



**COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT
REGIMENTAL BIRTHDAY MESSAGE
TUESDAY 10 AUGUST 2021**

To All Patricia's

Today finds us at our 107th Anniversary, still in a strong position to be able to say that the past year was a highly successful one, even taking into account the severe dislocations of the global pandemic and the clear and growing evidence of climate change. Every one of us in the Regimental family have witnessed the common elements of support given by many to each other in the Covid year. Training continued and operational issues were all handled very well by the Regiment. Significant change occurred in the Association and the now separate Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund. The Regiment endures with strength.

There are yet many more challenges that are facing all Canadians and much of the world, and it would appear that our 108th year will be very challenging as we see many issues gaining front-page space, both in Canada and abroad, but we have the leadership and soldiers to help push back against these. Patricia soldiers are helping today with the forest fires and complications arising from changing and severe weather. There will be more pandemic challenges as we all learn to live with this scourge. And the list of other challenges is quite long. But we have an indomitable spirit, and we will carry a positive view as we get forward and contribute to peace and security.

On this, our Regimental Birthday, we remember the Patricia's of yore and the contributions they all made to the story of Canada. Today's team is doing the same thing – writing a new and in some ways more complex chapter. Take a minute to raise a toast to the Regiment, and have a thought for all your companions and friends whom you will see in the coming year.

Have a great Regimental Birthday, all.

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