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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association will take place in the Amiens Theatre, Fort Frontenac, Kingston, Ontario on *Saturday, June 24, 2006 at 0900 hrs.*

A *Proxy Form* is attached as Annex 'C' to this Bulletin for the use of Members in Good Standing who are unable to attend the meeting in person. Completed Proxies must be received at the National Secretariat *no later than June 10* or given to the National Secretary two hours before the meeting for validation.

## KINGSTON TO HOST 2006 AGM

The 2006 Annual General Meeting and associated events will take place in Kingston, Ontario *from 22 to 25 June.*

The complete program and recommended accommodation list are attached as Annex 'A' to this Bulletin, and a Registration Form as Annex 'B'. The Kingston Branch must receive completed Registration Forms with cheques for applicable fees *no later than Jun 1.*

## HEADS UP

### Dues Alert!

Have you paid your Association Membership Dues for the year 2006?

Our Constitution states that Annual Dues become *due and payable on January 1st* of each year and *must be paid by March 31st* for a member to remain in good standing. Only Members in Good Standing are entitled to hold office, vote at Association meetings and receive Association Newsletters and Bulletins.

### Student Bursary Applications

Applications for PPCLI Student Bursaries must be received at Regimental Headquarters *by 15 July.* Forms may be obtained on the Regimental Website ([www.ppcli.com](http://www.ppcli.com)) or by calling the RHQ Orderly Room, (780) 973-4011, Extension 5450.

### PPCLI Association Annual Newsletter

The next PPCLI Association Newsletter will be distributed in early November 2006. The deadline for submissions is *Friday, 6 October.*

The Newsletter will contain editorials, announcements of upcoming Association and Regimental activities, personal and historical notes and current affairs of interest to members. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting will be enclosed. We will also include Branch activity calendars for the coming year and any other information Branches may have for the benefit of their own and other members.

We encourage individual members to contribute personal anecdotes and photographs.

*A penny saved is a government oversight*

## DEPOT & TROOPING PHOTOS WANTED

*By Fred Goldring*

The PPCLI Depot existed from 1953 to 1968. Recruit platoons did their training in Calgary, Edmonton, and parts of it in Wainwright, Chilliwack and Victoria and, beginning in late 1968, all recruits went to Cornwallis.

During the tenure of the Depot 205 platoons were put through. I have the names of 183 of them and photos on 123. I also have the names of over 5,000 young soldiers who went through the Depot and I have secured the names of the platoons from back copies of *The Patrician* in the fifties and later issues. I have some photos with no names at all.

Unfortunately the records of the Depot and photos have gone astray or are hiding somewhere. As we near the 100th Anniversary of the Regiment I am preparing a display of the PPCLI Recruit Depot Platoons.

Some sources have been recruits themselves, instructors and a few from the museum. If you ever went through the Depot please contact me with the name of the platoon, any instructors and let me know if you have a photo. Even if you do not have a photo, the names of any fellow recruits will greatly assist in the project.

Following are **some** of the platoons that I do not have any information on or photo of other than a date and one person who was in the platoon: Fosso Munio 1953, Gully 1953-54, Bellawarde 1953-54, Canal du Nord 1954, Passchendale 1954, Passchendale 1955, Amiens 1955, Scarpe 1955, Argia 1955, Roatti 1955, Vimy 1956, Leonforte 1956, Mons 56-57, Scarpe 56-57, Flanders 56-57, Somme 56-57, Arras 57, Leonforte 57, Argia 57, Italy 57, Moro 57, Frezenberg 57, North West Europe 57, Rimini 57, San Fortunato 57, North West Europe 57, Somme 58-59, San Fortunato 59, Frezenberg 59-60, Vimy 60, Passchendale 60, Scarpe 60, Mons 60, France Flanders 60, Hitler Line 60-61. There are quite a few more but space is limited so I cannot list them all. If you would like a copy of a particular platoon, it is do-able.

I have a copy of 2nd Battalion's 1964 Trooping (50th Anniversary) in Edmonton showing all the guards, Escort, Band, etc. For the 1st Battalion's Trooping in Germany, 1964, I only have photos of the Escort, 4 and 5 Guards. Does anyone have photos of 2, 3 or 6 Guard? I would like to complete the set for a display at upcoming reunions.

Another group of pictures I am interested in for a display are Jr NCO Courses in Wainwright in the 50's and 60's as well as Jump Courses during the same time in Rivers.

Any information/photos you can provide would be greatly appreciated. I think the display would be wonderful for the 100th and even the 95th Anniversary if I can get it completed.

So, guys, take a bit of time to dig out the barrack box or look in old photo albums and get back to me (Fred Goldring) at (780) 476-5472, or [fkglrdng@telusplanet.net](mailto:fkglrdng@telusplanet.net). Let's not, down the road, let our surviving families' dig all through it after we are gone and throw out stuff like this.

## BRANCH NEWS

### Calgary Branch

By Bob Zubkowski

The Calgary Branch held elections on the 28th of January, 2006 with the following results: President, Joe Schulz; Vice-President, Doug MacIssac; Secretary, Annette Loykowski; Treasurer, John Burke; Entertainment, George Arthurson; VPP, Chris Wallace; Sergeant-at-Arms, George Arthurson; Hospital Rep, Mac Walker; Kit Shop, Fred Blackmore; Newsletter, Bob Zubkowski.

The Calgary Branch is please to announce that preparations for the 60th Anniversary of the Association in 2007, in Calgary, Alberta are on track and going great. We are planning to make this the show of the century so mark your calendar well in advance to insure a room. More information will be coming in the following newsletters and at the AGM this year.

Lenore Summers is seeking information on her father, Wilfred Gerald Kenneth (Gerry) Hammerquist, who served in the Patricia's from 1950 until he passed away in 1964. She and her sister are trying to piece together a history of their father's service with the Regiment and are particularly interested in tracking down the men who served with him. If anyone can assist she can be reached at (403) 259-3306 or e-mail lenore.summers@cnrl.com. You can also call the Calgary Branch President, Joe Schulz, at (403) 246-4132.

Congratulations go out to Ed Laplante who has received the Alberta Centennial Medal. Ed's hard work at the Drumheller Legion has been recognized by the local legion, which totally surprised Ed with the presentation on Friday, January 27, 2006. From all members of the Calgary Branch, Well done Ed!!

The Calgary Branch challenges all branches in a recruitment drive. From the time this Bulletin is printed until the Fall Newsletter let's see who can recruit the most new members. Its up to you to see if your branch will be first.

#### 2006 Calendar

**Saturday, 28 January: Monthly Meeting and General Election**, Forest Lawn Legion Branch No. 275, 755 - 40 St. S.E. Breakfast at 0900 hrs, meeting at 1000 hrs.

**Saturday, 25 February: Monthly Meeting**, Forest Lawn Legion Branch No. 275, 755 - 40 St. S.E. Breakfast at 0900 hrs, meeting at 1000 hrs.

**Friday, 17 March: Regimental Birthday**, Forest Lawn Legion Br No. 275, 755 - 40 St. S.E. 1900 hrs.

**Saturday, 29 April: Monthly Meeting**, Forest Lawn Legion Branch No. 275, 755 - 40 St. S.E. Breakfast at 0900 hrs, meeting at 1000 hrs.

**Monday, 8 May: Frezenberg Service**, Museum of the Regiments. 1000 Hrs, followed by brunch.

**Saturday, 27 May: Monthly Meeting**, Forest Lawn Legion Branch No. 275, 755 - 40 St. S.E. Breakfast at 0900 hrs, meeting at 1000 hrs.

**Sunday, 28 May: Annual Golf Tournament**, Turner Valley Golf and Country Club. \$100.00 Per Person. Non-players dinner only, \$23.00 Per Person. Must be prepaid by cheque payable to PPCLI Association. For further info and

Registration Forms, contact Jerry Bowes, Phone (403) 249-5781 or E-mail jbowes@telus.net

**Saturday, 24 June: Monthly Meeting**, Forest Lawn Legion Branch No. 275, 755 - 40 St. S.E. Stampede Breakfast at 0900 hrs, meeting at 1000 hrs.

**Friday - Sunday, 18 - 20 August: Annual RV and BBQ** at Jack and Sandi Rayner's place. Phone Jack at: (403) 934-3480.

**Saturday, 30 September: Meet and Greet** with wine and cheese.

**Saturday, 28 October: Monthly Meeting**, Forest Lawn Legion Branch No. 275, 755 - 40 St. S.E. Breakfast at 0900 hrs, meeting at 1000 hrs.

**Saturday, 11 November: Services** at the Museum of the Regiments and Jubilee Atrium.

**Saturday, 25 November: Monthly Meeting**, Forest Lawn Legion Branch No. 275, 755 - 40 St. S.E. Breakfast at 0900 hrs, meeting at 1000 hrs.

**Calgary Branch Executive Meetings** are held the second Thursday of the month from 1900 hrs - 2030 hrs at Forest Lawn Legion Branch No. 275, 755 - 40 St. S.E.

**PPCLI Association 60th Anniversary Planning Committee Meetings** are held the last Wednesday of the month from 1900 hrs - 2030 hrs at Forest Lawn Legion Branch No. 275, 755 - 40 St. S.E.

**Happy Hours** are held the last Friday of the month. Location of the Happy Hour is published in the Calgary Branch Monthly Newsletter.

**For Information on the Calgary Branch** please call Joe Schulz, (403) 246-4132 or Bob Zubkowski, (403) 249-8107.

### Edmonton Branch

By Fred Goldring

We have a challenge for the other Branches - we just finished a mini recruiting binge and our regular membership increased 15% or 10 members. Can any branch match that!!

In the 2005 Patrician, we listed our regular members and spouses. Our newest members are Marcel Beztilney, Ed Haines, Darren Krywiak, Troy MacInnis, Russ Parenteau, Cliff Pompana, Peter Radostits, Stan Shank, Earl McCutcheon and Jack White.

Some of our members are starting to think about getting the golf clubs out early as winter is almost over and we really have not had any bad weather. Optimistic or what!!

The bunch of former 2nd Bn Branch members of the 50's, 60's and 70's were saddened at the loss of FP Anderson.

The Branch was recently represented at a Retirement Dinner for the 1st and 3rd Battalions. Two retiring members signed up with us.

We have several members who are snowbirds and we feel they will be back early this year as the weather here has been just wonderful.

Our meetings are still the last Saturday of each month except July and August (no meetings) and December, which this year is the 16th. Drop in and see us if you are in the area, at the Kingsway Legion 1100 hrs.

We hope to see some of you in Kingston for the AGM.

**Manitoba & Northwest Ontario Branch***By D'Arcy Best*

Our Branch Executive has taken on a new look as a result of our Annual Meeting in January. Gerald (Bud) Hawkins is now Branch President, his wife Maureen Blake is our new Secretary and Don (Boots) Collins has been elected Vice-President. Yours Truly is staying on for another term as Treasurer. We also elected Directors Roy Bailey, Bob Cumming, Cliff Fox, Susan Holfeuer, Archie Moore and Stu Weeks, and Past President Len King was appointed VPP Contact.

The Branch meets for an informal 'beer and bull session' on the fourth Wednesday of each month (except July, August and December) at the Charleswood Branch No. 100, Royal Canadian Legion, 6003 Roblin Boulevard, Winnipeg. Anytime after supper. Casual dress.

**Coming Events**

**Sunday, 19 March: Regimental Day.** 2:00 PM in the Patio Room, Charleswood Legion. This is an informal get-together of the Patricia Family, and serving members, wives, companions and friends are welcome. Light refreshments will be provided. Dress is optional.

**Sunday, June 11: General Meeting.** 2:00 PM in the Patio Room, Charleswood Legion.

**June/July/August: Golf Tournament.** TBA.

**Sunday, September 24: General Meeting.** 2:00 PM in the Patio Room, Charleswood Legion.

**Saturday, 14 October: Branch Annual Dinner** at the Charleswood Legion. Bar opens at 6:00 PM, Dinner at 7:00. Dress: Blazer or suit and tie.

**Saturday, 11 November: Remembrance Day Service** at Oak Park High School. Be seated by 1025 hrs.

**Sunday, 112 November: Remembrance Service** at All Saints Church. Be seated by 1050 hrs

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**Coming Events**

**Sunday, 19 March: Patricia Regimental Day Luncheon.**

Bar open 12:00 PM, Lunch 1:00 PM. Anderson Room, Seaforth Armoury, Burrard Street, Vancouver. Cost \$20.00 each. Hope to have a guest speaker for the Event. Raffle following Luncheon.

**Sunday, 27 August: Annual BBQ.** At the home of Val & Ken Tutte, Williams Road, Richmond. Start 2:00 PM, dinner around 5:00 PM. Cost \$15.00 each. Raffle to follow dinner.

**Xmas Party 2006:** Usually held the 2nd Sunday in December. Particulars will be decided at Annual Executive meeting in October.

**Annual General Meeting:** To be held January 2007. Place and time to be decided at Executive Meeting in October. Elections for Executive will be held.

As usual nothing is written in stone, so if you wish further information please contact the Branch Secretary at the above contact points mentioned. We are always happy to welcome visitors from other Branches, or military members serving in our area, to our functions.

**Wainwright Branch***By Bert Scott*

To complete a solid and very busy year with hosting the AGM in 2005 and a number of other activities, the branch is in good shape. Our membership is now 37. Our executive has changed – we now have as V/Pres Bill Miller, Secretary Melanie McEachern and Treasurer Tom Boyd. The Annual Branch Christmas Dinner held at the Legion was a great success with a total of 35 attendees.

The Wainwright Branch meets on the last Monday of each month, except July, August, September and December, at the Worthington Branch, Royal Canadian Legion, at 1900 hrs.

**Coming Events**

**17 March: Regimental Day.** TBA.

**25 April: Anniversary, Battle of Kapyong.** TBA.

**8 May: Anniversary, Battle of Frezenberg.** TBA.

**10 August: Regimental Birthday.** TBA.

**11 November: Remembrance Day.** Legion, at 1100 hrs.  
**December: Branch Christmas Dinner.** TBA.

We plan to host a BBQ and Golf Tournament Aug/Sep and are sending invitations to other branches and the Airborne Social Club in Edmonton. More details will follow. Stay tuned.

### THE MAIL BAG

From Murray Edwards, Victoria BC:

*I have just received my copy of the November 2005 Newsletter and would like to thank you for the inclusion of my wife's name (Morfydd – Morrie Edwards) in the 'Last Post'. I thought you would find what Veterans Affairs, Last Post and the local monument maker did for her. She served from 1941 to 1945 as a Predictor Operator with the Royal*

*Artillery, Heavy Anti-Aircraft batteries from Plymouth and Portsmouth to London. On learning this request went to England for the design of the Royal Artillery cypher for her headstone – a gesture I most appreciate.*

*In November I also laid to rest in our plot in the Esquimalt Veterans Cemetery, the ashes of my younger brother, Philip, a Master Sergeant with the American Airforce; spent the war years attached to the British 14th Army in Burma and China and finished with two tours in Viet Nam. At the conclusion of his grave-side service I was surprised and touched by the presentation of an American Flag. I found that it is a tradition of the British Commonwealth War Graves Commission to do that for the family of any American serviceman buried in any of their world-wide veterans cemeteries.*

*Again, my thanks.*

Murray C. Edwards

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George Popplestone	Regular Force	6 Feb 2006	Winnipeg MB
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Charles Murray	WWII	12 Feb 2006	Winnipeg MB
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*"We will remember them"*

*"Always a Patricia"*



**PPCLI ASSOCIATION  
2006 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
KINGSTON, ONTARIO  
23 TO 25 JUNE 2006**

The Kingston Branch of the Association is looking forward hosting the 2006 AGM. For those that have not been to Kingston before, we would encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity to visit this historic city and the beautiful 1000 Islands region.

At present, it appears that the PPCLI Regimental Guard will hold its Spring Meeting in Kingston to coincide with the AGM. This will present the Association with a great opportunity to meet and share with the Regiment's senior serving members. Larry Gollner is also coordinating a presentation by Veterans' Affairs Canada. This will likely occur within the time allocated to the AGM; however, details will be provided in the Welcome Package.

Outlined below is the programme for the weekend.

<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Cost/Person</b>
<u>22 June 2006</u>		
1800 - ?	Early arrivals' Happy Hour at the Tir Nan Og Pub located in the heart of downtown Kingston at 200 Ontario St.	No-host
<u>23 June 2006</u>		
1200 - 1315	Registration in the Blue Room of the Fort Frontenac Officers' Mess	
1330 - 1700	Association Council Meeting to be held in the Blue Room at the Fort Frontenac Officers' Mess	
1730 - 1830	Registration in the Blue Room of the Fort Frontenac Officers' Mess	
1800 - 2000	Association Meet and Greet in the Fort Frontenac Officers' Mess. Happy hour food.	\$15.00
<u>24 June 2006</u>		
0800 - 0900	Registration at the entrance to the Amiens Theatre, Fort Frontenac	
0815 - 0845	Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund Trustees Meeting to be held in the Amiens Theatre, Fort Frontenac	
0900 - 1200	Annual General Meeting to be held in the Amiens Theatre, Fort Frontenac	
1300 - 1800	Golf Tournament at the Glen Lawrence Golf Club located 9 km East of Kingston on Hwy 2. The fee includes the 18 holes green fee with a shared power cart.	\$55.00

Date/Time	Event	Cost/Person
1900 - 2300	Association Dinner and Dance at the CFB Kingston WOs and Sgts Mess. 1900 for 1930.	\$30.00
<u>25 June 2006</u>		
1000 - 1300	Farewell Brunch at Schooner's Restaurant and Bar, 1753 Highway 2 East. Price includes a full brunch, taxes and gratuity.	\$19.00

**Accommodation.** Kingston has a host of accommodation opportunities available. Hotels in the downtown core have a great location on or near the waterfront; however, the rates for these hotels are in excess of \$100.00 during the summer period. There are a number of less expensive hotels and motels available further from the downtown core, with the price decreasing the further out they are. For more information on the Kingston area please follow the following web link: <http://tourism.kingstoncanada.com/home.aspx>

We have made a block booking at a preferred rate at the Executive Inn and Suites located a five-minute drive East of the downtown core on Highway 2 and within easy driving distance of all AGM activities. A total of 40 rooms and suites are available. Rooms are available at \$59.00 per night for a single, \$69.00 per night for a double and the suites are \$89.00 per night. The motel offers a free continental breakfast and an outdoor pool. The block reservation and rates will be held until 22 May 2006. To access these preferred rates please indicate that you are part of the PPCLI AGM group when you make your reservation. The Executive is located at 794 Hwy #2 East Ave. The telephone number is (613) 549-1620.

There are a number of campgrounds/RV parks in the general area; however only two are conveniently located to the city. These are:

Rideau Acres Campground, 1014 Cunningham Rd, (613) 546-2711; and

KOA Kingston, 2039 Cordukes Rd, (613) 546-6140.

**Registration.** There will be three registration periods as detailed above. At these we will provide you with a package that will include the itinerary for the weekend, maps to the various venues and tourist information on Kingston and the 1000 Islands. We will require a financial commitment from you *by 1 June 2006* if you will be attending the Meet and Greet, the Golf Tournament or the Association Dinner and Dance. To that end, please find attached a Registration Form. We ask that you complete this form and send it to us, along with a cheque if applicable, to Heather Grimshaw, 612 Fay St, Kingston, ON, K7L 4V1. ***Please make cheques payable to Kingston Branch, PPCLI Association.***

PPCLI ASSOCIATION  
2006 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's/Guest's Name (if attending): \_\_\_\_\_

Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs \_\_\_\_\_

I/we will/will not be attending the Early Arrival's Happy Hour at the Tir Nan Og Pub at 1800 hrs on Thursday, 22 June 2006.

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_

I/we will/will not be attending the Meet and Greet at the Fort Frontenac Officers' Mess at 1800 hrs on Friday, 23 June 2006.

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I/we will/will not be participating in the Association Golf Tournament at the Glen Lawrence Golf Club at 1300 hrs on Saturday, 24 June 2006.

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$55.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I/we will/will not be attending the Association Dinner and Dance at the CFB Kingston WOs and Sgts Mess 1900 hrs on Saturday, 24 June 2006.

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$30.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I/we will/will not be attending the Departure Brunch at 1000 hrs on Sunday, 25 June 2006.

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$19.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this form before 1 June 2006 and send it Heather Grimshaw, 612 Fay St, Kingston, ON, K7L 4V1. Please make cheques payable to Kingston Branch, PPCLI Association.

**PROXY**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Branch, being a member in good standing of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association, hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_, or failing him/her, the Secretary-Treasurer, to attend and act on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting on Saturday, 24 June 2006, and at any adjournment thereof, and to vote on such matters as may come before the Meeting.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2006.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Signed Proxies should be forwarded to arrive *by 10 June 2006* at:

PPCLI Association Secretariat  
c/o Regimental Headquarters  
Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry  
PO Box 10500 Stn Forces  
Edmonton AB T5J 4J5

*or given to the Secretary-Treasurer two hours before the Meeting.*