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ADRIENNE CLARKSON APPOINTED PPCLI COLONEL-IN-CHIEF

The Department of National Defence has announced the appointment of the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson as Colonel-in-Chief of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

The formal change of appointment ceremony will take place in Edmonton on the afternoon of Saturday, 17 March 2007. In addition to the parade, available PPCLI officers, Association members and select friends of the Regiment will be invited to attend a dining-in with Lady Patricia and Madame Clarkson in Edmonton on Friday, 16 March 2007. A less formal dining-in for Lady Patricia and Madame Clarkson will be hosted by the Warrants & Sergeants the evening of 17 March 2007.

Lady Patricia will visit Canada from 14-25 March 2007. In addition to participating in the formal ceremony and dinners in Edmonton, she will attend a PPCLI luncheon in Ottawa at the NDHQ Warrant Officers & Sergeants Mess on Thursday, 15 March 2007. Planning is also underway to arrange PPCLI luncheons in Vancouver (either 18 or 19 March) and Victoria (Monday, 20 March). Lady Patricia also intends to meet with the members of Burma Star Association and the Mountbatten Memorial Society. More information will be forthcoming as soon as the detailed planning for these activities is complete.

Madame Clarkson will conduct her first visit as Colonel-in-Chief from 18-19 March 2007. This visit will focus on Edmonton-based units, specifically the First and Third Battalions, the Loyal Edmonton Regiment, and their families.

Madame Clarkson's appointment is sure to please many of the Regiment's serving members. During her tenure as Governor-General, she visited wounded soldiers, pinned on medals, visited troops in Kosovo and the Persian Gulf, and spent many Christmases and New Years with troops in Afghanistan. On one notable occasion in 2004, after enduring a day of slashing rain and mud in Kabul, she celebrated New Year's Eve by buying the non-commissioned members mess a round of drinks before dancing with a succession of soldiers and kissing two of them at the stroke of midnight.

Madame Clarkson will be the third Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment since its formation in 1914. The first, appointed in 1918, was Princess Patricia, granddaughter of Queen Victoria and daughter of the Duke of Connaught, Canada's Governor-General. She remained Colonel-in-Chief until her death in 1974.

Princess Patricia was succeeded by Countess Patricia Mountbatten, another descendent of Queen Victoria, cousin of Prince Philip and daughter of the late Lord Louis Mountbatten. Princess Patricia herself recommended the Countess as her successor prior to her death at age 87.

Now over 80 years old, Countess Mountbatten told the Regiment she is getting a bit too old for her duties and would like to retire. She agreed with the Regiment's suggestion that Clarkson succeed her and will come to

Edmonton for the installation of her successor.

The appointment of a Canadian citizen as Colonel-in-Chief of a Canadian regiment is unprecedented. By tradition, those roles are filled by members of the Royal Family. Prince Charles serves as Colonel-in-Chief of the Lord Strathcona's Horse, Queen Elizabeth is Colonel-in-Chief of 1 Combat Engineers, Princess Anne is Colonel-in-Chief of 1 Service Battalion and Countess Mountbatten is related to the Royal Family.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association will take place in the Glenmore Inn, Calgary, Alberta on *Saturday, 1 September 2007 at 0900 hrs.*

A *Proxy Form* is attached as Annex 'A' 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 August 23* or given to the National Secretary two hours before the meeting for validation.

CALGARY BRANCH TO HOST 2007 AGM

The 2007 Annual General Meeting and associated events will take place in Calgary, Alberta *from 31 August to 2 September.*

The complete program and recommended accommodation list were included with the 2006 Association Newsletter. Additional copies can be downloaded from the Regimental Website, www.ppcli.com, or obtained from the National Secretariat. Completed Registration Forms with cheques for applicable fees must be received by the Calgary Branch *no later than 15 July.*

DUES ALERT!

Have you paid your Association Membership Dues for the year 2007?

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) or by calling the RHQ Orderly Room, (780) 973-4011, Extension 5450.

He who hesitates is probably right.

PPCLI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

The next PPCLI Association Newsletter will be distributed in early November 2007. The deadline for submissions is *Friday, 5 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.

BRANCH NEWS

Atlantic Branch

By Errol Monkley

Our new Colonel in Chief and Colonel of the Regiment have been invited to attend our fall AGM. They have accepted our invitation. The French Grey Battalion has kindly agreed to co-host the affair, as it is absolutely necessary to hold the event in CFB Gaagetown to permit serving members to participate. The dates will also have to change, and the weekend of 28 to 30 September has been chosen. Further details will be provided once planning has progressed further. This will be a very important event for both the Branch and The French Grey Battalion, and all members are encouraged to attend.

Accommodation: If you choose to stay in the Oromocto area, accommodation will be an individual responsibility. There is a Days Inn hotel in Oromocto that is approximately a five-minute drive to the base. Twenty non-smoking rooms, each with two queen beds have been reserved. Remind them that the group name is "Princess Patricia". The regular rate is \$117.00 but we have a special discount rate of \$95.00 plus taxes. Cut off date for the special discounted rate is September 14, 2007. It is suggested that you make your reservations early. If you experience problems, ask for Stephanie.

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Please be advised that neither Branch President Bill Minnis nor Secretary/Treasurer Errol Monkley will allow their names to stand for any Executive position. It's time for a change. As a matter of interest, the position of Secretary/Treasurer may be filled by a lady as is the case in a number of other branches.

Calgary Branch

By Joe Schulz

The Calgary branch is as busy as ever! We completed our tour of working the Casino on December third and

fourth. It went off without a hitch.

We have a few new members and constantly strive to find Patricias who have lost the trail.

Cindy Green, the Peer Support Coordinator for OSISS in Calgary, gave an enlighten briefing on OSI followed by individual assessments. Some members sat and talked with Cindy following the briefing, which goes to show that there are people out there suffering in silence.

We had our elections in January. A motion from the floor asked that the current executive remain in position until after the 60th in August. Of course we **jumped** at the chance and the old guard in the Calgary Branch will remain until then. We have had several of the newer members step up to the plate as our shadows and will follow us around learning the ropes and will be ready to step into our shoes as the new executive in the fall. Thanks a lot, fellows, it's nice to see leadership from our new members.

Of course the Operation in full swing is the 60th Anniversary. If you are planning to attend please don't wait to get your registration in as quickly as you can. At present time we have 22 rooms already booked and expect a deluge now that the New Year is here. This will be our chance to say good-bye to our patron, Countess Mountbatten so don't wait get that paper work rolling today!

To give the ladies a warning order, the dinner and dance will be semi formal. This will give you lots of time to find the perfect outfit to stun us old dogs on that weekend.

For those of you who are ordering items from the 60th Anniversary kit shop, there are several things to keep in mind.

First, if you order an item to be picked up at the 60th it must be prepaid when you order. This prevents us being stuck with items that were ordered and then a no show.

Second, when you do place an order we have to wait until there are enough items ordered by members (usually 12 of the same items) before we can place an order with the manufacture.

Third, if we send you an order in the mail you must pay for the item first then we will ship it to you C.O.D.

The concept is not to over order and be stuck with items after the do in August. We will not have many 60th items for sale on site so please get your registration and order forms in early.

We will be waiting in breathless anticipation for your registration forms. Hope to see you all here in Calgary from 31 August to 02 September 2007.

Edmonton Branch

By Fred Goldring

Here we go again, another year come and gone and here we are into the Spring Bulletin. How time flies!

The big news and most talked about subject lately has been the appointment of the new Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment. A lot of mixed feelings. Everyone looking forward to the change of C-in-C and related ceremonies on the March 17th weekend here in Edmonton.

Our branch is still feeling a little down over the fact we lost four of comrades and members: Slater, Vold, Neufeld

and McDonald, in a span of three or four weeks. They are gone but not forgotten. Never the less we will carry on and are looking forward to another great year. We picked up a few new members -- Stan Woodcock, Warren Bard and Bob Hidson -- guys from the mid to late 1960's. (All of our members were listed in the 2006 volume of the Patrician).

In a month or so our perennial snowbirds, the Barnharts, the Polowicks and the Craigs will return with their tans. Lyle Saumer made it to the last meeting with cane and all, recovering from a hip operation.

Several members are looking forward to the 60th Anniversary coming up this summer in Calgary. Also heard a "rumour" there might be another Op Marguerite hosted by Wainwright in 2008. Only a rumour now, you hear!

Another date you might want to mark on your calendars is 5-8 June 2008. This is the 67th Anniversary of parachuting in the Cdn Armed Forces as well as the 40th Anniversary of the Cdn AB Regt to be held in Edmonton.

No change in our Executive for 2007. I guess everyone is happy with the work being done by the chosen few. Our meetings are still the same, fourth Saturday of each month except July and August, Kingsway Legion, 1100 hrs. Drop in if you are around.

Hope to see a bunch of you in Calgary late Aug/Sep.

Manitoba & Northwest Ontario Branch

By D'Arcy Best

The Branch meets for an informal 'Old Buddy 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, 18 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.

June/July/August: Golf Tournament. TBA.

Sunday, September 23: General Meeting. 2:00 PM in the Patio Room, Charleswood Legion.

Saturday, 13 October: Branch Annual Dinner at the Charleswood Legion. Bar opens at 6:00 PM, Dinner at 7:00. Dress: Blazer or suit and tie.

Sunday, 11 November: Remembrance Day Services at All Saints Church and Oak Park High School. Timings to be confirmed.

Ottawa Branch

By Harry Bloom

The Ottawa Branch will be holding it's 17th of March gathering early this year in order to coincide with the visit of Lady Patricia to Ottawa. She will be stopping here on 14/15 March while enroute to Edmonton for the Colonels in Chief parade on 17 March.

Patricias from Quebec and Ontario will gather in Ottawa to say good bye to our Colonel in Chief who will step down after 32 years of dedicated service to her Regiment.

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Patricia Regimental Day: Reception for Lady Patricia: Sunday, March 18 2007. In the Anderson Room of the Seaforth Armoury. Details still to be worked out. Anyone visiting the Vancouver area at the time is more than welcome to attend. Please contact the Secretary for catering purposes.

Annual General Meeting: Tentative Date, April 2007

Annual BBQ: Will be at the home of Val Tutte in Richmond, 3rd or 4th Sunday in August. Details will be worked out at the Branch AGM. Anyone visiting the area is more than welcome to attend. Please phone Secretary to confirm for catering purposes.

Christmas Party: usually held 2nd Sunday in December at 3:00 pm at the home of Jenny and Don Urquhart.

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By Bert Scott

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"We will remember them"

"Always a Patricia"

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, 1 September 2007, and at any adjournment thereof, and to vote on such matters as may come before the Meeting.

Dated this _____ day of _____ 2007.

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