



**COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT
REGIMENTAL BIRTHDAY MESSAGE
SATURDAY 10 AUGUST 2019**

105 years ago, our Founder, Hamilton Gault, had a vision to create a battalion for immediate service in the First World War. Princess Patricia graciously consented to allow the Regiment to use her name and hence, our Regiment, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, was born.

The Regiment's service to Canada over these past 105 years is exemplary, and our current structure provides Canada with an excellent choice of battalions and individuals for any challenge. We also can be proud of our focus on soldiers and leadership. All current and retired Patricias can be justly proud of today's Regiment.

This 105 years of service has certainly not been without sacrifice as witnessed by the names of nearly 1900 men and women on our Roll of Honour and the thousands of others who have been grievously wounded, many of whom are with us in our society today. We will remember them and their families as part of our 105th Anniversary, which is themed on "Remembering Our Veterans: Past, Present and Future."

Wherever one finds themselves on the 10th of August, at our gatherings in Shilo or Edmonton, or alone in one's home or elsewhere, please hold a thought for the sacrifices made by individuals and the families that supported them, and remember "Once a Patricia. Always a Patricia."

Brigadier-General V.W. Kennedy, OMM, MSM, CD (Ret'd)
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