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PPCLI Association Newsletter



Princess Patricia of Connaught

- Photograph taken by Lallie Charles -

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**The Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, PC, CC, CMM, COM, CD
Colonel-in-Chief**

My Dear Patricias,

On this 75th Anniversary of our Association, I want to give you best wishes and congratulations from the bottom of my heart. It was 75 years ago when Hammy Gault acknowledged the value and importance of bringing together the various service clubs and the PPCLI Wives Club. He recognized that veterans and all like-minded persons wanted to continue their affiliation with our beloved Regiment and he wanted to give us the means to maintain our contact and interest with each other and also with those still in service.

Since the early days of World War I, former serving soldiers had managed to maintain ties with each other and they continued to provide support by various means to all those who were still serving at the front. This continued service carried on throughout the years between the wars and then throughout World War II.

The logical extension of this strong desire of those who had served wanting to remain connected to those in uniform meant the establishment of the formal organization of the Association in October 1947. And it was

Hamilton Gault himself who included the PPCLI Wives Club as one of the fundamental components of the Association.

Spouses have always been recognized as an integral part of the Regimental Family and a vital component of our Association. The Regiment has always been at the forefront in the fight to protect, promote and project democracy around the globe over decades of service. And since 1947, the Association has supported the Regiment in doing this. During periods of armed conflict, during the prolonged Cold War and through the lengthy time of peacekeeping and peace enforcement, the Association's members have played a role while in uniform and following active service.

Now we are faced with the horror and devastation of an unjustified war against the Ukrainians. We do not know what we as Patricias may be called upon to do while challenged by this violence. But I am confident that the Association will continue to prove that they will support whatever role our soldiers are called upon to perform. As we face this devastating war in Europe in our 75th year as a family organization, I know that you will take to heart the model which we all hold dear: "Once a Patricia, always a Patricia".

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Adrienne Clarkson", enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Adrienne Clarkson
Colonel-in-Chief
Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry



**Brigadier General Vince W. Kennedy, OMM, MSM, CD.
Colonel of the Regiment**

The Association has a long history of providing a social and informational support focus for Patricias and their families, and more than that. Hamilton Gault was voicing the need to look after every wounded veteran properly to the Canadian public as early as 1917: *“many of them [the soldiers] come back dismembered and maimed for life. I only hope that in the enthusiasm of their return your generosity will not be forgotten in the years to come. . .* “He was an avid supporter of the Returned Soldiers leagues and initiatives. In 1925 there was a seminal meeting in the Marlborough Hotel Winnipeg, often home to the Manitoba/NW Ontario branch events later, where the bases of the Canadian Legion were laid. By 1926, Hammie was the Canadian Legion’s representative on the British Empire Service League’s Council. He had also had a hand in creating the PPCLI Service Clubs which dated from 1919. And, as we know, those Clubs and the parallel Wives Clubs were unified into the PPCLI Association, in October 1947, which dates the current Association’s legal birth.

- And so, Happy 75th Anniversary to all “Once a” Patricias. –

One of the enduring roles of the Association has been communications. I recall Vern Cole, a legendary Regimental Adjutant (and also, simultaneously, the Association Secretary) who would type up mimeographed and highly informative newsletters and mail them out to everyone round the globe. Gawd...even that form of communication helped glue the regiment together. The Association was no small thing then, and is not today. It effectively extended the camaraderie of service post-separation from the Canadian Army. It also cried out for

support for the wounded and the disabled. The structure of the Association reflected the approach of the British War Services clubs – physical branches in meeting places, largely centered on democratic meetings and group activities, mutual support and less seriously the taking of grog and the telling of tales. Some of that is now moot, with less tolerance for bedlam and instant comms - Instagram, Facebook and emails. We are pretty steady at 1000 in the formal structure, 5000 in the Association Facebook group, and outside that, some dozen other groups of Patricias choosing to rally separately.

The establishment of the Volunteer Patricia Programme (VPP) in the early days of the Afghanistan war took the Association out of its traditional (since Korea) box. The money to begin the first effort which led to OP Small Pack and VPP - provided a package of goods that a soldier wounded and in hospital might use – razor to track suit. That money was raised in a very short time by an on-line appeal within the Regiment, and the programme was soon taken over by the CF.

That first effort has expanded as the operational stress impact of 13 years in Afghanistan after a decade in the Balkans, became apparent to all again, as it had after each previous war. The very nature of post-traumatic stress, long term in its impact and debilitating, has demanded complex and widespread treatment and assistance programming. Many Canadian service personnel, including many Patricia's, suffered and still suffer. The need for peer support structures and practices remains high.

This work by the PPCLI Association across all its years and including its early predecessors, deserves the support of us all. The history of 75 years and more provides a very clear purpose for the continued relevancy of the Association today. It has been and will continue to be, with the other themes of generosity of purpose and spirit in the Association's activities, transformative.

- We help. We remember. We persevere: The PPCLI Association – an important regimental entity. -

VP!



The National Presidents' Message

“It was the best of times; it was the worst of times. . .” Charles Dickens may have been writing about a tale of two cities but he certainly could have been writing about the Association's year in review since the last Spring Newsletter. While we grieved the loss of our President, Dougal Salmon, amongst many others, we could also celebrate coming out the other side of several COVID-19 waves and the restart of in-person gatherings and events. To say it was a long year would be an understatement.

Yet we did get through it together and our Regimental Family is probably stronger for the experience. I was proud and touched on a number of occasions to see Association members going out of their way to support others. Reaction times for calls of assistance were swift, and many stepped up to provide help for others in need. I was impressed and grateful to belong to such a fine organization.

COVID-19 did more than just strain us this past year. It has also interrupted our annual general meetings over the past two years. Unfortunately, despite the current easing of restrictions, a decision had to be made early regarding this year's AGM. The Board of Directors determined that yet another virtual AGM was necessary given the uncertainty and instability of the COVID-19 virus. So, sorry to say, the Saskatchewan Branch will once again miss out hosting the event. Details of the virtual AGM which will be held on 28 May appear later in this newsletter.

The Association has embarked on two major projects: a record-keeping overhaul and a new website. While neither one of these projects are jazzy, both are critical to the efficient running of the organization. The record-keeping project will see the creation of a new database with better privacy protection measures in place. The new website will enhance our communications both internally and externally.

Four new Directors will hopefully be added to the Board of Directors at the AGM. The Board, for those who don't know, is the group of individuals (up to 13) who have agreed to step up into leadership roles. An organization is only as strong as those who are willing to take on the responsibilities needed to run the organization. The Association has been fortunate to have had many dedicated people serve on the Board in the past. Unfortunately, it's getting more and more difficult to find individuals willing to volunteer to be on the Board or in Branch executives. I'm not sure of the reasons, perhaps second careers, other volunteer positions or family commitments prevent many from stepping forward. I get it - there's a lot going on, even in retirement. The trouble is, if we don't attract good people to lead the organization, the Association's future could be jeopardized. I appeal to all members to consider taking on leadership roles at the Branch and National level. You and the Association will be better for it.

On that note, I will say that I am putting my name forward at the AGM for election to the President's position for one additional year. Assuming I am extended, I will serve as your President until AGM 2023. It has been my privilege to have served in this capacity. I thank everyone, particularly the Board of Directors, for their support.

Ted Giraldeau
National President

Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund



It has been just under a year since the formal separation of the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund (HGMF) and the PPCLI Association occurred. That separation was necessary to protect the charitable status of the HGMF; however, the cooperation between our two entities has not changed. We still work cooperatively, albeit a bit more formally, to support the Regimental Family.

We have established memorandums of understanding (MOUs) to deliver the bursary program and support cadets. We also developed one that supported the Southwest Ontario's initiative to create a monument at the gravesite of Jack Munroe, one of the Originals.

The HGMF is supporting the delivery of two Compassionate Listening Workshops this year. This is an important addition to the peer support toolbox that Volunteer Patricia Program Coordinators and those with mental health training are encouraged to take advantage of the workshops.

Charitable Activities and Fundraising

The HGMF was established in 1964 with the initial purpose of providing educational bursaries for serving members so they could improve their education. Since then, our charitable activities or object have evolved. We currently;

- Provide educational bursaries which has been expanded to include both serving and retired or released Patricias and their descendants,
- Support 11 PPCLI Cadet Corps in Western Canada,
- Maintain Regimental Memorials such as Frezenberg, Patricia Park and Lansdowne,
- Memorial Fund Peer Support workshops,
- Support other agencies who help Veterans and their Families, and
- Assist with home modifications not covered by Veterans Affairs Canada.

How are your donations used?

This is a breakdown of charitable activities the HGMF supported in 2021 and what is planned for 2022.

Program	2021	2022
Educational Bursaries	25,000	30,000
PPCLI Cadet Corps	5,000	8,500
Regimental Memorials	3,897.63	1,000
Peer Support workshops	0	5,000
Veterans and Family Support	2,500	1,500
Total	\$36,397.63	\$46,000

Tax Refunds for Charitable Donations

Your charitable donations entitle you to a two-tier tax credit. The first \$200 of annual donations results in a 15% federal tax refund, plus the applicable provincial refund. Donations above \$200 yield a 29% federal tax refund, plus the provincial refund. The combined Federal and Provincial Tax refund for donations using the Canada Helps calculator for donations of \$100 or \$1000 are shown below:

Province	Tax refund for \$100	Tax refund for \$1,000
Alberta	\$25.00	\$450.00
British Columbia	\$20.06	\$389.72
Manitoba	\$25.08	\$422.80
New Brunswick	\$24.68	\$424.96
Newfoundland and Labrador	\$23.70	\$413.80
Nova Scotia	\$23.79	\$447.58
Northwest Territories	\$20.90	\$386.20
Nunavut	\$19.00	\$362.00
Ontario	\$20.05	\$361.28
Prince Edward Island	\$24.80	\$415.20
Quebec	\$35.00	\$494.00
Saskatchewan	\$26.00	\$404.00
Yukon	\$21.40	\$377.20
Outside Canada	\$15.00	\$262.00

Planned or Legacy Giving

There are many ways you can help Veterans and their Families. One of these is by Planned Giving or simply explained as a bequest in your will, a percentage of your life insurance policy or a request for people to make donations to the HGMF after you pass away. The size of your gift or bequest is how much you wish to donate from your estate. It can range from \$500 to \$5,000 or more is you wish to create or contribute to an existing endowment fund. The annual investment from this type of fund would support the HGMF's charitable activities or objects. Your estate will receive a tax receipt for the full value of your gift or bequest.

Future Fundraising Activities

We are planning to continue the Regimental Anniversary Bike Ride fundraiser. Last year we raised \$14,734 with 21 participants. This year the ride will take culminate on Sunday 7 August 2022 and we hope to have at 50 participants and double what was raised last year. The format will be the same as last year. You do not have to ride a bike 108 km. You can do any activity of your choice, while you ask others to contribute to a worthwhile cause.

Sydney Frost Commemorative Battlefield Tour

We have delayed the Battlefield Tour to May 2024 because of the challenges of conducting the recce this year. As part of this tour, we plan to include a Cadet Youth Education Program with the aim of educating young Canadians on the sacrifice made by previous generations of Canadians, while enhancing their understanding of World War II. We will require the Cadets to research a Canadian who made the ultimate sacrifice in Sicily or Italy during World War II and brief tour participants on that soldier as they stand by their headstone. We intend to host cultural exchanges between Canadian and Italian youth during various parts of the Battlefield Tour such as Ortona and the Hitler Line. This is an excellent opportunity for youth to learn citizenship, discipline, teamwork, and comradery, as well as learning something of Canada's rich history while meeting with Italian youth.

The PPCLI Association membership is our primary donor base. We sincerely thank those members that have supported, and continue to support, the HGMF and its activities through their donations. The easiest way to support the HGMF is through a regular, monthly donation using Canada Helps. We encourage members of the Association to consider this option.

Always a Patricia!



Dave Pentney
Chair
Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund

The PPCLI Association and the Patrician

The Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) Association informally dates back to World War One. The original association of former PPCLI members was called the "Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Service Club," with its first annual dinner held in 1919. Numerous post World One Patricia clubs were very much involved with the Regiment, fostering new and maintaining existing relationships but eventually this scenario began to diminish.

At the outbreak of World War Two, interest was rekindled and by 1942, the various surviving Patricia Clubs across the country were again active, including Wives Clubs, in supporting the PPCLI battalion overseas. The Esquimalt and Winnipeg clubs were most notable in their dedicated efforts supporting the Regiment throughout the war by fundraising and sending comforts overseas while aiding wounded Patricia's on their return home.

After World War Two, under the initiative of a new "call to arms" and leadership by the founder of the Regiment, Brigadier A. Hamilton Gault, DSO, ED, a committee was formed. This resulted in all the remaining Patricia Clubs and Wives clubs formally being organized into the "PPCLI Association" on the 24th of October, 1947, in Calgary.

Next came official incorporation, and on September 1st, 1953, the "PPCLI Association" was incorporated. This is where *The Patrician*, established in 1933 at Esquimalt with publications suspended in 1939, and the Association, became connected. Revived in June 1953, *The Patrician* contained a brief history of the Association's beginning, and a section of the journal to be dedicated to "the old PP's," with PPCLI Association content to be regularly featured. The November 1953, *The Patrician* provided organizational details of the incorporation.

In 1959, under a new format, *The Patrician* continued to include input from and references to the Association, its individual branches both in Canada and abroad. PPCLI Association members have continued to contribute to the various jurisdictions included in *The Patrician* to this day. If you want to learn more about the PPCLI Association and its history, check within *The Patrician*, they are all online at the PPCLI official website: ppcli.ca under Publications.

Jack Bates
Victoria Branch



PRINCESS PATRICIA 'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY ASSOCIATION

NOTICE OF 74th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

25 April 2022

Ted Giraldeau, President of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association, has called a Virtual Annual General Meeting of the Membership for 28 May 2022. The meeting will be held using Zoom and commence at 1100 hours Alberta time, which is 1300 hours in Ontario.

Members who wish to participate by teleconference must register by **14 May 2022**. Branch Presidents are requested to canvass their members and provide a consolidated list of those attending the AGM at a centralized location to the PPCLI Association Secretary, Terri Orser via email svizone@gmail.com. The President should be cc'd on the email at darrted@icloud.com. Members can also register individually if it is not possible to use a centralized location. The following information is required to register for the Virtual AGM and is to be sent to the Secretary and President as above:

1. Name;
2. Branch;
3. Email Address; and
4. Phone number.

This info is required so that

1. membership can be verified;
2. a list prepared for the minutes; and
3. dial in instructions for the AGM will be sent to the correct email address.

There will be a phone-in capability for those who do not have computer access. The details for connecting to the AGM and the Zoom invite will be provided to all registered members by 22 May 2022.

This AGM is being called within the terms prescribed by the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act, and of Section 4 of PPCLI Association By-law Number Four.

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Minute of Silence

3. Opening Remarks from the President
4. Opening Remarks by the Colonel-in-Chief
5. Approval of the Agenda
6. Approval of Minutes of the 73rd AGM, of 1 May 2021
7. Reports / Briefings
 - 7.1 President's Report President
 - 7.2 Finance Committee Report Treasurer
 - 7.2.1 2021 Financial Statements as of 31 Dec 2021
- Association Operating Fund / Casino Fund Treasurer
 - 7.2.2 Current Financial Position
- Association Operating Fund as of 30 Mar 2022 Treasurer
 - 7.3 Membership Report Membership Chair
 - 7.4 Governance Report Governance Chair
 - 7.5 Communications Report Communications Director
 - 7.6 Heritage Report Heritage Director
 - 7.7 Volunteer Patricia Program Report VPP Facilitator
 - 7.8 Cadet Support Report President
 - 7.9 HGMF Briefing HGMF Chair
 - 7.10 Regimental Major's Briefing Regimental Major

Health Break 15 minutes

8. New Business

- 8.1 2023 Association Operating Fund Budget Treasurer
- 8.2 Special Resolution 01-22 By-law Number Five
A SR updating By-law Number Four Governance Chair
- 8.3 Special Resolution 02-22
A SR to approve financial review vice audit Governance Chair
- 8.4 Resolution 01-22 Governance Chair

A resolution to appoint a public accountant

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| 8.5 | Resolution 02-22
A resolution to establish annual dues | Governance Chair |
| 8.6 | Resolution 03-22
A resolution to nominate new Directors | Nominating Committee Chair |
| 8.7 | Resolution 04-22
A resolution to nominate the Chair / Vice-Chair | Nominating Committee Chair |
| 8.8 | AGM 2023 | SW Ontario Branch |
| 9. | Open Forum | |
| 10. | Date, Location and Host Branch of next AGM:

SW Ontario – 12-14 May 2023 – SW Ontario Branch

Edmonton 8 – 11 August 2024 – Edmonton Branch | President |
| 11. | Closing Remarks

President
COR | |
| 12. | Adjournment | President |

Nomination Committee Report – 1 April 2022

The PPCLI Association Nomination Committee is chaired by Paul Hale, Past President with Jake Flanders, VP West and Dave McArdle, VP East as members. After an extensive search and recruiting drive, four individuals agreed to stand for nomination as a Directors at the 28 May 2022 AGM.

For info, we approached 30 individuals, 4 agreed to let their nominations stand for election, unfortunately 21 declined and 5 did not respond. On 23 January, the Nomination Chair requested the assistance of BGen (Ret'd) Kennedy and BGen (Ret'd) Romses as the current and incoming COR. They provided a number of recommendations which were very useful. At the same time an email was forwarded to all Branch Presidents asking them to identify possible Board members. Unfortunately, there were no nominations from this request.

The nomination committee recommends that the following individuals for election to the PPCLI Association Board of Directors at the AGM to held on Saturday 28 May 2022:

Greg Ferguson



Greg joined the Canadian Armed Forces in December 1980 and after completion of recruit training in Cornwallis he went to Battle School in Wainwright with Gully Platoon. After Battle School he was posted to 1 PPCLI. He participated in all the annual exercises including some unique experiences in Alaska where the company set the record for ascending the local mountain. Another memorable experience was in Canada's north as a participant of Exercise Sovereign Viking (and I still have the t-shirt). In 1983 he remustered to Military Police and was sent to Camp Borden to complete TQ3 MP.

After completion of MP training he was posted to CFB London Wolseley Barracks MP Detachment. In 1987, Greg deployed to UNFICYP and UNDOF as a member of the UN Military Police contingents. He left the military in 1989 as a Corporal and pursued a career in Occupational Health and Safety. He is currently as a member of the Ontario Public Service as a Health and Safety/Emergency Coordinator with the Ontario Clean Water Agency. As a member of the local volunteer Fire Department, Greg rose to the rank of Lieutenant prior to retiring from that position. In 1993 he married Tracey who despite the ups and downs of life remains his best friend. He has 3 grown adult children who are his penance for his youth. Greg joined the Association in 2013 and has been actively involved ever since, serving as President of the SW Ontario branch since 2018. As a person who has struggled with Mental Health issues, he is passionate about providing support to fellow veterans in any way he can.

Fred Horsman



Hello, my fellow Patricias: I began my journey in 1973 and release in August of 1978. I did a tour as a UN peacekeeper in 1976 with the second battalion. My journey began in 1977 when I went home for a month. My mother knew that something was different about me. She contacted the military about help and the Royal Canadian Legion and Army/Navy/Air Force, but no one was willing to help me. I realized that no one would assist me so I began the healing journey myself. I became a layman expert in PTSD and taught numerous programs with grief recovery, suicide, and violence programs. My commitment is to all military personnel, that you do not have to journey down the same path.

Gordon Keener



Gordon Keener was born in Williams Lake and grew up on the ranch where he and his wife Terry now live. He joined the Canadian Military and started basic training in Cornwallis on February 25, 1982, after which he completed Infantry training at the PPCLI Battle School and was posted to 3 PPCLI in Sept 1982. In 1984, he was posted to Wainwright and joined the Base Rifle Team and after a short period he returned to 3 PPCLI where he was a member of the Bn Rifle Team and Corps of Drums. He did a tour in Cyprus in 1988 as NCO IC of the ambulance section and then served for one year with the Canadian Forces Medical Services.

After leaving the military in 1990, Gordon worked in the hazardous waste industry in the Lower Mainland as a Project Manager overseeing projects for school districts, BC Hydro, BC Ferries, Vancouver General Hospital, a Ship building company and others. He returned home in 1997 and worked with the Xat'sull Heritage Village. In 1998, he started working with Northern Shuswap Tribal Council and became a member of the Treaty Team at Dog/Canoe Creek as the Self Government Co-ordinator. In 2003, Gordon returned to Soda Creek as the Self Government Co-ordinator and is now as the Treaty Manager and Negotiator. He worked with his wife Terry in developing sustainable agriculture on their ranch. For the past several years he has worked with the Cariboo Growers Co-op where he was president. As a Veteran, he worked with the Royal Canadian Legion and was President for two years. He is a volunteer Service Officer and 1st Vice President. He currently sits on the CRD Area D, Area Planning Commission as well as Thompson Rivers University Industrial Advisory Board for developing curriculum for sustainable agriculture. Gordon also works with the BC Ministry Justice as an on-call Child Protection Mediator.

James Byron Stanton



Jim served in the Canadian Armed Forces from 1957-1984 with the PPCLI and as a Class A and B reservist. He has maintained his military connections as a member of the PPCLI Association, Airborne Association, King's Own Calgary Regiment Association, Royal Newfoundland Regiment Advisory Committee, and BC Regiment Association.

He is a member of Royal Canadian Legion, Royal United Services Institute-Vancouver, where he served as President, Vice-President and Director, and of the Royal Canadian Military Institute, Toronto.

Jim was one of the founding members of Honour House BC, a home away from home for veterans and first responders and their families requiring medical treatment in New Westminster BC. He was awarded the Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation in 2012 for his work with numerous veteran programs.

A graduate of Simon Fraser University, Jim worked as a journalist with the CTV network after leaving the military. He then became the Director of Communications and Director General of Government Relations for Canada Post before setting up Stanton Associates in 1990, a communications and training company with offices in Canada and the USA.

Jim is well known in the communications and emergency preparedness community, where he has assisted in developing proactive communications strategies to deal with floods, plane crashes, forest fires, the Kananaskis G8 Summit, Toronto SARS incident, and the 2010 Olympics. He assisted the town of High River in its flood recovery communications program and recently spent two weeks in Chilliwack BC developing their post flood communications program.

He assisted the US Department of Homeland Security in establishing their social media program and established the crisis communications program for the United Arab Emirate Nuclear Regulation Agency in Abu Dhabi.

Jim has taught at Memorial University, St. John's, NL, University of Victoria, Royal Roads University, Canadian Emergency Preparedness College, Canadian Police College, Ontario Police Academy, Advanced Incident Commanders course, Alberta, and Ontario Fire Colleges, as well as Justice Institute of BC and Grant McEwan University, Edmonton, AB. He wrote the national standards for emergency public information for the Canadian federal government.

Paul Hale, CD
Chair
Nomination Committee

PPCLI Association
Income Statement 01 Jan, 2022 to 17 Mar, 2022

REVENUE

Sales Revenue

Membership Fees	4,650.00
Membership Fees - Partnership	60.00
E-Membership - Premium	2,610.00
Casino Revenue	<u>2,427.97</u>
Total Other Revenue	<u>9,747.97</u>

TOTAL REVENUE 9,747.97

EXPENSE

Expenses

Office	1,321.97
Int & Bank Charges General ACT	15.65
Int & Bank Charges Casino	10.00
Directors' & Officers' Insurance	1,320.00
Web Expense	<u>1,051.99</u>
Total General & Admin. Expenses	<u>3,719.61</u>

TOTAL EXPENSE 3,719.61

NET INCOME 6,028.36

17-Mar-22

PPCLI Association Financial Position 17-Mar-22

ASSET

Current Assets

Operating Account	36,423.17	
Cash - Casino	44,370.21	
Investment-GIC- Association	16,342.09	
Total Receivable		97,135.47
Total Current Assets		97,135.47

TOTAL ASSET 97,135.47

LIABILITY

Current Liabilities

Deferred Revenues - Casino	44,370.21
Prepaid Association Dues	225.00
Total Current Liabilities	44,595.21

TOTAL LIABILITY 44,595.21

EQUITY

Retained Earnings

Fund Balance	46,511.90
Current Earnings	6,028.36
Total Retained Earnings	52,540.26

TOTAL EQUITY 52,540.26

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY 97,135.47



PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY ASSOCIATION

2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

RESOLUTION 01-22

A Resolution to approve the appointment of a public accountant

WHEREAS the PPCLI Association meets all the requirements and is a “soliciting corporation” as defined in the *Canada Not for Profit Corporations Act (Act)* in accordance with the policy set out in <https://ic.gc.ca/eic/site/cd-dgc.nsf/eng/cs05019.html>;

WHEREAS in accordance with Subsection 179(a) of the Act, the PPCLI Association is not a “designated corporation”, and, in addition to being considered a best business practice, in accordance with Subsection 181(1) of the Act, as a soliciting corporation must appoint a public accountant unless all members entitled to vote at an AGM consent to a resolution not to do so;

WHEREAS Mr. André Thibodeau meets the qualifications listed in Subsections 180(1) and 180(2) of the Act;

AND WHEREAS the PPCLI Association Board of Directors, in their meeting on 20 April 2022, unanimously approved BoD Resolution 01-22, recommending that members approve the appointment of André Thibodeau as public accountant for the Association.

BE IT RESOLVED BY RESOLUTION THAT:

The appointment of Mr. André Thibodeau as the public accountant of the Association for FY 2021 and FY 2022 is approved.

Dated: 25 April 2022

Ted Giraldeau
Ted Giraldeau
President
PPCLI Association



PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY ASSOCIATION

2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

RESOLUTION 02-22

A Resolution to approve annual membership dues, to take effect in 2023

WHEREAS the amounts payable for membership dues for the PPCLI Association were last set in 2017, effective the 2018 membership year, and included a separate amount payable for a Spousal or Partner Membership;

WHEREAS the new By-law Five, effective upon Board approval of SR01-22 on 20 April 2022, no longer includes provisions for a Spousal or Partner Member;

WHEREAS there is no intention to change the gratis three-year Retirement Membership offered to retiring Patricia's and to those eligible to be members, nor the gratis Memorial Membership offered to some members of the family of a deceased Patricia or one eligible to be a member of the Association (By-law Five, para 2.01 2.a.(1).(c) and By-law Five, para 2.01 2.b.(1).(b));

WHEREAS there is no intention to change the Board decision to offer gratis membership in the Association to the widows of former Colonels of the Regiment;

WHEREAS Branches remain free to establish their own dues for Branch membership;

WHEREAS e-members will be charged only Association membership dues, and will not be charged Branch dues unless they are members of a geographic Branch;

WHEREAS discussion of the current rate of membership dues of \$25 for both Members and Supporting Members indicates that this amount strikes the best possible balance between the need for funding by the Association, and a reasonable amount to ask members to pay for dues;

WHEREAS for administrative purposes, any change to membership dues cannot take effect in the middle of a membership year, but must be implemented at the start of the year; AND WHEREAS the PPCLI Association Board of Directors, in their meeting on 20 April

2022, unanimously approved BoD Resolution 02-22, recommending that members approve membership dues of \$25.00 for members and supporting members, commencing with the 2023 membership year.

BE IT RESOLVED BY RESOLUTION THAT:

With effect the 2023 membership year, PPCLI Association annual membership dues for members and supporting members will be \$25.00.

Dated: 25 April 2022

Ted Giraldeau
Ted Giraldeau
President
PPCLI Association



PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY ASSOCIATION

2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

RESOLUTION 03-22

A Resolution electing new Directors of the PPCLI Association

WHEREAS, in accordance with the terms of the *Canada Not-for Profit Corporations Act*, Directors elected by the members are to manage or supervise the management of the affairs and activities of the of the PPCLI Association;

WHEREAS the PPCLI Association Articles of Continuance, first approved by Corporations Canada/Industry Canada with effect 14 October 2014, dictate that there be a minimum of seven and a maximum of thirteen Directors;

WHEREAS a Nominating Committee, constituted in accordance with the terms outlined in Article 6.02 of PPCLI Association By-law Five, has prepared a list of nominees who meet all the requirements to be Directors of the Association, and who, even if unable to be present at this AGM, have declared their willingness to serve as Directors of the PPCLI Association;

WHEREAS the Nominating Committee has ensured that, insofar as possible, the residences of the nominees, considered together with residences of current Directors, will result in a Canada-wide, regionally representative Board of Directors;

WHEREAS the Nominating Committee has ensured that, in so far as possible, the Board of Directors resulting from the potential election of these new Directors would be representative of the membership of the Association;

WHEREAS the members nominated to be elected as Directors have indicated the length of the terms they are willing to serve, up to the maximum of four years as dictated in Article 6.03 of By-law Five, and these term lengths will, in so far as is possible, ensure continuity in the membership of the Board of Directors:

WHEREAS the total number of members carried over as Directors or elected to be Directors will result in a Board of Directors whose number is within the range of the maximum and minimum number of Directors specified in the Articles of Continuance;

WHEREAS in accordance with Article 6.02 of By-law Five, nominations for election to the PPCLI Association Board of Directors were closed on 31 March 2022, and further nominations were neither made nor accepted;

AND WHEREAS the PPCLI Association Board of Directors, at their meeting on 20 April 2022, unanimously approved BoD Resolution 03-22, recommending the election of the four Directors named in this Resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The following Members are elected as Directors of the PPCLI Association for the term indicated:

Fred Horsman (BC) - three years;

Gord Keener (BC) - three years;

Greg Ferguson (ON) - three years; and

James Stanton (NL) – three years.

Dated: 25 April 2022

Paul Hale

Paul Hale
Past President
Chair, Nominating Committee
PPCLI Association



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2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

RESOLUTION 04-22

A Resolution to elect the President and Vice-President of the PPCLI Association

WHEREAS, after the unfortunate death of Dougal Salmon on 9 August 2021, Ted Giraldeau, then Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors and Vice-President of the PPCLI Association, was confirmed as the Chair and President for a term ending with the 2022 AGM, by Special Resolution 04-21 of the Board of Directors on 31 August 2021;

WHEREAS Terry Loveridge, a Director, was confirmed as the Acting Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors and Acting Vice-President of the PPCLI Association for a term ending with the 2022 AGM, by Special Resolution 05-21 of the Board of Directors on 31 August 2021, replacing Ted Giraldeau;

WHEREAS, under the terms of Article 8.03 of By-law No. Five, the President and Vice- President of the PPCLI Association are to be elected by Members at an AGM;

WHEREAS, also under the terms of Articles 8.01.1.a and 8.01.1.b of By-law No. Five, the President and Vice-President of the PPCLI Association are simultaneously the Chair and Vice-Chair respectively, of the PPCLI Association Board of Directors;

WHEREAS a Nomination Committee, constituted in accordance with the terms of Article 6.02.1 of By-law No. Five, has considered a list of nominees who meet all the requirements to be elected to the positions of President and Vice-President of the PPCLI Association and the coincident respective positions of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors;

WHEREAS the members nominated have been previously elected as, and are currently, Directors of the PPCLI Association; and,

WHEREAS in accordance with Article 6.02 of By-law No. Five, nominations for the positions of PPCLI Association President and Vice-President were closed on 31 March 2022, and no further nominations were made nor accepted;

AND WHEREAS the PPCLI Association Board of Directors, at their meeting on 20 April 2022, unanimously approved BoD Resolution 04-22, recommending the election of the Directors named in

this Resolution to the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors, and coincidentally President and Vice-President of the Association.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Ted Giraldeau is elected to the position of President of the PPCLI Association and the coincident position of Chair of the Board of Directors; and Terry Loveridge is elected to the position of Vice-President of the PPCLI Association and the coincident position of Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors, both for a one-year term to expire on the date of the 2023 AGM.

Dated: 25 April 2022

Paul Hale

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Past President
Chair, Nominating Committee
PPCLI Association



PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY ASSOCIATION

2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SPECIAL RESOLUTION 01-22

A Special Resolution concurring with Board Special Resolution 01-22, amending By-law Number Four and thus confirming By-law Number Five

WHEREAS the Partner/Spousal Member has outlived its intended usefulness as a means of providing relief to a two-member household each of whom paid for and received their own copy of the *Patrician* as part of their individual membership dues, as the problem disappeared when the cost of providing a copy of the *Patrician* as part of dues became unaffordable and was therefore no longer included as a benefit of any membership;

WHEREAS after the unfortunate death of Dougal Salmon, the Chair of the Board and President of the Association, in August 2021, it was determined that the succession procedures outlined in By-law Number Four, although workable, were unwieldy and unnecessarily complicated and needed to be updated and revised;

WHEREAS Financial Arrangements for the Association were included in several Sections of By-law Number Four rather than consolidated in one Section, and were also incomplete, and therefore required revision and expansion;

WHEREAS several amendments to the *Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act (Act)* were not reflected in By-law Four, thus necessitating an updating;

WHEREAS the rules for capitalization followed in By-law Four were not consistent with those of the Act;

WHEREAS in accordance with By-law Number Five para 12.01.2, amendments to the By-laws of the Association are approved by the Board of Directors and take effect on that date, subject to the confirmation, amendment, or rejection of members at the next AGM;

WHEREAS the PPCLI Association Board of Directors, at their meeting on 20 April 2022, unanimously approved BoD Special Resolution 01-22, amending By-law Number Four to create By-law Number Five;

AND WHEREAS in accordance the Act and the By-law, several of the proposed amendments require approval by a Special Resolution of Members.

BE IT RESOLVED AS A SPECIAL RESOLUTION THAT:

PPCLI Association members concur with the amendments made to By-law Four by Board of Directors SR01-22, creating the attached By-law Number Five.

Dated: 25 April 2022

Ted Giraldeau
Ted Giraldeau
President
PPCLI Association

Attachments:

A – PPCLI Association By-law Number Five

Attachment A
To Board of Directors Special
Resolution 01-22

PPCLI ASSOCIATION
BY-LAW NUMBER FIVE
20 APRIL 2022

Note:

In view of its 28-page length, the new By-law No. Five is not attached to this Newsletter copy of AGM SR 01-22. It will be attached to the copy to be presented to the AGM.

The new By-law Number Five, together with a copy of By-law Number Four, annotated to clearly display the amendments, will be distributed separately to Branch Presidents.

As well, any member wishing a copy of the new By-law and an annotated copy of the previous By-law is requested to contact Don Dalziel, Chair of the Governance Committee, at ddalziel@rogers.com.



PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY

ASSOCIATION 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SPECIAL RESOLUTION 02-22

A Special Resolution approving the option of engaging the public accountant to complete a “review engagement” rather than an “audit engagement” for both FY2021 and FY2022

WHEREAS the PPCLI Association meets all the requirements and is a “soliciting corporation” as defined in the *Canada Not for Profit Corporations Act* (Act) in accordance with the policy set out in <https://ic.gc.ca/eic/site/cd-dgc.nsf/eng/cs05019.html>;

WHEREAS in accordance with Subsection 179(a) of the Act, the PPCLI Association is not a “designated corporation”, and, in addition to it being considered a best business practice, in accordance with Subsection 181(1) of the Act, must appoint a public accountant unless all members entitled to vote at an AGM consent to a resolution not to do so;

WHEREAS in accordance with Subsection 189(2)(b) of the Act, the public accountant of a soliciting corporation which is not a designated corporation shall conduct an audit engagement unless members pass a special resolution requiring that a review engagement be conducted;

WHEREAS given the nature and lack of complexity of the financial affairs of the PPCLI Association, it is considered that a review engagement will meet the needs of the Association and its members;

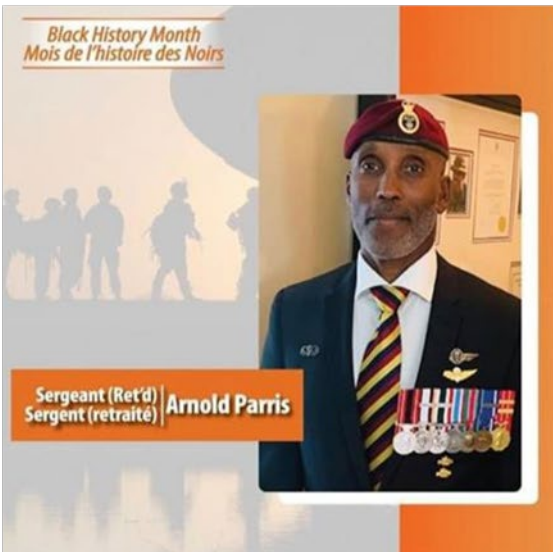
AND WHEREAS the PPCLI Association Board of Directors, at their meeting on 20 April 2022, unanimously approved BoD Special Resolution 02-22, recommending that the public accountant conduct a review engagement rather than an audit engagement.

BE IT RESOLVED BY SPECIAL RESOLUTION THAT:

The PPCLI Association engage the public accountant to conduct a review engagement rather than an audit engagement for FY 2021 and FY2022.

Dated: 25 April 2022

Ted Giraldeau
Ted Giraldeau
President
PPCLI Association



Sgt (Ret'd) Arnold Parris can express his experience joining the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) in a few words, "It was the best decision I ever made!"

As a young man, Parris was always interested in joining the military. His inspiration to join the Army never wavered despite being warned off by some stating that it was not a good environment for a young Black man. However, after being urged on by a Veteran from the Vietnam War, Parris joined the Army reserves in 1978 and subsequently full-time service in 1983.

Parris' experience as a Black member of the CAF was the opposite of what some people had told him. Within the ranks, he found community, comradeship, a sense of purpose and, most importantly, family. He wasn't oblivious to the fact that racism was present, but he wasn't going to allow the actions of a few tarnish his new found life as a Canadian soldier.



After basic and trades training as an infantryman, Parris joined the Second Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (2PPCLI). He was immediately impacted by how soldiers performed together under duress, especially in the field. His first overseas duty was in CFB Baden-Sollingen, in what was then known as West Germany.

Parris excelled in the physical aspect of soldiering, and when given the opportunity to serve in the Canadian Airborne Regiment, he took it. He served two tours, 1988 until 1992 and then again in 1994. Being a paratrooper was the highlight of his career – Germany was good, but this was better.

Amongst his medals for the various overseas tours, The Special Service Medal with NATO Bar, the United Nations Protection Force in the former Yugoslavia (UNPROFOR), NATO Medal (BOSNIA) and the Afghanistan Campaign Star.

He is the recipient of the Canadian Peacekeeping Service Medal (CPSM), the Canadian Forces Decoration (CD) with two clasps, the Canadian Forces Sacrifice Medal. He has received two Commander-in Chief Unit Commendations, 2 PPCLI Battle Group for their actions in Croatia and 3 PPCLI Battle Group for actions in Afghanistan.

Parris reflects fondly on his time in the CAF. One of his postings was as a recruiter, and his role was to create awareness of the different employment opportunities within the CAF in visible minority communities, specifically young Black men and women. He would say that “It’s the best kept secret,” and echoing the sentiment of the Veteran who urged him on, “Join now! And when you do, regardless of what happens – don’t quit!” Great advice from such a distinguished soldier.



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WARNING ORDER



SITUATION: Pandemic is finally over.

MISSION: HOLD THE DATE to gather together for an In-Person National AGM – May 12-14, 2023 @ Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS: Details to follow on bookings etc.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Plans are underway to coordinate extra-curricular events and have Association Kit Shop available.

UNIFORM:

- Comfortable casual dress for events.
- Association attire (Golf Shirts) for meet and greet – Better ‘ole.
- Association Blazer with accoutrements for dinner on Saturday night.

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT:

- BYOB for complementary room, also known as the Better ‘ole. As we all know, when a group of Patricia’s get together War Stories will be told. Therefore, the requisite helmets will be provided.
- Song books will be provided so that there will be no excuses for not remembering the words.

TIMINGS: TBD

Ottawa Branch

Like everyone else, members of the Ottawa Branch pulled ourselves out of our collective hiding only briefly last November. COVID-19 coincidentally gave us a bit of a break to observe Remembrance Day with a hybrid in-person and Zoom ceremony at the PPCLI Regimental Memorial at Lansdowne Park. And then of course we went back into our shells until this March, serenaded for a while by blaring truck horns. Finally, provincial and city guidelines were relaxed enough to allow us to celebrate the Regimental Day on 17 March, and some of the members gathered for lunch.

After the lunch, a few of the Branch met, for the first time in a couple of years, with about 35 of the Patricias serving in the National Capital Region. In addition to Toasting the Regiment and the Colonel-in-Chief, the group was addressed by Colonel of the Regiment, BGen (ret'd) Vince Kennedy, and the CDS, General Wayne Eyre. We live in interesting times!



Ottawa Branch Members Gather on 17 March

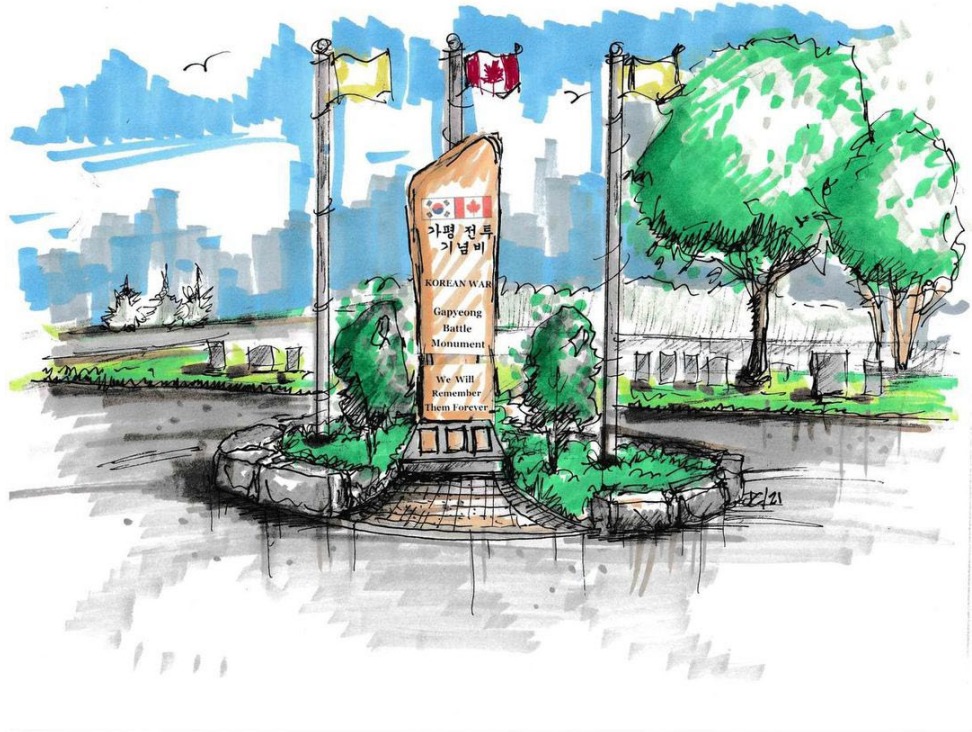
Front row, L-R; Don Brodie, Colonel of the Regiment BGen (ret'd) Vince Kennedy, Don Reiben, Kenella Johnson, Al Johnson, Larry Diebel

Back row, L-R: Greg Bell, Don Dalziel, Dave Lewis, Wendy Kennedy, Gerry Wharton, Norah Hewson

Don Dalziel
Ottawa Branch

Southwest Ontario

The Battle of Gapyeong Monument of Canada Committee, who has been working with the Korean Veterans Association of Canada will be installing a Gapyeong Battle Victory Monument to commemorate Canada's participation in the Korean War. It will be installed at Fairview Cemetery in Niagara Falls. The Monument will be installed adjacent to the cenotaph and Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the Stanley Avenue site.



Gapyeong Memorial

We have a few members in the Branch who are Korea Veterans, including, Bill Chrysler who is a veteran of the Battle of Kapyong and lives in the Niagara Region.

Fairview Cemetery appears to be a common theme for 2022, as it will be in the *Fairview Cemetery in Acton* that we will be unveiling the Jack Munroe Memorial later this year.

The branch would like to give a huge shout out to Acton Branch 197 of the Royal Canadian Legion for helping to push our project across the finish line with a donation of \$4000.00. Thanks again to everyone for their support.



Branch 197 RCL Cheque Presentation – Greg Ferguson and Legion President Wes Kutasienski

As Ontario has loosened the restrictions, we have begun to gather again in larger groups. Big shout out to the London Area Patricias led by Richard Davey on coordinating a pre-Regimental Day gathering in St. Thomas.



London Area Regimental Day Gathering, March 17th 2022

For the first time since 2019, we were able to gather at Betty's Restaurant in Niagara Falls, for our annual Regimental Day dinner. Thanks to George and Barb for getting this going again.



Betty's Restaurant Regimental Day Dinner - Ladies



Betty's Restaurant Regimental Day Dinner - Gentlemen

The Southwest Ontario Branch is pleased to be hosting the 2023 National AGM and is actively working to make it a memorable event for all who attend.

Save the dates of *May 12-14, 2023* for our first in person AGM since 2019.

Greg Ferguson
President
PPCLI Association
Southwest Ontario Branch
Once a Patricia, Always a Patricia

Kingston Branch

The Kingston Patricias are starting to emerge from the two years pandemic and very subdued Branch activities. We did have a small golf tourney in the summer as part of the 107th Fundraiser but our planned Christmas dinner was cancelled at the last day with a wave of covid cases and provincial restrictions. With the serving Patricias in Kingston hosting, a stalwart number of us emerged from our pandemic cocoons to hoist a few on our Regimental Day at the Fort Frontenac Officers' Mess – a great all-ranks afternoon of comradery. We've delayed our Regimental Day Dinner at the Captain Matthew Dawe Legion until 23 April 2022 as Ontario was just in transition of opening restrictions. All Patricias, family and friends welcome and contact any Branch executive member for details. So, if in Kingston area, please join us that night. Our next events are a planned Highway of Heroes clean-up and a golf day in late spring.

Marv Makulowich
Kingston Branch

Sgt Roy Rushton Branch
PPCLI Association Atlantic

The Atlantic Branch is continuing to hold gatherings with the last one taking place on 17 Mar 2022 for Regimental Day celebrations. Currently the Atlantic Branch is planning on holding our AGM at Base Gagetown from 16-18 Sep 2022.



Members of the Atlantic Branch gathered on 17 March, 2022.

The Atlantic Branch lost a key figure of our Branch as the wife of the late Sgt Roy Rushton passed away on 12 Mar 2022. She was 91.

May she RIP.

We also lost a distinguished member of the Atlantic Branch, as Col (Ret'd) Bill Minnis passed away on 22 Dec 2021. The following is the Obituary that was posted by his son Mark on Facebook:

Last Post – William H. Minnis 1 Jan 1939 - 22 Dec 2021 (82)



Col (Ret'd) Bill Minnis

It is with great sadness we announce the sudden passing of William Hiram “Bill” Minnis of Mt Buchanan, PEI on Wednesday, December 22, 2021, in Merida, Mexico at the age of 82.

Bill is survived by his wife Brenda (Coles); his sons, Shawn (Kellylee), Mike (Goldie), William (Tara), and Mark (Kelly); his grandchildren, Elizabeth (Paul), Cassandra (Thomas), Mathew, Carmen, and Connor; and two great grandchildren, Addison and Olivia. Bill was the eldest son of Hiram and Mona Minnis.

If ever there was a soldier's soldier it was Colonel Bill Minnis. Married to his lifelong partner Brenda, they left their mark throughout the USA, Vietnam, Canada, Europe and Middle East. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in 1959 in the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada. By 1979, he was a Lieutenant-Colonel commanding the Second Battalion of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in Winnipeg. It is said soldiers follow their leader just because he is the boss. However, in Bill's case they followed him because they respected his leadership example, admired him, and would follow him to hell and back if that is what he wanted. Bill spent the remainder of his 36-year career in Europe and the Middle East at demanding positions

with NATO and the United Nations. During the culmination of his career, he served Canada so very well as the Military Attaché with his intimately involved spouse Brenda. During his time in Israel, he was on the receiving end of SCUD missiles launched from Iraq during Gulf War One. It is well known just for spite they observed the incoming munitions accompanied by some embassy staff from the nightly happy hours arranged on the roof of the Canadian Embassy - when many others determined the basement was a better option.



Col (Ret'd) Bill Minnis with Mme Adrien Clarkson

Bill served as the President of the Army Cadet League of PEI for many years. He took great pleasure in working with youth and developing future leaders. He also served as the Honorary Colonel of the Prince Edward Island Regiment. Bill was instrumental in initiating the service memorial fountain located near Province House in Charlottetown.

A private service to follow at a later date.

May he RIP.

As this is the 75th Anniversary of the PPCLI Association, I am providing the following article on the history of the Atlantic Branch.

A Brief History of the Atlantic Branch by Jamie Reid

(Updated 17 Jan 1997 and Revised by Glen Ryan 07 Feb 2021)

In 1979 Lieutenant Colonel Art Neadow, then stationed in Base Gagetown, concluded that there were enough retired Patricias in the area to start a Maritime Branch of the Association. To this end he organized several meetings of both retired and serving Patricia's to lay the groundwork for an Association.

This brief history purports to outline the early years of the Association in the Maritimes. One early change was the designation change from the "Maritime" to "Atlantic" as the Association covers the four Atlantic Provinces.

As in many organizations the early files are sketchy and, in some cases, incomplete. Every effort has been made to be as factual as possible. In any event I accept full responsibility for any errors or omissions which may occur.

A series of meetings were held during 1980 with both executive and members attending to attempt to define the purpose and future activities of the members. During this period, the initial constitution and bylaws were rewritten to better reflect reality.

It was evident early on that with a member base as diverse as the far reaches of Cape Breton to the North Shore of New Brunswick the normal or usual monthly or bimonthly meetings would not work. The big problem was to design a yearly program that would be supported by the members.

It was also evident early on that close liaison with the "French Grey" Battalion of CFB Gagetown worked to the benefit of both the Association and the Patricias at the Base. I should explain the "French Grey" is rather unique. Origin of "French Grey": The Regimental full-dress uniform "facings" collar, cuffs and shoulder straps of the tunic are "French Grey". The choice of "French Grey" colour was made for two reasons:

Atlantic Branch

- 1) To commemorate the occasion when the Regiment first went into the line alongside the French Army (06 January 1915); and
- 2) In honour of the 3rd Canadian Division with which the Regiment served during World War 1 (22 December – 11 November 1918). The colour of the division patch was "French Grey".

All the Patricias stationed in Base Gagetown form a shadow unit the "French Grey" with the senior Patricia as CO with a headquarters, companies, etc. This allows them to maintain their Regimental identity and helps communication with Regimental Headquarters. Currently in the Constitution the CO of the "French Grey" is a member of the Association Executive and the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association sometimes is a member of the "French Grey". The Association members are invited to all "French Grey" "occasions" and the Association reciprocates in kind. The Association members appreciate the chance to meet serving Patricias and serving members don't object to the "war stories" of the old guard.

After several lean years in the 1980's a meeting formula was established which meets the requirements of our widely scattered members and which is supported by the members.

The Association now holds two scheduled meeting each year. The first meeting is the business meeting of the Association held in Fredericton and planned in conjunction with the "French Grey" for the same weekend they hold their Regimental Birthday celebrations. The Association members attend their business sessions

during the day and then attend the “French Grey” parties during the evening. A few of the more adventuresome play broom-a-loo with the “French Grey”.

Spouses and “friends” of members are encouraged to participate in all activities of the Association. Spouses who are Associates Members have voting rights.

The second meeting is advertised as strictly social and is held in the fall at various locations in Atlantic Canada. The Nova Scotia (Annapolis Valley) Patricia’s organized the first (1990) get-to-gether and set the standard for all future such meetings. These meetings have been highly successful and most enjoyable.

In March 1996, there was a change made in the number of meetings per year. It was agreed that there would only be one meeting in the fall and it would combine the business meeting and social event.

This brief history does not attempt to recount many of the activities which took place during the period 1980 – 1996, nor does it attempt to name members who were the driving force in making the Association successful. Many members in the provinces of the Atlantic were very directly involved in the activities and I hesitate to name any for fear of missing those who well deserve mentioning.

Glen Ryan
President

Manitoba and North West Ontario Branch

After not being able to get together since March of 2020, on Saturday the 23rd of October at 18:00 hours a decent amount of retired Patricias and supporters met for a beverage at Underdogs Sports Bar in Winnipeg. Plenty of stories were told and some of them may even have been mostly true. The Branch thanks Canna Connect who sponsored the event.



Manitoba and North West Ontario Branch Members on the 23rd of October 2021

Thanks to the hard work of Paul Muise and his team who gathered up several door prizes we managed to raise \$1,200.00. The biggest reason we managed to raise that amount was through the generosity of one those retired Patricias not seen for years. Jason Pearce who is in Manitoba on business was the winner of one of the silent auction prizes, a karaoke set. Due to the size of this prize, he sold it for \$100.00 and immediately handed the cash over to Paul. You would think it was well planned out but.... Jason also won the 50/50 of over \$400.00. When he heard that the money was going to our Kapyong Memorial Project, he handed that back as well. Jason and I talked earlier in the evening and related that since he left the army he really hadn't reconnected with many old friends. He was very happy that he attended the function and said he felt right at home. Thanks, Jason, for your generous donation.

Due to a winter storm our AGM needed to be cancelled. We will be holding one in April in and around Kapyong Day.

On the 9th of December PPCLI Association Member Retired General Ray Crabbe and Manitoba NW Ontario Branch President Perry Batchelor had the privilege of traveling to Shilo Manitoba and presented the Battalion with a Korean War Painting, Painted by James Keirstead a Korean War Veteran. What follows is an excerpt of Retired General Crabbe's Presentation Speech.



- We are very grateful for the invitation to join the 2nd Battalion today to present a wonderful painting to the Regiment and the Battalion. This painting is representative of the outstanding service of 2nd Battalion in Korea - and was initiated by PPCLI Korean War Veterans to acknowledge the 2nd Battalion's unparalleled performance in Korea – most notably of course, at the battle of Kapyong. We are here today to present the painting on their behalf and on behalf of all others who contributed to the purchase of this wonderful piece of art.
- The project was a close collaboration between many Korean War Veterans and others who have served in the Regiment. It was spearheaded by veteran Vincent Courtenay, a personal friend of the artist, James Keirstead. Vince encouraged him to paint a canvas that would symbolize and memorialize, Canadian soldiers and Patricias who served in Korea.
- The painting is based on a wartime photograph that shows Major George Flint, leading “A” Company of the 2nd Battalion along the high ridges of Korea in April 1951, in pursuit of the enemy. Mr. Keirstead named the painting, simply, “2 PPCLI in Korea”. That's all that needs to be said.
- Early financial support was provided by Vince Courtenay, and Kapyong veterans Ted Adye and Ron Bourgon, both of whom served in Major Flint's A Company, 2 PPCLI in Korea. also joining with them were Kapyong Veterans Mike Czuboka, Bill Chrysler and Romeo Daly.

- Others who joined early to greatly assist in getting the project financed, include Patricia veterans David Diamond, and Peter Remdenok, who served with the Electrical and Mechanical Engineers and attached to the Regiment at the time. Once word spread about this project, volunteers from the Regimental Association and others would join in - and the project was fully financed in no time.
- Although he is too humble to take credit, it was through veteran Vince Courtney's imagination, talent, and selfless contribution, that one of the most significant commemorative military projects in Canada in recent years was brought to fruition – that is, this painting of the Patricias in Korea by one of Canada's most renowned artists.



The Artists James Keirstead's Comments

“This painting was my first oil painting of war. I had thought about painting war scenes ever since Korea where I was a Service Corps ambulance driver from 1952 to 1953.

My few days at the front were in 1952 when a night patrol of the PPCLI was sent out, resulting in seven Patricias being killed and 16 men wounded. I evacuated several of these soldiers.

In my dealings with the PPCLI, I have found all of you to be truly special people. You make us Canadians very proud. I see your motto – Once a Patricia Always a Patricia - is proudly lived up to.

Thanks to all who contributed to the purchase of the painting – especially the veterans of the Korean war.

Sadly, I have been unable to paint since June of this year, as I am still in recovery.”



It has been a tough couple of years, as an Association we hope that you all got through it without too much hardship. Many of us lost friends due to covid or other illness. I sincerely hope we are through it and we can move on to the “new normal”.

Now our attention turns to the Ukraine, the images on the news will trigger many. As I said Saturday Night, if you need help reach out. Take care of yourselves and each other. VP

Perry Batchelor
President
PPCLI Association
Manitoba and North West Ontario Branch



2 PPCLI Drumline and Association Members

Edmonton Branch Newsletter Spring 2022

A big congratulations to the PPCLI Association on turning 75-Years old. Holy Smokes here we are in Edmonton at 74 years. We started in 1948 one year after it all began on 24th Oct 1947. Our first President was Bill Raison, him and fifteen others started and met twice yearly. We have come a long way since those early days. We meet now ten times a year formally when we can, with an average outing of Thirty or more members. But the fundamentals of the branch have not changed much. We meet to maintain the spirit of the Regiment together with the comrade-ship amongst all ranks formed whilst serving therein. We celebrated the lives of those that came before us, with a prayer and usually a few long tales of what they were like back in the day, which always leads to more tall yarns of what happened in the good old days (We have never stretched the truth when telling these stories).

We finished off 2021 with the most successful Christmas Dinner in years. We had a grand total of 69 attend some were camera shy. They included guests from the Regimental Headquarters, the RM and RWO and their significant others. President of Loyal Edmonton Regiment Association and a few others. We held a food drive, ran a 50/50 and a draw on print donated by Bill Dickson it was won by Norman Leach. All proceeds went to the Veterans Food Bank of Edmonton for a total of \$205 plus 275 pounds of food.



Edmonton Branch Christmas Dinner 10 December 2021

Standing Left to Right; Cory Foley, Bill Grady, Rocky Ror, Kim Whitaker, Tim Penney, Bob Hidson, Kevin Crone, Paul Schiller, Cedric Hachey, Shawn Needham, Ed Haines, Peter Chiasson, Lyle Saumers, Dick Greuter, John Demerchant, Bill Dickson, David Gorman, Maurice Polowick, Rick Dumas, Jon Haines, OK Schneider, Ron Hamilton, Norman Leach, Norm Pryce, Len Poirier, Art Brochu, Paul Robison, Jack Bowen, Joe Schulz, Mike Bludd, Rick Peters, Gord Descoteaux, Frank Whitford, Mike Schneider, Ken Zack, Dana Wick, Fred Goldring, Herb Kenny

Seated Left to Right; Rebecca Foley, Catherine Ror, Linda Penney, Nancy Crone, Michelle Hachey, Kim Haines, Joyce Saumers, Patricia DeMerchant, Karen Polowick, Nancy Schneider, Gladys Poirier, Beth Brochu, Donna Robinson, Sharron Schulz, Shelly Ullery, Denise Whitford, Marlene Blume, Betty Newman-Jones



Norman Leach (R) wins a Picture donated by Bill Dickson (L)

We had a gathering at Patricia Park on the 17th March to celebrate the Regiments Birthday. It was well attended by branch members and fellow Patricia's in the area. We took the time to remember all those that came before us and those in attendance. A prayer was said and a toast to all. Then we told stories which is what the gatherings of this were meant for, maintaining the spirit of the Regiment and keeping each other connected in a way only Patricias know how.



Patricia Park 17 March 2022

Left to Right; Mike Schneider, Shaun Needham, Keven Heselton, Kevin Nielsen, Kevin Raper, Todd Mahon, Michelle Drinkell, Kim Whitaker, Beth Brochu, Art Brochu, Frank Keeley, Georg Arndt, Catherine Ror, JP Lacoutsiere, Mark Eckley, Rocky Ror, Ed Haines, Rick Peters, Tim Penney, Ron Hamilton, Denis Nault, Don Hoffart, Dana Wick, Norm Pryce, Bill Dickson, Malcom Bruce, Bill Shybunka, Gord Decoteaux

Seated; Jeff Schnurr, Cedric Hachey, Herb Kenny, Fred Goldring.

In coming months, we will continue to have monthly meetings and we are planning on a Frezenberg Day Celebration in May, PPCLI Campout 12-14 August in Camrose, details to follow. A gathering at Patricia Park on 10th Aug to celebrate 108 years details to follow. For the 75 Anniversary of Association in October, we as a branch will celebrate it at our regular meeting on the 22nd October.

Stay safe, and keep in contact with each other, via social media, emails, coffee or even an actual phone call.

A reminder to all Patricias in the Edmonton area and those passing through, we hold our meetings at 1100hrs, the 4th Saturday of the month at the Kingsway Legion Branch #175. The Legion is located at [14339 50th St, Edmonton AB T5A 0S9](#).

Also, please check out PPCLI Association Alberta and Saskatchewan Facebook page for upcoming events in and around Edmonton.

Once a Patricia Always a Patricia!

Herb Kenny
Edmonton Branch President

Mid-Island Branch

PPCLI Association Regimental Day Gathering

Good day and a belated Happy Regimental Day to all Patricia's Canada wide, from the members of the Vancouver Mid-Island Branch of the PPCLI Association. As Regimental Day was so close to our normal Branch meeting day, we decided to combine the two!



Although we are only a small group, some of our members traveled a considerable distance for the celebration; in fact, we were honored to have Lee Eisan from the Atlantic (Sgt Rushton) Branch, celebrate with us. Then we had some food and drink, a toast to Lady Patricia, given by Richard MacIntosh, after which everyone got together for a quick photo, and exchanged a few OLD war stories. Some OLDER than others!

Our meeting was held at the #160 Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion in Comox, where the staff provided us with excellent service, and food.

As a branch, we have not done a whole lot of things since COVID-19 started, but we have managed to meet every month so far. I hope that this year we can make some new memories!

I hope that all Patricia's stay in good health, wherever you are!

CHEERS!
Jed

K. Jednorog
Branch President
Mid-Island Branch

Once a Patricia Always a Patricia!

Victoria Branch Report

The branch has been meeting for lunch monthly. We have close to 50 members. COVID-19 restrictions have been relaxed and life continues to march on, and so are we.

We met on 9 December 2021 for our Christmas get together. We were lucky to have Paul Hale, the Past PPCLI Association President, join us for lunch as well.





And the Ugly Christmas Sweater winner is...

Regimental Day 17 March 2022

It was a great turnout, good food and of course first-rate comradeship at the Six Mile Pub in Colwood for Regimental Day and St Patrick's day.





And the winner of the ugliest St Patrick's Day costume is...

Terri Orser
Victoria Branch
PPCLI Association



Major (Ret'd) Murray Edwards

Former PPCLI Major (Ret'd) Murray Edwards, celebrated his 102nd birthday at the Broadmead Lodge in Victoria on January 16th, 2022. The oldest surviving veteran of 2 PPCLI at the battle of Kapyong in April 1951, he was delighted to receive news that his late comrade in arms, Lt Mike Levy, had been formally recognized for his gallantry by the 2020 inclusion in the PPCLI Regimental Manual (THE KOREAN WAR 1950-1953) and also, the Embassy of Canada to Korea / DND 2021 publication "KAPYONG 70", page 70. These two acknowledgements along with the Canadian Encyclopedia's 2020 revised version of the battle, help to fulfill Murray's personal quest and those of other survivors of the battle whose lives were saved by Lt Mike Levy's courageous and selfless actions, under threat of immediate annihilation.



Lt Mike Levy in Korea with two other members of 2 PPCLI on 11 April, 1951

Lt Mike Levy was the originator of the Danger Close artillery fire request. He then monitored and directed the barrage from his 10 Platoon's position / target area under close attack, on the knob of Hill 677, during the morning of April 25, 1951. This forty-minute 25 pounder gun shelling by the 16th Field Regiment, Royal New Zealand Artillery, was so effective it halted the advance of the overwhelming enemy without casualties to the hunkered down 10 Platoon. In doing so it is accepted that Seoul was saved as was the 27th British Commonwealth Brigade from defeat at the hands of the thousands of advancing Chinese Communist Forces destined to break through the United Nation's defence of the valley.

In appreciation of the gallant stand by 2 PPCLI at KAPYONG, the battalion, along with the 3rd Royal Australian Regiment and Company A, of the 72nd US Heavy Tank Regiment, were awarded the United States Presidential Unit Citation.

Special mention on this occasion is to the late Lt. Hub Gray and his 2003 publication "Beyond the Danger Close," the 2011 documentary video "KAPYONG" produced in Australia, and to Murray Edwards for his dedication and perseverance in his quest.

Bruce Dickey and Jack Bates
Victoria Branch

The United Kingdom Branch

For many years, the UK Branch of the Association was quite active, meeting regularly on Regimental days, often hosting, or graciously hosted by, our 2nd Colonel in Chief, the Countess Mountbatten of Burma; or by Alexander Ramsay of Mur, the only child of Lady Patricia Brabourne, our 1st Colonel in Chief; and his wife Flora Fraser, the 21st Lady Saltoun, Chief of the Name and Arms of the Clan Fraser. The Branch also gathered to observe and support events such as significant Regimental Funerals and Memorial Services. However, LCol (ret'd) Jeffery Williams, celebrated historian and author (*Byng of Vimy; First in the Field: Gault of the Patricia's*), and long-time very active President of the Branch, died in April 2011. The last time the Branch gathered was in recognition of the Regimental Centennial in 2014, an event organized by BGen (ret'd) Matthew Overton when he was Comd CDLS(L).

When we started to attempt to gather information and review some of the very important activities of the UK Branch, there was universal surprise when it was discovered that the Branch had never been granted an Association Charter, nor had its activities been recognized or chronicled in the *Patrician* or the Association Newsletter. This is a most unfortunate gap in our history, and we will be attempting to at least partially correct this by including photos and articles on significant items or events observed by the UK Branch in future *Patricians* and Newsletters.

We did plan to use one of the group photos from the remarkable collection of Regimental memorabilia of Ida Schjelderup, widow of Col Roger Schjelderup and long-time Social Secretary of the UK Branch, for this

issue of the Newsletter. However, we were unable to confirm with certainty the identities of many in the photo, so it, and others like it, will have to await publication until we can get it right.

More to follow. . .
The UK Branch

2757 PPCLI Fernie RCACC Cadets continue to persevere

The COVID-19 pandemic brought several challenges to the cadet program. From having to training outdoors only, to virtual, to limited in-person training. The cadets and staff at 2757 worked diligently to continue our training. In 2020-2021 our cadets were able to adapt and complete our Gold Star expedition – given the circumstances this was huge win!

Through our virtual training we were able to still stay connected and develop some skills – such as knot tying and weather predicting.

This year we have seen the same challenges. In the fall we were able to get outdoors and assist our local Legion in cleaning up the St. Margaret’s Cemetery for the City of Fernie Remembrance Day Ceremony. We were exciting to be able to participate in Remembrance Day Ceremonies by proving an Honour Guard at the Cenotaph in Fernie, BC.



*2757 PPCLI Fernie RCACC clean up St. Margaret’s Cemetery in Fernie, BC
in preparation for Remembrance Day*



2757 PPCLI Fernie RCACC at the Cenotaph for Remembrance Day 2021 in Fernie BC

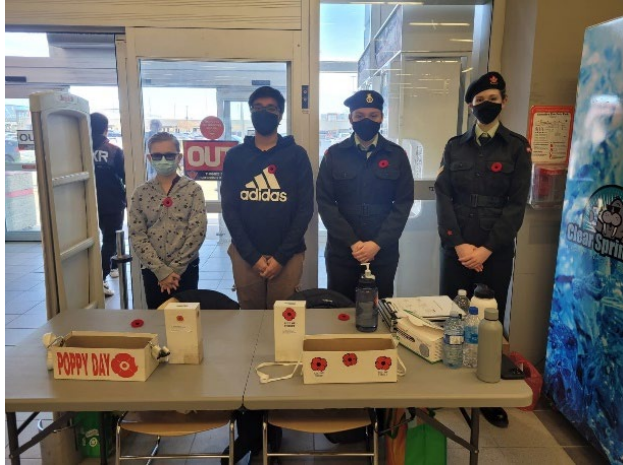
We have also been able to return to in-person training indoors. This is an exciting step for the cadets. We are working on our drill and uniforms and getting back into our routines at our cadet hall. Cadets are looking forward to participating in summer training, either the Cadet Activity Program, offered regionally, or attending a Cadet Training Centre for more advanced training.

2757 PPCLI Fernie RCACC

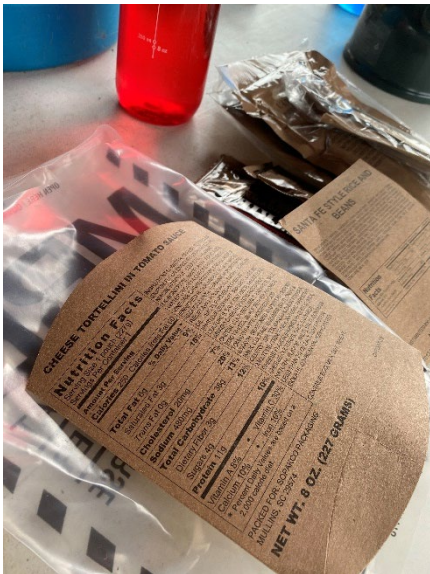
A Whole New World...

I'm Lt(Navy) Tim Lehtinen, and I am the Commanding Officer of 2701 PPCLI RCACC.

This is my first year in Command and my first year outside my element. It has been a real journey thus far with so many stories to tell. We have struggled with COVID-19 restrictions to parade both virtually and in-person, but have managed to accomplish more than expected. We participated in a Poppy Day for our Legion sponsor.



In October we were able to complete a one-day BIV FTX at Birdshill Park, MB.





We completed our fitness assessment in which we had not one, but two cadets achieve the standard of “Excellence”, which is the highest level a cadet can achieve.



When we were able to participate in-person, we had to parade at a community centre(above), while our main location was under construction. In February, we were able to come back to the school (Below), but had to reorganize everything, which was in disarray. On March 2nd we completed our first range day!



We are now finishing up training for the year and are planning our 60th Annual Ceremonial Review for May 25th, 2022. With the forever changing COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines we can only hope that we will be able to finish the year together and not virtually!

Lt(N) Lehtinen
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*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.*

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