



**COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT
REGIMENTAL BIRTHDAY MESSAGE
WEDNESDAY 10 AUGUST 2018**

To all Patricias and their families everywhere, scattered as we are, the Regimental Birthday on August 10th is a reminder of the 104 years of our Regiment and its rich history.

This birthday is another milepost in our story – after a year of significant operational churn with a fine track record of success in the demanding circumstances of multiple deployments. We look ahead to the approach of an equal or higher training and operational tempo in the coming year. Yet, whether in a group of comrades or alone on duty somewhere far away from a unit, a short pause, to recognize the milepost slip by, is in order. That pause might contain a thought for our colleagues of today whom 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. Beside them all stand our families and supporters, as ours do today.

We Patricias are blessed with our history and our dedication to work, as soldiers do, for a better world for tomorrow and for next year – our future. This purpose motivates and sustains us, as do our families and loved ones.

I encourage all Patricias and their families to attend events that may be organized across the country and, wherever you find yourselves, save a thought for the Regiment, and its service to Canada, over these 104 years.

Have a great Regimental Birthday.

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