



**COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT
REGIMENTAL DAY MESSAGE
MONDAY, 17 MARCH 2025**

To All Patricias,

My wife Carol and I would like to extend best wishes to all members of the PPCLI Regimental Family on this the occasion of our most important Regimental celebration – the late Lady Patricia Ramsay’s birthday. Born Princess Patricia of Connaught and a granddaughter of Queen Victoria we are proud that she gave her name to our Regiment and we perpetuate it with pride. Her presentation of a Camp Colour (later called the Ric-A-Dam-Doo) to the Regiment before departure to World War 1 and her simple, natural manners, and lack of stiff etiquette certainly endeared her to our soldiers. Such was her pride and continued interest in the Regiment that she was appointed our first Colonel-in-Chief in 1918 and retained it until her death in 1974. Indeed, her dedication, faith, pride in the Regiment and humility, are all characteristics we should each endeavor to emulate to this day.

The past year has seen the Regimental Family continue to uphold its fine reputation by not only celebrating our 110th Anniversary but also providing operational excellence with the great work of our serving soldiers in Poland, England, Latvia, Cyprus, Lebanon and here in Canada. 2025 is also very busy as our Battalions support the G7 Leaders’ Summit in Kananaskis, Alberta, and 2 PPCLI’s involvement in both Operation Reassurance in Latvia and Operation Unifier in Poland and England. Similarly, the PPCLI Association and Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund continue to do sterling work on behalf of the entire Regimental Family.

In conclusion, we hope that the fine tradition of broom-i-loo will be played in various locations and that wherever you are and whomever you are blessed to be with that you celebrate this important day by toasting our Regiment and Princess Patricia. Thank you all for your support of the Regiment and our Country!

Regimentally yours,

Brigadier-General R.R. Romses, OMM, CD (Ret’d)
Colonel of the Regiment
Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry
