



**Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund**

**Board of Trustees  
23 Jan 2025**

**By video conference at 1730 MST**

<b>Present:</b>	
Mr. Dave Pentney	Chair / Treasurer
Mr Pete Hofman	Vice Chair
Mr. Paul Hale	Secretary / Fundraising
Mrs. Donna Campbell	Heritage / Veterans and Family
Mr Alex Gault	Trustee
Mr Ernie Reumiller	Chief Financial Officer
<b>Absent / Regrets</b>	
Mr Quentin Innis	Governance Chair
Mr. Derek Prohar	Educational Bursary
Mr Bryan Bailey	Cadets

Item	Discussion	OPI/Action
1.	<b>Call to Order:</b> The meeting was called to order at 1939 (MST) hours, with a quorum.	<b>Chair</b>
2.	<b>Opening Remarks:</b> The meeting is to update all on 2024 Financials and lay the groundwork for 2025.	<b>Chair</b>
3.	<b>Approval of the Agenda:</b> Motion for approval: by Alex. Seconded by Peter. <i>Carried</i>	<b>Chair</b>
4.	<b>Approval of minutes from 24 October 2025</b> Motion for approval: by Paul. Seconded by: Donna. <i>Carried</i>	<b>Chair</b>



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9.	<p><b>Heritage Update</b></p> <p><b>a. Mike Levy Battlefield Tour (Korea 2026)</b></p> <p>2 PPCLI is in the process of planning a Small Unit Exchange to Sout Korea in April 2026. In the process of planning the Mike Levy Battlefield Tour 18-27 April 2026. The tour will be based out of Seoul and involve</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tour of the Korean National War Museum</li> <li>• Tour DMZ and Joint Security Area</li> <li>• UN Military Cemetery in Busan</li> <li>• Two days at Kapyong to include any Kapyong 75<sup>th</sup> Services, tour of 2 PPCLI and 3 RAR positions</li> <li>• Working with a New Zealand historian (16 NZ Arty Regt)</li> <li>• Hopefully 3 RAR and NZ Arty Regt might participate in an International 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event</li> <li>• Plan is for up to 20 – 30 participants on the Battlefield Tour. Service Provider will be Special Travels International .</li> </ul> <p>Dave advised Paul to engage VAC at the earliest opportunity.</p> <p><b>b. Balkans 35 Commemoration</b></p> <p>In the process of planning a Balkans 35<sup>th</sup> Commemoration in Aug 2027 to acknowledge what Canadian peacekeepers accomplished in the Balkans. In August 1992, 1 R22eR and N Coy 3 RCR reopened Sarajevo airport and in September 1993, 2 PPCLI was at Medak. The intent is to dedicate a memorial at Sarajevo Airport on the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the airport being reopened as the signature event.</p> <p>The concept is based on Cyprus 2024 who have agreed to share their planning documents and AAR. Paul advised that General Eyre and Devlin have agreed to be Patrons. The majority of positions on the planning committee have been filled with the exception of a retired General Officer as Co-Chair and Fundraising.</p> <p>Karen Storwick, Robert Curtin and Roger Chabot have agreed to do the Oral History interviews.</p> <p>STI is costing options for 100, 250 and 500 Veterans. The Commemoration will be based out of Sarajevo.</p> <p>The time is ambitious with the following critical dates</p> <p>2025 Feb – stand up committee</p>	<p><b>Heritage Chair</b></p> <p><b>Paul Hale</b></p> <p><b>Paul Hale</b></p>

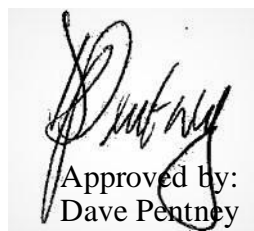
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	<p>Jun – Campaign Plan completed and published Nov – draft Tour Brochure completed</p> <p>2026 Jan – Tour Reservations open Jun – Balkan Site Recce Dec – Tour plans confirmed and closing date for reservations. Reservations after 1 Jan 2027 will be subject to a price increase.</p> <p>2027</p> <p>15 Aug – Warriors Day – Theme Balkans 35<sup>th</sup> 18 – 27 Aug – Balkans 35 Commemoration 19 Sep – Army Rum – Theme Balkans 35<sup>th</sup> 30 Non – AAR completed</p> <p>2028</p> <p>31 Mar – Oral Histories completed, catalogued and presented to various museums and Educational facilities.</p> <p>The draft CONOP is attached and contains more detail.</p> <p>Dave expressed his concern that a retired General Officer is a critical asset to the successful conduct of this event. In particular for their contacts and ability to open doors. He asked fellow trustees to provide Paul with the names of other General Officers to approach.</p>	
10.	<p><b>Governance Chair</b></p> <p>Nil</p>	<p><b>Governance Chair</b></p>
11.	<p><b>Communications Update</b></p> <p>Nil</p>	<p><b>Comms Chair</b></p>
12.	<p><b>Fundraising Update</b></p> <p><b>a. Fundraising Report</b></p> <p>As per the attached report, a total of \$49,500 was donated in 2024 of which \$2,498 were deferred donations for 2025 Fundraising expenses for 2024 were \$396.66.</p> <p>Dave advised that he had directed Ernie to ensure that we have sufficient cash on hand to account for expenses when insufficient donations have been raised.</p>	<p><b>Fundraising Chair</b></p>

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	<p><b>b. Planned Giving</b></p> <p>Dave will draft a planned giving program for the HGMF. This will help us increase funds raised in the long term for the Legacy Fund.</p> <p><b>c. Into the Summitt</b></p> <p>Into the Summitt will take place on 13 April 2025 in Canmore, AB. Caving requires above average fitness. The website is very close to being ready for the launch. We are planning for 28 participants and would greatly appreciate a few PPCLI cadets involved. Dave will reach out to the Calgary PPCLI Cadet Corps. It is estimated that because of the short window the event should raise \$10,000 due to the short timeframe. Hopefully future events will raise over \$25,000.</p> <p><b>d. Hockey Heroes Challenge</b></p> <p>Nothing new to add.</p> <p><b>e. Hammie's Own</b></p> <p>The PPCLI Association conducted a fundraiser of PPCLI label whiskey in partnership with Burwood Distilleries'. DND had issues with copyright and the labels have been changed accordingly.</p> <p>The PPCLI Association has entered into a partnership with the HGMF for Hammie's Own rum that will use a slightly modified version of the HGMF logo. The launch is planned for 17 Mar and 50% of the funds raised will be donated to HGMF. Alex will be the HGMF representative at the launch of the campaign.</p> <p><b>f. Giving Tuesdays</b></p> <p>Dave comment that the HGMF should be involved in the Canada Helps Giving Tuesdays Campaign as a method of raising additional funds for the HGMF.</p>	<p><b>Fundraising Chair</b></p> <p><b>Alex Gault</b></p> <p><b>Alex Gault</b></p> <p><b>Chair</b></p>
13.	<p><b>Transformation Team Update</b></p> <p>To date no funds have been transferred by the PPCLI Foundation to HGMF.</p> <p>Pete will follow up with Malcolm Bruce to determine if the First in the Field Board will make donations to the Legacy Fund.</p> <p>Alex confirmed that everything is in place for the For the Soldiers Institute to do donate funds to HGMF once they have the information on current funds transferred to HGMF. They</p>	<p><b>Transformation Reps</b></p>

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	currently have \$40,000 to transfer and this should increase after a scheduled Casino in Aug.	
14.	<p><b>Open Forum</b></p> <p>Alex sought clarification on how the HGMF might be able to support Regimental Museum Projects.</p> <p>Dave advised that the PPCLI Regimental Headquarters is responsible for the operation of the museum and is responsible for applying for grants in support of the museum . The PPCLI Association supports the museum by funding specific projects and recently provided \$20,000 from Casino funds for repairs to the statues outside the museum. However Casino funds cannot be used for salary. The HGMF has a charitable objective to support the museum. The important issue is to identify the support required 18 months before so that it can be added to our budgeting and fundraising process.</p> <p>Alec asked if everyone reads the Gault Press. It is read by all, but no issues have been published recently.</p>	
15.	<p><b>Date and Time of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Virtual BoT meeting 24 April 2025 at 1730hrs Mountain Time</p>	<b>Chair</b>
16.	<p><b>Adjournment:</b></p> <p>There being no further business or objections the meeting was adjourned at 1843 (MST) hours on a motion by: Alex.</p>	

*Paul Hale*

Prepared by:  
Paul Hale  
HGMF Secretary  
25 January 2025



Approved by:  
Dave Pentney  
HGMF Chair  
25 January 2025

## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

31 December 2024

### Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund (HGMF)

Our investment portfolio was transferred from Investment Planning Council, (Advisor Marv Fenrich) to TD Wealth Management (Advisor Thomas Priddle).

A summary of the HGMF portfolio performance for 2024 to date is as follows:

2024 Opening Balance	\$955,619
First Quarter	\$1,023,537
Second Quarter	\$1,045,299
Third Quarter	\$1,094,720
Fourth Quarter	\$1,130,361

Through to the end of the fourth quarter of 2024 the value of the portfolio increased by \$174,742 or 18.28%.

Dave Pentney  
Finance Chair

# Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund

## Balance Sheet As at 31 Dec, 2024

### ASSET

#### Current Assets

Cash BMO	27,769.47	
Investment HGMF Mutual Funds	1,130,361.22	
GST Rebate Receivable	0.00	
Total Current Assets		1,158,130.69

**Total Assets** 1,158,130.69

**TOTAL ASSET** 1,158,130.69

### LIABILITY

#### Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	5,350.00	
GST Paid on Purchases	-1,383.91	
110th Art Show/FTSI Fund Defer...	2,438.14	
<b>Current Liabilities total</b>		<u>6,404.23</u>

#### Liabilities

Student Bursaries Deferred	200.00	
Legacy Stones Deferred	320.00	
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<u>520.00</u>

**TOTAL LIABILITY** 6,924.23

### EQUITY

#### Retained Earnings

Fund Balance	996,439.97	
Current Earnings	154,766.49	
<b>Total Retained Earnings</b>		<u>1,151,206.46</u>

**TOTAL EQUITY** 1,151,206.46

**LIABILITIES AND EQUITY** 1,158,130.69



# Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund

## Comparative Income Statement

	Actual 01 Jan, 2024 to 31 Dec, 2024	Budget 01 Jan, 2025 to 31 Dec, 2025	Difference
<b>REVENUE</b>			
<b>Revenue</b>			
Investment HGMF Revenue (Note 1)	174,741.87	35,000.00	139,741.87
Tax Received Donations	4,794.05	35,000.00	-30,205.95
Non Tax Received Donations (Note 2)	4,024.30	5,000.00	-975.70
110th Spousal Oral History Donation	6,307.76	0.00	6,307.76
Canada Helps General Donations	2,020.00	0.00	2,020.00
Student Bursaries Donations	9,600.00	0.00	9,600.00
Museum & Archives Donations	230.00	0.00	230.00
110th Art Show	4,358.06	0.00	4,358.06
Veterans/Family/Support Training	500.00	0.00	500.00
110th Bike Ride Donations	11,826.00	0.00	11,826.00
Legacy Stones Donations	2,880.00	0.00	2,880.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<u>221,282.04</u>	<u>75,000.00</u>	146,282.04
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<u>221,282.04</u>	<u>75,000.00</u>	146,282.04
<b>EXPENSE</b>			
<b>Expense Accounts</b>			
Frezenberg Memorial GB	104.69	0.00	104.69
Sydney Frost Memorial IT	7,916.77	12,960.00	-5,043.23
100th Anniv Time Capsule Refurb	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
110th Art Show	4,358.06	2,500.00	1,858.06
Museum & Archives	230.00	0.00	230.00
110th Spousal Oral History	8,205.26	2,000.00	6,205.26
Patricia Park	223.00	0.00	223.00
Veterans/Family/Sp Trg (Note 3)	10,000.00	13,500.00	-3,500.00
Legacy Stones Expense	1,440.69	0.00	1,440.69
Fundraising Expense	360.16	750.00	-389.84
Office	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
Web Hosting Services	491.88	500.00	-8.12
Student Bursaries (Note 4)	20,000.00	20,500.00	-500.00
Professional Fees	5,350.00	6,000.00	-650.00
Directors and Officers Insurance	659.00	750.00	-91.00
Memorials	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
Cadet Support (Note 5)	5,000.00	8,500.00	-3,500.00
Travel (Note 6)	750.00	3,000.00	-2,250.00
Miscellaneous	366.09	0.00	366.09
Interest & Bank Charges	59.95	150.00	-90.05
<b>Total General &amp; Admin. Expenses</b>	<u>66,515.55</u>	<u>74,610.00</u>	-8,094.45
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<u>66,515.55</u>	<u>74,610.00</u>	-8,094.45
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<u>154,766.49</u>	<u>390.00</u>	154,376.49

# Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund

## Comparative Income Statement

**Note 1: Investment HGMF Revenue**

Unrealized gain from HGMF investments for 2022 was -\$121,356. Past practice has been to budget 50% of the unrealized gain from two years prior. Proposed that up to \$30,000 from investments be used if required.

**Note 2: Non Tax Receipted Donations**

\$5,000 from PPCLI Assn for Student Bursaries

**Note 3: Veterans/Family/Sp Trg**

\$10,000 for Veterans and Family Support.

\$3,500 for Mental Health and Peer Support training.

Funding to support conduct on MHFA and one Compassionate Listening Skills workshop.

**Note 4: Student Bursaries**

\$20,000 for Bursaries and \$500 for admin.

**Note 5: Cadet Support**

\$1,000 top Cadet Corps and \$250 for keeper plaque, engraving, etc. \$7,250 financial support for Cadet Corps outside of Alberta.

**Note 6: Travel**

Trustees will be reimbursed to a max of \$750 for expenses to attend the AGM. Receipts must be provided.



HGMF Fundraising Report  
1 January – 31 December 2024

In 2024 a total of \$49,498.17 was donated to the HGMF as follows:

Tax receipted donations	\$ 4,794.05
Non Tax Receipted donations	\$ 4,024.30
Canada Helps donations	\$ 2,020.00
Student Bursary donations	\$ 9,600.00
Spousal Oral History	\$ 6,307.76
110 <sup>th</sup> Art Show	\$ 4,358.06
Museum and Archive donations	\$ 230.00
Veterans Family Support	\$ 500.00
110 <sup>th</sup> Bike Ride Donations	\$11,826.00
Legacy Stone Donations	\$ 2,880.00
Deferred Donations for 2025	<u>\$ 2,958.00</u>
Total	\$49,498.17

Total Canada Helps fundraising expenses were \$396.66.

Each Legacy stone cost \$360 with a charitable tax receipt for \$160.

HGMF Trustees are strongly encouraged to make a personal donation to the HGMF.

Paul Hale  
Fundraising Chair

## **Balkans 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration Aug 2027 Version 6**

**Mission:** To commemorate Canada's contribution to peacekeeping and stability operations in the Balkans on the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of the Sarajevo airport and to education Canadians.

**The Balkans Commemoration will be a Veterans led project with the aim of providing Balkans Veterans from all elements of the Canadian Armed Forces the opportunity to be acknowledged for their service to Canada.** The intent is to have multiple events across Canada and a smaller event in the Balkans 2027 that will provide Balkan veterans and their families the opportunity to be acknowledged and to celebrate their achievements and sacrifices. At same time, we intend to educate Canadians on the challenges veterans faced in Balkans and when they returned to Canada without the benefit of the Mental Health and Suicide Awareness support that has been provided to more recent veterans.

### **Possible Patrons**

MGen Lew McKenzie, CM, MSC, OOnt, CD – COS UNPROFOR Mar – Oct 1992

LGen Peter Devlin, CMM, MSC, CD – OC N Coy 3 RCR Mar – Oct 1992

Gen Wayne Eyre, CMM, MSC, CD – Recce Pl Comd 2 PPCLI Mar – Oct 93

LGen Michel Maisonneuve, CMM, MSC, CD

### **Planning Committee**

- Recruit 10 to 12 active volunteers for following
  - **Co Chair / Co Chair**
    - Oversee the development of a Commemoration campaign plan and schedule included supporting plans for all key functions (Fundraising, Communications, Travel, Recce, Budget) and project plans for specific projects (memorial, exhibits)
    - Establish and maintain working relationships with VAC, CAF Op Distinction, Embassies and Military Attaches in Serbia and Croatia
    - Prepare the business plan and budget for Balkans 35<sup>th</sup> Commemoration with input from all members of the Planning Committee
  - **Historical Chair**
    - Provide advice and assistance to Veterans who tell the story for their area or mission.

- Assist in design of Sarajevo Airport Memorial and plaques to be dedicated in Canada
- Ensure consistency in story development and recording
- Work with Communications Chair to develop
  - an educational program that can be made available to schools, Museums. Legions or others that highlight Veterans service in the Balkans and the challenges they faced after their return to Canada
  - Design and copyright a logo for the 35<sup>th</sup> Balkans Commemoration
- Select a firm to interview veterans and if possible, their families in order to obtain and record oral histories for future generations. Note Cyprus 2024 and the PPCLI have previously used Combined Forces Productions Collaborative (Karen Storwick, Robert Curtin and Roger Chabot) <https://www.combinedforces.ca/>
- Provide budget estimates
- Ensure all historical records and articles are captured in print and electronic format and that these are made available to CWM, The Military Museums, CPVA, Wilfred Laurier Military Institute, RCAF Museum and other agencies involved in capturing historical records
- Determine who owns copywrite for Oral Histories

### **Oral History Team**

- Develop a plan and budget to conduct a series of Oral History Interviews across Canada
  - In conjunction with Historical Chair prepare a list of veterans to interview by mission, position, experience and a cross section of all ranks
  - Conduct one week of interviews every second month starting Jan 2026. Three days in two separate locations – one day travel between locations
  - 6 interviews per day ( interview is approximately one hour with time to reset interview location, sign releases etc) 36 interviews per trip
    - 216 interviews per year
  - Approx x hrs of work after interview to produce a professional Oral History Video
- Provide recommendations on how to store and distribute finished products in conjunction with Chief Historian
- Create a 15 – 20 minute Audio visual presentation that can be shared with interested parties and potential donors

- Provide briefing note on copyright and intellectual property issues
- **What is the ultimate goal for Oral Histories?**
- Do we want a Balkans 35<sup>th</sup> Commemoration film?
  - Who is target audience?
  - Interest from Memory Project

### **Suggested Members of Historical Committee ( 8 – 10 pers)**

- Sarajevo Airport Veteran - assume lead to find the Veteran guides and storytellers, and coordinate visit program and Memorial Dedication at the Airport, develop the storyboards, etc.
- Medak Veteran - assume lead to find the Veteran guides and storytellers, and coordinate visit program at Medak, develop the storyboards, etc
- UN and ECC Military Observers, UNPROFOR, IFOR, SFOR, KFOR, and EUFOR Veterans assume lead for their respective tour, to help identify veterans to be interviewed in to tell their stories and develop storyboards
- **Communications Chair with 3 – 4 supporting pers**
  - Develop a communication plan that reaches across Canada to Regimental Associations, Veterans, potential partner agencies such as UNPVA, RC Legion...
    - Establish contact with National News agencies both Media and Print in order to raise awareness with Canadians at large
  - Develop introductory talks, communiqués, write a ‘soldier’s five’ easy to disseminate with support of the Historical Committee
  - Provide articles for Canadian Military Journal – Dr. Christian Leuprecht – possible Special Edition on the Balkans, Espritdecors, RC Legion Magazine, Regimental Associations, Historical agencies and SAGE Magazine to name just a few
  - Murray Brewster – approach for assistance with raising profile of the Commemoration
  - Stephen Thorne – Legion magazine
  - Provide speaking points for Patrons
  - Recruit an IT expert to develop and maintain Website and other Social Media platforms
  - Provide budget estimates
    - Professional website and administrator
    - Articles and or adds in Veteran focused publications

- **Fundraising Campaign Chair**
  - develop ask letter, pitches to various groups or organizations,
  - determine best method to raise funds
  - Ensure that there are clearly defined fundraising goals for specific projects based on our business plan (Sarajevo Airport Memorial, Exhibits to be used at Museums, Legions, Regimental Association Annual General Meetings, oral history project, etc.).
  - Partner with Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund for charitable receipts
  - Submit VAC Commemorative Partnership Program and other grant applications
  - Request DHH Museum Development Funds in partnership with a recognized museum Kingston
  
- **Logistics**
  - Select Tour agency to organize travel to / from Balkans, accommodation and bus support in the Balkans - Recommend Special Travels International
    - How many Veterans should we plan for and can we accommodate
      - 100 veterans and family member = 50 hotel rooms
      - 250 Veterans = 125 hotel rooms
      - 500 Veterans = 250 hotel rooms
      - **Need to define and adhere to timeframe for locking in hotel rooms**
    - Home Base Sarajevo
    - Use Zagreb as Arrival and Departure Airhead – better weather
    - Include some local cultural and tourist activities
    - Coordinate conduct of Balkans Recce in June 2026
  - Coordinate fabrication of Sarajevo Airport Memorial and any plaques to be dedicated in Canada
    - UN Peacekeeping Memorial – Ottawa
    - Beechwood Military Cemetery
    - UN Park – Angus ON
    - Other locations - TBC
  - Support other committees as required
  
- **Treasurer**
  - Coordinate with HGMF with respect to issuing of tax receipts for donations
  - Pay bills and provide financial reports as required

- **Secretary**
  - Record and produce minutes for meetings
  - Facilitate virtual or zoom meetings as required
- **Ex-Officio Members to the Planning Committee**
  - VAC Liaison
  - CAF Liaison
    - CJOC Commemorations office which coordinates all CAF support to OP DISTINCTION support to VAC. LCol Wallace Noseworthy
  - Government of Canada liaison.
    - Serbian and Croatian Embassy rep and CDA on the Committee,
      - Critical for political and military coordination on the ground in Croatia and Bosnia.
  - Canadian War Museum
  - Directorate of History and Heritage

## **Tasks / Projects**

- ~~Confirm the requirement and process to be registered as a non-for-profit agency~~
- Partner with Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund for assistance with tax receipted donations
- Commemorate the opening of Sarajevo Airport in June / July 1992 by 1 R22eR and N Coy, 3 RCR – awarded Commander in Chief Commendation
- Commemorate the actions of 2 PPCLI at Medak in September 1993 – awarded Commander in Chief Commendation
- Commemorate the contributions of all CAF members including reservists who served in the Balkans
  - Request 2027 Warriors’ Day Parade Toronto theme – Balkans 35<sup>th</sup> Commemoration. Initial feedback has been positive
  - Request 2027 Army Run theme – Balkans 35<sup>th</sup> Commemoration
- Balkans 35<sup>th</sup> Commemoration Dinners or Events to be held at multiple locations across Canada in 2027
  - Canadian Museum of History in Hull or Canadian War Museum in conjunction with Army Run
  - Toronto in conjunction with Warriors’ Day Parade
  - Major event in each Province and Territory



- 80% of events across Canada and 20% in the Balkans subject to a detailed threat assessment and having robust Mental Health and Peer Support in place.
- Develop an Educational Awareness program highlighting Canada's contribution to the Balkans.
  - Develop and produce story boards in bilingual format
- Oral Histories
  - Determine the most cost effective method of reaching out to Veterans and the public
- Develop a Communications plan that reaches out to Canadians across Canada
  - Work with CWM, Museums for campaign launch and panel discussion
- Honour and remember the 23 Canadians who died while serving in the Balkans. Attached is a list of the 23 and circumstances of their deaths. From the best I can determine 3 died from hostile actions, 10 due to vehicle accidents, 4 suicide, 4 due to natural causes, 1 accidental electrocution and 1 unknown.
- Acknowledge all Balkan missions as part of the Educational Awareness Program
  - Panel Discussions on Various missions
  - ECMMY Jun 91 – Dec 2000
  - UNPROFOR Mar 92 – Dec 95
  - UNCRO (United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation) Jul 95 – Jan 96
  - IFOR Dec 95 – Dec 96
  - SFOR Dec 96 – Dec 04
  - KFOR Jun 99 – ??
  - EUFOR Dec 04 – Feb 05
- Possible Breakout Groups I.e Medak or Kosovo
- Request threat assessment for bringing a large group of Balkans Veterans to the Balkans

### **Possible Committee Members**

Co Chairs – **Paul Hale** /

Historical Co Chairs – **Howard Coombs** / Herm Hamilton

Communications – **Harold Skaarup** / Sheldon Quinn

Fundraising – TBC

Treasurer – **Ernie Reumiller**

Secretary – **Guylaine Plamondon**

R22eR – TBC

RCR – TBC

RCAF – TBC

Logistics – **Al Stephen** / Leo Brooks / Gord Hagar

Reserve Member – **Ryan Mitchell**  
Mental Health Expertise

**Members of Historical Committee**

UN Military Observers – **Dave MacDonald**  
Sarajevo Airport – **Scott Casey**  
2 PPCLI Medak – **Bryan Bailey**  
SFOR  
IFOR  
KFOR – Mike Ward  
EUFOR

**ExOfficio advisors**

Royal Cdn Legion – **Craig Hood ??**  
Cdn War Museum – **Andrew Burtch**  
DHH – Sean Hunter  
VAC  
CDA

**Partners and potential supporters**

Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund

- Fundraising assistance
- Accept Charitable donations
- Issue tax receipts

VAC

Memory Project

Canadian War Museum (CWM)

Canadian Museum of History – Hull QC

The Military Museums (TMM)

Communications and Signals Museum (CSM)

Organization of Military Museums

Canadian Peacekeeping Veterans Association. (CPVA)

Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping (CVUNP)

United Nations Association in Canada

- <https://www.unac.org/>
- Promoting Commemoration to Veterans
- Assist with fundraising

Canadian Infantry, Artillery, Armour, Intelligence, Logistics, Military Police  
Associations  
PPCLI, RCR, R22eR, CME, RCHA, Signals / C & E, Medical, RCEME,  
RCD, 12 RBC, LdSH Associations  
RCMP Veterans Association  
Reserve Unit Associations  
Council of Honourary Colonels  
Royal United Services Institute (Kingston, RAUSI Calgary, Nova Scotia)  
Aboriginal Veterans Autochtones <https://avavets.com/> – Bob Thibeau  
National Metis Society  
Royal Canadian Legion

Wounded Warriors Canada / Veterans Transition Network – Mental Health support

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## Commemorative events and timeline

### 2025

- NLT 1 Feb – Launch planning committee
- 1 Mar – Letter of Intent to all potential Partner Agencies follow up with a big Zoom call to engage interested agencies
- May – participate in Sam Sharpe Breakfast Ottawa
- NLT 1 Jun – Balkans 35<sup>th</sup> Commemoration Logo designed and approved
- Brief RC Legion National Meeting
- Virtual Briefings at RC Legion Provincial Meetings
- June – Displays on the outline concept with link to website at National War Museum, TMM, RCAF, Communications Museum Kingston
- Website operational
- 9 Aug – Commemorative event at National Peacekeeping Memorial in Ottawa
- 11 – 15 Aug – Oral Interviews Ontario
- 16 Aug – Balkans Contingent Warrior’s Day Parade Toronto
- 21 Sep – Canadian Army Run - booth
- 11 Nov – Remembrance Day
- 15 Nov
  - Balkans tour concept confirmed to include potential side trips and numbers
  - Draft Tour Brochure for review
- Distribution of Balkans 35<sup>th</sup> Commemoration Tour Brochure

### 2026

- Commence Oral History Interviews every 2<sup>nd</sup> month 7 day period 6 interviews per day – three days in one location (36 interviews per trip) = 216 in the year
- Display at Canadian War Museum, TMM, RCAF, Comms Museums
- May – Sam Sharpe Breakfast Ottawa
- Jun – Balkans Recce
- 9 Aug – Commemorative event at National Peacekeeping Memorial in Ottawa
- 11 – 14 Aug – Oral interviews Ontario
- 15 Aug – Balkans Contingent Warrior’s Day Parade Toronto
- Sep – Canadian Army Run Booth
- 11 Nov – Remembrance Day dedicate Memorial Plaques at Beechwood and UN Park, Angus On
- 30 Nov
  - Target date for confirmed Commemoration reservations
  - Price increase as of 1 Jan 2027 Perhaps by 20% and subject to availability of hotel rooms

## 2027

- Oral History Interviews continue every 2<sup>nd</sup> month 7 day period 6 interviews per day – three days in one location (36 interviews per trip) = 216 in the year
- 9 Aug – Commemorative event at National Peacekeeping Memorial in Ottawa and UN Park, Angus On
- 15 Aug – Warrior’s Day Parade – theme Balkans 35<sup>th</sup> Commemoration
  - Balkans Dinner
- 18 – 27 Aug Commemoration events in Balkans
- 19 Sep
  - Canadian Army Run – theme Balkans 35<sup>th</sup> Commemoration
  - Balkans 35<sup>th</sup> Commemoration Dinner – Canadian War Museum - Ottawa or Canadian Museum of History – Hull
  - Dedicate plaque on UN Peacekeeping Memorial
- 30 Nov – AAR completed

## 2028

- 31 Mar – Oral histories catalogued and distributed to CWM, TMM, RCAF, CSM and Laurier Centre for the Study of Canada

## Additional Info

- Cyprus 2024 planners have provided excellent advice and are willing to share their planning documents and After Action Reports with Balkans 35<sup>th</sup> Commemoration
- The OMMC (organization of military museums Canada) is supposed to network all military museum for loans, travelling exhibits, etc. Cyprus 2024 will provide the director's contact information. Create Balkans 35<sup>th</sup> mobile exhibit as a project which will take funds, research and design.
- Strongly recommend a Chief Historian to guide research, history collection, development of displays, preparation of talks, providing historical context for the storyboards and presentations (before and) during the tour. Also, set yourself up with a cloud solution to collect and organize and eventually share what will grow into a massive collection as veterans get on board and find material. Cyprus 2024 used G-drive, and it worked great.
- Contract Karen Storwick and Robert Curtin to interview veterans and families in order to capture their stories for current and future historians
  - Karen and Robert delivered what was asked by Cyprus 2024. However, require a detailed oral history project with a plan and funding, to guide the interview collection and define expected products (be it documentary, video clips or educational use)
  - Franco support to be provided Roger Chabot
  - Must have capability to conduct virtual interviews
  - Recommend interviews take place at Museums and Reserve Armouries
- Special Travels International OPI is Josh Hache
  - Excellent conversation on 10 Jan

## Potential Contacts

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