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From Lieutenant-General Peter Devlin, CMM, MSC, CD

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Dear Asst Commr Muir,

I would like to convey my thanks and appreciation to all the musicians and performers who took part in the Army Ball 2013, which was held at the Hilton Hotel Lac-Leamy on the evening of April 13 2013. The Army Ball could not have become such a "MUST ATTEND" social event in Ottawa without the participation and coordination of so many committed men and women.

The evening was such a success due largely to the wonderful entertainment, pageantry, presentations and the behind the scenes coordination that made it all come together so seamlessly. We have received many letters of praise and warm wishes for the talented entertainers from the close to 1000 Army guests in attendance. I am very aware that an event of this magnitude could not come together successfully without countless hours of planning, preparation, coordination and rehearsals. From the first exciting moments of the flourishing fanfare to the pub style sing-song of 1812 songs to the last rousing strains of The 1812 Overture, the evening was a magnificent testament to the talent and commitment of Army members, families and friends. The Regimental Band of the Governor General's Foot Guards, The Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa Pipes and Drums, the pub style sing-song of 1812 songs set that was created by the Army Voices, once again clearly demonstrate the musical excellence we have within the Army. All of the performances were outstanding, executed with flawless perfection and thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance. High praise as well goes to the ever popular RCMP Highland Dancers and Mrs. Karen Walsh, Dance Director, who add so much vitality, excellence and colour to the evening each year.

I am once again proud of all those who dedicated their time and energy to bring this amazing evening to fruition. Please pass on my personal and heartfelt thanks to each of the "musicians, cast and crew" and accept my sincere appreciation for your continued support to our Army Ball. Bravo Zulu to all.

Yours sincerely,

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