



**COLONEL-IN-CHIEF REGIMENTAL BIRTHDAY MESSAGE,
FRIDAY, 10 AUGUST, 2018**

My Dear Patricias,

I would like to wish you a very happy 104th Regimental Birthday. It is surprising that four years have passed since our centennial and I am looking forward to the Regiment's 105th Commemorations, scheduled to be held in Edmonton and Shilo.

It has been another busy year for our Regiment with deployments, exercises, and training at home and abroad. As always, the serving component, the PPCLI Association and the PPCLI Foundation have represented our Regiment and country well. I am proud of each and every one of you.

In June I was very happy to attend the 3 PPCLI Change of Command parade, which included the Change of Appointment for the Colonel of the Regiment. It was a wonderful family event attended by so many present and past Patricias. We had a most remarkable parade. This is always my favourite part of these ceremonies!

I want to thank Major-General Brian Vernon for his years of dedication and hard work, on behalf of all Patricias, which culminated in his being our past Colonel of the Regiment. His commitment to our Regiment and to all the soldiers is admirable and unfailing. I cannot thank him enough for his dedication, devotion and personal friendship to me.

I want to welcome our new Colonel of the Regiment, Brigadier-General Vince Kennedy, whom I have known and enjoyed knowing ever since I became your Colonel-in-Chief. He and his wife Wendy are outstanding, devoted, and hardworking members of our family. Everyone knows that their love and support for the Regiment will help us all in the years to come as he serves his term. I depend upon his energy, humour, and tireless support.

Later in June, I was also fortunate to attend the PPCLI Association's Annual General Meeting and was impressed by the Cypress Hill's branch for hosting the terrific event in Medicine Hat. It is wonderful for me to visit that branch in that remarkable little city – they successfully put on such a delightful weekend. I can't thank you enough for that effort and for the time spent on the South Saskatchewan River. I look forward, of course, to next year's event, which will be in Edmonton.

I am very happy that I will attend the French Grey Ball on August 25th. It gives me the chance to meet as many of you as I can, on occasion that I always look forward to. I gather that there will be an interesting announcement (I'm not allowed to tell you more!) and I look forward to that as well.

Whether sharing a toast, or a moment in remembrance for our fallen, I hope you are all able to gather with some other Patricias to commemorate this important day.

Yours faithfully,

Adrienne Clarkson
Colonel-in-Chief
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