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Message from the President

Mr Michael Austdal, CD

There were several events that took place during the summer period:

Soldier On Atlantic Golf Tournament. The Association and the Foundation collaborated to sponsor a hole for this tournament in the Atlantic Provinces. The Foundation donated \$ 1000 while the Association provided \$1500. It was a great opportunity to fly the Foundation and Association flag in the east. The Atlantic branch provided the team.

Student Bursary adjudication was successfully carried out for 2016. There were 21 very strong candidates. The Association awarded \$16,000.

Fundraising MOU with the Foundation and the Regiment. You should all have had the opportunity to review this document and while I will cover a few highlights later, I certainly welcome any comments that you may have. It is intended to be a living document which will be amended as required in the future.

Heroes Hockey Challenge – many thanks to the Victoria branch for their support to the Foundation in this undertaking. Because of their efforts the Foundation donated \$1000 towards the 2016 Student Bursary program.

Association Casino- I would like to extend a huge thank you to the Calgary branch for running an excellent Casino 11-12 Sep. The branch was out in force and support was provided by the Foundation, the Edmonton branch, the Wainwright branch and even a Strathcona.

Guard and REC meetings also took place as part of the French Grey Weekend.

- French Grey weekend will take place last weekend of August and will include a golf tournament, French Grey ball, Cock of the Walk, REC and/or Guard meetings and Soldier for a Day. Every five years it will include a mini reunion (2019) which then includes Foundation and Association AGM's.
- MGen Eyre, (President, Regimental Guard) continues to encourage the Regimental leadership to join the Association. This is slow going.
- There continue to be ongoing submissions and discussions regarding battle honours
- Thanks to the research by WO (Ret'd) Neatby, several additions to the Roll of Honour and Book of Remembrance have been recommended to the REC and the Guard for inclusion. A key take away for the Association will be the requirement for additional battle honour pedestals and additions to the wall of honour at Patricia Park

My final remarks concern one of biggest challenges facing us in the forthcoming months. It has become clear that our current operating fund can no longer sustain the increasing costs of the Newsletter/Bulletin and the Patrician.

The 2014 Anniversary Edition of the Patrician was a hardback book produced in colour. It was significantly larger than previous editions, so large in fact, that it could not be mailed using the Association's publications agreement with Canada Post. Costs to the Association for production, packaging and shipping were over \$25/copy. The 2015 Edition of the Patrician was a soft cover version, but it was too large to be mailed. Cost for production, packaging and shipping was approximately \$22/copy. RHQ has indicated its intention of continuing to produce the Patrician in the 2015 format. The Association does not currently have a revenue stream sufficient to cover this increased cost.

The funding source the Association uses to provide members with their copy of the Patrician and Newsletters are membership dues. The current membership dues rate of \$30 is insufficient.

At the moment, there are two main options: increase dues to \$55 and continue to provide the current level of service or two: leave dues at the current \$30 level but cease providing hard copy editions of the Patrician. A briefing note that provides a fuller explanation and discussion has been passed to all eMembers and branches to be discussed with their membership.

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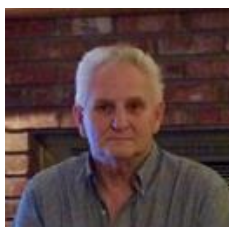
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Regimental Activities for 2016

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) represents the infantry component of 1st Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group. With 1st Battalion (1 PPCLI) and 3rd Battalion (3 PPCLI) garrisoned at Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Edmonton and the 2nd Battalion (2 PPCLI) out of CFB Shilo, we were called upon to perform a myriad of tasks ranging from domestic operations, training exercises, and international deployments that kept us busy over the past year. In 2015 and the first half of 2016. What follows is a brief overview of the Regiment's activities in 2015 and 16.

Exercises, Operations, and Deployments:

After completing the annual cycle of winter warfare training, the early spring months of 2015 were dedicated to completing the Primary Combat Function (PCF) cycles. 1 PPCLI and 2 PPCLI were kept busy conducting driver, turret, and crew commander courses along with gun camps to maintain currency on the vehicle platforms. In addition, with the retrofit of many Light Armoured Vehicle (LAV) IIIs into the new LAV 6.0, crews required additional training to get used to the additional vehicle weight and improvements to the sights and turret.

3 PPCLI's focus during this time was unique to the Regiment. As a light infantry battalion, the Third was kept busy maintaining insertion currency, conducting airborne, airmobile, and mountain operations training. Parachute courses and close training with aviation assets mirrored the vehicle maintenance being conducted at 1 and 2 PPCLI. Additionally, alpine training and mountain warfare exercises ensured that 3 PPCLI maintained its mountain capability. Although differing in its approach, the Regiment remained focus on its training goals and the upcoming Road to High Readiness (RTHR), the Canadian Army's flagship training regime that prepares soldiers for national or expeditionary deployments.

2 PPCLI spent April and May of 2015 in Europe, making the best of international training opportunities and preparing for the Frezenberg Commemoration, the last ceremony of the PPCLI's expansive 100th Anniversary celebration. For a week in late April, C Company moved to Paderborn, Germany for Ex KAPYONG BUGLE, a bi-lateral training exercise conducted with 5 (UK) RIFLES. The exercise focused on urban operations and was designed to further develop and improve collective capabilities, specifically, sharing standard operating procedures, urban operations drills, and training tactics in complex urban environments. On concluding the exercise, 2 PPCLI quickly redeployed to Belgium for the Commemoration. After a solemn service at Voormezele Cemetery on 8 May, marking a century since the infamous battle that claimed the lives of most the Originals, the Patricias took time to reflect and remember those who had fallen and fought valiantly for our nation before exercising the Freedom of the City of Ypres. Led by 2 PPCLI and a cadre of retired Patricias, the Regiment was joined by several dignitaries, including the Colonel-in-Chief, The Right Honourable Madame Adrienne Clarkson, the Colonel of the Regiment, Lieutenant-Colonel (Retired) Ray Crabbe, and a contingent from The Rifles, including Major-General (Retired) Sir Michael Carleton-Smith and Lieutenant-Colonel Dick Ovey.

In May, 1 PPCLI acted as enemy force for the 2015 iteration of Ex MAPLE RESOLVE, the largest Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) annual live-fire brigade-level exercise. The primary training audience is the formation preparing to take up the High Readiness tasking. Along with two squadrons from the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadian) (LdSH(RC)), 1 PPCLI formed a battle group and played the red force, testing the resolve of 5 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group as part of their operational readiness validation. The experience gained "from the other side of the hill" would aid 1 PPCLI in conducting their own estimates of the enemy's intentions, tactical dispositions, and strategic designs with 1 CMBG set to become the PTA the following year. At the conclusion of Ex MAPLE RESOLVE, the PPCLI was set to take leave, but mother nature had other plans.

During the summer of 2015, all three battalions responded to a Request for Assistance from Saskatchewan Provincial Government. Designated Op LENTUS, the Patricias cut their leave short and deployed on short notice to help battle a raging forest fire that was spreading rapidly in northern Saskatchewan and threatening population centres. These domestic deployments are not entirely out of the ordinary for us, and in 2014, the Regiment was also called in to assist in the containment of extensive flooding across Southern Alberta.

In the fall, we quickly transitioned back into their traditional role of soldiering. Training intensified and shifted from company and battalion-level oriented exercises to operating at the formation level. A particular emphasis was placed on

interoperability and the effective integration of combined arms. In September, 1 PPCLI deployed to Wainwright for Ex PATRICIA PRIME to conduct the necessary gateway training to prepare soldiers for company-level and larger mechanized training. For the next round of training in October, Ex PATRICIA STEELE saw 1 PPCLI transition into combat team training with their armoured counterparts from LdSH(RC) and set the ground work for battle group operations in preparation for the 2016 RTHR training. 2 PPCLI's training in Shilo mirrored that of 1 PPCLI, with the addition of artillery supplied by 1st Regiment, the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery (1RCHA).

By the spring of 2016, the PPCLI was prepared to test its merits against a determined near-peer enemy and receive the final validation requirement to allow 1 CMBG to assume its responsibilities as the Canadian Army's High Readiness brigade beginning in July 2016. Exercise MAPLE RESOLVE 2016, hosted by the Canadian Manoeuvre Training Centre (CMTC) and involving over 6000 CAF personnel, was held in Wainwright from May to June 2016. In addition to Canadian troops, Allied participation involved over 1200 soldiers from the U.S. Armed Forces and approximately 150 soldiers from the British Army. The exercise represented the last opportunity to enhance combat readiness by responding to conventional and hybrid threats in a joint, integrated, multinational, and national whole-of-government environment.

The Regiment formed the backbone of 1 CMBG's fighting units. 2 PPCLI, with a troop of tanks from LdSH (RC), formed a battalion group while a company from 1 PPCLI was attached to the LdSH (RC) regiment to additional battle group. 3 PPCLI, supported by American Blackhawks and Chinooks of the 450 Tactical Helicopter Squadron, were held as the brigade reserve for the conduct of airborne and air assault operations. The intent of this company parachute group was to launch raids and fight in the enemy's rear. During the final attack of the exercise, all three PPCLI battalions performed their roles to perfection as the enemy force was either destroyed or routed.

As part of 1 CMBG, the Canadian Army's High Readiness brigade as of 1 July 2016, the Regiment is ready to be deployed on short notice to anywhere in the world. As of July 2016, elements of 1 PPCLI have been deployed for Op REASSURANCE, the NATO mission in Poland, and 2 PPCLI has been tasked with contributing troops to Op UNIFIER, Canada's contribution to the training mission in Ukraine. Over the past 18 months, Patricias employed extra-regimentally or as part of a detachment or headquarters have served in Iraq as part of Op IMPACT, Egypt as part of Op CALUMET, and in Afghanistan as Op ADDENDA and at the Romanian multi-national brigade headquarters in Bucharest.

Friendly Competitors:

Twice a year, 1 CMBG hosts a series of sporting events designed to foster the competitive spirit and teamwork required to succeed in operations. In January and September, teams assemble along battalion lines and compete against the brigade's best and brightest athletes in Exercises STRONG CONTENDER and TOUGH CONTENDER. Despite strong competition from all the units in the brigade, it would be the infantry battalions that would provide the stiffest competition to each other. When the smoke settled, 3 PPCLI was declared the Aggregate Champion for both events in 2015 and repeated the feat at Ex STRONG CONTENDER 2016. Not to be outdone in athletics, in September of 2016, 2 PPCLI prepares to defend its two consecutive victories in MOUNTAIN MAN - a 50 km march, portage, paddle through the Edmonton River Valley. Of course, it goes without saying that we remain undefeated at our regimental sport of Broom-I-Loo.

Patricias have done equally well on the national stage. Despite a second place finish at the annual Canadian Armed Forces Small Arms Competition (CAFSAC) in 2015, the team picked up valuable experience that benefitted the 2016 competitors. Therefore, anything less from the 2016 team would be a letdown considering the stiff competition displayed during Exercise HERAKLES RAM 16, the brigade CAFCAC qualifier. This year, the Third Battalion team edged out last year's team and earned the right to represent 1 CMBG at the Connaught Range in Ottawa.

The Regiment also supports international events and regularly sends representatives overseas. For the second consecutive year, we sent a team to the United Kingdom to compete in the Tri-Service Sniper Concentration in Bisley. Building on their accolades of Top Sniper Team and Top Spotter won in 2014, the 2015 team collected several prestigious awards as well. Despite the creation of a new International category for the 2015 shoot, preventing the Rifles and PPCLI a chance for friendly range competition, our snipers once again performed exceptionally, capturing the titles of Top International Sniper Team and Top International Spotter. We expect that the 2016 team will represent the Regiment in the same manner!



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Join us in commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Vimy Ridge

8 - 22 May, 2017. Avoid the crowds in April 2017 and come with the Patricia's in May!

Back by popular demand, historians Doug Delaney and Terry Loveridge will once again lead the PPCLI Regimental family through the battlefields of France and Belgium. During the first week, Terry will guide travellers through the First World War battlefields with a focus on the history of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

Doug Delaney will join the tour in Dieppe and guide us through the Second World War sites in France with a special emphasis on 1 Can Para in Normandy.

22 - 25 May, 2017 An optional three-day tour in Holland will be offered for those wishing to continue to follow Patricia footsteps into the Netherlands at the end of the Second World War.

Bring along a friend, spouse or partner for an unforgettable experience. This tour will book quickly so don't delay!

Price from \$4590 including air, accommodations, meals depending on city of departure
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PPCLI Association and HGMF Fundraising

I know most of us are tired of hearing about fundraising and many may wonder why we need to raise funds for the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund. As National Vice President, I have been tasked to head the fundraising committee and we do the best we can to increase the HGMF from its current balance on 30 August of just over \$741,000 to \$1.5 Million. This is not an easy challenge, especially when many are on fixed budgets and do not have a great deal of disposable income. But we like a challenge. Everyone will ask why do we need the funds? To put it simply, we want to grow the HGMF so that we can use the interest and revenue generated to increase the charitable support we provide to members of the Regiment family.

The HGMF has four major pillars which are Veterans and Family Support, Student Bursaries, support to PPCLI Cadet Corps and Regimental Heritage and History. As of 30 August, a total of \$30,670.34 has been donated to the HGMF by Branches and various individuals. There was a very successful fundraiser by Mike Wind, who using social media and personal appeals raised \$10,350 for the HGMF. In addition, Calgary, Ottawa and South West Ontario Branches were successful in raising funds. Due to their efforts, it was decided to name three \$2,000 Student Bursaries in

recognition of Mike Wind, Calgary and South West Ontario Branches and a \$1,000 Student Bursary for the Ottawa Branch.

The HGMF and PPCLI Association have given out a total of \$41,031.16 in charitable donations for 2016. The breakdown is \$16,000 in Student Bursaries, \$8,531.16 to PPCLI Cadet Corps, \$10,000 to the Regimental Museum, \$5,000 to the Military Museum Foundation and \$1,500 to Soldier On.

Many of us make charitable donations to several organizations. It is requested that you consider donating to the HGMF. You can do this by donating on line using Canada Helps. The link is <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/hamilton-gault-memorial-fund/>

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Awarded Governor General's Caring Canadian Award

On 4 March 2016 in Vancouver, Governor General David Johnson presented PPCLI Foundation Trustee Dennis Anderson with the Caring Canadian Award. The Award, which has now been replaced by the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers and which Mr. Anderson will also receive, was made in recognition of more than 50 years of volunteer service by Mr. Anderson in areas of youth, senior housing, culture and wetland conservation.

Dennis Anderson served as a member of the PPCLI Association's Audit & Finance Committee from 2005 to 2012. As a Chartered Accountant and former Senior Partner for KPMG's Calgary office, he undertook an analytical review of the Association's operations and finance, including the structure and investment of the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund. His review led to several significant changes and improvements to the accounting structures and procedures which remain in effect at present.

When, in 2010, the Regimental Executive Committee struck a "Trust Working Group" Mr. Anderson agreed to work with the group. This work led to the formation of the PPCLI Foundation by way of a Deed of Trust. Dennis Anderson then became one of the founding trustees of the Foundation and remains in that capacity. He continues to serve on the Foundation's Finance Committee, where he has been



a major force in the establishment of the 'For the Soldier Legacy Fund', an endowment. He also contributed enormously to the Foundation's Legacy Giving Program and the materials created to support that planned giving element of the Foundation.

Though his regimental service was with the Cameron Highlanders in Winnipeg and with the Calgary Highlanders, Dennis Anderson is very proud to be associated with the Patricias and to have been involved with both the Association and the Foundation. His recognition by the Governor General in this way is richly deserved. Congratulations Dennis Anderson!

From the Membership Chair

As of Oct 10 we are sitting at 908 paid up members. The largest branch are the Email members, basic and premium categories with over 300 members. Edmonton and Calgary are the next largest paid up branches. We have 21 serving members.

Pay Pal has been given us a bit of a problem with members going on the site to renew their memberships. Quite a few are being suspended by Pay Pal. You may get an email saying the PPCLI Assn suspended your account. The Association does not do this, it is Pay Pal. Part of the problem is that if you click on the "renew" option and some of the information you put it is not the same as previously entered it may be rejected. An example is your credit card number, spelling of your name etc. If this happens to you, select either "Basic" or "Premium" option and if that does not work get a hold of me via email or phone. Do not use the "Renew" option

All members are requested to inform their local branches of any information changes, email address, phone numbers, mailing addresses etc so we can keep the data base up to date.

Keeping information up to date with paid up members is very important as it tells us how many paid up members we have which is used for calculating budgetary matters. Branches should not have the "dues paid" boxes checked off if a members' dues are not up to date.

Branches are requested to send the membership chair a copy of the names of their branch members they are submitting dues for to the Treasurer.

Email members, both Basic and Premium are requested to send me their updates and forward any queries or membership problems to me.

Fred Goldring
Membership Chair PPCLI Assn

Are you interested in reading the Minutes for the 2016 AGM?

They are available on line at <http://community.ppcliassoc.ca/Details/Content.aspx?id=2440#2440>



2017 PPCLI Student Bursaries

Applications are available: www.ppcliassoc.ca or call 780-472-3374

The 2017 PPCLI Association Student Bursaries get better every year. This year we hope to award about \$15,000.

Don't miss out on your chance to fund your education. Bursaries are available for serving, former and retired members, cadets, spouses, children, grandchildren.

Application deadline is 15 July 2017. The selection committee will sit prior to 10 August and recipients notified shortly thereafter. Applicants that cannot meet the 15 July deadline should contact the Bursary Chair (Art Chase) to look at the options.

Send applications to: PPCLI Student Bursary Chairman (artchase@telus.net)

1003 Gault Blvd, Suite 103, Edmonton, AB T5E 4H5



Jamie Ward
Recipient 2016
SW Ontario
Bursary for
\$2000

Call for Nominations

The terms of our current National President, Mike Austdal and National Vice-President, Paul Hale will expire at the 2017 AGM. All members of the Association in good standing are eligible to be nominated for either position; however, it is preferable that nominees for these positions have some experience as a member of the Board of Directors or have been a member of the Association Council so they have a sound understanding of policy and procedures.

The Nominating Committee is chaired by Past-President Dave Pentney with VP East, Jay Lapeyre and VP West, Dougal Salmon as members.

The Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for National President and National Vice-President. Please submit nominations to Dave Pentney by email djpentney@yahoo.ca or by telephone at 613-548-7234. The closing date for nominations to be submitted is 28 February 2017.

A Subtle Rebuttal to “A Sailor Meets the PPCLI”

By Ken Nette, Edmonton Branch

I enjoyed reading retired CPO Chuck Keighan’s account, in the Spring/Summer issue of the Bulletin, chronicling his crossing from Prince Rupert to the Queen Charlotte Islands as a seaman on HMCS St Croix. Even though it was over 50 years ago, I remember that night well. I was not on the St Croix but I was one of the soldiers aboard HMCS Antigonish that was keeping pace with St Croix as we battled our way through a force 8 gale. The exercise was called Exercise SOCKEYE and it was a test of how well the Army, Navy, and Air Force could work together on short notice. This was before the integration of the three services so it was rather unique. The units involved were given a warning order of sorts and a 30-day window for when the exercise would take place. It was a quick reaction exercise. When the message arrived from Ottawa, the Air Force had to scramble a couple of their shiny new C130s to pick up the infantry in Calgary and fly them to Prince Rupert while the Navy had to get up steam on a destroyer and two frigates and head for Prince Rupert to pick them up then land them on the Queen Charlotte Islands. The scenario was that a Soviet ship had run aground on the Queen Charlottes and the crew had abandoned it, with the intention of defecting to Canada. The Soviets had landed a military force to capture the defectors. The mission was to find both groups and deal with them.



HMCS ANTIGONISH

I was a platoon umpire on this exercise. On arrival at Prince Rupert we boarded the three ships which had just arrived from Esquimalt. I remember attending a

briefing on board the St Croix then walking across a gang plank to HMCS Stettler which was berthed alongside the St Croix. The ship my platoon was assigned to, HMCS Antigonish, was tied up on the other side of Stettler. Once aboard, myself and the other two army lieutenants were escorted to the wardroom where we were welcomed aboard by the ships officers, and were fed bowls of chicken noodle soup.

It was late evening when we got under way and H Hr was early the next morning. Getting some sleep was a high priority as we knew we had a long march ahead of us once we got ashore. I have no idea where the troops slept. I expect they were squeezed into any available space. As CPO Keighan mentioned in his story, Canadian warships are not built to carry troops and there was precious little room for us. Antigonish was an old ship, built in 1943, that had served in WWII and had been converted for anti-submarine work in 1957. There were only two empty bunks available in the officer’s lines so I offered to spend the night on the couch in the wardroom. One of the ship’s officers talked me out of it, though, with the statement that: “it is going to get really rough tonight and I would not guarantee that (he pointed to a large bookcase against the wall) will stay where it is. If it lets go that couch will be a dangerous place to be.”

They finally found a bunk for me in the ship’s infirmary. This turned out to be the best spot to be. It was low and pretty close to the exact centre of the ship so there was less roll there than anywhere else.

The infirmary was empty when I got there so I took my boots off and laid down on the bottom bunk. I had just settled in when the ship started to roll. I had heard once that the way to avoid sea sickness was to roll with the ship so that is what I tried to do. The ship’s medic (I forget what he was called in ‘Navy talk’) eventually arrived and climbed into the upper bunk. I dozed off and on all night without getting any actual real sleep but, being one of

those few lucky people who are not prone to motion sickness, I suffered no discomfort. This was not the situation in other areas of the ship. At one point, a sailor came in and woke the medic up asking if he had anything for sea sickness. I heard him say: "you must have something you can give me. Some of these army guys are dying."

At about 0500 hours a sailor woke me up with the message that they wanted the army officers up on the bridge. I swung my legs off the bunk and reached down for my boots. The next thing I knew, I was flying through the air and came to an abrupt halt (more like a 'splat') against the bulkhead. I gingerly got to my feet just in time to be thrown back against the bunk. Somehow, I got my boots on and then stepped out into the passageway, where the sailor who had awoken me was waiting to take me to the bridge. On the way there we climbed a number of ladders and the higher we got the more violent the ship's gyrations became. I concentrated on synchronizing my movements with those of the ship, rather than fighting against it, and quickly developed something approaching 'sea legs.'

As we made our way through the ship I noticed a number of the ship's company going about their duties. They all had 'hang dog' looks about them and I thought to myself that things must be really bad if even the sailors were feeling sick. Two of them were sitting on the deck leaning against the bulkhead just outside the bridge. As I stepped over them I overheard one say "I wish I'd joined the army."

On arrival at the bridge I was told that, because of the difficulty of the crossing, H Hr had been delayed by one hour. We then all synchronized our watches and went back to our bunks. What I remember most about the bridge, however, was looking out the front window at the bow of the ship. We were hitting the waves straight on and the water was rolling right over the front of the ship and splashing against the bridge, two (or maybe it was three) decks up. That bridge was a scary place to be!

A few hours later, I was standing on the open deck awaiting my turn to climb down the scramble net to the ship's boat that would take us ashore. Antigonish was swinging gently at anchor, along with St Croix and Stettler, in a small sheltered bay. The 'rockin & rollin' was over and I was surrounded by smiling faces. The unique thing about motion sickness is that once the motion stops the sickness follows suit, almost immediately. General Rockingham, Commander Western Command at the time, personally directed this exercise and I remember his comment during the hot wash-up at the end. Drawing on his own experience, he said that when he hit the beach on D Day he was so happy to get off that ship that he would willingly have taken on the biggest German soldier he could find.

So from the "Pongo" point of view a bit of sea sickness is not necessarily a bad thing, in spite of the inconvenience to our naval brethren. There are two issues from CPO Keighan's article which cannot be left unchallenged, however. He talks about taking on "hundreds of soldiers from the famed and storied regiment, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry." First off, there was only a company group, maybe 150 troops max, not several hundred. Secondly, and more important, the only Patricias on board the Antigonish were myself and my signaler. There would have been another Patricia umpire and his signaler on the Stettler and probably three or four more on the St Croix. The rest of the "pongos" CPO Keighan refers to were all from the second battalion, Queen's Own Rifles of Canada. CPO Keighan never really met the PPCLI.



CADET TROPHY FOR TOP CADET CORPS

The winner of the PPCLI Cadet Trophy for 2015/2016 was 2276 (PPCLI) RCACC Fort St John



Dougal Salmon the Chairman of the Cadet Support Committee presenting the Trophy at their Annual Ceremonial Review

2276 (PPCLI) RCACC
Fort St John



2276 (PPCLI) RCACC Fort St John has done fundraising for several years and the entire Corps will be going to Vimy in 2017 for the 100th celebration.

PPCLI ASSOCIATION CADET CORPS TROPHY 2016/2017

The Instruction and Marking Guide have been sent out to Cadet HQ's, Branch Presidents and Cadet Corps CO's. If you have not seen this or need a copy, contact Dougal Salmon the Chairman of the Cadet Support Committee at either 250.744.2090 or email dab.salmon@shaw.ca

REQUESTS FOR DONATIONS FROM CADET CORPS 2016/2017

The letter requesting donations to Cadet Corps from the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund has been sent to Cadet Corps CO's. If you have not seen this or need a copy, contact Dougal Salmon the Chairman of the Cadet Support Committee at either 250 744 2090 or email dab.salmon@shaw.ca

HAT BADGES AND SHOULDER TITLES FOR CADET CORPS 2016/2017

Cadet Corps CO's have been asked to submit their requests to the Chairman of the Cadet Support Committee. If you have not seen this or need a copy, contact Dougal Salmon the Chairman of the Cadet Support Committee at either 250 744 2090 or email dab.salmon@shaw.ca

Christine Gollner's 'Centennial Marguerites'

In 2011, a group of ladies had digitally gathered together to write the social history of the regiment for the 100th Anniversary. This was to serve as a re-enforcing counterpoint to the fighting history which is well established in words, and which would be celebrated in photographs with the 100th book *The Patricias at Home*. One of the aspects of the effort was to raise some money so as to underwrite the production costs of the book. Various means were discussed, and each lady in the group was asked to undertake some activity to raise some money. All did.

In the group was a very well known Vancouver Island artist, Christine Gollner. This woman had graduated from the University of Ottawa Fine Arts, did two more years of study at the Emily Carr College, Vancouver, as well as one year at the University of Manitoba. She has been a long term member of the Victoria Sketch Club and is also a member of the Oak Bay Artists Society.

Christine also has a husband who is a former Colonel of the Regiment, and was an original member of the *Patricias at Home* production team. She volunteered to paint an appropriate scene of marguerites – the flower used in the original regimental hat badge. This she did, and put it up in an Island art show in early 2013 where the original, a 24 inch high and 30 inch long stunner, sold. Christine donated the receipts of that sale to the Regiment for the book costs. She also had a full scan done of the original (a 65 megabit file), and agreed that a single copy using the glycee method of reproduction (state of the art) could be made and also sold. This was done in Calgary with the enlisted help of another regimental artist, Bill Bewick, for the Association AGM of 2013 in Medicine Hat, AB. Ed Widemeyer and his wife Hazel (yes that was Hazel driving their Cadillac on the parade square in the Regimental parade at the Edmonton Commemoration in 2014) from the Victoria Branch, purchased the copy.



CHRISTINE GOLLNER



The scans and permission to use the image in any form (other than original size) was given to the Regiment by Christine as well. These electronic copies and rights reside in the Archives. Part of that painting, 'Centennial Marguerites', formed the cover of *Patricias at Home*.

The spirit of generosity exhibited by everyone in this story – and especially Christine Gollner, is what makes the PPCLI collection as good as it is. Bravo and thank you.

The painting 'Centennial Marguerites', part of which formed the front cover of *Patricias at Home* (still on sale at the Regimental Kit Shop). The Regiment holds the master copy of the painting by Christine Gollner.

HEALTHY SOLDIERS AND HEALTHY VETERANS SUICIDE PREVENTION

In response to a tragic suicide, in January 2016, the South West Ontario Branch of the PPCLI Association has undertaken a review of veterans' suicide prevention programs. The purpose was to determine the extent of the problem and to identify what, if anything, the PPCLI Association could do to add its weight in suicide prevention. No one really knows how many released or retired military members have committed suicide over the past few years. Anecdotal comments have implied that we may have lost more soldiers to suicide than were killed during our deployments to Afghanistan. We must take a proactive approach in trying to help our brothers and sisters. Below is a very condensed summary of the paper.

We compared what Canada, the US, the UK and Australia are doing with respect to suicide prevention. All governments are addressing the suicide issue and use statistics to their advantage. It is clear that the average suicide rate within the Canadian Military is generally below the National rate. However, when you look specifically at Combat Arms trades it appears that the suicide rate exceeds the National average. Suicide rates are higher among NCMs and for NCMs released for non-voluntary reasons. It was noted that there were two age groups among serving members 20-29 and 45-49 where they are at a higher risk of committing suicide. There was insufficient data to determine suicide rates for released members.

Healthy Soldier Effect - What it is

Why does the suicide rate go above national rates after retirement and in middle aged veterans? Being in the army seems to deter suicides. Statistics reported by the US and UK either specifically note or otherwise imply that soldiers serving in their armed forces appear to have a lower suicide rate than those who have left, and lower than national averages for the same age groups while serving.

This effect is confirmed to a degree by statistics that show an increase above national suicide rates during retirement in the US and near that rate in the UK. Statistics for Canadian and Australian veterans are not available but there is every reason to believe that they would yield the same result. While the reasons for this '**Healthy Soldier Effect**' are largely anecdotal, they are generally summarized as:

- *Careful initial screening and selection,*
- *Mental and physical training,*
- *General fitness,*
- *Medical care,*
- *Comradeship,*

- *Sense of purpose, and*
- *Leadership.*

There is no apparent reason to doubt the effectiveness of the above factors in countering suicidal tendencies in serving soldiers. The numbers tell us that this is happening. However, upon forced release or retirement, most of these stabilizing factors disappear and problems appear with respect to various individuals who are missing the sense of belonging and leadership provided by others.

The challenge is to determine to what extent these elements can be replicated by third parties such as the PPCLI Association, VAC or the CAF and thereby have a similar impact in suicide prevention among veterans.

WAY AHEAD FOR THE PPCLI ASSOCIATION

The PPCLI Association should adopt a proactive approach in assisting released or retired soldiers. At the 2016 National Annual General Meeting, a three-year free basic membership was approved for all soldiers released after 30 April 2016. The challenge now is to get the word out to the Regimental family. The other areas where we can take action are listed below:

Contribute to the **Healthy Soldier Effect** by providing comradeship, a sense of purpose, leadership, fitness motivation and support to veterans. We should utilize the Volunteer Patricia Program (VPP) to assist released members and improve our VPP training and resource material in order to assist veterans at risk in obtaining the help they need. This can also be accomplished by regular social gatherings and contact with others in order to let them know that they are not alone and the Regimental family is still there.

The PPCLI Association should post monthly articles on Social Media sites that stress the importance of the Healthy Soldier Effect and need to reach and maintain contact with others. In particular for soldiers who have been medically released.

On 10 June 2017, the PPCLI Association will host and facilitate a Suicide Awareness and Prevention Workshop as part of its National Annual General Meeting in Niagara-on-the-Lake. This workshop will involve speakers from the Joint Personnel Support Unit, VAC and a veteran who has recovered from PTSD and failed suicide attempts. The intent of this workshop is to discuss how the PPCLI Association and other like minded groups can help to prevent suicide or raise awareness of the issue.

The VAC benefit based approach to Mental Health care where it is incumbent on an injured veteran to prove that they require assistance is not working effectively. Branch VPP representatives must offer assistance in helping individuals navigate the VAC process so that veterans can obtain the help they require.

The PPCLI Association should advocate on the following issues.

From a national perspective, veterans in Canada with mental health issues should not simply be released and expected to arrange their own care and to fight the VAC benefits system. A better *hand off* is essential but this is a CAF and VAC responsibility.

SUMMARY

We, the PPCLI Association, need to take the lead by setting the example and developing ways to assist released or retired military members. VPP was established in 2004 to support released 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. It is time to review VPP and determine what can be done to enhance the program while preventing and raising suicide awareness. It is important to realize that many individuals will not self identify. It is incumbent on all of us to keep in contact with others and be supportive and proactive in helping them to recover.

Paul Hale and John Hunter
South West Ontario Branch

BRANCH REPORTS

Atlantic Branch

CFB Det Aldershot, thirty kilometres east of CFB Greenwood in the Annapolis Valley recently had the privilege of hosting the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Atlantic Branch Association Annual General Meeting from September 9th to 11th. This was the first time since 2004 that the Association has met in the Province of Nova Scotia.

The first night at the Borden Hall Mess was a meet and greet. The event was very well attended by close to eighty current and past members of the Regiment and their spouses. The Association had several Korean War veterans as well as two Memorial Cross Mothers in attendance, Angela Reid (with husband Tom) the proud parents of Cpl Chris Reid, CD KIA 03/08/06 and Anne Snyder the Mother of Captain Jon Snyder SMV, KIA 07/06/08 in Afghanistan. Both families are honouree members of the Atlantic Branch Association.

As per regimental tradition that started in the early 1980's, our Korean War veterans were presented their regimental coins.

The second day consisted of a briefing presented by Major Brent Kerr and MWO Joel Turnbull to association members about the current state of our proud regiment. Points included how the regiment and its battalions have changed and what new equipment is coming for both the Mechanized and Light Infantry battalions. A general overview of new operational commitments for the regiment was also discussed.

The evening of the tenth featured a dinner that was prepared by the cooks and staff from the Aldershot kitchen. In true military standard, the meal was exceptional.

On the final day, the Association gathered at 152 Main Street in Wolfville. At this location, there is a statue of Lady Patricia Ramsey, the First Colonel and Chief of the Regiment. It was here where an act of Remembrance was conducted for fallen Patricia's. Captain Greer's poignant words were very fitting for the occasion.

In conclusion, the PPCLI Atlantic Branch meeting was a huge success both for the Association and CFB Det Aldershot.

The PPCLI footprint in Atlantic Canada is small. If you wish to join the Association, please contact Mr Stephen Bartlett at

sknmbart@icloud.com

506.454.0045

President PPCLI Association Atlantic Branch



Mr Don Landry being presented his PPCLI coin by Sgt Keith Mooney and Major Brent Kerr.



The Members of the Association meet for supper at Borden Hall, CFB Det Aldershot



Captain Greer offering poignant words as an act of Remembrance on September the 11th



A group photo of all in front of Lady Patricia Ramsey, the PPCLI's first Colonel in Chief

Edmonton Branch

By Herb Kenny

Another spring and summer has come and gone we now look forward to what old man winter has in store for us. In the past months, our members took part in many events. On 24 July, the KVA parade at the Alberta Legislative not only branch members but also PPCLI cadets. The 10th Aug a celebration was held for the 102 Anniversary at Patricia Park, (an annual event) we all took part in a prayer and toast to the fallen, then we precede the to Canadian Airborne Cairn for a memorial service and wreath laying. Many thanks to John DeMarchant for hosting the Camrose camp, weather and stories were outstanding. The French Grey Golf Tournament was will attended by the branch. The branch also had members attend the French Grey Gala, assistance the Calgary branch with the annual casino and we also attend the No Stone Left Alone dinner.

We again had the misfortune of attending to many celebrations of life for our member and their spouses this past year.

We are once again in our planning stages for our two main events to close out 2016. Remembrance Day parade at Patricia Park on 11 Nov and our Christmas dinner.

A reminder at all Patricia's in the Edmonton area and those passing through we hold our meeting at 1100 hrs 4th Sat of the month at the Kingsway Legion, 143 Ave 50 St. Also check out Face book page PPCLI Association Alberta and Saskatchewan for all upcoming events they are posted there for you to see.

Once a Patricia Always a Patricia.





Fraser Valley BC Branch

The past year has been an experiment in the conduct of our meetings. Our attempt to change the format and type of meetings were not what the members of the branch were expecting. Therefore, at our AGM in September the branch membership decided we are returning to our long standing practice of a luncheon meeting on the 1st Thursday of each month.

We also conducted annual elections and the following positions were filled. President – Matt Brown, VP- vacant, Secretary – Sandy Dehnke, Treasurer – Liz Brown and VPP – Dennis Johnson.

Our recent accounting of membership revealed we have 49 members with 10 of our members living outside the Fraser Valley. Although many of members can not attend our monthly meetings they are firm in their commitment to stay in contact and remain as part of the regimental family.

This past summer we had the passing of Helen Grouette, a founding member of our branch and wife of Harold a.k.a. Grouch Grouette. She was a popular and active member and her humour will be missed.

Kingston Branch

With all the excitement of our centennial well behind us, the Kingston Branch has returned to steady running in 2016. With our Christmas 2015 dinner postponed until 2016, we had a good turn-out of 29 Association and serving Patricias at our “Winter” dinner at a local restaurant Megalos, all organised by John Hooyer.

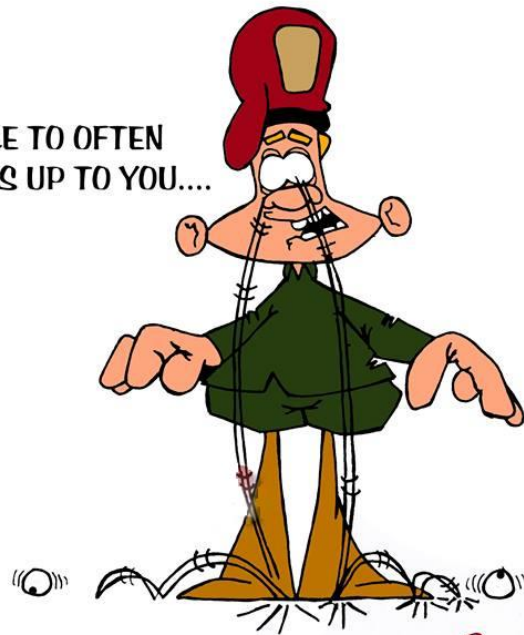


Later in the spring, we had our traditional Regimental Day festivities in Kingston, no Broom-I-Loo which is probably a good thing considering the median age, but we enjoyed a great dinner and drinks evening organised by Mike and Patti English. Our venue, Branch 631 of the Royal Canadian Legion, Captain Matthew J Dawe Memorial, was apropos to our regimental ethos and the tone of the Regimental Day gathering at hand. Again it was well attended with 53 Association and serving Patricias including some Ottawa branch members, most notable being General Hewson and Norah who made the long trek southward to attend.



In the fall, both Association and serving Patricias gathered together to help a fellow Patricia to help paint a house for his family in need during Op PAINT CAN. Many thanks to Ray Paquin, Mike Goodspeed, Mike English, John Hooyer and Gord Cavagnagh for helping a fellow Patricia and his family.

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Mid-Island Branch

MID-ISLAND BRANCH ATTENDS PPCLI RCACC CEREMONIAL REVIEW

Members of the Mid-Island Branch of the PPCLI Association attended the 40th Annual Ceremonial Review of the 2943 Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps, commanded by Lieutenant Rachel Lafitte. The parade was held at the Eagles Lodge Hall in Campbell River, BC, on June 9th, 2016 and was well attended by family and friends of the cadets.



Above, Mid-Island Association Vice President Frank Graves presents the TOP MASTER CADET TROPHY to Cadet Warrant Officer Isaiah Sheppard. This award is issued to the most outstanding cadet within the corps.

Below, Mid-Island Association Vice President, Frank Graves, presents the ESPRIT de CORPS trophy to Cadet Sergeant Colby Johnson. This award is given to the cadet, who best exemplifies the spirit of leadership, and members of the recipients own corps vote for who should be receive the award.



Ottawa Branch

On 10 August, The Ceremonial Guard hosted Members of the Ottawa Branch and Patricias serving in the National Capital Region for "Patricia Day on the Hill" during their daily Changing of the Guard Ceremony. When the Band and Old and New Guards marched onto Parliament Hill at 1000 hrs, we were seated in a special area on the East Lawn, while the several thousand spectators lined up behind ropes circling the lawn. The announcer read a paragraph describing the significance of the date to PPCLI, but even so, the spectators seemed to be surprised when, during the Inspection of the New Guard, they saw a group of "older" guys (along with some younger

soldiers and ladies) quickly stand up and very lustily accompany the Band as they played some First World War marching songs (a.k.a. The Regimental March). Unfortunately, the serving Patricias had to return to work after the Parade, but many Branch Members and their ladies were able to gather for lunch in the nearby Lord Elgin Hotel.

On 27 September, following lunch in the Somerset Street Mess, the Branch held its Annual General Meeting. On 28 October, the NCR serving Patricias will host a PPCLI Social Gathering at the Fox and Feather Pub, during which there will be DWD ceremonies for several retiring Patricias, who we will welcome as the newest Members of the Association and the Branch.

At the moment, we are planning the Branch's largest event of the year, our Remembrance Day Service, when 125 to 150 Branch Members, serving Patricias and friends and families will gather in the Sacred Space of the Beechwood National Cemetery after the ceremonies at The National War Memorial. This will be the 37th consecutive annual PPCLI Ottawa Remembrance Day Service and the 5th we have held at Beechwood. After the service at Beechwood, we will lay our wreath at the Regimental Memorial in Lansdowne Park, where we previously held the service.

South West Ontario Branch

The South West Ontario Branch had a productive and busy 2015. The Branch has continued to support 2835 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corp with a donation of \$500 to assist with sending cadets to Vimy Ridge in April 2017. In addition, the Branch raised over \$5,935 comprised of \$1,856 from the Château des Charmes wine fundraiser, \$900 from Pine Grove School and a further \$3,179 in individual donations. In recognition of this, the Branch requested that one of the 2016 Student Bursaries be given in recognition of the SW Ontario Branch. A \$2,000 Student Bursary was subsequently awarded to Jamie Ward. He is a retired Patricia who is now pursuing a medical career.

This year the Branch was actively involved in presenting a number of Quilts of Valour to various members. Quilts of Valour is a volunteer organization who have set a goal of presenting 10,000 quilts to veterans by 11 November 2018. The first branch member to receive a quilt was Robert Webster on 16 January.



Gina Delorenzi presents Robert Webster with a Quilt of Valour



On 23 February 2016, Jim Powless finally received his Regimental Retirement Gifts. Jim retired in June 1994 and it took a few years for his retirement gifts to catch up with him

The Branch held our Annual General Meeting on 7 May 2016. Initially the AGM was to take place at the Lincoln and Welland Armouries. Unfortunately, we were given a weeks notice that the Armoury was not available due to longer than anticipated renovations. Fortunately, we were able to relocate the AGM and dinner to the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry Veterans Club. We owe a great big thank you to Lynda Murdock-Furchner and Doug Furchner for their outstanding efforts in helping to relocate the AGM. During the AGM, a Quilt of Valour was presented to Christopher Klodd.



Gina Delorenzi, Chris Koldt, Paul Hale and Romeo Daley



Seated Jack Smith, Lin Fisher, Diana Cardoni.
John McGregor and George Ledwon
Standing Roneo Daley, Janie Wallace, Bruce Paxton, Jim Powless, Brian Forbes Clogate, Mark Fisher, Doug Furchner and Gina Delorenzi.

The AGM went extremely well with 36 people attending the dinner. At the conclusion of the dinner, Gina Delorenzi and Janie Wallace presented 10 Quilts of Valour to various Branch members. They were Jack Smith (Korea Vet), George Ledwon, Bruce Paxton, Mark Fisher, Doug Furchner, John McGregor, Brian Forbes Colgate and Jim Powless who all had various tours in Canada, Germany, Cyprus and the Balkans. Diana Cardoni initially wanted to join as an Infantry soldier but in the 70s the system was not accepting women in the combat arms. Finally, Lin Fisher served for five years as a Nursing Officer and had to leave the service because she was pregnant and the rules at that time meant she could not serve any longer. As Mark Fisher said a little later in the evening "This is the first time that Lin has really been acknowledged for her service."

Branch membership is down from 115 in 2015 to 91 for 2016. Now that all the 100th Anniversary activities are over, this is not unexpected. South West Ontario will host the 2017 National Annual General Meeting in June 2017 and is looking forward to it.

Once a Patricia – Always a Patricia

Victoria Branch

We have had a busy spring and great summer. We continue to hold our monthly meetings and beer call at noon on the second Tuesday of each month at the Pro Pats Legion on the Gorge

CHIC GOODMAN 90TH REGIMENTAL CERTIFICATE

The Thursday before the National AGM, the Colonel in Chief and the Colonel of the Regiment hosted a dinner at the Fireside Grill in Victoria to present Chic Goodman with his 90th Regimental Certificate



In the picture left to right John Bishop, the C in C, Chic, the COR and Chic's wife Nancy

NATIONAL AGM VICTORIA APRIL 2016

The Branch hosted a very successful National AGM in April with an excellent turnout. Many thanks to all the Victoria Branch members who helped out and made the AGM a success

Suicide Prevention Presentation John Hunter

During the Working Group on Friday John Hunter presented his paper on Suicide Prevention. An excellent presentation and discussion



John Hunter speaking



The C in C and COR during the Working Group

Meet and Greet

The Meet and Greet was held in the CFB Esquimalt Wardroom and was enjoyed by all. A gorgeous location overlooking the Straits of Juan de Fuca



Jac de Bruijne foreground at the Meet and Greet, C in C center of picture

AGM

The AGM was held in the Rainbow Room of the Chiefs and PO's Mess. Another gorgeous location overlooking the Ocean.



The National Executive with the C in C and the COR



Fred Goldring, Shaun Peterson, Mike Wind, Bill Murphy and Herb Kenny at the AGM

BBQ



On Saturday evening we held a BBQ at the NOTC Gunroom in Workpoint Barracks with 84 attending. An excellent time was had by all



Mike Wind with the C in C at the BBQ
Mike raised \$10,350 on Social Media for the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund

The C in C cutting the Cake at the BBQ



ANNUAL CEREMONIAL REVIEW 2483 (PPCLI) RCACC ESQUIMALT– HAMILTON GAULT MEMORIAL FUND DONATION



Dougal Salmon the President of the Victoria Branch presenting a cheque for \$1500 to 2483 (PPCLI) Esquimalt from the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund at their Annual Ceremonial Review

Wainwright Branch

By Nitasha Irvine

22 April 2016- Stand up Luncheon with the Colonel of the Regiment. Old guard, serving Patricias and DP1 recruits mix and mingled with Major-General (Retired) Brian Vernon. After the address by the Colonel of the Regiment, a few mostly true war stories were shared.

24 April 2016- Kapyong Parade and Korean Dinner. Members of the association, Wainwright branch joined 2PPCLI and honoured guest John Pelkey, a Korean veteran. Although Wainwright training weather did not disappoint, and the heavy snow moved the parade indoors, it did not dampen the spirits of those attending. Following the parade to honour the anniversary, entertainment was provided by Shilo favorite; Amy Medcalf. One of the association members commented that “This is the most connected to the Patricia family” that he has felt in a very long time. Thank-you 2VP for including our association branch in this event.



6 May 2016. 101st Anniversary of the battle of Frezenberg, serving Patricias and association members gathered at Hamilton Gault statue at Camp Wainwright to toast the “Fallen”

18 Sept 2016- Golf Day- In some beloved Wainwright weather, members of Wainwright and Edmonton branches of the association joined together for a gentlemen’s game of golf. The weather proved to be and exceptional equalizer for all players but it was agreed by all to be an enjoyable day. Following the game, players converged on the Dog N Suds to dry off and share stories of their golfing prowess. PPCLI Association, Wainwright branch would like to express their appreciation to Al Whitehall for organizing the event. Disclaimer; all targeting of golf carts by players was unintentional.



100th Anniversary ORDER FORM

Princess Patricia's
Canadian Light Infantry Association
Southwest Ontario Branch



PPCLI CHARDONNAY	QUANTITY	SUB TOTAL
2 bottle pack \$25.90	-----	-----
6 bottle case \$77.70	-----	-----
12 bottle case \$155.40	-----	-----
(Shipping extra)		
	TOTAL	-----

This unoaked Chardonnay is fresh and crisp with notes of apple, grilled pineapple and a little nuttiness

PPCLI CABERNET SAUVIGNON	QUANTITY	SUB TOTAL
2 bottle pack \$29.90	-----	-----
6 bottle case \$89.70	-----	-----
12 bottle case \$179.40	-----	-----
	TOTAL	-----

This wine is vibrant with mouth-watering black cherry, dark chocolate and warm spice notes wrapped in toasty vanilla. Classic old world style Cab Sauv. It's ready to drink now but will continue to evolve in the bottle over the next few years.

PPCLI MIXED WINE CASE	QUANTITY	SUB TOTAL
2 bottle pack \$27.90 (Chardonnay, Cabernet)	-----	-----
6 bottle case \$80.85 (3 Chardonnay, 3 Cabernet)	-----	-----
12 bottle case \$167.40 (6 Chardonnay, 6 Cabernet)	-----	-----
(Shipping extra)		
	TOTAL	-----

PPCLI MIXED SPARKLING CASE	QUANTITY	SUB TOTAL
2 bottle pack \$59.90 (Brut Sparkling, Rosé Sparkling)	-----	-----
6 bottle case \$177.70 (3 Brut Sparkling, 3 Rosé Sparkling)	-----	-----
12 bottle case \$359.40 (6 Brut Sparkling, 6 Rosé Sparkling)	-----	-----
	TOTAL	-----

SOLD OUT

Last chance to order PPCLI labelled wine. There are about 150 bottles of the 2012 Unoaked Chardonnay and 200 bottles of the 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon left. They would look great under the Christmas tree!!

On the nose this Brut Sparkling will remind you of lemon, lime and toasted bread. The creamy texture is punctuated by the fine, persistent bubbles.

The flavours of this Rosé Sparkling will remind you of ripe strawberries but the wine is dry and refreshing with lots of tiny bubbles.

Please fill out contact information and submit your order by fax, phone or e-mail. (Must be at least 19 years of age to order)
Fax: Michele Bosc: 905.262.5548
Tel: 905.262.4219 x226 / 800.263.2541 x226
e-mail: michele@chateaudescharmes.com

A Château des Charmes representative will contact you soon to confirm your payment method. We accept Visa, MasterCard and American Express.

Cost of delivery is based on weight and postal code and will be quoted at the time of order confirmation.

Name _____
Address _____ Postal Code _____
City _____ Province _____
Tel. _____ e-mail _____

I am 19 years of age or _____
Signature _____

Ship to: If different from above (Receiver must be 19 years of age or over)
Name _____ Postal Code _____
Address _____
City _____ Province _____
Tel. _____ e-mail _____

National Annual General Meeting 9 – 10 June 2017

The National AGM will take place in the Niagara Falls Region from Friday 9 June to Saturday 10 June 2017 and will be hosted by the South West Ontario Branch. 30 rooms at a group rate of \$129 per night plus taxes have been block booked at the Hilton Garden Inn, 500 York Road, Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON L0S 1J0. We will do our best to arrange an early check in on Friday 9 June for those who wish to participate in the wine tour.

The schedule is as follows:

Friday 9 June:

- 0900 – 1000 HGMF Board of Directors Meeting;
- 1000 – 1200 Board of Directors Strategic Planning Session;
- 1300 – 1730 Wine Tour and Tasting of the Niagara Region. Cost should not exceed \$40 per person and will possibly include Strewn, Château des Charmes and a third winery (TBC); and
- 1830 – 2200 No cost Meet and Greet with a wine tasting.

Saturday 10 June:

- 0900 – 1330 Suicide Prevention and Awareness Workshop and Panel Discussion. Guest speakers are:

BGen David Corbould who has just taken command of the Joint Personal Support Unit in Ottawa;

MCpl Colin Fitzgerald, MMV, CD who has conquered his personal demons with PTSD and suicide and is now on the road to recovery; and

A senior speaker from Veterans Affairs Canada. We are currently trying for Gen W Natynczk;

The format will be a 15 – 20 minute address by the speakers on what they do with respect to looking after veterans and what the Association can do to help. This will be followed by a 90 minute panel discussion with questions from the audience; and

The panel discussion will be followed by a stand up Buffet Lunch. Cost for the buffet will be between \$15 - \$20.

- 1400 – 1700 Association National AGM; and

- 1830 – 2000 Buffet Dinner or BBQ at an estimated cost of \$60 per person. PPCLI Labelled wine from Château des Chames will be included with the meal.

The registration package will be electronically distributed in the New Year. It will also include information on local RV Parks and other possible accommodation. If you have any questions or concern, please contact Paul Hale by email at Paulhale3vp@yahoo.ca.

LAST POST

Schmieger, Andy	70	2VP & 3VP retired 1978	Nov 2015	Dartmouth NS
Woodford, William James	92	WWII - Italy, NW Europe	Apr 2016	Winnipeg, MB
Downing, Timothy Shaun	55	VP 78-95	Apr 2016	Calgary, AB
Ives, James Blake	47	VP Master Sniper	Apr 2016	Constance Bay, ON
Pride, Steward		2VP Kapyong	Apr 2016	Montreal, PQ
Hatfield, Sinclair (Bud)	84	VP Korea	Apr 2016	Calgary AB
Brown, Clayton Oliver	80	VP	May 2016	Ste Saint Marie ON
Greene, Norman Bruce	76	VP, RCR, CAR, RHR, LER	May 2016	Edmonton, AB
Oleksyn, Peter "Olie"	79	1VP, CAR	May 2016	Edmonton, AB
Loucks, Donald Jasper	79	2VP 55-80	May 2016	Calgary, AB
Gray, James Stewart	93	RAF WWII, VP Korea, US Army	May 2016	Orlando, FL
Donald, Gary Neil	72	VP 64-88	May 2016	Calgary, AB
Dewitt, Ian Brown	86	VP Korea	May 2016	Regina, SK
Godin, Lawrence	81	VP Korea	May 2016	Sherwood Park, AB
Penberthy, Rick	67	2VP Germany	May 2016	Edmonton, AB
Hanson, David Andrew	79	2VP Calgary & Edmonton 50s	May 2016	Calgary AB
Thiele, William	84	2VP 56-59	May 2016	Fort Saskatchewan
AB				
Chickness, John Perry	86	VP Korea	June 2016	Pictou, NS
Storrier, Robert Frederick	89	2VP Kapyong	June 2016	Edmonton AB
Allain, Raymond Joseph	80	VP & CAR	June 2016	Coldwater AB
Mulin, Patrick	45	2VP 80s-90s	July 2016	Moncton NB
Grenier, Art		VP WWII	July 2016	Calgary AB
Grouette, Helen	92	wife of Harold "Grouch" Grouette	July 2016	Chilliwack, BC
Woolley, Vernon James	77	QOR & VP	July 2016	Calgary AB
Kinch, Joseph (Joe) G	61	3VP remuster to MP	July 2016	Errington BC
Wilson, H Shawn 'Odie'	51	3VP 86-87	July 2016	Halifax, NS
Fisher, Jim 'Bud' EL		2VP, CAR	Aug 2016	Victoria, BC
Raven, Brian	78	2VP 56-64	Aug 2016	Olds, AB
Zwarich, Clarence A	84	VP Korea	Aug 2016	Calgary, AB
Myles, Edwin Lewis 'Eddy'	63	1VP 74-76	Aug 2016	Dartmouth NS
Grady, James	76	VP 67-71	Sep 2016	Freeport NS
Boisjoli, Gerald	72	1VP 63-66 Germany	Sep 2016	Calgary AB
Jaeschke, Gerhard W.W.	84	2VP 57-60	Sep 2016	Saskatoon, SK
Leveque, Russell W	87	WWII, 2VP Korea Kapyong, Germany	Sep 2016	Brooks, AB
Carpenter, Lawrence	90	VP Korea 49-53	Sep 2016	Saskatoon, SK
Higdon, Lloyd Norman	80	VP 57-69	Sep 2016	Barrie, ON
Slater, Michael	92	VP '44 then 1Cdn Para Bn	Sep 2016	Winnipeg, MB
Freeman, Len D	79	1VP Germany 55-57	Oct 2016	Sherwood Park, AB
Boyd, Willam Patrick	82	2VP Korea	Oct 2016	Winnipeg, MB
Gould, Jack David	73	VP, CAR	Oct 2016	Victoria, BC
Grouette, Harold 'Grouch'	89	WWII Wpg Rifles, VP Korea, VP '50-74	Oct 2016	Chilliwack, BC
Lawless, Michael Edward	78	VP Germany and Middle East	Oct 2016	Vernon BC
Baker, Ronald Owen	84	VP 50-53 Korea	Oct 2016	Winnipeg, MB