



**COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT
REGIMENTAL BIRTHDAY MESSAGE
THURSDAY, 10 AUGUST 2023**

To All Patricias,

I would like to take this opportunity to extend best wishes to all members of the Patricia Family on the occasion of our 109th Birthday! Our Regiment has served Canada and Canadians continuously since its founding on 10 August 1914. This provides a suitable occasion to reflect on our rich history and achievements over the past 109 years.

On our Regimental Birthday this year we can also allow ourselves to look back over the past year with equal pride. The three Battalions have been very busy here in Canada and abroad. All have participated on various activities with personnel in Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Latvia, Poland and the United Kingdom. In Canada members of our Regiment have also fought fires in Northern Alberta. The Regiment had one Change of Command this past July as LCol Cole Petersen replaced LCol Craig Higgins as Commanding Officer 1 PPCLI and CWO Brad Worth replaced CWO Eric Vollick as the RSM 1 PPCLI. Our PPCLI Association and the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund continued to work tirelessly on the Regiment's behalf supporting not only our veterans and their families but by providing student bursaries, helping PPCLI Cadet Corps, and supporting projects such as the restoration of the St. Bartholomew's Church Stained Glass window in Ottawa. As we move into our 109th year it should allow for a period of reconstitution for our Battalions and Regimental preparations for our 110th Anniversary activities.

While it is fitting that we pause to recognize the achievements and contributions of our soldiers, our retirees, and their families, we must acknowledge that this Birthday also takes place during a challenging time for our military, country, and world. Despite this I am confident our Regiment will persevere and adapt to the demands of the present and future as we contribute to Canada's peace and security.

I take this opportunity to wish all those who have served or are serving in the Regiment and their families a happy 109th Birthday and hope that you will raise a toast to the Regiment!

Regimentally yours,

Brigadier-General R.R. Romses, OMM, CD (Ret'd)
Colonel of the Regiment
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