



**COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT
REGIMENTAL BIRTHDAY MESSAGE
MONDAY 10 AUGUST 2020**

To all Patricias and their families everywhere, the Regimental Birthday on August 10th is a reminder of the 106 years of our Regiment and its powerful history.

This birthday is another milepost in our story – the not-to-be-named pandemic upended much this past six months, and yet there was significant operational churn with a fine track record of success in the demanding circumstances of multiple deployments – Latvia, Iraq, Ukraine and others. The Association and Foundation have also both been busy and productive, and our supporting families always by our side, ‘ready aye ready’, to help as they did. Yet, whether in a group of comrades or alone on duty or leave somewhere away, a short pause to recognize milepost 106 slipping by, is in order. That pause might contain a thought for our colleagues of today who collectively are writing a new Regimental chapter, as well as for the thousands that have come before us and who wrote their chapters in our story.

We Patricias are blessed with our history and our dedication to a better world for tomorrow. This purpose motivates and sustains us, as do our colleagues, families and loved ones.

I had been hoping that this August we might already be out from under the pandemic restrictions. But this was fain hope, and much of what we might have done socially in the past is not yet possible to fully take up today. But we do endure. Wherever you find yourselves, save a thought for the Regiment, and its service to Canada, over these 106 years. Bring on tomorrow. We are ready.

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