

Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund

Board of Trustees

24 Apr 2025

By video conference at 1730 MST

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

Item	Discussion	OPI/Action
1.	Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1729 (MST) hours, with a quorum.	Chair
2.	Opening Remarks: This should be a short meeting in final preparation for the AGM. Dave and Paul will physically attend the AGM in Halifax.	Chair
3.	Approval of the Agenda: Motion for approval: by Derrick. Seconded by Pete. <i>Carried</i>	Chair
4.	Approval of minutes from 23 January 2025 Motion for approval: by Paul. Seconded by: Alex. <i>Carried</i>	Chair

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5.	<p>Financial Report (as per attached slide)</p> <p>a. 2025 1st Quarter Financial review</p> <p>Ernie reviewed the Income Statement and Balance sheet and clarified how to accurately reflect expense. For example, in past years GST rebates were reflected as liabilities. BDO has agreed on a method to more accurately reflect GST rebates.</p> <p>We have about \$20,000 in income from Into the Summit, including a \$5,000 donation from 2554 Cadet Corps.</p> <p>b. Finance Committee Report</p> <p>The Finance Committee report was accepted as presented. There have been fluctuations in the markets with a minor decrease. Dave, Ernie and Quentin are in discussions with our investments Advisor. There will be some rebalancing of the Accounts and opening the For the Soldier Legacy Fund. Risk rating for all will be medium. Legacy Fund will start with about \$100K and grow as bequests are added, such as the recent one from Colin Bokovay.</p> <p>Moved by Paul that the BDO 2024 Draft Financial Review be accepted as presented. Seconded by Donna <i>Carried</i></p>	<p>CFO</p> <p>Finance Chair</p>
6.	<p>Bursary Program Update</p> <p>Derrick advised the Bursary application period has opened. We have</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clarified applicants' relationship to Patricia family. Ie Member in good standing with the Association. • Simplified scoring criteria • Not receiving bursaries for three consecutive years <p>Bursary amount for 2025 was confirmed at \$20,000. The names of Bursaries to be linked to Western Europe Battle Honours.</p> <p>An issue has arisen when a bursary application may be from a family member of the BoT. It was decided that their application would be accepted, however; the member of the BoT would not be allowed to vote or rate Bursary applications.</p> <p>Continuing the removal of old Bursary applications from social media sites.</p>	<p>Bursary Chair</p>

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7.	<p>Cadet Program Update</p> <p>Cadet Corps grant applications have been extended to 30 April.</p> <p>Not sure how many Cadet Corps are participating in the Annual Competition. Will be confirmed.</p>	Cadet Chair
8.	<p>Support to Veterans and Families Update</p> <p>Donna reviewed the comparison of three Service Dog agencies. Citadel Canine Society, K for Paws and National Service Dogs (NSD). They all operate in similar manners. NSD has the highest costs with 36 paid positions. The other two agencies rely heavily on volunteers.</p> <p>Donna advised that in her view Citadel Canine Society offers the best value. Alex advised that For the Soldier Institute provides \$5,000 annually to Citadel.</p> <p>Derek observed that he is not certain if Citadel has been accredited by the province of Alberta. He could not find on the list of Alberta accredited agencies. Donna will investigate further.</p>	V & F Chair
9.	<p>Heritage Update</p> <p>a. Mike Levy Battlefield Tour (Korea 2026)</p> <p>STI has produced the Tour Brochure. However it is lacking payment schedule. Cost per person is \$6,900, not including airfare. Estimated airfare is \$2,300 to \$2,500. Intent is to spend 2 days at Kapyong 23 and 24 April 2026. 23 Apr will be a climb of Hill 677 for those who are physically fit. Commonwealth units commemorate Kapyong on the 24th. No historian costs. Using local guides, transport, etc. Majority of meals are included in the cost. Once we have confirmation as to how many are going, Pula intends to request that the tour be allowed to visit the Special Duty Area where North and South Korea hold their meetings.</p> <p>Dave asked what was the minimum participation? Paul advised 10 and maximum of 40.</p> <p>b. Balkans 35 Commemoration</p> <p>Progressing very well. Three meetings so far. John Vizzini has joined the Planning Committee to assist with Fundraising. Brian McKenna from Atlas (Mental Health) has also joined. VAC will provide a representative to the Committee.</p> <p>Plan is to have website operational and the Campaign Plan completed in June. Return to the Balkans will take place between</p>	<p>Heritage Chair</p> <p>Paul Hale</p> <p>Paul Hale</p>

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	<p>July to September 2027. Probably 10 days in the Balkans based on Unit and/or Rotation. Minimum 20 pers to max or 45 or 50 depending upon bus capacity. Survey will be on the website and will close on 15 Jan 2026.</p> <p>Concerns are security within the Balkans. Once we have identified actual numbers and dates we will seek advice from Foreign Affairs and CSIS.</p> <p>Another concern is potential restrictions or special requirements for Service Dogs.</p> <p>Dave stated that was a very worthwhile endeavor and that we need to capture the histories and memories of Balkans veterans for future generations.</p>	
10.	<p>Governance Chair</p> <p>NSTR</p>	<p>Governance Chair</p>
11.	<p>Trustee Nominations</p> <p>Pete moved that the following trustees be extended to 24 May 2025. David Pentney, Paul Hale, Derek Prohar, Quentin Innis, and Donna Campbell. Seconded by Alex</p> <p>David Pentney, Paul Hale, Derek Prohar and Donna Campbell have agreed to let their names stand for a two-year extension at 2025 AGM. It was stressed that trustees must be willing to take on responsibilities. We could recruit other individuals to volunteer to assume some of the duties to even out workloads. Dave advised that he is willing to remain as Past Chair in 2027 for two years.</p> <p>Pete discussed that need to recruit new members for the Board. Malcolm Bruce, Martin Kenneally, Brian Flynn were mentioned. There is the possibility of five Trustees changing in 2027. We need to bring in a couple of new trustees in 2025.</p> <p>Alex agreed to take a more proactive role in Fundraising and assume lead.</p>	
12.	<p>Communications Update</p> <p>Website is up to date except for the Cadets and Bursary MOUs.</p> <p>However we need to remove respective bios and provide updates to Paul.</p>	<p>Comms Chair</p>

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	<p>damaged by snow clearance. It may be necessary to have a concrete base installed under the stones to prevent frost heave.</p> <p>Derak asked who plows Patrica Park, specifically the city or Canada Lands.</p> <p>Paul to pass contact info for Old World Paving to Pete.</p> <p>Pete to discuss with Herb Kenny.</p>	
16.	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>Annual General Meeting Halifax , NS 24 May 2025 at 1000hrs Atlantic Time in the Nova Scotia Room (aka the Wardroom, CFB Halifax Juno Towers.</p>	Chair
17.	<p>Adjournment:</p> <p>There being no further business or objections the meeting was adjourned at 1840 (MST) hours on a motion by: Pete.</p>	

Paul Hale

Prepared by:
Paul Hale
HGMF Secretary
28 April 2025



Approved by:
Dave Pentney
HGMF Chair
28 April 2025

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

31 March 2025

Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund (HGMF)

A summary of the HGMF portfolio performance for 2025 to date is as follows:

2025 Opening Balance	\$1,130,361
First Quarter	\$1,124,414

Our investment portfolio rose to a high of \$1,166,948 at the end of February then fell sharply through March through a very volatile market to 1,124,414 at the end of March.

Through to the end of the first quarter of 2025 the value of the portfolio decreased by \$5,947 or 0.5%.

Dave Pentney
Finance Chair

Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund

Balance Sheet As at 31 Mar, 2025

ASSET

Current Assets

Cash BMO	36,578.31	
Investment HGMF Fund	1,124,414.11	
GST Rebate Receivable	0.00	
Total Current Assets		1,160,992.42

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LIABILITY

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	6,955.00	
GST Paid on Purchases	-772.58	
110th Art Show/FTSI Fund Defer...	2,564.84	
Current Liabilities total		<u>8,747.26</u>

Liabilities

Student Bursaries Deferred	2,200.00	
Veterans/Family/Sp Trg Deferred	7,105.00	
Legacy Stones Deferred	960.00	
Total Liabilities		<u>10,265.00</u>

TOTAL LIABILITY 19,012.26

EQUITY

Retained Earnings

HGM Fund Balance	1,148,205.71	
Current Earnings	-6,225.55	
Total Retained Earnings		<u>1,141,980.16</u>

TOTAL EQUITY 1,141,980.16

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY 1,160,992.42

Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund

Comparative Income Statement

	Actual 01 Jan, 2025 to 31 Mar, 2025	Budget 01 Jan, 2025 to 31 Dec, 2025	Difference
REVENUE			
Revenue			
Investment HGMF Revenue (Note 1)	0.00	25,000.00	-25,000.00
Tax Received Donations	1,400.00	35,000.00	-33,600.00
Non Tax Received Donations (Note 2)	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00
Canada Helps General Donations	570.00	0.00	570.00
110th Art Show	577.10	0.00	577.10
Qualified Donees Donations	0.00	18,000.00	-18,000.00
Legacy Stones Donations	640.00	0.00	640.00
Total Revenue	<u>3,187.10</u>	<u>83,000.00</u>	-79,812.90
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>3,187.10</u>	<u>83,000.00</u>	-79,812.90
EXPENSE			
Expense Accounts			
110th Art Show	549.62	549.62	0.00
Qualified Donees	0.00	18,000.00	-18,000.00
Fundraising Expense	160.31	750.00	-589.69
Office	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
Web Hosting Services	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Student Bursaries (Note 3)	0.00	20,500.00	-20,500.00
Professional Fees	2,675.00	6,000.00	-3,325.00
Directors and Officers Insurance	0.00	750.00	-750.00
Memorials	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00
Cadet Support (Note 4)	0.00	8,500.00	-8,500.00
Travel (Note 5)	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00
Interest & Bank Charges	0.00	150.00	-150.00
Unrealized Loss HGMF Securities	5,947.11	0.00	5,947.11
Total General & Admin. Expenses	<u>9,332.04</u>	<u>65,199.62</u>	-55,867.58
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>9,332.04</u>	<u>65,199.62</u>	-55,867.58
NET INCOME	<u><u>-6,144.94</u></u>	<u><u>17,800.38</u></u>	-23,945.32

Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund Comparative Income Statement

Note 1: Investment HGMF Revenue

Unrealized gain from HGMF investments for 2023 was -\$49,121. Past practice has been to budget 50% of the unrealized gain from two years prior. Proposed that up to \$25,000 from investments be used if required.

Note 2: Non Tax Receipted Donations

\$5,000 from PPCLI Assn for Student Bursaries

Note 3: Student Bursaries

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

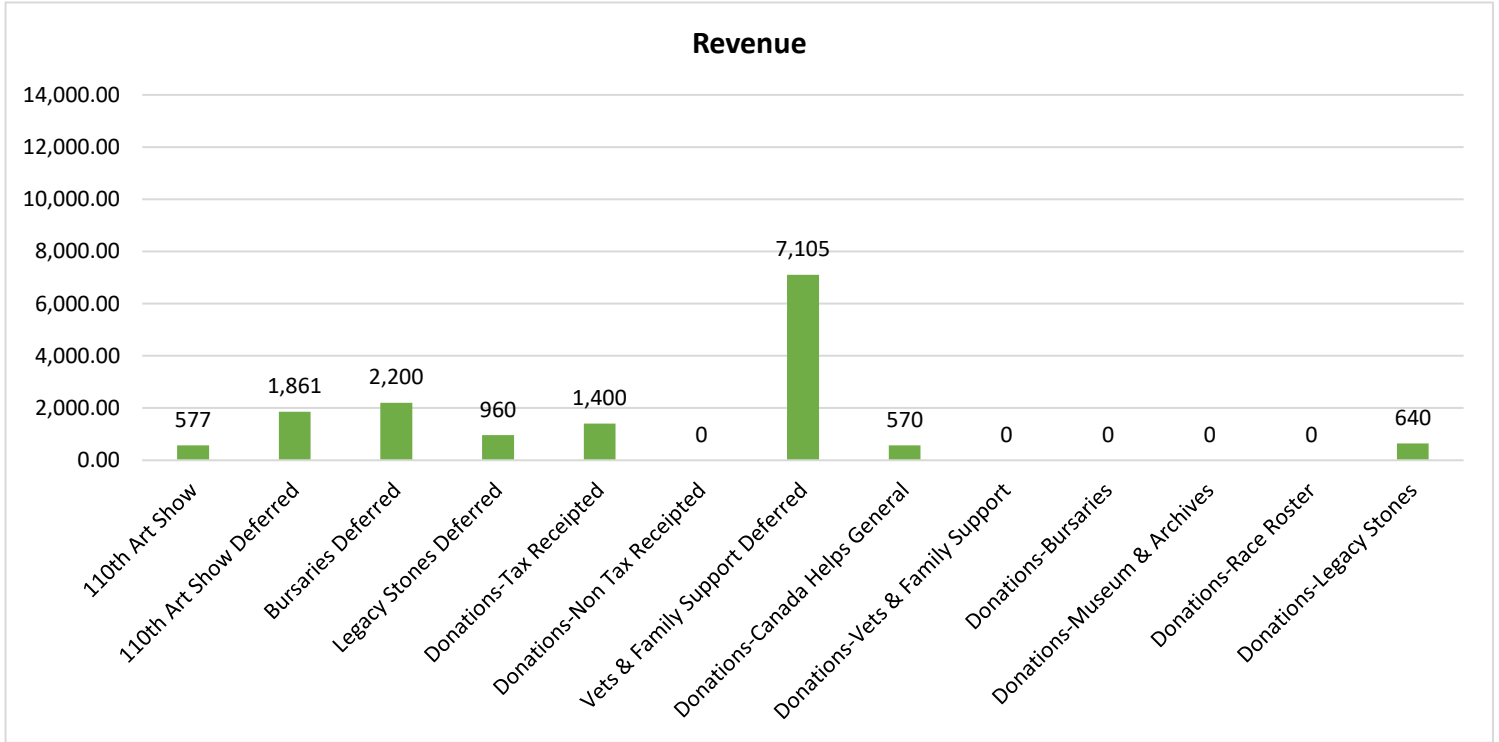
Note 4: Cadet Support

\$1,500 top Cadet Corps and \$250 for keeper plaque, engraving, etc. \$6,750 financial support for Cadet Corps outside of Alberta.

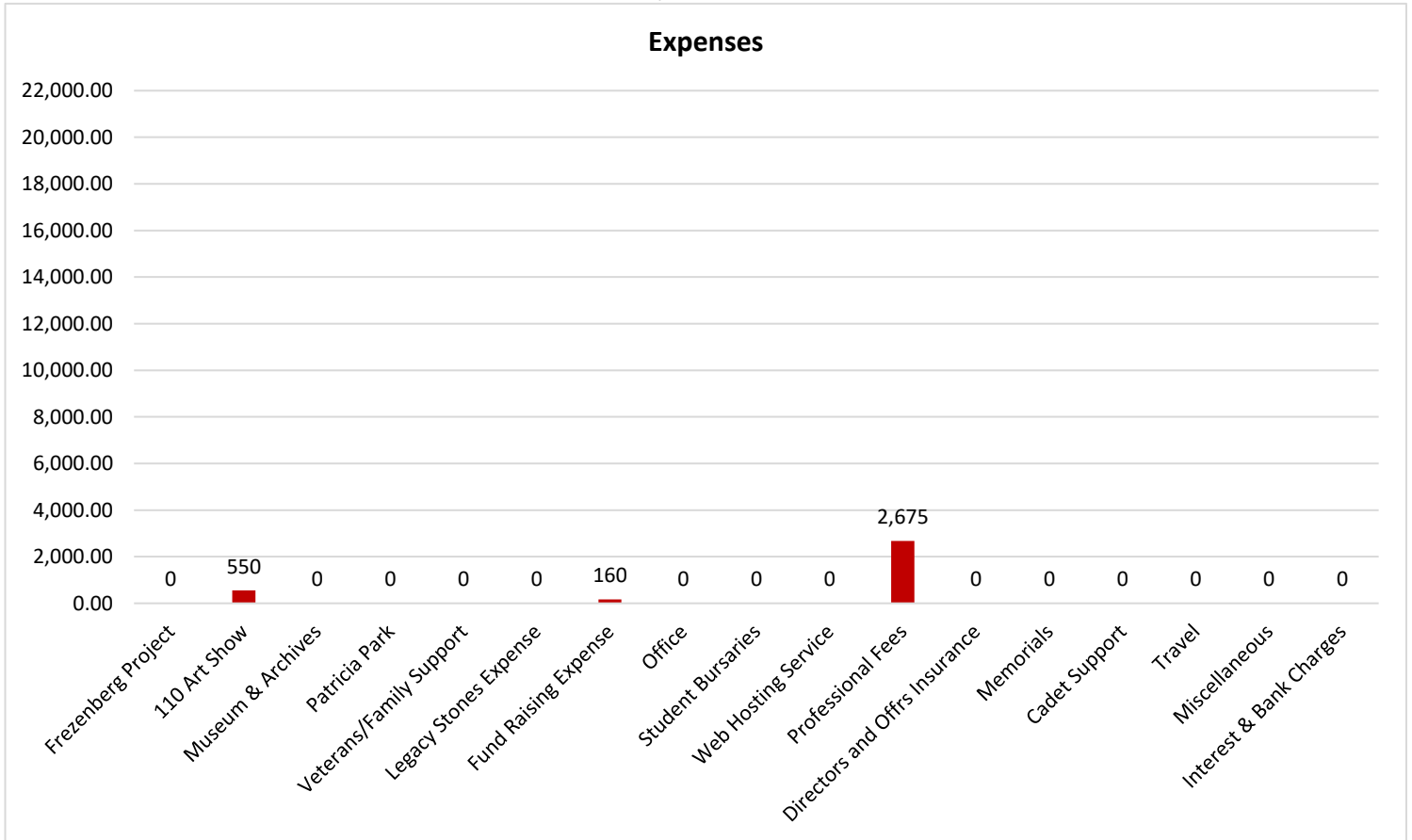
Note 5: Travel

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

Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund Income and Expense Graphs 1 January - 31 March 2025



Total Revenue less Investment Gain: \$15,313 Investment Gain: \$0



Total Expenses less Investment Loss: \$3,385 Investment Loss: \$5,947

Investment Gain - Loss: -\$5,947 ROR: -0.50%
Total Net Income/Loss: \$5,981



HGMF Fundraising Report
1 January – 20 April 2025

As a total of \$22,982 has been donated to the HGMF as follows:

Tax receipted donations	\$ 1,400.00
Canada Helps donations	\$ 570.00
Legacy Stone Donations	<u>\$ 640.00</u>
Total	\$ 2,610.00

Total Canada Helps fundraising expenses were \$11.45.

As of 20 April 2025, a total of \$20,372 has been donated from the Route to the Summit. There were a total of 18 participants.

To date four Legacy stones have been ordered for 2025 and two orders are outstanding from 2024. The Legacy Stone order form has been included as a flyer in the 2024 Patrician and will be included in the PPCLI Association Spring Newsletter.

The PPCLI Association is conducting a fundraiser by selling Hammie's Own RHUM thru Burwood Distilleries in Calgary. \$5 from the sale of each bottle will be donated to the HGMF and \$5 per bottle will be distributed to Association Branches across Canada so that they can provide direct support to local agencies that assist Veterans. As of 23 Apr, it is estimated the 500 bottles have been sold.

Paul Hale

Paul Hale
Fundraising Chair

Mike Levy Commemoration Battlefield Tour

10 Days - South Korea

April 18 - 27, 2026

Highlights Include:

The War Memorial of Korea

Demilitarized Zone

Gapyeong River Valley

UN Cemetery Busan

Soeul - Imjingak (DMZ) - Gapyeong - Busan - Soeul

\$6,900* CAD

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Major Michael George Levy, CD Commemoration Tour



Michael George Levy was born in Bombay, India in 1925. He grew up in Shanghai, China where he excelled in recreational boxing, roller skating, rugby, soccer and swimming. In December 1941, the Japanese Army occupied Shanghai. As a British subject, he was arrested by the Japanese and placed in various Internment Camp. On 22 May 1944, Mike and four British internees escaped from Lunghua Camp and set off for India. They successfully evaded the Japanese for nearly two months, before finally reaching India.

In India, Mike was recruited by the British Army's Special Operations Executive. With his knowledge of Chinese culture and language, he was trained in guerilla warfare and parachuting. At 19 he was promoted to Captain. On 22 July 1945, he was dropped behind enemy lines north of Kuala Lumpur and fought until the Japanese surrender on 2 September 1945.

Captain Mike Levy received a Mention in Despatches for bravery. Following the war, Mike was an investigator to the War Crimes Tribunal in Hong Kong and Singapore. He retired from the British Army in 1948 and relocated to Vancouver, where he maintained an active connection with the military by enlisting in a local militia regiment, the Irish Fusiliers of Canada.

At the outbreak of the Korean War in 1950, he volunteered for the newly formed Second Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry and proceeded to Korea as commander of 10 Platoon "D" Company. During the Battle of Kapyong, 23 – 25 April 1951 while under heavy Chinese attack, Lt. Levy personally called down extensive Artillery fire on 10 Platoon's position which was instrumental in defeating the enemy attacks.

Following the Korean War, Mike married Marjorie in 1951 (with whom he had one daughter and three sons). He remained in the PPCLI, with postings to Calgary, Germany, Edmonton and Esquimalt. He was promoted to Major in December 1960. He spent one year in Vietnam as part of the International Commission for Supervision and Control and did a tour in Cyprus.

In 1968 he was posted to the United States Marine Corps Command Staff College in Quantico, Virginia, then to Washington, D.C. with the Canadian Defence Liaison Staff. In 1971 he was moved to the Military Intelligence Directorate at National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa manning the "China Desk." In 1974 Mike retired from the CAF as a major after a distinguished 25-year career.

Mike Levy was awarded: 1939-1945 Star, Burma Star, Defence Medal, War Medal with Oak Leaf (MID), General Service Medal Malaya, Korea Medal, Volunteer Service Medal, NATO Medal, Canadian Peacekeeping Medal, United Nations Korea Medal, UNFICYP Medal, ICCS Vietnam Medal, CD with Bar, and the United States Presidential Unit Citation (Personal – Battle of Kapyong).

A Coat of Arms, flag and badge were awarded to Major (ret'd) Mike George Levy in April 2004 by the Governor General of Canada. The motto on Levy's Coat of Arms reads: "I HAVE PREVAILED."

22 - 25 April, 1951 - Battle of Kapyong

The Battle of Kapyong or Gapyeong took place from 22 - 25 of April 1951, in the Gapyeong Valley, South Korea. The battle included: 2nd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (2 PPCLI), 3rd Battalion Royal Australian Regiment (3 RAR) and 72nd Heavy Tank Battalion (72 HTB), supported by the 16th Regiment of the Royal New Zealand Artillery (16 Regt, RNZA), with 1st Battalion Middlessex Regiment of the United Kingdom (1 MX) held in reserve. The UN Forces were opposed by the Chinese 118th Division of the People's Volunteer Army (PVA).

2 PPCLI under the command of Lieutenant Colonel (LCol) Jim Stone, was tasked with setting up a defensive position on Hill 677 on the west side of the Gapyeong Valley. The intent was to halt the PVA's advance towards Seoul.

On 22 April, the PVA attacked 3 RAR who had established a hasty defensive position on Hill 504 on the east side of the valley. While the Australians were taking the brunt of the initial assault, 2 PPCLI took time to dig-in, and prepare their defensive positions. 3 RAR put up a valiant fight and repelled the PVA for two days. On 24 April, when facing a large enemy force, they conducted a fighting withdrawal to a defensive position in the rear of the brigade.

Once the PVA had captured Hill 504, they focused on Hill 677. On 24 April at 22:00 hrs, they assaulted the right flank of 2 PPCLI. The assault was met with coordinated heavy machine-gun and mortar fire which initially deterred the PVA's advance. The PVA eventually overran the forward right platoon which withdrew to the company's main defensive position. The PVA's advance was halted when B Company repelled the second wave of the PVA's attack.



The PVA sent a company or more to attack Battalion Headquarters. Mortar Platoon and Bn HQ, held their fire and waited until the PVA were within 180m then opened fire, striking the enemy hard and defeated the attack.

Wave after wave of Chinese soldiers tried to overrun the Canadian positions, mostly attacking at night using machine guns, mortars and grenades. 2 PPCLI's ingenious use of terrain had made it difficult for the enemy to determine their position as well as to assault effectively. This meant the enemy could not deliver effective machine gun nor mortar fire.

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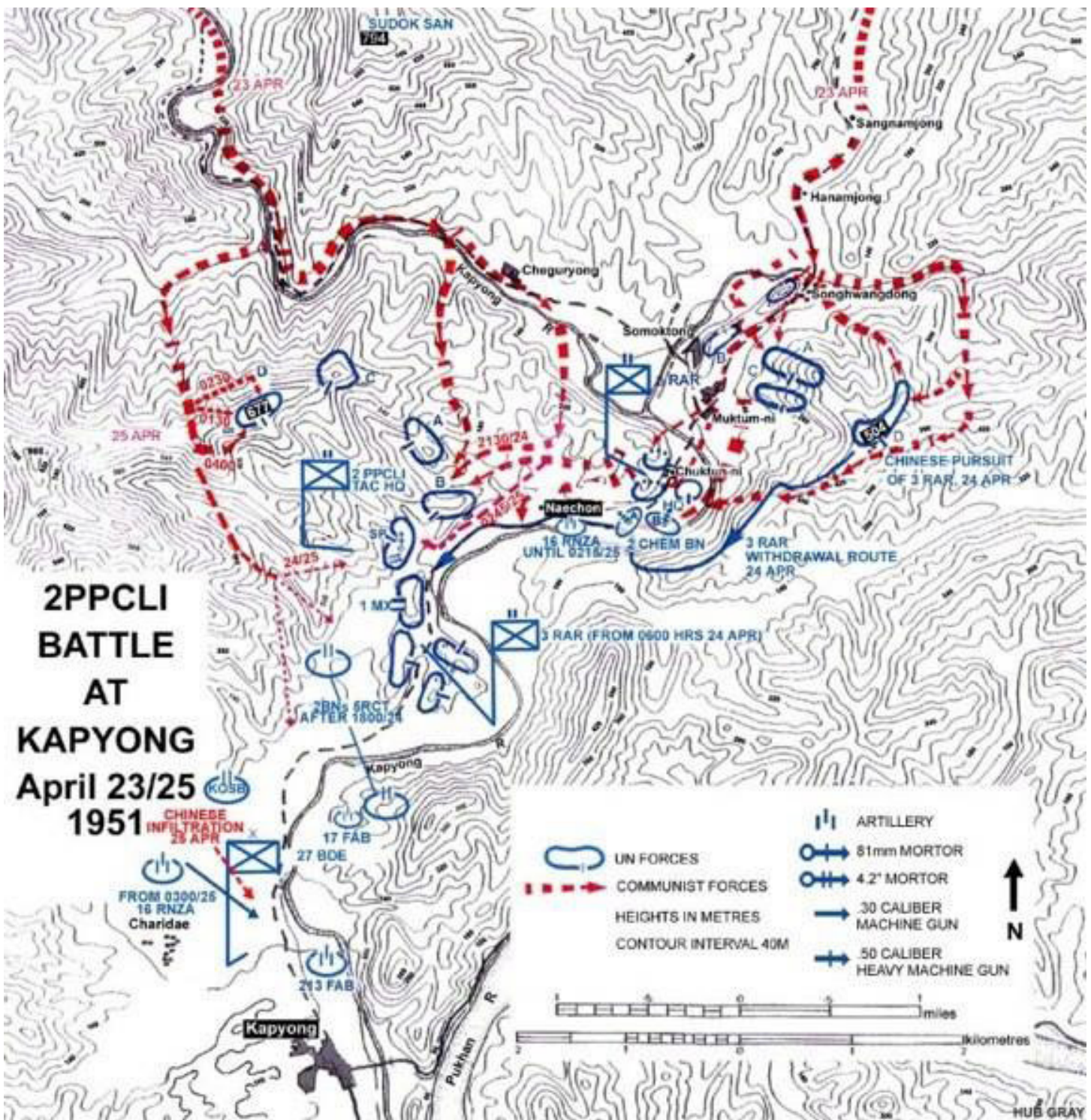
On the early morning of 25 April, the PVA infiltrated and partially surrounded D company. Captain J. G. W. Mills, who commanded D Company, approved a request from Lt Mike Levy (10 PI Comd) to call an artillery strike on his PI position. 10 PI survived the artillery barrage of an estimated 4,000 or more rounds unscathed and the PVA attacks were defeated. Mike Levy's actions and bravery were instrumental in defeating the PVA attack. His heroism was not officially acknowledged until April 2004, 53 years later when he presented with his own Coat of Arms by Adrienne Clarkson, Governor General of Canada.



The PVA conducted a series of minor attacks which were unsuccessful. Expecting the PVA to conduct a stronger offensive, LCol Stone requested an air drop of supplies which they used to bolster their defensive position. The PVA did not conduct a larger offensive, and on 25 April with the support of 72 HTB, 2 PPCLI cleared North of Hill 677.

In the end, the PVA, ill-supplied and after having suffered heavy casualties, withdrew in the afternoon of 25 April. The PVA suffered around 1000 KIA during the battle with many more wounded, while 2 PPCLI suffered 10 KIA and 23 WIA. In total 16 Regt, RNZA fired 18,500 rounds of artillery in support of this battle. For their heroic efforts 2 PPCLI, 3 RAR and 72 HTB were awarded the United States' Army Presidential Citation.

On 24 April 2026, we will commemorate and honour the accomplishments of 2 PPCLI, 3 RAR, and 72 HTB, supported by the 16 Regt, RNZA on the 75th Anniversary of the Kapyong Battle.



Mike Levy Commemoration

Day 1 / Sat, Apr 18: DEPART CANADA

Departure from Canada on your overnight flight to Seoul.

Day 2 / Sun, Apr 19: ARRIVE SEOUL

Touching down at Incheon International Airport places you in the heart of Korea. Upon clearing immigration and customs, your English-speaking tour guide greets you. Traditional Korean Table d'hote is planned for dinner. Settle into your hotel and relax as you acclimatize to the new time zone. (D)

Day 3 / Mon, Apr 20: SEOUL

This morning, we start with an orientation city tour, covering Gyeongbokgung Palace a particularly charming spot that represents a colorful and turbulent side of the capital's 500-year history. Your visit to the National Folk Museum of Korea will illustrate the history of traditional life of the Korean people. Tinsadong, at one time the center of traditional Korean art and antiques, features a mixture of historical and modern atmosphere representing the cultural glimpse of the nation. It can be plenty of fun walking on the main street, but you venture into the hidden alleys that do spring some unexpected surprises. While here, you may want to buy some souvenirs or simply wander and browse at leisure admiring cultural ambience.

You will enjoy a brief visit to Gwangjang market. It is one of few markets retaining the traditional Korean atmosphere. (B,L,D)

Day 4 / Tue, Apr 21: SEOUL

Half day tour of The War Memorial of Korea that showcases Korea's military history and provides a comprehensive overview of the Korean War (B,D)



Day 5 / Wed, Apr 22: SEOUL – DMZ – SEOUL

We visit the Demilitarized Zone (3rd tunnel) After exploring the tunnel, climb back out of the tunnel and make your way to the DMZ Exhibition Hall for a unique insight into the Korean War and model of soldiers digging the tunnel, equipment used by the North, model of Panmunjeom (Joint Security Area) (B,L,D)

Day 6 / Thu, Apr 23: SEOUL – GAPYEONG

Today, we travel to Gapyeong to learn about the sacrifices and dedication of the Canadians during the Korean War. For those feeling adventurous, join us for an optional climb up Hill 677 where Canadian soldiers fought with distinction. (B,L,D)

Day 7 / Fri, Apr 24: GAPYEONG - SEOUL

Spend the day in Gapyeong to participate in an official program. In the afternoon, return to Seoul.(B,D)

Day 8 / Sat, Apr 25: SEOUL - BUSAN

Following a hearty breakfast, travel to Busan on a speed train. Well over 2 hours journey leads you to Busan, Korea's second largest city surrounded by the ocean on one side, and mountains on the other. Visit UN memorial cemetery. Next we explore Gamcheon Village. Check in to hotel followed by dinner. (B,L,D)

Day 9 / Sun, Apr 26: BUSAN - SEOUL

Today we visit Yongdusan Park, BIFF Square, and Jagalchi fish Market before traveling back to Seoul on the speed train. Return to the hotel where we will join in our farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

Day 10 / Mon, Apr 27: RETURN TO CANADA

After breakfast, return to the airport for your flight back to Canada (B)

Lieut. Mike Levy (left) inspects a captured submachine gun in Korea, 1951. As Platoon Commander 10 Platoon, D Company, 2 PPCLI, Levy made the call to bring down artillery on his own position during the Battle of Kapyong. (Courtesy of Don Levy)

INCLUDED

- Accommodation in comfortable 3-4 star hotels
- Airport transfers (when flights are booked with Special Travel International)
- Hotel portorage for one piece of luggage per person
- Meals as per itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner) 8 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches, 8 Dinners
- Modern motor-coach and first class high speed train transportation
- English speaking guide with the tour throughout
- Comprehensive sightseeing including guides and admission fees as per itinerary
- Bottled water on tour

NOT INCLUDED

- International flights between Canada – Soeul, Korea
- Travel insurance (please contact our office for a quote)
- Drinks with meals
- Gratuities for drivers and guides
- Items of a personal nature

TOUR COSTS in CAD*

*based on a group size of 24 travellers

Per person, twin-share	\$6,900
Single supplement	\$1,600

(approximate cost, depending on final group size)

FLIGHTS & TRAVEL INSURANCE

- Please contact our office for a quote.
- Flights booked with STI include airport transfers
- Our licensed insurance agents can help you with the coverage that will suit your needs

TOUR PACE and FITNESS TO PARTICIPATE

This itinerary includes some walking through historic city centres and to/from sites – easily accomplished if you are comfortable walking a few kilometres at a standard pace.

Travellers with restricted mobility are welcome but may be unable to enjoy all of the walking tour portions or may require taxis.

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- » Balance due by TBA

Tour documents will be sent to you approximately 14 days prior to your trip departure, provided full payment has been received.

TOUR PRICES:

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STI strongly recommends that each tour participant has health, cancellation, interruption, accident and baggage insurance for the duration of his/her travels.

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TRAVEL DOCUMENTS, VISAS AND VACCINES:

It is entirely the passenger's responsibility to possess whatever documents, visas and vaccines are required by the law of the countries visited on the tour.

AIRLINE RESPONSIBILITY:

Any air carrier providing transportation in connection with these tours is not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time the passenger is not on board its planes. The passenger contract in use by the airlines concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airline and the purchase of these tours and/or passenger. Similar responsibility as noted applies to all types of carriers, including car rental companies.



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Service Dogs

- CITADEL CANINE SOCIETY
 - registered charity since 2013, that trains and delivers PTSD medical service dogs to Military Veterans and First Responders.
 - Based in Vancouver with training activities stretching from Newfoundland-Labrador to British Columbia.
 - Run by volunteers with Administration costs kept to 20% for tech, social media and admin support.
 - Trains 40-50 dogs a year and of those trained dogs, 10-12 are certified. In British Columbia and Alberta the dogs are Provincial certification tested. Elsewhere the Canadian Association of Service Dog Trainers (CASDT) testing template is applied, almost identical to the British Columbia testing template.
- Website citadelcanine.com

Service Dogs

- K4 PAWS SERVICE DOGS
- Registered charity since 2013, based in Kingston Ontario
- Provide trained service dogs and continued handling support to physically and emotionally challenged persons and their families, assisting them to become more independent in their Southeastern Ontario communities.
- No physical office space, overhead/admin costs are kept low
- A fully trained service dog costs \$20,000-\$25,000. The entire process takes approx two years. The organization trains 20 dog at a time and approx 12-15 dogs are certified per year.
- Dogs are trained by the Assistance Dogs International's Candidate Member (ADICM) program
- Website kingstonservicedogs.ca

Service Dogs

- NATIONAL SERVICE DOGS (NSD)
- Registered charity since 1998, based in Cambridge Ontario with dogs from Newfoundland to British Columbia.
- 17 paid positions – 12 full time and 5 part-time, plus 15 program and 4 administration/fundraising positions (total = 36 paid positions)
- Cost of fully trained service dogs is \$50,000 (spread over the 10 year life of the dog). NSD dogs are trained for 2 years and then matched with and provided to the client
- Clients attend a week-long team training session at the Kitchener training centre before returning home with their dog. NSD's Client Service Social Workers and Trainers provide all follow-on support services regardless of where the client lives
- Approx 20-22 dogs are placed per year, with 6-9 PTSD service dog teams annually. NSD are trained to the standard of Assistance Dogs International (ADI) and the Imagine Canada Standards (ICS) program
- Website nds.on.ca

Trustee Nominations

Article 5.02 of Our Constitution States: “ The Board shall be constituted with a minimum of three and a maximum of nine Trustees. Each Trustee shall be elected, or appointed by the Board for a single fixed term not to exceed four consecutive years, unless otherwise specified by the Board; which may, subject to the *Act*, exceptionally approve an extension, ideally for a maximum period of up to four more consecutive years in office.”

The terms of the following trustees end on 8 May 2025:

David Pentney;

Paul Hale;

Derek Prohar;

Quentin Innis; and

Donna Campbell.

The Vice-Chair is Chair of the Nominating Committee. He is responsible for determining if Trustees whose terms are expiring are willing to continue for another term, and the duration of that term if they agree to extend. If current Trustees are unable/unwilling to extend for another term, then the Vice-Chair will form a committee with at least one other Trustee, to identify suitable candidates to replace departing trustees.

The HGMF 2025 AGM will take place on Saturday, 24 May 2025 from 1000 to 1130 hours (Atlantic) in the Nova Scotia Room (aka the Wardroom) at CFB Halifax Juno Towers. This will take place in-person and by ZOOM.

MOTION

It is moved that the terms of Trustees whose term terminates on 8 May 2025 be extended to the end of the 2025 AGM.