

## **PPCLI Association Spring 2021**



## Pte Bill Chrysler helps Pte Morris Piche to an aid station behind the front lines in Kapyong Valley 25/26 April 1951

(Bill is a member of the South West Ontario Branch)

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

My Dear Patricias,

2020 is a year like no other in our lifetimes. It has now been almost a year that the whole country has lived in a lockdown which nobody could have ever predicted. Our country -Canada - and the entire world have been fighting a war against an enemy known as COVID-19.

As soldiers, you have been prepared for battlefield situations. You have trained, you have exercised, and you are ready. But nobody could be prepared for what we have lived through and will continue to live through for some time.

COVID-19 has challenged all of us in an unprecedented way. And our regiment has been challenged not just from the point of view of being the army but also as individuals living in families and communities. I was very proud of our fellow members of the armed forces when they pitched in to help in the dreadful situation in Quebec's nursing homes. I am always aware that our regiment could be called upon at any time to do what nobody else can do as well: organize and act.

Despite the increased difficulties and uncertainties brought upon us by the disease, we continued our training and our deployments. We did our duty. We will do our duty.

We are facing a formidable enemy. An enemy that has the ability to transform itself and strike again and again. I've been doing a lot of reading about pandemics in history, and we can certainly expect that this one will not be over soon. We must keep our optimism while being realistic. We have been going through this for a year and it is not going to stop soon. We must be prepared for the long struggle. We must be prepared to fight battle after battle to win a war. The Patricia's know how to fight and we know how to win. Mentally, we must know that we are engaging an enemy as we try to live through COVID-19.

It is dreadful to not see our families, to not hug children and grandparents and to not see friends in our normal social activities. But we must accept the limitations and the lockdowns. We must wholeheartedly sacrifice our personal needs. We must endure loneliness and deprivation. Because by enduring this we are going to help each other. We will help each other to protect our elderly and to prepare a good future

for our children. I do believe that we will get through this, but we need patience. Every time you think it would be so wonderful to go out to a bar or a restaurant or to church or a community centre and you know you can't, you are making a sacrifice for the good of all your fellow Canadians.

There were a lot of unusual events, deployments and training schemes around the world last year. Notably, the flare up and tensions in Iraq in the Middle East in the early part of the year caught members of our First and Third Battalions in crossfire.

In the midst of this chaos, LCol Adam Moore handed-over command of the Impact Training and Coordination Unit in Iraq to LCol Jordan Schaub. I applaud the command teams of both battalions and their soldiers who worked so well in unprecedented conditions followed by methodical systematic retrograde and redeployment to Canada all the while maintaining cohesion and morale. We should all be proud of the officers and soldiers who remained loyal and did their duty, despite incredible pressures and complication.

Patricias from all three battalions also worked together in Ukraine where they mentored and trained local forces alongside our Allied regiment - The Rifles. Despite the complexities of the environment and COVID, I was happy to learn that Patricias and Riflemen were once again working together, reinforcing our traditional bonds.

On completion of their missions abroad, the arrival of our Patricias to Canada under quarantine has to be acknowledged as unique in a regiment's history. But with that return, they re-oriented to the situation of living life under COVID restrictions. They continue to train and prepare for war to do their duty for our country.

This flexibility was exemplified in late December when Patricias from our Second Battalion, led by LCol Mike Reekie and CWO Brett Perry deployed to Indigenous communities in Manitoba to assist with the complexities of COVID. Named 'Op LASER' these Patricias were fighting the new enemy. It was a difficult and short-notice deployment, but it is so important to help Canadians at home. We should all be very proud.

I particularly congratulate Mike Reekie who I last saw in person on deployment in Latvia. He exemplifies the versatility of Patricias to diversify in crisis!

During this terrible COVID period we have seen an impact on the ability of the Foundation to function as it usually does and to raise money. Given these material challenges, the focus of the Foundation has shifted to supporting the wider regimental effort to blend the veterans' component of the regiment into a more coherent whole. The Foundation remains hopeful that this work will allow a more coherent approach to better fundraising and a focus on the importance of meeting the needs of today's veterans.

I am extremely impressed with the flexibility and dedication of PPCLI Association members. The Virtual Annual General Meeting conducted on 23 May 2020 was very well done. Their rapid response to the unfortunate vandalism at Patricia Park last September and the immediate replacement of the stolen plaques speaks volumes about their ability to react quickly. They remain focused on Mental Health, Peer Support and Suicide Awareness and will commence virtual training on this critical issue in April

2021. The Association provides support to cadets, veterans and families and to regimental heritage. The preservation of our history is crucial to the principle of "Once a Patricia, always a Patricia."

We all know their current situation is unprecedented and filled with unknowns. The pandemic a century ago was just after the First World War when Patricias returned to Canada and the two years the pandemic lasted were the first two years of their re-entry into Canadian life. I know then that they helped our country through that crisis and help to preserve our values and our society. I know that you, a century later, will continue to fight this dreadful and pervasive enemy. I know that you will preserve your strength and your health as Patricias for the benefit of all Canadians.

Yours faithfully,

The Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, PC, CC, CMM, COM, CD



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

The PPCLI Association continues to thrive despite the efforts of Ensign Covid and other agents of despair. There have been dozens of zoom get-togethers, lots of communications, and the work of awarding bursaries, supporting cadets, sharing with like-minded agencies and so on, has all been pursued and advanced. At the same time, the promotion of peer support programs and understanding the needs of veterans better and more clearly, has also gone on, with the PPCLI Association in the front ranks of promoting more effective and wider training in these areas, from the national VAC level down to every branch.

I see the effects of some of these efforts across the year. There was a PPCLI veteran who was living in a Home for Heroes placement, and who had lost all contact with his family. In his last months of his life there, one of the staff helped him re-connect with his family, some of whom were by the veteran's side when he passed away. The family, and for sure the vet, appreciated the system that helped him, and I noted these things in a condolence to the family when I wrote after his death. I read of our veterans some of whom die in places we have long supported – the Colonel Belcher in Calgary for example – the Calgary Branch still helps there and when 1 PPCLI was garrisoned there everyone helped out at the Colonel B – wives, soldiers, Association teams. I think it was every Tuesday or Thursday night was sandwich night in

the small club room the vets had, and which was kept up to date by the regiment with others.. They appreciated the visits from the regimental family.

The Annual General Meeting in May will launch the Association into further change for the good. President Paul Hale has driven the process of updating the Hamilton Gault governance and bylaws with Don Dalziel and a host of others. The whole regiment is working on transforming the organization of our financial structures to be more efficient and more effective for the good of all, and membership, always a main thought, remains steady. I keep noting that our membership success is not just in paid up regular members, but also in the members on the Association Facebook group (5000), and in other, loosely related groups and bodies – many people only belong to one or the other – but not all groups. So, our Patricia's that follow the dozens of other PPCLI sites, in the KVA, the Canadian Airborne Forces Association, the CAV, the Dirty Patricias – they can all be counted on for doing the right thing at the right time, whether that is giving a visit, or showing up at a gravesite, or coming out to a reunion, or attending a coffee morning.

A stellar example of this is Vince Courtney – the editor of the Korean War Newsletter, who joined the Regiment when he was 16 and served in Korea from 1952 to 1953 with 1 and 3 PPCLI. This year alone, he has published his own book on the war (and given copies to all units – available at amazon.com), helped finalize the acquisition of a new Kapyong painting by the famous Canadian painter J. Keirstead, and alerted us to the delivery soon of a Gapyeong memorial stone from Korea that will be placed near to the Korea War Memorial Wall in Meadowdale Cemetery, Brampton, Ontario.

The Association took a good step ahead when it offered gratis Memorial Memberships for the families of lost Patricia's in line with what we offer separating soldiers. We try and offer that to the families of each fallen veteran. The chain of knowledge that is fed by the initial inputs of anyone who knows of a local Patricia having passed is important. It encapsulates some of our last obligations to anyone who has served. If anyone stumbles on a local loss – e-mail Herb Kenny – the Edmonton President, who is managing the alerts. <u>hkenny@shaw.ca</u>

All this said, Wendy and I are often amazed at the women and men of this Association and the Patricia family – for many kind acts, caring outreach, generous donations and for all the generosity of spirit or laughter - we are a lucky family indeed.

2021 is here already. I repeat a little quote I used last year: Anything can follow anything else. Hope is with us, but we should all remain buckled up on the ride through the future.

VP!

Brigadier-General V.W.Kennedy, OMM, MSM, CD Colonel of the Regiment

## **Regimental Major**

#### Patricias

Thank you very much for the opportunity to contribute to this important newsletter. Things have changed somewhat since my last contribution but I am glad to say that RHQ and the serving component have adapted to the complications of doing business under COVID-19. Operations and training continue and our staff in RHQ may be working at a reduced capacity but they are still committed to supporting Patricias - serving and retired! Most notably we have just sent *The Patrician* 2020 to the printer and expect to have it distributed to the battalions by mid-April. We have also ordered extra copies for sale in the kit shop (www.ppcli.com) and you are welcome to contact the staff to order one for your collection.

We are also working to support the Regimental Editorial Board (REB) and Dr. Robert Engen in the production of the next volume of our regimental history- covering from 1957 -2000. We are fortunate to have LGen (Ret'd) Crabbe as the Chairman of the REB as well as an excellent group of serving and retired Patricias working closely with the author, to tell our story. If anyone has a comment, story, or photo they'd like considered for inclusion, you can upload it to the 'Your Stories' feature on the regimental web site.

Despite the social restrictions in Alberta, the staff at the museum are also working to keep thing fresh and have recently put together and posted publicly a great display to commemorate the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong. You can find those images on the PPCLI Facebook Group.

Finally, I'd like to take the opportunity to introduce the incoming Regimental Major, Maj. Cory Foley. Maj Foley will be taking the reins this APS and he brings a wealth of experience and energy to RHQ!

Regimentally,

Major Slade Lerch, MMM, CD Regimental Major

## **PPCLI Association President's Report**

It has continued to be a stressful time for all and even more so for those who cannot be with family and loved ones due to COVID 19. Reach out, check on a fellow Patricia, veteran, or family in need. Now is the time to show leadership, compassion, and a willingness to help others.

#### **Mental Health and Peer Support**

The PPCLI Association leads the way within the military association community with respect to Mental Health and Suicide Awareness training. We cannot let our guard down. We have lost too many members of the Regiment to suicide. I urge you to take the virtual training and learn about Mental Health issues and Suicide Awareness. We must support each other and reach out to those who are suffering and fighting their personal demons. The loss of one individual to suicide is one too many.

#### Foundation Amalgamation with PPCLI Association and Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund

The final report from the Ways Team was presented to the Regimental Steering Committee (RSC) in December. The RSC members have agreed that a combined charitable entity which includes the name of our Founder, Hamilton Gault will be much more efficient and simpler for the Regimental Family. All parties including the Patricia Fund have agreed in principle with this option. A Transformation Team will examine how best to combine the charities into a single entity. One of their first tasks will be to draft a Deed of Trust that is acceptable to all, including the CRA Charities Directorate.

#### Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund

One of the major observations from the Ways Teams was the lack of separation between the PPCLI Association and the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund (HGMF). Specifically, the governance of the HGMF, a charitable fund where the Board of Trustees (BoT) is comprised of members of the Board of Directors (BoD) of the PPCLI Association – a non-profit organization, incurs some risk in its charitable status. We are rectifying this.

The HGMF will conduct a virtual AGM on 8 May 2021, and a new BoT will be elected. The following have agreed to stand as new trustees.

Dave Pentney (Chair) – Kingston	Jammie Hammond – Victoria
Quentin Innis – Edmonton	Jennifer Pouliot – Ottawa
Stan Stapleford – Edmonton	Derek Prohar – Edmonton
Paul Hale – SW Ontario	Charles Recce – SW Ontario

Other changes were the creation of a HGMF logo, renaming student bursaries to HGMF Educational Bursaries, and renaming Top PPCLI Association Cadet Corps trophy to Hamilton Gault Top Cadet Corps. Finally, we will create MOUs with respect to Mental Health and Peer Support, Veteran Support, Educational Bursaries and Cadets.

## **PPCLI Association 2021 AGM**

We will host a virtual AGM on Saturday 1 May 2021. Currently, the following have agreed to stand for election as National Directors for the Association:

Jay Bickerton – Manitoba / NW Ont Terry Loveridge – Kingston Sandy Stapleford - Edmonton Jake Flanders – E Branch Dave McArdle – Atlantic

Dougal Salmon will be nominated for President and Ted Giraldeau as Vice President.

You will see three Special Resolutions in this newsletter. They are all related to the updating the Association By-laws and ensuring that the HGMF is at arms-length from the PPCLI Association. Each resolution is a single issue and a stand-alone amendment so that it does not impact any other amendment. This may seem bureaucratic, but it ensures that we can quickly move through all the amendments. If you wish an advance copy of By-law 4 which should be the final version and will contain all the amendments, please send me an email and I will you forward a copy.

#### **Association Membership**

The PPCLI Association offers a free three-year National membership. Very few released or retired Patricias take advantage of this. We perpetuate the friendship and support that we all enjoyed while serving. At the same time, we have helped numerous individuals in crisis. We could do more, but younger Patricias who are living the current challenges need to join the Association and help us develop solutions so we can help our brothers and sisters in need. It is easy to sit on the sidelines and say the Association should do X, Y or Z. However, we need your input and energy to address the issues.

This will be my final report as President of the PPCLI Association. There are many individuals I wish to thank and acknowledge, unfortunately I do not have the space to do so. Dave Pentney, thank you for recruiting me as an Association Director in May 2011, your mentorship, and advice over the past 10 years has been outstanding. Larry Gollner, thank you for your support of the Mental Health and Suicide Awareness workshops and more. Don Dalziel you have supported the Association for decades and your sage advice has ensured that I followed the rules and regulations. Thank you to all the Directors that have served over the past four years, we have dramatically moved the Association yardsticks and it was a team effort. Slade your support to the Association as RM has been outstanding. Finally, thank you, Diana Cardoni without your support I would not have successful.

It has been an honour, challenge, and a privilege to have served the PPCLI Association.

Paul Hale.

Paul Hale President PPCLI Association Once A Patricia, Always A Patricia

### **Creation of a Single Charitable Entity**

At its 2019 Annual General Meeting, the PPCLI Foundation Board of Directors determined that it was not sustainable and advised the Regimental family accordingly. It was determined that a team should be created to review the pros and cons of incorporating the PPCLI Foundation into the PPCLI Association or the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund (HGMF) where possible and practicable.

In December 2019, The Regimental Steering Committee (RSC) issued direction for the creation of a Ways Team. The team consisted of:

#### Chair – BGen (Ret'd) Craig King

Legal Advisor – John Logan, a Patricia and currently Deputy Attorney General for NB PPCLI Association and HGMF representatives – Don Dalziel and Dave Pentney PPCLI Foundation representatives – Harold Leduc and Matt Boire Secretary – Capt Mark Loacher

On 24 November 2020, the Ways Team completed their Restructure Options Analysis Report and formally briefed the RSC on 17 December 2020. The Ways Team recommended that the HGMF and PPCLI Foundation combine into a single charitable entity. This has been discussed at length by the RSC, PPCLI Association Board of Directors, PPCLI Association Council of Presidents, HGMF Board of Trustees (BoT) and the PPCLI Foundation BoT. All entities have agreed in principle to the creation of a single charitable entity.

Some of the major discussions were as follows:

### What is the Veterans component?

The Regiment has adopted the term Veterans Component rather that post-service component. The Veterans Component consists of two elements.

The first, being Social and Peer Support which is based on the current PPCLI Association. It was determined that the PPCLI Association provides a social identity and network that is indispensable to the future of the Regiment's Veterans' Component.

The second is the charitable element, currently consisting of the HGMF and the PPCLI Foundation. If consolidation is completed as planned this will be the new charitable entity.

The Regiment currently has three separate charitable organizations, the HGMF, Foundation and Patricia Fund for the serving component. This means three different Boards, audit fees, insurance, CRA tax returns etc and is not effective. Combining them into a single charitable entity will create greater efficiencies and result in being able to do more with the cost savings. However, it will take a great deal of trust, cooperation, and leadership from all parties.

### **HGMF Governance**



An observation was raised by the Ways Team that the PPCLI Association is a not-for-profit organization, while the HGMF is a charitable fund. A notfor-profit agency cannot oversee a charity or vice versa. Specifically, the issue was that the President, Vice President, VP East, VP West, Treasurer and Secretary of the PPCLI Association were double hatted as HGMF trustees. It was recommended that this be corrected. The following steps have been taken.

A new HGMF Logo as shown replaced the PPCLI Association Logo. On 27 January 2021, the PPCLI Association Council of Presidents agreed to a number of amendments to the HGMF Constitution which involved removing

references to the PPCLI Association. The amendments were administrative in nature and there were no changes to the charitable objects. These changes ensured that the HGMF Board of Trustees would operate in accordance with the rules and regulation of the CRA Charitable Directorate.

The PPCLI Association By-laws also require amendment. This will be completed by a Special Resolution 01-21 at the 1 May 2021, Annual General Meeting. Once this has been completed, the HGMF will be independent of the PPCLI Association. The Current HGMF BoT will hand their responsibilities to a new HGMF BoT on 8 May 2021.

### Who will nominate and elect trustees to the HGMF BoT?

This will be done by the current HGMF BoT in accordance with CRA Charitable Division regulations and as outlined in the HGMF Bylaws which are being updated.

### Who has been proposed for the new HGMF Board of Trustees?

Chair – Day	vid Pentney		
Trustees	Jamie Hammond	Jennifer Pouliot	Chuck Recce
	Paul Hale	Derek Prohar	Quentin Innis
	Stan Stapleford		

### Next steps - Transformation Team

In February 2021, the serving component agreed that the Patricia Fund should be part of the above process. A Transformation Team is being formed in order to create of a single charitable entity. The transformation team will report on a regular basis to the RSC and their respective BoD or BoT. The process is complex, and the first step will be the creation of a consolidated set of charitable purposes that is acceptable to all parties and CRA.

The transformation team will consist of:

Team Chair – Erik Liebert. Consideration is being given to a retired MWO or CWO as Co-chair.

The Team Chair and representatives from other entities will be expected to remain on the new entity BoT for at least a year after consolidation has been completed.

HGMF representatives. Jamie Hammond and Quentin Innis Foundation representatives. Matt Boire and Harold Leduc

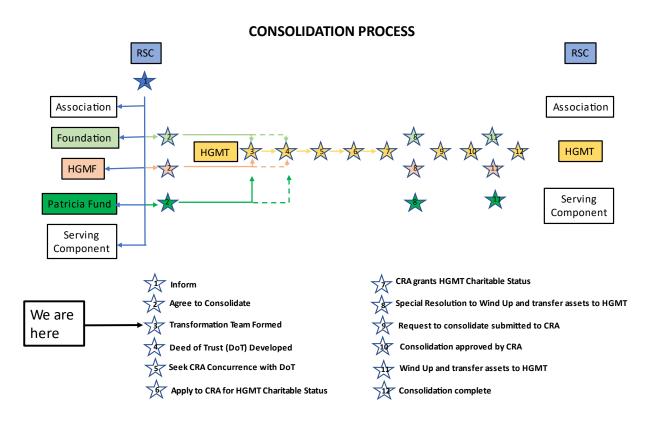
Patricia Fund representatives. Nick Grimshaw and John Slater

PPCLI Association observer. **Ted Giraldeau** 

Serving Component observer to be named. **CO and RSM of the Regimental Executive Committee** Legal Advisor – TBC

Financial Advisor / Accountant - TBC

RHQ will provide the Team secretary.



### What is consolidation?

In a consolidation, all the original bodies dissolve and transfer their assets to a new entity.

All the original bodies that wind up undergo a voluntary revocation of their registration. The new consolidated body needs to submit an application for registration and, if accepted, will typically be given a new Business Number.

## What is one of the entities does not agree with the process or their BoD or BOT wants to cease involvement?

An entity can withdraw at any point before consolidation has been completed.

#### What assets does each of the entities currently have?

As of 31 December 2020 The HGMF has about \$980,00 in assets The Foundation has about \$150,000 in assets. The Patricia Fund has about \$263,000 in its general account and there is another \$620,000 in the Legacy, Benevolent and Contingency funds.

Total assets are estimated to be about 2 million

### What is the Patricia Fund and who contributes to it?

The Patricia Fund is the principal charitable fund for the serving members of the Regiment, regardless of where they are employed. It receives the majority of funds from the Regimental Voluntary Contributions that serving members make during their career. For example, Pte – MCpl contribute \$5 per month, while CWO and Maj – LCol contribute \$25 per month. The average contributions are \$15,000 per month.

#### Can an entity withdraw after the new entity has been established and stood up?

No, you cannot separate after consolidation has been completed.

## What guarantees do we have the existing PPCLI Association supported programs will continue under a new charitable entity?

A series of Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) between the HGMF and the PPCLI Association on current programs are in the process of being developed. These MoUs will cover: Educational Bursaries Mental Health and Suicide Awareness including the Volunteer Patricia Program Support to Veterans and Families PPCLI Affiliated Cadet Corps

These MOUs will be shared with the Transformation Team and it is expected that they will be incorporated into the new entity's consolidated set of charitable purposes.

We must trust Dave Pentney as the new chair of the HMGF BoT and Ted Giraldeau as the Association observer. If things are not proceeding as hoped, the HGMF BoT can withdraw from the process at any point and the consolidation process ceases.

Funds transferred to the new entity from the HGMF must be used for the purposes that they were intended for. The same applies to funds transferred from the Foundation or the Patricia Fund. For example, if the Patricia Fund supports the provision of ceremonial uniforms and equipment not provided by public means and does so by allocating 2% to this or a similar activity, the new entity must honour this obligation and cannot use those funds for other purposes.

Any funds donated to a charity can only be expended on its stated objectives. If funds are not spent in accordance with the charitable objects, CRA will take appropriate action to correct the situation and or hold the trustees accountable.

#### Can an individual specify that donations can be earmarked for specific purposes?

Yes an individual can specify that his or her donation must be allocated to a specific object or purpose. For example, Educational Bursaries, Mental Health, Support to Cadets or Regimental Memorials.

### Will be there any changes as to how we support cadets?

There should not be any significant changes, the MOU will address support to cadets. Funds will be provided by the HGMF for all Cadet Corps outside of Alberta and delivered by the nearest Association Branch. The Hamilton Gault Top Cadet Corp Trophy and cash award will be covered by the MOU.

For cadets within Alberta, we can utilize Casino funds to provide financial support and pay for hat badges and shoulder flashes.

#### Can we continue to assist Cadet Corps by paying for items not covered by the HGMF?

Yes, it is a gift from the local branch, and nothing precludes a branch from assisting your local cadet corps.

#### Do we know the status of the Foundation finances and would we be looking at any liabilities?

The new entity would not assume any financial liabilities from the Foundation or other entities. That entity must resolve its own liabilities before it can effectively close. The remaining assets would then be transferred to the new entity in accordance with CRA Charitable regulations.

The only liability will be that the new entity must adhere as to how funds received from the other entity are allocated. For example, the Foundation has a For the Soldier Legacy Fund. The new entity can only use these funds for the activities previously defined by the Foundation BoT.

#### How will casinos be incorporated into the process?

Casinos must follow the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission(AGLC) regulations. These are fairly restrictive, and funds can only be spent in Alberta. The Regiment is linked three casinos. Two have close ties to the Foundation, First in the Field and For the Soldier. The third is linked to the PPCLI Association via the Calgary Branch. The ones linked to the Foundation have their own independent boards and are not under the control of the Foundation. They operate in accordance with AGLC rules and regulations. They can donate a portion of the funds raised to the Foundation, but this must be approved by AGLC. The Calgary Casino is closely linked to the PPCLI Association and supports activities within the province of Alberta. Specifically, the Regimental Museum, Alberta Cadet Corps, minor costs at Patricia Park, an annual donation to the HGMF for Educational Bursaries and a number of veterans supports agencies within Alberta.

Each Casino Board must follow AGLC guidelines and best determine their funds should be allocated. They decide their own future and how they expend funds raised.

#### How long will this take?

It is a complicated process. Hopefully, CRA will assign a desk officer to this process in order to simplify coordination and ensure that we receive consistent advice. All parties to the consolidation process must be transparent and cooperative during the process. It is difficult to predict an end date since each entity must first agree to a new consolidated set of charitable purposes, CRA must then approve the consolidated set of charitable purposes. Once this has been accomplished the Transformation Team will apply for charitable status. Once approved each entity must pass a special resolution to cease its current operations and arrange to transfer their assets to the new entity. At the same time, they must request permission to consolidate. Once permission to consolidate has been granted by CRA, each entity must wind up their operation, submit all necessary final tax returns, reports etc and then transfer their assets to the new entity. It is anticipated that this will be a two or three year process which might be completed by the end of 2023 or later.

If you have any questions that have not been addressed, please forward them by email to paulhale3VP@yahoo.ca.

## NOTICE OF 73rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## 29 March 2021

Paul Hale, President of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association, has called a Virtual Annual General Meeting of the Membership for 1 May 2021. The meeting will be held using Zoom and commence at 1100 hours Alberta time, which is 1300 hours in Ontario.

Members who wish to participate by teleconference must register by 15 April 2021. Branch Presidents are requested to canvass their members and provide a consolidated list to the PPCLI Association Secretary, Terri Orser via email <u>svizone@gmail.com</u>. Or members can register individually if it is not possible to use a centralized location. The following information is required to register for the Virtual AGM:

- 1. Name;
- 2. Branch;
- 3. Email Address; and
- 4. Phone number.

This info is required so that

- 1. membership can be verified;
- 2. a list prepared for the minutes; and
- 3. dial in instructions for the AGM will be sent to the correct email address.

There will be a phone in capability for those who do not have computer access. The details for connecting to the AGM will be provided to all registered members by 25 April 2021.

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 President
- 4. Opening Remarks by the Colonel in Chief
- 5. Approval of the Agenda
- 6. Approval of Minutes of the  $72^{nd}$  AGM, of 23 May 2020
- 7. Reports:
- 7.1 President's Report

President

7.2	Finance Committee Report	Finance Committee
	<ul><li>7.2.1 2020 Financial Statements as of 31 Dec 2020</li><li>- Association Operating Fund</li></ul>	Treasurer
	<ul><li>7.2.2 Current Financial Position</li><li>- Association Operating Fund as of 30 Mar 2021</li></ul>	Treasurer
7.3	Casino Report	Casino Chair
7.4	HGMF Fundraising Report	HGMF Chair
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7.5	HGMF Educational Bursary Report	HGMF Bursary Chair
7.6	Membership Report as of 30 Apr 21	Membership Chair
7.7	Governance Report	Governance Chair
7.8	Heritage Report	Heritage Director
7.9	Volunteer Patricia Program	VPP Facilitator
7.10	Cadet Report	Vice President
7.11	Regimental Majors Update	Regimental Major

## Health Break 15 minutes

## 8. New Business

8.1	2022 Association Operating Fund Budget	Treasurer
8.2	Appointment of Association Auditors	Treasurer
8.3	107 <sup>th</sup> Regimental Anniversary Bike Ride	President
8.4	Creation of a single Charitable Entity MOUs with PPCLI Association	President
8.5	Special Resolution 01-21 By-law Number 2 Clarifying relationship between PPCLI Association and HGMF	Governance Chair

	8.6	Special Resolution 02-21 By-law Number 3 Clarification of membership Criteria and Waiving of dues in special circumstances	Governance Chair
	8.7	Special Resolution 03-21 By-law Number 4 Board of Directors authorized to suspend or reinstate a Branch's Charter	Governance Chair
	8.8	Special Resolution 04-21 Suspension of Vancouver Branch Charter	Governance Chair
	8.9	Resolution 05-21 Extension Term of Office Current Directors	Nominating Committee
	8.10	Resolution 06-21 Election New Directors	Nominating Committee
	8.11	Resolution 07-21 President and Vice President	Nominating Committee
	8.12	AGM 2022	Saskatchewan Branch
9.	Op	en Forum	
10.	Date	e, Location and Host Branch of next AGM:	President
		Saskatoon 20 – 21 May 2022 – Saskatchewan Branch	
		Ontario 28 – 30 Apr or 16 – 18 June 2023 – TBC	
		Edmonton 8 – 11 August 2024 – Edmonton Branch	
11.	Closi	ng Remarks	
		Outgoing President	
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12. Adjournment

President

## **SPECIAL RESOLUTION 01-21**

# A Special Resolution clarifying the relationship between the PPCLI Association and the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund

WHEREAS By-law Number One of the PPCLI Association was approved by Members at the Annual General Meeting held in Edmonton AB on 08 August 2014, and came into effect on 14 October 2014, the date of approval of the Association Articles of Continuation by Industry Canada/Corporations Canada, in which the Association was recognized as a Not-for-profit Corporation;

WHEREAS the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund (HGMF or Fund) was established by a Special Resolution of the PPCLI Association, and was recognized by the Canada Revenue Agency/Charities Division (CRA/CD) as a charitable organization in 1964, a status confirmed in 1982 after significant changes to the *Income Tax Act* (ITA);

WHEREAS, through amendments to the ITA and developments in Canadian Law it has become apparent that the PPCLI Association must explicitly establish and continue to ensure an at arm's length relationship between itself and the HGMF as well as between their respective Boards and their Members, unless mutually agreed by means of Memoranda of Understanding negotiated to arrange the PPCLI Association's support for specific purposes and/or activities, as is allowed by applicable Canadian Law;

WHEREAS, under the terms of paragraph 2 of Article 2.03 of the By-law, the PPCLI Association Council of Presidents currently has responsibility for oversight of the HGMF;

WHEREAS, based on the evolution of Canadian Law and in consultation with the PPCLI Association Council of Presidents, it has been agreed that, in order to establish and ensure maintenance of an at arm's length relationship, the only appropriate action is to dissolve this oversight role of the Council of Presidents with the HGMF and its Board of Trustees, and continue to ensure there are only at arm's length relationships between them;

WHEREAS Article 7.02 (Relationship to the HGMF) of the By-law describes the current relationship between the Association and the HGMF, in that the Officers of the Association form the HGMF Board of Trustees, and the Past President and the Chair of the Finance Committee are Advisors to this Board;

WHEREAS, after consultation with the PPCLI Association Board of Directors, it has been agreed that to better continue and ensure that an at arm's length relationship is maintained between the two organizations, the most appropriate course is to formally clarify the unrelated nature of this relationship by amending the PPCLI Association By-law Number One;

WHEREAS the proposed amendments are such that they must be considered to be fundamental changes to the organization and operation of the PPCLI Association and the Council of Presidents, thereby necessitating approval by means of a Special Resolution in accordance with Article 197 of the *Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act*;

WHEREAS, at a videoconference meeting held on 27 January 2021, Members of the PPCLI Association Council of Presidents were briefed and consulted on the proposed significant change in their oversight responsibilities and, after discussion, the Council Members indicated unanimous support for this Special Resolution;

AND WHEREAS, at a videoconference meeting held on 10 March 2021, the PPCLI Association Board of Directors unanimously passed their SR 01-21, recommending that Members, at their Annual General Meeting to be held by videoconference on 01 May 2021, approve AGM Special Resolution 01-21, thereby clarifying the relationship between the PPCLI Association and the HGMF.

## BE IT RESOLVED BY SPECIAL RESOLUTION THAT:

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

1. <u>Article 2.03 - Council of Presidents.</u> Delete paragraph 2: "In addition, the Council is responsible for oversight of the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund (HGMF). The Board of Trustees of the HGMF is responsible to the Council for all governance and policy matters affecting the Fund".

2. <u>Article 2.03 – Council of Presidents</u>. Delete the paragraph numbering only for paragraph 1. (The detail remains unchanged.)

3. <u>Article 7.02 – Relationship to the HGMF.</u> Delete the Article heading and all detail: "The Officers listed in paragraph 7.01.1 above are Members of the Board of Trustees of the HGMF, and the Past President and the Chair of the Finance Committee are Advisors. See also paragraph 2.03.2 of these By-laws, concerning the relationship between the HGMF and the Council".

Dated: 15 March 2021

Paul Hale

Paul Hale President PPCLI Association

## **SPECIAL RESOLUTION 02-21**

# A Special Resolution to waive payment of dues in a special circumstance and to amend certain eligibility criteria for Supporting Membership.

WHEREAS on 08 April 2020, the PPCLI Association Board of Directors submitted their Resolution 03-20, which recommended both the rates for 2020 Annual Membership Dues as well as the creation of a three-year gratis Supporting Membership for up to two siblings or other close family members of a person qualified to be a Member of the Association, in cases where this person has died;

WHEREAS SR 03-20 was approved at the 2020 Annual General Meeting of Members;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Art 2.01 2.a.(1).(c), the spouse or partner of a person eligible to be a Member (living or deceased) can currently apply for Membership in the Association;

WHEREAS in accordance with Art 2.01 2.b.(1).(a), the direct descendants of a person eligible to be a Member (living or deceased), and who are 18 years of age or older, can currently apply for Supporting Membership in the Association;

WHEREAS in accordance with Art 2.01 2.b.(1).(b), the parents of a person qualified to be a Member can currently apply for Supporting Membership in the Association;

WHEREAS in the event that only siblings or other close family members wish to continue the family's relationship with the Regiment through membership in the Association, an amendment to the By-law is required so they can apply for Supporting Membership in the Association;

WHEREAS the proposed amendment is, in accordance with Art 197. (1). (e) of the *Canada Not-forprofits Corporations Act*, a "fundamental change", thereby necessitating approval by means of a Special Resolution;

AND WHEREAS, at a videoconference meeting held on 10 March 2021, the PPCLI Association Board of Directors unanimously passed their SR 02-21, recommending that Members, at their Annual General Meeting, to be held by videoconference on 01 May 2021, approve AGM Special Resolution 02-21, thereby changing some of the Membership eligibility requirements as well as waiving payment of annual dues under the specific circumstances of retirement or upon the death of a person eligible to be a Member.

## BE IT RESOLVED BY SPECIAL RESOLUTION THAT:

PPCLI Association By-law Number Two be renamed PPCLI Association By-law Number Three, and be further amended as follows:

1. <u>Article 2.01 - Membership Conditions.</u> Delete the current para 2.b.(1).(b): "Parents of a person qualified to be a Member;" and insert a new para 2.b.(1).(b): "Parents; or, with the approval of the Board

of Directors, up to two siblings or other close relatives of a person qualified to be a Member;"

2. <u>Article 3.01 - Membership Dues.</u> Add a new end to the sentence in para 1.: "Annual dues may be waived for those Members who have prepaid for Life Memberships, for those previously admitted as Honorary Members, or for other Members or Supporting Members who are recommended by the Board for approval by Ordinary Resolution at a Meeting of Members. The Secretary, the Chair of the Membership Committee and Branch Presidents can each individually control and manage the initial membership and subsequent renewals of the gratis three-year memberships made available to eligible retiring CAF Members, and for the survivors of those who were eligible to be Members."

3. <u>Article 3.01 - Membership Dues.</u> In paragraph 2, line 3, after "the Secretary," insert "the Chair of the Membership Committee,".

Dated: 15 March 2021

Paul Hale

Paul Hale President PPCLI Association

SR 03-21 has not been voted on by the PPCLI Association Board of Directors. This will occur on 14 April 2021 at the next BoD meeting. It has been included for the information of all Association members.

## **DRAFT SPECIAL RESOLUTION 03-21**

## A Special Resolution recommending the suspension of the Vancouver Branch Charter as well as amendments to the By-law clarifying the procedures for Branch Charter suspension, reinstatement, and revocation.

WHEREAS By-law Number One of the PPCLI Association was approved by Members at the Annual General Meeting held in Edmonton, AB, on 08 August 2014, and came into effect on 14 October 2014, the date of approval of the Association Articles of Continuation by Industry Canada/Corporations Canada, in which the Association was recognized as a Not-for-profit Corporation;

WHEREAS the Vancouver Branch of the Association was formed and granted a Charter by a Special Resolution of the PPCLI Association;

WHEREAS the Members of the Vancouver Branch ceased their Branch operations, effective 17 October 2017, and this became apparent to the PPCLI Association Board of Directors;

WHEREAS, upon reviewing the relevant Articles of the By-law, 1.02 Definitions and 2.02 Branches, the PPCLI Association Board of Directors identified a need to clarify the procedures to follow in situations involving Branch Charter suspension, reinstatement, or revocation;

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments are such that they must be considered to be fundamental changes to the organization and operation of the PPCLI Association, thereby necessitating approval by means of a Special Resolution in accordance with Article 197 of the *Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act*.

AND WHEREAS, at a videoconference meeting held on 14 April 2021, the PPCLI Association Board of Directors passed their SR 03-21, recommending that Members, at their Annual General Meeting to be held by videoconference on 01 May 2021, approve AGM Special Resolution 03-21, thereby suspending the Charter for the Vancouver Branch of the PPCLI Association as well as clarifying Articles 1.02 and 2.02 of the By-law for situations involving Branch Charter suspension, reinstatement, or revocation;

## BE IT RESOLVED BY SPECIAL RESOLUTION THAT:

The Charter for the Vancouver Branch of the PPCLI Association be suspended with effect 17 October 2017, and that PPCLI Association By-law Number Three be renamed PPCLI Association By-law Number Four, and be further amended as follows:

1. <u>Article 1.02 – Definitions.</u>

a. Add subparagraph t: "Suspension of a Branch Charter" means the Board has recognized that a Branch is no longer operating, and as a result has decided to suspend the Branch Charter.

b. Add subparagraph u: "Reinstatement of a Branch Charter" means that the Board has approved the application of a group of Members to recommence operations as a Branch, and has rescinded the Suspension of the Branch Charter.

c. Add subparagraph v: "Revocation of a Branch Charter" means that the Board has formally recognized that a Branch must permanently cease operations and, as a result, has decided to revoke the Branch Charter. This is an exceptional measure as there is no possibility for reinstatement.

2. <u>Article 2.02 – Branches.</u> Amend Paragraph 1 as follows:

a. Ten or more Members may apply to the Board of Directors to form or reinstate a Branch. Each application will be reviewed to ensure that conditions set by the Board are met.

(1) Upon the recommendation of the Board of Directors by Special Resolution, the formation of a Branch must be approved by Special Resolution at a Meeting of Members in order for a Branch to be granted a Charter.

(2) The reinstatement of a Branch Charter must be approved by a Resolution of the Board of Directors.

Renumber the next sub-paragraphs of paragraph 1: c. becomes b.; d. becomes c.; e. becomes d; f. becomes e;

e. A Branch may not suspend nor revoke its own Charter:

(1) As a result of either a Motion passed by the Branch which ceases its operation, or the Board determining a Branch is no longer operating, the Charter of a Branch will be suspended by approval of a Resolution by the Board of Directors.

(2) In exceptional cases where no reinstatement of a Branch will be allowed, revocation of the Branch Charter must be recommended by Special Resolution of the Board of Directors and submitted for approval by the passage of a Special Resolution at a Meeting of Members.

f. In the event that a Branch Charter is suspended or is revoked, thus resulting in the Branch being dissolved, the distribution of Branch funds and property will be decided by the Members of the Branch.

Paragraph 3: A Special Resolution of the Members is required to make any amendment to the Bylaws of the Association to change the manner of approval of an application to form a Branch, or to revoke the Charter of a Branch.

Dated: 15 April 2021

Paul Hale President PPCLI Association

## **Board of Director Elections**

Below you will find the bios for proposed directors. Full Disclosure Dougal Salmon will be nominated for President and Ted Giraldeau for Vice President.

## **Jay Bickerton**



Jay was born in southern Manitoba and grew up in northern Alberta where his military interest led him to the sea cadets. Relocating to Vancouver Island he joined the Canadian Scottish Regiment for three short months before leaving for Cornwallis and the RCR Battle school. He was posted to 1 RCR in 1986 for two years followed by four years in 3 Commando. He completed a tour in Croatia from May – August 1993. In 1994, Jay rebadged to the Patricias and served with 2 PPCLI until 2001. He did a second tour in Bosnia in 1997. In 2001 he took a voluntary release to join the RCMP. He spent his RCMP career in Manitoba. However, as casualties in Afghanistan started increasing Jay left the RCMP in 2006 and returned to 2 PPCLI. While in Afghanistan in 2008, Jay was wounded by an IED and eventually medically released in 2013.

**Jake Flanders** 



My passion for the military began as an army cadet in Edmonton in 1983. This culminated in attaining the Basic Parachutist qualification in 1987 and the next year I joined the PPCLI. Upon completion of Battle School I was posted to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn in Victoria. In the summer of 1989, I was posted to the CAR. For over 6 years I served in 2 Cdo, Recce as well as Direct Fire Support (DFS) Pl. It was while I was with DFS that I completed a tour to Somalia as a Det Comd. I was posted back to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn in Edmonton in 1996. My Coy was attachced to the LdSH (RC) in 1997-98 and I did a tour as a Sect Comd in the Former-Yugoslavia.

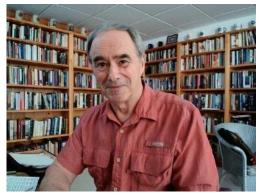
In 1998 I remustered to Int and then a CFR into Sigs two years later. One month before I graduated, the War on Terror started. My specialty was Signals Intelligence (SIGINT). In February 2002, I deployed for my first

trip to Afghanistan. This was followed quickly by a deployment to Kabul as the EW Tp Comd in 2003-04 as a part of the Intelligence, Surveillance, Target Acquisition and Reconnaissance (ISTAR) Squadron. My next deployment was to Kandahar in 2005 to sign for all of the SIGINT systems in RC South from the US on behalf of Canada.

Upon becoming a staff officer in 2007, I headed up the Canadian Army's ISTAR program. After three years I was lucky enough to be selected as the Ops O of the CF Info Ops Gp HQ at Leitrim. I spent two wonderful years in this difficult but rewarding position and I also did my final deployment to Kandahar as the Theatre Signals Intelligence Authority and retired in 2014.

Since then I have gotten back to my roots, and I have been volunteering my time with the Vernon Search and Rescue group. I specialize in rope rescue and as well as this, I am also a member of the local SAR Helicopter Team.

## **Terry Loveridge**



I've been a Patricia for half a century now, and look forward to continuing to serve.

Like many of us, I began uniformed life as a army cadet and militiaman and took this to ROTP and university. I was commissioned into the PPCLI in 1971 and spent my first five years on the Left Coast in 3 PPCLI. This was followed by three tours in Second Battalion and one in First (the latter being during the 75<sup>th</sup>). I managed to score two tours to Cyprus, one to Eygpt, and spend five years each in Germany and the US, as well as

postings to staff at CTC Tactics School and CFC Toronto. (Note, that in all that time, less than 20% of it was on army bases, over 25% on navy, and almost 30% on air force bases!)

During these travels, I picked up a degree or two so spent my last tour (and several years beyond) at RMC and the Canadian Defence Academy as a teacher and a deputy director for learning. Kingston is now home, and not just because its become Patricia Retirement Centre East, but because I still do part-time work at RMC and three generations of us are now in the area

## **David McArdle**



I joined the military in Nov 1973 and was initially posted to 3 PPCLI with a Cyprus tour in Nov 1975. During the deployment to Cyprus, I was sent to Egypt for a short time and redeployed to Canada in May 1976. Took my jump course in 1976 and posted to Airborne Regiment in Dec 1976. I married Penny in 1977 and remained devoted to her until she passed away in 2018. We have 2 boys, Clifford and Colin who were born in 1986 and 1990. I remained in the Airborne until 1984 when I was posted to 3 PPCLI. In 1987 I was posted back to 2CDO in Petawawa. I completed QL7 and was promoted in 1990 and posted to 2 PPCLI as A Coy CSM. I returned to Petawawa in 1992 and deployed to Somalia in Dec 1992.

I remained with the Airborne Regiment until Disbandment in March 1995. I was posted to 2 PPCLI as the QMSI in May of 1995 and remained there until promoted to RSM in May 1998. I deployed to Bosnia with 2 PPCLI in 1998. I was then posted to 1 PPCLI in June 1998 and deployed to Kosovo in June 1999. I was posted to the Infantry School in 2001 and then RMC in 2003. I retired in the fall of 2005. After the military, I was employed by the OSISS Program until I completely retired in 2019. While with OSISS I deployed four times to Cyprus and twice to Germany.

## Sandi Stapleford



Sandi Stapleford began her Federal Public Service Career in 1986 at CFB Calgary. Being a spouse of a Military member and being posted to many bases throughout the country, Sandi had the opportunity to work in various units throughout the Department. This gave her a diverse knowledge in many areas which include administration, human resource management, finance, and business planning. Her most rewarding employment in her career were the years providing support to the ill and injured soldiers. She was instrumental in opening the formally known Joint Personnel Support Unit at CFB Borden and

was the Services Manager at the Integrated Personnel Support Centre. Sandi retired from the federal government in 2016 however her passion to work with the injured soldier did not end with her retirement. She continued her work as a Vocational Counsellor with SISIP (Manulife) where she assisted medically releasing members with their educational needs for their successful transition to a second career. Sandi retired from this position in 2020 and is now enjoying retirement with her husband Stan.

## 107th Anniversary Bike Ride Fundraiser

March 19, 2021

Hello to all Patricia's and to the extended Patricia family. I hope your Regimental Day celebrations went on safely, and my best regards to you and your families.

In August 2020, after essentially being bored, and not wanting to sit around in the house during the '1<sup>st</sup> wave' of the pandemic, I had a last-minute idea and made a suggestion to ride 106 km for the 106<sup>th</sup> Regimental Birthday on August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The intent was to promote physical activity while motivating myself to be healthy and active during an otherwise depressing time: yet be safe, while concurrently raising money for the *Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund (HGMF)*.

Our PPCLI Association National President, Paul Hale from South-Western Ontario, and ERE Captain Elijah Macaluso (Rocky Mountain Rangers) in Kamloops, quickly signed on and we all rode our 106 km routes.—Together, we raised over \$7,000 for the *HGMF*, which was beyond all expectations. Many thanks to all those generous doners out there.

This pandemic is not over and I remain determined not to concede to this virus physically or mentally. I'm therefore intending to repeat last year's Ride with a personal motto of 107km for 107 years, or "107 for 107". The difference this year, is that I'm giving everyone plenty of notice (i.e. **NOW**). <u>I'm sending out a personal challenge to all willing and able Patricia's and extended Patricia families</u>, to join us this year for the '107 for 107' Regimental Birthday Bike Ride!

This will be scheduled for Sunday August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (rain or shine). In 2020 a simple thought led to over \$7,000 in donations, so this year just think what national-level involvement from our four Battalions, ERE Patricia's, Cadet Groups, Association members, friends of the Regiment and extended families can do! Do a ride/walk/run/march/swim individually or as a team (e.g. fire team, section, platoon, company), a family group, a cadet organization, and if you can't ride a bicycle, I leave it up to your imagination to walk, jog, or

run for 107 minutes, 107 laps in a pool or 107 laps of a school track if possible. In other words, you don't have to restrict yourself to a bike ride, and the fact that you don't have a bike, or have limited ability to ride a bike, should not deter you!

For those partaking, it's a good idea to have a safety vehicle or safety persons with you, as personal health and safety are always the first priority.

Please stay tuned for details on the event, and I look forward to my challenge to you being accepted! See you on August 8<sup>th</sup>!

VP

Greg Bell Vice President Communications Ottawa Branch PPCLI Association

As part of the 107<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bike Ride we have designed Regimental cycling gear. The theme is the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Kapyong. On the front is a crest designed by Greg Ferguson from SW Ontario Brach. You can see a close up of the crest on Page 48. On the back of the Jersey is a photo of "Pte Bill Chrysler helping Pte Morris Piche to an aid station behind the lines in Kapyong Valley on 25/26 April 1951" Bill is in good health and is a member of the SW Ontario Branch. Bill was honoured to be advised that the photo would be on the Regimental Cycling Jersey.





You order the Cycling gear direct from Jakroo. The store will go live on 1 April 2021 and will be open until 14 April. The more orders that are placed, the lower the price per item. Once the stores closes on 14 April it will take about 2 weeks for your order to be delivered to you.

The store will be open again on 1 -14 June for anyone who wants to palace orders after the have seen others wearing the cyling gear. The Jakroo site has size for men and women.



We are investigating the possiblity of a golf shirt for those who do not wish to purchase cylcing gear.

This will be an annual event on the Sunday closet to the Regimental Anniversary. The 107<sup>th</sup> Regimental Anniversary Bike Ride will take place on Sunday 8 August 2021. We encourage Association Branches, PPCLI Cadet Corps and the serving component to participate and sponsor local teams. The Edmonton riders will end their ride at Patricia Park, where we will live stream a dedication service for newly installed Legacy Stones to everyone outside of Edmonton. This has the potential to be an excellent fundraiser for the HGMF and our ongoing support to the Veterans community.

## Watch your email and social media for further details!!

# What does the Association and Hamilton Gault Memorial Funds do for the Regiment?

Program	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	Remarks
Mental Health and			1,745.00	24,207.97	29,453.08		55,406.05	8 Workshops across Canada with 174
Suicide Awareness			1,745.00	24,207.97	29,433.06		55,400.05	people trained
Student Bursaries	13,000.00	16,000.00	17,000.00	21,000.00	21,000.00	21,000.00	109,000.00	91 Bursaries awarded to 182 applicants
Cadets	10,000.00	8,532.00	9,990.00	9,518.00	10,106.00	4,000.00	52,146.00	11 PPCLI Affiliated Cadet Corps
Memorial Maint	3,567.00	5,000.00	160.00	395.00	5,905.12	6,060.40	21,087.52	
Soldier On			1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00		4,500.00	
Col Belchner Calgary			5,000.00		10,000.00		15,000.00	
Kipness Center Edm			5,000.00		5,000.00		10,000.00	
Valour Place Edm					10,000.00		10,000.00	
Volunteer Patricia	16.010.00	0.522.00					25 250 00	Veteran and Family Support Facilities
Program	16,818.00	8,532.00					25,350.00	
Calgary Veterans								
Food Bank								
Regt Museum	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00		5,796.00	45,796.00	Support specific displays in the Museum
The Military Museum			5,000.00		5,000.00		10,000.00	
Wounded Warriors				5,000.00			5,000.00	
Totals	\$53,385.00	\$48,064.00	\$55,395.00	\$71,620.97	\$97,964.20	\$36,856.40	\$363,285.57	

Since 2015, we have provided almost \$365,000 as below.

## Mental Health and Peer Support

The PPCLI Association leads the way within the military association community. We are working with Project Trauma Support and the RC Legion Operational Stress Injury Branch to develop a Virtual Peer Advocate workshop. The six-hour session covers the principles, ethics and do's and don'ts of Peer Support and is provided at no cost. At the same time, the Mental Health Commission is developing a Virtual Veterans Mental Health First Aid Course. Both of these are useful tools to assist individuals struggling with Mental Health issues.

### **Educational Bursaries**

The Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund provides Educational Bursaries to members of the Regiment, their spouses, children, and grandchildren. In 2020, the HGMF awarded 17 bursaries for a total of \$21,000.

## Patricia Park Vandalism

Many of you have heard of the recent vandalism at Patricia Park in Edmonton. On 29 September 2020, three plaques were stolen from our Regimental Memorial. Fortunately, the thief did not take the time capsule. The time capsule was secured by Herb Kenny and will be part of a future display at the Regimental Museum. The stolen plaques were replaced on 9 November at a cost of \$6,060.40. I am pleased to advise that VAC provided a grant of \$3,000 and a further \$2,200 was donated to HGMF. We received a donation from Edmonton Salutes for the final portion of the costs. I wish to thank Herb Kenny for the outstanding work he did to secure the time capsule, coordinating the installation of the replacement plaques, submitting police reports and everything else that he and his Branch have done to ensure that Patricia Park is well maintained.

## **Regimental History**

## A very moving Christmas Card, from the front lines in Korea, 68 years ago.

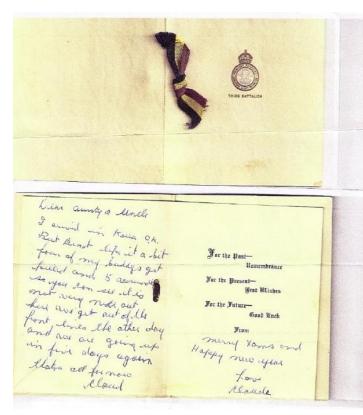
### by Vince Courtenay

Every year, since we met again at the 80th birthday of our Regiment in 1994, Claude and Ardis Petit have sent me a Christmas Card. It is touching, and I hope to receive many more of them.

I was with Claude, serving with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, when he was wounded on a position called the Hook. We both were treated, at different times, at the Norwegian Mobile Army Medical Hospital, that was the surgical MASH for the Canadian Brigade.

We both had been treated in the front lines by our company's medic, Cpl Bill Newton, who still is among us, though some older than both of us and lives in Vancouver.

Here is what Claude wrote on a Christmas Card on November 23, 1952, two weeks before he was wounded in action. It was sent lovingly by this young soldier to his aunt and uncle. Claude had turned 17 just a few weeks before, on the ship that had carried him to Korea.



" Dear Aunty & Uncle, I arrived in Korea O.K. but don't like it a bit, four of my buddies got killed and 5 wounded so you can see it is not very nice out here and we got out of the front lines the other day and now are going up in five days again. That's all for now, Claude.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, Love, Claude."

Claude recovered from his wounds, returned to the front lines, and spent 12 years in the Regiment. He was three times Canadian Army heavyweight boxing champion, and once won the Commonwealth Tri-Services crown, defeating the best boxer from the Army, Navy, Air Force in Australia, New Zealand, and the UK.

Claude Petit was awarded the Order of Canada for his work with Aboriginal Youth, and the Saskatchewan Order of Merit for his work

with the Metis communities.

## A Soldier's Story – Mike Levy

The spirit of a soldier:

Mike Levy's gallantry as a soldier was first brought to light during the Second World War by Jack Bates,

Organization For Preservation Of Canadian Military Heritage (OPCMH)



The eldest of four siblings, Michael George Levy was born in Bombay, India in 1925 to parents George and Sophie. His father was a businessman, so the family travelled throughout Asia and the Middle East before settling down in Shanghai, China. This is where Michael, his brother Albert, and sisters Emma and Katie spent most of their childhood years. Michael attended the Shanghai Public School for Boys, joined the Boy Scouts and YMCA, and excelled in recreational boxing, roller skating, rugby, soccer, and swimming.

In December 1941, the Japanese Army attacked and occupied Shanghai. As a British subject and aged 16, Michael was arrested by the Japanese and placed in the Pootung Internment Camp. In 1943 he was transferred to the Lunghua Civil Assembly Centre, the story of which is depicted in the 1987 Steven Spielberg movie *Empire of the Sun*.

Under cover of darkness, Michael and four British internees escaped from Lunghua camp on May 22, 1944 and set off for India. The group travelled through occupied China and successfully evaded the Japanese for nearly two months, completing a harrowing 3,200-kilometre (2,000-mile) journey on foot and by junk. The men finally reached an Allied base in Kunming in the Yunnan Province of Southwest China, where the Royal Air Force flew them "over the hump" to freedom in India. This remarkable journey was the subject of a 1992 Granada Television documentary in Great Britain titled *Across the Jade Divide*; it was also featured on the American television channel PBS.

Once in India, Michael was recruited by the British Army's elite Special Operations Executive (SOE) and known under its general cover name of Force 136. With his knowledge of Chinese culture and the ability to speak the native language, he was sent to Poona and Jessore for specialized training in industrial espionage, guerilla warfare and parachuting. Now 19 years of age, Michael was given the wartime rank of captain and placed second in command of the "Galvanic Brown" Patrol Liaison Team.

On July 22, 1945, the team departed from Ceylon on an 11-hour flight in a Dakota and was dropped behind enemy lines in the Malayan jungle north of Kuala Lumpur. An earlier drop had been attempted on the 20th, but the plane had to return to base due to a malfunction. It took six hours of additional flying to use up the fuel that could not be jettisoned before they could safely land. Once they were in action on the second attempt, it took the team nearly one week on foot to reach their camp near Kajang, where they met up with the Guerilla Regiment. "Galvanic Brown" operated in the Malayan jungle until after the Japanese final surrender on September 2, 1945.

In the days following, the team entered Kajang, located about 20 kilometres from Kuala Lumpur, but the Japanese stationed there refused to discuss surrender until the British Army arrived. The team engaged in diffusing hostilities between the Malayan Peoples' Anti-Japanese Army (MPAJA) and collaborators as well as maintaining control of the Japanese and warding off bandits until an Indian Army detachment arrived on September 9/10. The team then relocated to Kuala Lumpur.

Captain Mike Levy received a Mention in Despatches (MID) award for his bravery in one of Force 136's engagements at Salak South. His commanding officer described Levy as "a young chap with previous experience in a recent escape from internment in China, full of guts and really at his happiest when Japs or Puppets were reported in the vicinity, deserves full praise when he led his men with flying colours." The wartime exploits of Force 136 were immortalized in the Oscar-winning film *Bridge on the River Kwai*.

Following the war Levy was attached as an investigator to the War Crimes Tribunal in Hong Kong and Singapore. One of his duties was to proceed to Shanghai by air on July 6, 1946 for the purpose of recovering the remains of Empire soldiers interred in the Hung Jao Road Cemetery and transfer them to Hong Kong.

The following is from an article in the *Singapore Free Press*, published on November 20, 1947under the headline "Parachuted Into Malaya After Escape":

The exploits of a man who escaped from a Japanese prisoner camp, trekked 1,500 miles to friendly Chinese territory, and later parachuted into Malaya on a special mission to the Malayan resistance movement, have now been revealed for the first time. Capt. Mike Levy, a 24-year-old Canadian who is leaving Singapore this week on the Empress of Scotland, broke out of the internment camp at Lung Wha, Shanghai, in May 1944 with four other men. Until they reached Kunming three months later, they were in constant danger from the Japs.

"Looking back," said Captain Levy, "it seemed more of a thrill than a desperate adventure. I shall never forget the reception given us at Kunming by American flyers and Chinese officers, after they had really decided we were not spies. "We escaped so that we could enlist, and when we presented ourselves to the astonished military authorities in Calcutta, we were all passed "medically fit." After gaining a commission, Captain Levy was parachuted into Malaya in July 1945 with five companions on a special mission with guerillas. He has been Movements Officer at Nee Soon Camp for the past six months and is now going on transfer to the Middle East.

Captain Mike Levy retired from the British Army in 1948 and relocated with his family from Shanghai to Vancouver, where he maintained an active connection with the military by immediately enlisting in a local militia regiment, the Irish Fusiliers of Canada.

At the outbreak of the Korean War in 1950, this valiant soldier volunteered and enlisted in the newly formed Second Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry and proceeded to Korea as commander of "D" Company, # 10 Platoon. During the 1951 Battle of Kapyong, while under heavy attack, Lt. Levy initiated and personally directed the artillery bombardment from his Platoon's position on the ground onto this location for maximum effect on the charging enemy.

Following the Korean War, Lieutenant Levy married Marjorie in 1951 (with whom he had one daughter and three sons) and remained in the PPCLI, undertaking postings to Calgary, Germany, Edmonton, and Esquimalt. He was promoted to Major in December 1960. Levy spent one year in Vietnam as part of the International Commission for Supervision and Control and did a tour in Cyprus as the deputy commander of Canada's peacekeeping force.

In 1968 Levy was posted to the prestigious United States Marine Corps Command Staff College in Quantico, Virginia, then to Washington, D.C. for two years with the Canadian Defence Liaison Staff. In 1971 he moved into the Military Intelligence Directorate at National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa manning the "China Desk." In 1974 Levy retired from the CAF as a major after a distinguished 25-year career and settled back in Vancouver.

During his years of service, Levy was awarded the following awards:1939-1945 Star, Burma Star, Defence Medal, War Medal with Oak Leaf (MID), General Service Medal Malaya, Korea Medal, Volunteer Service Medal, NATO Medal, Canadian Peacekeeping Medal, United Nations Korea Medal, UNFICYP Medal, ICCS Vietnam Medal, CD with Bar, and the United States Presidential Unit Citation (Personal – Battle of Kapyong). A Grant of Arms, flag and badge were awarded to Major (Ret'd) Michael George Levy in April 2004 by the Governor General of Canada. The motto on Levy's coat of arms reads: "I HAVE PREVAILED."

"The Spirit of a Soldier" remained intact until Mike passed away on June 4, 2007 in Vancouver, proud of his loyal comrades and his regiment, the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

# 70 years ago, on 23 February 1951, the first Canadian soldiers fell in action in the Korean War

## 2 PPCLI lost five soldiers attacking Hill 444

# The following are excerpted from a newly published book by Korea veteran Vincent Courtenay, With the Princess Pats in Korea (Amazon in all nations)

Getting to the start line to attack Hill 444 for those new to battle is a mix of boisterous frivolity and apprehension. Not so for those who have been under fire before.

The lead platoon moves off in extended line to a point where one of their own excellent young sniper scouts is posted. They change their formation to line abreast, 25 men, side by side, each five yards apart from the other. On their lieutenant's order they unlock safety catches, kick off beyond the start line.

All frivolity quickly ends. The lives of those new to battle change in an instant; not just that day, but forever. Some will die. None will ever be the same. The ground is snow covered, slushy, muddy from snow melt. They move forward only a few hundred yards. They're being fully observed by the unseen enemy. They're right in the beating zone of their defensive fires.

Concealed light machine guns suddenly fire long bursts. A heavy machine gun higher up cracks horrid lines of fiery green tracer onto them. Mortar bombs blast among them. In just seconds three Patricias go down.

Major George Flint is a good leader and brave soldier. He rallies the men, calls in artillery fire, continues the assault. The Patricias advance, firing. The enemy puts more mortar bombs onto them but begins to withdraw. It is a savage fight, and the Patricias C Company must assault the hill three times. D Company is also attacking one of the ridges. By the end of the day, before consolidating, the two companies have lost five soldiers killed in action. Another has been mortally wounded and will die the next day.



Pte Elliott Gordon MacKay from Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, proudly shouldering his sea bag with all his belongings that is stenciled with his Special Force Regimental Number B801000. He was killed in action on February 23, 1951 at age 17 and rests in the United Nations Memorial Cemetery in Busan. He served in the name of his cousin because he had been too young to join the Special Force. *Private Frederik Anderson*, 26, of Olds, Alberta, fell with a bullet wound to the left temple. He had been born in Texas and served with the Canadian Army in World War Two. He wore the France-Germany Star campaign medal.

*Private Borden Bruce Brown*, 24, of Joggins, Nova Scotia, fell with a mortar shrapnel wound to the head. He had no personal effects, nothing in his pockets.

*Corporal James Alvins Calkins*, 24, from Rocky Mountain House, Alberta, was killed by machinegun fire to his chest and face.



*Private Elliot Gordon MacKay*, 17, son of Edna MacKay of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, was killed instantly with a shrapnel head wound. This soldier was too young to serve in Korea, so had enlisted under the name of his cousin, John Morgan MacKay. That name will be recorded on his burial records, but later corrected upon notification from his family. His grave marker today in the United Nations Memorial Cemetery in Busan lists both names, his real one, and the one he served under.

*Private Kenneth O'Brien*, 19, of Billings Bridge, Ontario, killed by a shrapnel wound to his left shoulder. Yes, when a vein or artery is opened, a soldier will bleed to death if aggressive medical care is not quickly available. He was the son of Dominic O'Brien of Newark, New Jersey, and Elva O'Brien of Ottawa.

In his pockets he had a wallet that contained photographs, and his legal will, though he was just 19. His pockets also held \$41.50 in American military scrip, and a very rare Parker pen and pencil set. He was wearing a Westbury watch. He wore a metal identification bracelet and onyx ring.

*Private Lloyd Ern Peters*, 20, of Hepburn, Saskatchewan died later in the hospital, after being hit in the stomach by a bullet.

That's all anyone will ever know about their deaths, even those who delve into the records. The men who were with them in the attack will not know even that much.

What they do know, though, is that bullets and shrapnel can hit anyone at any time. They come at them like supersonic rain. Nobody can dodge a bullet if they are in line of sight of the weapon it comes from. They also understand that dead is very dead; there are no second chances once it happens.

(From December 1950, through most of May 1951, the 2nd Battalion of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Regiment was Canada's sole land force on the Korean Peninsula)

## Lyle McIvor – 90 Year old Kapyong Veteran

Lyle McIvor was born on March 24th, 1931, in Carman Manitoba. His military history goes back three wars, his father, uncles, older brothers, and sister all had military service. So, in 1948, the age of 17 Lyle went to military school at Camp Borden Ontario. His regimental number at the time was SH61501, in March 1950 he left the army. When the Korean war broke out. Canada started recruiting for a special force, on 15<sup>th</sup> August 1950. That day, in Winnipeg Manitoba he joined the Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry his new regimental number is H800188. This is why he as two regimental numbers.

Being a trained soldier, he was granted four weeks leave. When he reported back to duty, he was placed on the Advanced Water Party. They were sent to Jericho Beach in British Columbia, for a short time. Then sent to Fort Lewis Washington to wait for a ship. They left in late September, on the James O'Hara US Naval Ship, with nurses and doctors aboard. After 12 days at sea, they are informed we are going to the island Okinawa. With the sudden change in the war, they ended up in Okahoma, Japan. Due to this change, the Canadian supplies were unloaded onto Sand pans, as they were on the top of the load, and the American supplies were below and needed unloaded. This loading and reloading would take a few days. With the aid of Captain Folds an American Military Jeep was requested. With it and 2 MPs as an escort he was taken to the Yokohama War Cemetery. He was able to visit his brother's grave, who died in a Japanese prison camp, on December 4, 1944.

After reloading the ship with their supplies, they sailed around the bottom of Japan, to Pusan, Korea. Landing in Korea October 19th, 1950, to set up camp and wait for the battalion to sail over. But North Korea advanced south as far as Taegu. The regiment arrived December 23<sup>rd</sup> and enjoyed Christmas dinner on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Meeting and talking to other soldiers for the first time in long time. General MacArthur wanted to Canadians to immediately go into battle. LCol Stone (Big Jim Stone) said, his men need Advanced Training first. So, after some training the Canadians went into battle in the beginning of February. They were with British Commonwealth Brigade. This consisted of Australian battalion, New Zealand battalion and two British battalions. They were supported by the US Artillery. So up and down the hills they went. All the way back up to Seoul, and into North Korea. Advancing into North Korea they were ordered back to the 38th parallel. The big Chinese push from the North, forced the UN Forces back to Seoul. Then moving up threw Seoul, to Kapyong.

The Kapyong Battle started April 23, 1951. Big Jim said, "we are Canadians we don't give a fucking inch." The fighting was hard. They had to call the US Artillery to fire on their position. 25<sup>th</sup> April 1951 the North started to fall back. Peace talk started, and they patrolled the 38 parallel. He was one of the first to go on R and R after the regiment was awarded the American Presidential Citation. Lyle was one of the last to come home on the Canadian ship the Martins. Upon returning home he was not feeling well. His mother called the doctor (back then doctors made house calls). After examination he was told report to the Army hospital, the Deer Lodge Hospital in Winnipeg. He was quite ill with malaria. After spending two months in the hospital he was discharged, with a small pension. His Army Career was over in March 1952.



Lyle McIver receives his 90<sup>th</sup> Regimental Birthday Certificate from Herb Kenny.

At the same time, a shirt from the Dirty Patricia Kit shop was presented to him to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Kapyong of which he participated in. To Herb's surprise when Lyle was shown the back of the shirt, he said that is me right there and pointed to himself in the photo. He was blown away with both presentations.



Herb Kenny points to Lyle as he moves forward as part of 2 PPCLI in Korea, 1951.

This is Lyle's account of his career and the events he was apart off. (Provided by his wife Sharon) Once a Patricia, Always a Patricia This story was forwarded to me by LCol (Ret'd) Harry Elliott, CO 3 PPCLI from 8 June 1988 to 20 July 1990.

In my personal opinion Harry Elliott was the best CO I have ever had the privilege of serving with. I have always done my best to emulate the leadership and care for soldiers that he demonstrated.

His reason for sharing his experience is threefold.

First to let members of 3 PPCLI who were under his command in 1990 know why he disappeared off the radar.

Second, to let all those who are now on the front lines of the COVID 19 war know that everyone from health care staff, first responders, Personal Care Workers, essential workers, and members of the Canadian Armed Forces who have been activated to assist in fighting COVID what you are all critical to defeating this virus. Be safe and take all the necessary precautions.

Third it is unfortunate if you do get COVID or are currently recovering. However, it is possible to recover. A positive attitude and willingness to get better is your strongest weapon. Take the time to read this. Harry's recovery and ongoing fight is incredible.

For LCol Elliott, it was a privilege and honour to serve under your command.

Paul Hale

## LCol (Ret'd) Harry Elliott - Me and My Virus

SIN NOMBRE VIRUS (December 2020)

My encounter with a virus happened around 18 June 1990, thirty one years ago. That encounter has affected all aspects of my life since then.

This note will fill in some of the details.

When I became ill in the Wainwright Alberta military training area in June 1990, my unit Doctor, a brand-new Doctor from the University of Toronto, had no idea what I had. But he was smart enough to get me evacuated to the University Hospital in Edmonton on the night of 20 June 1990.

At the hospital, the Doctors classified my condition as *atypical pneumonia*. I subsequently spent the next 10 weeks in a drug induced coma in their respiratory ICU during which time: I had a machine that breathed for me - a ventilator for 80+ days; a machine that fed me; and numerous other machines plugged into me to monitor and augment my bodily functions. During that 10-week period, I lost 55 pounds (my body weight dropped to 120 pounds), my heart stopped beating twice, and I had a pulmonary embolism, which was treated with snake venom and other clot busting medications. I also had several surgeries, including a tracheotomy for the ventilator and a lung biopsy that resulted in 18 puncture scars on both sides of my rib cage.

When they brought me out of the 10-week, drug induced coma, a process which took 3 days under 24-hour watch by the doctors, I had no idea where I was. It was snowing outside my window - September in Edmonton!

Three months after my release from the ICU, my hands still shook from the drug withdrawal. I spent the next 5½ months in 5 different hospitals. In October, I was medically evacuated back to the military base and my home in Victoria. From October 1990 until June 1991, I spent 6 hours/day, 7 days/week doing physiotherapy at the military hospital, relearning how to crawl, walk, and run; and remuscling my atrophied body. My Achilles tendons had shrunk so much the Doctors thought they could only be corrected by surgery. My physiotherapist and I succeed in stretching the tendons out 13 cm, thus negating the need for the surgery. The virus (read on!) had also caused significant respiratory damage. The doctors thought I would probably require supplemental oxygen for the rest of my life. However, my daily physiotherapy regimen, eventually leading up to running five miles, reduced the lung damage such that I now have only a 30% loss of my lung capacity. At the end of the year on my release from the hospital physiotherapy, I achieved an excellent score on the annual military physical training test.

I did not accept the *atypical pneumonia* diagnosis given to me on my initial hospital admission. I did all the research on my condition and sent my analysis, including newspaper clippings and articles, back to the University hospital in January 1993. I told the hospital that I thought I had contacted hantavirus in the military training area. The hospital told me to have a specific blood test conducted, a new test for a recently identified virus. So, I had the test done. The results were positive. The University Hospital had stored blood, tissue, and lung fluid samples from when I was ill, and they sent the samples and the positive test results to the Centre for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta. In January 1994, the University hospital sent me a copy of a telegram that it had received from the CDC. The telegram said they 'had never seen such high concentrations of *Sin Nombre Virus* in any living or dead human being'. *Sin Nombre Virus (SNV)* is one of the several species of hantavirus, a genus of viruses that are passed to humans from rodents. *SNV* attacks the respiratory system resulting in *hantavirus pulmonary syndrome (HPS)*.

Fortunately, *SNV* does not transfer person to person. The reported mortality rate from *SNV* varies from journal article to journal article between 50 and 90%. I survived thanks to two excellent Irish Doctors - pulmonary interns studying at the University hospital, lots of prayers, and the facts that I was a non-smoker and super fit for a 43-year-old infantry soldier. Also, the Doctors were determined I live. My wife stayed with me at the ICU for the entire summer; only departing to get our children organized and back into school in September.

While doing my physiotherapy on 20 January 1991, I had a 'mushing' sound and difficulty hearing in my right ear. My physiotherapist had my Doctor check it out. He arranged appointments for me with an audiologist and an ENT specialist Doctor. By the time I attended my appointments, a few weeks later, I had hearing loss and ringing in both ears. The deterioration of my hearing continued for several years. The military Doctors sent me to numerous hospitals, Sunnybrook Hospital, the UBC/Vancouver General, and the House Ear Clinic in Los Angeles California, where I was tested and examined by numerous hearing specialists. Unfortunately, no definitive answer to my hearing condition was forthcoming. The consensus was that my hearing loss was either due to the medications used to keep me alive (Lasik, erythromycin, gentamicin) during my hantavirus treatment or it was the hantavirus itself. I get my hearing tested annually and currently have a 95% hearing loss in my right ear, an 80+% loss in my left ear, and tinnitus in both ears. My ENT specialist recommended I have a cochlear implant, which I have declined.

During this incredibly stressful period of my declining hearing, I also had issues with my vision. My hearing and vision had always been perfect. I had never required eyeglasses or hearing aids. In February 1991, I had difficulty reading. I was referred to an optometrist who diagnosed my condition as presbyopia and prescribed reading glasses. On retesting a few years later, he found I had myopia and prescribed bifocal glasses. My sight continued to deteriorate, and, in the spring of 2000, I was referred to an ophthalmologist who diagnosed my new condition as 'bilateral optical atrophy' which he attributed to my hantavirus condition.

These on-going health issues combined with the related challenges of securing and learning new employment skills and culture while raising a young family and fighting Veterans Affairs Canada were extremely challenging and stressful. During the period 1996-97, I was treated for depression, which my family Doctor attributed to my illness, hantavirus, and my struggle with life. My depression was treated with a combination of medication and weekly sessions with a psychologist.

Since 2015, I have had on-going issues with my feet, hot/cold, and deteriorating foot skin. According to my family Doctor, after consultation, tests, and referral to several specialists, including two neurologists and a circulatory system specialist, and various articles I have read, the hantavirus appears to be still active in my body.

It is 30 years since I almost died of Hantavirus. My war with the *SNV* continues. The current images of hospital scenes showing *Coronavirus (Covid 19)* patients remind me of what I went through. I have great empathy for the patients and survivors of *Coronavirus*. I hope the medical system and the patients understand they are about to start an exceptionally long challenging and troubling medical journey, that from my experience is totally undocumented and not understood.

That is the medical part of my story. The effects on my family, military career and subsequent life is another ongoing chapter.

LCol (Ret'd) Harry Elliott, CD

# Ed Widenmaier's 100<sup>th</sup> Regimental Anniversary Cadillac

Ed's wife Hazel asked the Colonel in Chief at a lady's tea before the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary if she would like to ride in a Convertible Cadillac for the parade. She replied that it was a wonderful idea.



The car was a used 1976 Eldorado Convertible. Ed spent \$5000 for new tires a paint job and new convertible roof to make it pristine.

The car looked splendid on parade and Hazel was very proud of driving the Colonel in Chief and the Colonel of the Regiment.



The end of the story is Ed sold the car to a lawyer in Hong Kong for twice the price he paid for it including his \$5000 in upgrades

## A brief history of the Regiment in Winnipeg

By Perry Batchelor

The Manitoba NW Ontario Branch of the PPCLI Association believes that the memories below need to be memorialized. For that reason, we have established a committee to work in conjunction with the Treaty One Development Corporation in the construction of a Kapyong Barracks Memorial. Members are as follows;

Perry Batchelor - ChairJames Zelazny - SecretaryRobert PigBill Spring - MemberJennie Spring - MemberRay CrableMWO Sheldon Quinn - PPCLI RepresentativeRay Crable

Robert Pigeau - Treasurer Ray Crabbe - Member

## **1940'S**

## FORT OSBORNE BARRACKS

Kapyong Barracks (then named Fort Osborne Barracks South) opens during WWII and is home to The Lord Strathcona's Horse, the 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (2 PPCLI) and C Battery of the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery.

### 1968

## CANADIAN FORCES BASE WINNIPEG

Fort Osborne Barracks South merged with the Royal Canadian Air Force Station Winnipeg to form the Canadian Forces Base Winnipeg.

## MAY 1973

### **KAPYONG BARRACKS RENAMED**

Fort Osborne Barracks South re-named Kapyong Barracks, after the battle of Kapyong, fought by 2 PPCLI in Korea in 1951.

### 1984 - 1988

### **ROYAL CANADIAN REGIMENT**

3rd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment posted to Kapyong Barracks while 2 PPCLI was posted to Germany.

### 2004

### **RELOCATION TO SHILO**

2nd Battalion of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry relocated from Kapyong Barracks to Canadian Forces Base Shilo.

Whether Trooping the Colours, Unarmed Combat Training, Rappelling, Conducting Vehicle Maintenance or enjoying a beverage in one of the Messes. Any soldier that served with 2 PPCLI at Kapyong Barracks in Winnipeg, Manitoba will have these memories.

Sit Rep: to date the Sub Committee has held one meeting, although we are early in the process, we thought this would be a great opportunity to advise members of the PPCLI Association about what we are up to.

We have been in favorable communications with The Treaty One Development Corporation. Further we have sent letters seeking the support of the Regiment, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, the Colonel of the Regiment and the PPCLI Association.

In the immediate future we plan to request a face-to-face meeting with the Treaty One Development Corporation. When we have received the appropriate support and permissions, we will begin the planning of the Memorial in earnest.

How can you help you ask! We would like to give as many members as possible of our Regimental Family an opportunity to participate in the process through financial assistance.

More to follow on that as we develop some fundraising plans. If you have any specific thoughts on what the memorial should look like, feel free to send us an email at <u>jzelazny36@live.ca</u>

As you can see by the photos, Kapyong has been razed to the ground, there is however an outstanding vision for the future of the place so many of us once called home. We believe very strongly that the history of the PPCLI in particular the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion needs to be recognized for our time in Winnipeg. Many of us left Kapyong for domestic or overseas deployments; some never came home. A Monument of this nature gives us an RV of reflection for the future. There is plenty of work ahead, but we are confident that when the time comes, we will be ready to move forward with this very important initiative. We look forward to the Dedication Parade in the near future.



Kapyong Barracks in 2000.



Demolition of the Lecture Training Building.

## Seeking Volunteers to tell your story about Regimental Service in Germany after 1953

Hello Fellow Patricias,

This message seeks volunteers to be interviewed about their service with the PPCLI in Germany between 1958 and 1988. The interviews are being conducted to assist in the production of Volume VI of the PPCLI Regimental history (1958-2000). If you were one of the following, the Regiment would be most grateful if you would agree to participate in an interview about your service and contribute to Volume VI:

- a member of the PPCLI on a rotation to Germany after 1957;
- a Patricia who served with 3 Mechanized Commando;
- · a Canadian Armed Forces member attached to a PPCLI battalion during a rotation; or
- or a spouse of a member living in Germany for any of the PPCLI rotations after 1957.

If you are interested please send the following information to Regimental Clerk, Corporal Obregon Regimental Headquarters at <u>nathan.obregon@forces.gc.ca</u> :

- Name
- Rank at time of service (or spouse)
- · Company and Battalion
- Dates of service in Germany
- Point of contact information email or messenger address and phone number.

Corporal Obregon will confirm receipt of your contact, enter your name on the list of persons to be interviewed and forward the information to the historian writing this volume, who will contact you to arrange a phone or online interview.

Please be aware that all interviewees will be asked permission for the interview to be recorded to allow the historian to accurately capture the information. Anyone who does not want to have the interview recorded is still very welcome to participate – the interviewing historian will keep notes for use in preparation of Volume VI.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and support to the Regimental family and in making this volume of history about those who served. VP

## Victoria Branch

Murray Edward's celebrated his 100th Birthday with a large gathering of Patricia's in January 2021. Since March of 2020 he has been and still is in lockdown at Broadmead Lodge. For his 101st Birthday Murray received cards from Patricia's across Canada. He was very pleased with all the Birthday greetings.

On a positive note, he was the first in Broadmead Lodge to receive a COVID Vaccination. Murray is still doing well, and we look forward to when we can go visit him again.





Happy 101<sup>st</sup> B'day Murray

## Manitoba NW Ontario Branch

Well, the Covid dilemma was no different at our Branch than we believe was happening in others across the Country. With no face-to-face events or gatherings or meetings it was tough on all of us. But we overcame that dilemma by successfully conducting our branch business by holding an Executive Meeting in November 2020. We also conducted our AGM in January 2021, through Virtual Means. We were pleased to have National President Paul Hale join us and update us on items being taken care of at the National level.

As we continue to move forward and with a successful AGM in 2021, our Branch will have a Regimental Day gathering of our members and any other Patricias who would like to join in a Virtual setting on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021. We look forward to meeting virtually showing our adapt and overcome attitude.

When 2 PPCLI moved to Shilo after a Patricia presence for roughly 70 Years in Winnipeg, it was always the intention of the Manitoba NW Ontario Branch to be involved in a project to recognize the Regiment in particular the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion's time in Winnipeg.

For years since 2 PPCLI moved to Shilo, it has been difficult watching what used to be a thriving Military Base now completely demolished. As a result, the Branch has formed a Sub Committee to discuss and work in conjunction with Treaty One Development to install a Memorial in a place of prominence within the Kapyong Development. We will keep you posted as we work through this process.

In the meantime, we as a Branch continue to plan for the days when we can meet in person once again. We have discussed a Golf Tournament or a Bar B Que or maybe both for this Summer. More details to follow.

April 25<sup>th</sup> marks the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong. Please take a minute of silence on the 25<sup>th</sup> to recognize our Brothers who gave all and never returned. Reflect on those who returned never to be the same.

Take care of each other in these covid times and stay well.

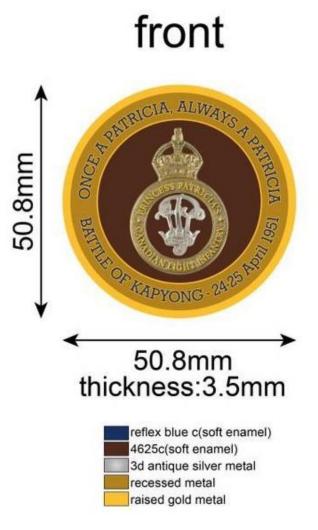
VP – Manitoba NW Ontario Branch

## **Southwest Ontario Branch**

In recognition of the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong, the SW Ontario Branch has created this coin as a fundraising tool to support the HGMF along with local branch activities. If you are interested, please let me know and I will take your order. Anticipated delivery dates will be mid to end- April 2021. Cost will be \$25 per coin all in.

It quite appropriate that the crests will be used on the Regimental Cycling Gear which features Bill Chrysler, a Kapyong Veteran and member of the SW Ontario Branch.

Greg Ferguson President PPCLI Association Southwest Ontario Branch Once a Patricia, Always a Patricia



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## Sgt Roy Rushton Branch Atlantic

This year, like many other branches, has been extremely quiet, due to this ongoing pandemic. Contacts with Association members and the serving members of the French Grey Bn. has only been by telephone or emails. Several of our planned gatherings had to be cancelled due to the Atlantic bubble restrictions.

Surprisingly, our membership of 43 has been at par with that of the last few years. We have picked up a few new members and dropped as many. I am sure it will increase once again, as soon as gathering limitations will allow us.

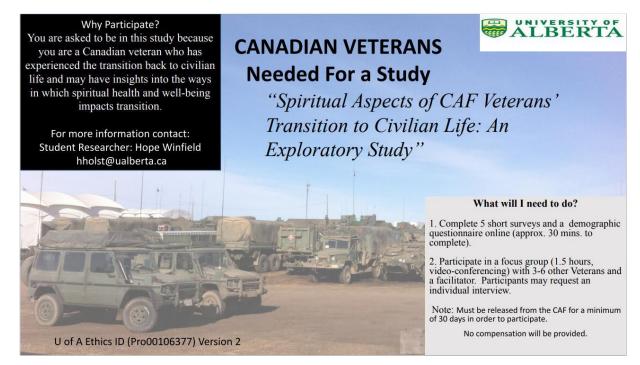
As you all know by now, the National AGM, in which we were to host in Dieppe NB had to be physically cancelled, but it will take place via zoom on 01 May. Once again, this is very unfortunate as we were looking forward to a great weekend, annotating it has been several years since we gathered down here- the last time in Gagetown. If you are interested in taking part in this AGM, just let your area President know soonest.

As soon as this year's AGM concludes, it also sees the end of my tender as Director and VP East. I am sure that my replacement, David McArdle will exceed all expectations required, as he takes over the Director East.

I would like to personally thank the National President – Paul Hale for his endless effort and time spent in excelling our Association to the next level.

VP

Stephen Bartlett



# 10 reasons to join the PPCLI Association

1. **Once a Patricia, Always a Patricia.** You are part of this Regimental Family. Regardless of background, length of service or your 'next bound'. You will always be a Patricia and welcome. We offer a free three-year National membership for those released or retired since April 2016? Take advantage of this. In particular if you are a medical release. We are here to help!!!

2. **Volunteer Patricia Program (VPP).** The VPP supports serving, released and retired Patricia's and their families who need assistance. Since June 2017, they have helped over 150 individuals who were either homeless, dealing with extensive medical bills, needed help travelling to medical appointments, VAC Claims or a fire team partner. We need more VPP volunteers with the time and energy to help others.

3. **Mental Health and Suicide Awareness.** The Association has aggressively promoted Mental Health and Suicide Awareness. We have conducted eight workshops to date and trained 118 Patricias on Mental Health and Suicide Awareness. The next workshops will be virtual on 12-14 April 21. Get involved and attend a workshop so that you can help your brothers and sisters. Saving one life makes it worthwhile.

4. **Education.** In 2020, the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund (HGMF) awarded 17 Student Bursaries for a total of \$21,000. Bursaries are available to serving, released and retired Patricia's, including wives, children, and grandchildren. Applications must be submitted by 15 July.

5. **Support to Veterans and Families.** In 2021 and beyond, the Association will provide financial support to Col Belchner Centre in Calgary, Kipnes Centre for Veterans in Edmonton, and the Veterans Association Food Banks in Calgary and Edmonton to name just a few.

6. **Cadets**. Our 'Farm Team.' Young people who work hard to perpetuate our Regiment. The Association provides Regimental hat badges, shoulder flashes and financial support to PPCLI Affiliated Cadet Corps. Cadets will benefit from your mentorship.

7. **Regimental History and Heritage.** Memorials to the fallen are sacred and must be preserved. As everyone knows Patricia Park was vandalized in September 2020. We completed the repairs before Remembrance Day. The HGMF maintains Frezenberg, Lansdowne, Patricia Park, and other Regimental Memorials.

8. **Regimental Museum**. The Museum preserves our achievements and history. They depend on funding and volunteers. The Association supported the museum's operations and outreach by donating \$10,000 for the Victoria Cross and 81 mm Mortar displays.

9. **Fundraising.** The Association cannot accomplish the above without money. Every 18 months, the Calgary Branch Casino raises between \$60-80,000. The average return on Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund investments is \$25,000 per year and a further \$8-10,000 is donated by Association members. With more support, we can have an even greater impact.

10. **Regimental Influence.** There are 13 Branches across Canada and each hold a number of social activities based on the desires of their membership. Branches keep the Regimental spirit alive and often assist individuals within their local area. There is no rank in the Association. If a retired or released Pte/Cpl/MCpl, etc.. does not like the way things are going they can voice their opinion and be heard. Get involved in a Branch and help chart the Way Ahead for the Branch and Association. The Association is not just for 'Old Geezers.' It is your Association – get involved and steer it towards activities that interest you.

Serving members can join and those long retired are also welcome! National dues are \$25.00 a year and cover the costs of operating the Association.

FIND OUT MORE at: http://www.ppcliassoc.ca/ on how to contact your local branch or join as an e-member.

The bottom line is the Regiment needs the Association and we need you!!! We work behind the scenes, building and protecting our legacy so that the serving component can get on with making history.



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## Major-General C. William Hewson, CMM, CD February 2, 1937 – February 3, 2021



Major-General Conrad William Hewson, CMM, CD Colonel of the Regiment 3 July 1994 - 24 June 2000

Major-General Bill Hewson was born in Penetanguishene, Ontario on 2 February 1937. He enrolled in the Canadian Army in September 1955, and attended the Royal Military College with a degree in Civil Engineering. Commissioned in 1959 into Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, he served as a subaltern in Esquimalt, BC, and Hemer, Federal Republic of Germany. He attended the British Army Staff College at Camberley from 1964 to 1965, and subsequently was posted to Headquarters 3 Canadian Infantry Brigade Group in Gagetown, New Brunswick.

Promoted Major in 1967, Major-General Hewson served again with the PPCLI in Edmonton, AB, then was transferred in late 1968 to Mobile Command Headquarters, St Hubert, QC. He served there first as Staff Officer Infantry, and later, coincident with his promotion to Lieutenant- Colonel, as Senior Staff Officer Plans and Operations. In 1971, he became Commanding Officer of the First Battalion Princess Patricias Canadian Light Infantry in Calgary, AB.

Following a tour in 1973-74 as directing staff at the Australian Army Staff College, he was promoted Colonel and posted to Headquarters 1 Combat Group, Calgary, as Deputy Commander. In 1977, he attended National Defence College, Kingston, ON. From 1978-1980, he served at National Defence Headquarters as Director Establishment Requirements.

In July 1980, Major-General Hewson was appointed Deputy Chief of Staff Headquarters United Nations Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP). Promoted Brigadier-General in April 1982, he assumed the position of Chief of Staff UNFICYP Headquarters and served in that capacity until July 1984. Throughout the period of 1980-1984, he was also Commander Canadian Contingent, UNFICYP, and saw many hundreds of Patricia's on duty in Cyprus.

In July 1984, Major-General Hewson became Director General Intelligence at National Defence Headquarters, and in January 1985 he was promoted to Major-General and assumed the appointment of Chief of Intelligence and Security. From 1988 to 1991, he held the position of Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe. He retired from the Canadian Forces in 1991. He yet served Canada, taking on the role of Director General Intelligence at the Canadian Security Establishment until 2000. He was Colonel of the Regiment, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, from 3 July 1994 until 24 June 2000.

Major-General Hewson met Norah in 1959 and they married in 1961. They moved around their many postings as an indivisible pair, with Norah being a career nurse and together raising their two sons - Douglas (Marisia), of Kanata, ON and. Richard (Stephanie) of Vernon BC, with their two sons, Mitchell and Spencer.

Major-General Hewson passed away peacefully on February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021, a day after his eighty fourth birthday. Family, friends and colleagues will be welcomed at a Service of Remembrance, to be scheduled and announced as soon as public health conditions permit.

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"At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them."