



Spring 2024 Newsletter

In the RV for the 110th Anniversary





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The Colonel in Chief

My Dear Patricias:

It would be wonderful to be able to start a letter like this by saying how much good news there has been: we have a bigger military budget, things in the Middle East have calmed down, the G20 is having a series of peace summits, all the aid organisations of the developed world have come together to develop new strategies to alleviate environmental stress in the underdeveloped countries. But we have to wake up to reality and realize that none of this is happening. The outlook for the world right now is pretty grim.

But as we celebrate our 110th anniversary as Patricias, we can at least look back to 110 years of being First in the Field. We have always responded to Canada's needs and desire to spring to helpful action when it is required. Our birth out of the terrible bloodbath that was the First World War has enabled us to take a temperate and a hopeful view of the future since we have suffered so much in the past.

I came across a quote from Albert Einstein: "I do not know with what weapons World War 3 will be fought, but World War 4 will be fought with sticks and stones".

These precious words of one of the greatest scientists of modern times should bring a shutter of caution over all of us. With the conflict happening in Israel (projecting onto a larger Middle Eastern canvas), Yemen and many parts of Africa, we can certainly identify with what a great scientist has told us. We must be extremely cautious so as not to destroy ourselves totally.

The hope that we have is in cherishing the past in which we behaved well and preparations for the future which we can all help with. No, we can't solve the problems in Israel, in Iran, in Yemen, or in southern Sudan. But our spirit of solidarity has remained unchanged since the beginning when Hamilton Gault went to Governor General, the Duke of Connaught and asked to raise a regiment in the name of the then-Governor General's daughter, Princess Patricia.

It's hard for us to imagine now the almost medieval excitement around the rallying point of a beautiful Princess for a group of soldiers to go to war in a far-off country. There was patriotism and there was loyalty and there was the desire to fight.

I am looking at a framed \$1.00 bill from that period with Princess Patricia's image printed on it - the romantic symbolism printed right there on hard currency!



Even though we could read books and see films about this period, it is hard for us to imagine that fervor and that single mindedness which swept the British Empire and saw thousands upon thousands of young men going to the trenches of Europe.

There is much to mourn over the dreadful losses of that war but we must never forget that the motivations were a combination of patriotism, high spirits, loyalty and camaraderie. This was a war to which Canada gave such a huge contribution to. The fact that our Regiment played such an important role in it, should always be a source of pride to not only the Regiment but to all Canadians. The sacrifices made, the decisions acted upon, lives changed - all of these are part of history now. But we must never forget that in the beginning the motive was as instinctive as it was romantic. It was a spirit that has changed subtly through the years but must keep us forward-looking and inspired.

We don't know what will happen from day-to-day now in the Middle East and in other areas of the world which are not in battle but could be in the very near future. Our role as Patricias must always be to be aware, to be ready and to be First in the Field.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Adrienne Clarkson', written in dark ink.

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



The Colonel of the Regiment

I would like to take this opportunity to extend greetings to everyone and hope that each of you have had an enjoyable winter and are now looking forward to warmer weather with the arrival of spring. It's also wonderful to be able to say that the celebrations of our Regiment's 110th Anniversary are about to begin!

With that in mind I hope many of you will be able to participate in and enjoy those 110th Anniversary events planned by the Regiment and our Association Branches at various locations across Canada.

Regimental HQ coordinated activities include: the 16-31 May Sydney Frost Battlefield Tour of Sicily and Italy; the May thru December Inn on Officers Garden Boutique Hotel Calgary display of PPCLI Regimental items which was once the PPCLI Home Station Officers Mess, Edmonton events from 19-22 June (the details of which can be found on the PPCLI website), and the 3 October thru December PPCLI Art Exhibit at the Calgary Military Museums Founders Gallery.



Association Branch 110th Activities will vary from Branch to Branch and details will be provided by them. For instance Ottawa has an extensive two day program over the 9-10 August period. Regardless, I encourage each of you to participate in those Anniversary events that you can and take time to reflect upon our Regiment, our proud history, and your contribution of service to it. The Regiment is indebted to you and we thank you for having been an important part of those 110 years.

The Association continues to do a fantastic job of bringing serving and formers serving members of our Regiment together on an on-going basis. I had the opportunity to attend the Calgary Branch Regimental Day activity on 17 March and toast the Regiment at the base of Hamilton Gault's statue. Reminiscing and story-telling abounded which clearly reminds one why we served and enjoyed it – because of the people, the team-work, and comradery! The Association continues to promote and facilitate that.

In conclusion, best wishes to each of you, and my wife Carol and I do hope to cross paths with many of you as we celebrate our 110th Anniversary.

VP!

Brigadier-General (Retired) Ray Romses



Words from our President

As I approach the completion of my first year as your President it never ceases to amaze me as to how strong the ties that bond Patricia's together are.

As we all know, March 17 is probably one of the most important dates on the Regimental Calendar and I for one am encouraged to see so many of you out there posting pictures to social media of Patricia's getting together to celebrate, be it 2 or 3 in a local pub or larger groups gathering for lunch or dinner. Even the message from a Patricia who could not get together with other Patricia's simply raising a toast. These events occur from Coast to Coast to Coast and even overseas.



The Association website, www.ppcliassn.ca is a key location where you can find out what the Association is doing in your area, while at the same time take the opportunity to join the Association. Two key initiatives that are in the planning stages are:

- 1) Creating an Events Calendar where any Patricia can go to find a gathering to attend and reconnect with Patricia's they have served with or meet new ones.
- 2) Develop a page to allow for Veteran run businesses to advertise their business so that we can support them.

Keep checking the Association Website especially in this 110th Anniversary Year for events across the country, celebrating and acknowledging the continuing legacy of the PPCLI.

Recently it came to light that a fellow Patricia was dealing with a terminal illness. In true Patricia fashion those in close proximity to him, reached out and set up comms to make sure that he had what he needed. The Association contacted the Veterans Care Cell at RHQ and very quickly messages came flooding in to support our brother during this time. This reinforces one of the first lessons we learn. is to always look after your buddy.

One of the initiatives that I will be starting is to ask you to check out your local cemetery to locate any Patricia's who may be interred there. If you are willing to "adopt" this Patricia's please contact me at president@ppcliassn.ca I will send you a Camp Colour to place at the memorial. All you will need to do is purchase a small piece of doweling for the flag to be attached to.

I hope that you will be able to attend the 110th Anniversary Events and the Association AGM in Edmonton, June 19 – 22. Check out the Association website www.ppcliassn.ca for more details and to register for the AGM.

Remember, the Association motto is *Once a Patricia, Always a Patricia.*



110th Anniversary Update

Preparations for the 110th Anniversary of the PPCLI are in full swing! The Serving Component, the Veterans Component and the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund will be gathering in Edmonton, AB, 19-22 June, 2024 to mark this important milestone in the life of our Regiment! Please keep an eye on our social media pages as well as <https://www.ppcliassn.ca> for the latest updates.



This is the schedule of events for the Edmonton based commemoration:

Time	Location	Activity
NLT 18 1600 Jun	G.G. Brown Building (1 PPCLI)	Better 'Ole set-up complete.
19 1000 Jun	G.G. Brown Building (1 PPCLI)	Better 'Ole Grand Opening.
19 1200 Jun	G.G. Brown Building (1 PPCLI)	Better 'Ole Lunch.
19 1330 Jun	G.G. Brown Building (1 PPCLI)	PPCLI Regimental History Vol VI Book Launch.
19 1600 Jun	G.G. Brown Building (1 PPCLI)	Wives of the PPCLI Oral History Video Screening.
19 1700 Jun	G.G. Brown Building (1 PPCLI)	Better 'Ole BBQ Dinner.
19 2200 Jun	G.G. Brown Building (1 PPCLI)	Better 'Ole Closing.
20 1100 Jun	CFB Edmonton Parade Square (Drill Hall for Inclement Weather)	3 PPCLI Change of Command/Change of Appointment.
20 1230 Jun	G.G. Brown Building (1 PPCLI)	Better 'Ole Lunch.
20 1330 Jun	G.G. Brown Building (1 PPCLI)	Lady Patricia Medal Collection Unveiling.
20 1500 Jun	G.G. Brown Building (1 PPCLI)	100th Anniversary Time Capsule Rededication.
20 1700 Jun	G.G. Brown Building (1 PPCLI)	Better 'Ole BBQ Dinner and Closing Remarks.
20 1800 Jun	TBD	HGMF/PPCLI Foundation Dinner.
20 2200 Jun	G.G. Brown Building (1 PPCLI)	Better 'Ole Closing.
21 0800 Jun	CFB Edmonton Golf Course	Open Golf.
21 1230 Jun	St. Albert Inn	HGMF Annual General Meeting.
21 1800 Jun	St. Albert Inn	PPCLI Association Meet and Greet
22 0830 Jun	St. Albert Inn	PPCLI Association Annual General Meeting
22 1900 Jun	St. Albert Inn	PPCLI Association Dinner
NLT 22 2300 Jun	N/A	Edmonton Celebration Complete.



76th PPCLI Association AGM

The Edmonton Branch has graciously accepted the role to plan, coordinate and execute the 76th PPCLI Association Annual General Meeting (AGM) which will be conducted in conjunction with the Regimental 110th Anniversary celebrations 19-22 June 2024. This information as well as registration forms are available at <https://ppcliassn.ca/upcoming-agm/>

The 76th AGM will be held in St. Albert, AB with activities centered on the St. Albert Inn, just minutes north of Edmonton. Registration will be in place in the main lobby of St. Albert Inn:

- Tuesday 18 June 1800 – 2000 hrs;
- Wednesday 19 June 0800 – 0930 hrs;
- Thursday 20 June 0800 – 0930 hrs; and
- Friday 21 June 0800 - 0900 hrs.

Association activities start on Friday 21 June. All events will be held in different rooms of the St. Albert Inn over the two days. Meetings and Training as follows:

- Friday 21 June: HGMF meeting 1230 – 1400 hrs in Ridgewood Room;
- Friday 21 June: Meet and Greet 1800 - 2300 hrs in Heritage Room;
- Saturday 22 June: Way ahead for the Association and special group speakers 0900-1130 hrs Grandin Room;
- Saturday 22 June: AGM 1300 – 1600 hrs Grandin Room;
- Saturday 22 June: Association Formal dinner 1800 – 1900 Cocktails dinner start at 1900 hrs Heritage Room.

On the evening of 21 June, we will have a Meet and Greet in the Heritage Room from 1800 - 2300 hrs. The dress for this event will be casual showing your Regimental spirit (if so inclined) or Western. There will be hors-d'oeuvres along with a cash bar.

Cost for the Meet and Greet will be \$25.00 a person.

On the evening of 22 June, we will have an Association Formal Dinner in the Heritage Room from 1800 – 1900 hrs. Cocktails dinner start 1900 hrs. The dress for this event will be Regimental Blazer and ties or equivalent (NO Jeans) There will be a cash bar.

Cost for Dinner will be \$50.00 a person.

The AGM will take place on Saturday, 22 June 1300 hrs Mountain Daylight Time. Branches and individuals across Canada and the World will be able to join via Zoom at 1245 hrs Mountain Daylight Time. A Zoom link will be provided at later date. **All paid up Association members will get the link.** Dress for those attended casual except Directors on the Board Blazers and tie.

The St. Albert Inn has a special military rate for all those attending. The **Group Name is PPCLI Assoc AGM, Group Number: 4513, Rate for standard room 2 Queen beds 126.99 + Tax for total of \$138.42 per night.** Rooms must be booked by 19 May. There are 25 Room allotted **The best number to contact the hotel is 1-800-450-8612 and you are strongly encouraged to make your reservations ASAP,** All rooms for the AGM are available on a first come first served basis. Contact details are:

- Toll Free 1-800-450-8612
- Local 780-459-551
- Fax 780-460-7687
- Email andrew@stab-inn-suites.ca
- Email reserve@stab-inn-suites.ca
- Website www.stab-inn-suites.ca

There are also other hotels in the general vicinity of St Albert:

- a. Nova Chateau: <http://www.novahotels.ca>
 - i. Contact: Tania Chilto front office manager
 - 1) Toll free: 1-866-401-6682
 - 2) Local: 780-454-5441
 - 3) Fax: 780-454-4348
 - 4) Email: tania-c@novahotels.ca
 - 5) Located 10 KM south of St. Albert
 - 6) 13920 Yellowhead Trail Edmonton AB T5L 3C2
- b. Best Western Express: <https://www.bestwestern.com>
 - i. Contact:
 - 1) Toll Free: 1-866-500-4938
 - 2) 460 St Alberta Trail
 - 3) 3.2 KM from St Albert INN
- c. Rosslyn Inn & Suites: <https://rosslyninnandsuites.com>
 - i. Contact:
 - 1) Toll Free: 1-877-785-7005
 - 2) Local: 780-476-6241
 - 3) Email: reserve@rosslyninnandsuites.com
- d. Fairfield Inn & Suites (Marriott) 9.8 KM from St. Albert INN
 - i. Contact:
 - 1) Toll Free: 1-844-289-3880
 - 2) Local 780-540-5100
 - 3) 581 Griesbach Parade NW, Edmonton
 - 4) 9.6 KM from St. Albert INN
- e. Hampton by Hilton
 - i. Contact:
 - 1) 1-800- 426-7866
 - 2) Local 780-244-9015
 - 3) Fax 780-244-9033
 - 4) 5.5 KM from St. Albert INN

There are also campgrounds in St. Albert. Details are:

a. St. Albert RV will be open for reservations as off 1st May 2024 :

<http://www.stalbertrvpark.ca>

i. Contact: George & Freda

ii. Phone: 1-888-459-1724

iii. Manager@stalbertrvpark.ca

Registration options are outlined on the registration form. The dead line for registration is 30 May 2024, and **there will be no refunds after 12 Jun 2024**. Unforeseen circumstances will be decided upon on a case-by-case basis.

Contact information for the organizing committee:

Email: hkenny@shaw.ca

Phone: 780-237-9040



Resolutions for the 76th AGM

PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY ASSOCIATION

2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

RESOLUTION 01-24

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, members at an AGM must annually 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 discussed this appointment during their meeting on 13 March 2024, and secretarially unanimously approved BoD Resolution 01-24, recommending that, at the 2024 AGM, members confirm the appointment of André Thibodeau as public accountant for the Association for FY2024, as approved in AGM Resolution 02-23, and approve his appointment for FY2025.

BE IT RESOLVED BY RESOLUTION THAT:

The appointment of Mr. André Thibodeau as the public accountant of the PPCLI Association for the remainder of FY 2024 is confirmed, and for FY 2025 is approved.

Dated: 09 Apr 2024


Greg Ferguson
President
PPCLI Association



PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY ASSOCIATION

2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

RESOLUTION 02-24

A Resolution to elect Members to be Directors of the PPCLI Association

WHEREAS, in accordance with the terms of the *Canada Not-for Profit Corporations Act* (the 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 the Director (Corporations Canada/Industry Canada) with effect 14 October 2014, and amended as approved by the Director (Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada) on 31 August 2020, dictate that there be a minimum of seven and a maximum of thirteen directors;

WHEREAS in accordance with Subsection 128(3) of the Act, members at an AGM are to elect and/or re-elect directors to hold office for a specified term of up to four years;

WHEREAS a Nominating Committee, constituted in accordance with the terms outlined in Article 6.02 of the current By-law, has recommended for election nominees who meet all the requirements to be a director of the Association, and who, even if unable to be present at the AGM, have declared their willingness to serve as director of the Association;

WHEREAS the Nominating Committee has ensured that, in so far as possible, the residence 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 election these potential directors would contribute to the representative nature of the Board;

WHEREAS the members nominated to be elected as directors have indicated the length of the term as director which they are willing to serve, up to the maximum of four years as dictated in Article 6.03 1. of the current By-law, and this term length will, in so far as is possible, ensure continuity in the membership of the Board of Directors;

WHEREAS the total number of members elected to be directors will result in a Board 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 2. of the current By-law, nominations for election to the PPCLI Association Board of Directors were closed on 30 March 2024 and further nominations were neither made nor accepted;

AND WHEREAS the PPCLI Association Board of Directors discussed the recommended nominations during their meeting on 13 March 2024, and secretorially unanimously approved BoD Resolution 02-24, recommending that, at the 2024 AGM, members elect the two nominated members to be directors of the Association.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Francois Joumaa and Barry Pitcher, currently members, are elected by Members at the 2024 AGM to be Directors of the PPCLI Association, each for a term of two years.

Dated: 06 April 2024


Greg Ferguson
President
PPCLI Association

National Board of Directors Nominee: Barry Pitcher

Col Barry Pitcher was born in St John's, Nfld, and graduated high school in Corner Brook, Nfld. He joined the Canadian Forces under the Regular Officer Training Program (ROTP) program in 1991. Maj Pitcher achieved a Bachelor of Science (Physics) at Royal Roads Military College (RRMC) in 1995 and went on to serve with 1PPCLI in Calgary and Edmonton as a commissioned officer.

In 1998, Major Pitcher joined the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP). He has since served in various specialized duty roles to include national counter-terror units and emergency response teams (ERT) in three provinces. Major Pitcher has 18 years of experience in marine operations, advanced sniper, and aircraft hostage rescue within the police tactical world. In the RCMP, Pitcher has served as tactical team leader and was senior police incident commander for Nova Scotia. He has worked in all facets of policing to include drug work, fraud, traffic, and provincial emergency planning. In 2013, Pitcher became a commissioned officer with the RCMP.



Col Pitcher re-engaged with the Primary Reserve in 2010 and then served as Infantry Coy Comd in the Royal Nfld Regt until 2012, and then as their Trg/Ops O for 2012-2013. Pitcher served as Influence Activities Coy Comd in 2015 and later as CO of the Princess Louise Fusiliers (PLF) from 2017-2020. Pitcher then served time as 5 Div G3 for Op LASER and was the CAF lead for the Prime Minister's Apology to the No2 Construction Battalion in 2022. His current role is A/COS for 5th Canadian Division and his civilian employment (on retiring from RCMP in 2018) is as CEO for Commissionaires Nova Scotia. He has completed an MBA, MDS and two diplomas in mental health facilitation and forensic accounting. Pitcher has two tours in Afghanistan and has had leadership positions on multiple domestic security operations to include G8 and G20 summits.

National Board of Directors Nominee: Francois Joumma

As the Co-Founder of Joumaa-Johnson Group (JJG), Francois maintains his titles of CEO & COO of JJG & subsidiaries which focus on everything from financial services, program development and financial technology with a goal of providing education and awareness.

Francois has served in the Canadian Armed Forces for the past 15yrs, he spent much of his time working across the entire world, from the Arctic to Afghanistan and almost everywhere in between. After this challenging career Francois decided to make a move within the Canadian Armed Forces to the navy as a Marine Systems Engineer, Helicopter Firefighter, Navy Diver, Instructor at the Royal Canadian Navy Damage Control School (Damage Control Expert), Helicopter-Crash Firefighter and Attack Team Leader.

Francois retired from the Canadian Armed Forces this past year, after a dedicated career & continues to have deep ties within the military community. Francois has been assisting families, Individuals and small businesses to achieve their financial goals, over the last 5 years.

He has recently made the switch from working for a large financial corporation, to starting a financial firm, with a fellow veteran, good friend and business partner Dwayne Johnson.

Francois looks forward to giving back to the military community by providing expert advice and work for the PPCLI Association National Board of Directors.





PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY ASSOCIATION

2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SPECIAL RESOLUTION 01-24

A Special Resolution approving the option to have the public accountant complete a "review engagement" rather than an "audit engagement" for both FY2024 and FY2025

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 order to comply with Subsection 181(1) of the Act, in addition to being considered a best business practice, 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 discussed this resolution during their meeting on 13 March 2024, and secretorially unanimously approved BoD Special Resolution 01-24, recommending that, at the 2024 AGM, members confirm the appointment of André Thibodeau as public accountant for the Association for FY2024, as approved in AGM Resolution 02-23, and approve his appointment for FY2025.

AND WHEREAS the PPCLI Association Board of Directors discussed the recommended course during their meeting on 13 March 2024, and secretorially unanimously approved BoD Resolution 02-24, recommending that, at the 2024 AGM, members the PPCLI Association engage the public accountant to conduct a "review engagement" rather than an "audit engagement" for FY 2024 and FY 2025.

BE IT RESOLVED BY SPECIAL RESOLUTION THAT:

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The engagement of the public accountant to conduct a "review engagement" rather than an "audit engagement" for FY 2024 and FY2025 is approved.

Dated: 06 April 2024



Greg Ferguson
President
PPCLI Association



Communications Update

Plenty of news on the communications front!

Website: The Association Website: <https://www.ppcliassn.ca> continues to see a lot of traffic. Your National Board of Directors work collaboratively to share information that comes up from branches and individual members that regularly gets posted in the News and other subpages. We are also working to add a Buy Veterans' page onto the website for veteran entrepreneurs with links to the PPCLI. Should you have content that you wish to share on the website, please send it to me at: vpeast@ppcliassn.ca

Social Media: As many of you know, the Association manages a number of social media channels including on FaceBook and LinkedIn – we are happy to see the amount of engagement on these channels. Your National Board of Directors are interested in your feedback in how to turn this active engagement into additional membership registration to branches across the country.

The Patrician: From the RHQ Writing Instruction for the 2024 Patrician:

The Patrician provides an informal record of the Regiment's service presented in the words of its members. All Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) major units, extra-Regimentally employed, and individual members, both serving and retired, are encouraged to submit articles and photographs for this important historical document. It is requested that information related to the year's noteworthy events including 110th celebrations, promotions, honours and awards, unit and course graduation photos, and retirements be sent to Regimental Headquarters (RHQ) for inclusion.



Articles should be written in a narrative style and avoid the use of military slang and jargon. Other points to consider when drafting articles are:

- Inclusion of the author(s) rank, initials, and surname;
- Draft articles in MS Word using Times New Roman 12pt using Canadian spell check;
- Each article should be in the range of 250-500 words maximum;
- Do not embed photographs in the Word document, submit them as stand alone files;
- Do not number paragraphs or sub-paragraphs;
- Articles should be based on answering the 5 W's; and

- When using acronyms or military abbreviations, write out the complete word/phrase in full the first time. For example: enhanced Forward Presence Battle Group Latvia (eFP BG Latvia).

All photographs must be of high resolution and accompanied with a photo caption and the photographer's name (if known). Submitted photographs should be relevant to the accompanying article (unless submitted as a stand-alone item) and be visually appealing to the reader.

Articles and photographs can be submitted to RHQ at anytime throughout the 2024 calendar year. Authors are encouraged to submit articles and photographs as soon as the activity is completed. RHQ offers four methods for submitting articles and photographs:

1. Submissions can be emailed directly to: ppcli.rhq@gmail.com
2. For those with DWAN access, RHQ can provide temporary permissions to the RHQ ACIMS site for contributors to upload their articles and photographs directly to their pre-assigned unit/organization folder.
3. Submissions can be retrieved through programs such as Dropbox, WeTransfer, and Google Drive.
4. For stand-alone photo submissions, RHQ has created the following QR code.



* For methods 2 or 3, please submit any requests/details through the contact listed below. The absolute last date for article submissions is Friday, **13 December 2024**. Dissemination of the 2024 edition is scheduled for Regimental Day 2025.

If you are experiencing any difficulties with article or photograph submission, do not hesitate to contact RHQ. Please refer any questions to the Regimental Adjutant, Capt Mark Frère, at mark.frere@forces.gc.ca or at 780-973-4011, ext. 5453.



Manitoba and Northwest Ontario

The Manitoba, NW Ontario Branch continues to flourish, at this point we are 100 strong and growing. The Executive has been able to reach the younger generation, which has been outstanding! The credit goes largely to our Vice President Paul Muise who has been instrumental in this growth.

On the 16th of March 2024 the Branch held a Regimental Day Beer Call at Underdogs in Winnipeg. The event was very well attended. The Pipes and Drums of #283 ANAVETS Club gave us an outstanding surprise performance. Those in attendance enjoyed a great evening of reminiscing, catching up with folks we hadn't seen in many years and a Toast to Lady Patricia and the Regiment on her Birthday. We also raised over \$600.00 that has been put into our Kapyong Monument Fund. Bringing that total to over \$8,000.00. We continue to work with the First Nations People and look forward to one day installing the Memorial.



As we move toward the 110th Anniversary of the Regiment, we will continue to welcome new members. We are planning to have a get together on the 8th of August to celebrate the 110th. More to follow on this as we firm up the details.

From the Executive and Membership of the Manitoba NW Ontario Branch, have a safe and enjoyable Summer 2024!

VP

Perry Batchelor

President

Manitoba, NW Ontario Branch



Willow Place

On the 30th of November, The Manitoba NW Ontario Branch supported Willow Place Homeless Shelter. A Winnipeg facility that assists women and children who have suffered from abuse and neglect in our community. This shelter provides a safe environment for mothers and their children to eat, sleep, receive mental and social services but ultimately, lets them get back on their feet.



Robert Bidder, Marcie Wood Executive Director,
Perry Batchelor, Ray Crabbe

As Christmas was fast approaching, these families are doing without over the holidays. As veterans, we feel that supporting a facility such as this is the least, we could do. How do we do this? Robert Bidder built and donated an advent calendar to house treats and candies while Paul Muise and Robert Pigeau canvassed for donations from within our Branch. A total of \$675.00 plus approximately \$300.00 in materials was raised. We supplied \$100.00 in candies for the calendar and donated the rest of the money raised to Willow Place for Christmas presents. All this was witnessed by our President Perry Batchelor and Ray Crabb.

The Advent Calendar was presented to the Willow Place shelter on Thursday, 30 November, just in time for 1 December. Executive Director Marcie Wood will ensure it has a home in Willow Place.

The selfless work the staff does, is nothing short of amazing.

A special thanks to all those who donated to this great cause. Because of you, homeless and disadvantaged children and their mothers will have something to cheer them up daily leading to Christmas and a present under the tree on that special day.



Southwest Ontario

Patricia's from the SW Ontario Branch continue to meet across our large area of operations, either in small numbers of 2 or 3 or in larger groups.

Doug Furchner hosted a group of Patricia's in February. With the closing of the RHLI Association Building, he has found a new venue willing to support us old grunts. Thanks go out to Doug and Lynda along with the RHLI Association for hosting many of our events over the years. Looking forward to developing relationships with the Zoomies up at the 447 Wing Club.

The Greater London Area Patricia's have taken the initiative and host weekly lunch gatherings every Friday with the offer always extended to anyone who wants to join in the festivities. In addition keeping with the tradition going back many years, they hosted Patricia's on the Friday closest to Regimental Day for lunch. Thanks to Derrick "Junior" McClinchey and Richard Davey for coordinating this group. Big shout out to Richard's 9er Domestic, Angela for arranging some amazing themed cupcakes to finish off the day.



We continue a tradition going back more than 15 years by gathering in Niagara Falls at Betty's Restaurant for dinner on Regimental Day. In recognition of the support that they have given us over the years we were pleased to present them with a small token to acknowledge this relationship.



Finally Ian White continues to take every opportunity to gather the Trenton Area Patricia's for comradery and support. This year's Regimental Day was no different.



If you are traveling through the area, check out the PPCLI Association Ontario Branches Facebook page for a listing of events and feel free to join us.



Kingston

Kingston Branch held its Annual AGM on 2 Nov 23 at the Matt Dawe Legion. In addition to regular Branch Business, Shaun Tymchuk was elected as the new Branch Secretary.



The Branch Christmas Dinner took place on 26 Nov 23 at the Greek Islands Restaurant. A total of 40 people participated and it was a great evening. LCol Troy Leifso, one of the serving members in Kingston, gave an excellent update on the training, operations and ceremonial activities of the Regiment, which was much appreciated by all attending. Once again the staff was pushing us out the door at closing time.

Ottawa and Kingston Branch are pushing to establish closer ties, as part of our joint 110th Anniversary effort. Ottawa Branch invited Kingston to attend their 110th Birthday Luncheon at the Canal Ritz, Ottawa on 17 Mar. Five of us drove up to attend and it was a superb reunion with old friends. Kingston Branch has reciprocated by inviting Ottawa Branch members to attend our Regimental Dinner planned for 20 Apr 24, at the Rivermill Restaurant and a number of Ottawa Branch members are signed up to attend. In addition, Ottawa Branch will be invited to the Kingston Branch Golf Tournament and Social to be held in June. The Kingston Branch will then participate in the 110th Regimental Dinner and Commemoration Events that Ottawa

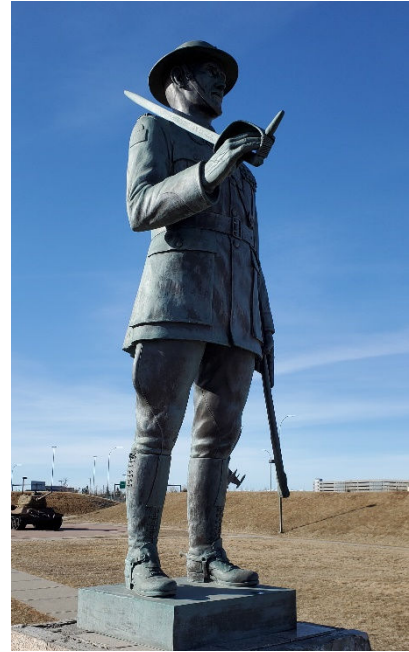
Branch will host on 9-10 Aug 24. Finally, Ottawa Branch members will be invited to the Kingston Christmas Dinner in Nov to close off the 110th celebrations.

On 22 Mar 24, Col Adam Moore and the serving component here in Kingston, invited Kingston Branch to attend their 110th Anniversary Beer Call at the Matt Dawe Legion. It was a large gathering of Patricia's and enjoyed by all.



Calgary

The Calgary Branch of the PPCLI Association started off 2024 with our first meeting on the 27th of January. The new executive is finding its way, and the branch is moving forward in a positive way. We have established a monthly meet and greet over and above our regular formal meetings which allows for an opportunity to meet informally and encourage Patricias in the Calgary area to come out and meet old friends and re-establish old friendships. We've been able to participate in several celebrations of life for our fallen allowing us to provide support to the families both through the PPCLI Association and the Veterans Association here in Calgary. We had a very successful Regimental Day Celebration here in Calgary with a toast to the Founder at the Military Museum followed by a meet and greet at a local pub/brewery on the old Currie base. We had 50 plus in attendance, and we were privileged to have the Colonel of the Regiment in attendance as well. Moving forward we are getting ready for the AGM and 110th Celebrations in St. Albert and Edmonton in June, and are in the initial stages of planning a celebration in August for the Regimental Birthday.





Edmonton



Good day and Happy 110 Anniversary to all Patricia's from all members of the Edmonton branch. We finished 2023 with our annual Christmas Dinner. We started 2024 with our Branch Annual General Meeting in January BIG surprise nothing changed, the branch Executive remained the same. Herb Kenny holds positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer for another Two years. Tim Penney the Vice President for two more years. Kevin Raper is our Sergeant at Arms, Mike Schneider our VPP and Past President, Fred Goldring.

We have 35 members plus attend our meeting which we feel makes us stronger as a branch, we meet 10 times a year which allows ample opportunity for our members to get to a meeting. There is lots of talk thus far about 110 Anniversary and the AGM which we are hosting in June. We are hoping that it will be attend by lots of Patricia's from outside Edmonton area. We have Meet & Greet on Friday and a Formal Dinner on Saturday please check out <http://ppcliassn.ca/> and sign up for these two events.





PATRICIA PARK 17 MARCH 2024

We celebrated Regimental Day on the 16 and 17 of March. On the 16th we had a luncheon at a local pub and 65 plus attended. The morning of the 17th we gathered at Patricia Park to Toast the Regiment and thank all those with names on walls to the entrance. We also toasted the Serving and of course the Association. On the 8th May for Frezenberg Day we are having a Luncheon to celebrate. We are planning events ongoing during the summer. On 10 Aug at 1000hrs there will be gathering at Patricia Park to toast 110 years, followed by food and refreshments. The annual PPCLI Campout 10-11 Aug in Camrose this year will be extra special due to the 110th Anniversary. Contact the branch for more details on these two events.

A reminder to all Patricia's 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](https://www.google.com/maps/place/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



**GETTING READY FOR A
TOAST ON REGIMENTAL DAY
2024
AT PATRICIA PARK**



Victoria

Happy Easter / Spring to fellow Patricias from the Victoria Branch. Although after watching the news it does not appear it is Spring everywhere across Canada. Mind you, not that long ago I was shovelling snow for three days in a row and then wearing shorts and a t-shirt the following week.

The Branch is keeping busy, and we still meet for lunch every month. We attended the Afghanistan Memorial and Esquimalt Cenotaph with the 2483 PPCLI Cadets for Remembrance Day.



We had a birthday celebration for a friend of the Association and Kapyong Veteran, Cdr (ret'd) Peter Chance. He turned 103 on 24 November and we had a lunch for him on 1 December. He recently passed away on 9 April 2024.

Our Christmas Dinner was held on 14 December at the Legion.

Jerry Nugent is presented with a bottle of the finest by Jake Bates for the amazing work he did on the oak cabinet at the Museum. Clem Poff, Frank Chevrier and Bruce Dickey are looking on.



BC Afghanistan Memorial

Invitation

BC AFGHANISTAN MEMORIAL
Commemoration to Mark the 10th Anniversary of the End of Canada's Combat Mission in Afghanistan

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

The British Columbia Afghanistan Memorial
 the corner of Courtney and Quadra Streets. Reception to follow at the Christ Church Cathedral Hall.

Arrive 1:45 pm
Ceremony 2:00 pm
Reception 3:30 pm

There is limited parking near the event for registered persons with disabilities and VIPs. General parking is available on nearby streets and at the Broughton Street Parkade, a 7 minute walk to the memorial site.

All CAF members, police and civilian workers, veterans, families and guests.

You are invited to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the end of Canada's 15-year engagement in the Afghanistan War and remember the 159 personnel and 8 civilian fatalities and their families.

Veterans are asked to line up in ranks on Quadra Street facing the Memorial. Families and persons with disabilities are invited to use the provided chairs. Once the ceremony is complete, all attendees are invited to the Christ Church Cathedral Hall for refreshments.

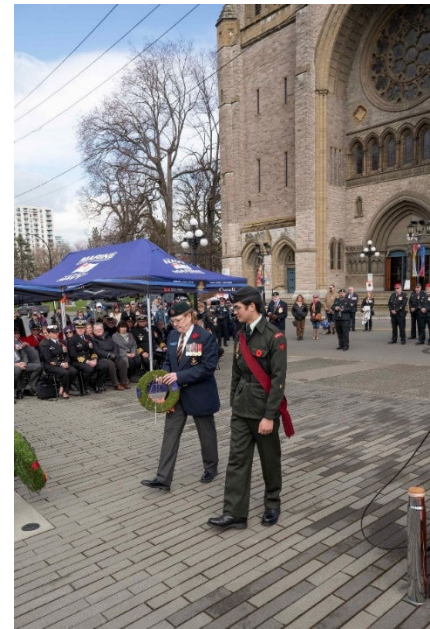
To Register Contact vicam2024@gmail.com

To assist with providing seating, disable parking slots and refreshments, please email the following information:

- Contact Name
- Number of veterans
- Numbers of family members
- Mobility Disability Support

Please note we need mobility disability information by: February 29, 2024.

Many Veterans participated in the 10-year Anniversary of Canadian Troops leaving Afghanistan on 12 March 2024 at the BC Afghanistan Memorial in Victoria. The names of 167 Canadian killed (159 CF members and eight civilians) were read out at the ceremony. Trevor Greene was among the dignitaries who read out the names. Trevor was deployed to Kandahar with 1 PPCLI Battle Group and sustained a massive brain injury after an axe attack 4 March 2006.



Terri Orser laid a wreath on behalf of the Victoria Branch of the PPCLI Association.

JUNE 30, 1994 - 3 PPCLI DEPARTS WORK POINT BARRACKS



Thirty years ago, on June 30, 1994, 3 PPCLI officially departed from Work Point Barracks in Esquimalt enroute to Chilliwack after 24 years of garrison duty. This was the third time frame the PPCLI had occupied Work Point, the first was “B” Company, 1920 to 1939; 1 PPCLI from 1957 to 1963 and then 3 PPCLI, redesignated in 1970 from 1 QOR of C, a combined total of 52 years. A cluster of three commemorative cairns remain on the Work Point grounds opposite the former Guardhouse on Lyall Street.

“L-R 150 YEARS QOR of C – Placed 2010; PPCLI 52 years of garrison duty at Work Point Barracks – Placed 2014; 100-year anniversary of Work Point Barracks – Placed 1987”

This bronze plaque was formerly fixed in the right gate post at the Lyall Street entrance to Work Point Barracks. It is now featured fixed on an oak cabinet in the CFB Esquimalt Naval and Military Museum, PPCLI display, building N 39, NADEN.



The final move in 1994 from Work Point was a sad day for the military and citizens of Esquimalt / Victoria and I dare say for the Canadian Armed Forces in general. It also created a vacuum in the Regular Force presence on Vancouver Island which then expanded British Columbia wide, as within two years the battalion relocated again, this time to Edmonton, Alberta.

The following article was published in the LOOKOUT on July 6, 1994, summarizing the activity surrounding the departure ceremonies and parades:

The Lookout
July 6, 1994

SOLDIERS BID VICTORIA FAREWELL

3 PPCLI Relocates to Chilliwack

How does one say goodbye to old friends? That was the question Lieutenant Governor David Lam posed to the crowd Tuesday, June 28 during a parade which marked the farewell to Victoria for this city's soldiers.

"You will be missed," said the Lt. Governor to the soldiers of Third Battalion of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (# PPCLI). The 3 PPCLI "Farewell to Victoria" parade, held on the grounds of the Legislature, was one of the several farewell events the battalion held last week.

"We will miss this town and this garrison deeply."

Lt. Col. Glenn Nordick
Former Commanding Officer,
3 PPCLI

The farewell ceremonies were the final occasion for the local community to see 3 PPCLI. The battalion has been in Esquimalt for 24 years but now departs Work Point Barracks for its new home at Canadian Forces Base Chilliwack. There, the battalion will be reorganized into a 10 / 90 Total Force Infantry Battalion, consisting of 10 per cent regular force members and 90 per cent reserves.

The Countess of Mountbatten of Burma, the Colonel in Chief of the Regiment, presided over all the farewell ceremonies over the two days. They included: the Farewell to the City of Victoria parade at the Legislature; a dinner and ball that evening at the Bay Street Armoury; farewell parades to the Municipality of Esquimalt and Maritime Forces Pacific (MARPAAC); a formal Change of Command ceremony between the incoming and outgoing Commanding Officers; and a traditional Sunset Ceremony to bid farewell to Work Point Barracks.

During the Farewell to Esquimalt parade at Work Point, outgoing commanding officer, Lt. Col. Glenn Nordick, thanked the Municipality for its support since the battalion's station here.

"We experienced directly the sense of pride and community here," he said. "We will miss this town and this garrison deeply."

The battalion then bid farewell to MARPAAC.

"3 PPCLI and MARPAAC have enjoyed a special relationship," said Lt. Col. Nordick. He thanked the navy for their cooperation and support the battalion has received over the years. The parade march past which followed was 3 PPCLI's final parade under the command of Lt. Col.

Nordick, as Lt. Col. W.D. Turner was officially made the battalion's new commanding officer in the Change of Command ceremony.

Victoria mayor Bob Cross commented on the "mixed feelings" greeting the battalion's move – sadness for its departure, yet gratitude for its record of service while based in Victoria.

"Over the many years 3 PPCLI has participated with integrity at home and abroad," he said.

Lt. Col. Nordick paid tribute to the support 3 PPCLI received from the city, particularly at the Welcome Home parade upon the battalion's return from Croatia last year.

"We will not forget the outstanding support you have given us," he said. "Today marks the end of an era...(but) it does not end the memories and the friendships that have been forged here."

Photographs of the final parade at Work Point Barracks June 28, 1994



Work Point Barracks since 1994 is the home of The Naval Officers Training Centre (NOTC) HMCS VENTURE and CAMPUS PACIFIC - Royal Canadian Navy (RCN). Four buildings on site which have retained the PPCLI historical designations to date are: Buildings WP 1031 – AMIENS BUILDING; WP 1068 – Hill 70 BUILDING; WP 1070 – ARLEUX BUILDING; and WP 1075 – YPRES BLOCK.

Jack Bates

Victoria Branch

2483 PPCLI Cadets



2483 RCACC corps photo at our FTX at Albert Head

2483 Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps has had a very fun and packed year full of training so far. This marks our second full year in person since the pandemic and we have seen a lot of progress and changes at the unit we are excited to share with you all.

Our unit started the training year with an open house where senior cadets explained the different activities that are provided by the unit, ultimately welcoming a dozen new cadets to the unit. Once all the cadets were enrolled, our training nights focused on preparing our cadet for their upcoming Field Training Exercises (FTX) by covering classes that will teach them how to pack, navigate, communicate, be a follower in a team and for our senior cadets only: how to effectively lead a team. Our training paid off and we ran an excellent FTX at Albert Head in October.

During our FTXs, cadets learned survival skills, practiced navigational skills and got opportunities to do tasks where they lead small sections through various tasks and terrains. This allows them to put into practice many classroom lessons taught on training nights and cadets often receive first time unique experiences like lighting fires, cooking MREs, navigating using a map or setting up tents.

Once our FTX was completed, our regular training nights switched to focus on drill before we paraded in the 2023 Esquimalt Remembrance Day parade. After the Remembrance Day parade, cadets switched to regular classroom training. We prepared at this time for the aging out of three of our most senior cadets and a mess dinner to celebrate them. The mess dinner was held at the Trafalgar/Pro Patria Legion and the cadets enjoyed a delicious meal, new and old traditions and many funny occurrences.



2483 RCACC corps at Mess Dinner

Following the age outs, we had the promotion of our new Regimental Sergeant Major (RSM) after completing Merit Review Boards in February. Our new RSM, MWO Ben Farkas Husband states the unit is “working towards rebuilding our skills and abilities after Covid 19”. BZ to MWO Farkas-Husbands on his successful appointment. We wish him the best in his role!

In March, cadets were very busy with expeditions, Canadian Armed Forces Familiarization days, weekend training activities and lastly but most notably, Pre-para. Our unit is proud of all the cadets that chose to expand their skills and participate in the activities held during March Break, but the corps needs to make a special shoutout to WO Matteo Sison who successfully completed the 1-week Pre-para training course held in Vernon, BC. This is one of the most physically and mentally challenging courses that prepares you for the CF Basic Parachutist 6-week course held in Trenton during the summer. When asked about his experience he said” *Pre-para shocked me with how physically demanding it is from the rest of the cadet program. From Monday to Friday,*

it was fully body workouts with little rest all day, I recommend it to all cadets who have an interest in fitness.” BZ to WO Matteo Sison!



Pre-para 2024 candidates. Only 2 pictured are from 2483 RCACC

We have had a busy year so far, and we aren't done yet! The corps requires a lot of resources to function as it does with 45 cadets on strength and we want to show some appreciation. Firstly, thank you to our unit's dedicated and skilled staff currently consisting of 6 CIC officer and 4 Reg Force volunteers. The unit is supported by a strong parent support committee chair and team that ensure the corps' continued success. We are grateful to the parents for the support they give to the unit in many ways-thank you! We also received amazing support from the Victoria Branch of the PPCLI Association, the Trafalgar/Pro Patria Legion Branch 292 and the Victoria Poppy Fund Committee. We are so grateful for all your support and assistance. We are also grateful to our RCSU Pacific zone team for all the support they have given to the cadets and staff. Thank you all for making the unit the family that it is and giving us the opportunity to keep doing what we love.

If you would like to come and support the unit, our Annual Ceremonial Review, our year-end parade and award ceremony will be held on Sunday, 2 June 2024 and is open to the public. It will be held at CFB Work Point. For more details, please see our website closer to the event date and time: <https://victoriaarmycadets2483.ca/activities/> .

Always a Patricia.

Museum Report

The PPCLI exhibit in the CFB ESQUIMALT NAVAL and MILITARY MUSEUM in NADEN (Building N 39) now features the completed oak cabinet handcrafted by Gerry Nugent of the Victoria Branch of the Association. The cabinet has several drawers which will house additional items to complement the main "behind the glass" exhibit. Also, the exhibit is in the final stages of its redesign, only permanent text descriptions remain to be completed and placed, describing the items in the display. Of note to visitors of the museum, the mannequin in the exhibit room is also undergoing a transformation. This makeover will feature a more up to date version of the famous pre-unification "battledress," and be a reminder of that era to all. Very sharp indeed!



This exhibit in building N 39 is well worth visiting as it portrays the history of the PPCLI in general terms but also a local Work Point Barracks reference to B Company, 1920 to 1939; 1 PPCLI from 1957 to 1963 and 3 PPCLI from 1970 to 1994. For those looking for the 1 QOR of C, 1963-to-1970-time frame at Work Point Barracks, this is housed in the same building N 39.

Jack Bates

Victoria Branch

The Victoria Branch will be celebrating the **110th Anniversary** of the Founding of the Regiment. So far, we are anticipating a Meet and Greet on 9 August and activities at Work Point Barracks on 10 August which will include a BBQ.

We want to wish everyone a healthy and happy Spring / Summer and hope to see many of you at the 110th celebrations.

Terri Orser

Victoria Branch President



Ottawa

Since the Fall 2023 Newsletter, much and yet little has happened: the Ottawa Branch held its first AGM since before COVID, and our Executive picked up two new faces – Vince Kennedy and Norah Hewson. The team with them – Don Dalziel, Pete Leger, Greg Bell, and Don Reiben – started immediately into the planning for the 110th Anniversary. Once Christmas drinks were done, the Branch also began the actual approach to a number of individuals in the UK who were active in the UK Branch which folded in 2010 as well as some valued friends of the Regiment who did so much for us during the 100th Anniversary celebrations in the UK.

Offers of Honorary Branch memberships went out in January to this UK group – and the response was very warm. A UK group of nine new Honoraries are with us now – they are identified below.

With respect to our 110th celebrations, we determined to do something clearly set on the actual date of 10 August. After a lot of twisting and turning, the outline plans below were developed:

Ottawa 110th Anniversary Events

1. Regimental Commemorative Dinner – Fri, 09 Aug. This is planned to be a semi-formal evening event with the proven format of a Regimental Dinner – gather at the site, share a drink, dine, and disperse. Booked timing is 1830 hrs start at the Royal Ottawa Golf Club (ROGC), where both the first CO, LtCol Farquhar, and the second CO, LtCol Buller, were members prior to their departure. Guests of Honour will be the Colonel-in-Chief and her husband, and the Colonel of the Regiment and his wife.
2. 110th Anniversary Bike Ride – Ends Sat, 10 Aug. This will be the fifth and concluding charity bicycle ride leading up to the 110th. This was Greg Bell's idea in 2020 and he will lead in propelling a significant response to this event, with a call out to all branches/units to support riders, and to advertise the effort. Two or more riders completing the ride on Saturday 10 August will be timed to arrive at the Regimental Monument in Lansdowne at 1100 hrs, where they will be congratulated by the Colonel-in-Chief. Pledges are to be donated to the HGMF for causes directly supporting that Fund's charitable writ. Separate instructions have been issued.
3. Commemorative Memorial Service at Lansdowne Park – Sat, 10 Aug. The main event will be a Commemorative Memorial Service, with the Colonel-in-Chief as the guest of honour, and the Colonel of the Regiment present, at 1100 hrs on Sat, 10 Aug, at the Regimental Memorial in Lansdowne Park, the actual birthplace of the Regiment. Among the attendees, all with partners, families, and children, we hope to have NCR serving Patricia's; Ottawa Branch members; and

representatives from both the Kingston and SW Ontario Branches. Special guests may include: the Mayor of Ottawa; other appropriate politicians including Senator Yohan Martin; associated military attaches; KVA local members; and Daniel Johnson and a few students from Laval's Sir Wilfred Laurier School Board schools. The service will include the laying of a wreath. We plan to gather for lunch after in a nearby pub for all who wish to participate.

4. The Ottawa Branch is hoping that the 110th events in Ottawa will appeal on a regional level – Kingston Branch will be trying to generate some participation from their members and perhaps SW Ontario Branch as well. And Ottawa members will try to reciprocate as possible.

New Branch Honorary Members

Following approval at the Branch AGM, the Executive has invited nine new UK individuals with strong connections to PPCLI to be Branch Honorary Members. Accepting are: The Honourable Kate Nicolson (the Mistress of Saltoun, daughter of Honorary Patricia, Flora Fraser, the 21st Lady of Saltoun and the Chief of the Name and Arms of Clan Fraser and Captain Alexander Ramsay of Mar, son of Princess Patricia and Admiral Ramsay); The Honourable Timothy Knatchbull (son of Lady Patricia, the Countess Mountbatten of Burma, and who was instrumental in having her medal set come to the Regiment, and who assisted Ray Crabbe in parts of the Volume 6 history project); Simon and Fiona Gault (Simon is a cousin of Hammie and both were on the 100th tour in the Gault Team); MajGen Sir Michael Carleton-Smith (a great exchange officer 1958-60, served in 1 & 2 PPCLI, and represented the Green Jackets/Rifles at the 100th Anniversary tour in 2015; Lynne Cowley (the past archivist at St Anne's Church, Bagshot, who knew Princess Patricia and who as Parish Administrator helped with arrangements for the Memorial Service and the Princess Patricia plaque installation, with the Queen Mother presiding); John Townson (the Master of Belmont Farm, behind Hatch Court, and son of Anne Nation, Grand Nephew and Godson of Hammie Gault); and, Dr. Robin and Jane (Nation) Odgers (Jane is the sister of John Townson and was co-host to the UK Week visit at Hatch). This is the "UK Group" within the Ottawa Branch, and we are proud to include this group of friends.

Other Branch Stories

Other articles in this Newsletter are a *Tribute to the Schjelderups*, Ida Schjelderup having passed away before Christmas, and John Townson's article entitled *The Gault Room Redux*



Tribute to the Schjelderups

The Schjelderups, Colonel Roger and Ida, both represented the Patricia's in exemplary fashion for many years, in Canada and in the UK. Roger died in London in 1974 – his death much attributable to his wartime injuries and the effects of illness and exposure while escaping captivity. At the time of his death, he was serving as the Military Advisor in the Canadian Defence Liaison Staff (London). Ida, who remained in the UK after Roger's death, died in December 2023.



Then-LCol Roger Schjelderup, CO 2PPCLI, and then-Capt Mike Carleton-Smith, the Exchange Officer from The Rifles (later MajGen Sir Michael Carleton-Smith), during office call on MGen Chris Volkes, Comd Western Command, formerly CO PPCLI, and Bde and Div Comd during Sicily and Italian Campaigns. The call took place in Edmonton in 1957 or 1958

Roger Schjelderup was born in 1921 in Smithers BC, and grew up in Courtney, taking advantage of the opportunities for skiing and climbing. In September 1939, he entered UBC, and joined the Canadian Officer's Training Corps, but left the university in August 1941, and was commissioned in The Canadian Scottish Regiment. As a platoon commander, he landed on Juno Beach on D-Day, was wounded, and won his first Military Cross for his actions there. Over half of his platoon were wounded that day. Recovering in July, he returned to action as an acting captain and company commander, and in October led his company in an attack across the Leopold Canal. They were cut off, and he was wounded again and eventually captured, but had held the critical position long enough to allow a successful Canadian counterattack. For this action, he was awarded the DSO, a decoration seldom given a junior officer.

Despite his wounds and a high fever, he and several other soldiers escaped from a POW train taking them to Germany. They eventually met up with the Dutch resistance who nursed him back to relative health. He worked with the resistance for close to four months before joining several others in attempting a winter return to friendly lines. When he was finally safe, after a long and intense ordeal until they finally made contact with a British unit, he was in terrible condition – sicker than anyone else in the group, with pneumonia gone to pleurisy. His recuperation was long and painful.

Roger stayed in the army after the War, joining PPCLI, and in 1946, he was a company commander at Camp Shilo. He married Ida Hundevad in Ottawa in September 1949, and attended the two-year course at the Royal Military College of Science in the UK from 1949 to 1951, followed by the Army Staff College Camberley. Promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel in 1954, he established the Joint Atomic, Bacteriological and Chemical Defensive Warfare School at Camp Borden, and was its first Commanding Officer. He qualified as a parachutist before taking command of 2PPCLI, a position he held from August 1957 to May 1960. He was particularly proud when Hammie and Dorothy Gault attended the first ever Trooping in Edmonton on 6 and 7 June 1958, and the new barracks there was named The Hamilton Gault Barracks.

Roger was a pallbearer at Hammie's funeral in November 1958. Promoted to Colonel in 1962, he held a variety of staff appointments, including a tour in Ghana and command of CFB Calgary. In 1970, he was posted to CDLS(L). An early duty there was to attend, with Ida, the Memorial Service for Admiral Sir Alexander Ramsay, Princess Patricia's husband, in St. Anne's Church Bagshot. They were also among the PPCLI group at the Memorial Service for Dorothy Gault in Taunton in October 1972. He passed away suddenly in London on 29 September 1974. Schjelderup Lake near Courtenay, BC is named after him., and he was buried nearby in Sandwich Cemetery in Courtney.

After Roger's death, Ida remained in the UK, and lived in the village of Herstmonceux in East Sussex. She was a personal friend of Hamilton and Dorothy Gault; of Lady Patricia Ramsay (Princess Patricia), and her husband Admiral Sir Alexander Ramsay; of Lady Patricia Brabourne (Countess Mountbatten of Burma); and their families. She was an active member of the UK Branch of the PPCLI Association from the time they arrived in London until the Branch folded in 2012.

Ida was the Social Secretary of the Branch – and it was a busy one. She was in close contact with the Lady Saltoun (wife of Capt Alexander Ramsay of Mar, the son of Princess Patricia and Admiral Ramsay) and their children. Kate Nicholson, Mistress of Saltoun and granddaughter of Princess Patricia, said of Ida: “I remember her as a constant fixture at any PPCLI event held in London or Bagshot or Windsor practically my whole life, and she was always quite charming to us young as well as always being immaculately turned out! I loved that she had stories about Gangan and, more importantly, any officer present clearly had a terrific respect for her as did we”.



Ida Schjelderup, after placing flowers on the graves of LtCol Buller (R), and that of LtCol Farquhar (L). The first two CO's of PPCLI are buried in Voormezele Cemetery in Belgium. Ida is wearing the Buller Brooch. Circa 2016

Ida was also instrumental in ensuring that the Regiment was named on the plaque for Princess Patricia at St Anne's Church in Bagshot. She attended the internment of Princess Patricia's remains at Frogmore, a service watched over by the Queen Mother, and also attended the service back at St. Anne's in 1974. In unveiling that plaque, the constant line of family was cemented between the first Colonel-in-Chief and PPCLI. Ida also had a similarly close relationship with Lady Patricia Brabourne, Countess Mountbatten of Burma, who became our second Colonel-in-Chief at the behest of the first. Ida kept up these contacts out of a deep feeling of family unison within PPCLI. She and her family were invited to the funeral of Lady Patricia in London and were seated immediately behind the Queen.

She maintained a legendary scrapbook with photos and original letters from the Founder and many other UK Patricias. She proudly wore the Buller Brooch, a jewelled Marguerite hat badge which LtCol Buller had probably commissioned for his mother, Lady Emily Buller, while he was in UK recuperating from wounds received near Ypres in May 1915.

When the UK Branch folded in 2012, it was largely because of aging membership. Stalwarts like Jeffery Williams and Rex de Vic Carrey passed, and the internet allowed easy communication without a meeting.

As a result, when she was in Ottawa for the 100th Anniversary celebrations, Ida joined the Ottawa Branch of the PPCLI Association – as did her son Eric, as an Ottawa Branch Honorary Member. She was a constant communicator and kept us up to speed on what was happening in UK. Ida's remains will be interred in Beechwood Cemetery, Ottawa, in summer of 2024.

(For a description of Roger Schjelderup's career, particularly his wartime service:

<https://scholars.wlu.ca/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?referer=&httpsredir=1&article=1052&context=cmh>)



UK Report – The Gault Room

John Townson, son of Anne Nation, Grand Nephew and Godson of Hammie Gault and Gatekeeper in some respects of the Gault history in the village of Hatch Beauchamp, and as the Master of Belmont Farm – has reported a recent achievement in Hatch Beauchamp.

“Our village hall has just been refurbished and a large committee room is now looking rather more presentable. It was always meant to be called the Gault Room, but the original plaque had become rather lost behind a curtain and people had forgotten about it. The plaque was paid for when it was first hung by the then UK Branch of the PPCLI Association.

At my instigation, the room is now definitely to be known again as the Gault Room and the plaque is to be rehung in a more prominent location, with these two other elements, a picture and a text both framed, one on either side. These remind people who Hammie and Dorothy actually were, sometimes forgotten about by villagers!”

The items are now on display is below: a picture of Hammie and Dorothy Gault with their first aeroplane, a de Havilland Moth, circa 1935 which hangs on the right of the Dedication Plaque for the room, and on the left of that Plaque is a framed text story of some of Hammie and Dorothy Gault’s endeavours.



THE GAULT ROOM

The Gault Room is named after Hamilton and Dorothy Gault who lived at Hatch Court in the early part of the 20th century. They had no children, but the house continued to be occupied by the family until it was sold in 2000.

Hamilton Gault (1882-1958) was born into a wealthy Montreal family and fortunate to have the means to follow his own adventurous interests; canoeing Canada's rivers and expeditions to Africa in his early years and flying his own plane around Europe in the 1930s. But the act for which his name will always be remembered was the raising at his own expense on the outbreak of the First World War of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. He fought with his own regiment throughout the war and was wounded three times. On marrying his wife, Dorothy, in 1922, Gault moved to Somerset and was MP for Taunton from 1924 to 1935. Amongst other philanthropic gifts, he gave two fully equipped playing fields to Taunton; one in Hamilton Road and one at Galmington.

Dorothy Gault (1898-1972) spent much of her childhood at Hatch Court which belonged to her aunt and uncle. She shared the same adventurous spirit as her husband and had, although under twenty, spent much of the First World War training horses for the front. She obtained her pilot's license in 1930. Having supported her husband in his career as MP for Taunton, she became involved with many of the town's charities in later life. She was also chairman of the old Village Club in Hatch Beauchamp and was instrumental in getting the project for a new Village Hall off the ground; starting the fundraising with a large donation.

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry continues to be a distinguished part of Canada's permanent forces. The regiment donated this plaque in honour of their founder.



Atlantic

During the winter months the Atlantic Branch has had 2 gatherings.

We had a good turnout of approx. 15 pers at our Atlantic Branch Christmas meet and greet on 09 Dec 2023. During the meet and greet we had a meal followed by a toast to the Regiment.



The Atlantic Branch held its Regimental Day meet and greet on Friday 15 Mar 2024 at the Officers/SnrNCO's mess at Carleton Armoury in Fredericton, NB. The Atlantic Branch co hosted this meet and greet with Joel Turnbull and the Dirty Patricia's. We had another successful Regiment Day meet and greet with over 20 in attendance.



The Atlantic Branch will be holding a fundraising draw in order to raise money for the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund (HGMF). All money raised through ticket sales will be donated to the HGMF. The draw will be for a wood carving of the VP Flag that will be drawn during our Frezenberg Day meet and greet on Wednesday 08 May 2024. The wood carving was made and donated by Sean Jessop.



The Atlantic Branch will be working with the French Grey Bn and Joel Turnbull on planning Regimental Birthday activities in the Fredericton area on Saturday 10 Aug 2024.



Fallen Patricias

George G C Dunlop 72	3 PPCLI	Aug 2023	Regina SK
William G Seniuk 27	3 PPCLI	Oct 2023	Edmonton AB
William A Greaves 71	3 PPCLI	Nov 2023	Victoria BC
George B Smith 93	2 PPCLI / Korea	Nov 2023	Edmonton AB
James A McNutt 93	1 PPCLI	Nov 2023	Truro NS
Robert P Luchia 79	2 PPCLI / Korea	Nov 2023	High River AB
Paul Ravensdale 54	2 & 3 PPCLI	Nov 2023	Brandon MB
Jack Paley 102	2 PPCLI	Nov 2023	Markham ON
Wayne C Butler 75	2 PPCLI	Nov 2023	Shelburne NS
Charles G Kennington 61	2 PPCLI	Dec 2023	Berwick NS
John J A Corriveau 67	2 PPCLI	Dec 2023	Kamloops BC
Stanley B Lafond 87	1 PPCLI	Dec 2023	Saskatoon Sk
Sietze Van Gunst 87	1 PPCLI	Dec 2023	Red Deer AB
Dewey R Soper 96	1 & 3 PPCLI Korea	Dec 2023	Calgary AB
Clark GP Beatty 84	1 PPCLI	Dec 2023	Calgary AB
Bradely N Hall 69	2 PPCLI	Dec 2023	Ottawa ON
Richard A Seitz 55	2 PPCLI	Dec 2023	Port Hardy BC
John Wilcox 79	2 PPCLI	Jan 2024	Victoria BC
Thomas F Hradec 80	1 & 2 PPCLI	Jan 2024	Moyie BC
James Arthur Milne 78	PPCLI	Jan 2024	Winnipeg MB
Francis J Duffy 93	2 PPCLI	Jan 2024	Dollard-des-Ormeaux QC
Robert H Finch 94	PPCLI	Jan 2024	Toronto ON
Charlie Watt 70	3 PPCLI	Feb 2024	Vermillion AB
Gordon C Descoteaux 79	1 & 2 PPCLI	Feb 2024	St Albert AB
Scott A Blackburn 60	2 PPCLI	Feb 2024	Puerto Maldonado Peru
John J Pollard 60	1 PPCLI	Feb 2024	Sarnia ON
David C MacDonald 74	2 PPCLI	Mar 2024	Sydney Mines NS
Paul McIntosh 85	2 PPCLI	Mar 2024	St. Peters Bay PEI
Earl O Basaraba 90	1 PPCLI	Mar 2024	Edmonton AB
Micheal MiKinley 72	1 & 2 PPCLI	Mar 2024	Calgary AB
Garnet Bigelow 94	PPCLI	Mar 2024	Cochrane AB
Frank Monaghan 56	1 & 2 PPCLI	Mar 2024	Wainwright AB

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