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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Bert Scott, CD

Council and the Association as a whole have been very busy this summer. Many activities have made the summer very interesting and in some cases difficult decisions had to be made. As the plans for the 100th Anniversary continue and the next AGM (Annual General Meeting) being held in Edmonton in May 2009 we continue to move forward.



We have just had our 60th AGM in Victoria and very successfully I might add, thanks to the hard work of the Vancouver Island Branch. Well done Ed. The Council and General Meetings were very productive and a lot of business was looked after. We were grateful to have the Senior Serving Patricia, MGen Walter Semianiw, as our guest. As well, we were honoured to have representation from the serving component (First and Third Battalions) with reports of the activities and training ongoing in these units, and the Regimental Major who gave a briefing on the Second Battalion operations in Afghanistan.

The Association Executive is hard at work dealing with many issues. The Volunteer Patricia Program (VPP) is in good hands and a lot of hard work is being done by the SW Ontario Branch. We still have some hurdles to overcome and the main one is membership. It is still a major problem. We must advertise our selves as a strong organization and be able to offer new members an incentive to join us. The 100th Anniversary Plan Version 8.2 was initialled by the Senior Serving Patricia and me at the Regimental Guard meeting in Ottawa on 13 Sep 2008, making Vince Kennedy, Co-chair of the 100th Anniversary Planning Committee, very happy that all his hard work has paid off. Soon the Association will be looking for at least two members to be embedded in RHQ in preparation for the 100th Anniversary. More details on this will come later.

My final point is that all the hard work the membership has done over past years with our programs – VPP, Op Small Pack and many others – has not gone unnoticed. At the closing of the AGM MGen Semianiw, representing the Chief of Defence Staff, presented the Association with the Canadian Forces Medallion for Distinguished Service. I accepted the award on behalf of the Association and instructed the Secretary that we would display this award at our AGMs for the next five years. We have come a long way and you are all to be congratulated for your hard work. Thanks.

VP

Bert Scott
President

Once a Patricia Always a Patricia

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PATRON

The Rt. Hon. Adrienne Clarkson PC, CC, CMM, COM, CD

My Dear Patricias:

I am writing to wish you a happy 94th Anniversary. Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry was founded on Monday, 10 August 1914 when Sir Sam Hughes, the Canadian Minister of Militia and Defence, signed the Regimental Charter and formally accepted Hamilton Gault's offer to raise a battalion for service in the First World War. Recruiting began immediately. Over the next nine days 3,000 Canadians volunteered. Lieutenant-Colonel Francis Farquhar, the Regiment's first Commanding Officer, carefully selected the 1,098 Originals, personally interviewing each soldier and eventually choosing a team comprised of experienced, decorated veterans with service in the Royal Navy, the Royal Marines and every British Army regiment save one. The Patricias were "First in the Field" - the first Canadian combat unit to arrive in France. Over the next four years they prevailed time and time again in the unimaginable conditions in the trenches in France and Flanders, establishing the Regiment's well-deserved reputation groundbreaking leadership, dedicated service and bravery in the face of great danger and uncertainty.



For the past 94 years Patricias have responded quickly each time Canada faced an emergency. The Regiment served with great élan and distinction in the First and Second World Wars, Korea, the Cold War, Kosovo, and on peacekeeping operations around the world. This summer marks the 55th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice. One hundred and thirty-eight Patricias died on active service in Korea and many more were seriously wounded. It is important to take time to remember these tremendous sacrifices.

Today's Patricias are working very hard to uphold the Regiment's fine traditions and the high standards set by our predecessors. Our soldiers continue to serve Canada proudly and resolutely. Over 1,000 Patricias are working in the complex and challenging conditions in Afghanistan and on important missions in several other countries.

Sadly, we are reminded of these risks each time a brave Patricia is killed on active service. I attended repatriation ceremonies for Private Street, Captains Leary and Snyder and Corporal Arnal. It was deeply moving to join with our family of Patricias to meet these soldiers' relatives and friends, share their grief and help comfort them. I am extremely impressed with the compassion and quiet professionalism demonstrated by the serving and retired Patricias who are looking after our wounded soldiers and the

families of the fallen.

Our soldiers remain committed to their mission, courageously carrying out their duties in the face of danger and adversity. This is a Regimental effort. PPCLI officers and NCOs in headquarters and training institutions across Canada are working diligently to support the soldiers overseas and ensure that the PPCLI soldiers preparing for future missions are among the best trained and best equipped soldiers in the world.

Thank you very much for your excellent service. I am deeply grateful for the incredible sacrifices you and your families are making to provide the peace and security that Canadians too often take for granted. I am extremely proud to serve such a fine Regiment and look forward to visiting you very soon.

Yours faithfully,
Adrienne Clarkson
Colonel-in-Chief

THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT

Brigadier-General (Retd) J.E.L. Gollner, OMM, CD

Over the last month our 2nd Battalion Battlegroup has returned to Shilo, Edmonton, and other bases and armouries across the country. The Battlegroup's tour involved active soldiering against the increasingly resurgent Taliban in Kandahar Province. Sadly, the Battlegroup lost a number of its soldiers and had others wounded during their successful efforts to defeat tactically and strategically forestall the Taliban from achieving its goal.



Kandahar province has a common border with Pakistan. The province was once the heartland of the Taliban. The Taliban's goal is to again establish itself as the dominant political force in Kandahar. Pakistan gives the Taliban a secure base of operations. A base linked by infiltration routes into Kandahar. Thus, the Taliban can actively campaign against us and NATO all the while striving to discredit the Afghan national and provincial authority to achieve its goal.

I visited the Battlegroup in August and was impressed by its members and their activities. My eye caught the high level of discipline evident early on. Discipline can be internal or external in form. Internal discipline, the best type, comes from every soldier doing their duty diligently and being ready to fight. External discipline comes from the leaders ensuring that everything that can be done is done to prepare their soldiers for battle. This includes tight supervision of their soldier's preparations for battle to ensure that they are ready for action. Linked to discipline

was the high level of professionalism displayed by all ranks. Every soldier paid close attention to his duties and responsibilities. Whenever movement or operations outside the wire were, planned detailed preparations were made. These preparations paid off with repeated tactical success and while they did not forestall all casualties they prevented many from occurring.

We have every right to be immensely proud of our 2nd Bn Battlegroup. They successfully completed a difficult, demanding, and a dangerous tour under trying conditions with élan, energy, and determination. The members of the Battlegroup applied the high level of military skill, discipline, and leadership essential for success in battle. The same can be said of our Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team [OMLT] members, largely from 3rd Bn, and our members operating with the Special Operations Forces too. While their military employment and duties are quite different from the duties in a Battlegroup, they are notwithstanding often extremely hazardous and highly demanding too. Several of our members were killed or wounded during their tour serving with the OMLT.

Our Colonel in Chief, the Rt. Hon. Adrienne Clarkson briefly visited our soldiers while I was in Kandahar. She visited our Battlegroup, our OMLT members, and our Special Operations members currently serving in Afghanistan. While visiting besides meeting many members she also promoted and decorated a number of them. Madam Clarkson took part in the ramp ceremony for MCpl Doyle who was killed in action when we were there.

Shortly after returning from Afghanistan I attended our Association AGM in Victoria. Vancouver Island Branch hosted a number of very enjoyable social events as well as the AGM. During the AGM, MGen Walter Semianiw, our Senior Serving Patricia, and Chief of Military Personnel on behalf of the CDS presented our Association with the first Canadian Forces Medallion for Distinguished Service presented to a Regimental or Branch Association. The award is in recognition of our Association's strong, innovative, and continuing support to the families of our fallen, our wounded, and veteran members of our Regimental family. We can collectively and rightfully be proud of our award. Having the award, however, does not mean we can lessen our support to our Regimental family. Currently, RHQ is working with one hundred and forty files dealing with our killed and wounded from Afghanistan. We also cannot forget our older veterans that increasingly need a helping hand. Please do not hesitate to extend your hand when asked.

PPCLI ASSOCIATION AWARDED CANADIAN FORCES MEDALLION FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

MGen Walter Semianiw, on behalf of the Chief of Defence Staff presented to the Association the Canadian Forces Medallion and Certificate at its Annual General Meeting in

Victoria on August 30. Association President Bert Scott accepted the award on behalf of the Association and announced that the Association will proudly display this award at the next five Annual General Meetings, and then have it on display at the Association Secretariat.



Association President Bert Scott (left) and MGen Walter Semianiw

The Medallion is awarded to Persons who are not members of the Canadian Forces who render service to or in conjunction with the CF that exceeds the expectation of their employment or personal responsibilities. Normal recognition and acknowledgement of this service is by letter of appreciation and command award. When the service is of a rare and exceptionally high standard, however, which accrues great benefit to the CF as a whole, special recognition is appropriate. The CF Medallion for Distinguished Service is awarded by the Chief of the Defence Staff (CDS) to those few individuals who merit this rare, special recognition. The Medallion is gold in colour and is accompanied by a gold-embossed scroll, with an appropriate citation proclaiming the nature of the service, signed by the CDS. This is a unique award as it is the first awarded to a group such as ourselves and not an individual. The citation accompanying the medallion is as follows:

THE CANADIAN FORCES MEDALLION FOR
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
is awarded to
PPCLI ASSOCIATION

The PPCLI Association is recognized for the exceptional dedication and outstanding leadership it demonstrated through its excellent support to Veterans, Canadian Soldiers and their families from 2002 to 2008. The Association made an important contribution to operations in Afghanistan by establishing Operation SMALL PACK and raising nearly \$20,000 to provide amenities for wounded soldiers returning from Afghanistan. They also created a national support network to ensure that personnel outside of the major base areas had access to information, advice and assistance. PPCLI Association volunteers work with Assisting Officers, care providers, Veterans Affairs Canada,

and the chain of command to improve the standard of care and ensure that no one is overlooked. The Association has also played an active role in funerals and repatriation ceremonies, maintaining contact with the families of fallen. This support has made a considerable contribution to the welfare of the Regiment, the Army and the Canadian Forces.

The Association, through its Volunteer Patricia Program and working in conjunction with the Regimental Veterans Care Cell at Regimental Headquarters, is an important part of the Regimental-wide team effort that continues to serve our veterans. Many of the Regiment's severely wounded are now undergoing rehabilitation with the Canadian Forces Health services or at hospitals across Canada. Some may shortly be released on medical grounds. We are particularly watchful for those veterans who are undergoing care or may be released far from their home stations. We are also monitoring the quality of care they receive and continue bring any shortcomings to the attention of the Regiment's serving members for action.



EDMONTON BRANCH TO HOST 95TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION AND 2009 AGM

Fred Goldring, Event Coordinator

The Regiment's 95th Anniversary Reunion and the 2009 Annual General Meeting of the PPCLI Association will take place in Edmonton, May 8, 9 and 10, at the Ramada Inn on Kingsway.

The events will not be held on the base as both the First and Third Battalions are fully committed to training and preparation for their upcoming Afghanistan tours and they do not have the manpower or resources to assist us as they have in past years.

We have been very fortunate with previous reunions, keeping costs at a minimum by using regimental buildings, resources and manpower. Profit from our bar in the Better 'Ole offset some of our costs and was a source of revenue for the Regimental Fund.

This year, however, the costs will be somewhat higher than we are used to as we are using rented facilities and will not have the profit from the Better 'Ole.

Nevertheless, the 95th Anniversary will be celebrated. It will be a success, as all past reunions have been. I hope to see you there.

A full information package, including Program, recommended hotels, Registration Form and Proxy Form is enclosed with this Newsletter. Updated and additional information will be provided at the Registration Desk in Edmonton.

The nicest thing about the future is that it always starts tomorrow

SEVEN STUDENT BURSARIES AWARDED

There were twelve applications for PPCLI Association Student Bursaries this year and seven were awarded – one bursary of \$1,000.00, three of \$800.00 each, one of \$600.00 and two of \$500.00 each:

Mr. Mike Rogers, a retired Patricia who served with 3 PPCLI and Joint Task Force 2 for over 10 years and is now pursuing an education in dentistry. His bursary was awarded in the name of Jack Cathie.

Miss Patricia Johnson, daughter of Mr William Johnson, a member of the SW Ontario Branch. Bill served with the Regiment from 1973 to 2002. Patricia is pursuing an education that is science related, perhaps in Defence Research.

Mrs. Danyel Diamond, wife of Corporal Diamond who served with 3 PPCLI and is currently posted to Base Gagetown in New Brunswick. Mrs. Diamond is pursuing an education in Business Administration.

Mr. Neil Ellwood, son of Major Jim Ellwood (Military Comptroller), and a Cadet Sergeant with the RCACC 3003 PPCLI Battle River Army Cadets. Mr. Ellwood is pursuing an education in Science and his bursary is in the name of Lady Patricia.

Miss Elysse Knight, great-granddaughter of Major Harry Mullin, VC. Miss Knight is pursuing an education in Public Relations.

Mr. Byran Guscott, son a retired Patricia. Mr. Guscott is pursuing an education in Engineering.

Ms Andrea Urbina, granddaughter of retired Patricia Sergeant Ray Ellis. Ms Urbina is pursuing an education in Linguistics.

MOVING FORWARD TOWARDS THE 100TH

Vince Kennedy, 100th Anniversary Planning Co-Chair

At this summer's series of governance meetings, the regiment moved ahead confidently towards the centennial for 2014. The Regimental Executive Committee, the Guard, the Association and the Colonel of the Regiment all initialled Version 8.2 of the National Plan, dated 13 September 2008. This means that this plan is the agreed regimental intent for the 100th, and will be used now for fundraising and further detailed preparations. Also hammered out at the Guard meeting in Ottawa was the structural approach for fundraising – and the big effort to get that going will be undertaken over the winter and into next summer. We are on track with the planning model.

V8.2 of the National Plan will be sent out to all branch secretaries before December by Regimental Headquarters.

At the 95th Anniversary in Edmonton the Plans Team will have displays outlining the triad of major activities for the 100th, and there will be an opportunity for attendees to indicate their specific interest in a poll related to several areas of the 100th – including the Private Returns

programme associated with the Frezenberg 2015 activity, the stamp and first day cover project, mementoes, publications and the designs for logos. There will also be a short form summary of the whole plan available by the 95th. Make sure that you come out and participate!

2009 ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DUES

Fred Goldring, Membership Chairman

Hey folks, it is that time of year again. Time to think about our 2009 Association dues. I know for some it may seem like you just paid your dues for 2008, maybe that it because you paid them around May or June. For those who have not paid or prepaid them, now is the time for the Branches to get on to their current and new members and collect their dues. Ideally we would like the dues in to RHQ by the end of January but no later than March 31st.

Branches are requested to send in the list of all members who paid, along with the appropriate funds, \$20 per member, unless paid up Life, Honorary Life, Honorary, etc. We require this information to keep our records up to date ensuring we have the correct address and particulars on our members so that Newsletters and the Patricians are sent out to the correct addresses. Please send the dues and lists directly to the Regimental Adjutant at RHQ.

Branches are also requested to try and bring back members "who have fallen by the wayside". Recruitment of new association members and continued membership is paramount for our Association to continue and survive. Let's see if we can increase our membership by at least 10 - 15% this year

WHY YOU SHOULD BECOME A VPP VOLUNTEER

Phil Tweedie, VPP Rep Toronto

It all began with a phone call from Jay Lapeyre to ask if I could visit a young soldier from 3 PPCLI who was in the ICU at Peterborough Regional Hospital. Pte Rob Webster broke his neck while skiing during the Easter Break, March 08, and after treatment in Calgary was now in Peterborough close to his Next of Kin, his mother, Karen.

I was also contacted by Dave Pentney, VP East, and he provided the following guidance:

The Voluntary Patricia Program isn't about solving the casualty's problems. It is about monitoring things to ensure that the CF, VAC and others responsible for his/her care/welfare are doing theirs and identifying issues to the responsible agency. When a gap is identified, the Assn, through VPP, will consider an interim supporting measure until a more enduring solution to the problem can be found.

Dave suggested that I contact John Hunter, National Chairman of the VPP, to get a briefing on the role of volunteers. Well, John's encyclopaedic knowledge of DND, VAC and other agencies' roles in taking care of our "Patricia's", serving and retired, suitably prepared me to go

off and see Pte Webster for the first time – at least I thought so.

The first visit was tentative and awkward. What do you say to a young soldier, 22 about to be 23, a member of the Para Company, now completely paralysed from the neck down? The correct term is a C2, Spinal Cord Injury.

On first meeting, Rob was in his bed with a "halo" in place to support his head, a ventilator to assist breathing and other monitors blinking and beeping away. It was initially very intimidating. After introducing myself, we began the very awkward "interrogation" about what happened, how did he get to Peterborough, what does he need, how can I help, etc.

The most obvious need was visitors – his Mom came daily from Colbourne, but he needed other people to visit him. So I called the local Legion and asked if they had a "visitation" program and to my great surprise and relief, Wally Smith, PPCLI, WW II, rose to the occasion and met with me at the hospital during my next visit. I also enlisted the help of Angus Reid, Cobourg, who I knew through the "airborne" network. So at least some visits were happening. I was greatly saddened to hear on a visit to Rob that Wally had died suddenly, on 5 June, just after giving a "D Day" speech to a local school – I am sure it was more likely about the "D Day Dodgers." Reflecting on Wally's death, I realised that the more than 60 years of service from Wally, through Angus and me to Rob was truly an example of "Once a Patricia, always a Patricia"!

Weekly visits to Rob became more routine. I met his military staff, the Nursing Case Manager and the Administrative Officer, a Captain from the Hasty P's, Rob's previous regiment. I also found that like me Rob still drank beer and ate corned beef sandwiches so I would stop at Katz's Deli in Toronto, run by LCol Jeff Dorfman, Ex CO GGHG, who kindly would donate the sandwiches – so as not to "spoil" Rob, not all visits included beer & corned beef sandwiches. The one beer per man rule was in effect!

While visiting a buddy at the CF Recruiting Centre, Toronto, in July, I noticed a poster for the first Army Run, 21 September, in Ottawa. On my next visit to see Rob I asked if he wanted to participate – his immediate answer was "Yes!" So began a long complicated process to secure the necessary support to allow Rob to "run" in the Army Run.

In securing the necessary support for Rob, I encountered "resistance" at many levels – too complicated, too expensive, never done this before, operating outside terms of reference, etc.

Well, one day in early August, Rob received a surprise visit from the CDS, General Walter Natynczyk and Chief of Military Personal (CMP), MGen Walter Semianiw – the helicopter landing at the hospital created quite the story in the local press. Rob had the presence of mind to offer the CDS a beer from his private stock! The CDS discussed the Army Run with Rob and left him with "I'll see you at the start line" – taken as a direct order by Pte Webster and me.

Without going in the boring details about getting to the Run – "We do many things the right way but we do not always do the things that are right." Rob's participation,

along with other members of the CF Injured Soldiers Network (ISN), in the Run was the "right thing to do"!

The day of the Run was "cool" to say the least but it was an awesome experience. Over 7500 plus runners were there to honour all our "soldiers" (navy, air, army, male, female, able, disabled) and their families. The following pictures show a young Patricia soldier able to prove that he is still serving with his Regiment. The smile on his face, even with bunny ears on, the thumbs up from a runner on the course, even the Maple Leaf sweater presented from Soldier On by MGen Semianiw, they all show his pride in serving. All these are reason enough to get involved with the VPP.



Just so you know, the "Patricia Family", was very much involved in my past six months with Rob. Some of the major contributors were: Jay Lapeyre, Dave Pentney, John Hunter, Bruce Paxton and Mark Fisher – VPP; WO Dave Palmer and MCpl Monty Robson – RHQ; Jim Woodley – National Coordinator, DND-OSISS; and Mike Goodspeed and team at RMC, who are preparing a computer based Canadian Military History course for Rob to complete with voice activated software. Most important for Rob: LCol Mike Kenneally, 3 PPCLI and the other members of his "real family." Most important for me: MGen Walter

Semianiw, Chief of Military Personal and Senior Serving Patricia.

So get involved with the VPP – the rewards truly will bring tears to your eyes!

OUR NEW CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF

General W.J. Natynczyk, CMM, MSC, CD

A native of Winnipeg, General Walt Natynczyk joined the Canadian Forces in 1975 after spending 5 years as an Air Cadet. He has served in numerous regimental command positions at all levels from tank troop leader up to commanding officer of the Royal Canadian Dragoons.

General Natynczyk's operational experience consists of 4 years on NATO duty in Germany; six months of UN peacekeeping duties in Cyprus (1984); a one-year-long mission with the United Nations in the Former Yugoslavia as Sector South-West Chief of Operations in Bosnia and Herzegovina (1994) with British forces, then as the Chief of Land Operations, UNPROFOR HQ in Zagreb, Croatia. He commanded the Royal Canadian Dragoons in domestic operations during the Winnipeg floods of 1997 as well as in the Ottawa region during the 1998 Ice Storm, and he served as the Canadian Contingent Commander in Bosnia-Herzegovina in 1998.

He became the third Canadian to serve as Deputy Commanding General, III Corps and Fort Hood, Texas and deployed with III Corps to Baghdad, Iraq in 2004 serving first as the Deputy Director of Strategy, Policy and Plans and subsequently as the Deputy Commanding General of the Multi-National Corps. Upon his return to Canada, he assumed command of the Land Force Doctrine and Training System. He was subsequently appointed Chief of Transformation where he was responsible for implementation of the force restructuring and the enabling processes and policies.

He has fulfilled various staff appointments including serving as Squadron Commander at the Royal Military College (Kingston Ontario), on the Army Headquarters staff (St. Hubert, Quebec), and in Ottawa as Assistant Director to the National Defence Headquarters Secretariat, J3 Plans and Operations during the period of CF deployments to Kosovo, Bosnia, East Timor and Ethiopia-Eritrea, and most recently as the Vice Chief of the Defence Staff. General Natynczyk was promoted to his present rank on 2 July 2008, when he assumed his duties as Chief of the Defence Staff.

General Natynczyk holds a Business Administration Degree from Royal Roads Military College and Collège Militaire Royal and is a graduate of the Canadian Forces Command and Staff College, the U.K. All Arms Tactics Course and the U.S. Army War College.



CANADA REVENUE AGENCY WARNS CANADIANS OF MAIL SCAM

The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) is warning taxpayers to beware of a recent scam where some Canadians are receiving a letter fraudulently identified as coming from the CRA and asking for personal information. The letter is **not** from the CRA. A PDF version of the letter is available on the CRA Web site at www.cra.gc.ca/alert.

The letter claims that there is "insufficient information" for the individual's tax return and that in order to receive any "claims," they will have to update their records. The letter attaches a form specifically requesting the individual's personal information in writing, via fax or email, including information on bank accounts and passports. This letter is not from the CRA and Canadians should not provide their personal information to the sender.

All taxpayers should be vigilant when divulging any confidential information to third parties. The CRA has well established practices to protect the confidentiality of taxpayers' information.

The CRA has notified the proper law enforcement authorities of this scam.

For information about this and other similar scams, or to report deceptive telemarketing activity, visit www.phonebusters.com, send an email to info@phonebusters.com, or call 1-888-495-8501.

VETERANS INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM EXPANDING

The Government of Canada is expanding the Veterans Independence Program (VIP) to provide housekeeping and/or grounds maintenance benefits to eligible low-income or disabled survivors of certain traditional war service Veterans. VIP is a national home care program that helps eligible Veterans and their survivors remain healthy and independent in their own homes and communities.

Who can apply for VIP under this expansion?

This expansion is for low-income or disabled survivors of Veterans and civilians who served during the First World War, Second World War or the Korean War **and** met the following criteria:

- were entitled to a disability pension under the *Pension Act* or the *Civilian War-related Benefits Act*; **or**
- received an allowance under the *War Veterans Allowance Act* or the *Civilian War-related Benefits Act*; **or**
- would have received an allowance if they had not been receiving benefits under the *Old Age Security Act*; **and**
- were not receiving VIP housekeeping and/or grounds maintenance benefits when they died or were admitted to a health care facility.

To qualify for VIP under this expansion, the survivor must:

- receive the Guaranteed Income Supplement under the *Old Age Security Act*; **or**

- be approved for the Disability Tax Credit; **and**
- have a health need and require VIP housekeeping and/or grounds maintenance services to remain independent in their home; **and**
- not have access to the services under a provincial health care system or a private insurance policy; **and**
- be a resident of Canada.

Who is a "survivor"?

"Survivor" means the adult individual who:

- was primarily responsible for ensuring care was provided to the Veteran immediately before the Veteran died or was admitted to a health care facility; **and**
- was not paid or compensated for providing that care; **and**
- lived in the principal residence of the Veteran for a continuous period of at least one year immediately prior to the Veteran's death or admission to a health care facility; **and**
- maintained the Veteran or was being maintained by the Veteran.

In most cases, survivors are spouses or common-law partners.

What benefits are available under this VIP expansion?

Eligible survivors may receive housekeeping and/or grounds maintenance benefits up to a maximum of \$2,400 per year.

Housekeeping services may include:

vacuuming;
laundry, including ironing and mending;
making and changing beds;
cleaning floors (sweeping, washing, waxing, etc.);
dusting and general picking up;
kitchen and bathroom cleaning;
meal preparation;
appliance cleaning;
washing and changing windows; and
errand services to purchase food, do banking, pay bills, etc.

Grounds maintenance services may include:

- snow removal from steps, walkways and driveways to allow safe access to the principal residence;
- snow and ice removal from roofs and eaves troughs when such conditions pose a threat to safety and access;
- periodical cleaning of leaves and debris from eaves troughs;
- tilling ground to enable the client to plant a small flower or vegetable garden; and
- lawn mowing and raking.

How is this expansion different from other VIP criteria?

Under the program that has been in place, if a Veteran who receives VIP benefits dies or moves to a long-term care facility, his/her primary caregiver may be eligible to continue receiving the VIP housekeeping and/or grounds maintenance services that the Veteran received. That will continue.

This expansion addresses the situation where the traditional war Veteran received a disability pension or the War Veterans Allowance, or met other income criteria, but was not receiving VIP housekeeping and/or grounds maintenance at the time of death or admission to a health

care facility. As a result, their survivor never had the opportunity to access VIP housekeeping and grounds maintenance benefits. With this expansion, the survivors who need this help the most — and can least afford it — may have the help they need to remain in their homes.

How do survivors apply for this VIP expansion?

For more information or to apply for this VIP expansion, call, toll free, 1-866-522-2122. The application kit is also available online at www.vac-acc.gc.ca.

RECOGNITION PROGRAM ANNOUNCED FOR ATOMIC VETERANS

CALGARY, ALBERTA – (Marketwire - Sept. 2, 2008)

The Honourable Peter Gordon MacKay, Minister of National Defence and Minister of the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, and the Honourable Greg Thompson, Minister of Veterans Affairs, today announced the establishment of a program to recognize the service of Atomic Veterans.

"All those who serve their country, past or present, deserve the respect, admiration and care of a grateful nation," said Minister MacKay. "Prime Minister Stephen Harper and our Government are committed to the care and well-being of our veterans and recognizes the service of all those who participated in nuclear weapons testing and in nuclear decontamination work. This program will recognize the exceptional service that these individuals have performed for their country."

Canadian military veterans and civilian science and technology workers from the Department of National Defence who participated in nuclear weapons tests and the Chalk River decontamination efforts performed their duty under exceptional circumstances. In recognition of their exceptional service to the nation, these Canadians will be eligible to apply for an ex-gratia payment of \$24,000.00.

"The Atomic Veterans Recognition Program is another example of our Government's commitment to Canada's Veterans," said Minister Thompson. "Through this program, a remarkable group of individuals will finally get the acknowledgment and respect that they so rightfully deserve."

From the end of the Second World War until the signing of the atmospheric test ban treaty in 1963, the United States and the United Kingdom conducted numerous above-ground nuclear weapons trials in the United States, Australia and in the South Pacific to develop and test nuclear weapons, and to train soldiers in dealing with the effects of these weapons. In order to provide training opportunities for Canadian military personnel in nuclear warfare and decontamination and to develop expertise therein, the Canadian military sought to take part in these trials. During the same period, Canadian military personnel were also deployed to assist with emergency decontamination efforts at the Chalk River nuclear plant

following two major nuclear reactor accidents in 1952 and 1958. Canadian military participation at Chalk River drew on past expertise gained through participation in the nuclear weapons trials, and was viewed, in part, as a training opportunity for personnel to further augment this expertise.

Backgrounder – Atomic Veterans Recognition Program

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Until recently, the nature and the extent of Canadian participation in these nuclear events was not fully appreciated. In August 2006, former Minister of National Defence Gordon O'Connor commissioned a report to determine the extent of Canadian participation in these tests. A historian, Dr. John Clearwater, was contracted to investigate the situation and in January 2007 he published his findings in a report entitled *Atomic Veterans: A Report to the Minister of National Defence Regarding Canada's Participation in Allied Forces' Nuclear Weapons Trials and Decontamination Work*.

Dr. Clearwater's report identified approximately 700 former Canadian military personnel who participated in up to 29 US and UK nuclear weapons trials between 1946 and 1963.

These trials sought to simulate the battlefield conditions expected in a nuclear war. The report also identified approximately 200 former Canadian military personnel who participated in the clean-up and decontamination activities in Chalk River, where duties included the mopping and scrubbing of contaminated buildings.

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recognition of their exceptional service to Canada under these circumstances.

All those who serve their country, past or present, deserve the respect, admiration and care of a grateful nation. Providing an appropriate form of recognition beyond pension was a challenging matter that required engagement on many levels both within and across government departments and agencies.

For more information on the Atomic Veteran's Recognition Program or to make application please visit http://www.forces.gc.ca/hr/centre/engraph/home_e.asp. You can also call 1-800-883-6094 or e-mail Atomic@forces.gc.ca (English) or Atomique@forces.gc.ca (French).

FEMALE SOLDIERS AT THE FOREFRONT WHEN DEALING WITH AFGHAN WOMEN

Ryan Cormier, Canwest News Service, 25 May 2008

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan - Female soldiers are finding an unwritten - but not unwanted - responsibility waiting for them in Afghanistan. In many rural villages in Kandahar province, the only females who can meet local women wear the Canadian flag on their uniform. Large areas are too dangerous for anyone but a soldier to walk into. Many Afghan women aren't allowed to speak with, or even see, men they aren't related to. The punishment for bringing such dishonour to their family can be death. That leaves few options to directly contact women whose growth and freedom has been largely stunted for years. "I didn't come here looking for this," said Master Cpl. Sheri Lynn Andrews. "I suppose my views were naive, I was coming to help Afghanistan as a whole. We're not a group of bra-burning woman activists, that's not why we're here. But the security situation is not conducive to civilians walking around. There's just nobody else." Sgt. Connie Uetz accepts the same position. "These women have to be helped and if we're the only ones who can do it, then that's just the way it is," Uetz said.

SEEKING SASKATCHEWAN PATRICIAS

Bob Zubkowski, Vice-President (West), is looking for E-mail addresses, phone numbers or postal addresses of serving and retired Patricia's living in Saskatchewan for the purpose of recruiting them into and strengthening the Saskatchewan Branch of the PPCLI Association. The Association can help both serving and retired Patricias with such programs as the Volunteer Patricia Program (VPP). Please send info to: Bob Zubkowski, 407 Glamorgan Cres SW, Calgary AB, T3E 5B7, phone (403) 249-8107; or E-mail bzubkow@shaw.ca.

Wisdom comes with age – but sometimes age comes alone

BRANCH NEWS

Calgary Branch

By Alec Herdy

The Calgary Branch of the PPCLI Association endured yet again an extended period of accelerated activity during the spring and summer periods. Planning sessions carried out during the dreary winter months, by the branch executive, forecasted a wide range of activities for our members. This ranged from our annual Golf Tournament, the Breakfast in the Trenches, Loop for the Troops, Liquid Courage, and to the end of summer Camp Out (hosted by Jack and Sandi Rayner). As we are all well aware that "the best laid out plan only survives until the first enemy shot", so it was with the Calgary branch plans. In the branch's case the enemy bullet was the unexpected, but welcomed, sudden dropping-in of Private Robert Webster, B Coy 3VP, and his mother (Karen) in both the literary and physical sense of "dropping in" for a stay in our city.

Under branch member Jerry Bowes's excellent stewardship, the Branch Annual Golf Tournament was held on Sunday May 25, 2008, at the Turner Valley Golf and Country Club located here in Calgary. After spending the day strolling across the links, members enjoyed a post tournament dinner. The month of May ended with members of the branch, and RHQ, volunteering their time until the wee hours of the morning at the Cash Casino. The 2554 PPCLI Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps received a monetary donation on behalf of the branch for inclusion into their training budget as a result of our volunteer efforts.

June began with unconfirmed reports of branch executive members undergoing vigorous physical activity. This was in preparation for the inaugural "Loops for the Troops". In conjunction there was the sound of bellowed parade square commands as branch members assisted 2554 PPCLI Cadets in preparation for their Fifty Second Annual Ceremonial Review. In true "Patricia" tradition and standards the Review was held successfully on the morning of Saturday June 14th.



2554 PPCLI Cadet Corps

The next morning, 15 June, 2008, a small group of branch members gathered for the "Loops for the Troops". This was held on the grounds of former CFB Currie Barracks. Many witnessed the return of Patricia's, aged but still proud. They helped contributed to this events overwhelming success. The origin of this event lies with Michael Hornburg and Sara Leishman. Michael is the father of Cpl. Nathan Hornburg who died in combat on Sept 24 2007. With over 1,000 participants and 100,000 plus dollars raised, former Chief Defence Staff, General (Retired) Rick Hillier, CMM, MSC, CD, described the event "as a great day and very impressive as first time events go." In addition to running the 5 km course in 25 minutes and 27 seconds, General Hillier took time out to congratulate and pose for photos with branch members. Equally impressive was National Association Vice-President Joe Schulz's finishing time of 54 minutes and 7 seconds.

One week later, on Saturday, June 21st branch members were found behind steam tables serving up "Breakfast in the Trenches". This was held at the Military Museum grounds under the direction of branch culinary expert Michael Zacharki. Many branch members were observed stepping forward to help with the multitude of tasks associated with the success of this event. This resulted in a significant number of former military members stopping by for a "stack of flap jacks and a cup of joe" early on this fine weekend morning. As we are aging gracefully the heavier tasking's for this event were ably handled by the younger "Patricia's" from 2554 Cadets.



(Photo: by Jim Croll)

June closed off with the retirement of George Arthurson as branch Sgt-at-Arms, after decades of work in the branch. Stepping forward to replace George as current Sgt-at-Arms is Al Simnard.

Described as "Stampeding for a purpose", Liquid Courage was held for the second year, on July 11th at Royal Canadian Legion Number 1. This event, first held last year, was a fund raiser to assist Capt Trevor Greene, who was injured in Afghanistan, and his family. It was hosted by the East End Petroleum Club. This year's beneficiary was the Calgary Canadian Military Family Resource Centre. Branch members again hauled out their western duds, two stepped, and avoided the former senior non-commissioned officers, yet again equipped with Sherriff badges. In addition to music provided by a series of bands this event featured a silent auction, T-shirts and door prizes. Black Thunder closed off this seven hour event with another stellar

performance. The event also received very favourable notice in the Calgary press as one of the few "Ethical Stampede Events". Ethical events, as mentioned in the opening sentence, are events "with a purpose for Socially Conscious Calgarians". The Stampede fun must include a component of "helping out others, and fundraising for a favourite charity." Many thanks go out to the Legion branch and the bands Sweet Potato and Black Thunder for donation of the location and time. It was also noted that several currently serving Patricia's and their families found time this year to enjoy the Stampede and various Calgary branch members' hospitality throughout the ten day event.

The month of August means that branch members are heading out of the city to Strathmore for the Annual RV Campout hosted by branch members Jack and Sandi Rayner. Held this year on August 15th through 17th, again the wail of the pipes was heard as fireworks graced the night time sky. This made for a most impressive and beautiful scene for all in attendance.

As mentioned in the introduction, the branch was asked by Regimental Headquarters to assist with an injured soldier who ended up here in a Calgary hospital. Private Webster, of 3VP, arrived in Calgary, sans parachute, instead by helicopter ambulance. For the next five weeks a steady stream of branch members ensured both Private Webster's and his mother's stay in Calgary was, under the circumstances, the best possible.

The Foothills hospital staff members were openly praising the methods employed by branch members, in keeping this young soldier's morale up. This exemplified our "Patricia Methodology" to ensure his well being. The branch members had the honour of observing the outstanding care performed by the hospital staff to Private Webster. These observations were discussed by the branch executive and, as a result, Branch VP Ferron Brown and Branch Hospital Representative Ted Lewis presented the Foothills Hospital Intensive Care Unit team with an Association Certificate of Merit and a prepaid Tim Horton's gift card.



Back Row: Ted Lewis, Front Row: Ferron Brown (Photo: Stephanie Myles)

With regard to Veterans Affairs and pension issues, Ralph Martin and Bob Zubkowski had a sit down with Lee Richardson, MP for Calgary South. The topic was Pension Claw Back. They finally got someone to explain it to us. Mr. Richardson filled us in on the whole story. When we joined the forces we paid into two funds: (a) The Pension Fund; (b) The Canada Pension Plan.

The small amount that we paid into our pension fund

was designed to cover us until age 65 only. That's why we paid so little into it. If it had been designed to go on longer the premiums would have been much higher. Therefore, at age 65 the forces pension is reduced and the Canada Pension Plan kicks in making up the amount that was removed from the forces pension. Mr. Richardson also stated that the government is looking into a way to solve the problem as most of us were lead to believe that we would receive money from both funds.

September 19th began the Branch's regular meeting season with a well attended "Meet and Greet". Warning orders are now circulating in view of our multitude of Remembrance Day taskings. So this ends a most successful spring and summer schedule for the Calgary Branch. We would like to thank everyone for making the Branch proud.

Edmonton Branch

By Fred Goldring

As another year is about to close we reflect briefly on our past year. A more detailed account will follow in the Patrician. That 'RSM in the Sky' took only two of our members this year: Jim Leddy and Duke Elliot – both Korea Veterans. The branch has been busy with participation in many on and off base events and endeavours with the Regiment, particularly the 1st and 3rd Battalions here in Edmonton and the Battle School in Wainwright, and the KVA, as well as other local organizations. Many members participated in the Raynor Ranch festivities, the AGM in Victoria and other local military events. John Kolanchey was recognized by the Federal government for his work with Veterans. We are back with the start of our fall meetings. If you are around just call me and we will let you know what is happening. Our Christmas dinner is Saturday, December 13 if you are in the area. As the 95th Anniversary is next year, much time and effort is now being put into the planning for the event. Details for the 95th are covered on Page 7 of this newsletter.

Manitoba & Northwest Ontario Branch

By D'Arcy Best

The Election of Officers at the Branch Annual General Meeting on January 20 resulted in Branch President Gerald (Bud) Hawkins, Secretary Maureen Blake and Treasurer D'Arcy Best being re-elected. Stu weeks was elected Branch Vice-President, and Roy Bailey, Don Collins, Cliff Fox, Taffy Gray, Susan Holfeuer and Richard (Archie) Moore were elected Directors.

The weather forecast was a little 'iffy' for our barbecue at the Charleswood Legion on May 31st but, except for a short shower that drove us inside just as the food was being served, it turned out to be a fine afternoon. 33 Patricias and friends enjoyed a few rounds of Bocce and some great food provided by Len King and his able helpers, Maureen Blake and Susan Holfeuer.

Our Annual Dinner at the Charleswood Legion on October 18 provided us with a nice meal, good company and excellent entertainment provided the 2701 PPCLI Cadet

Corps Drum Line.

Manitoba & Northwest Ontario Branch members meet for an informal 'Beer & Bull Night' 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. If you're in town, drop in and see us. Anytime after supper. Dress is casual.

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Branch Calendar

Christmas Party: Sunday, December 7, 2008 at 3:00 pm at the home of Jenny Urquhart. If you are in the area and wish to attend please contact the Secretary for catering purposes and address.

Annual General Meeting: Sunday, March 15, 2009, at Seaforth Armoury, WOs & Sgts Mess, 11:30 AM. Elections to be held for Executive and Directors. Followed by Meet n' Greet.

Patricia Regimental Luncheon: Sunday, March 15, 2009, in the Anderson Room of the Seaforth Armoury. 1:00 PM. Anyone visiting the Vancouver area at the time is more than welcome to attend. Please contact the Secretary for catering purposes and address.

Annual BBQ: Usually held at the home of Val Tutte in Richmond on the last Sunday of August at 3:00 PM. Anyone visiting the area is more than welcome. Please phone Secretary if you would like to attend, for catering purposes.

Any further details on the Branch Activity can be obtained at any time by contacting the Branch Secretary.

Teach a child to be polite and courteous and, when he grows up, he'll never be able to merge his car onto the freeway

Vancouver Island Branch

By Ed Widenmaier

After a year of planning, worrying, organizing, the Association Annual General Meeting took place in Victoria – the best place in the world to live. Success or not a success: your choice. According to the comments I received, verbal and written, members were happy and enjoyed themselves. They also felt that the aims of the AGM were accomplished.

Of course, any event can only be successful if all members assist by taking on some extra responsibilities in preparation as well as attending; therefore I must mention the following supporters and their contributions: Jac de Bruijne for keeping me on track with finance's; Bruce Dickey for his posters and visual presentations; Hazel Widenmaier and Anpe Marshall for their table decorations and design; Claire Copps for communications; Frank and Joan Chevier for transportation and food dispensing; John Bishop for his 'Kapyong Celebration in Australia' presentation; Chick Goodman and Don Ross for their Regimental Museum; Rev. A. Gates for church service and guarding the Flag; Larry Gollner for donating door prizes as well as a beautiful picture gift to the Legion on behalf of the Association; Harry Miller, Sgt-at-Arms and photographer; Herb Pitts for Church Service support; Fred Raven for door prize donations; Bill Westfall for stationery donations; and new member Ralph Gonyea for outstanding trumpet playing, including the rifle. Thanks to many members for money donations – no names but I know who you are. Thanks to all Council and Executive members who attended this great event (42 locals and 67 out of town/province). Mr. Hans and Mrs. Maureen Eykelenboom were our guests.

The Shadow box was won by Mr. Sheehan. Jac de Bruijne was presented with the PPCLI Association Certificate of Merit for 18-plus years of superior service and devotion to the Association. Major-General Walter Semianiw, representing the Chief of Defence Staff, presented President Bert Scott, in behalf of the PPCLI Association, with the Canadian Forces Medallion and Certificate for Distinguished Service.

This was the first time we have had the pleasure of two young family members at an event, a move towards the future. We have since gained two new members. Things are looking up. If I missed someone or something important, I'm sorry; if you missed this event try hard not to miss the next one.

THE MAIL BAG

From Don Lightheart, 2 May 2008:

My Uncle served with PPCLI in Korea and I am trying to find out with which battalion. His name was Ray Lightheart, L54582. Any information would be appreciated.

Don Lightheart, dalight@videotron.ca.

From Joanne Ware, 28 April 2008:

Would you happen to have any information on my Uncle Kenneth Wellington Norton, killed in action Nov 5, 1951 in Korea, 1st Battalion PPCLI, SB7502?

I am also looking for someone who might have the commemorative 50th Anniversary Pin from the Korean War.

Thank you so much,
Joanne Ware
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From MCpl Jay Bickerton, 2 PPCLI, Afghanistan, 21 Jul 2008:

Whether Canadians, or residents of Portage la Prairie, are for or against the war in Afghanistan, they have the right to be proud of the men and women who have chosen to serve here.

During the past five months, I have been at the "pointy end" in an infantry rifle company. The soldiers whom Canada has sent to this war come from a proud lineage. Their predecessors answered the call in South Africa, Vimy, Passchendaele, The Somme, Hong Kong, Dieppe, Ortona, Juno Beach and Kapyong. The new generation has done them proud; giving compassion to those who deserve and require it and dealing justice to those who use violence to oppose the will of the Afghan government.

The Portage crew I have seen on this tour from 13th Field Battery, Royal Canadian Artillery are all in great spirits, doing what needs to be done in a far away land. If they knew I was writing this letter, I am sure they would send their "hellos."

Two weeks ago, my armoured vehicle hit its second improvised explosive device this tour. Immediately after the blast, I began yelling around the troop compartment to see if everyone was OK. All OK in the back; I now checked the turret. Our gunner, Private S. S., was hurt, as he had been on the last attack. But, he had another guy with him in the turret, so I left him in his capable hands. I then yelled up to my driver, Private B.C. ... no answer. Thinking the worst, I commanded the troops out of my way as I dismounted to check on him. When I arrived in front of the vehicle, metal, machine guns and assorted "stuff" lay all over. I expected the worst. There was a large hole where we had triggered the device and I noted his driver's hatch had been blown open. When I came to the front of the vehicle, the sight truly amazed me. There was Pte B.C., wounds to his hips, his back, a concussion and loss of hearing, sitting in his driver's seat with his rifle up to his shoulder, covering our crew. Only when told by me that all was OK did this young man put away his rifle and allow himself to be treated for his wounds.

After removing Privates S.S. and B.C. from the vehicle, a medical helicopter took the three of us to the Role 3 Multi-National Hospital at Kandahar Airfield. We were treated and released a few days later. S.S. and B.C. are both out there again — doing it not because it is popular, not for the money, but because they believe it is the right thing to do. I

am not able to return to my troops out in the desert, doctor's orders, and it breaks my heart.

Editor's note: MCpl Jay Bickerton, a former Portage la Prairie RCMP officer, is now serving with 2 PPCLI and is a member of Manitoba and Northwest Ontario Branch of the PPCLI Association.

EDITOR'S SCRAP BOOK

L/Cpl Harvey Finally Gets Local Obituary

Winnipeg Free Press, May 04, 2008



LANCE CORPORAL WILLIAM HARVEY (1881 - 1915). William Harvey was born February 17, 1881 to Robert and Frances Harvey of No. 4 Walton Street, Dundee, Scotland. After serving with the Gordon Highlanders in South Africa, Harvey immigrated to Canada in 1910. Like many, he found himself drawn to the 'Chicago of the North'. Harvey worked at the CPR Weston Shops as a 'craneman' and 'turntableman' in 1910/11. He had no permanent address perhaps indicating that he lived at the CPR bunkhouses or worked on rural projects. Harvey joined Winnipeg's 79th Cameron Highlanders and enlisted on October 10, 1914. In January 1915 he left for Europe, transferred to PPCLI and within weeks was involved in the Battle of Bellewaerde Ridge, Belgium. He was killed in that battle on May 4, 1915. His body was never recovered and his name is listed on the Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres. Having no permanent address or family in Canada Harvey died a man 'without a city'. An immigrant who came to make a new life, helped build the West and worked in the poor conditions of the railway shops, in death did not end up with a 'home town boy' obituary in either Winnipeg newspaper. On the 93rd anniversary of his death, Lance Corporal William Harvey of Winnipeg finally gets that local obituary.

LOST TRAILS

Lieutenant Cormier. Dan Larenier who served with PPCLI in the Korean War would like to contact a 'Lieutenant Cormier' who served with 2 PPCLI and was wounded in Korea. Dan does not recall Lieutenant Cormier's first name. Contact Dan at loyaltease@shaw.ca.

BOOK REVIEW

Contact Charlie: The Canadian Army, the Taliban and the Battle that Saved Afghanistan by Chris Wattie

In the summer of 2006, a Canadian army patrol travelling through Afghanistan's Panjwayi region — a

densely packed maze of villages, fields and vineyards west of Kandahar — surprised an unexpectedly large force of Taliban fighters. The soldiers of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry had stumbled into a hornet's nest, the largest build-up of Taliban forces in the region since their regime had fallen in 2001. The Canadians found themselves up against opponents who were suicidally brave, cunning at planting mines and roadside bombs, and experienced at disappearing into the scenery whenever they chose.

As their commanders threw more and more soldiers into what became a gruelling, drawn-out struggle, the troops of the battalion's Charlie Company found themselves at the forefront of every firefight and ambush in what became a desperate, two-month pitched battle. *The 150 soldiers of Charlie Company suffered more casualties and earned more decorations for bravery than any other Canadian unit since the Korean War* and came into contact with the enemy so many times they became known simply as "Contact Charlie."

In *Contact Charlie*, National Post reporter and embedded journalist Chris Wattie offers an intimate and harrowing look at the series of battles that would eventually take the lives of seven soldiers, including Captain Nichola Goddard, Canada's first female combat casualty, and veteran soldier Sergeant Vaughn Ingram, who died trying to save one of his young troops. Based on Wattie's own experience in Afghanistan, as well as hundreds of post-tour interviews with the men and women on the ground, *Contact Charlie* is a rare piece of military writing, providing readers with a behind-the-scenes look at the stories that made headlines that summer — and continue to do so today.

***The Members of the Association Council
and the Staff of the Association
Secretariat wish all Patricias and their
Families
"A Happy Holiday Season"***

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Kenneth Francis Barwise, MM, CD	Korea (Kapyong), Regular Force	3 Mar 2008	Penticton BC
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"We will remember them"