

Piper : Richard (Rick) G. A. Paterson P.Eng.



PIPING HIGHLIGHTS:

1986: Played at Expo 86 in Vancouver with the Oshawa Legion Pipe Band as street entertainment for the Ontario pavilion.

2001: Won Canadian Champion award with the Bowmanville Legion PB

2006: Played for PM Stephen Harper's opening of the Peter Puck Museum in Bowmanville

2012 & 2017 Won Champion Supreme Grade 4 with the Durham Regional Police Pipe Band

2013: Played in the Stanley Cup parade in Orono for Bryan Bicknell (Chicago Blackhawks)

2015: Played for Queen Elizabeth II at Balmoral Castle with the Ontario Massed Bands

2017: Played in the 58th Presidential Inaugural parade in Washington DC with the Coastal Florida Police and Fire Pipe Band

2017: Played in Holland at the Holden Canadian War Cemetery with the Chatham Massed Pipe Band

2017: Played at the CDN War memorial at Garden Green in front of Buckingham Palace, played at the Menin Gate, Ypres service and attended the Canadian 100 anniversary Vimy Ceremony with the Durham Regional Police Pipe Band

2023: Played with the Black Watch Pipe Band on tour of Holland following the route of the Black Watch to liberate Holland.

BACKGROUND: Over 59 Years Piping Experience

Grew up on a farm in a Scottish neighborhood north of London ON the third oldest in a family of four. Grandmother Paterson (McKenzie) recommended joining the local Strathroy pipe band at age 12.

Completed Grade 6 Royal Conservatory of Music and Grade 2 Theory by age 16

1964 – 1971: Learned to play the bagpipes with the Strathroy Legion Pipe Band under Pipe Major Mac Cannon and Pipe Sargent Fred Watcher with 6 other young players.

1971: Studied at University of Waterloo and graduated in Mechanical Engineering in 1976.

1978 – 1980: played with the RCL 213 Rangers Pipe Band in Weston, ON

1981: Played with City of Sudbury Pipe Band: PM Charlie Kennedy

1982-1988: Played with the RCL 43 Oshawa Legion Pipe Band: PM Jim Scott

1988: Played with the Scott & McCormack Pipe Band competing in Grade 3: PM Brian Lee

1998 – 2003: Played with the RCL 178 Bowmanville Legion Pipe Band competing in Grade 4

2004 – 2011: Played with the Frost Pipe Band competing in Grade 4 under PM Kyle Sweet

2011 – 2017: Played with the Durham Regional Police Pipe Band in grade 4 competition winning Ontario Champion Supreme best band in 2012 and 2017 under PM Mike Lasseter

2018 -2022: Played with the Lindsay Pipe Band Competing Grade 5 under PM Glen McDonald

2022- present: Played with Durham Regional Police Pipe Band Grade 5 under PM Greg Scott

2015-present: Played as a Snowbird with the Coastal Florida Police and Fire Pipe Band Palm Coast Florida

2012 – present: Played in the Ontario Police Memorial Parade (Toronto) and the National Police Memorial Parade (Ottawa) with Durham Regional Police

2023 – present: Playing in the Oshawa Legion Pipes and Drums under PM Andrew Herc

Played at many local Legion Remembrance Day Services and Santa Clause parades at Bowmanville, Courtice, and Newcastle.



Strathroy Legion Pipe Band 1964



Oshawa Legion PB – Expo 86 Vancouver 1986



Bowmanville Legion Branch 178 Pipe Band 2001



Frost Pipe Band – Fergus Highland Games – Grade 4 winners



2015 - Ontario Massed Band - at Balmoral Castle Scotland



Coastal Florida Police and Fire Pipes and Drums 2017



Durham Regional Police – Buckingham Palace 2017



2017 - Coastal Florida – Presidential Inaugural Parade Washington