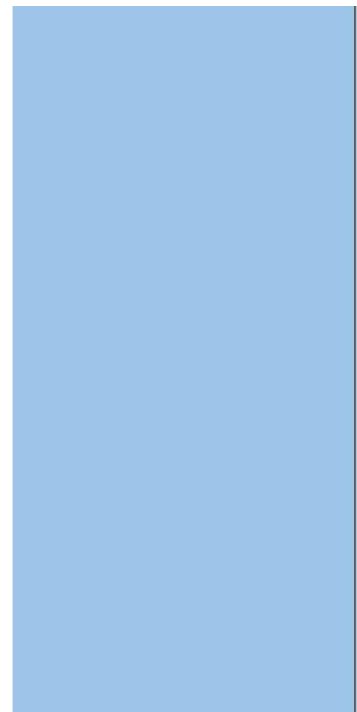


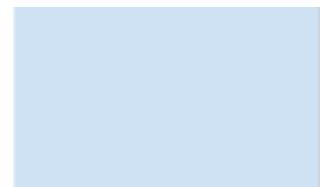
# THE LOGISTICIAN

## Logistics Birthday Edition

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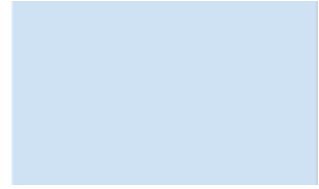
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## Message from MGen Goodyear



**By MAJOR-GENERAL R.W.H. GOODYEAR, MSM, CD**



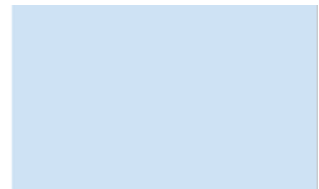
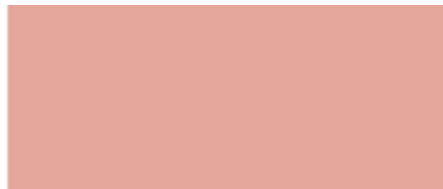
With the anniversary of the Royal Canadian Logistics Service upon us once again, I want to take this moment to thank you. With a strength of over 16,000 members the RCLS provides unwavering support to the Canadian Armed Forces on a daily basis wherever and whenever needed. I remain immensely proud of your ability to support operations and find unique solutions for the myriad of Defence's complex challenges.

Similar to my message last year, the pandemic continues to test us. The workplace has shifted to the digital domain for many. Travel, both personal and professional, is limited. Our continued success is due to your resilience, dedication, and skillset. This anniversary, is a celebration of all you have accomplished in the last year in support of the Canadian Armed Forces.

With our current digital workplace, I ask that you continue to watch out for each other and yourselves. Take the time for you mental and physical fitness, it is as important as ever. Maintain the lines of communication with your colleagues, those who you work with daily, and just as important, those who you may have fallen out of touch with.

On behalf of the senior leadership of the Canadian Armed Forces, thank you for your continued hard work and dedication to service. Please take a moment, whether it be personal, or in a virtual setting, to reflect on this momentous occasion that helps to remind us of why we serve. Be rightfully proud of all that you do. The RCLS delivers excellence every day and this is only possible because of your collective work and commitment to your craft, the Service, and the CAF as a whole. Happy anniversary!

### Message From Cmdre (Ret'd) Lynn Bisson



**By COMMODORE (RET'D) LYNN BISSON, OMM, CD**



Happy 54th Birthday to the Royal Canadian Logistics Service!

Even during these trying times, it is more important than ever for us, as a community, to acknowledge the Royal Canadian Logistics Service's birthday. These occasions are a wonderful opportunity for us to

not only celebrate (if conditions permit) but to also reflect on the past year and to ponder about the future.

Let's not kid ourselves, the past year, with its many challenges including a never seen in our lifetime pandemic, has been extremely difficult for many of us. We have had to adapt in both our work life (who would have thought we would be working virtual from home), and our personal lives and activities ...or lack thereof. Who would have thought our lives could be so drastically affected.

Regardless of the challenges that you have had to face during these trying times, you should be proud of how you have been able to not only adapt but to overcome these obstacles to provide outstanding logistical support not only to the CAF but to Canada, as a whole, in your efforts at home and abroad.

You should be extremely proud of all that you have accomplished this past year. As your Colonel Commandant, I know that I am extremely honoured to be part of such an amazing group of Logisticians.

The other importance of celebrating an anniversary is it gives us the opportunity to look forward to the coming year. There is no doubt in my mind that the challenges will continue, however, I am very optimistic that you will continue to excel in your respective roles resulting in the CAF being extremely well served.

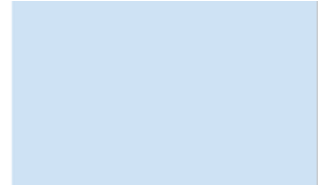
I encourage all of you to not only support the CAF's mandate but to also be there to support one another, whether it is subordinates, peers, supervisors, family or friends. This past year has proven how important it is for all of us to be there for the people around us and support them the best we can.

As I personally look to the future I am hopeful to have the opportunity to visit you and to gain a better appreciation of the challenges you face and how I can be of help to you in your endeavours. One of my goals during my mandate is to be there for all of you and to support you in any capacity I can.

I look forward to the future and I am very optimistic that the RCLS will excel in the support you provide to all of the CAF in its missions both at home and abroad.

Happy 54th Birthday!

## Message From BGen Heilman

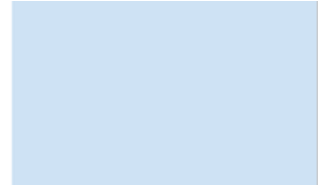


By **BRIGADIER-GENERAL C.A. HEILMAN, CD**



What a year it has been for our Logistics community – Happy 54th Birthday to the Royal Canadian Logistics Service! As the Strategic J4, I have the privilege each day of seeing the impact of your contributions and your efforts have been nothing short of extraordinary. This year, Logisticians have received commendations at all levels for their outstanding professionalism, acumen, expertise and leadership, and beyond those specifically recognized, you have all risen above your normal duties to support our ever changing requirements. Each of you has contributed to ensuring the continuity of operations in a persistent COVID environment, while responding to domestic and expeditionary operational demands, and support to our training institutions, all while endeavouring to keep yourselves, your family and your friends safe and healthy. Whether you are a new member of the RCLS, a long-serving member, military or civilian, you are part of an incredible legacy that has a reputation for outstanding service, innovative solutions, and professionalism. As we look forward to the next year, I encourage each and every one of you to engage in the areas that you are the most passionate about – it is by listening to your voices, your ideas, and your recommendations that we'll continue to build a stronger RCLS. Many thanks to the outstanding soldiers, sailors, aviators and civilians of the RCLS for another great year and I look forward to what the next year has in store for our community!

## Message from BGen Harding



By **BRIGADIER-GENERAL C.M. HARDING, OMM, CD**



Fellow Logisticians in Canada and around the globe - Happy Birthday!

As I reflected on the last year, I could not help but think of how our community has really stepped forward in all of the chaos that surrounds us. From domestic operations in response to both the pandemic and natural disasters to the security situation on the front steps of Europe to the institutional efforts underpinning CAF Reconstitution, we find Logisticians doing great work. I am very proud of our community - the teamwork, the comradeship and the commitment to the CAF. For me, it does not matter the colour of the uniform or if you are Reserve or Regular Force or our civilian teammates - what matters is the passion and drive for change.

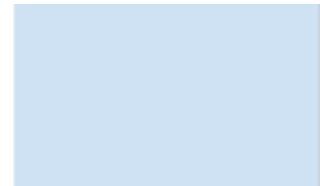
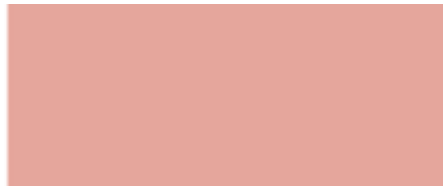
To say there is a lot going on would be the understatement of the century. As we are two years into the pandemic, it has tested all of our resolve, both at work and at home. It has changed many of our family

dynamics and the way we look at how we work. When this emotional turmoil is partnered with the many balls all of us are juggling at work, it is hard to see the light at the end of the tunnel ...but we must!

From where I sit in NATO, as part of a multinational team, I have never been so proud of the quality of our Logistics family. We are professionals in our own right, but may not have really appreciated it. We study, think and do not follow blindly - we are taught to scan our environment, analyze what needs to be done and move out on our tasks. Our attitude and empowerment of the individual truly is a combat multiplier. And I did not truly appreciate this quality until I was not surrounded by Canadian Logisticians. I miss our community - the constant thrill of watching junior officers and NCMs be leaders amongst their peers, the sage and unbridled advice of our Sr NCOs and the professional skills of our senior officers.

The next year will be as challenging as the last one .... But .. we cannot shy away from it ... we must face these hurdles as a community. Security as we used to know it is changing - and it affects everyone, not just those in uniform. We must evolve our attitudes, our way of thinking and our mindsets to deal with the crisis of today and tomorrow. Looking backwards to what was will not give us what we need. I get that change is scary, but it's not just the military - it is happening all around us. Be supportive of one another, keeping taking one step at a time and most importantly - look in the mirror and congratulate yourself for being part of the great good who is making a difference in this tumultuous world!

## Message From BGen Tattersall



**By BRIGADIER-GENERAL V.C. TATTERSALL, CD and CWO FRANÇOIS FLEURY, MMM, CD**



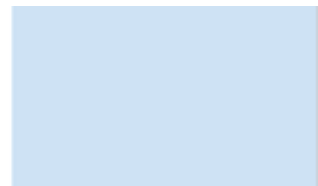


This year will again limit our gathering to mark the RCLS Birthday, catch up with friends and tell war-stories. However, it will not negate the fact that the Royal Canadian Logistics Services has, does and will continue to ensure the success of Canadian Armed Forces operations whether deployed or in garrison. Personnel will be fed, paid, receive mail, be issued bullets, weapons and uniforms, have materiel bought for them to do their job, be administered leave and their Supplementary Death Benefits forms updated (hint check to make sure yours is updated), have claims paid, vehicles fuelled and equipment and personnel transported to where they need to go all because a LOGISTICIAN did their job. In the end it matters not the trade, whether an officer or NCO – each and every one of us is providing support, and whatever the support requested of us it is important to that member/unit/formation/the Canadian Armed Forces. So, on this 54th birthday let us recognize that what we do is important, that we will always strive to do it to the best of our ability and that without us the Canadian Armed Forces would not be able to do what it does at home and around the world.

On behalf of all ranks DGCB (serving and retired) – happy 54th to the RCLS.

Servitium Nulli Secundus!

Message from Col Spott



By COLONEL A.T. SPOTT, CD



On behalf of myself and the RCAF Logistics NCM Occupational Advisor, CWO Carey, I would like to wish the RCLS a sincere Happy Birthday. Although the past several years have been fraught with anxiety, change and uncertainty, there has been one constant throughout – the courage, commitment and operational focus of the entirety of the RCLS membership to “get things done” regardless of the obstacles placed in its path. The drive, passion and ingenuity of our personnel never ceases to amaze me. Our collective ability to fight through the pandemic to not only maintain, but to both enhance and extend, support to CAF operations is clear testament to the talent and professionalism within the Service. As we move further into 2022, I have no doubt more challenges await us. I am equally certain, however, that RCLS is more than up to the task to continue to drive forward, overcome the difficulties in front of us, and lead the way in supporting the CAF in a post-COVID world.

Happy Birthday RCLS!

## Message From John Page



By **JOHN PAGE**

Fellow Logisticians,

Happy 54th Birthday and congratulations on the successful rebranding exercise of forming the Royal Canadian Logistics Service as a multi-disciplined, synchronized, world-class support organization! Although it is only the 54th birthday of the unified Logistics Branch and the RCLS in the Canadian Armed Forces; we are descended from a long line of support organizations, going back to pre-confederation and the British military support organizations or even further back to the French garrisons in Louisburg, Quebec and Hochelaga – all proudly supporting the primary mission, defence of Canada. The current missions that people are focusing on are the Canadian led enhanced Forward Presence-Battle Group in Latvia (Op REASSURANCE) and our training mission in Ukraine, Op UNIFIER; especially in these uncertain times with Russia sabre-rattling and NATO standing firm. We have also been engaged fully with the current pandemic, about to reach the second anniversary of lock down, with Op VECTOR and Op LASER supporting Canadians at home. Despite the challenges of the pandemic, the RCLS has been able to support continuing operations across Canada and around the globe. It is remarkable the amount of support provided from such a small community. A hearty “Well Done” and a well-deserved “pat on the back” to each and every one of you!

Your Association is here for many things, but one of the key areas is History and Heritage. This year we have introduced RCLS History seminars for Remembrance Week, with Maj(Retd) Gary Campbell presented First World War Logistics and Col (Retd) John Conrad’s presentation on Logistics in Afghanistan. Their presentations were recorded and are on the RCLSA YouTube site. The next one we will be holding is Tuesday 01 Feb 22 at 1900 hrs (EDT) by Andrew Robertshaw, former curator of the UK

Royal Logistics Corps Museum and historian on Second World War Commonwealth Logistics. All are welcome from across Canada and the world, we will be using the Zoom platform and registration is required at [info@rclsa-alsrc.org](mailto:info@rclsa-alsrc.org) to ensure you get the correct information to join us. The next event will be a presentation on the Logistics in the Falklands War by US Army MGen (Retd) Ken Privratsky in Calgary on April 7th, 2022 that we are exploring offering also with real-time video link.

Another thing we have been working on is the Battlefield Tour of the Netherlands, originally scheduled for the 75th Anniversary in 2020 but has now been postponed until April/May 2023 due to the Pandemic. Anyone interested in joining us, or helping to sponsor a deserving serving member, please contact me at [john.page@forces.gc.ca](mailto:john.page@forces.gc.ca). We currently have more than 60 people registered to participate, and there is room to bring 15-20 more.

Happy 54th Birthday everyone and keep up the amazing work that you do!

John Page

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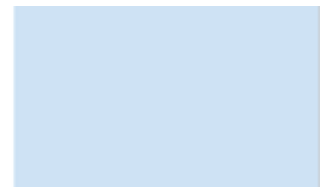
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Message from the Royal Canadian Logistics Service Integrator and Chief Warrant Officer





By CAPTAIN(N) J.S.F. TURCOTTE, CD, and CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER J. ST-LAURENT, CD

It is with great pride that CWO St-Laurent and I recognize the 54th birthday of the RCLS. As your Integrator Leadership team, we are well aware of the valuable place Logisticians hold in the successful execution of military operations both at home and abroad. In 2021 alone, Logisticians were at the forefront of the Canadian COVID-19 vaccine roll out, support to fire and flood ravaged communities, and upholding our International commitments including those to the United Nations and NORAD. On the home front, the RCLS has made tremendous progress in terms of establishing a Governance structure, enabling our Trade Advisor teams, beginning the process for an Occupational Analysis (OA) for Log O and MSE Op and finishing the administrative processes for the FSA / HRA split and the re-designation of Material Management Technicians. While some of these tasks may not be the most exciting, they are all part of the work required to ensure the RCLS is a current, adaptable and modern force.

In our travels to line units across Canada, the CWO and I were constantly impressed (but certainly not surprised) with the calibre of dedication and professionalism of our fellow Logisticians. If 2020 and 2021 have taught us anything it is that we need to be adaptable to changes, shortages and other imposed limitations. As Logisticians, the nature of our work means we are uniquely suited to meet those challenges as they are part of our daily life even in the best of circumstances. Whether it be Logistical planning for our medical personnel to be deployed in civilian hospital and care homes, the establishment of quarantine support for returning international travellers and the facilitation of two APS seasons during various levels of lockdowns, your work has consistently been exceptional. You should all be exceptionally proud. There is perhaps no better example of adapting to circumstances than our very own CFLTC. The CFLTC command team and staff did great work in changing their training plans to a virtual model but also in their experimentation with a distributed model allowing courses to be run across the country. This innovation has seen Logisticians continue their professional development despite lockdown measures, a feat even more impressive given the BMQ courses added to their course calendar – a CFLTC first!

The CWO and I look forward to continuing our travels and meeting members of the Logistics community when lockdown restrictions allow. We are also excited to introduce you to the new RCLS Col Cndt, Cndre Lynn Bisson as she will be joining us on many future endeavours. We invite you to read her contribution to this bulletin and get a sense of her hopes, vision and plans for our Logistics Community.

Happy 54th Birthday to the RCLS! We hope that everyone will get to celebrate this important occasion as their provincial restrictions allow whether that be virtual means or otherwise.