

GUARD DIRECTIVE 002:
REGIMENTAL COMMEMORATIONS

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GENERAL

1. Regimental Commemorations are important milestones that contribute directly to Regimental Objectives Three (Regimental Family), Four (History and Tradition) and Five (Image and Identify). In order to achieve the level of excellence that the Regimental Family is accustomed to, Regimental Commemorations will demand forward planning as well as the commitment of resources.

PURPOSE

2. This directive establishes broad Regimental Guard guidance for Regimental Commemorations. Large-scale commemorations, such as the 125th Anniversary in 2039, will have detailed guidance provided as an Annex to this Directive.

CONCEPT

3. Objectives. Regimental Commemorations will serve to achieve the following objectives:

- a. Regimental Family. To develop and maintain cohesion and a strong sense of regimental pride and esprit de corps amongst all members of the regimental family.
- b. History and Traditions. To record and perpetuate the Regiment's history, customs and traditions.
- c. Image and Identity. To own and protect a strong and professional image of the Regiment throughout the CAF and Canada.
- d. Major anniversaries will have the additional objective to celebrate our anniversaries with the nation.

4. Sequencing

- a. Anniversaries will be commemorated as follows:
 - (1) Minor anniversaries will be commemorated every five years (i.e. 2019, 2024, 2029, 2034, 2044, 2049, 2054, 2059, 2069, etc.).
 - (2) Major anniversaries will be commemorated every twenty-five years (i.e. 2039 – 125th, 2064 – 150th, 2089 – 175th, and 2114 – 200th).
- b. In order to optimize participation within operational and Departmental constraints, consideration will be given to scheduling Regimental events on the margins of institutional activities which create the operational necessity for the Serving Component to converge in one location.

- c. Dates for Regimental Commemorations will be locked into the Regimental Calendar as early as possible, in close cooperation with the PPCLI Association and the PPCLI Foundation.
5. Scope
- a. Five-year commemorations will include a Better 'Ole in both Edmonton and Shilo.
 - b. Major commemorations will at a minimum include a programme similar to the 100th Anniversary's Edmonton Commemoration. The 100th Anniversary After-Action Review will be reviewed before the planning and execution of major commemorations.
6. Finances
- a. Any public monies associated with Regimental Commemorations will adhere to Departmental regulations and have the necessary authorization of the chain of command.
 - b. Non-public and Regimental monies in support of Regimental Commemorations will be allocated by the Regimental Executive Committee.
 - c. The Edmonton Commemoration cost just over \$1 million in 2014. The cost of something similar in scope in 2039 would be in the region of \$1.7 million, assuming an annual rate of inflation of 2%. In order for the Regiment to maintain the flexibility to execute an appropriate 125th Anniversary commemoration, the Regimental Executive Committee is advised to save at a rate of approximately \$40K per year towards the Legacy Fund. The Regimental Executive Committee shall periodically reassess the Legacy Fund as it pertains to the 125th Anniversary, and report back to the Regimental Guard on any concerns.

Annexes

Annex A: Executive Summary – 100th AAR 24 Mar 17

B: Regimental Guard Planning Guidance for the 125th Anniversary (TBI NLT 2034)