

# Bulletin

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Always a Patricia

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## What Will the Next 100 Years Bring to the Regimental History?

The Regimental centennial year has ended. Over the past century we seen the Regiment born in war and gain historical recognition in countless battles, conflicts and operations. We have seen the soldier evolve from a rifleman in trenches to airborne assault and mechanization. Patricias' have progressed from the Enfield bolt action rifle to anti-tank missiles to 25mm chain guns and electronic surveillance systems. What will a Patricia look like in 50 or 70 years? Where will the Regiment see action and what battles or operations will be the Regiment add to the Honours List?



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## Where are Your Medals Going?

When you are planning your estate- your last will and testament, please consider the apportionment of your decorations. If you have no descendants or if your family has no interest in keeping or honouring your military legacy; consider donating your medals to the Regimental Museum or your local branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. Make this a codicil in your will. This is particularly important when you have been honoured with rare or unusual decorations of valour or campaigns. Lets not have your legacy end up in a military surplus store or on eBay.



**FROM THE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT**

Mike Austdal



I hope everyone is having a great winter. It has now been nearly a year since I took over as the President and my first AGM in Victoria 28-30 April 2016 is looming closer. The Victoria branch has been working hard to organize this event and while as usual people are slow to register, it appears that we will have a good turnout. Both Madam Clarkson and the Colonel of the Regiment will be in attendance. We will also have the teleconference facility once again this year. If you would like to take advantage of this capability please contact Shelly Ullery, our secretary to register.

Our new initiative to supply hat badges and shoulder flashes to our affiliated PPCLI Cadet Corps has been successfully executed. Thanks to our partnership with the serving component we were able to supply these items at low cost and provide tangible evidence of our support to our cadets.

The Association is now offering serving members free eMembership in the Association. The President and members of the Regimental Guard are leading this initiative by signing up. Please encourage any of your serving comrades to do the same. They can sign up online at our website at [www.ppcliassoc.ca](http://www.ppcliassoc.ca)

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, the Association continues to transition from our old structure to the new one with the inevitable bumps along the way. One of the major challenges has been trying to reinvent our online database so that it meets all of our membership and Revenue Canada reporting requirements. We are getting closer to getting the database back online and again I would like to thank CJ Wallace for his efforts in this regard.

Our member's handbook and the director's handbook are close to being released in draft. I looking forward to meeting some of you in person at the AGM and other gatherings in the coming year.



## Armstrong Family Donation to Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund

Doug and Pauline Armstrong were avid supporters of the Regiment and long term members of both the Toronto and South West Ontario Branches of the Association. They lived a very long and productive life and passed away on 28 June 2015 and 23 November 2014 respectively.

Doug Armstrong joined the Army in November 1942 and served overseas from March 1943 until March 1946 with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in Italy, the Netherlands and North West Europe. He joined the PPCLI in the field on 26 July 1944, was wounded in action for the first time on 18 September 1944. The wounds were due to shrapnel in the right knee and he returned to duty on the same day after the shrapnel was removed at the Regimental Aid Post. He was wounded a second time while fighting on the Gothic Line in Italy. In March 1945, Doug and the rest of the Regiment were transferred from Italy to North West Europe where he participated in the Liberation of the Netherlands.

Pauline was a Registered Nurse who was a graduate of St. John General Hospital in New Brunswick. She joined the Royal Canadian Medical Corps in 1941, as a Nursing Sister and served in England, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. She was assigned to #22 Canadian Military Hospital in Bramshot, England during D-Day until she volunteered to go to France in July, 1944, where she served with #16 Casualty Clearing Station until the end of the war.

Doug and Pauline were married on 20 June 1945 in Bloemendaal Holland with the Regiment providing the wedding party and escort.

After the war, Doug completed his degree at the University of British Columbia and initially worked for an accounting firm. He then worked for Alcan aluminum in Kitmat from 1952 to 1957. In 1958 he became the general manager of Williams Moving & Storage and eventually established his own moving company in St. Catherine's Ontario. Doug and Pauline retired in St. Catharine's in 1990. They had three children Doug Jr, Dale and Patti, six grandchildren and one great grand-child.

A celebration of life was held on 12 September 2015, (Pauline's birthday) in Toronto at the Toronto Scottish Armoury and Officers' Mess. Over 300 people attended the celebration of life and it was extremely moving to hear much they had impacted numerous lives. In honour of Doug and Pauline's lives and in memory of their long term connection to the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association, the family made a \$10,000 donation to the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund. The funds were designated for Veterans and Family support and were used to help pay for a portion of the renovations to Sgt Nanson's home so that the home could be wheelchair accessible.

On behalf of the HGMF, thank you to the Armstrong family for your continued support of the Regiment and veterans.

Paul Hale  
Chairman  
HGMF Fundraising Committee



## Pine Grove School and A Korean Veteran

Ed MacDonald was a long term member of the South West Ontario Branch of the PPCLI Association and a Korean Vet. In November 2005, he spoke at the Pine Grove School as part of the Remembrance Day ceremonies. The Grade 6 class was so impressed and touched by his talk that they decided that they had to do something for Ed. They realized that he had not had the opportunity to return to Korea. The Grade Six students under the leadership of their teacher Mr Dave Leighton decided that they would raise funds so that Ed and his wife June could go to Korea. The students kept this a secret from Ed and in 22 days with the aid of fellow students, parents and a number of activities raised \$3,300.

Ed was invited to attend a Christmas Concert at the school in December 2005 and was told that the students wanted to present him with a plaque and to get a picture of him in his Korean Veteran Association uniform. However, the students caught Ed by surprise and presented him with the funds necessary for him to travel back to Korea and deal with some ghosts.



Ed MacDonald



Ed returned to Pine Grove School after his trip in April 2006 and shared his experiences with the students. This led to a long term relationship with the Pine Grove School and it is not certain who adopted who. Ed was a regular speaker at the school and donated a trophy to the school that is presented annually at the "Ed MacDonald Classic" Basketball tournament in December of each year. The Basketball Tournament has developed into a fundraiser in support of veterans and each year Pine Grove School has donated the proceeds to a Veterans Group of Ed's choosing.

Ed passed away on 19 October 2015. But he has not been forgotten. On 29 January 2016, Pine Grove School donated \$900 in memory of Ed MacDonald to the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund. The funds will be used to support Veterans and their families.

Thank you to Mr Dave Leighton and all the students both past and present from Pine Grove School for your support to the community, in particular to Veterans and the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund.

Paul Hale  
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Please consider supporting the HGMF so that we can continue supporting others.

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### Korea Offers "Ambassador for Peace" Medal to Korean War Veterans

An initiative by the Korean Embassy - A new commemorative medal; an expression of appreciation from the Korean government to Canadian service men and women who served in the Korean War, has been announced as per link below.

To be eligible, the veterans must have served during the Korean War from 25 June 1950 to 27 July 1953. It is also available for the veterans who participated in UN peacekeeping operations until the end of 1955.

Please read the full details about this medal at: (copy link below to your browser)

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WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED..AT ONE POINT I WAS **THROWING MYSELF FROM AN AIRPLANE AT 800 FEET IN COMPLETE DARKNESS WEARING HUNDREDS OF POUNDS OF EQUIPMENT!!!!**

**NOW I JUMP OUT OF BED.....AND ALMOST DISLOCATE MY HIP!**



## From the Membership Chair

The Associations' membership is currently about 1241. We have had quite a few members who did not renew their memberships after the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary but most of them have been replaced with new members. The number fluctuates as members on the list changes as a large number of email members have not renewed their dues but new members come on board. The Email branch currently has 357 members. There are currently 9 serving members who have opted for the free Serving Basic Member category.

Prior to last fall, email members were almost left out in the bush so to speak, but now have a dedicated overseer to ensure they are included in emails regarding Association and Regimental matters are disseminated and do not have to go on Facebook, twitter etc for information. Reminders of membership dues among other things to be sent out so members will not forget and be left off mailing lists.

Email members are requested to update their personal information, addresses, email address etc, to ensure that information sent out in fact does get to them. Email members are urged to contact the membership chair if they have any questions, problems regarding dues, memberships, mail-outs etc.

Branches when submitting membership dues to the Treasurer Jim Croll, are requested to include the list of who the dues are for. Please send the Membership Chair a copy of the list so the mail out lists for annual Patricians and twice a year Newsletters are up to date and correct.

Branches are also urged to disseminate to members of their branch, materials and information that are distributed such as Regimental Events, Happenings, Announcements, Fallen Patricia's, etc

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## A Sailor Meets the PPCLI

In November 1965 the Esquimalt based destroyer escort HMCS St. Croix, in company with two other ships proceeded to sea bound for Kitimat BC and Prince Rupert BC. There, we took on hundreds of soldiers from the famed and storied regiment, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, who we were to transport on a short hop to the Queen Charlotte Islands for a war game.



Communication ratings (which I was one) seem to always berth in number one mess, meaning in a Restigouche class destroyer you had a bunk located about 15 feet aft of the anchors. The bunks were 20 inches wide and 72 inches long (baby's crib is longer!). They were stacked six to a pair of stanchions, three on each side, with scarcely enough room to raise your arms a decent height to allow reading a book. Still, our 'rack' was comfortable and we all hunkered down and slept very well, especially after a tot or two or three.

Before slipping (leaving the dock) we took on an advance party of Officers and NCOs from the PPCLI. A Sergeant was assigned to a spare bunk right next to mine. He was over six feet tall and lanky, hence he had to curl up in a semi-fetal position in order to get his entire frame inside the sheets and blankets.

The first night out I spied he was puking into a bucket cradled in his arms. His sickness was pathetic. I slept but was constantly awakened by his retching. The smell permeated the entire mess deck causing us sailors to burrow under our blankets hoping to get away from the smell. My mess deck buddy had the middle bunk right below this poor soldier. Next morning my buddy told be "I didn't know he had a bucket until wakey-wakey and laid awake all night expecting the spew to dribble down on me". This experience should have alerted us sailors as to what was to come.

St. Croix arrived in Prince Rupert about 2230 hrs and tied up to a dock where the PPCLI was waiting to embark. We didn't get shore leave but who would want to go ashore in 'Rupert' where it rained 382 days a year! So on came the warriors with packs and those damn noisy, scary rifles. Jaunty they were, with sarcasm dripping from their moist thick lips with cries of "Hey Navy, lets get going, okay?"

As all naval types know, there is no allowance made for extra personnel, hence the pongoes had to find a place to park themselves. The below deck passageways stretched stem to stern along the starboard side, about 3 feet wide, except at amidships where it widened to an area 12 by 22 feet. The soldiers slept everywhere in this corridor and the ship's sailors had to step over bodies when attempting to go about their regular duties.

The ship left around 2315 hrs and headed out to sea. I had the middle watch so I made my way to the cafeteria for some toast and kye (hot cocoa). Soon after, a subaltern came in with two senior sergeants and sat down opposite me with a map between them. As they sat there discussing 'tactics', or whatever, we started to hit some ocean rollers. With the ship bouncing around, the officers cleared his throat several times, looked around and did not appear to be very comfortable, but he kept to the task. He glanced my way a couple times, perhaps for assurance, but I being somewhat slovenly around soldiers, had greasy peanut butter running down my chin from my open mouth, while slurping kye.

Perhaps the sight did not help, but in any event with a little girly gurgle he ran out to the corridor hand to mouth and disappeared from sight, never to be seen again. Unperturbed, I made my way to the bridge but had to step over a few khaki-clad backs along the way. I did notice that the forward heads seemed to be crowded, judging by the pongoes gathered at the entranceway, some were even on their knees. Were they praying?

After relieving the previous watch, and sending the junior signalman out onto the open bridge (heh, heh, that used to be me!) I settled down for an expected quiet four hours. However, about an hour later we sensed a pungent smell wafting up though the starboard hatch – coming from the retching of the pongoes down below. It was a ghastly odor; stomaching turning in fact. We could not close the hatch as it was the only access to the bridge from below decks. In desperation, I invited the young signalman to exchange places with me. At first, he was delighted to be in from the stormy, cold and rainy dark upper deck into a warm enclosed bridge but that soon changed. For years after, he never let me forget my 'generosity'.

After the watch ended we made our way down to the main passageway and then to number one mess. We were appalled at the sight of sick soldiers everywhere in the corridor, in the wash spaces, in the heads; all spewing in agony, or at least trying to but were now locked into painful dry heaves. We had to walk, literally, on the backs of this regiment of brave Patricias, men who have stormed German trenches and lines, time and again in both world wars and whom held the line at Kapyong Korea against the maniacal Chinese hordes. There they were, these brave warriors, reduced to puking and moaning like delicate school girls (I think one or two even bleated out "Mommy" - maybe this was just my over-active imagination!) and cursing the horrors of our navy. It was a sad, sad sight matey, truly sad.

Somehow I slept until wake-wakey despite the sergeant and his bucket being only inches from me. The heads and wash places were still jammed with pongoes so I had breakfast and had my toilet later after they soldiers muster on the upper deck. We had dropped anchor around 0600 hrs and the ship was quietly rolling but with nowhere near the violence we experienced during the crossing. I had the forenoon watch and while enroute to the bridge I noticed the upper deck was crammed with soldiers eagerly waiting to board the ship's boats and depart this miserable warship. The scene was somewhat reminiscent of the last few minutes of the movie "Titanic" shortly before she slipped beneath the waves. We of course, were happy to see them leave and even happier to learn they would be flying back to Calgary from Massett and never again would they soil our precious home.

Chuck Keighan  
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by Stephen Bartlett

Even though there are a few behind the scenes initiatives taking place, it is still fairly quiet here in the Maritimes. This is the first article in which I have the pleasure to draft as President since taking over the reins from Tim Penney during our AGM fall 2015. A big BZ to Tim for the several years of hard work, commitment and dedication to our branch. Tim and Linda will be soon moving back out to Western Canada, where, I'm sure he will assist in one of those branches.



*Pte Joseph Ellick*



Our Association currently has 30 members, spread out over the four Atlantic Provinces, which makes it very difficult for frequent gatherings. This year we have lost 8 members, due to communication disconnect, sickness or death, but also gained about the same number of new associates.

Upon searching for new members, I had the special pleasure to meet Mrs. Stella Sansom, Daughter of WW1 soldier Pte Joseph Ellick. In 1915, Pte Ellick transferred from the 62<sup>nd</sup> Fusiliers to 12Bn 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade PPCLI as an Interpreter. Shortly after arriving in Germany via England, he received 12 wounds to his leg from a shell explosion. While in Netley Hospital, he hand-stitched the Marguerite, in the photograph attached. It was stated but unconfirmed that Queen Mary gave him pointers and assistance on his stitching during one of her hospital visits. Mrs. Sansom graciously donated his works to me, which now lays in our museum in Calgary. Attached to the needlework frame are several pieces of fragments removed from Pte Ellick's leg during treatment.



*Stephen Bartlett and Mrs Stella Sansom*

We mourn the passing of Clarence Ruttan, WWII and Korean Veteran, who miraculously died on our Regimental day. The branch has an active site of Facebook where you can find many old friends serving and retired and find out what's new in Atlantic Canada.

## CALGARY BRANCH



*March 17th Beer Call*

## EDMONTON BRANCH

by Herb Kenny

The Edmonton branch is very thankful for the nice winter we just experienced. Due to the mild winter we were able to get more of our members out to meetings and functions.

In the past months several of our members took part in many events. The Remembrance Day parade at Patricia Park with the First Battalion was well attended. We also had our members attend parades throughout the city of Edmonton, St. Albert, Red Deer, Morinville, Legal and numerous other city's.

Our branch Christmas dinner was well attended. The Regimental Major and Regimental Warrant attended and provide insight into upcoming Battalion events and Regimental activities planned for 2016. There was a slide show of pictures during the dinner of photos provided by RHQ, this went over very well.

Members of the branch attended the First and Third Battalion annual Christmas dinners and at home to the Officers and Senior NCO's.

Our membership drive continues, with the aid of several social events. We have been attracting a few more each quarter. The 17th March beer call had a good showing as do the PPCLI lunch gathering.

A reminder to all Patricia's in the Edmonton area and those passing through we hold our meetings at 1100hrs 4th Saturday of the month at the Kingsway Legion, 143 Ave 50 St Edmonton. Please check out PPCLI Association Alberta and Saskatchewan face book page for upcoming events in and around Edmonton.

## FRASER VALLEY BC BRANCH

by Matt Brown

The Fraser Valley BC Branch has been working with our modified format for a year now. This format calls for 4 formal meetings/events per year. Those are Regimental Day in March, Summer BBQ in June, AGM in September and Christmas Dinner. A formal meeting can be called when there is an addition issue to deal with. We also started bi-monthly Beer Calls in Langley to get other Patricias together because they are still working or Chilliwack is too far to travel. These beer calls have been successful averaging 25-30 attendees and we hope to continue them.

Having only 4 formal meetings have become a concern for members as they miss the monthly get together meetings. Consequently, our Branch AGM in September will address these concerns and possibly reverting to our monthly meetings.



2015 Fraser Valley Christmas Dinner



Beer Call at the Rusty Nail in Langley

Our current President Jim Morton resigned recently due to personal reasons. I'll be acting as President until our AGM in September.

Our past Christmas Dinner was successful and everyone enjoyed the meal provided by Branch 280 the Royal Canadian Legion.

## KINGSTON BRANCH

By Marv Makulowich

As the hectic pace of 2014's 100th Commemoration, including the local Kingston Memorial Tree and Monument and the Memorial Baton Run visit, has rolled into the wrap up in 2015, the Kingston Branch likewise started to ease up on its activities. Many Kingston members attended the UK and European Private Returns program. Two of Kingston own, Dr Doug Delaney and Terry Loveridge both now at the Royal Military College of Canada, led the Battlefield Tour portion of the Program with many participants commenting on their detailed and colourful delivery while still effectively herding the rambunctious and meandering bus loads.



The rest of the Branch's 2015 social activities were: a dinner commemorating Regimental Day; a Frezenberg Day beer call at the Fort Frontenac Officers Mess with Lou Grimshaw treating us to an overview of trench life in WW1; another beer call at a local German restaurant to welcome newly posted Patricias into Kingston and our Christmas dinner was delayed slightly into January. Our Regimental Day had to be pushed into April but looking at over 40 attending.

The Kingston Branch combined a farewell and thanks to the outgoing Executive of the President Dave Banks and the Secretary-Treasurer Shaun Tymchuk for their dedication

and leadership especially during the busy run-up years to the 100th Commemoration. The new Executive of President Marv Makulowich; Secretary Mike English; and Treasurer Ray Paquin were welcomed in and vowed to maintain the high standards set by the outgoing Executive in the future years.



## MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST ONTARIO BRANCH



March 17th Beer Call

## MID-ISLAND BRANCH



*March 17th Beer Call*

## SASKATCHEWAN BRANCH

By Ray Moskowec

The 2015 year has ended and 2016 has begun, we are actually into the Spring period. The Saskatchewan Branch is a small branch, yet has completed a number of goals in both the past and present years. The Branch membership remains at 16 members paid full membership in 2015 and to date 7 are paid up for 2016, with more planning to do so in the immediate future. Our members are not only scattered across Saskatchewan, but across the world in countries such as South Korea, Mexico and the United States.

Despite the almost unique make up of our members, our members accomplished a number of the Association's mandates, which are as follows: President Ray Moskowec has maintained contact with the National group in receiving information and passing it on to the Sask Br. membership (That's his job, of course); attended the AGM in 2015 and planning to attend the 2016 AGM; assisted with visiting a fellow Patricia in the hospital in Regina; provided moral/financial support to a couple of Patricia's dealing with life struggles; and promoted the Sask Branch with the Royal Canadian Legion Br.362 in Saskatoon.

Julien McNulty, a Director with Sask Br. living in South Korea attended on the behalf of the Patricia's the Kapyong Ceremonies in Kapyong, South Korea on a number of occasions in 2015 (We are sad as we are not too technical with Photos, perhaps in the future); Jerry and Debi Heit, flew the "Patricia Flag" and wore the Regiment's apparel while wintering in Brownsville, Texas, USA while running in numerous "old timers" races. Both those old Patricia are, lets see....70 years old for Jerry and Debi won't say! Grant and Charlotte Greenall seem to travel a lot too...they are "retired" and constantly remind fellow Patricias that they are from Saskatchewan.

Other Branch members such as Patricia's Darcy Parker, Ed Bonin, Glenn and Irene Arnold, Andrew and Jessica Krieger, Evert Whelen (very active with the Sask Legion Provincial level), Lloyd Jones (the longest serving Sask Br. member in Sask) and finally our one serving member "Ivan, the Terrible" Finstad, who is the CFD DUNDURN Sergeant Major, continue to support and promote the Patricias everywhere we care to wonder, so, maybe small, but active in a big way.

Our Branch is exploring ways to do a few large fundraisers for 2016 in order to assist with either Cadets or Bursaries, The Branch has held "penny-ante" fundraisers to build up the "financial war chest" and that is good considering such a small group, at the moment. The Branch has made small 'in lieu of cash' donations such as turkeys, ham, Rough Rider Jerseys, to other Veteran Organizations that have Patricia's, plus the Sniper's Course (2015) Graduation Ceremonies.

The Branch continues to seek our fellow Patricia's in the Province continually and even though it is a slow process, the Branch believes it will persist like good Patricias and gain membership by small bites/one at a time. We are not going to go away! Saskatchewan PATRICIAS all the Way!

## VICTORIA BRANCH

We have had a busy winter and have added new members; Jim Kempling, Al Kolotylo, Bill Murphy and Dave Ames. 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

### AGM

We held our Annual General Meeting at the Pro Pats Legion on Saturday 13 February. It was well attended with over half of the membership there including two former Colonels of the Regiment, MGen Pitts and BGen Gollner. Of note, we decided to raise our yearly dues for next year to \$50 from the previous rate of \$40. We are hoping this will give us some extra funds for cadets and perhaps Cockrell House which is a transition house for veterans in need. After the meeting we provided a light lunch.

### HERO'S HOCKEY CHALLENGE

The Victoria Branch assisted the PPCLI Foundation in putting on this event on Sunday 6 March. The hockey game was between the CF Old-timers' and the Vancouver Canucks Alumni. MGen (Ret'd) Pitts and Murray Edwards from the branch attended and were introduced at the Brunch before the game.



*From Left to Right LGen (Ret'd) Kent Foster, Jane Nuttal, BC Lt Governor Judith Guichon, Rick Nuttal (parents of Lt Andrew Nuttal who was killed in action in Afghanistan in 2009) presenting the trophy for winning the game to Dave Babych of the Canucks*

## REGIMENTAL DAY

We had a great regimental day at the Six Mile Pub with a very good turnout.



## SWIMMING POOL

### WORK POINT BARRACKS OFFICER'S MESS POOL CONCRETE TABLET

In April of 2015 I was advised of a concrete "tablet" poured onto the rocks near the abandoned Officer's Mess tidal swimming pool at Work Point Barracks. Etched into this tablet were first names, the year, and its reference to a point in time. "DOUG BOB REAR - - PARTY 1 PPCLI JIM PETE BOB" I could easily assume this was created by the rear party in October 1963 when 1 PPCLI left Work Point Barracks for Germany; could it be members of the Pioneer Platoon? Another mystery is the symbols between the words "REAR" and "PARTY," these symbols may help in the identification of the origin of the tablet. The theme of "no names, no pack drill" shouldn't apply in this case and there may be more to this story of 53 years ago.

Jack Bates



## WAINWRIGHT BRANCH

Life for the Wainwright branch has been pretty slow lately and we have not really accomplished a great deal since the golf tournament last fall. Mike Austdal attended the Cadets Christmas dinner held at the Men's kitchen.



Myself, Captain Ed Buerfind (Cadet CO) and the CO and RSM of the 3rd Division Training center enjoyed a fine meal.

We finally got around to having our AGM in February and with the exception of a change in Vice Presidents from Don Hoffart to Don Irvine our executive remains the same. We are going to endeavour to be more active this year and have laid out a series of activities that we hope will be successful.

17 March – Regimental Beer call at the Legion as there are no serving units in house that time.

24 April – Mixed Kapyong Lunch

06 May – 101st Toast to Frezenberg @ Hamilton Gault's statue @ 1145 hours

8 June – 3003 Battle River ACR

17 June – Steak Fry

11 Sep – Golf Day and Beer Call

18 October – Luncheon TBC

11 November – Remembrance Day

19 November – AGM and Dining in

17 December – Christmas party

Following up on the initiative to provide hat badges and shoulder flashes to our affiliated cadets, Don Irvine did the honours for the cadets getting their hat badges at the 3003 Battle River.



## LAST POST

Foley, John J	86	2VP Korea	Jan	2015	St John NB
Cody, Edward J	67	1VP (late 60s)	Mar	2015	Dartmouth NS
Stellman, Harris	80	VP (mid 50s)	Apr	2015	London ON
Ostrup, James Henry	84	2VP Kapyong, 50-66	Oct	2015	Taber, AB
Podtepa, George Makar	44	1VP 3 tours Afghanistan	Nov	2015	Edmonton AB
Gallagher, John	32	1VP, KIA Syria (Kurdish forces)	Nov	2015	Chatham ON
Lamoureux, Dale	74	VP re-mustered to RC Sigs	Nov	2015	Winnipeg, MB
Smart, Howard (Jim)	90	WWII, Korea, 2VP RCASC	Nov	2015	Milton ON
Ratz, Walter "Wally"		QOR & VP	Nov	2015	Victoria BC
Chymboryk, Edward C	89	WWII VP	Dec	2015	Lethbridge, AB
Irwin, Allan L	82	VP - Korea & Cyprus	Dec	2015	Calgary, AB
Hall, Frank	88	VP Korea	Dec	2015	Orillia, ON
Skuce, Richard James	98	VP WWII – Italy & NW Europe	Dec	2015	Paris ON
Pelton, Donald S	75	Cdn Guards & 3VP	Dec	2015	Parksville BC
Crawford, John	89	WWII, Korea, 3VP Germany	Jan	2016	Victoria BC
DeCoste, Ambrose A	90	VP WWII NW Europe 44-47	Jan	2015	Antigonish, NS
Carson, Breen Capt		-serving: 4 Cdn Div HQ, 3VP	Jan	2016	Toronto, ON
Bigelow, Glen Arthur	81	VP 3 yrs 1952 then LdHS	Feb	2016	Calgary AB
Troesch, Martin C	86	2VP Korea	Feb	2016	Saskatoon, SK
Bludd, Brian		VP & CAR	Feb	2016	Edmonton, AB
Larouche, Wilfred A	92	WWII (1ParaCo), 1VP Germany	Feb	2016	Calgary, AB
Wells, Fred Albert	80	1VP 56-57	Feb	2016	Saskatoon, SK
Le Moine, Bernard M	83	3VP Korea	Feb	2016	N Vancouver BC
Almstrom, John A	68	VP Reg Force; CO 1VP 85-87	Mar	2016	Ottawa ON
Taylor, Wayne	70	1VP 63-69 former Pres Edmn Br	Mar	2016	Smokey Lake AB
Fogg, Don	84	VP Korea - 2 tours	Mar	2016	Vernon BC
Robicheau, Ede	82	1VP 1965	Mar	2016	Calgary AB
Ruttan, Clarence	92	2VP & 1VP Korea	Mar	2016	Bridgewater NS
Stacey, Christopher	29	Serving: VP 2009-10 re-muster FireF	Mar	2016	CFB Comox BC

*We will remember them*

