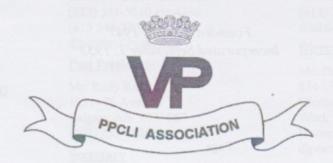
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FROM THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT 30 JAN 2011

Let me first of all wish all a belated but sincere Happy New Year and hope that 2011 will be a wonderful year for all.

1 PPCLI continues to conduct live fire training under winter conditions and will provide the bulk of the cadre for 3rd Battalion's training for their new role in Afghanistan later this year. This training will culminate in April with a brigade level exercise in Suffield focusing on company and combat team live fire training. B Company will deploy to Afghanistan (date to be confirmed) as the TF Force Protection for the organization that will close out the Kandahar mission. That being the case, the Regiment will be the first in and the last out of the Kandahar mission.

2 PPCLI – winners of this year's Strong Contender competition – is undergoing a variety of training, including an air assault course in Fort Benning, Georgia and A Company in Yuma Arizona. C Company is currently training in Fort Ord, California. The battalion will conduct winter warfare training in the Arctic with the Manitobabased reserve brigade as part of the Canada First Initiative. The battalion is also continuing with the workups to assume the Non-Combat Evacuation role in April. Lastly, a platoon of the battalion will attend the 60th Anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong in Korea in April; Hub Gray has been very active getting the veterans mobilized for this event. This will be followed by two-day commemoration in Shilo in late April.

The new Canadian training mission in Afghanistan will be centered on 3 PPCLI. While the organization will be officer and WO/NCO heavy, present plans call for about 400 all ranks from the battalion to deploy on this mission. Unfortunately, the dates for the deployment and the mission have not yet been determined, but it appears at this time that it will be late summer or early fall. The battalion has commenced its training for this mission. The RSM, CWO Leger, has been posted to Ottawa to a critical army career management position and has been replaced by CWO Kavanaugh.

The following is an update on some of the activities mentioned in my last Sitrep:

1 PPCLI received the Commander-in-Chief's Unit Commendation from the Governor-General 29 Nov for their outstanding work in Afghanistan as Battle Group 1-06. The Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta was in attendance as well.

An emotional and moving ceremony was held 24 Nov to honour the 12 fallen Patricias in 2010 and to re-dedicate the Hall of Honour in the Museum. This was very well attended by the families of the Fallen and members of the Regiment. A reduced version of Ex Ric-a-dam-doo followed in Edmonton.

Madame Clarkson was of course honoured with the Vimy Award at a wonderful dinner at the National War Museum 19 Nov. Forty Patricias attended. We were also pleased to have Paul Gross (actor/producer) and his wife Martha, and Bill Graham (former MND) and his wife Catherine as part of the Patricia delegation.

I attended the 2 PPCLI Men's Xmas Dinner in Shilo and the WOs & Sgts' At Home. Both events clearly reflected the very high standard of soldiers and leaders we are blessed with in the Regiment.

The 2 PPCLI plan for a Presentation of Colours Jul 1, 2011 has been put on hold and will be done at a later date.

Planning for the 100th Anniversary has again progressed significantly since the last Sitrep, with the issuing of guidance and revised financial projections for all planned events. This will be examined by those responsible for the various events and finalized at the spring REC and Guard meetings. I have asked that this receive the widest possible distribution and encourage feedback from any and all members of the Regiment. This will provide a firm basis on which to then prepare the final Regimental Plan for agreement by the REC, Guard and Association by end November. This will be a one-source, authoritative document for planning and executing our 100th Anniversary. Given the training and operational commitments of the Commanding Officers of the three battalions, they have asked that the planning team look at selected aspects of the 100th Anniversary and prepare detailed plans for them; this is on-going. Several Association Branches are also making very good progress in their planning. Commanders of LFWA and 1 CMBG is fully committed to support the 100th Anniversary, and indeed have expressed several ideas that will assist in moving the vardsticks.

Application for charitable status for the Foundation was registered with CRA and although an attempt to 'streamline' the usually arduous and lengthy process did not pan out, it appears that the application is indeed receiving due consideration. Barry Ashton and the Foundation's legal advisor were recently asked by CRA to clarify a few issues on the application. We would hope that this is a good indicator that the charitable status will be forthcoming within the next few months at which time we can begin fundraising in earnest. Work is currently underway on one specific fundraising opportunity that has huge potential and once finalized, will be made known to all.

As mentioned in the last Sitrep, the REC hired a consultant to review the current operations and future of the Regimental Museum. This report has now been analyzed and it has been agreed to proceed with a plan for extensive development and upgrading of the Museum. This is contingent on an independent fundraising effort (coordinated with the Foundation) that will target specific organizations that have indicated their support for the Museum and the Regiment as a whole. An independent fundraiser has been hired for this project. It is planned that the fundraising will be completed within a year to 18 months for this initiative.

I spoke to Lady Patricia recently. She had just returned back from a holiday in Bermuda with some of her family, and spent Christmas with her son Timothy and the entire family in Morestead, Winchester. She advised me that her health is very good. She very much enjoyed a visit by Dick and Veronica Cowling in late November.

Some time ago, I mentioned the continuing efforts to get the Regimental finances and operations on a more 'business-like' basis. Thanks to the outstanding efforts of the RM, RHQ and the REC, much progress has been made in this regard in the operation of the Kit shop, financial operations and budgeting, annual dues, the Patrician, etc. This will pay huge dividends to the Regiment now and in the future.

Regrettably, we received word that Jeffery Williams has not well for some time, and has been hospitalized in Somerset. As most will know, Jeffery has made an outstanding contribution to the recording of the Regiment's history and has been a huge supporter of the PPCLI for many decades. I have written to Jeffery and his family on behalf of the Regiment; others may wish to do so. His address is 1 Ashcombe Court, Ilminister, Somerset TA19 OED, UK.

Best Regards, Ray

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Bert Scott

As winter finally starts to leave us I would like to say hello to all members and especially to the new members that have taken part in the partnership membership. It has been discussed and mentioned in numerous items of correspondences some positive some negative comments. As you all are aware the biggest issue we have in the Association is membership. It is difficult to say in the least, how to recruit new members. I would say there are many reasons and I am not going to try and list them all because most of Council are aware of the problem as is our current membership. So therefore in order to reach the magic figure of 2014 by the year 2014 we have got a long road ahead of us to make this happen.

As the 63rd AGM draws nearer in Wainwright 13-15 May 2011 the membership has to think about a new Executive. And I would hope that the membership will get engaged and step forward and volunteer to take on some of these vacant positions that need to be filled. Also I would like to ask the membership to put some thought into this very important topic of discussion which is WHAT WE ARE AS AN ASSOCIATION. As to where are we going, this will be discussed in great detail at the council working group under the Vice Presidents' paper 'Strategic Challenge'. So feed-back to your Branch Presidents is vital and very important for the future of the Association. There are many reasons of how do we get members? There are many ideas, however really no right solution...

Your Executive has been busy with regular monthly teleconferences which has proven to be a valuable asset and a great success to many issues that have been discussed and some have been solved and others put forward to Council for their input; so as we move forward and prepare for the

AGM in May and as 2014 draws closer the Association has a lot of business to take care of. We have four projects on the table for the 100th to look after and decisions have to be made... So the upcoming AGM is a very important an a crucial meeting both for Council and the membership The Wainwright Branch is looking forward to hosting this event and are hoping for a good turnout.

1 PPCLI AWARDED UNIT COMMENDATION

Lt (N) Melanie Graham, Public Affairs Officer, 1 CMBG

His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada, awarded the Commander-in -Chief Unit Commendation to 1 PPCLI in a ceremony on Nov. 29 at CFB Edmonton. According to the commendation, the unit was recognized "For exceptional determination and courage during relentless combat in Afghanistan, from January to August 2006."

The commendation has only been given to three other units since the early 1990s.



PHOTO BY CPL CAROLE BEGGS, EDMONTON GARRISON IMAGING

Governor General David Johnston (left) awards the Commander-in-Chief Unit Commendation to 1 PPCLI in a ceremony on Nov. 29 at CFB Edmonton. LCol Bill Fletcher (centre), the Commanding Officer, and LCol Ian Hope (right), a former commanding officer, accept the commendation.

"This commendation is presented to a unit of the Canadian Forces that has performed an extraordinary deed or activity of a rare high standard in extremely hazardous circumstances," said Governor General Johnston. "The insurgent forces you were up against were organized and well-equipped, but I dare say that no force can ever be properly prepared when facing the men and woman of the Canadian Forces."

LCol Ian Hope was the Commanding Officer of the 1 PPCLI Battle Group in 2006. "The actions of Task Force Orion took from the enemy 500 of his fighters, and cost Canada the lives of 19 brave men and women, with another 76 wounded in action," said LCol Hope. "Their sacrifice contributed to the success of the Task Force in preventing Kandahar City from falling into Taliban hands during the contested summer of 2006."

Between January and August 2006, Task Force Orion operated successfully in three provinces in southern Afghanistan. Canada was the lead in Regional Command (South), and Task Force Orion replaced an American battalion and three Special Forces units.

From March to June 2006, the soldiers of 1 PPCLI operated alone in the same area where there are now over 30,000 NATO troops. The Canadian efforts set the conditions for the arrival of British and Dutch battalions in the summer of 2006 and the eventual NATO assumption of responsibility for command in southern Afghanistan.

The PPCLI FOUNDATION

MGen (Ret'd) Barry Ashton President PPCLI Foundation

On Aug. 27, a Deed of Trust was signed establishing the PPCLI Foundation. For several years there had been talk of the need to set up an independent charitable organization for the Regiment. It would be similar to those established for other regiments and units, including an ability to raise



Colonel of the Regiment Lieutenant - General Ray Crabbe, presents Lieutenant (Ret'd) Jim Kempling, Vice-President Fundraising of the PPCLI Foundation with its first charitable donation. The Foundation was registered with Canada Revenue Agency effective 1 January 2011.

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.

Our initial focus for fundraising will be to support events and activities to commemorate he Regiment's 100th Anniversary. Plans are taking shape that will see leveraging of 100th Anniversary vents and activities for fundraising purposes to offset some of the costs and to build an endowment. The Foundation will accept donations from individuals via the website or by subscription by mail. We also expect that the Foundation will seek funding and/or

sponsorship from other charities, governments, and corporations.

If you would like to get involved, or make a pledge, email ppclifoundation@shaw.ca or call (403) 974-2861 or (403) 698-5789. You can also visit www.ppclifoundation.ca.

NOTICES

The PPCLI Association Project Summary is posted as a link on the Association Web Page under the 100th Anniversary tab. This summary will provide members with a current update on theses projects and will be updated as new information becomes available.

A Draft Association Fundraising Strategy is posted as a link on the Association Web Page under the 100th Anniversary tab. This focuses on how we go about raising the fund to support the Association's four 100th Anniversary Projects. Members are encouraged to read this with a view to identifying what actions they or their Branch might take to assist in the fund raising effort. Comments and ideas are welcome. If you have any please send them to the Vice-President, Dave Pentney (djpentney@yahoo.ca). The intent is to issue this strategy in its final form at the AGM in Wainwright.

We are looking for a volunteer from the Association to act as the Coordinator of the Voluntary Patricia Program (VPP). The intent of VPP is to assist Patricias who are in difficulty, both serving and retired, find the help that they need when they need it. While the program has had few clients recently, we should be in a position to provide that help when asked. The principal role of the VPP Coordinator is to keep up to date on Canadian Forces, Veterans' Affairs Canada and other relevant assistance programs and to ensure that our VPP documentation is kept current to reflect these programs. This position also involves regular contact with the Regimental Veterans Care Cell at Regimental Headquarters to synchronize our efforts and provide mutual assistance. This important program will languish and become irrelevant unless the Association can provide a volunteer tom take up this post. If you are interested in taking on this challenge please contact the Vice-President, Dave Pentney (djpentney@yahoo.ca).

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association will take place in Wainwright, AB at the Royal Canadian Legion at 0800 hrs 14 May 2011. See www.assoc.ppcli.com for all the details.

NOMINATIONS FOR ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE

- 1. President
- 2. Vice President
- 3. Vice President East
- 4. Vice President West

All nominations should sent to the Secretary NLT 15 April.

The names of the nominees will be circulated prior to the AGM.

PPCLI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

The next PPCLI Association Newsletter will be distributed in early November 2011. The deadline for submissions is *Friday*, 7 October.

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

We encourage individual members to contribute personal anecdotes and photographs.

BRANCH NEWS

Edmonton Branch

Fred Goldring

Well, here we are well into 2011. We, in Edmonton, survived a couple of minus 40 days and nights, an abnormal snowfall and the city's bungling of snow removal. We are looking forward to the spring and the golf courses as well as the AGM in Wainwright in May. Several of our members have already committed to attend. Our membership, despite a loss of two members, Ted Bastien and Harry Moore to the RSM in the sky, rose twelve ten percent ort ten members. We also now include in membership, thirty two members of the Edmonton Police Pipes and Drums. Our Branch membership is now spread out from Prince George to Montreal as well as China and Japan. Our Executive pretty well stays the same, despite a change in Secretary and a new Vice President. Our snowbirds should start returning from warmer pastures and we look forward to their return, photos and stories. We have a new meeting location, as the Kingsway Legion were the victims of city politics, had their building appropriated due to LRT expansion and were forced to move to the Londonderry Mall temporarily until their new location is built in late 2011 or early 2012.

SW Ontario Branch

George Ledwon

The SW Ontario Branch has been fairly quite over the winter month with the exception of going on a more vigorous recruiting drive to try and interest some of the local Patricia's whom are still not part of a branch. We managed to get a few interested and also attracted some returnees back into our branch.

This branch was formed on the 15th March 1986 and will be 25 years old this year. As we just discovered this information, we have not had a chance on any formal planning to celebrate, but will probably do something during our AGM.

Our time table for the present stands as follows;

17 March 2011, Regimental Day, Dinner at Betty's Restaurant in Niagara Falls 18:00 hrs. If you're in area please join us and meet some old friends. Contact George Ledwon 905-937-3519 or gledwon@becon.org for Information and directions.

18 March 2011, for those unable to come to Betty's, Henry Klausnitzer, 519-639-6323 or hklausni@london.ca has organized a Luncheon for \$6.00 to \$10.00 In London On at the Bryon Legion. Please get hold of Henry for more information and directions.

30 April 2011, AGM in St Catharines at the Best Western, 13:30 hrs with social 18:00 hrs same location. On 01 May 2011, church service 10:00 hrs with breakfast to follow, same location. For information contact our secretary Elaine Gillespie 705-745-0975 or elaine.gillespie@sympatico.ca

13 Aug 2011, we have planned our summer BBQ at Kossuth Recreation Park in Wainfleet, 13:00 hrs. Contact George Ledwon for information and directions.

So if you happen to be in our area we would love to see you.

Our Branch Exec has been discussing ways and means of doing some sort of fund raising to support the activities for our 100th in 2014. Several ideas have come up and will be discussed at our AGM to finalize which direction we wish to proceed with.

On a sad note our secretary Elaine Gillespie has just lost her brother who passed away in his sleep at the hospital. Elaine has been with the Branch for many years and has worked very hard to support us as our secretary. We offer our sincere condolences.

Fraser Valley BC Branch

Marc Gagne

From the Beautiful serenity of the Fraser Valley. The PPCLI Association Fraser Valley BC Branch held our annual Christmas Buffet at the Best Western Rainbow Country Inn. Attendance was 37 members & Guest. MGen Herb Pitts delivered a very eloquent speech. A good time was had by all in attendance.

During the year, we encountered many sad and sombering memories - of Mona Hayward passing and many of our members; who have fallen ill. Harold, Grouette has now become the care giver for his lovely wife Helene, who has a problem getting around at this point of her life.

Bill & Erika Wilkinson have had to endure the agony of relying on our BC Fraser Health Care to find out if there eldest son was to live or die during the festive season. Just before Christmas Bill & Erika received the good news that their son was to receive a heart operation. Had he not been operated on at this time; he would have past away in 2 weeks or less.

Life is ever so fragile, for anyone to endure such uncertainties by our present Health Care System in today's day and age.

Several branch members have decided to rid themselves of the snowy wet weather and explore the sunny Arizona sunshine.

Many of our membership are busy planning fund raising events for the HGMF and 2014. We are all hopeful that all shall progress in an orderly manner.

Coming Events:

17 March Regimental Birthday celebration shall be held at Branch #280 Vedder Legion 1400-1700 hrs all members & guest to attend.

Location for our annual BBQ has not been confirmed as of this date.

Fraser Valley Branch welcomes any visitors & guest to our meetings held at the Vedder Legion 1130 am on the first Thursday of each month except Jun-July-& Aug.

Once a Patricia always a Patricia

Vancouver Branch

Thema Holland

Branch Calendar

Annual General Meeting: Date Sunday, March 13th 2011 at Seaforth Armory, WO's & Sgts. Mess 11:15am.

Patricia Regimental Day: Sunday, March 13th 2011 In the Anderson Room of the Seaforth Armory. \$20.00 per person. Starting 12:30am Meet'n'Greet, Lunch 1:00pm. Anyone visiting the Vancouver area at the time is more than welcome to attend. Please contact the Secretary for catering purposes.

Annual BBQ: Sunday August 22 2011. Details will be worked out at the Branch AGM. Cost \$20.00 per person. Anyone visiting the area is more than welcome to attend. Please phone Secretary to confirm for catering purposes.

Christmas Party: 1st or 2nd Sunday of December 2011 at 3:00pm. To be confirmed at the Branch AGM. All visitors to the area more than welcome to attend. Please contact Secretary.

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

THE MAIL BAG

Mr Editor

I received the PPCLI Newsletter and was very upset with the article by Fred Goldring (page 12 Fall Newsletter 2010). I cannot believe that a Patricia could call the Korean War a 'Conflict', maybe he should have been there than he would think different.

Its' bad enough that the media does it. I was at Kapyong and it sure as hell was no conflict. He owes all Korean Veterans an apology.

Barry Jackson, CD

Response:

Dear Mr. Jackson

I am sure that you know that I did not intend to or mean to "down grade" the actions of our Canadian Servicemen and Women in Korea, by referring to it as a conflict. The least of all "Patricia's". I served many years alongside veterans of the Korean War with the 2nd Battalion in Edmonton and both the 1st and 2nd Battalions in Germany and have and will remain to have, the greatest respect and admiration for those who fought in Korea. If I have insulted you or any other Korean War veteran who may have taken offence, I apologize from the bottom of my heart.

Fred Goldring

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Mr Brown,

Hello. I have a comment regarding the article in the 2010 Newsletter on the Regimental Memorial in Nunavut (page 18). This memorial was the contribution of the PPCLI Battle School towards the 75th anniversary, and was installed by the Winter Warfare Instructor Course, probably in February, 1989. It is nice to know it is still standing.

Marcel Beztilny Chief Instructor, PPCLI Battle School 1986-89 South-west Ontario Branch

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Re: Rodney English

I was wondering if you could pass this info along. For all who know Rodney English he is now living in the Rosehaven Care Centre in Camrose, Alberta. Rodney served with the first BN from the early 70"s to his retirement. So if anyone is passing by please drop in and have a visit with him as he has no family living in the area. He would really enjoy it.

Thanks John DeMerchant

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Michael Czuboka <czuboka@mts.net> Subject: "Triumph at Kapyong": A book By Dan Bjarnason, former CBC Television Broadcaster:

Korean War Comrades:

Dan Bjarnason, a recently retired CBC television broadcaster has written a book called "Triumph at Kapyong." This book is being published by Dundurn Press in Toronto and is coming out in April, 2011. I am sure that all of us remember Dan Bjarnason, an articulate speaker who appeared on CBC for more than 30 years. You can obtain information about purchasing his book by going to the end of the Dan's blog.

When you click on the "http" below and read Dan's blog you will be informed that the Australians celebrate and remember the Battle of Kapyong much more than Canadians do. Why is that the case?

As a participant in the Battle of Kapyong, I am sometimes hesitant to emphasize its importance because I know that the Royal Canadian Regiment and Royal 22nd Regiment were also involved in major battles, and that they also suffered large numbers of casualties. Kapyong was very important, but it was only one Canadian battle of many.

I have ordered Dan's book. I am not familiar with its contents, but I am sure that all of us, including those who were not at Kapyong, will have our memories of Korea enhanced when we read it. All of us, whether we served in the infantry, artillery or support services had very similar experiences in Korea.

Visit: http://kapyongkorea.wordpress.com/

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Re: Inter-Cadet Force Rifle Competitions

I would like to thank you (ed: PPCLI Association) for your sponsorship this summer which helped me on my trip to Bisley. My friends and I had an immense amount of fun over the summer and made memories which will last a lifetime.

Our trip started in the Connaught Summer Training Centre with practice shoots and a review on team shooting. We left Canada on the 5th of July and the first two days in Bisley were spent unpacking and sightseeing around the camp.

I started the Inter Services Cadet Rifle Meeting and ISCRM with a different rifle. The cadet target rifle or L81, was a small challenge we faced as it is less accurate and had an unusual stock which we were not used to. I placed 51, within the top 150 earning a badge. The day afer the ISCRM was the Schools Meeting in which I placed 74 which earned me another top 150 badge. After the Schools shoot we started the Imperial Meeting which is a civilian shoot similar to the DCRA in Canada. In the Patriot 300 match I was the top Canadian Cadet which earned me a trophy and a gold medallion. Our RCAC NRT team also won the long range team match, my scores were 49.V4 and 50.V6. The scores are out of 50 with 10 possible V bulls.

After 3 weeks of shooting in Bisley we started our touring phase. We took the ferry to France and toured Vimy Ridge and Beaumont Hamel both of which were amazing. We also toured London where I went to the Tower of London, and saw the changing of the keys which is one of the oldest ceremonies, Windsor Castle, where I watched the

changing of the guards, the British Museum of Natural History and of course Big Ben. These two weeks of touring were a much needed break from shooting and certainly a highlight of the summer.

We arrived back in Canada with only three days to prepare for the National Cadet Fullbore Competition. A member of our Canadian National Rife Team won the competition stopping a nine year winning streak by members of the British Athelings Team. We then competed in the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association shoot, we had some bad weather with some matches being canceled. My top scores were a 50.V4 at 300 metres and a 50.V4 at 600 yards.

With the end of our summer fast approaching we celebrated every moment with each other. Saying goodbye to some of my friends was hard. We have known each other for three years while we were at camps trying to qualify for this once in a lifetime opportunity. It is my intention to return to Connaught this summer and work as staff helping others cadets build their marksmanship skills. Thanks again for helping me make the most out of my summer.

Sincerely W.O. Clifford, Shaun

LAST POST

<u>Name</u>	Service	Date	Place
Wayne Randall Koski	2PPCLI around 1957-63	24 Jun 2010	Vancouver BC
Lloyd Richard Giles	Regular Force	23 Sep 2010	Owen Sound ON
Donald Munro	Pre WWII (Calg High), WWII (Calg High & PPCLI)	2 Oct 2010	Calgary AB
Archibald Campbell Wilmot	WWII	14 Oct 2010	Victoria BC
Donald Edward McNiven	Regular Force	17 Oct 2010	St Albert AB
Dave Stones	Regular Force (QORC 1952-70, PPCLI 1970-75)	18 Oct 2010	Victoria BC
Robert (Bob) Mayer	Regular Force 1955-?	20 Oct 2010	Winnipeg MB
Angus Vaughan Read, OStJ, CD	1942-83. WWII (12 Man Drag),	21 Oct 2010	Cobourg ON
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Helen Wilson	Wife of Charles (Chuck) Wilson	6 Nov 2010	White Rock BC
Roy Reynolds	PPCLI Regimental Band	28 Nov 2010	Victoria BC
Billie Haddow	Wife of Daniel Haddow	9 Dec 2010	Brandon ON
Shelagh White	Wife of Carl (Rabb) White	10 Dec 2010	Oshawa ON
Edward (Ted) Lionel Bastien	Korea, Regular Force	12 Dec 2010	Fort Saskatchewan AB
Frank Potts	WWII (Calg High), Korea & Regular Force (PPCLI) 1950-55	21 Dec 2010	Burnaby BC
Donald Harold Bygrove	Korea	5 Jan 2011	Smiths Falls ON
Frederick John MacLean, CD	Korea (3PPCLI), Regular (Cdn Gds, 2PPCLI, CAR, RCR)	6 Jan 2011	Kingston ON
Robert (Buck) Alexander Rodgers, CD	Regular Force (1959-86)	10 Jan 2011	Airdrie AB
Victor William Samuel Vokes	Regular Fore (Pre-Korea)	13 Jan 2011	Victoria BC
W.R. Earl Cusitar	WWII (PPCLI Band)	14 Jan 2011	Winnipeg MB
Michael Dwayne Priddell	2 PPCLI 1993-?	21 Jan 2011	Saskatoon SK
Keith McCarthy	Korea (2QORC), Regular (QORC & PPCLI)	22 Jan 2011	Abbotsford BC
Anna Biggley	SW Ont Br, PPCLI Assn	30 Jan 2011	Hamilton ON
Nellie M. Snowdon	Wife of Kenneth Snowdon	20 Feb 2011	Upper Nappan NS
Percy Guy Charles (Roseheart)	Regular Force (1960s)	22 Feb 2011	Winnipeg MB





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PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY ASSOCIATION

NOTICE OF MOTION SPECIAL RESOLUTION 01/11

- A motion to amend the Association Constitution will be introduced at the 63rd Annual General Meeting to be held in Wainwright on Saturday, 14 May, 2011. At a Council Meeting held on 26 January, 2011, the Resolution was recommended for approval by members at the AGM.
- The rationale for the amendments is included in the preamble to the Motion. This will be discussed
 when the Motion is introduced at the AGM. In addition, an Email with attachments of a copy of the current
 Constitution and another annotated with the amendments are being circulated. This information will also
 be placed on the Association Web Site.
- Members with concerns or questions, particularly those who do not correspond by Email, are encouraged to contact Don Dalziel, Chair of the By-law Review Committee, for clarification.



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NOTICE OF MOTION

SPECIAL RESOLUTION 01/11

Notice is hereby given that the following matter will be placed before the Association Annual General Meeting at Wainwright, Alberta, on 14 May, 2011.

WHEREAS:

- A. The Association is no longer the "principal corporate body of the Regiment", as control of the finances of the serving component of the Regiment has now been separated from that of the Association; and.
- B. A statement of the Mission of the Association would provide overall guidance and direction for all activities of the Association; and,
- C. Many members that the Association have expressed the view that the Association should become more active in publicly advocating selected veterans' issues of importance to them, and an amendment to Objects of the Association would recognize and formalize this activity; and.
- D. The documents *Purpose Renewed* and *Purpose Continued*, accepted at AGMs since 2007, noted the requirement to add an Object which would identify the need to continue our tradition of service to community by supporting good works associated with the Regiment; and
- A number of minor changes in wording are required in order to clarify and strengthen the Objects;
 and
- F. At a Meeting on 26 January, 2011, the Association Council recommended approval of this Resolution.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The members of the PPCLI Association do hereby sanction the amendments to the Association Constitution detailed in the Attachment to this Resolution.

SPONSOR:

Don Dalziel – Chair, By-law Review Committee Attachment to Special Resolution 01/11

Amendments to the Constitution, PPCLI Association

Proposed amendments to the Constitution are:

Article II - Authority

- 2. In the second paragraph, line one, delete: "and as such is the principal corporate body of the Regiment".
- 3. In the last line of the second paragraph, delete: "Bylaw" and insert: "By-law".

Article III - Mission

- 4. Insert new Article heading: "Article III Mission". Renumber remaining Articles from "III" and "IV" to "IV" and "V".
- 5. As a new paragraph under the Mission heading, insert: "The Mission of the PPCLI Association is to support the interests of our Regiment."

Article IV - Objects

Delete the existing paragraph and sub-paragraphs, and insert a new paragraph and subparagraphs:

"The Association was formed to foster and maintain the spirit of the Regiment, to circulate information regarding the Regiment amongst its members, and to perpetuate the close comradeship, mutual regard and *esprit de corps* formed amongst all ranks while serving in the Regiment. The Objects of the Association are to:

- 4.1 Encourage and promote public interest and support of the Regiment, its heritage and tradition;
- 4.2 Receive donations, grants, gifts, subscriptions, contributions, legacies and bequests for the purpose of investment and use such funds or the income there from, as the case may be, to further the Objects of the Association;
- 4.3 Assist members, including serving members of the Regiment, and widows and children of deceased members, when and where social assistance is not otherwise available;
- 4.4 Provide land, buildings, chattels and holdings, and lease, buy and/or sell, and convey in the name of the Association such real and personal property as may be necessary or required for the purpose of carrying out the Objects;
- 4.5 Provide assistance in maintaining the Regimental Museum and Archives for the purpose of educating members of the Regiment and the public through lectures, discussions, workshops, visits, publications and exhibits, and by co-operating with other public and private bodies devoted to the same or similar purposes;
- 4.6 Co-operate with other selected veterans' or public organizations with comparable and compatible purposes and objects, in order to support specific issues of interest to Association members;
- 4.7 Provide bursaries through the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund;
- 4.8 Promote the tradition of service to community of the Regiment by supporting good works associated with the Regiment; and.

4.9 Maintain a high ethical and operational standard in all Association practices in the interest of the members of the Association and the public.

Article V - Dissolution

7. Without changing the wording, reverse the order of the paragraphs so that the new first paragraph begins: "The Association shall not . . .", and the new second paragraph begins: "If the Association is dissolved . . ."