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# The New Colonel of the Regiment

Lt-Gen R.R. Crabbe, CMM, MSC, CD(Ret'd)

Lieutenant-General Crabbe was born in Neepawa MB and joined the Canadian Army in September 1963. On graduation from the University of Manitoba, he served in a variety of command and staff appointments including a tour of duty with the United Nations in Cyprus and NATO in Germany.



He served in Calgary with 1st Battalion Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry as Commanding Officer and Operations Officer and with the Canadian Airborne Regiment in Petawawa ON as the Regimental Major. Following studies at the US Armed Forces Staff College, he was appointed Commanding Officer 1 PPCLI. He joined the Army Staff College in Kingston ON as a member of the Directing Staff and later as Chief of Staff. In 1986-89, he served as Chief of Staff of Prairie Militia Area in Winnipeg and attended French language training in 1990.

He was promoted to Brigadier-General in 1990 and appointed Commander Special Service Force in Petawawa. In 1992, he was appointed Director-General Personnel Careers Other Ranks at National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa ON and was responsible for personnel policy and management for all non-commissioned members of the Canadian Forces.

He was posted to the Former Republic of Yugoslavia at the height of the Balkans War as the Deputy Force Commander of the United Nations Protection Force and Commander of the Canadian Contingent. He returned to Canada in June 1995 and was posted to Halifax NS where he commanded Land Force Atlantic Area.

In January 1996 he was decorated with the Meritorious Service Cross by the Government of Canada, and in June 1997, with the National Defence Medal (Gold) by the Government of France for his service in the Former Republic of Yugoslavia.

In September 1997, after a brief tour of duty as Commander 1 Canadian Division in Kingston ON, Lieutenant-General Crabbe was appointed Deputy Chief of Defence Staff at National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa, where he was responsible for Canadian Forces operations and intelligence worldwide.

In May 1998, Lieutenant-General Crabbe was promoted in the Order of Military Merit to the grade of Commander.

Lieutenant-General Crabbe retired from the Canadian Forces in October 1998.

Lieutenant-General Crabbe is a graduate of the Canadian Land Forces Command and Staff College, Kingston ON, the Canadian Forces Staff College, Toronto ON, and the United States Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk VA.

He now resides in East St Paul MB and is the past Chairman of Southport Aerospace Centre Inc. in Portage La Prairie, past President of the Royal Military Institute of Manitoba, past Chairman of the International Steering Committee of the Multinational Standby High Readiness Brigade for United Nations operations and is currently a Director of the Board of the Corps of Commissionaires. He remains active in defence and security matters as well as foreign affairs, and operates a consulting business.

He is married to the former Brenda Freeman of Killarney MB. They have two children, Lia and Derek, and four grandchildren.

Lieutenant-General Crabbe was appointed Colonel of the Regiment, PPCLI on 17 May 2010.

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# Message from the Colonel of the Regiment

This is my first message for the Association Newsletter, and let me say once again how privileged and honoured I am to have been appointed Colonel of the Regiment. I very much look forward to working with the Association to advance our objectives. As I have mentioned on several occasions, I see our collective priority as looking after our fallen and wounded soldiers and their families; in this regard, the Regiment has done an outstanding job and continues to do so.

As previously announced, our Colonel-in-Chief, Madame Adrienne Clarkson, has been selected as the recipient of the Vimy Award for 2010 for her outstanding contribution to the defence and security of our nation and the preservation of our democratic values. The Award will be presented in Ottawa November 19th and over 40 Patricias will be attending to celebrate this wonderful recognition.

The establishing of the PPCLI Foundation is progressing very well, thanks to the outstanding efforts of the Trust Working Group. The Foundation is an autonomous charitable organization that will ensure the long term financial well-being of the Regiment. The objective of the Foundation is to raise and disperse funds in support of our Regimental objectives, focused on the support to all members of the Regiment and their families. The short term goal is to raise funds in support of our 100th Anniversary, and the long term goal is to raise at least \$5M by November 2018 to meet the on-going financial needs of the Regiment. The Association is to be congratulated for its outstanding support of this initiative.

The planning for the 100th Anniversary continues with the focus on three major events: a national reunion in Edmonton 7-10 Aug 2014, an Ottawa commemoration 18-21 Sep 2014 and a Frezenberg

commemoration 5-10 May 2015. A national relay run will be conducted to connect these events. Many supporting events are also being planned. The Association is to be commended for their tremendous support and effort in the planning of the 100th Anniversary. More details on the events and activities will be provided soon.

I look forward to seeing many of our Association members over the next few months, and attending the AGM in May 2011 in Wainwright.

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### **PPCLI Foundation Established**

On Friday, 27 August 2010 a Deed of Trust was signed establishing Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Foundation.

### Background

For several years there has been talk of the need to set-up an organization for the Regiment, similar to the RCR Trust, with an ability to raise funds beyond the Regimental Family.

In March 2010, a Trust Working Group was formed to consider the options and recommend an approach. The Working Group recommended the establishment

of a PPCLI Foundation and has produced several documents that support this approach, including (these documents will be available on the website by early in 2011):

- A PPCLI Foundation Deed of Trust and application for charitable registration to the Canada Revenue Agency;
- By-laws;
- A business plan;
- First in the Field, a Fundraising Plan with a financial goal of raising in excess of \$5 million by 11 November 2018, the centenary of the armistice in World War I;
- · A policy on sponsorship; and
- A site plan for the Foundation's website www.ppclifoundation.ca.

# Charitable Purposes and Activities

The Foundation has been created as an autonomous, self-sustaining charitable body for the purpose of acquiring, accepting, soliciting or receiving legacies, gifts, grants, settlements, bequests, endowments



Left to Right: Major Manny Mandaher, Regimental Major and Trustee; Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Dawe, CO 3 PPCLI and past Chair of the Regimental Executive Committee; Major (Ret'd) John Hunter, Secretary PPCLI Foundation; Major-General (Ret'd) Barry Ashton, President PPCLI Foundation; Madame Adrienne Clarkson, Colonel-in-Chief; Lieutenant-General Ray Crabbe, Colonel of the Regiment; Chief Warrant Officer Pierre Leger, RSM 3 PPCLI and Trustee; Chief Warrant Officer (Ret'd) Bert Scott, President PCCLI Association and Trustee; and Lieutenant-Colonel Bill Fletcher, Chair of the Regimental Executive Committee.

and donations of any kind whatsoever in furtherance of the following proposed charitable purposes and activities:

- To fund and carry out activities and programs to support and care for Canadian military service personnel and former military service personnel
- To promote the efficiency of the armed forces of the Crown
- To fund and carry out activities and programs to establish and preserve monuments relating to military service by Canadian soldiers and service personnel
- 4. To make gifts to qualified donees.

#### Structure

It is anticipated that the application for registration will be approved by CRA by late-2010 or early in 2011. The work of the Foundation is volunteer led and volunteer driven. A Board of Trustees (11 trustees – 2 appointed by the Association, 1 appointed by the Regimental Guard, 2 appointed by the Regimental Executive Committee, and up to 6 elected by the members of the Foundation) has been appointed to plan, oversee, and do the work. Regional Committees of volunteers will be established to assist in identifying prospects in various regions of the country. While all trustees are members of the Association, Bert Scott and Dennis Anderson are the two official appointees of the Association.

#### **Initial Focus**

Initially, the focus for fundraising will be support of events and activities to commemorate the Regiment's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Plans are taking shape that will see leveraging of 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events and activities for fundraising purposes to offset some of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary costs as well as begin the building of an endowment. The Foundation will be accepting donations from individuals on its website as well as by membership in the Foundation or by subscription by mail. It is also expected that the Foundation will seek funding and/or sponsorship from other charitable bodies, governments, and corporations.

### Longer Term

As mentioned, the longer term goal is the creation of an endowment that will provide a sustainable source of funding in support of the charitable purposes and activities described above. Further details concerning the Foundation and its plans will be provided as they become available.

#### Get Involved

Without any solicitation whatsoever, the Foundation already has \$21,000.00 in pledges.

If you would like to get involved within your region, or simply to make a pledge, send an email to ppclifoundation@shaw.ca or call (403) 974-2861 or (403) 698-5789. The website will be on-line to correspond with the approval of our charitable registration and will be capable of receiving your gifts and/or pledges on-line.



# 100th ANNIVERSARY PROJECT UPDATE

#### General

The Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association, hereafter called the Association, agreed in principle to raise \$250,000 to support the Regiment's 100th Anniversary activities at its 59th Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Calgary in September 2007. The intent at that time was that the bulk of these funds would be applied to the Association's 100th Anniversary projects with the balance being applied to other costs associated 100th Anniversary activities. At its 60th AGM in Victoria in August 2008, the Association identified and prioritized four projects for further development. These were the Frezenberg Monument Restoration; a Centennial Torch to be incorporated into the Torch Relay to link the triad of Anniversary events; an additional memorial element to be incorporated into the Hamilton Gault Memorial Park in Edmonton; and a Good Works Fund with a signature project as a key element of this fund. Regrettably, little progress on project definition was made for the 61st AGM in Edmonton in May 2009.

#### **Current Status**

At the 62<sup>nd</sup> AGM held in Winnipeg in May 2010 the Good Works Fund project was withdrawn from further consideration. Its objectives had been

overtaken by other ongoing initiatives. This was replaced with the Association agreeing to add the Ottawa Memorial Project to the list of Association 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary projects. The concepts for the four remaining projects were approved for project leads to continue development with a remit to initiate detailed design and engineering work with a view to providing the 63<sup>rd</sup> AGM with initial engineering drawings and a proposed budget by year. It should be noted that the Torch Project will be held in abeyance until the Regimental Executive Committee renders a decision with respect to conducting a Baton Relay vice a Torch Relay. That decision is expected in October 2010.

The concept for the Hamilton Gault Memorial Park Project has evolved somewhat since the AGM. The scope has been expanded to clearly identify the Park as a Regimental Memorial, not just the Founder's memorial. The wall concept has been replaced by a proposal to construct six plinths circled around the founder's statue representing the fallen in WW1, WW2, Korea, The cold war and peacekeeping, Yugoslavia and Somalia, and Afghanistan. The Park's design will incorporate some aspect to provide an opportunity for veterans and serving members to leave a legacy. This could be done in the form of bricks or blocks on a pathway around the park.

#### **Fund Raising**

The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) has granted the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund authority to accrue funds for the Frezenberg, Hamilton Gault Memorial Park and Torch projects. Approval is being sought to accrue funds for the Ottawa Memorials project too. While a broader fund raising strategy is currently being developed by the executive, there are opportunities to raise funds now. The challenge that was put to the membership at he last AGM was for every member of the Association to raise \$100 by the 2011 AGM.

We will all have a birthday, anniversary or other celebration between now and then. An alternative gift for these occasions could be a donation to the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund/ 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Projects made in your name by family member or other donor. You and the donor get the satisfaction of knowing that the gift is going to a cause you support and the donor gets a tax receipt for the amount of the gift.

For those of you who are interested in more complete description of each of the projects please go to our website at: http://assoc.ppcli.com

Dave Pentney

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# 100th Anniversary Donations

The Regiment's centenary will be in 2014. A Regiment, particularly one with a long and distinguished history, is a very special organization, which only those who have been fortunate enough to serve in one, can fully appreciate. We, having served or are still serving, look forward to continue making and indeed sharing in that history by ensuring that the anniversary will be a success.

The Association, as a member of the Regimental family, has pledged to be a partner with four (4) anniversary projects:

- a. Restoration of the Frezenberg Memorial.
- b. Torch run;
- c. The Hamilton Gault Memorial Park, Edmonton Garrison; and
- d. Ottawa Memorial (Lansdowne Park).

The total projected costs for the four projects will approximately be \$250K. The Association has received permission from the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) to accrue the donations through the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund and thus use tax-receipted donations to pay for these projects.

The Memorial Fund can accept therefore donations from \$25.00 and up. Donors have a choice and can designate the individual project where their donation should go. Directing your gift to any of the projects will give you the satisfaction to be part of the Regiment's centenary.

Members can make a bigger difference with pledge installments of \$50.00, \$100.00, \$250.00, \$500.00 or \$1,000.00 annually. Your gift, combined with others, can be leveraged by the Association to secure major gifts from other potential donors, e.g. government agencies or foundations. The Association appreciates your contribution to our fundraising efforts through this pledge option. We can't do it alone but we can do it with your support and generosity.

Please make your check payable to the "Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund" and annotate 100th. Anniversary Project and designate the project of your choice.

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# BRANCHES AND THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY

In the last while I have been able to brief several Branches on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and one goal has been to answer the question: What should this Branch do? It is important, because the 100<sup>th</sup> is not just about the triad of major activities that RHQ is going to coordinate – it is also about what Branches can and might do to support those and to share the 100<sup>th</sup> within their community. This is part of the aim of the plan for our celebrations of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

The first thing Branches can do is to be ready to help advertise the Centennial. RHQ has in the plan to send out core stories about the 100<sup>th</sup> to Community newspapers in 2013. Branches would help if they establish a small writing team to use the same core stories to place 100<sup>th</sup> articles in local papers and newsletters, so that every possible retired Patricia or surviving spouse or family member reads about the Centennial and sees the website address, and the timeframes for the National Reunion and the Ottawa Commemoration.

Another way to help is to hold a Branch Tea – break out those old silver trays and nice cups, and those pieces of regimental memorabilia – and they can be a nice touch in a high tea organized by a Branch – whether that would be in City Hall in your City, or at a Legion, Church or some other suitable venue. The members and their ladies make some tea and sandwiches, serve it all up nicely in a public place and invite the Mayor and his/her partner, or other dignitaries, and the press. The object would be to provoke news coverage through a local story.

Branches should also consider their own unique 100<sup>th</sup> Project. Some Branches have a major role to play in one of the triad events, but many do not. You could sponsor a dedication plaque in a rest stop on your section of the Canada Trail, make a donation to a veterans' facility in a local hospital, erect a tablet outlining local Patricia involvement in the military history of the city/town/area, secure rights to plant a "Patricia Wood" on a piece of land immediately along a public highway or in a park – and plant one

maple tree for every Patricia from your province or area who is on the Roll of Honour and erect a sign! There are many possibilities. Each one, especially if timed for late 2013 or early 2014, offers a chance for the Branch to draw public attention to the Regiment's 100<sup>th</sup>, and to perpetuate the regiment's service in the public mind. Once you have a project in mind, raise your intent to the Association Council and to RHQ for coordination.

As the 100<sup>th</sup> draws closer, every Branch is asked to positively encourage their members to get to the National Reunion and the Ottawa Commemoration. The two are very different events. Ask for a briefer from RHQ to come to your AGM in 2012 or 2013 – and to review the detail for you of what is in the plan. Consider gathering some monies to assist one couple or more who may need some financial support to get to these events – and/or sponsor one couple on the Private Returns plan to Frezenberg in 2015.

There is a lot that Branches can do – it will just take some ideas and a little bit of time and resource to help make the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary a national success! Please be part of it.

Vince Kennedy

# **PPCLI Association Cadet Corps Award**

Over the past months there has been an ongoing search for PPCLI Association Cadet Corps Award. A lot of effort but no success to date. Posted below is what is known of the history of the trophy. I would ask members of the association help in the search for the trophy.

Mr. Dennis Coyne of Winnipeg. Manitoba, donated a trophy to he presented by the Association on behalf of the Winnipeg Branch and to be known as the "PPCLI Association Cadet Corps Trophy".

The trophy is competed for by the Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps sponsored or affiliated with the Regiment or Battalions of the Regiment and is awarded to the most proficient Corps during a training year, based on a review of all corps' Annual Reports by Regimental Headquarters (to be received from the Cadet Regions each August).

The award of the trophy with it a sum of money donated from the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund. The presentation of the trophy and cheque will he coordinated by the Regimental Adjutant, the custodian, and should be done by a local PPCLI Association representative or by a serving senior officer.

The PPCLI Association Cadet Corps Trophy, donated by the Mr Dennis Coyne of the Winnipeg Branch (now Manitoba and Northwest Ontario Branch) of the Association, was awarded annually to the PPCLI Affiliated Cadet Corps judged to be the best based on their Annual Inspection. However, a few years back (I don't remember which year) they changed the scoring system for the Annual Inspections and it was no longer possible to compare the Corps with each other so it has not been awarded since.

If you have any information as to the whereabouts of this trophy, please contact:

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# Membership Dues 2011

It is that time again for dues for the upcoming year. Branches are urged to submit their nominal rolls and dues prior to Jan 31st 2011. Lets get some new members. They are sitting out there in the Legions, the Army-Navy and Air Force Vets Clubs, the KVA Branches, Retired Snr NCO's Club, and the various Cdn AB Regt organizations such as ARAC, CAFA and the Airborne Social clubs. 2014 is not that far away and remember our goal for the 100th is to have 2014 members. Go get em!

Fred Goldring Membership Chairperson

# NEW FOR 2011 PARTNERSHIP MEMBERS

On 26 October 2010 the Council approved Partner Memberships. For an additional \$10 your spouse or partner can become a full voting member of your Branch and of the Association. You will receive only one Patrician and one Newsletter per household. With a Partner membership you will be entitled to bring two quests to Association events at Association prices. Renew now for only \$40.

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# 60th Anniversary Korean Conflict

This fall marks the 60th anniversary of the start of the Korean conflict as well last the Battle of Kapyong in April. As part of the 60th, Edmonton Branch is honouring all Patricias who participated in the campaign. We are putting together an album of those who were there. We have 2077 names so far but know there are many more. We ask the branches to canvass their members and let us know if they have any members who were in Korea with the dates and Bns they were there with. We've had some success with the KVA and a couple of branches. We also would like the names of those who have passed on since the Korea war. We hope to have this album on display at any VP Korea Anniversary events as well as at the 100th in 4 years. (Is there anyone out there who have been to Korea/Kapyong anniversaries that still have the list of veterans who attended)

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#### BRANCH NEWS

Calgary Branch by Alec Herdy

Maneuvering into a full year round slate of activities is becoming the trademark of the Calgary branch members and local area Patricia's'. May had members out on the links for the annual P.P.C.L.I golf tournament organized by Gerry Bowes held at the Turner Valley Golf and Country Club. The day of golf was followed by a superb dinner. June 6th saw a coming together of the area Patricia family for the "First Year Anniversary" of the new "Military Museums". Mars the god of war plead our case to Jupiter and the day weather wise was absolutely perfect for the 2500 or so visitors, not always the case for this summer. For branch members it was nonstop hustle to feed these guests, including three re-supply runs by Philip Fisher to keep the grills under Branch Vice Faron Brown's supervision full. Jimy Lee and Ches Gordon kept the crowd well supplied with items from the outstanding branch kit shop. New PPCLI Regimental Museums and Archives General Manger Sgt. George Goulet quite literally found out that yes Patricia's do work on Saturdays and Sundays here in

Calgary as he strolled from activity to activity. [Note that Sgt. Goulet had not formally taken over the post but was showing his professionalism by "arriving early" to get a "feel of things", welcome aboard to the Goulet family.] Controlling a majority of both vehicle and pedestrian movements were our "younger" Patricia's from 2554 PPCLI Cadets. These and other last minute tasks assigned to the cadets in addition to manning their own booth contributed significantly to the overall success of the event.

In addition to the aforementioned 6th of June, association members should be aware that these cadets provided the "manpower" for an earlier archive tear down and reconfiguration. The end of June saw again a grouping of Calgary area Patricia's for the 2554 PPCLI Cadet's, "Annual Ceremonial Review". Branch member Bruce Nickel ensured that the Cadet turnout and drill impressed their visitors; Major Grubb, DCO 1st Bn. and W/O Dave Schultz, SMV from RHQ. Sgt Christopher Mavin, CD. was on hand to thank the cadets for their volunteer efforts



Calgary branch members at the First Anniversary of the New Military Museum

throughout the year at the Museum. Branch President Jim Croll presented several awards to deserving cadets on behalf of the branch. 2554 Commanding Officer, Captain Christian Stenner joined the association and was promptly assigned the Branch/Cadet Liaison position of the executive here in Calgary. July saw branch members involved and assisting or just taking in the "Ride Through Time" held at the Lougheed House here in Calgary. Many thanks to Captain Adam West and the currently serving soldiers from the 3rd Bn. who provided a valuable connection in this past to present event.

August saw members enjoying the excellent hospitality of Jack and Sandy Raynor's "Summer Campout". Held each year on their property this weekend gives branch members a chance to remember what is was like to live under canvas. Judging by reports and the photos supplied by Al Simard the "field rations" have definitely improved from our various times of regular service. The formal

year again commenced with the annual "Fall Meet and Greet" held at our host location. Branch 275, Royal Canadian Legion on the 24th of September. Branch members Sam Simpson and George Coture both participated in the "Military Museums", "Peacekeeping Day. Sam as part of the CPVA and George hosting our Regimental Gallery tours.

Future activities the members of Calgary Branch will be participating in prior to the Christmas break are the Branch Annual General Meeting on the 30th of October. Ted Lewis' "Poppy crew" of branch members, again assisted by the "younger Patricia's" is gearing up for the annual Poppy campaign. The "Regimental Living History" detail will again be providing the Cadets and visitors with a night of living history on the 9th of November. Members again will be out in full force in area schools as part of the various Remembrance Day activities held here in Calgary. The "Gallery Guides" of association members at the Military Museum are back to explain our history and answer the multitude of questions from the many visitors, both currently serving and retired as well area school and youth groups. Doug Bedford in collections has been kept well occupied over the summer with the steady stream of donations which continue to enhance your heritage. The volunteer archival staff position in the Museum and the supervision of Cadets participating in their "Duke of Edinburgh" program is continuing into next year under branch member Alec Herdy.

Calgary Branch activities and monthly updates through our branch newsletter can be viewed in .pdf format on the Association website through the efforts of editors Alec Herdy and Mike Detheridge and webmaster CJ Wallace.

# Edmonton Branch By Fred Goldring

As the fall season nears we reflect on a relatively quiet summer. The branch was not involved in too much a there was very little going on. Other than representatives at the AGM in Winnipeg in May, the change of command parade of the 1st Bn and Exercise Bold Eagle in Wainwright, our profile has been low. We lost Harry E Moore to the RSM in the sky and we have a few members whose health is not the best. Nevertheless we march on as our fall meetings have again commenced. Our next big outing will be Remembrance Day. If anyone is around the Edmonton area, we still meet on the 4th Saturday of each month at 11:00 hrs at the Kingsway Legion drop in and see us.

### **Fund Raising**

Other than our 50/50 draws at our meetings our Branch does not raise funds locally as we have been fortunate enough to host the 90th and 95th Anniversaries here and have been equally fortunate enough to come out on top with a surplus of funds. (Not a great deal, but significant) Several years before the 90th Anniversary ago we did hold a silent auction which was successful. Had there not been financial gains from the two reunions, our next thought would have leaned towards to holding a large garage sale in the summer.

# Ottawa Branch

By Bill Plouffe

The Ottawa Branch broke their summer prorogation and gathered on Parliament Hill on August tenth to commemorate the founding of the Regiment. The Ceremonial Guard reinstituted their tradition of honouring the Regiment by having the occasion announced to the spectators and playing the Regimental Quick March during the guard inspection. More than 16 members and wives attended, including the Branch Executive, two former Patricia Commanding Officers of the Ceremonial Guard, Bill Plouffe, and Pat Dillon, and former Ceremonial Guard RSM Don Reiben and Guard member John Clarke. As a group we then gathered at the Army Mess and were joined by a few more of the clan for Toasts and an informal lunch. We were very pleased to be joined by David and Lynn Snowball, who were in town on a visit from Halifax - it was good to see them again. This will now be an annual Branch event and a chance for all Patricia's in the area to gather to honour the Regiment.

Bill Love took the opportunity to present a recording of two songs done by Aged in Harmony, the choir with which he sings. The project was dedicated to Harry Bloom, whose presence has been deeply missed by our Branch members and by the choir. Harry began our Branch's relationship with the choir in 2002, when he first invited them to sing at our Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Regimental Cairn in Lansdowne Park. They were an immediate success, and have been back every year since. Other than Bill Love, the members of the chorus have no military background, but have formed a close attachment to the Branch and to the Patricias. Although they sing all over the city at senior's residences, hospitals, and community events, Remembrance Day is the one annual commitment they would never miss.

In 2006, the chorus sang two numbers written by two of its members, both of whom felt strongly about the traditions of the Regiment and its contribution to Canada in peace and war. They are marching tunes which praise the Patricias and particularly the Regiment's service in Afghanistan. Harry had pressed the choir to make a recording of their songs, which he wanted to be presented to the Regiment Just a week before he died Harry made had contacted Bill Love and asked them to move forward with the recording, so that the CD could be sent to the Colonel-in- Chief and to RHQ. This has now been done, and this is why they dedicated the recording to Harry.

After the AGM in October, our next event will be on November 11th at Lansdowne Park for our 30th Annual Remembrance Day Ceremony and gathering.

# S.W. Ont. Branch by George Ledwon

In March our Branch Reps met with WO Shultz to discuss the welfare of our area Patricia's that were injured in Afghanistan. He updated us as to their status and we discussed how our Branch could further assist as Bruce Paxton has already been in contact with some on a regular basis. On the 17th March we celebrated our Regimental day at Betty's restaurant in Niagara Falls with dinner and 95th anniversary cake. We had approx 30 in attendance and every one enjoyed themselves and it was a good opportunity for a get together after a long winter. Our AGM was held at our usual location the Days Inn in St Catherine's on the first weekend in May. We had a good turnout and our special dinner guest was a schoolteacher and his wife. The Branch presented him with a Regimental Plaque as a thank you for the generous donation the school made to our Branch. Ed MacDonald visits this school yearly during November to do a veteran's presentation for Remembrance Day; this teacher has organized a special school sports competition to raise monies, which are yearly presented to a veteran's organization to support their needs. This all came about after Ed's first presentation where the school raised enough money to send Ed and his wife back to Korea for a visit. The idea was born and now each year this event continues, we were picked this year thanks to Ed to be this year's recipient.

In August Bill Chrysler entertained us by holding a BBQ at his home. The food was great with a large variety to choose from and Romeo Daley did a great job as our BBQ chef. As this was a potluck event we all had an opportunity to experience some great dishes. Although it did rain some, that did not dampen anyone's spirits and in true Patricia style everyone had a good time and went home content, discussing plans to make next year bigger and better. We are hoping to get some of our events dates into the Spring newsletter and invite any of you who may be in our area, please join us you are always welcome. We will also post a contact email and phone number so you can get hold of one of us and we can than pass on the location of the event with directions.

In closing as the festive season is fast approaching we would like to wish all of you from our Branch to yours a happy and safe holiday season.

# Fraser Valley BC Branch

by Marc Gagne

The Fraser Valley BC Branch itinerary for the year. Our membership decided to change our monthly evening meetings from 1900 hrs every first Wednesday evening to an early morning Luncheon every first Thursday of the month at 1130 hrs

Many of our membership have fallen ill at one time or another in the past year and required hospitalization. However none of us has endured the pain and suffering as much as Mona & Jim Hayward. First they lost their grandson in Afghanistan, then Mona is diagnosed with terminal cancer and suffering through treatment and Jim has also been bitten by the ugly disease; we wish them both the best.

Many of our branch members had the honour of serving in other Canadian Armed Forces Regiments at one time or another during there careers. One such Regiment was the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada. Which celebrated there 150th birthday on the 19th April 2010 at Victoria, BC.



MGen Herb Pitts and the QORofC Association committee coordinated and organized a two day event in Victoria. Our Fraser Valley Branch was well represented with Wayne, Dehnke. Nick, Pope. Rollie Phillips. Marc, Gagne. Darrell, Hensrued. Larry, Beaton and Roy Chaisson. The meet & greet took place at the Gorge Road Legion; re-acquaintances with many old friends. The second day had an unveiling of a Queen's Own Rifles Cairn at the old Work point Barracks. Followed by an Honor Guard at the Government House in Victoria, with LT Governor Steven Point as the distinguished official. With the Queen's Own Rifles Militia regimental Armed Guard from Toronto in the old 1900 uniforms and old Rifles. Mr. Ed Titus presented all association members with a commemorative coin to signify the Queen's Own Rifles 150th birthday, very impressive coin.

The 17th March birthday celebration at Branch #280 Legion was well represent by a large number of our association members. A regimental cake was decorated with the Regimental Colors and the huge hat badge design; enjoyed by all.

Matt Brown attended the AGM I in Winnipeg May 2010 as the Fraser Valley Branch representative.

# **Kingston Branch**

by Jay Lapeyre

The start of our local Association season as usual commenced with the Regimental activities starting in mid-March replete with stories of winter golfing and holidays in the sun. This year, thanks to the efforts of Dave Banks and Dave Pentney, we also had a very successful mixed dinner that attracted as many serving and Association as we have ever had in the last decade.

We have increased the membership again this year and we are busy recruiting some of the newly arrived serving Patricias who have approached us individually asking to join, most recently LCol. Shaun McKinistry. In addition, the latest new Retired new member is Dave Banks who has always been a great supporter of the Association and in the past has helped in whenever required to assist in our various activities.

The most recent significant event attended by our Association was the 7 October, CFB Kingston Building Dedication in honour of Captain Matt Dawe. Those that attended were honoured to participate in a special Regimental occasion that is difficult to properly describe to those not in attendance, it was a dignified, professional and well executed. It has honoured one of our fallen Patricia's in a way that will have a meaningful legacy to the many young soldiers who will pass through that building to start their career in the forces. The Dawe family was there in strength and especially grateful for this special honour bestowed on their son and ever mindful

publicly of the other fallen warriors from the Matthews platoon and the Campaign in Afghanistan. As we close this year we commence our planning activities for fund raising for next year. Among the events being discussed are Regimental driven volunteer events from garage sales to golf tournaments to twinning with some other fund raisers to broaden the numbers of participants to achieve better attendance than we have had in the past.

Best wishes to all in the coming months and enjoy the family opportunities presented by Thanksgiving and Xmas holidays, never forgetting our soldiers who will be serving abroad while we enjoy our festivities.

# Manitoba & Northwest Ontario Branch By D'Arcy Best

There were a few empty seats at the PPCLI Association's 2010 Annual General Meeting in Winnipeg in mid-May but attendance was much better at the Meet and Greet and the Annual Dinner. Patricias came from the West Coast, the East Coast and points in between, and Don Cook came all the way from Nagasaki, Japan. A great reunion with old comrades and, with members' service ranging from the Korean War to recent operations in Afghanistan. we heard some great stories. The Association Dinner was particularly enjoyable, with fine food, good service and music played at a volume which actually allowed us to converse without velling. We were fortunate in being joined by our Patron, the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, as well as outgoing Colonel of the Regiment Larry Gollner, incoming Colonel of the Regiment Ray Crabbe and several serving members of the Regiment. We also had a Kit shop provided by Second Battalion and this was particularly appreciated by those members who don't have convenient access to the Kit shops in Edmonton

At our Branch General Meeting on June 6th, we elected or re-elected President Stu Weeks, Vice-President Cliff Fox, Secretary Maureen Blake, Treasurer D'Arcy Best, and Directors Mike Czuboka, Taffy Gray, Susan Holfeuer and Norm Mayo.

Our latest new members are Roy MacEachern and Cpl David Hancock. Roy served with 2nd Battalion in Croatia, two tours in Bosnia and one in Afghanistan. He left the Forces in 2004 and is now living in Winnipeg. David has been with Second Battalion since 2004 and has recently returned from his second tour in Afghanistan. On the debit side, Len Quinlan passed away in January of this year and Muriel Griffiths in September, and John and Sandra McGregor and Dennis Moore have transferred to the Ottawa Branch.

#### Vancouver Branch

by Tom Holland

**Upcoming Events:** 

XmasParty2010: To be held on Sunday, Dec 12, 2010. At the home of Jenny Urquhart in Richmond. Start time 3pm.

Annual General Meeting: To be held Sunday March13 2011. [Place and time to be confirmed at Executive Meeting being held December 12 2010.]

Patricia Regimental Day Luncheon: To be held on Sunday, March 13 2011. [Time & Place confirmed at Executive meeting in December.]

Annual BBQ: Usually held the last Saturday of August.[will be discussed at Branch AGM]

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 & their guests to our functions.

# Wainwright Branch

By Michael Austdal

Life in Wainwright remains idyllic as I'm sure all of you who have trained here over the years remember. While September was cold, including an early killing frost, October seems to be treating us more warmly. We now have a new Ramada and Best Western in town and those who have stayed give them two thumbs up. Both establishments are offering deals for the National AGM to be held in Wainwright 13-15 May 2011. The AGM will follow the format of the last few years. On the Friday, the council will hold its working group followed by the annual Council meeting. The Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund Board of Trustees will meet on Saturday morning followed by the AGM. Socially, there will be an early bird Happy Hour on Thursday night at the WO and Sgt's mess. On Friday we will hold a smoker at Buffalo Park Lodge, including a Regimental trivia contest. The Saturday night mixed dining in will be held at the Elks hall and we hope to include entertainment and a silent auction. The evening will be a fundraiser for the 100th. Much more to follow as our plans come together.

Besides the fundraising at the dining in, the branch is looking at providing a small line of kit shop type items using the Association logo. In addition, during the past couple years we have been able to provide "paid" security at events held in Wainwright such as the Buck N' Brawl, Men and Women's provincial curling, George Canyon concert and by conducting a stocktaking for the legion. This method seems to work for our branch in this small community.

Our first meeting since breaking for the summer will be held 25 October and our branch AGM is scheduled for 29 November. The branch remains the lead for the Hamilton Gault Memorial Park as part of the Association 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary projects. An update is included in another article for this newsletter.

Mark your calendars next year for 13-15 May 2011. Come on out to Wainwright and renew old acquaintances and visit your old stomping grounds.



Wainwright Frezenberg Cross
The newly refurbished Frezenberg Cross in the
Wainwright Training area. Thanks to the Patricia
Association members working at Range Control.

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# Mail Bag

Mr. Editor,

With regard to the PPCLI Association Newsletter November 2009 I believe whoever was responsible for butchering the WW I & our present cap badge on the front cover should shake his head and/or their heads if it took more then one – to dream up this straight stupid operation in my opinion. I am sure Hammy Gault would roll over in his grave as would "Gardie.' Enough said.

To end my rant, I will comment on Fred Goldring's statements re: the 95th Anniversary in May of 2009 where he points A finger at our PPCLI WO's & Senior NCO's Club (Retired) – for his information it is not the 'Retired Snr NCOs club' ... he states, "A number of usual attendees to our anniversaries saw fit to not attend ours, but chose to attend the Retired Snr NCOs club in the Okanagan." Fred is completely aware that we have been having our annual gathering for the past 33 years in May, he knew that when he organized what refers to as the 95th Anniversary? It was a Edmonton Branch gathering, not a Regimental Anniversary.

He could have chosen a different date and gained some attendance. So don't point the finger in the wrong direction Fred. I, for some reason, believe that this might not make it as a letter to the editor, at any rate it will be in our October Piklee Post which goes out to 300 Patricia's across Canada and overseas.

Ed Hansen National "Prez" PPCLI WO's & Snr NCO's Club (Retired) Victoria, BC piklee@shaw.ca

#### Dear Ed

Like any responsible organization, the PPCLI Association welcomes feedback from its members. As the new Secretary for the Association I have taken on the responsibility of answering your letter on behalf of the newsletter.

I understand that you did not like the "artistic" rendering of the two hat badges in last year's fall newsletter and that is, of course, your right. I must admit I had to go back and look at that edition again to understand your concern. I wasn't personally offended by the rendition and we have had no other comments one way or the other on that particular edition.

I do feel that I need to correct some of your information regarding the 95th Anniversary. It was in fact the 95th Anniversary of the Regiment and the Association's 61st Annual General Meeting. The Edmonton Branch undertook the organization of this weekend on behalf of both the Regiment and the Association, so in no way was it just an Edmonton gathering. It is unfortunate that the dates of Association AGM and your annual gathering conflict. The Association Council not the individual Branches approved the May dates for the past two years and again for 13-15 May 2011 in Wainwright. These dates have been chosen as the best option for the Association as a whole. We would prefer to resolve this conflict so that your members could also attend the National AGM if they wished.

I am aware of that some animosity between yourself, your club and other members of the Association has developed. If any offense was given, it was unintentional. I would like to state on behalf of the Association that the PPCLI WO and Sgt's Club (Retired) is an important supporter of the Association and the Regiment and I hope our two organizations can continue to work together in the future.

Michael Austdal Secretary PPCLI Association



From: Steve Otto

Subject: PPCLI memorial in Nunavut

I was on holidays in Nunavut this summer, and took the picture attached at the top of Mount Pelly in Ovayot Territorial Park (near Cambridge Bay). What a surprise to see this memorial in such a remote and un-populated location!

Steve Otto 1st Battalion (1982-87)

# Bursary - Corporal Jordan Anderson

While I was in Winnipeg a few weeks ago I met with Professor George MacLean of the University of Manitoba.

Prof MacLean was instrumental in arranging for Jordan to receive his degree posthumously and for setting up the "On the Ramp" Corporal Jordan Anderson Bursary".

I just wanted to let you know that thanks to two key donors the bursary is now able to be distributed. One donor, a local Winnipeg business man, donated \$5000. Another donor, Maj Geoffrey Young, has been steadily collecting funds from his students. Apparently the businessman saw the article about Maj Young, which inspired him to contribute the \$5000.

The bursary will be distributed this fall. It is open to any cadet, regular force or retired member in a part time, full time or distance capacity. Preference will be given to political science students. Currently the bursary amount is for around \$500 but as people continue to donate the annual bursary amount will increase. I have included the donation information below.

I wanted to let you know that the University received a letter of recognition from Minister MacKay for granting Jordan his degree.

Amanda Anderson

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Name	Service	Date	Place		
Ralph Edward Ridley	Regular Force (QORC and PPCLI)	7 Jun 2007	Calgary AB		
William (Bill) Joseph Terhune, CD	Korea, Regular Force	13 Mar 2010	Calgary AB		
Cpl Darren James Fitzpatrick	Regular Force (3 PPCLI)	20 Mar 2010	Edmonton AB		
Peter Vander Graaf	WWII	23 Mar 2010	Winnipeg MB		
WO Anthony Geoffrey Charles Whittall	Regular Force	24 Mar 2010	Victoria BC		
Richard Fry	Regular Force	25 Mar 2010	St Albert AB		
Craig (Tinker) Spence Taylor	Regular Force	26 Mar 2010	Selkirk MB		
Elizabeth Seiersen	Wife of Peter Seiersen	28 Mar 2010	Courtenay BC		
George Payne, CD	Regular Force	28 Mar 2010	Marlborough, Wilts, UK		
Richard Parker	WWII	29 Mar 2010	Victoria BC		
Iris L. Cumming	Wife of R.H. (Bob) Cumming	7 Apr 2010	Winnipeg MB		
Anthony George Stewart Ferguson	Regular Force	8 Apr 2010	Edmonton AB		
Joseph Yurejchuk	WWII	10 Apr 2010	Winnipeg MB		
Pte Tyler William Todd	1 PPCLI	11 Apr 2010	Afghanistan		
Jean-Emile Paille	WWII (R22eR), Korea (2 PPCLI)	12 Apr 2010	Winnipeg MB		
Alfred John Papson	WWII	14 Apr 2010	Selkirk MB		
Thomas G. Sullivan	Regular Force	16 Apr 2010	Victoria BC		
Leon Joseph Ferguson	WWII, Korea, Regular Force	30 Apr 2010	Saskatoon SK		
Henry Moncrief	WWII, Korea, Regular Force	2 May 2010	Edmonton AB		
Norma Kristin Gunton	Widow of Gordon Arthur Gunton	8 May 2010	Ottawa ON		
George Fraser Cairns	WWII, Korea	9 May 2010	Winchester ON		
Roland E. Lapointe	Korea (2 PPCLI)	9 May 2010	Victoria BC		
Harro (Harry) Steno Bloom, CD	Regular Force	12 May 2010	Ottawa ON		
Pte Kevin Thomas McKay	1 PPCLI	13 May 2010	Afghanistan		
Michael Melnechuk	WWII, Korea, Regular Force	15 May 2010	Kamloops BC		
Harry Guzda	WWII WWII	21 May 2010	Winnipeg MB		
Kenneth Leslie Soucie	Regular (PPCLI & CAR), Reserve	25 May 2010	Windsor ON		
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John Benjamin Barnhart	Regular (RCEME), ETQMS with	29 May 2010	Nanaimo BC		
	2 PPCLI & 1 QORC				
Kenneth Edmund Goodrich	C Scot R 1937-38, PPCLI WWII	31 May 2010	Ottawa ON		
John Alexander Richardson	Regular (PPCLI & QORC)	2 Jun 2010	Peterborough ON		
Dwayne David Van Vianen	Regular Force	9 Jun 2010	Victoria BC		
Ben Blyth	Regular Force (2 PPCLI 1952-56)	9 Jun 2010	Powell River BC		
Raymond V. Cummings	Regular (1 & 2 PPCLI 1955-60)	17 Jun 2010	Surrey BC		
Lawrence Robert Joseph Monforton	Regular (Cdn Gds, 2PPCLI 1970s)	20 Jun 2010	Winnipeg MB		
Donald Ardelian	Korea, Regular Force	22 Jun 2010	Calgary AB		
William Tasker Smith	Regular Force (Regimental Band)	24 Jun 2010	Calgary AB		
Lawrence Charles (Chic) Fuller	Regular Force	1 Jul 2010	Prince George BC		
Len (Swede) Aronsson	Regular Force	2 Jul 2010	Fort Saskatchewan AB		
Robert Perry	Regular (QORC & 3 PPCLI)	July 2010	BC		
W. Ron Overy, CD	Regular (1 & 3 PPCLI)	19 Jul 2010	Invermere BC		
Edna Sorsdahl	Wife of Ray Sorsdahl	21 Jul 2010	Saskatoon SK		
Gerald Rolph	Korea (2 PPCLI))	22 Jul 2010	Nanaimo BC		
John Oswald Clarke, ED, CD	WWII (PPCLI), Regular (RCAF)	24 Jul 2010	Toronto ON		
Michael James Juryn	WWII (PPCLI and RCAF)	21 Aug 2010	Winnipeg MB		
Doris Ione Florence Swick	Wife of Lloyd Swick	9 Sep 2010	Ottawa ON		
Robert Freeman Budgell	Regular Force (QORC & PPCLI)	10 Sep 2010	Moreton's Harbour NL		
Mona Lucille Hayward	Wife of James Hayward	10 Sep 2010	Stony Plain AB		
Al M. Christie	Korea (RCEME with 2 PPCLI)	18 Sep 2010	Winnipeg MB		
Muriel E. Griffiths	Widow of Norman G. Griffiths	20 Sep 2010	Winnipeg MB		
Olive Miller	Wife of Harold Miller	21 Sep 2010	Victoria BC		
Elizabeth A. (Betty) Sharpe	Widow of Henry W. (Harry) Sharpe	28 Sep 2010	Winnipeg MB		
"We will remember them"					