, PPCLI: from the left – Mike Ricketts, Rob Rushton (2 PPCLI in 1980s, part of B Coy The Wall), COR Vince Kennedy, Jim McNutt, Donn Miles.**

## KOREAN WAR and BATTLE OF KAPYONG

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion arrived by troop ship in Pusan, South Korea in December 1950 and just two months later the Princess Patricias were committed to battle as part of the 27<sup>th</sup> British Commonwealth Infantry Brigade. In late April, the Patricia's and the then Lieutenant Levy, commanding 10 Platoon, found themselves in a defensive position controlling the hills along a strategic section of the Kap'yong river valley.

On April 21 the North Koreans aided by the 60<sup>th</sup> Chinese Infantry Division, employing some 600,000 soldiers, launched a massive offensive thrust against American and UN troops with the objective of breaking through allied lines and capturing the South Korean capital city of Seoul. The evening of April 25, 1951 heralded the start of what many military historians have characterized as "Canada's most memorable battle of the Korean War" – it has become known simply as KAPYONG, and Major Levy's pivotal role in the outcome of this historic battle has become legendary.

Having successfully attacked several allied positions in the days leading up to April 25, the Patricia's were situated on vital remaining hilltop positions that prevented the enemy from achieving their final breakthrough. Throughout the evening of the 25<sup>th</sup> the Chinese attacked the Patricia's. As well-defended Canadian positions initially held out, it became evident that the overwhelming number of enemy attackers in what "*could only be described as suicide attacks*" could soon overrun the Patricia's. Major Levy had been directing his 10 Platoon against wave after wave of attackers – options for his survival and those of his men had been reduced to withdrawal or call for friendly artillery fire on top of his own position to drive away the enemy. He chose to stand and fight and radioed the Company commander for close-in support and directed the ensuing artillery and mortar fire on his own position ("Danger Close") – an estimated 4500 rounds were delivered upon and around 10 Platoon that night. The resulting fire storm inflicted tremendous casualties to the enemy and caused them to withdraw in defeat.



TREATED BY MEDIC FOR SHRAPNEL



WITH CAPTURED CHINESE MACHINE GUN



## Work Point Barracks - Esquimalt, B.C

Within Work Point Barracks there are four historic buildings that have retained 3 PPCLI Regimental designations pre 1994 when the battalion relocated to Chilliwack and on to Edmonton. PPCLI / Esquimalt Garrison history at Work Point Barracks totals 52 years, “B” Company 1920 to 1939; 1 PPCLI 1958 – 1963 and 3 PPCLI 1970 – 1994. Currently “WORK POINT” is home to “VENTURE” the “NAVAL OFFICER’S TRAINING CENTRE” and “CAMPUS PACIFIC” of the ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY.

The four buildings are: WP 1068, brick 1904 RGA Detention Barracks dedicated “**HILL 70 BUILDING**”; WP 1070, brick 1902 RGA Stores dedicated “**ARLEUX BUILDING**”; WP 1031, 1939 wood frame Bulk Storage dedicated “**AMIENS BUILDING**”; and WP 1075, (Recognized) brick 1902 RGA Barracks dedicated “**YPRES Block**” with a secondary dedication - “**CAVE BLOCK.**” The secondary dedication commemorates Lt. Col. JC Cave, Esquimalt Garrison Commander, responsible for renovating building WP 1075 to accommodate 1 PPCLI in 1957.



*“HILL 70 BUILDING – 2019 – Pioneer Platoon Office – 1994”*



*“ARLEUX BUILDING – 2019 – Band, AAP and Kitchen Stores – 1994”*



*“AMIENS BUILDING – 2019 – QM Stores in 1994”*



*“YPRES Block – 2019 - Weapons Lockup in 1994”*



*“CAVE BLOCK Plaque – 2019”*

WP 1071, the fourth extant brick building within the original historic “RGA precinct” is the original Sergeant’s Mess – consecrated as the Protestant “**Saint Barbara’s Chapel**” in 1954, utilized today as offices for specific Base and National Operations.



Other historic buildings still standing, re-dedicated after 1994 by the NOTC are: WP 1004, (Recognized) original wood frame 1888 “C” Battery Barracks, PPCLI dedicated “MORO BUILDING” is now the “STETTLER BUILDING”; WP 1020, (Recognized) original wood frame 1898 HQ Building, PPCLI dedicated “FREZENBERG BUILDING” now the “HAIDA Building”; WP 1091, 1953 Barracks PPCLI dedicated “MONS BLOCK” now the “RAINBOW Block”; WP 1092, 1963 Barracks PPCLI dedicated “VIMY BLOCK” now the “OAKVILLE Block”; WP 1094, built in 1989, “BRIGIDIER DE LALANNE BUILDING” is now the “Vice Admiral AL COLLIER Building.”

As a footnote, WP 1043, the “**FLANDERS BUILDING**” in 1994 the Medical, Dental and Chaplin Services building, was sold and relocated to Hornby Island by Nickel Bros. in 1998, repurposed as an island “Bed and Breakfast.”

Jack Bates  
Victoria Branch

## PPCLI Archives answers your questions

By Jim Bowman, PPCLI Archivist

The following are an example of the types of questions posed on a regular basis to the PPCLI Archives.

1. “The pioneers are being questioned on their beard lengths lol and we don’t have the pioneers in the current manual so we need to find something referencing the length of the allowed beards. Beyond the CF 1 inch, that is.” (From Cpl Christopher Lee, RHQ)
2. “My Great Great Uncle Alan Neatby served with the PPCLI until he transferred to the CMGC. I know he won the DCM and MC while serving with the PPCLI. My question is if you have any info about his actions that won him these medals. I.E., what battle or date the action took place.” (From Kyle Scott, Halifax)
3. “PPCLI Comedy Troop: Can you pls get me some info on the subj group? A local theater company is doing a show about it and I will attend opening night (25 Oct) and I’d like some background.” (From Maj Slade Lerch, RHQ)

The PPCLI Archives exists to answer these and many other questions about the Regiment. Located in The Military Museums in Calgary, it holds about 330 meters (of shelf space) of official records, personal papers, photos, films, and sound recordings, as well as digital information. Though the Regiment always took good care of its records, the Archives became an integral part of the Regimental Museum when it was established in 1953. Today the Archives employs one civilian archivist and several volunteers under the supervision of the Museum and Archives General Manager, Sgt Nate Blackmore.

The holdings of the Archives are rich and varied, including the personal papers of Hamilton Gault and Cameron Ware, and many reminiscences and photos from veterans ranging from the First World War to the Afghanistan War. Most of the holdings are described in the Archives’ Access to Memory (AtoM) database at <https://archives.ppcli.com/>. Detailed descriptions of some of the larger and more significant holdings can be viewed via <https://ppcli.com/ppcli-museum-description/ppcli-fonds/>.

Currently the holdings of the PPCLI Association are being arranged and described. It is expected that the completed inventory of the Association’s records will appear in the Regimental website in 2019.

Veterans are invited to donate their service records, personal papers, reminiscences, as well as official documents such as operations manuals and maps. The Archives can be contacted at [ppcli.archivist@gmail.com](mailto:ppcli.archivist@gmail.com) or 403-410-2320 ext.2681.

Oh! And how did we answer the three questions?

1. There were no references in previous editions of the *Regimental Manual* regarding the length of beards that Pioneers were permitted to wear. But we did find historic photos of Pioneers during World War II, the Korean War, and on parade in 1957 when they were wearing beards about 3 inches long. More recent images of Pioneers from the Yugoslav Wars and Afghanistan War show them wearing beards about 1 inch long.

2. The Regimental history, *Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, 1914-1919* by Ralph Hodder-Williams (2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Edmonton: PPCLI, 1968) on pages 169 and 287 has descriptions of the engagements in which A/Cpl (later, Lt) Alan Neatby earned his Distinguished Conduct Medal (DCM) and Military Cross (MC).

3. The Archives holds several files and a scrapbook, as well as scattered programs and reminiscences describing the PPCLI Comedy Company, the renowned World War I morale-boosting entertainment troupe. A magazine article published in 1967, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Trenches" found in the Archives should provide background information for a brief speech to a general audience.



## Branch reports

### Victoria Branch

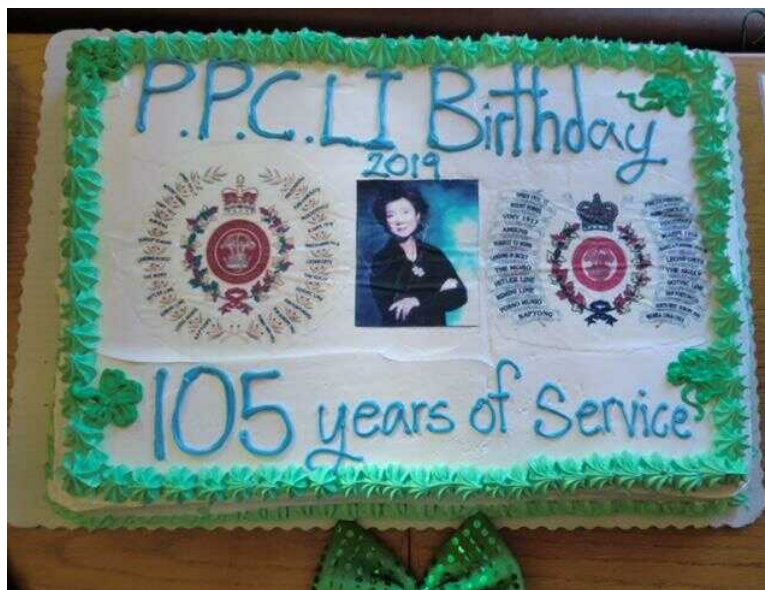
The Victoria Branch continues to be active and adding members. We have 55 members in our data base and 40 paid up for 2019. Like other branches we are always chasing people to pay their dues. We continue to meet on the second Thursday of each Month at the Pro Pats/Trafalgar Legion on the Gorge.

In January, Kim Arnold presented a cheque for \$250 to the Branch from his Father's estate. A much appreciated donation.

We had a great Regimental Day at the Six Mile Pub on 17<sup>th</sup> March. We had so many show up that we ran out of seating. Paul Hale our National President was able to join us and provided a quick update on National activities.

Also, on Regimental Day we raised over \$600 for the Wounded Warriors Battlefield Bike Ride 2019 31 Which starts at Dieppe on 31 May and ends at Juno Beach in Normandy on 6 Jun. Paul Hale is a participant as is one of our Branch members Rob Dodds.

Dougal Salmon





## **Mid Island Branch**

On behalf of all of the members of the Mid-Island branch of the Association, we wish all our brothers and sisters a GREAT NEW YEAR!

The Mid-Island Branch continues to flourish, and its members are slowly growing, thanks to the efforts of our unofficial recruiter Butch Montreuil, who continues to scout the woods out here on Vancouver Island and find new members to join our ranks!

Although our branch is doing well, we did have cause for reflection early in this New Year, in the passing of 3 of our members, two Korea Veterans Peter Seiersen, Al Taylor, and also Mike Wind. They will be missed!

Our branch continues to support the 2943 PPCLI Cadet Corps out of Campbell River, who with the hard work of the new CO CIC Capt. Morgan Arnott, the parent volunteers and the help of Collins Harrow our branch liaison member, are doing well and their numbers continue to grow.

As the photo below shows that on March 17 (Regimental Day) several members of our branch and their wives, along with the past Colonel of the Regiment Brian Vernon, met at the Whistle Stop Pub in Courtney, to participate in the Regimental Day Celebrations.

A good time was had by all!!



As there is every April, Ceremonies in remembrance of the Battle of Kapyong were held at the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve in Tofino, BC and was well attended by members of the Korean Veterans Association and the Canadian Korea Veterans Association. Also, in attendance was Senator Yonah Martin, Deputy Leader of the Official Opposition in the Senate and Mr. Byung-won Chung, Consul General of the Republic of South Korea.

Two members of the Mid-Island Branch Frank Graves and K. Jednorog, attended and placed a wreath during the Ceremonies on behalf of the PPCLI Association.

### **PPCLI Fraser Valley BC Branch**

Hello from the sunny Fraser Valley. Our branch is moving along well under the present executive. We have welcomed several new members to our group over the past months, our membership now stands at 49. Unfortunately, in 2018 the Vancouver Branch had to close. Fraser Valley Branch has taken over ownership of various items.

Our annual Christmas luncheon was held on 13 December 2018. Guest speaker was Marvin Craig MacNeill, former Warrant Officer with the Lord Strathcona's Horse. He gave a presentation on his book "They Called Us The New Evil, Memories from Afghanistan 2006-2008". His presentation also included a slide show of his time in Afghanistan which was well received by all who attended.



We celebrated the Regimental Day on 17 March 2019 at a local Italian restaurant here in Chilliwack. 15 members attended and enjoyed sharing friendship, memories, “war stories” along with good food and drink!

Our summer BBQ of 2018 was a great success and plans for another one this July are in the works.

We continue to hold our meetings on the first Thursday of each month, September to May, starting at 11:30 hours at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #280 - Vedder Golden in Chilliwack with an open invitation to any Patricias visiting our area to join us.

## **Edmonton Branch**

Another spring is upon us in Edmonton after a long hard and cold winter. Edmonton recorded the coldest February in 40 years and our old bones felt it! Despite this, our members attended our branch functions in great numbers making for memorable gatherings.

In January, the glue that has held the branch together for the past 15 plus years, Fred Golding, passed on his duties of Branch Treasurer and Secretary, to other members of the branch. Fred still is a very active member of the branch but will now have time to spend on his other hobbies. Thankfully, he will still deliver the monthly history lesson at our meetings.

In February the PPCLI Foundation invited members to attend the first Annual, “*For the Soldier Breakfast*”, with local business leaders, held at the Hotel MacDonald. Tim Penney, Shelly Caddell, Ken Zack, Art Brochu, Nick Kerr, Mike Schneider and Mark Campbell attended. As well, Mark and his wife Donna were guest speakers at the event. Homes for Heroes presented the outline for ending homeless Veterans. Deanna Lavoie, local artist presented her “The Journey to Remembrance” print, in support of the PPCLI Foundation’s youth education.





March was a busy month with several events taking place. Both the First and Third Battalions invited us to attend their Regimental March 17<sup>th</sup> Activities, with many attending. We as a branch held a small ceremony at Patricia Park on the 17<sup>th</sup>, raising a glass to the fallen and said a prayer for all. There was also a gathering at a local pub, which was also well attended.

We are busy in the planning stages of the 71<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting, to be held August 2019 in Edmonton and St. Albert.

A large number of our members are associated with the Airborne Social Club and 2019 being their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day a large ceremony is planned for Siffleur Falls, with several of our members attending.

Throughout the year, we again had the misfortune of attending too many Celebrations of Life for our fallen members.

A reminder to all Patricia's in the Edmonton area and those passing through, we hold our meetings at 1100hrs, the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month at the Kingsway Legion Branch #175. The Legion is located at 14339 50th St, Edmonton AB T5A 0S9. Also, please check out PPCLI Association Alberta and Saskatchewan Facebook page for upcoming events in and around Edmonton.

Once a Patricia Always a Patricia!  
Herb Kenny  
Edmonton Branch President



## Saskatchewan Branch

The Saskatchewan Branch welcomed the 2019 year even though the weather was extremely cold this year almost 5 weeks of -35C every day from January 27 to about March 03, 2019, where most of the members in all parts of Saskatchewan, braved it out and can honestly say; "We are prairie weather tough Patricias!

The Branch held their biannual election in January, bringing in the following Executive for a two year term: Raymond Moskowec , Dundurn, Sask. was re-elected President; Jerry Heit, Shields, Sask. was elected as Vice-President; Darcy Parker, Delisle, Sask. re-elected as Secretary-Treasurer; Landon Perry, Regina, Sask. elected as Director; and David Jackson, Shaunovan, Sask. elected as Director. This is very exciting as 2 of the Directors are new members and in a younger age bracket to carry on the future of the Branch. The Branch currently has 23 paid up members and still working on the ones that want to be part of the Association but need to pay their dues for 2019. There is a rumor that a certain member attempted to join the Manitoba Branch, but, he wasn't successful, however, maybe the Saskatchewan Branch will pick him up. A note about that certain member that attempted to join the Manitoba Br. is that he is well versed in Winter warfare, is a jolly fellow but not too keen on Winter camouflage.

Events that were attended by Sask Br. members during the last period: Christmas Dinner held on Dec 08/18; namesake Cadet Corp. in Estevan, Sask. seen 2 members join the group for the Cadets Annual Christmas dinner; attendance at the Cadet Corp's Vimy celebration; attendance at the March 17th event in Regina sponsored by the Patricias with the Regina Rifles; the President attended the Association's Mental Health First Aid course in Winnipeg (April 26-28/19); President and Vice President have been invited to the Cadets Annual Ceremonial Review Parade (May 07/19) in Estevan, Sask. So, as you can notice, there is no grass growing under the feet of the Sask Br. members whom are

quite busy carrying out one of the Association's goals of keeping the Patricias name in the forefront of Saskatchewan.

So, in conclusion, planning continues for the up-coming National A.G.M. in 2020 being hosted by the Sask. Br.; more and more contacts are being made with Patricias living in the Province for membership; a presentation is planned for one of our oldest members, Lloyd Jones, who is 95 years old, kept the Association going in Saskatchewan for many years (pictures next issue); maintaining the provision of furniture to needy/homeless Veterans and as usual fundraising, beer calls and all around having fun in our "sometimes extremely cold" Province.

Respectfully submitted by Raymond Moskowec

### **Manitoba, NW Ontario Branch**

As this is my first report I suppose I should introduce myself, my name is Perry Batchelor; I served primarily with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn in both Winnipeg and Baden Solingen, Germany. I also did a stint in Wainwright at the Battle School. I completed two Peace Keeping Tours with the Second, one in Cyprus and the other in Yugoslavia.

I took my release in 1997 and moved to Southern Manitoba with my family. I completed the Winnipeg Police Service Recruit Class in 98 and have been employed as a police officer ever since with the Altona Police Service.

I am honoured to serve as the Manitoba NW Ontario Branch President and look forward to the challenges ahead.

At our AGM in December we assembled a new Executive which consists of the following;

Perry Batchelor President	Stephane Regis Vice President
James Zelazny Secretary	Stu Weeks Past President and Treasurer
Eric Bailey Director	Gary Wilson Director
Rick Sellwood Director	

We have a solid team with the new generation also coming on board. The Executive held its first meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> of January; we had some great discussion around recruitment, mission and vision of the Association many other topics were also discussed. As our current Constitution and Bylaws date back to 1985 we are working on updating them. We hope to have something put together for the membership at our 2019 AGM.



The Mental Health First Aid Training in Winnipeg was very well attended; Paul Hale and Stephane Regis did an outstanding job organizing all aspects of the course. We even increased our Branch Membership as a direct result of this training.



On the 15<sup>th</sup> of May I had the pleasure of attending the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Ceremonial Review of the 2701 PPCLI Cadet Corps. The Troops worked hard on Parade and the Drum Line was outstanding.

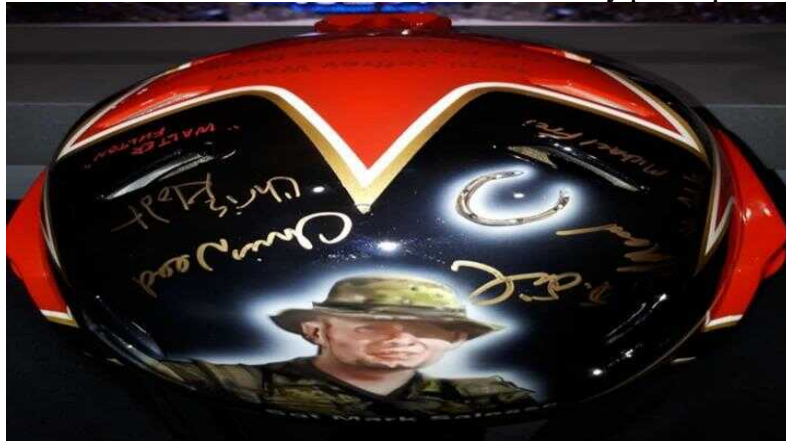
We have survived another brutal winter in the Heartland and look very forward to the summer months ahead. VP

Perry Batchelor

## South West Ontario

In the fall of 2018, Greg Ferguson took over as Acting President from Phil Cook as he was not able to dedicate the time the membership deserved due to his other commitments. Greg formally took over the role of President on 5 May 2019 during the AGM.

The Southwest Ontario Branch had a very active end to 2018 and great start to 2019, with many activities planned for 2019. In October, Branch member Dean Irvine participated in the 2018 Invictus Games in Sydney Australia. Dean represented Canada in Wheelchair Rugby, Rowing and Powerlifting. Dean was supported in part with funds donated to the Association that were raised by Pine Grove School in St. Catharines during their annual volleyball tournament held in honour of Korean War veteran Ed McDonald. The funds went towards a helmet that Dean needed to safely participate in the games.



During the fall months there were a number of social events around the area. Thank you to all who organized and participated in the various events. These events provide us all with a great opportunity to share some stories, re-establish friendships from years gone by or establish new ones. Regardless of our era, from Korea to Afghanistan and all other stops on the world tour, we are all first and foremost ALWAYS PATRICIAS.



On December 1<sup>st</sup> we had our Annual Mixed Christmas Dinner at the RHLI Veterans Association in Hamilton. Stay tuned for details. Next time we will have song sheets to ensure we don't mess up the words.

On February 1, 2019 the branch received a donation from Pine Grove School in St. Catherine's. These funds are raised by the kids at the school in an effort to honour veterans. A suitable person will be identified in the Niagara Region to receive the support.

### **Volunteer Patricia Program:**

The foundation of the VPP has become the 2-day Mental Health First Aid sessions, and a third day that provides background information for the network of support that will help us help veterans in need. Under Paul Hale's leadership this program has found a very strong footing here in SW Ontario with a number of our members having completed the training. This serves to strengthen the support we can offer veterans around our area. Nine members of the Branch that will be attending the Mental Health and Suicide Awareness workshop in London on 5-7 April 2019. Outstanding that so many are stepping up to help others.

Over the last few months we have provided support to a number of veterans (cap badge does not matter) throughout our Area of Operation. I am very pleased to report that we are making a difference.

Jim Witteveen has taken over the role of SW Ontario VPP Coordinator from John McGregor. I look forward to working with John as he will continue in his role as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. Due to the large area that the SW encompasses, I have asked to have some additional support for Jim around the Area of Operations. Richard Davey and Rick Cadilha have agreed to provide support to Jim. I will be seeking out a couple of more to help out around our large A/O.

Each year Patricia's all over the world gather to celebrate the birthday of our namesake on March 17. We all have fond memories (and maybe a few aches) from a game of Broom-a-loo. While we may not play Broom-a-loo anymore, each year we still choose to gather to celebrate the anniversary of Lady Patricia's birth. On March 15, Henry Klausnitzer hosted his annual Regimental Day luncheon at the Victory Branch RCL in London. It was a great turn out and we welcomed some new members to the branch. This year we welcomed RCR veteran "Chic" Warden. Sadly, Chic would pass away a few weeks later, Rest in Peace brother.

Then on March 17<sup>th</sup>, we again gathered at Betty's Restaurant for the annual Regimental Day dinner. A good time was had by all accounts.



Over the weekend of May 3<sup>rd</sup>, the SW Ontario AGM was held in Brantford. Friday evening was a great time enjoying the comradeship and telling of the usual war stories.



Saturday morning, we gathered at the memorial for Capt. Richard Leary KIA June 3, 2008 Panjwayi, Afghanistan for a Service of Remembrance and wreath lying. We were honoured to have his father Richard and Widow Rachel join us for the service. Thanks go out to Branch 461 Royal Canadian Legion who maintains the memorial site in an immaculate condition.

The Annual General Meeting was held in the afternoon. We would like to also extend a big thank you to the Colonel of the Regiment, BGen (R) Vince Kennedy for attending and offering support, along with Past President and current National President Paul Hale for his continued support and guidance. As president Greg committed to ensuring that the branch is run in an open and transparent manner. In order to help that happen, a committee was struck to develop and implement By Laws for the operation of the SW Branch. Thank you to Sgt-at-Arms Doug Furchner for stepping up to lead that initiative along with those who have agreed to aid this important initiative.

That evening we gathered for the AGM Dinner and were joined by some very important members of our Regimental Family. The Colonel of the Regiment, BGen (R) Vince Kennedy and his lovely wife Wendy, Capt. Richard Leary's father Richard and his widow Rachel, along with childhood friend Brandy. One of the Originals Pte. Alex Temple's granddaughter, Deborah James and great granddaughter Gayle shared his medals with us. The family will be presenting the medals to the Regiment during the 105 Anniversary celebrations in Edmonton. We were very happy that June MacDonald was able to join us. June recently became an honorary lifetime member of the SW Ontario Branch.





South West Ontario Branch Annual Dinner 5 May 2019

## **Kingston Branch**

The Kingston Patricias continue to be busy with a number of social and charity events. Last fall, Kingston hosted the Ontario Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Seminar which was maximized for attendance with members from Ottawa, SW Ontario and Quebec traveling in. We had a great Christmas dinner to start the festive season including the obligatory Christmas crackers and silly Christmas hats. Then in March, we had the largest turn-out in recent history for our Regimental Day Dinner at the Captain Matthew Dawe Legion and were barely able to squeeze all in for the group photo. We were fortunate to have the Colonel of the Regiment, General Vince Kennedy, and the CFB Kingston Base Commander, Colonel Kirk Gallinger, with us and all had a great night of regimental camaraderie and reminiscing. RSM Jim Smith and CSM Chuck Cote organized a well attended Beer Call at the Merchants in April. Our next event will be a Golf and BBQ at Camden Braes Sat 8 June. All Patricias, families and friends are always welcome, just contact any branch executive member for sign up details. Next fall, we plan to be supporting a Toronto Maple Leafs Alumni Game in support of service dogs for veterans and assisting in a Highway of Heroes Clean-up.





Regimental Day Dinner



Christmas Dinner

### Atlantic

All is currently quite on the Eastern front. I would like to begin by thanking the 59 Associate members who joined or continue to support our Branch. Unfortunately, numbers are down slightly, due to relocation of a few from the area, and far too many members have passed away, since the last report. Let us not only remember them, but also for the spouses who have passed away during this quarter.

All of our provinces had dispersed gatherings in each of their locations, to celebrate our Regimental Day ceremonies, and also to remember the Battle of Kapyong. Planning continues for both our third weekend of September AGM here in Gagetown N.B. and also the National AGM, which will be held in May 2021 in Halifax N.S. The Association Vice-Glen Ryan will be taking over as President during the Sept. gathering.

The Patricia Hatchet raffle has been well received and was very successful. The winner was Mike Pretty from the “Rock”.

Until next time “To the Regiment”.

Stephen Bartlett  
Director/ President





Don and Malcolm Miles prepare their 303's for the Battle of Kapyong Celebration



Newfie Patricia's

*“Seen in passing – Nick Kerr Iron Man in motion”*

Victoria Branch member Nick (iron man) Kerr and fellow Patricia’s taken part in training for the “Warrior Games” held at CFB Esquimalt (picture 1 Soldier On Team Canada Dirty Patricia’s! of 1-2-3 VP! — with Tim Carriere and Dwayne Mac Dougall. picture 2 “Iron man Kerr” in the pool and picture 3 Iron man enjoys a cone in downtown Victoria). Clearly with the talent of comrades like this, Team Canada will surely bring great credit to our Country, BZ Team!



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**“At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them”**

Bruce Breustedt 57	Joined 1984 3 VP and 2 VP	Oct 2018	Winnipeg
Ron Chowen 80	Rebadge QOR	Oct 2018	Victoria
Jim Dollard 84	joined very early 50's	Oct 2018	Winnipeg
John A McMeckan 88	Korea	Nov 2018	High River
Clay Hatcher 91	2 VP 50's 60's Rivers	Nov 2018	Stratford
John Stuber 88	2 VP Korea	Nov 2018	Medicine Hat
Russ Murphy	2 VP Korea	Nov 2018	Victoria
George Hibbs 88	QOR 3 VP	Nov 2018	Kenora
Robert Worden 84	Korea	Nov 2018	Langley, BC
Alfred Deroches 84	Korea	Nov 2018	Summerside
Rick Hieb 60	2 VP late 70's	Nov 2018	Calgary
Jeremy Knight 60	3 VP 80's	Nov 2018	Castlegar
Bob Craig 88	2 VP Korea Edmonton CAR	Nov 2018	Edmonton
Jim Heyman 88	2 VP Germany 69 Winnipeg 70	Dec 2018	Truro
Romeo Perreault 78	2 VP 1958 rebadged R22eR	Dec 2018	Calgary
Peter Seiresen 88	2 VP Korea	Dec 2018	Courtney, BC
Wayne Sabean 74	1 VP CAR Skyhawks	Dec 2018	Digby, NS
Ray Sanderson 75	2 VP Germany 66	Jan 2019	Saskatoon
Mike Wind 55	2 VP Germany 83	Jan 2019	Campbell River
Merv Sneddon 84	Korea 3 VP QOR	Jan 2019	Edmonton
Hollis Steeves 83	served early mid 50's	Jan 2019	Salisbury, NB
Gordon Dee 77	2 VP Germany 66-69	Jan 2019	New Glasgow
William S Fowler 84	rebadge QOR 69 3 Mech	Jan 2019	Victoria
Jim Scott 74	rebadge QOR 3 VP till 93	Jan 2019	Victoria
Blair Oliver 75	1 VP Germany 63	Jan 2019	Camrose
Edward Mahar	2 VP Korea	Jan 2019	Kentville, NS
Terry Harder 75	2 VP 61 66-70 Germany	Feb 2019	Medicine Hat
Gordon Dee 77	2 VP Germany	Feb 2019	New Glasgow
Harry Arnould	3 VP Korea	Feb 2019	Rainy River, Ont
Glen Irwin Peever 78	1 VP 63-66	Feb 2019	Cranbrook
Karol Agatha Lentzen 80	Regt Band mid to late 60's	Feb 2019	Canmore
Hank Westerman 82	2 VP 57-60	Feb 2019	Regina

Walter Pleckham 93	WW 2	Feb 2019	Weyburn, Sask
Joe Meconsce 77	rebadge from Gds 1 VP 1963	Feb 2019	Winnipeg, MB
Chan Duncan 81	3 VP rebadge QOR	Feb 2019	Mayerthorpe, AB
Al Taylor 89	1st Bn Korea	Feb 2019	Comox, BC
Ted Appel 74	2 VP 1962	Feb 2019	Brantford, Ont
David Andrew Stobie 67	1 VP late 60' early 70's	Feb 2019	North York, Ont
Harry AB Walsh 76	joined 2 VP 1962 WO 1978	Feb 2019	Sydney, NS
Ivan Patterson 92	Korea	Mar 2019	Ancaster, Ont
Ed Titus 81	rebadge QOR	Mar 2019	Victoria, BC
Dan "Scottie" Haddow 79	2 VP 1 VP 60's and 70's	Mar 2019	Brandon, AB
Edward D Carson 88	2 VP 53-55	Mar 2019	Penticton, BC
Michael S McMurtrie 82	3 VP 1970's	Mar 2019	100 Mile House, BC
Gary Collins 64	3 VP 70's served total of 42 years	Apr 2019	Cape Breton, NB
Ron Galpin	1 Vp late 50's early 60's	Apr 2019	Edmonton, AB
Eugene Zwicker 89	2 VP Korea	Apr 2019	St Johns, NB
Robert Arsenault 71	1 VP 1970 Cyprus	Apr 2019	Campbellton, NB
John (Jack) Murray 84	Korea 51-52	Apr 2019	St Catharines, ON
Donald Hannah 87	1 VP Korea	May 2019	Burton, NB
Orest Chuipka 87	2 VP Korea	May 2019	Maple Ridge, BC
Jason Andrews 46	3 VP and 2 VP	May 2019	Moose Jaw, SK