

## 107<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bike Ride Fundraiser

March 19, 2021

Hello to all Patricia's and to the extended Patricia family. I hope your Regimental Day celebrations went on safely, and my best regards to you and your families.

In August 2020, after essentially being bored, and not wanting to sit around in the house during the '1<sup>st</sup> wave' of the pandemic, I had a last-minute idea and made a suggestion to ride 106 km for the 106<sup>th</sup> Regimental Birthday on August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The intent was to promote physical activity while motivating myself to be healthy and active during an otherwise depressing time: yet be safe, while concurrently raising money for the *Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund (HGMF)*.

Our PPCLI Association National President, Paul Hale from South-Western Ontario, and ERE Captain Elijah Macaluso (Rocky Mountain Rangers) in Kamloops, quickly signed on and we all rode our 106 km routes.—Together, we raised over \$7,000 for the *HGMF*, which was beyond all expectations. Many thanks to all those generous donors out there.

This pandemic is not over, and I remain determined not to concede to this virus physically or mentally. I'm therefore intending to repeat last year's Ride with a personal motto of 107km for 107 years, or "107 for 107". The difference this year, is that I'm giving everyone plenty of notice (i.e. **NOW**). I'm sending out a personal challenge to all willing and able Patricia's and extended Patricia families, to join us this year for the '107 for 107' Regimental Birthday Bike Ride!

This will be scheduled for Sunday August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (rain or shine). In 2020 a simple thought led to over \$7,000 in donations, so this year just think what national-level involvement from our four Battalions, ERE Patricia's, Cadet Groups, Association members, friends of the Regiment and extended families can do! Do a ride/walk/run/march/swim individually or as a team (e.g. fire team, section, platoon, company), a family group, a cadet organization, and if you can't ride a bicycle, I leave it up to your imagination to walk, jog, or run for 107 minutes, 107 laps in a pool or 107 laps of a school track if possible. In other words, you don't have to restrict yourself to a bike ride, and the fact that you don't have a bike, or have limited ability to ride a bike, should not deter you!

For those partaking, it's a good idea to have a safety vehicle or safety persons with you, as personal health and safety are always the first priority.

Please stay tuned for details on the event, and I look forward to my challenge to you being accepted! See you on August 8<sup>th</sup>!

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As part of the 107<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bike Ride we have designed Regimental cycling gear. The theme is the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Kapyong. On the front is a crest designed by Greg Ferguson from SW Ontario Branch. You can see a close up of the crest on Page XX. On the back of the Jersey is a photo of “ Pte Bill Chrysler helping Pte Morris Piche to an aid station behind the lines in Kapyong Valley on 25/26 April 1951” Bill is in good health and is a member of the SW Ontario Branch. He was honoured to be advised that the photo would be on the Regimental Cycling Jersey.



You order the Cycling gear direct from Jakroo. The store will go live on 1 April 2021 and will be open until 14 April. The more orders that are placed, the lower the price per item. Once the store closes on 14 April it will take about 2 weeks for your order to be delivered to you.

The store will be open again on 1 -14 June for anyone who wants to place orders after they have seen others wearing the cycling gear. The Jakroo site has size for men and women.



We are also investigating the possibility of a golf shirt for those who do not wish to purchase cycling gear.

**Watch your email and social media for further details!!**