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100th Anniversary Logo becomes 'Official'

The new official logo for the 100th Anniversary is now appearing of publications and advertising. You will soon be seeing the logo appearing on memorabilia items available through the Kit Shop. Note: The logo has a Copyright. The 100th Anniversary Office must be contacted for permission to use the logo.



PPCLI Association Website

All members of the Association are encouraged to visit and register on the new Association website to get the latest news and use the private forums. The private forums have areas dedicated to your local branch. Visit the website at:

<http://www.ppcliassoc.ca>

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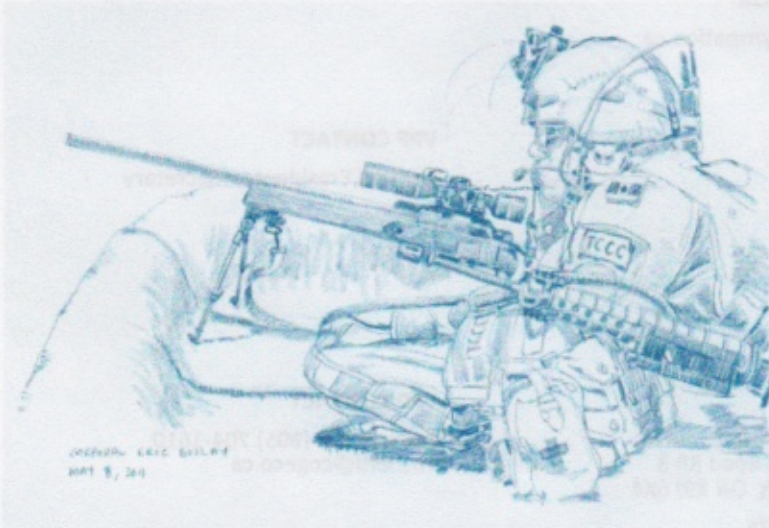
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MESSAGE FROM THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT

Let me begin by commending all those who have contributed to perpetuating and improving the various means of communicating within the Association. This Newsletter, along with the website and Routine Orders and other initiatives are essential to keeping members informed, especially given the disbursement of Branches across the country and the fast pace at which several initiatives are moving.

Once again, I was very pleased to be able to attend the AGM in Calgary and see the progress being made on so many Association initiatives. The efforts being put into expanding the membership and attracting the younger members of the Regiment is very commendable. I have followed the responses on the website with great interest, and hopefully some of the suggestions provided will bear fruit. A briefing on the 100th Anniversary Plan was conducted at the AGM, and hopefully provided an update on the progress of the work being done to move the yardsticks toward August 2014.

Since the last Newsletter, the planning for the 100th Anniversary has progressed in line with established milestones. The Regimental Plan and related documents have been well received. On Sep 7, the Colonel in Chief officially opened the Anniversary Office in the 1 PPCLI lines in Edmonton. Progress is being made on all eight programs related to the 100th.

A major change in the Memorial Program is the possible establishing of a replica of the Frezenberg Memorial in Griesbach Village in Edmonton. This particular activity is being driven by the Association in conjunction with the City of Edmonton and Canada Lands Corporation. The setting for the monument is remarkable, overlooking Patricia Lake and next to the Griesbach mounted statue on Gault Boulevard. Should this occur (and all indications are that it will), we would re-examine the initiative to refurbish the Hamilton Gault Memorial Park in the garrison. This memorial in Griesbach would be an outstanding legacy for all members of the Regiment.

The baton that will be run across Canada as part of the Memorial Baton Relay was displayed at the AGM. The designers have done a remarkable job and when completed, the baton will contain the Honour Roll of all Patricias killed in action throughout our history. This will provide a very significant and poignant symbol of the Regiment and the sacrifices made on behalf of the nation, and make the 'connecting with Canadians' aspect of the relay that much more significant. Well done to the Association for this achievement.

In addition to the planning of the three Commemorations and Memorial Baton Relay, many members of the Association are involved in several related activities. The Art Show is shaping up to be a major contributor to our 100th. The coin and stamp project are proceeding with great support from friends of the Regiment. Bryan Adams has completed the demo of the song commemorating 100 years of service by the Regiment – this includes recording background vocals by several Patricia wives in Edmonton. Many facets of the recording and publication plan are moving along well. The Pictorial History Book is progressing under the very capable hands of the editorial board with release of the book scheduled for November 2013. A film for television is progressing well. Letters have been sent requesting the Governor General to be the reviewing officer for the joint Sunset Ceremony in Ottawa and to the Prime Minister to review the Rededication Parade. The Lieutenant Governor of Alberta has accepted to be the reviewing officer for the Trooping in Edmonton.

A milestone meeting will be held in Shilo on 5 Nov to review all the planning to date, and to ensure we continue to have a coordinated effort in all our plans. We will look at the entire list of events and activities and the plans for them, as well as the financial plan – including fundraising – in support of the 100th Anniversary. Immediately after this meeting, the necessary amendments to the planning documents will be issued to all.

Once again, let me express my sincere thanks to all those Association members who are working very hard in so many ways to make our 100th Anniversary a real success.

All the very best to all.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION

The 100th Is Coming!!

By the time you are reading this we will be just 20 months short of the 100th Anniversary Edmonton Commemoration. That provides us all something to look forward to – a gathering of the Regimental family and an opportunity to congregate with old friends and to make new ones!

As the clock continues to tick it is providing a sense of urgency for those members of the Association who have undertaken lead roles in our 100th Anniversary projects. Our Vice President, Jay Lapeyre, is in the last stages of having a prototype produced of the Memorial

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.....MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Baton that will be carried as during the Centennial Baton Relay linking the triad of our 100th Commemorations in Edmonton, Ottawa and Frezenberg. Jay is also leading our fund raising effort in close cooperation with the PPCLI Foundation. Mike Austdal, our National Secretary and, President of Wainwright Branch is leading the Patricia Park project in the Village of Greisbach (the former Griesbach Barracks) with support from Regimental Headquarters and in close cooperation with Canada Lands Corporation and the City of Edmonton. Don Dalziel, President of the Ottawa Branch and the Chair of our By Laws Committee, is leading the two Ottawa projects; the commissioning of a historical painting depicting the presentation of the Ric a Dam Doo to the Regiment by Princess Patricia; and the repositioning and refurbishment of the Regimental Cairn in Lansdowne Park. Bill Minnis from the Atlantic Branch is working closely with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission for the refurbishment and upgrading of the Frezenberg Memorial. On your behalf, I would like to express our sincere thanks to all of these gentlemen for their continuing efforts.

This year and next are when we are going to have to spend serious money in order to bring these projects to fruition. Grant applications are being prepared and we continue to pursue sponsorship and major donations with the assistance of the PPCLI Foundation. Many Branches have conducted local fund raising efforts that have contributed towards these projects and there have been a few significant individual donations. We need to redouble our efforts if we are going to achieve our objectives. Kingston Branch recently adopted a Branch challenge for its membership called "100 for the 100th". Members have been challenged to donate \$100 to the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund towards our 100th Anniversary projects. I would like to extend that challenge to all of you. The easiest means is to establish a \$10/month donation through Canada Helps for a 10 month period. All that takes is access to a computer, a credit card and five minutes of your time. Donations can also be made through your Branch Treasurers who will forward the money and the donor information to the National Treasurer.

Our Editor, Matt Brown produced the last edition of the Newsletter in colour and that version was posted to the website. You will have noted that the copy you received in the mail was in black and white. The cost of printing a colour version was prohibitive, so we had to mail out a black and white copy. If you haven't yet joined the website I encourage you to do so. That is where you will find the most up to date information (in colour) and the links to the 100th Anniversary and a number of other sites. If you would prefer to view the Newsletter on the website, rather than receiving a copy in the mail, please let our National Secretary know.

AGM 2012

This year's AGM was held in Calgary at the Deerfoot Inn. In addition to the Elections for new national officers, many other issues were addressed. Anyone interested in reading the minutes of the AGM may do so by visiting:

<http://community.ppcliassoc.ca/Browse/Default.aspx?Id=363>

Note: You will need to login as a member of the association's website first. To register as member visit:

<http://www.ppcliassoc.ca>

AGM 2013

The next AGM will be held in Medicine Hat, AB from June 7-9, 2013. A registration package is attached to this Newsletter. A copy is available online at:

<http://community.ppcliassoc.ca/>



PPCLI FOUNDATION—HEROES HOCKEY CHALLENGE 2013

Many will remember the Heroes Hockey Game that was held in Calgary between serving soldiers and NHL Alumni. Well, the PPCLI Foundation and the Heroes Hockey Challenge team are hosting another game between soldiers and the NHL Alumni on April 7, 2013. This game will be played at the home of the Abbotsford HEAT located in the Abbotsford Entertainment & Sports Centre, 33800 King Road, Abbotsford, BC. The puck drops at 15:30 hrs sharp. On the evening prior to the game, (18:00 hrs April 6, 2013) a Gala Dinner and Silent Auction will held at the Phoenix Lounge next door to the Abbotsford Sports Centre. For more information on tickets, and events please visit <http://heroeshockeychallenge.com> or Email: info@heroeshockeychallenge.com



One Hundredth Anniversary Updates

Committees for the 100th

There have been some questions about the wider committees that are working on the 100th for our common good. Here is a recap (for the smaller committees, an e-mail contact is provided at the end of the listing):

The **Colonel of the Regiment** LGen (Retd) Ray Crabbe (himself a one-man work party of prestigious capacity) works hand-in-glove with the **PPCLI Guard**, under its President, BGen Craig King, and consisting of serving Colonels and above, the Regimental CWO and the Association President, as well as the Foundation President or rep as needed. The Guard is responsible for the overall 100th plan and its execution. The Guard appointed Vince Kennedy as its Vice President for Support Plans for the 100th.

The **Regimental Executive Committee** (REC), under its Chair LCol Nick Grimshaw (CO 1 PPCLI), and consisting of all COs and RSMs, and all regional reps, is responsible for the detailed planning and execution of all serving component elements in the 100th plan. This includes overall responsibility for the Edmonton Commemoration (1 PPCLI), Ottawa Commemoration (3 PPCLI), and the Memorial Baton Relay and the Frezenberg Commemoration (2 PPCLI). Each unit will establish its own committees as needed to deliver excellent commemorations, with supporting Association branches.

Note that the Guard and the REC continue to be served with secretarial support from Regimental Headquarters under the new RM Maj Slade Lerch and the RHQ team of excellent soldiers in Edmonton.

Also in Edmonton the **Anniversary Office** under the Project Director for the 100th, Maj Manny Mandaher, has opened, and extends the capacity of the regiment to manage and coordinate all aspects of the implementation of the 100th anniversary plan (We transitioned, with the opening of the Office, into Stage 3 Preliminaries). The Anniversary Office will manage all registrations for all three Commemorations, and the registration site will open in the last quarter of 2012. The Office also contains the Kit Shop team, accounts and public information support.

There are two sub-committees of the Guard for the 100th:

- The **Public Information Sub-Committee** (PISC) under the Co-Chairs of Kennedy and Mandaher, consists of a TV member (from Shaw Manitoba), a radio member (from CJNU in Winnipeg), Unit Public Awareness Reps (usually the DCOs) as well as the PA rep for Ottawa Branch and the Association Communications Director Ron Bragdon and editor Matt Brown, a rep from the Foundation, Army and LFWA PA reps. It coordinates public awareness operations, and has created the 100th website, radio and TV shows, community paper stories and so on. PISC sends out Media Alerts each time something is being released.

- The **Private Returns Committee**, under its Chair Ray Paquin (Kingston Br), has Karen Storwick (Museum), Hans Brink (Edmonton), Don Robertson (Vancouver Island), Doug Delaney (Kingston- historian), Ray Romses (Calgary), and Ray Bennett (Wainwright). This group is working with our chosen tour company Special Travel International of Vancouver to deliver the three one-week tours known as UK Week, Battle Week (fully integrated with Frezenberg Commemoration) and NATO Week. Two other historians are also assisting – Carl Kletke of History and Heritage Ottawa, and Terry Loveridge of Kingston. Registration for these tours will open in 2013. raymond028@sympatica.ca.

Also a creature of the Guard and the REC, the **Regimental Editorial Board** under MGen (Retd) Bob Stewart has Mike Goodspeed (historian – Kingston Br), LCol Todd Strickland (historian and CO WATC), and Bob Dallison (also a historian- Atlantic) as members. Don Dalziel (Ottawa) is also assisting. This Board is responsible to the Guard and the REC for the successful delivery against the contract requirements of the Pictorial History of the regiment. That book will be available for purchase in the Christmas catalogue of 2013.

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PPCLI 100th Anniversary Office Officially Opens

After 100 years of proud and distinguished service to Canada, the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry will celebrate its Centennial in 2014. To honour this historical milestone, a series of commemorations will take place between August 2014 and May 2015. Major events include commemorations in Edmonton, Ottawa, and Frezenberg, Belgium, all connected by a Centennial Baton Relay.

The focal point of the **Edmonton Commemoration (EC)**, will be an All Colours Trooping of the Regimental Colours from all battalions. The EC will also see a Centennial Dinner and Dance, and feature a Better 'Ole for socializing and telling war stories. The EC will take place from 7 to 10 August 2014, and is planned as the major gathering of the 100th celebrations.

The **Ottawa Commemoration (OC)**, taking place 18-21 September 2014, will include a Parade of Rededication of another 100 years of outstanding service to Canada, and also feature a memorial tree planting, a joint Sunset Ceremony with the Royal 22e Regiment, and a Drum-head Ceremony at the National Military Cemetery. The OC will be tied to the EC by the Centennial Baton Relay, wherein the Regiment will run a baton from Edmonton to Ottawa, connecting with Canadians along the way through military and museum displays.

These national commemorations mark the beginning of a memorial period for Canada and the PPCLI as the centenary of WW1 approaches. The Regiment will commence its recognition of its overseas heritage by travelling to Frezenberg, where the battle that became know as the 'death of the originals' was fought. The **Frezenberg Commemoration**, taking place in May 2015, will see historical tours of Canadian

battlefields in France and Belgium, and a refurbishing and rededication of the Frezenberg Memorial.

While these three events form the core of the Centennial celebrations, several supporting events will also take place leading up to the 100th. Among the most prominent events are: the publication of a pictorial history book to be released in fall 2013; the Regimental Museum will undergo a major refurbishing, with a re-opening planned for December 2013, and; a PPCLI Memorial Park will be constructed at the site of the former CFB Griesbach in Edmonton.

The Regiment's aim is to celebrate with the nation the 100th Anniversary of the PPCLI. Throughout, regimental family and public participation will be strongly encouraged.

To coordinate the planning and preparation efforts, the PPCLI 100th Anniversary Office (AO) was officially opened 7 September 2012 by the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, Colonel-in-Chief of the PPCLI, and LGen (Ret'd) Ray Crabbe, the Colonel of the Regiment. The AO is located in 1PPCLI unit lines, in Edmonton, and headed by the former RM, Maj H.J.S. (Manny) Mandaher.

With a total staff of eight serving members, one volunteer and one civilian hire, the AO is working closely with unit OPIs and representatives from the Guard, REC, PPCLI Association and the PPCLI Foundation to ensure the Regiment's commemoration is worthy of the PPCLI name.

For more information and to find out how to participate, please contact the PPCLI 100th Anniversary Office by email at 100.ppcli@forces.gc.ca or visit www.ppcli.com.



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The **PPCLI Foundation** is active in raising significant financial and other support for the Regiment's anniversary. In many cases, they have a rep on other committees. See their structures at www.ppclifoundation.ca.

In addition to these committees and components, there are the following:

Al Johnston (Ottawa) is responsible for delivering the anniversary **Stamp and Coin** projects. Helping him he has the Colonel of the Regiment Ray Crabbe, and Al's had a counterpart in the R22eR. Al and his supporters are getting the project done nicely, and there is very good support from many well placed people who have written to support our bids for both stamps and a coin featuring the regiment. The bids are still that – bids, and have not yet been finally committed to by the Ottawa agencies involved. We have asked for the stamps and coins to be released in 2014. asjohnston@sympatico.ca.

A **Social History Group** comprising five ladies and one man-editor are putting together *Patricias at Home: a Social Compendium of a Century with PPCLI*. This book will be a collection of short social history, stories and recipes that span the century from the viewpoint of the kitchens, dining rooms, clubs and messes of the regiment – from the partners' point of view and within the social settings of our times. The book will be available no later than the Edmonton Commemoration. wenwayken@yahoo.ca

A **Sounds Team** is working at having an anniversary CD set produced. Kennedy is the producer for the set, and members of the team are Bruce Dickey and Lou Barbeau (Victoria), and Taffy Gray (Man/SW Ontario). This team has led in developing and choosing a new PPCLI Centennial March, for which the winner will be announced shortly. The CD set should be available for Christmas 2013. wenwayken@yahoo.ca

An anniversary **Art Show Executive** is forming under the Project Director Bill Bewick, to deliver a world class art show under the working title of *Forging a Nation: Canada Goes to War*. This executive team includes Lindsey Sharman as Curator (TMM Calgary), an RHQ rep, Dennis Anderson (Calgary, Foundation), the PPCLI Museum Manager WO Yardley, and PA support from the Anniversary office. The Art Show will open in Calgary at TMM's Founder's Gallery in early 2014, and during the Edmonton Commemoration

will be in Edmonton. tes@telusplanet.net

A **Youth Plan Team** is planning and coordinating youth elements especially for the Frezenberg Commemoration, as this one calls up a large commitment of funds to support cadets and students in getting to the Frezenberg 2015 activities. Kennedy, Stu Weeks and Darcy Best (Man and NW Ontario), Jim Kempling (Victoria), Carl Kletke (Ottawa historian) and John Hunter (Foundation and SW Ontario). wenwayken@yahoo.ca

A **Special Libations Team** which is looking for choices for a labelled wine (Mike Austal (Wainwright) and Dave Banks (Kingston)), a labelled whiskey (Dave O'Brien (Vancouver Island), and a labelled beer (Jim Kempling (Vancouver Island)). These products should be available at the Edmonton Commemoration and after, and will be retailed by the Kit Shop.

WE HAVE A WINNER!

In 2011, with the cooperation with the Director of Music of the CF, the regiment announced a call for musicians to enter a writing contest for a **PPCLI Centennial Quick March**. Four qualifying entries were received, and the four in blind copies were placed in front of a panel of judges. The panel, all with regimental connections, was composed of two professional musicians and one aficionado. The winner was unanimously decided and the findings of the panel agreed by the Regiment. The winner was advised 10 August 2012. That winner is PO2 Robyn Jutras, currently the bassoonist for the Naden Band of the Royal Canadian Navy in Victoria BC.



PO2 Jutras joined the CF in 2009 and was happy to be posted to the west coast, near family in her hometown of Vancouver. She also previously studied music on the west coast, earning a Bachelor of Music in performance from the University of Victoria. Having a strong desire to become a better musician, Robyn moved to New York to study at the Juilliard School and completed a Master of Music degree in 2007. PO2 Jutras is excited to serve in a position that allows her to make music in many ways, from performing in the band and small ensembles, to arranging and composing new music. Off-duty, Robyn enjoys camping, hiking and quoting Monty Python, as well as having a particular appreciation for good food and beer!

The music for *PPCLI Centennial March* has been sent to both the CF and RHQ, and the Regiment is now in the process of getting it recorded for use in the 100th anniversary. Look for its world debut (which will be well advertised) by a band in one of the 100th events!



WIVES and PARTNERS - BE A PART OF HISTORY

The PPCLI Social History Group, a small group of spouses, is putting together a social history for publication in 2013 as part of the 100th Anniversary. This book will put a social context to the century of service, and will concentrate on what happened in the families, kitchens and messes/clubs. It will contain written stories, recipes that have been featured over the years in various regimental cookbooks as well as and some new ones, cultural and social highlights. We are still looking for material as short stories between 50 and 300 words on what it was like for you, or your specific experiences in being at home during the Cyprus (1964 – 1981) era, again during the Balkans (1983-1993)era, and again during the Afghanistan (2002+)era. The stories can be attributed to you or anonymous, your choice – and can be funny or sad, madcap or serious – all your choice. Please write in Word with a title in the file name. If you have a story please submit for consideration by not later than end-February 2013 to wenwayken@yahoo.ca. Once submitted, the Group will let you know if your story will be used.

The Social History Group

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medals Awarded

During AGM 2012, the Regiment's Patron presented the following members of the association with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal:

Michael Austal, Vince Kennedy, Matthew Brown, David Pentney, D'Arcy Best, Jerome Lapeyre, Donald Dalziel, Rudy Raidt, Paul Hale (absent—deployed to Afghanistan), Bob Zukowski and Joe Schulz.

Congratulations to all recipients.



BRANCH ACTIVITIES

Fraser Valley BC Branch

by Matt Brown

The Fraser Valley Branch had a full schedule this year. We started our fund raising campaign in February by soliciting donations from various businesses and service groups. In May we followed up with a Garage Sale and in June a Silent Auction and Dinner. We were happy send a cheque for \$3400. to HG Fund for the 100th.

Our summer started with our yearly summer BBQ which was again held at Mark & Laurie Benjamin's home. Since most of our group were on extended trips we were unable to have our Sept meeting. Our October meeting was thin on attendance but we were able transfer our President's position to Matt Brown. Mark Gagne our out-going President expressed his appreciation to all the co-operation he received during his term.

We wish everyone a happy holiday season and welcome anyone visiting our region to attend one of our monthly luncheon meeting held at 11:30 am on the 1st Thursday of each month at Branch 280 Vedder Legion.



Edmonton Branch

By Fred Goldring

The leaves are turning colors, the golf clubs have been put away and the snow shovels and blowers are handy. It is that time of the year again. Soon a number of our annual snow birds will be taking off for points south. I bet they won't miss our wonderful Alberta winters.

The branch had a great summer, we finally had one for a change. Membership has grown by two members, Ben Weatherbie and Ron Galpin. The RSM in the sky was kind to us so far this year and has left us alone. Unfortunately, none of recently released Patricia's members who received a complimentary years' membership, continued their involvement with the Association. One of our members Sam Vangunst was recognized for his work with seniors and veterans at the Red Deer Legion and received the Governor Generals Commendation for his efforts. A full detailed report of the years' events and happenings will appear in the 2012 Patrician.

As we look at the calendar as of this month it is less than 22 months till the 100th. We are all looking forward to that. Mark your calendars, 6-10 Aug 2014, Edmonton, National Reunion!!!

We now have a new home. The Kingsway Legion is finally moving into its new location, 142 Ave and 50 St after having a temporary home while the new multi- million dollar building was built.

We still meet the fourth Saturday of each month except for July and August, so if in the area drop around. Our Christmas dinner is scheduled for Dec 15th.

Hope to see some of you at the AGM in Medicine Hat next year hosted by the Cypress Hills Branch

The branch wishes all Patricia's, both retired and serving well wishes for the upcoming festive season and New Year.



South West Ontario Branch

By George Ledwon

As of 29 June 2012 according to the St Catharines Standard; Wineries may now ship wines legally across provincial borders. Article reads " WINE FREEDOM BILL IS NOW LAW OF THE LAND" Tory MP Dan Albas help make it possible. So we in SW Ont Branch hope this will boost our fund raiser sales for the 2014 projects. Please pass our order form attached to your members. Last year after only 9 months of sales within Ontario we were able to support the HGMP 2014 with a little over \$700.00. With this good news we hope to do better by 2014 with your support.



Manitoba & Northwest Ontario Branch

By D'Arcy Best

As a result of elections conducted at the Branch Annual General Meeting on 22 January 2012, our Branch Executive now consists of President Stu Weeks, Vice-President Don Collins, Secretary Maureen Blake, Treasurer D'Arcy Best and Directors Mike Czuboka, Taffy Gray, Bud Hawkins and Len King.

On Sunday, March 18th, we celebrated Regimental Day at the Charleswood Legion. Then, on August 19th, we returned to the Charleswood Legion for our Annual Barbeque where members and guests enjoyed a catered meal with lots of good food and a few rounds of bocce. Prior to the meal, Branch President Stu Weeks presented Past President Gerald (Bud) Hawkins with a PPCLI Association Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of his many years of service to the branch.

On Friday, June 8, 2012, military and RCMP personnel, dignitaries and veterans gathered at two locations on the Trans-Canada Highway as the Province of Manitoba unveiled two sets of billboards to honour those who have served in the military. The billboards, lettered in English and French, are located on Highway 1 Westbound near St. Francois Xavier, and Eastbound near the Shilo turn-off. In a ceremony at the eastern sign (depicted in the accompanying photo), Major-General Alain Parent, Commander of 1 Canadian Air Division, spoke on the significance of the occasion then the sign was unveiled by the Honourable Greg Salinger, Premier of Manitoba, and the Honourable Steve Ashton, Manitoba Minister of Highways and Infrastructure.



Our affiliated 2701 PPCLI Cadet Corps have finally managed to extricate themselves from the old Kapyong Barracks Drill Hall before it collapsed on them and are now parading at Ecole Romeo Dallaire in the Heritage Park (St James) area of Winnipeg. Their Annual Review and Change of Command took place there on Saturday, June 2nd, with our Colonel of the Regiment, Lieutenant-General Raymond R. Crabbe, attending as Reviewing Officer. It was a very hot

day but spectators enjoyed the parade in the comfort of the air-conditioned gym, and their Drum Line showed us some new moves. Following the Review, Captain Melanie Turko turned over command of the Corps to Captain Rick Sellwood.

Our Branch is relinquishing formal sponsorship of 2701 PPCLI Cadet Corps to St. James Branch #4, Royal Canadian Legion, as we cannot provide the Corps with sufficient operating funds now that they have to pay rent for their accommodations. However, we will continue to support them in any way we can and they will retain their affiliation with PPCLI and continue to wear our Regimental badges. We look forward to having them on parade with us at All Saints Church on November 11.

For our 100th anniversary project, the Manitoba and Northwest Ontario Branch are purchasing and installing a Memorial Bench in the Veterans' Section of Winnipeg's Brookside Cemetery. We plan to arrange a formal dedication in 2014 tied in with the Centennial Baton Relay.

As this is written, we are looking forward to our upcoming Fall Luncheon at the Marlborough Hotel in Winnipeg on Sunday, October 21st, and our Remembrance Service at All Saints Church on Sunday, November 11th.



Kingston Branch

By Dave Banks

While the focus of the "Limestone City" Branch this year has been on the planning and preparations for the Regimental Centenary, we have also been able to add some new members to our ranks.

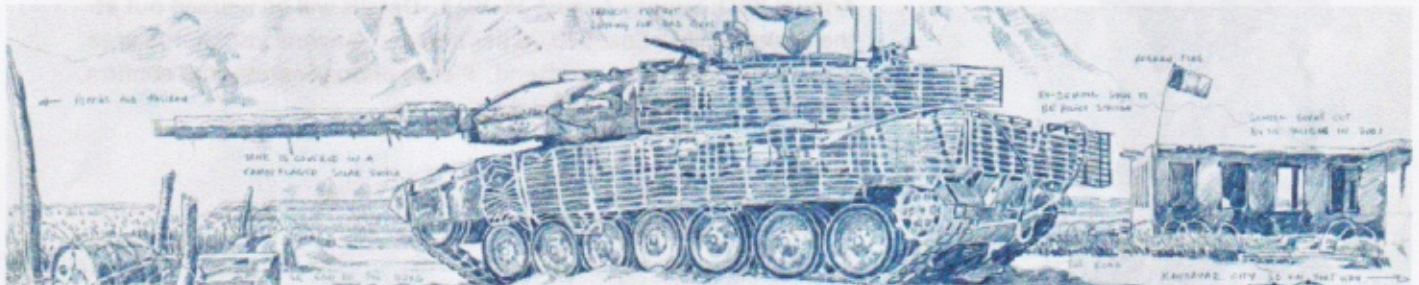
Following several months of initial planning and discussion, we held a very successful and well attended Branch meeting in September, during which the membership gave a vote of confidence to go ahead with our activity plan. We were very fortunate to have Dave Pentney, Jay Lapeyre and Ron Bragdon in attendance from the National Executive: together they provided the membership with a very comprehensive view of 100th Anniversary planning at the National level. With this perspective, the importance of our grass roots fund-raising efforts was made quite clear to all of us.

Recently, we met with the 2 PPCLI team conducting the national reconnaissance for the Memorial Baton tour, which will pass through Kingston at some point in its progress across the country in 2014. While planning is still in a very early stage, we were able to assure the team that the Kingston Branch is ready to do whatever it can to help make the run a success in this part of Ontario.

We now have three major streams of activity in the Branch. The first of these streams is our fundraising: we have a team working on putting together a PPCLI Happy Hour and Silent Auction event to be held in Fort Frontenac in the late winter/early spring of 2013; Jay Lapeyre is organizing an inter-branch golf tournament with the Ottawa Branch, and finally all members are being asked to contribute to an internal donation scheme: "100 for the 100th". This scheme, which sees each member donating 100 dollars to the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund as their situations permit, is already well on its way to producing its first thousand dollars.

The second stream is our Branch 100th project: the PPCLI Memorial in City Park, Kingston. This project will see a maple tree (recollecting the maple tree at the Frezenberg site) and a modest stone monument suitably located in City Park, the historic British garrison drill ground and the site of memorials to the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, the RCAF and the local CEF battalion. The engraving on the monument will commemorate the association between the City and the Regiment, formed by the presence of countless Patricia's in Kingston over the last 100 years, whether as students, as college staff, as instructors, as staff officers and non-commissioned members or retirees. Many graduates of the former Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers School, as well those from the Intelligence School and the Signal School have also served with the Regiment. Staff talks with the City of Kingston have proceeded very well, and we are now progressing to obtaining estimates from monument companies in Kingston. The plan is to unveil the monument on Sunday 10 August 2014, or as close to that date as we can achieve given other National events.

The final stream will be our Branch's support to National initiatives in general, and in particular to the Memorial Baton tour when it visits Kingston. We are proud to be able to help out in any way we can.



Vancouver Branch

By T. Holland

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VPP Contact: Director Dan Ipsen [as above]

Calendar:

Christmas Party: Sunday December 9 2012 at 3:00pm. At the home of Jenny Urquhart. All visitors to the area more than welcome to attend. Please contact Secretary for address.



Annual General Meeting: Hopefully Date Sunday, March 17th 2013. At present we are without a home due to the renovation of the Seaforth Armory. We hope to be able to use the 15 Field's Armory. Anyone wishing more information can contact the Secretary.

Regimental Day Luncheon: Held same day and place as the Branch AGM. Contact Secretary.

Annual BBQ: Sunday August 18 2013. 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 and address.





PPCLI Association



Are you aware of the membership options to join the PPCLI Association?

There are several complimentary, free membership options such as:

* One Year Complimentary Branch Membership...*Patricia's who in the past year have been released from the CF*

...or if you prefer to just stick with an E-Membership:

* One-Year Soldier Complimentary E-Membership...*any Patricia applying within one year of release.*

Other free E-Memberships include:

* One-Year Balkan or Afghanistan Tour Complimentary E-Membership...*any serving Patricia having completed a tour in either theatre.*

* Other Association Complimentary E-Membership...*any who is a paid up member of another Canadian veteran association.*

Check out the PPCLI Association website, www.PPCLIAssoc.ca

(PPCLI Assoc Apps for your mobile device are available at the site)

Are you also aware that the Association may assist you when released?



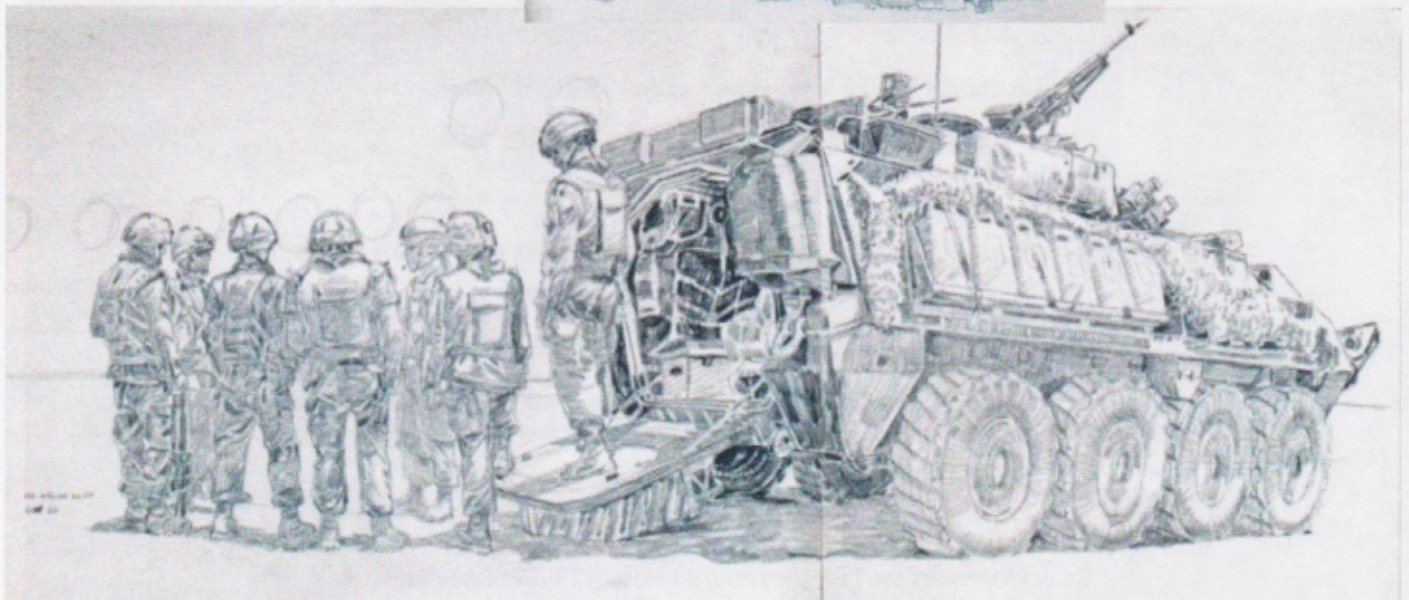
Through the **VOLUNTEER PATRICIA PROGRAM** or VPP, the Association supports retired and retiring members of the Regiment and their families who need assistance adjusting to changes in their lives and in obtaining support from professional caregivers.

To read more on the VPP program, see <http://VPP.PPCLIAssoc.ca>





Richard Johnson of National Post has made numerous trips to Afghanistan over the past years. He has recorded his trips with articles and sketches which are available for viewing at nationalpost.com/kandaharjournal



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| <u>Name</u> | <u>Service</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Place</u> |
|-----------------------------------|--|-------------|------------------|
| Gordon Reginald Duval | Korea (1 PPCLI) | 3 Apr 2012 | West St Paul MB |
| Elzear (Whitey) (Punch) Whitehead | Regular Force 1959-62 | 4 Apr 2012 | High River AB |
| Elizabeth Anne Graves | Wife of Frank Graves | 9 Apr 2012 | Nanaimo BC |
| Patricia "Rae" Buxton | Wife of Dave Buxton | 28 Apr 2012 | Victoria BC |
| William James Gallinger | Korea, Regular Force | 11 May 2012 | Ottawa ON |
| John L. Sutherland, CD | Regular Force 1955-77 | 27 May 2012 | Brandon MB |
| David Edward Ripley | Korea | 7 Jun 2012 | Ottawa ON |
| George Ede | QORC & PPCLI 1960-82 | 9 Jun 2012 | Victoria BC |
| James Brandon | Korea, Regular Force (Retd 1980) | 16 Jun 2012 | Kingston ON |
| Leonard "Roy" Aylesworth | 1952-?, QORC & 3PPCLI) | 23 Jun 2012 | Victoria BC |
| Frank William Davies | Regular Force (PPCLI & RCAF) | 30 Jun 2012 | Ottawa ON |
| Darrell Robert Hensrud | Regular Force (QORC, CAR, PPCLI) | 30 Jun 2012 | Chilliwack BC |
| Norman Hudson | WWII | June 2012 | Winnipeg MB |
| Cpl Goudie | 3 PPCLI | 9 Jul 2012 | Edmonton AB |
| Roy (Bud) Drury | WWII | 9 Jul 2012 | Hamilton ON |
| Kenneth Lamouche | Regular Force (PPCLI, 2 Cdo CAR) | 10 Jul 2012 | Hinton AB |
| Len Desjarlais | Korea (3PPCLI), Regular Force (PPCLI & QORC 1951-64) | 11 Jul 2012 | Victoria BC |
| George (Scotty) Alexander Ross | WWII (LER & PPCLI) | 24 Jul 2012 | Winnipeg MB |
| Aileen Gentles | Wife of Mike Gentles | 31 Jul 2012 | Salmon Arm BC |
| Keith (Bun) Marks, CD | MP Sgt with 1QORC/3 PPCLI | 3 Aug 2012 | Ottawa ON |
| Raymond Ward Taylor | WWII (PPCLI & Regina Rifles) | 3 Aug 2012 | Winnipeg MB |
| J.P. (Andy) Anderson | Regular Force | 10 Aug 2012 | Whitehorse YT |
| Nello William Marano | WWII | 13 Aug 2012 | Calgary AB |
| Christopher Edmund Edwards | 1 PPCLI 1987-93. | 21 Aug 2012 | Niagara Falls ON |
| Michael Kibbins | WWII | 28 Aug 2012 | Winnipeg MB |
| Bernard Thomas Pelkie | 1 & 2 PPCLI 1959-79 | 28 Aug 2012 | Vernon BC |
| Margaret Dunn | Widow of JT (Joe) Dunn | 30 Aug 2012 | Edmonton AB |
| Alan Howard A. Coates | WWII | Aug 2012 | Winnipeg MB |
| Francis Allan Reaume | RCAF & PPCLI 1962-81 | 6 Sep 2012 | Calgary AB |
| Ronald Kennedy White | RCEME Armourer with 1PPCLI in Korea & Calgary | 8 Sep 2012 | Vernon BC |

"We will remember them"



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| Agnes Jean Montgomery | Wife of David Montgomery | 12 Sep 2012 | Smiths Falls ON |
| Philip Charles (Pat) Paterson, CD | Regular Force | 12 Sep 2012 | Dartmouth NS |
| John "Al" Stangowitz | Korea | 13 Sep 2012 | Calgary AB |
| Stephen Michael Maydaniuk | 2 PPCLI Post-Korea | 17 Sep 2012 | Winnipeg MB |
| Patrick Wyndham Wilfred Harbord Harbord | 1 PPCLI 1963-66 | 26 Sep 2012 | Victoria BC |
| Dorothy Topham (wife of deceased Maj Topham) | WWII 1942-44 (CWAC) survived sinking of SS Athenia Sept 3 1939 | 30 Sep 2012 | Edmonton, AB |
| Ernest Stabner | Regular, Korea, 1949-53 | 5 Oct 2012 | Eriksdale MB |
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"We will remember them"



PPCLI Association AGM Medicine Hat AB 7-9 June 2013

The 2013 AGM will be held in Medicine Hat AB. Activities are centered on The **Medicine Hat Lodge**, located at the east end of the city. This is the only convention style facility in the City. Even though the Lodge has numerous amenities the hotel is located close to many other facilities including, restaurants, fast food joints and it is across the street from the Medicine Hat Mall for those who wish to do a bit of shopping. Even better there is a Tim Horton's right across the street. There is a number of other hotels in the general vicinity. The Lodge has easy access to the Trans Canada Highway.

This AGM will be basic for a number of reasons. It is our first "kick at the cat" and we are also a small branch. We will be enlisting the assistance of other veteran groups to conduct the event. It is also the last AGM before the Regimental Centennial and we anticipate reduced attendance because it is felt that a large number of members will concentrate on 2014 and may not be inclined to travel this year.

Notwithstanding the above we still feel that it is a good program. The event starts on Friday 7 June with the normal working group (WG) and meeting of the Association Council. There will also be a Foundation meeting on that day. Those meetings will be held in Saamis Room C.

The evening of 7 June the program for attending members will commence with a meet and greet. This will be held in Saamis Rooms A&B and will start at 1800 hrs until 2200 hrs. The dress for this event will be business casual or if you are so inclined western garb.

The AGM will take place on Saturday morning in the Theatre, Saamis Room D. The venue is available from 0800 hrs to 1200 hrs. The start time for the AGM I am anticipating being 0830 hrs. Saturday afternoon is the Golf Tournament at The Cottonwood Coulee Golf Course. This is an executive par three course in very nice setting. Further details are on the Registration Form.

Saturday evening is the Dinner/Dance in Saamis Rooms A&B. Cocktails at 1800 hrs with dinner starting around 1900 hrs. After dinner the dancing will start approx 2030 hrs and end at 2300 hrs. Dress for the men is Association Blazer/Jacket and tie and the ladies appropriate and corresponding attire.

If there is interest there will be a church service held Sunday morning in the Lodge. Timings will be confirmed. If those attending prefer there are numerous churches in Medicine Hat that would be more than happy to welcome visitors.

A Ladies' program is being worked on and will be announced in the near future.

Registration will be in place as of 1300 hrs 6 June for those arriving for the WG and council meetings. It will also be set up on Friday and Saturday, 100 hrs to 1700 hrs or until all arrival packages have been picked up. In the arrival package you will find other options to fill your time if you are not taking part in the planned events.

The Medicine Hat lodge has reserved a number of rooms for the AGM and are available on a first come first served basis. The group reference number is 510287, and the group name is PPCLI. Rooms available at the reduced rate:

Executive Rooms (2 Queen beds) - \$145.00
 June 6 – 20 Rooms
 June 7 and 8 – 42 Rooms
 Executive Room (King Bed, Dbl pullout sofa) - \$145.00
 June 7 and 8 – 21 Rooms

There are also numerous hotels in the general vicinity of the Lodge.

Comfort Inn: <http://www.comfortinnmedicinehat.com>
 Phone:
 Toll free: 1 800 4CHOICE
 Local: (403) 504-1700
 Fax: (403) 527-1579
 Email: info@comfortinnmedicinehat.com

Holiday Inn Express: <http://www.hiexpress.com/hotels/us/en/medicine-hat>
 Phone:
 Toll Free: 1 877 504-5151
 Local: (403) 504-5151
 Fax: (403) 504-0055
 Email: mrae@fortisproperties.com

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Day's Inn: <http://www.daysinn.com>

Phone:

Toll Free: 1 800 DAYS INN

Local: (403) 580-3297

Fax: 403-580-3299

Email: daysinnmedhat@d3h.ca

Motel 6: <http://www.motel6.com>

Phone:

Toll Free: 1 800 4Motel6

Local (403) 527-1749

Fax: (403) 527-1339

There are also a number of campgrounds in and around Medicine Hat. Details are:

Ross Creek RV Park

Address: 2990 – 54 St. SE Medicine Hat, AB T1B 4N4 .

Telephone: 1 403 526-5809

Gas City Campground

Address: 402 11th Ave. SW Medicine Hat, AB T1A 8E6

Telephone: 1 403 529-8158

Wild Rose Trailer Park & Campground

Address: 28-B Camp Drive S.W. Medicine Hat, AB T1A 4N3

Telephone: 1 403 526-2248

Cottonwood Coulee Golf & RV Park

Address: 3245 - 10 Avenue SW Medicine Hat, AB T1B 4B3

Telephone: 1 403 529-1010

Registration options are outlined on the registration form. The **dead line for registration is 1 May 2013** and there will be no routine refunds after that time. Unforeseen circumstances will be decided upon on a case by case basis.

All documentation will be posted on the Association Website. The registration forms can be filled out on your computer then saved and printed. The mailing address is: #130 20 Street NE Medicine Hat, AB T1C 1S1. Make payments payable to: Cypress Hills Branch PPCLI Association.

Contact information for the organising committee:

Email: dgpalmer@shaw.ca

Phone: (Last Resort): (587) 333-6850

The Registration form is on next page.

PPCLI Association 2013 AGM Registration

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Spouse/Partner/Guest Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Contact Number: _____ Email (Optional): _____

Food Allergies: _____

Whom: _____

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| Do you wish to have a Church Service? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Do you plan to attend the AGM? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Option 1: Meet / Greet and Dinner / Dance | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | \$105.00 |
| Option 2: Meet and Greet only | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | \$30.00 |
| Option 3: Dinner and Dance only | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | \$75.00 |
| Golf Tournament: \$40.00 w/cart <input type="checkbox"/> \$30.00 w/o <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ _____ |
| Total: | | | \$ _____ |

Make Cheque or Money Order payable to: Cypress Hills Branch PPCLI Association

Mailing Address: 130 20 Street NE Medicine Hat AB T1C1S1

Registration Deadline: 1 May 2013. Note: There will not be any refunds after this date.

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Meet and Greet Dinner and Dance Golf AGM Church

Payment Method: Cheque: Money Order: Cash: Total: \$ _____

PPCLI Association 2013 AGM Registration

PPCLI ASSOCIATION

2013 AGM GOLF TOURNAMENT

Location: Cottonwood Coulee Golf Course

Date : Saturday, June 8, 2012-04-13

Cost : \$30 walking, \$40 with a cart per person.

Prizes : Team prizes/individual prizes

Format : 2 person best ball

Mulligan : \$5 (Limit of one per person)

Entry : Participants may enter as a team or individuals. Individuals will be placed on a team by the Tournament Committee.

Co-ordinator: Marty Gartry

Name: _____

\$ _____

Name: _____

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Name: _____

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Name: _____

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