

Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund

Minutes of the Board of Trustees' Meeting 27 October 2022

By video conference at 1700 MST

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Present:	
Mr. Dave Pentney	Chair / Treasurer
Mr. Charles Reece	Vice Chair
Mr. Paul Hale	Secretary / Fundraising
Mrs. Donna Campbell	Heritage / Veterans and Family
Mr Quentin Innis	Governance
Mr. Derek Prohar	Educational Bursary
Mr Stan Stapleford	Trustee
Mr Ernie Reumiller	Ex-officio Chief Financial Officer
Absent / Regrets	
Mr. Jamie Hamond	Cadets
Mr Don Dalziel	Ex-officio Governance

Item	Discussion	OPI/Action
1.	Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1702 (MST) hours, with a quorum.	Chair
2.	Opening Remarks: Dave provided as update on the Regiment Guard Meeting. First meeting in almost 18 months. Vol VI of Regimental History is undergoing editorial review with the intent that it will be published on the 110 th Regimental Anniversary in 2024. New Regt Adjt Capt Mark Frere. Monuments and Memorial Manual has been updated. Deadline for Patrician articles is 16 Dec 22. Dave will prepare the article. If you wish to have any specific issues included send email accordingly to Dave.	Chair

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	The CoR handover between Kennedy and Gen Romses is still in limbo, pending approval by the Minister of National Defence.	
	Next Regimental Executive Committee Meeting is 9 Nov 22. Chuck Reece will attend and Paul will present reference Sydney Frost Battlefield Tour.	
3.	Approval of the Agenda: Motion for approval: by Stan Stapleford. Seconded by Chuck Reece. <i>Carried</i>	Chair
	Approval of minutes from 21 April 2022	
4.	Motion for approval: by Derek Prohar. Seconded by: Stan Stapleford. <i>Carried</i>	Chair
	Financial Report (as per attached slide)	
	Financial Report as per attached. We are down \$150,935 or 14.7%. This is to be expected with the state of current markets. However we remain in a good financial position.	
5.	Ernie reviewed third quarter reports. Move from Bank of Nova Scotia to Bank of Montreal is ongoing. Nova Scotia account will be kept active for another month. Only concern is that we are expending funds faster that we are bringing them in. Educational Bursary cheques have been distributed. A line has been added to the Book for 2024 Sydney Frost Battlefield Tour.	Treasurer / Finance Chair
	The income statement includes a \$25,000 donation from the estate of Gen de Lalaine.	
	Dave thanked Ernie for all the work that he has put into reorganizing the HGMF financial information and reporting.	
	Bursary Program Update	
	Derek reported on the Bursary Program. The team consisting of Derek Prohar, Tim Penney, Herb Kenny, Stan Stapleford, Mike Schneider, George Arndt and Bill Dixon meet in late August. 23 applications were reviewed and 10 bursaries totally \$30,000 were awarded. Bursaries ranged from \$4,500 to \$1,500.	Bursary Chair
6.	The next Bursary meeting will be providing recommendations on Bursary Amount Number of recipients Bursary names Review awarding criteria Confirmation of selection committee	
	Derek will submit Bursary Article ASAP.	

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	Cadet Program Update	
	Jamie was not able to attend today's meeting. However he sent the following notes. MoU with PPCLI Association does not require updating at this	
	time. Jamie has established contact with Gord Keener, Association Cadet LO.	Cadet Chair
7.	Everything is on track for the HGMF Cadet Corps Competition this year. Gord will be sending the call letter to Regional Cadet Offices with request that scoring sheets are completed by 31 March 2023. The scores will then be reviewed and Top Cadet Corps determined.	
	It was agreed that we would no longer be sending the large trophy to Cadets Corps for formal presentation due to damages incurred during shipping and costs. Keeper trophy will be presented. Decision will be taken as to where the trophy will be displayed. The intent is that it is displayed in a public location where it can be seen.	
	Support to Veterans and Families Update	
	Donna briefed on the Needs Analysis Team highlighted the seven areas where gaps in support to Veterans Families were observed. The list of proposed charitable objects and a list of agencies that could fill the gaps are attached to these minutes.	
8.	Dave took the lead in submitting the proposed objects to CRA, while at the same time considering Transition Teams discussions. We should be able to accomplish this within six months.	Veterans and Families Chair
	Paul commented that updating the HGMF Charitable Objects has been a personal priority for him. The proposed objects are much more applicable to Veterans and Families. At the same time these will make fundraising easier since the benefits are apparent.	
	Dave commented that updated HGMF objects and the ability to make donations to like-minded charities will benefit Veterans and their families. He requested that Quentin forward the list of combined charitable objectives developed by the Transformation Team to him. Once the HMGF BoT have agreed on updated objectives, we will proceed with requesting CRA approval.	
	-Dave thank Donna and team for their excellent work with respect to identifying gaps facing Veterans and their families and proposing new objects.	

Item	Discussion	OPI/Action
	Heritage Update	Heritage Chair
	St Bartholomew's Stained Glass Window	
	A total of just over \$20,000 has been donated with respect to the Stained Glass windows. This includes \$2,500 donated in 2021. Dave advised that the email/letter from Don Dalziel generated an increase in donations. However at this time he wishes to wait until we get closer to the \$25,000 mark for the donation.	
	2023 Sydney Frost Memorial Battlefield Tour	
	Paul reviewed the attached slides on the Battlefield Recce. Karen Storwick and Steve Gregory were instrumental in facilitating contact with Italian historians in all locations. For info, Steve Gregory has instrumental in highlighting Canadian contributions to OP HUSKY. He has facilitated multiple tours to Sicily and has created a Peace and Security Forum, involving Military, Civil Affairs and students from Italy and Canada.	
9.	Tour dates are as per slides. Cadets will only attend Part 2 and it is estimated that we will need to raise \$4,000 per cadet and chaperone for a total of \$56,000. Cadet Corps would be expected to raise at least \$1,000. If we do not reach the target, participation would be reduced accordingly. CRA hat not yet approved this as a charitable activity. Paul will contact then in mid Dec which is when the 120 day CRA response time has been reached and request a ruling.	
	We will add \$125 to the tour cost per participant or \$25 for each of the Remembrance / Dedication Services for the reception afterwards.	
	Ownership of Memorials will remain with the HGMF.	
	As noted, the Ispica Memorial requires maintenance. Steve Gregory will help facilitate this in July 2023 as part of Op HUSKY.	
	Leonforte	
	OP HUSKY will be dedicating a Memorial at Leonforte on 26 July 2023. The Deputy Mayor of Leonforte strongly recommended that the PPCLI Memorial be installed at the same to simply the approval process. I have been in contact with Steve Gregory to facilitate this. The intent it to both memorials produced by the same manufacturer and shipped to Italy at the same time. Hopefully we can arrange for a small PPCLI attendance at the dedication in July 2023. LCol Darcy Wright is currently posted to Brussels and has taken an active interest in the	

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Item	Battlefield Tour and has agreed to be our LO on the ground in Italy.	OT I//ICION
	Application must submitted that to VAC Community War Memorials Program by 1 Nov 22. They will cover up to 50% of the Memorial costs.	
	Hitler Line	
	Location has been approved by Mayor of Aquino. Plaque requires WWII Hat badge, better map and approved Italian wording. The dedication will be on the 80 th Anniversary of the Battle. Darcy Wright's grandfather Sgt PJ Ford was one of the 77 survivors. Charles Comfort, WWII war artist painted a picture of the Sgt Ford.	
	VAC Community War Memorial Application must be submitted by 1 March 2023 for Hitler and Gothic Line.	
	Villa Rogatti	
	It has been decided that a Regimental Memorial will not be placed Villa Rogatti. The city of Ortona has installed 12 Memorials to commemorate Canadian actions. Two of are specifically related to Villa Rogatti. One at the Start Line and the second at the village itself. However we are planning to conduct a Remembrance Service at the village followed by a lunch/reception with an estimate of 300 attending. During the recce, villagers were quick to ask why we were there and showed a great of interest.	
	Still need to coordinate Cadet activity with Canadian College Italy near Ortona. I will meet with the headmaster while he is in Toronto.	
	Gothic Line	
	Proposed location must be approved by City of Osteria Nuovo. Formal request to be sent. Require confirmed wording for Italian portion. Map will zero in on the area where the Regiment fought.	
	I will be sending a Cdn flag to the Italian historian in Osteria Nuovo to replace the one at Point 111. It was in tatters and you would not know that it was a Cdn flag. At the same time I plan to bring 8 Cdn flags on the Battlefield Tour, so that we replace damaged flags as we find them.	

Item	Discussion	OPI/Action
	Recce Costs	
	The recce costs directly associated with the Recce totaled \$8,931,88 as per attached slide.	
	HGMF Cost Dave commented that we are looking at funding x number of cadets depending upon on how much is raised. We will be funding costs of the three memorials. However we may receive some funding for this portion under the VAC Community War Memorial program and National Wall of Remembrance Association.	
	Dave commented that Paul should be reimbursed for costs directly related to the recce since he was doing this on behalf of the Regiment and HGMF.	
	Chuck Recce moved that Paul Hale Be reimbursed up to \$7, 931.88 for the Battlefield recce. Seconded by Donna Campbell.	
	Carried	
	Paul abstained from voting.	
	Dave requested that Paul contact VAC to determine if the Sydney Frost Commemorative Tour for the events that VAC is planning in 2024.	
	Kapyong Commemorative Trail	
	Donna advised that a letter of support has been passed to the Colonel in Chief with respect to the Kapyong Commemorative Trail Dedication in April 2023.	
	Terry Loveridge is examining how we may be able to reproduce War Diaries from Korea for presentation to the Korea War Museum.	
	Paul Advised that Bill Chrysler may attend since his son and grandchildren are in Korea. Carl Cardas is in the best health for Kapyong veterans in Ontario.	
	Governance Chair	Governance
10.	Nothing to add.	Chair
	Communications Update	Comms Chair
11.	Board of Trustee meetings added to website.	

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	Fundraising Update	
12.	108 th bike ride brought in about \$4,600.	Fundraising Chair
	Transformation Team Update	
	Quentin advised that the Transformation process is stalled because the PPCLI Foundation has not provided financial information despite multiple requests.	
	Erik Liebert has coordinated an initial meeting with the accounting firm; however it cannot proceed until the PPCLI Foundation provides the required financial information.	Transformation Reps
	Quentin has created a consolidated table of charitable objectives comparing the PPCLI Fund, PPCLI Foundation and HGMF with proposed objects that would meet everyone's current objects. The addition of the newly proposed objects would benefit all.	
13.	Dave commented that the Foundation appears to be dysfunctional while the HGMF has a plan to move forward. The amalgamation process has been ongoing since December 2019 and we are no further ahead. In reality, this process started in 2017 when the Foundation informally approached the PPCLI Associating reference combining the HGMF and Foundation and those discussion were unsuccessful. We are at the end of examining options with respect to a combined charity. If the Foundation wishes to cease operations, they can do so without the HGMF and decide where they wish to transfer their assets.	
	Dave advised he will contact Mike Day, Foundation President, and find out where they are with respect to their financials. If they cannot provide the financial information in a timely fashion and be actively engaged in the Transformation process, it is Dave's intent is to advise the Foundation and the Regiment that the HMGF will withdraw from the Transformation process.	
	All members of the HGMF BoT fully supported Dave's recommendation that we withdraw from the Transformation process.	
	Open Forum	
14.	Ernie commented that we should be submitting a report on T4As with respect to Educational Bursaries to CRA.	
	Next Meetings	Chair
15.	19 January 2023 at 1700 MDT.	

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16	Adjournment:	
16.	There being no further business or objections the meeting was adjourned at 1807 (MST) hours on a motion by: Paul Hale	

Paul Hale

Prepared by: Paul Hale HGMF Secretary 15 November 2022

Approved by: Dave Pentney HGMF Chair

15 November 2022

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

30 September 2022

Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund (HGMF)

A summary of the HGMF portfolio performance for 2022 to date is as follows:

2022 Opening Balance	\$1,027,854
First Quarter	\$978,499
Second Quarter	\$877,478
Third Quarter	\$876,919

Through to the end of the second quarter of 2022 the value of the portfolio decreased by \$150,935 or - 14.71%.

The Russian invasion of Ukraine, increased petroleum prices and rising inflation caused markets to lose ground through the first half of the year; however, our portfolio has only declined a little over \$500 in the third quarter.

Dave Pentney Finance Chair

Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund Balance Sheet As at 30 Sep, 2022

ASSET

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Current Assets Cash Bank NS Cash BMO Investment - Mutual Funds	1,938.49 49,686.77	
GST Rebate Receivable	876,918.95 857.48	
Total Current Assets		929,401.69
Total Assets		929,401.69
TOTAL ASSET		929,401.69
LIABILITY		
Current Liabilities GST Paid on Purchases		-1,616.64
Current Liabilities total		-1,616.64
Liabilities		
St Bartholomews Project		13,590.00
Total Liabilities		13,590.00
TOTAL LIABILITY		11,973.36
EQUITY		
Retained Earnings		
Fund Balance		1,071,461.72
Current Earnings		-154,033.39
Total Retained Earnings		917,428.33
TOTAL EQUITY		917,428.33

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Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund Income Statement 01 Jan, 2022 to 30 Sep, 2022

REVENUE

TOTAL EXPENSE

NET INCOME

Revenue	
Donations - Tax Receipted	26,832.50
Donations - Non Tax Receipted	8,333.76
Donations -Canada Helps	4,663.00
Donation - United Way	670.68
Donations for Bursaries	2,550.00
Donations 107 Anniversary	4,270.45
Total Revenue	47,320.39
TOTAL REVENUE	47,320.39
TOTAL REVENUE	
EXPENSE	
Expense Accounts	
Frezenberg Project	476.73
Sydney Frost Battlefield Tour	1,500.00
Soldier On Atlantic Golf Invitional	2,500.00
Veterans Family and support trai	2,000.00
Jack Munroe Memorial	3,265.65
Fund Raising Expense	476.22
Office	1,346.90
Web Hosting Services	491.88
Student Bursaries	30,000.00
Professional Fees	5,671.00
Directors and Officers Insurance	626.00
Cadet Support	2,000.00
Interest & Bank Charges	64.50
Unrealized Gain/Loss-Marketabl	150,934.90
Total General & Admin. Expen	201,353.78

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HAMILTON GAULT MEMORIAL FUND 2022 BUDGET

HGMF	Budget	Budget Actual as of 30 Sep 22	Actual vs Budget
Revenue			
Donations - Tax Receipted	27,500.00	38,986.63	-11,486.63
Donations - Non-Tax Receipted (Note 1)	5,000.00	8,333.76	-3,333.76
Grants - Tax Receipted (TPL)	7,500.00	3,0000	7,500.00
2020 Investment Income (Note 2)	30,000.00	-150,934.90	180,934.90
Total Revenue	\$70,000.00	-103,614.51	173,614.51
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Disbursements Administration			
Transformation Expenses (Projected) (Note 3)	7,500.00		7,500.00
Office Expense	1,000.00	1,346.90	-346.90
*	3,500.00	5,671.00	-2,171.00
Accounting/Audit Fees (Projected) Trustee Insurance (Projected)	1,500.00	626.00	-2,171.00 874.00
Trustee fisurance (Projected) Trustee Travel (Note 4)	6,000.00	020.00	6,000.00
	1,600.00	2,976.22	-1,376.22
Fund Raising Expense	1,500.00	491.88	1,008.12
Website Expense	60.00	64.50	-4.50
Interest and Bank Charges	60.00	1,500.00	-4.50
Sydney Frost Battlefield Tour		1,500.00	
Charitable Objects	1,000,00	2 742 20	274220
Memorial Maintenance	1,000.00	3,742.38	-2,742.38
Student Bursaries (Note 5)	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00
Cadet Support (Note 6)	8,500.00	2,000.00	6,500.00
Veterans and Family Support	1,500.00	2,000.00	-500.00
Peer Support Workshops and ASIST training (Note 7)	5,000.00	FO 440 00	5,000.00
Total Disbursements (Note 8) Revenue over Expenditures	\$68,660.00 \$1,340.00	50,418.88 -154,033.39	18,241.12 155,373.39
Revenue over Expenditures	φ1,510.00	10 1,000.00	133,313.33
Notes:			
1. Donation of \$5,000 to HGMF for Bursaries from PPCLI Asso			
2. Unrealized gain from HGMF investments for 2020 was \$57,9			
Proposed that up to \$30,000 from investments be used if required			
3. These are related to anticipated shared costs with respect to the single charitable entity.	e creation of a		
4. Trustees will be reimbursed to a max of \$750 for expenses to a	attend the AGM		
Receipts must be provided.	attend the 110M.		
5. \$29,500 for Bursaries and \$500 for admin.			
6. \$1,000 top Cadet Corps and \$250 for keeper plaque, engraving Financial support for Cadet Corps outside of Alberta.	g, etc. \$7,250		
7. Virtual Mental Health First Aid provided at no cost by VAC. ASIST training TBC.	Conduct of		
8. Assuming we have \$1.2 mil by end 2021 our disbursement que	ota will be \$42K.		

Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund Charitable Objectives

1.	Current Charitable Objectives	
a.	To receive donations and hold in absolute trust such donations, subject to the direction of the donor(s) and use such funds or income, as the case may be, for the charitable purposes and activities below;	
b.	To make disbursements for the purpose of maintaining the collection of the Regimental Museum and Archives;	
c.	To offer bursaries for educational advancement for former members or serving members of the Regiment, their families and members of Cadet Corps affiliated with the PPCLI, to achieve a higher level of academic or technical education;	
d.	To budget annually a fixed sum to the Royal Canadian Army Cadet League in support of Army Cadet Corps affiliated or sponsored by the Regiment, as approved by the Board of Trustees;	
e.	To provide counselling service at regional centres to members who suffer from "Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder" (PTSD) or other service-related illnesses, and provide referrals to appropriate social, medical, and legal agencies;	
f.	To develop and maintain various Regimental memorials as approved by the Board of Trustees, including maintenance of the Frezenberg Memorial;	
g.	To relieve financial stress and promote a healthy family environment by providing financial assistance with home modifications due to injuries or disabilities incurred during military service;	

Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund Charitable Objectives

2. Proposed Charitable Objectives	Suggested Agencies
a. To provide emergency financial support to veterans and families by providing funds to assist in preventing evictions, provision of food cards and minor home repairs;	 RC Legion Poppy / Service Officer - small bills, food cards. Initial Coord at National Comd level Veterans Association Food Bank (Calgary, Edmonton) Ottawa Inner City Ministry VETS Canada Renos for Heroes Homes for Heroes - Calgary, Edm. In process Kingston, Winnipeg VAC Emergency Funds for Veterans
 b. To promote the mental health of veterans and families through alternate types of therapy, such as: i. Equine; ii. Music/art; iii. VetBuild (model building); iv. Exposure therapy thru virtual reality; v. Youth camps (respite services), activities that a veteran cannot do with their children; and vi. Or other medically/professionally recognized and approved types of therapy. 	 Can Praxis https://canpraxis.com/ Wounded Warriors Canada - Equine, Youth camps RC Legion - VetBuild VETS Canada - Guitars for Vets True Patriot Love - Music and Art Virtual Reality Ottawa Hospital Rehabilitation Centre University of Alberta Glenrose Hospital - CAREN
c. To promote mental health for disabled veterans through assistance for specialized sports or safety equipment;	 Soldier On provides limited funding up to \$1,000 currently not accepting new applicants Para Athletes / Para Sport Ontario – Provincial bodies Para Olympics
d. To promote mental health for services not covered or provided by others with emphasis on family members;	 VAC provides assistance if linked to needs of the Veteran Need to identify gaps and highlight the issues in order to stimulate discussion and action

Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund Charitable Objectives

 e. To promote mental health by providing communication equipment for isolated veterans; 2. Proposed Charitable Objectives (continued) 	 RC Legion – burner phones (pay as you go phone - 30 day limit) Suggested Agencies
f. To promote mental health and support for veterans who are long term hospital patients, paraplegics, quadriplegics or isolated veterans by providing communications equipment, education, recreational activities and interaction with others (laptop for communications/education, recreational activities, interaction with others);	 RC Legion – Hospital Visit Program Promoting support for severely disabled veterans Sunnybrook Hospital what do they do? Or need? PPCLI Association Branches Hospital / Home visits education on resources available and how to access
g. To provide transition employment assistance to veterans by allocating funds to assist in procurement of equipment and for training and certification; and	 Hire someone to assist in this area. VETS Canada – in the past provided tools. Do they still do this? https://vetscanada.org/ Helmets to Hardhats (trades) https://www.helmetstohardhats.ca/en/home.htm VAC Education and Training benefit – nonmedical release https://www.helmetstohardhats.ca/en/home.htm VAC Education and Training benefit – nonmedical release >12 yrs service \$86K 6 years \$43K Medical release SISIP / LTD Operation Entrepreneur Prince's Trust Canada https://www.princestrust.ca/



12 October 2022

Distribution List

Sydney Frost Commemorative Battlefield Tour Recce Report

Reference: 11 October 22 - Zoom Conference with BGen (Ret'd) Vince Kennedy - Colonel of the Regiment, Dave Pentney - HGMF Chair, Karen Storwick - Historian and Paul Hale - Lead Planner

- 1. The preliminary recce for the Sydney Frost Commemorative Battlefield Tour was conducted from 13 September to 1 October 2022 by Paul Hale. This could not have been accomplished without the assistance of Karen Storwick, Steve Gregory Founder of The International Forum for Peace, Security & Prosperity and OP HUSKY and the Italian Historians who provided critical advice and facilitated the initial liaison with local Italian authorities. The historians are each credited in the attached annexes
- 2. Attached are individual reports on the five sites where major events are planned for the Battlefield Tour 16-31 May 2024. The recce was successful, and contact has been established with appropriate authorities in each location. This will be followed up by formal requests to each city for permission to install, dedicate and conduct an appropriate memorial service on the dates indicated. During the zoom call at reference A, it was decided that a PPCLI Memorial would not be placed at Villa Rogatti since there is an existing Memorial Plaque which was installed by the City of Ortona.
- 3. Once the wording of the three remaining Memorials has been confirmed, we will source fabricators for the Plaques. The Memorial Plaques will be co-located with exiting memorials with the exception of the Gothic Line. The Leonforte Memorial will be installed at the same time as the OP HUSKY Engineer Memorial to be dedicated on 26 July 2023. It is more effective to work with OP HUSKY on this project and simplifies the process.
- 4. The Sydney Frost Memorial in Sicily needs maintenance and touch up. The engraving on the memorial is illegible due to paint fading. Steve Gregory suggested that this can be accomplished by a small team of volunteers who are supporting OP HUSKY 2023 at a minimal cost. It was decided at the zoom conference that we will proceed with this option.
- 5. Approval was granted by Dave Pentney to request that the Regimental Museum coordinate the purchase of a replica set of Sydney Frost's medals funded by the HGMF. The medals will be suitably framed and presented to the Carabinieri Museum in Ispica in May 2024.

- 6. VAC will fund up to 50% of a Memorial under the Community War Memorials project. The undersigned will submit the applications as follows:
 - a. 01 November 2022 for the Leonforte Memorial; and
 - b. 01 March 2023 for Aquino (Hitler Line) and Osteria Nuova (Gothic Line).
- 7. The Regiment spent 22 out of 25 months of combat during World War II in Sicily and Italy. The installation and dedication of the three memorials at Leonforte, Aquino and Osteria Nuova will highlight our Regimental history and service to Canada.

Paul Hale Lead Planner

Attachments

Annex A – Ispica

Annex B – Leonforte

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Annex C - Hitler Line

Annex D - Villa Rogatti

Annex E – Osteria Nuova

Distribution List

Action

Lead Planner - Paul Hale

Information

BGen (Ret'd) V Kennedy - Colonel of the Regiment

BGen (Ret'd) R Romses - Incoming Colonel of the Regiment

Mr David Pentney - Chair Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund

Ms Karen Storwick - Historian

Mr Doug Delaney - Historian

Mr Ian Hope – Historian

President Regimental Guard Chair

President Regimental Executive Committee

LCol Darcy Wright - SO1 International Coordination Cell, Military Cooperation SHAPE.

Mr Steve Gregory - OP HUSKY 2023

Mr Michael Bechtold - Memorial Plaque Design

Regimental Museum and Archives

Annex A

<u>Ispica Recce 30 September 2022</u>

- 1. The Ispica recce was facilitated by Rosalba Sicifo, an Italian historian who lives in Pachino. Her contact info is as follows email rosalba.scifo@gmail.com and phone +39 333 717 8837. Rosalba arranged meetings with the members of the Ispica Carabinieri Museum and the Mayor of Ispica including two council members. She will be our primary point of contact for all events at Ispica and the Sydney Frost Memorial.
- 2. Rosalba directed me a personal tour of the Landing Beaches and to the Sydney Frost Memorial near the landing site. Below is a photo of the memorial taken on 29 September 2022. Most of the writing on the memorial is difficult to read since the black paint has worn off. In addition, the vegetation around the walls of the memorial needs to be pruned. Finally, there were no Canadian or Italian flags at the site. The memorial is located on a country road, and I suspect flags are an attractive souvenir.





- 3. The first meeting was held at the Ispica Carabinieri Museum with the following directors:
 - a. Calabrese Giorgio, Museum President email <u>Isipcia@sezione-anc.it</u> phone 0039 339 439 9624;
 - b. Donzello Jalavatore, Museum Auditor email jalvatoredonxell@gmail.com; and
 - c. Tiziana Scuto, Journalist phone 0039 339 280 3020.
- 4. We were given a tour of the museum which was established in 2020 and is continuing to grow as more artifacts are donated. Their primary aim is to commemorate the history of the Carabinieri within the local region. We discussed Sydney Frost and his time as Mayor of Ispica from 16 July to 3 August 1943. They were very interested in the possibility of being presented a set of replica medals and a short explanation in Italian and English on what he and the Regiment did for citizens of Ispica. In fact, they started immediate looking for a location for the display.

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It is strongly recommended that a replica set of medals be donated to the museum when the Battlefield Tour visits Ispica on 19 May 2024.

- 5. Although not discussed with the Museum Directors, because the meeting took place before I saw the Sydney Frost Memorial, I recommend that we request their assistance in pruning the vegetation and having the writing on the memorial repainted prior to the OP HUSKY Tour planned for July 2023. In a conversation with Steve Gregory on 6 October, it was suggested that we partner with OP HUSKY 2023 participants to organize a small work party to was the Memorial, repaint the letters and cut back the excess vegetation. The cost of this activity would be paint, brushes, and lunch for participants.
- 6. The second meeting was held at Mayor of Ispica's office and was attended by:
 - a. Innocenzo Leontini, Mayor email <u>bianca67Aurora@gmail.com</u> phone 334 683 3056;
 - b. Carmelo Denaro, Tourism email caemelodenaro5@gmail.com; and
 - c. Schuller Ivliana, Foreign Relations email guiliaterra39@yahoo.it.
- 7. The mayor and councillors were receptive and agreed that the Sydney Frost Memorial needed maintenance. However, they have many competing priorities. The possibility of a reception with tour participants was discussed and the question of cost sharing was raised. This issue requires further coordination.
- 8. A proposed schedule for the visit to Landing Beaches and Ispica on 19 May 2024 is as follows:
 - a. Depart Catania and travel to Sugar Beaches;
 - b. Tour Landing Beaches;
 - c. Remembrance Service, wreath laying at Sydney Frost Memorial and presentation of Sydney Frost replica medals to Carabinieri Museum;
 - d. Depart for Ispica;
 - e. Tour Carabinieri Museum;
 - f. Reception / Lunch;
 - g. Return to Catania.

9. I recommend that:

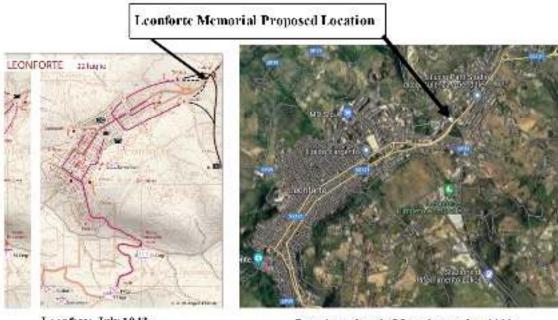
- a. partner with the OP HUSKY 2023 and the Ispica Carabinieri Museum to clean and maintain the Sydney Frost Memorial, including providing lunch for the volunteers;
- b. Formal letter to City of Ispica requesting permission to conduct a Remembrance Service at the Sydney Frost Memorial on 19 May 2024.
- c. Regimental Museum to be create a display in honour of Sydney Frost including a replica set of medals. Funding provided by the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund;
- d. Involve the Ispica Carabinieri Museum in the ceremony at the Sydney Frost Memorial to include presenting the Sydney Frost replica medals to them; and
- e. confirm location, scale, and scope of the reception after the dedication service.

Annex B

Leonforte Recce 29 September 2022

- 1. The Leonforte recce was facilitated by Angelo Plumari, an Italian historian, and his wife Grazia who was the translator. Angelo's email is <u>aplumari@hotmail.com</u> and his wife's is <u>graziagrippaldi@hotmail.com</u> and phone +39 338 732 6535. Angelo arranged a meeting with the Deputy Mayor of Leonforte and will be the primary point of contact for all events at Leonforte.
- 2. The meeting was held at Deputy Mayor Leonforte's office. His contact info is Salvatore Barbera email barberaavvocato@gmail.com phone 329 896 1262. The Deputy Mayor strongly recommended that the PPCLI Memorial be installed at the same time and location that is being planned for the Op HUSKY 2023 Memorial in July 2023. The rationale is that there may be a change in local governance in June 2023 and the approval process may have to be restarted. The Regiment would still proceed with the official dedication in 2024. I do not have any concerns with the proposal, other than ensuring that the PPCLI Memorial Plaque is similar to the OP Husky Memorial. I will contact Steve Gregory to ensure the two plaques are complimentary. However, we require input from Leonforte city officials with respect to the wording regarding the impact of the war on local citizens.
- 3. After the meeting the Deputy Mayor, Angelo and his wife guided me on a walking tour of the Leonforte and the approaches to Agira. Both tours were very informative and well worthwhile. Angelo showed me the proposed location for the Memorial Plaques as indicated on the attached slides. The OP HUSKY 2023 Memorial Plaque will commemorate the first construction of a Bailey Bridge while under enemy fire by Canadian Engineers and should be in the plaza indicated.





Leonforte July 1943

- Leonforte Goggle Maps September 2022
- 4. A proposed schedule for the visit to Leonforte on 20 May 2024 is as follows:
 - a. Briefing and slide show on Leonforte battle;
 - b. Depart Catania and travel to Agira Cemetery;
 - c. Visit Agira Cemetery;
 - d. Drive to Leonforte and conduct walking tour;
 - e. Memorial Plaque dedication at Plaza Saetta Livanto to include reading the names of those who made the ultimate sacrifice in Sicily;
 - f. Reception / Lunch; and
 - g. Return to Catania with stop at Assoro.

5. In summary:

- a. the wording for the PPCLI Memorial Plaque must be confirmed with Leonforte City officials. In particular the sentence regarding the impact on the local population;
- b. that we proceed with fabrication of the plaque and coordination of the installation in accordance with OP HUSKY 2023 timelines;

- c. Formal letter in partnership with OP HUSKY to City of Leonforte requesting permission to install and dedicate a PPCLI Regimental Memorial plaque in the same location as the Engineer memorial;
- d. a small Patricia delegation should participate in the Op HUSKY dedication planned for 26 July 2023;
- e. the official dedication of the Memorial will occur on 20 May 2024;
- f. confirm location, scale, and scope of the reception after the dedication service.

Annex C

Hitler Line Recce 24 September 2022

- 1. The Hitler Line recce was facilitated by Alessandro Campagna fssf.italy@yahoo.com and Roberto Molle alarico98@libero.it . Unfortunately, it was not possible to meet with Aquino municipal officials since the 24th was last before elections on the 25th. However, Alessandro and Roberto advised me that they had been granted permission by the mayor to assist us in whatever manner possible. They will be our primary points of contact for all events relating to the Hitler Line
- 2. There is an existing memorial at Forme d'Aquino which is on or very close to the Regiment's Start Line of 23 May 1943. It should be straightforward to place a memorial to the left of the existing one. Consideration was given to having a Marble monument installed with a map protected by a glass cover similar to the photo below. However, during the conference call at Reference A it was decided to install an interpretative plaque which be fabricated in Canada.





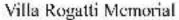
Forme d'Aquino Memorial

- 3. A proposed schedule for the Hitler Line dedication on 23 May 2024 is as follows:
 - a. Briefing and slide show on Hitler Line Battle;
 - b. Depart Hotel for Memorial location;
 - c. Memorial Plaque dedication at Forme d'Aquino. to include reading the names of those who made the ultimate sacrifice;
 - d. Reception / Lunch;
 - e. Depart and visit Cassino War Cemetery;
 - f. Return to Hotel
- 4. The following is required:
 - a. Italian wording on the Hitler Line plaque requires review and we require input with respect to the wording regarding the impact of the war on local citizens;
 - b. Formal letter to City of Aquino requesting permission to install and dedicate a PPCLI Regimental Memorial plaque on 23 May 2024; and
 - c. Determine location, scale, and scope of reception after the dedication service.

Annex D

Villa Rogatti Recce 22 September 2022

- 1. The Hitler Line recce was facilitated by Andrea di Marco email andrearocco.dimarco@gmail.com. He will be the primary point of contact for all events relating to Villa Rogatti and Ortona.
- 2. We met with the mayor of Ortona, Leo Castigilione <u>eamilsindac0@comuneortona.ch.it</u> and he is supportive of our plan however the city cannot provide any financial support to the dedication or installation of the memorial.
- 3. Andrea took me on an extensive tour of the Moro River crossing site, Villa Rogatti, The Gully, Casa Berardi and Ortona. We spent 90 mins in Villa Rogatti and talked with several local residents. There is a City of Ortona Memorial plaque in the central plaza of the Villa Rogatti. Because there is an existing Memorial plaque that already acknowledges the Regiment's contribution, it was decided at reference A that is would be redundant to install another plaque. Instead, there will be a Remembrance Service at Villa Rogatti.





City of Ortona Memorial Plaque located in Villa Rogatti Central Plaza.



- 4. The opportunity exists to establish a close link with the residents of Villa Rogatti by conducting a Remembrance service, Reception, and lunch at the village. Specifically, we should sit down to lunch with the villagers after the dedication in groups of four tour participants sitting with them. I believe we should approach the residents about having a community meal after the service. In discussions with Andrea this should be a simple ask and should be well received.
- 5. A proposed schedule for the Villa Rogatti dedication on 25 May 2024 is as follows:
 - a. Briefing and slide show on the capture of Villa Rogatti;
 - b. Depart Hotel for Moro River War Cemetery;
 - c. Drive to Villa Rogatti along route of advance;
 - d. Remembrance service to include reading the names of those who made the ultimate sacrifice at Villa Rogatti;
 - e. Reception / Lunch; and
 - f. Return to Hotel.
- 6. Davide D'Alessandro, Director for the Canadian College at Lanciano is currently in the GTA and I will meet with him next week to discuss activities for PPCLI Cadets
- 7. The following action is required:
 - a. Formal letter to City of Ortona requesting permission to conduct a PPCLI Reembrace Service at Villa Rogatti on 25 May 2024;
 - b. Determine location, scale, and scope of reception after the service; and
 - c. Confirm activities for PPCLI Cadets in conjunction with the Canadian College at Lanciano.

Annex E

Osteria Nuova Recce 18 September 2022

- 1. The Osteria Nuova recce was facilitated by Mariangela Rondinelli <u>mariangela.rondinelli@gmail.com</u>. The primary point of contact for all events at Osteria Nuova is TBC.
- 2. We met with the following individuals at Lombardi Plaza in Osteria Nuova:
 - a. Luca Farani, Deputy Mayor of Osteria Nuova 1.faroni@montelabbate.net
 - b. Michela Romani, Deputy Mayor's wife and teacher at Rossini High School;
 - c. Roberto Rossi, Historian with Mons Abbatis Cultural Association email robertorossi1977@libero.it or monsabbatis@libero.it; and
 - d. Maria Antognoli, Osteria Nuova City Councillor m.antognoli@montelabbate.net
- 3. The Lombardi Plaza is where the city recommends that the Memorial Plaque be placed and it is very close if not on the PPCLI Axis of Advance for the attack on the Gothic Line.





- 4. It was agreed that the PPLCI Regimental Memorial would be on a pedestal as is the Frezenberg Memorial and flanked by Canadian and Italian flags. No decisions were made with respect to cost sharing.
- 5. We visited the Montecchio Cemetery and were able to locate Hon Chaplin Eaton's Grave with no problem. We then visited point 111 where I observed that the Canadian Flag was in tatters and needed to be replaced. I advised Roberto Rossi that I would send him a flag after I returned to Canada.
- 6. A proposed schedule for the Osteria Nuova dedication on 28 May 2024 is as follows:
 - a. Briefing and slide show on breaching the Gothic Line;
 - b. Depart Hotel for Osteria Nuova;
 - c. Memorial Plaque dedication to include reading the names of those who made the ultimate sacrifice at Osteria Nuova;
 - d. Visit Montecchio Cemetery;

- e. Reception / Lunch; and
- f. Return to Hotel.
- 7. The following action is required:
 - a. Italian wording on the Osteria Nuova plaque requires review and we require input with respect to the wording regarding the impact of the war on local citizens; and
 - b. Formal letter to City of Osteria Nuova requesting permission to install and dedicate a PPCLI Regimental Memorial plaque at Lombardi Plaza on 28 May 2024.
 - c. Determine location, scale, and scope of reception after the dedication service; and
 - d. Confirm activities for PPCLI Cadets in conjunction with the Rossini High School.

Sydney Frost Battlefield Recce Report 13 Sep – 1 Oct 22

- ➤ Karen Storwick facilitated contacts with Italian Historians in Italy
- Steve Gregory facilitated contact with Italian Historians in Sicily
 - ➤ Very knowledgeable and dedicated individuals crucial to opening doors with Italian authorities and outstanding knowledge of the ground and local history
- City of Ortona installed 12 Memorial plaques commemorating Canadian actions
- Significant amount of work remains to be done

Battlefield Tour 16 – 31 May 2024

- ➤ Tour dates
 - \triangleright Part 1 Sicily 16 20 May 2024 **no Cadets**
 - ➤ Part 2 Italy 19 31 May 2024
- ➤ Max Capacity 80 for Battlefield Tour including
 - \triangleright Up to 12 Cadets and 2 Chaperones (Part 2 only)—need to raise up to \$56,000 = \$4,000 each
 - Cadet participation will depend on funds raised
 - ➤ Awaiting CRA approval to fundraise for Cadets Dec 2022
 - ▶6 Serving members Funding by Patricia Fund??
- ➤ Dec 2022 advertise tour
- ➤ Mar 2023 bookings commence
- >COST TBC
 - ➤\$125 per person for 5 Remembrance / Dedication services
 - ➤\$85 per couple or single for Commemorative Plate
 - ➤ Airfare included. ?? Extra cost for changing or extending travel

Ispica

- >Sydney Frost Memorial requires maint
- Steve Gregory will coord a small work party during OP HUSKY 2023 to cut excess vegetation, wash memorial and repaint lettering
 - > Cost = lunch for volunteers and paint (Carabinieri Museum)
- Regimental Museum requested to source full size Sydney Frost replica medals estimate \$450
- Conduct a Remembrance Service at Memorial on 19 May 2024
 - ➤ Present replica medals to Carabinieri Museum at service
 - > Reception at Ispica after service



Leonforte

- ➤ Combined effort Engrs and PPCLI
 - First Baily Bridge constructed by Cdn Engrs while under fire during WW II
- > Steve Gregory **OP HUSKY** to cfm location 9 Nov 22 intent City Centre
- ➤ Plaques to be placed on Bailey Bridge Section
- \triangleright Fabrication by izone Texas \$1,035.26 US = \$1,403.02 Cdn
 - ➤ Both plaques fabricated by izone and shipped to same location
 - Photos to be added
- ➤ Initial dedication 26 July 2023 Op HUSKY 2023
 - > Small Regimental participation LCol Darcy Wright posted to SHAPE
- ➤ Regimental dedication 20 May 2024
- ➤ VAC Community War Grant Submission 1 Nov 22
 - Ownership of Memorials remain with HGMF and OP HUSKY

Leonforte

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The Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

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 - ➤ Very close if not on start line
- ➤ V1 of Memorial Plaque
 - ➤ Awaiting input for Italian wording
 - ➤ Map to be created with emphasis on 2nd Cdn Inf Bde
 - ➤ Photos to be added
- Conduct Dedication and Remembrance Service 23 May 2024 (80th)
- ➤ Reception location TBC
- ➤ VAC Community War Memorial Application to be submitted March 2023

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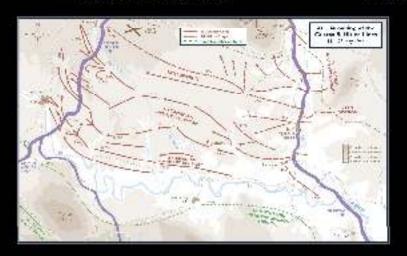
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Villa Rogatti

- Existing Memorial Plaque installed by City of Ortona
 - Commemorates PPCLI action 5/6 Dec 1943
 - > Regimental plaque would be redundant
- ➤ Conduct Remembrance Service at Villa Rogatti 25 May 2024
- ➤ Reception and Lunch at Villa Rogatti
 - Estimate 300+
 - Tour Participants to sit with villagers
- Cadet activity with Lanciano Cdn College TBC



Gothic Line

- ➤ Memorial Location proposed formal request to be submitted
 - ➤ On PPCLI Axis of Advance
 - ➤ Awaiting input for Italian wording
 - ➤ Map to be created
 - > Photos to be added
- Conduct Dedication and Remembrance Service 28 May 2024
- ➤ Reception location TBC
- ➤ VAC Community War Memorial Application to be submitted March 2023
- ➤ Cadet activities TBC

Gothic Line | La Linea Gotica | La Ligne Gothique

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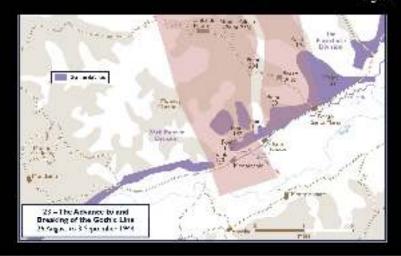
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The Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

Recce Costs -\$8,931.88

- \$5,890 STI Tour Cost including airfare Toronto Venice and Rome Toronto
- \$301.59 Taxis and trains in Italy to get to hotels and car rental locations
- \$893.03 Car rentals, gas and tolls in Italy
- \$236.63 airfare Rome Catania- Rome
- \$339.75 Accn Sicily
- \$813.71 Car rental and gas in Sicily
- \$121.77 Accn Rome Airport
- \$270.00 Honorarium to Rosalba Scifco and Andrea di Marco historical Display
- \$64.90 Taxi Pearson Airport home
- \$186.43 purchase GPS maps for Europe and micro sim card
- HGMF covered \$1,000.0