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General Sir Arthur William Currie, GCMG, KCB

New Plaque for the General Sir Arthur Currie Armoury.



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President's Report – Patrick Bulmer

As previously mentioned in the last Can Scot, The Regimental Association held its first Veteran's Lunch on November 01, 2025. There were approximately 29 veterans, regimental associates and speakers in attendance. The VAC sponsored this event financially, which we would like to gratefully acknowledge.

Thank you also, to the Canadian Scottish Heritage Foundation and Rob Dodds for their contribution, as well as representatives from the VAC and OSI for their informative presentation which, judging by the response, was well received. We look forward to holding another event in the future with a less formal format and a more relaxed atmosphere.

Regimental Association members contributed to the All-Ranks Dinner in December 2025 by serving the soldiers their dinner and providing beer and soft drinks. There were \$1000.00 bursaries awarded to three worthy recipients to help offset their post secondary education. Congratulations to the following:

CPL Howe
 CPL Shaw
 Stephan Kieran (Band)

We gratefully thank all those who support or have donated to our Bursary Program. If you, or you know of anyone, or any corporations, that would like to support our serving soldiers and regimental family members, please go to canadahelps.org - then go to the Canadian Scottish Regimental Heritage Foundation, then to the Regimental Association Bursary Fund. All donations welcome. Thank you.

The Regimental Robbie Burns Dinner was held on January 24, 2026 in the Sir Arthur Currie Room. There were approximately 90 guests in attendance. Many thanks to the 5th Field Artillery Band for their support and entertaining music. The Bon Accord Highland Dancers also provided a

wonderful performance, much to the delight of our guests. The combined bands of the Regiment and Regimental Association performed both in the Currie Room and on the parade square, and for the finale, we all joined in the singing of Auld Lang Syne. Thank you to the Women's Auxiliary and the many volunteers it takes to organize this event. And, finally, a big thank you to Captain Drew Shaw for his energetic and theatrical performance of The Address to the Haggis.

Please note that the Canadian Scottish Regimental Association will be holding their annual General Meeting in the WO's and SGT's Mess at the Sir Arthur Currie Armoury, March 07, 2026. Doors open at 0900, with the meeting starting at 1000. This is a great chance to meet and support your Regimental Association.

Respectfully submitted, Patrick Bulmer CSRA President DGC

CScotR Women's Auxiliary - Rhonda Scott

The Canadian Scottish Regiment Women's Auxiliary (WA) has been very active since September. Our October fundraiser at the Langford Legion was a success, where we hosted a crafters' table rental. On Remembrance Day, many WA members attended the Cenotaph to support our past and present soldiers. We also assisted the Association with the Veterans' Luncheon on November 1st.

In December, the WA provided a concession stand for the joint celebration held by the Canadian Scottish Regiment and the 5th (BC) Field Artillery Regiment. This event marked the 150th birthday of Sir Arthur Currie and the renaming of the Bay Street Armoury to the Sir Arthur Currie Armoury.

On December 3rd, we hosted our annual Christmas Potluck dinner with 40 attendees, including the wives of past and present COs and RSMs. RSM Jesse MacLeod served as Santa. Following the dinner, members of the Regiment were invited to enjoy the remaining food. It was a wonderful evening, and we were pleased to provide a hot meal to the young soldiers. Additionally, the WA assisted the Association with decorating the parade square for the Annual All-Ranks Dinner on December 13th.

Looking ahead, our first event of the new year will be decorating the Sir Arthur Currie dining room for the Robbie Burns tribute on January 24th.

The WA is also pleased to announce that our 20+ year Silent Auction will be held on Saturday, March 28th, 2026, at the Royal Canadian Legion Br #292. The event begins at 6:00 PM for a 6:30 PM start in the Slater Room. Tickets for the dinner are \$35.00 per plate. If you would like to purchase tickets or have goods and services to donate, please contact Dixie Allan at 250-652-4584

Command Team Message Summer-Winter 2026

The fall training cycle has come to an end, and we are now well into the winter training period, as we continue to support individual and collective readiness for domestic and international operations. With two officers currently deployed to OP ARMANA in the middle east, The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's) stands ready to do what our nation asks at home and abroad.

Our training will continue to hone individual and small unit tactics, with emphasis on Defensive Operations, utilizing experiences learned from the ongoing war in Ukraine, including basic Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) defensive training. As always, the regiment continues its support of 39 CBG and 3rd Division with instructors and students for individual courses and collective training activities.

Ex Scottish Lament 25

Ex Scottish Lament saw the Regiment commemorate our predecessors at multiple sites throughout Vancouver Island including Victoria, Oak Bay, Sydney, Nanaimo, and Courtney/Comox. The service at Pioneer Square was poignant and well done, as per usual. My thanks to Padre Gates for a meaningful service. The march back to the armoury was invigorating, being led by our amazing band. Few regiments have the privilege of a Pipe Band, as skilled and as dedicated as ours!

Ex Scottish Scholar 3-25

Ex Scottish Scholar 3-25 was the continuation of the professional development series used to enhance the skills and knowledge of junior leaders and senior leadership. This year the focus was on the defensive operations on the modern battlefield. A highlight of the weekend was the presentation by a member of 5th Fd who was a member of the Ukrainian Army and provided first hand examples of his experiences fighting the Russian army. While this was being conducted, other members of the Regiment were going through Military Standard First Aid training to ensure skills are up to date in the event they are deployed.

As part of the Scottish Scholar weekend, the Officers Mess hosted the annual Game Dinner. 65 guests were in attendance including Rear Admiral David Patchell, Commander Maritime Forces Pacific, and Maj-Gen Mike St. Louis, former Acting Commander Canadian Army.

Gen Currie 150th

The weekend of the 6 December saw a series of events commemorating Gen Currie's 150th birthday. Largely organized by the Artillery Association, the weekend saw an open house and a lecture series on 5 December which included the official re-naming of the armoury to the General Sir Arthur Currie Armoury (GCA). This was overseen by the Command Teams from 5th Regt RCA and the C Scot R as well as our Honorary Colonels; the CFB Esquimalt Base Commander; and the great grandson of General Currie, Sgt Arthur Currie, RCAF. Sgt Currie was given a tour of the armoury and the C Scot R Officers' Mess, with an emphasis on artifacts related to his great-

grandfather. The portrait in our mess, he reported to never have seen before. Saturday saw a series of CAF centric professional development presentations and an excellent gala dinner, complete with a (mini) 21 Gun Salute.



Photo Credit: CFB Esquimalt Base Imaging

Ex Scottish Dousie

The final event of the training year was Ex Scottish Dousie. Saturday began with a march and shoot- 5kms in fighting order with small pack- to Heal's Range where we conducted PWT3 rifle qualification shoots. As well, the Rae Shoot was challenged, with Alpha company holding onto the trophy for 2026. The main effort for the weekend was the Soldiers' Appreciation Dinner. This year we hosted over 140 current soldiers and veterans of the Afghanistan War. With the Regiment's Officers, NCOs and Regimental Association members, there were nearly as many servers as there were diners. It was a complete success. An added feature this year was the addition of two historic vehicles from the Ashton Military Museum's collection, and the anti-aircraft mounted version of a BREN gun from our own Regimental museum. Of particular importance was the awarding of the annual trophies and presentations including promotions by myself and the RSM. The following awards and presentations were handed out:

Top Soldier – MCpl Alex Morrow

Top Sergeant – Sgt Jessie Elliot

Top Subaltern – Lt Dylan Efford-Nagy

Most Dedicated Soldier – Cpl Dean Whitman

Top Pte – Pte Jordan King

Top Shot – Pte Elijah Hamm

Top Fitness – 2Lt Tyler Commandeur

The following personnel were promoted to their current rank:

Lt Marc Niyomahirwe

MCpl Emma Yeo

Cpl Sean Perry was also badged into the Regiment

Other awards that were presented were;

For supporting security for the G7 Summit in Kananaskis Alberta from May to June 2025, MCpl Josh Kotorynski was presented the Operation CADENCE Coin

Unit Commendations were presented to the following members for their dedication the Regiment

Sgt Jesse Woods

MCpl Ryley Russell

Cpl Harrison Lofts

On behalf of 39 CBG Commander, The RSM and I were thrilled to present the Brigade Commander's Commendation to Sgt Erik Carveth and Sgt Jesse Woods for summitting Mount Denali, the highest mountain in North America in the summer of 2024.

Cpl Jusin Lucoe is leaving the unit to pursue an employment offer at NATO headquarters in Brussels, Belgium, so in recognition of his time with C Scot R, he was presented with a Certificate of Service.

Ex Scottish Alpach

With the ongoing conflict in Ukraine highlighting the critical importance of defensive operations and the mastery of basic soldier skills, Ex Scottish Alpach was designed to exercise the establishment of static defensive positions and the ability to rapidly transition to offensive operations, while

countering continuous operations by the Opposing Forces (OPFOR). The defensive forces entered the pre-made trench line and began to prepare their positions for the coming unscheduled events. While there was no snow, with clear but cold weather, the soldiers were reminded about basic skills of living in a colder climate.



OPFOR moving out.



A cold foggy morning in the trench lines

Ex Highland Blitz

Forty-five soldiers from A and B Companies formed a combined platoon under the leadership of 2Lt Tyler Commandeur and deployed to Vancouver for Ex Highland Blitz- hosted by the Seaforth and with two platoons from the Calgary Highlanders they formed a formidable company group! Four platoons stormed the old Molson factory next to the Seaforth armoury in what was a unique training opportunity. Our platoon was noted for its aggression, core soldier skills, and reliability. The composite company attacked the objective multiple times and were ‘Piped In’ on the night attack by Cpl Harry Lofts. My thanks to CO Seaforth for the invitation!



Pipes and Drums

The Regimental Pipes and Drums continue with their busy schedule supporting the Regimental Family. November started with the Pipes and Drums supporting a boxing event that was held at The General Sir Arthur Currie Armoury (GCA) and was a tribute to the past and present members of the CAF. The following night, the Pipes and Drums were front and centre again as they participated in the Victoria Royals CAF Appreciation game at the Save-On Foods- Memorial Arena. Of course, the Pipes and Drums led the Regiment during Ex Scottish Lament in Victoria. Pte Murray- Hemphill performed the lament at the Victoria cenotaph, while Cpl Lofts performed the lament at Pioneer Square. November ended with the Pipes and Drums supporting the Game Dinner with pipers. December saw the Pipes and Drums Supporting the Soldier's Appreciation Dinner and then on to the New Years Levee hosted at the GCA this due to Her Honour the Lt. Governor being away from Government House.

Awards and Presentations

I had the great privilege of promoting the RSM Jesse MacLeod, to Chief Warrant Officer, AWSE.



CWO Macleod promoted by L Col Lerch

I recently had the opportunity to promote Sgt Daniel Niles. Sgt Niles currently is the 2 Platoon 2 I/C. This is a challenging and demanding role as these are the new recruits that have recently joined the CAF and the Regiment. He is hard at work forming these young soldiers into worthy highland warriors.



CO, OC A Maj Claire and the RSM promote Sgt Niles to his current rank

One final presentation I got to present, was a Unit Commendation for MCpl Rob Chalmers. MCpl Chalmers was asked last year to take on the role of caring for and organizing all the Regimental

Highland kit. He rapidly embraced the role and has since completely re-organized the multitude of Highland kit that is required to dress and outfit our soldiers. Bravo Zulu to MCpl Chalmers.



CO presents MCpl Chalmers Unit Commendation

MCpl David Michaud from B Coy participated in the 3rd Canadian Division's Relentless Warrior competition. This is an annual Army combative competition that brings together soldiers from across Western Canada to test their close quarter combat skills in a controlled, competitive environment. It focuses on grappling based fighting. MCpl Michaud received Gold in his division and Silver in 'absolute' in which the winner from each class fight one another. MCpl Michaud's opponent was 240lbs- a different class. Well done MCpl Michaud!



Conclusion

As the fall training cycle moves into the winter cycle, our regiment remains steadfast in preparing soldiers, NCOs, and officers for overseas service. With deployment opportunities on the horizon, our training continues to emphasize warfighting—an essential focus given the growing frequency and scale of our operational commitments. The global security landscape is increasingly volatile, as ongoing conflicts in Ukraine, Israel, and across the Middle East remind us of the challenges ahead. Our regiment understands the demands our nation may place upon us. Through rigorous, realistic training and the unwavering support of the Regimental Family, we are building the resilience, cohesion, and readiness required to meet those demands. We will be Ready for the Fray.

Deas Gu Cath!

L Col Slade Lerch, MMM, CD, CO

CWO Jesse MacLeod, CD, RSM

Lunch Dates – Jim Dumont

Hello Everyone

I hope everyone is doing fine and having a great start to 2026.

Our seventh Association Luncheon for 2025-2026 is Saturday, March 14, 2026, in the Lounge of the Trafalgar/Pro Patria Legion Branch 292 at 411 Gorge Road East. All components of the Regimental Family, guests, relatives, and children are welcome to attend. We gather any time after 11:00 and start ordering lunch shortly after. If you are planning to attend, please respond to this email or email Jim Dumont at jadu@shaw.ca or phone 250-477-1346 prior to Thursday evening March 12. This response is required so we can ensure we have ample seating for those attending.

It is also a great opportunity for you to tell everyone in attendance about your plans for great vacations in 2026 as well as enjoying the get together for lunch.

For those of you from outside Victoria, don't be shy, if you are going to be in Victoria that day, come and join us for lunch.

Attendance was good in January with 20 in attendance. We were well on our way to having 23 but 3 had to cancel at the last minute. We would certainly like to have over 20 in attendance and aim for 30 or more for all the remaining luncheons this year.

The lunch dates follow. Because we are on various Saturdays throughout the months please mark your calendar carefully. All dates are Saturdays.

March 14,
April 4 and
May 2.

Looking forward to seeing you there and at the following lunches.

Take care.
Jim

Membership – Charles Middleton

Some membership dues will have come due at the end of December 2025. Currently they are at a low cost of \$20 per year. You can find more out about membership here.

<https://cscotr.ca/association-membership> .

There will be an email coming out after to remind those who may have forgotten about dues.

CSR Association Membership Type	Record Count
Ordinary	189
Honourary	9
Life	2
Complimentary	108
Family	24
	332

Our largest and most continuous fund generation for the Canadian Scottish Regimental Association is when members pay dues. Currently the numbers for Ordinary members are those who have paid for dues in 2024 and after. For 2026 only 50% of Ordinary members have paid dues.

50/50 Raffle Fundraiser – Charles Middleton

I would like to thank everyone for their support for our online 50/50 Fundraiser we ran last year. We paid out \$1,098 in winnings and after fees we generated \$852 for the Association. We did well on the first several 50/50 raffles but then Interest did drop off. We are looking at different ways to run this to have better results. If you have any suggestions, please email them to myself at charles.middleton@shaw.ca

The Canadian Scottish Regimental Museum - Director: Randy Evans

The museum volunteers have been busy working on our Museum Development Master Plan. We have completed painting the ceilings of the main Gallery and the Gun room and are currently pulling down the old fluorescent fixtures and replacing them with museum grade lighting. We have been awarded Museum Development Funding from the Directorate of History and Heritage (DHH) for 2026 and 2027, and in addition secured financing for a professional production of an hour-long documentary movie on the Richardson Pipes story. We hope to complete the initial museum renovations by March this year. Once the galleries are presentable, we will have an open house event. We remain open during the work.

We plan to expand into the Armoury with cabinets for the three messes, complete the diorama in the old Commissionaires office off the parade square, and assist with improvements to the Currie Room. We would also like to provide pictures and Interpretive Panels in the lecture room and offices and assist with improvements for the Pipes and Drums spaces. On completion of our renovations, we plan to provide more museum items and support to the Nanaimo and Seal Bay Armouries.

Our valued and dedicated volunteers.

Collection Curator – Stan Willow records and catalogues artifacts, documents and other items that will be displayed. He researches various objects of a collection to document their authentication and identification and organizes and conducts School visits and outreach programs.

Weapons and Uniform Curator – Darryl Lynn receives, documents and maintains all our weapons and designs cabinets to hold our guns. Darryl is happy to have two Weapons Assistants – Graham Peachy and Tom Clark, with our RCMP Firearms Liaison – Jim Millington, a past CScotR soldier.

Registrar and Asset Manager – Kent Clark (also known as ‘Superman’) has been processing and logging all our donations and sends out tax receipts, in addition to being our photographer, and assisting with purchasing and hanging museum lighting.

Exhibit Design and Construction - Barry Forrester, has built most of the Display Cabinets for the museum. He just finished painted both galleries and is now busy building two more display cabinets. New volunteer - Hugh Carter, has been assisting Barry, and anyone else that needs help.

Library and Information Officer – Clark Russell helps with research, the Web Page, and the Book of Memory. He has built a library in the old Kit Shop room and is open for business to provide books and magazines for visitors and soldiers.

Museum Infrastructure – Paul Smith, a certified Electrician, has rewired the museum and is currently removing light fixtures and replacing them with track lighting.

Collections Manager - Al Dads has been working hard in the cold, damp basement storage area and with the help of his assistant – George Copley - has identified and logged all our items so we now know where everything is.

Records and Book of Memory - Jim Dumont has extensive unit history and knowledge and has detailed and written thousands of past soldiers into the Books of Memory.

Outreach and Video Digitization Manager - Roger McGuire, in addition to being Pipe Major, has moved into an office area on the 4t floor and is taking care of all our films and photos.

Inventory Support and Digitization – Connor White is a UVic History Student who is digitizing all our photos and helps with archiving and research.

Museum Historian – John Azar, assists with research, Interpretive Panels and the Website.

Information Technology – Thayer Fox takes care of all our computers and WiFi equipment.

Finance Clerk – MWO (Ret'd) Tammy Featherstone, who worked for years at Naden as a Finance Clerk Supervisor. and has been our finance clerk for 8 years now. Thankfully she takes care of the complicated and never-ending financial issues for us from her home in Penticton.

Winter hours are now Tuesday and Thursday, 0930 – 1300 hrs. Summer hours June to the end of August, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 1000 – 1500 hrs..

Randy Evans

Director CScotR Museum (Finance)

Paul Smith pulling down fixtures in the Gun Annex.



Barry Forrester painting the Main Gallery.



Voices of our Veterans Part 4- Bob Russell

Coming Home

The 1st Battalion returned to Victoria on January 3rd, 1946, aboard the CPR steamship Princess Louise. The battalion was to march to the Bay Street Armoury for a formal welcome followed by dismissal. Veteran “B” relates his intention: “I, and a brother decided that when we got off the ship, we would skip the march to the Armoury and simply slip away and go home. We lived near the docks. We felt that we had had enough of marching and the Army. When we arrived in the inner harbour there were thousands of people there, some lined up on the roads several deep. They were all waving and cheering for us! So, we forgot about our escape plan and fell in with everyone else”.

Not Old Enough

After the Battalion returned home in January of 1946 some of its soldiers wanted to visit a few of their favorite pubs, most of which they hadn’t seen for several years. Approaching one of these establishments Veteran “R” stated. “I can’t go in as I’m underage”. He was 20 years old but had not yet reached his 21st birthday. He had been successful in getting a recruiting officer to enlist him at 16 years of age. His pals replied: “You’ve been in the Army four years, landed on “D” Day, been wounded twice, you’re coming in with us”. I heard that there were no problems in the establishment.

Meeting a Regimental Legend

At a Regimental Reunion at Vernon, I was attending one of the gatherings along with the Pipe Major, a WW2 regimental veteran himself. He saw several veterans at a table and walked over to them. He said to one “Hi Doc”, to which he received the reply of “Hi Dink”. I later asked the Pipe Major who the veteran was, and he said “Doc Gri”. I was in awe, as here was one of the most highly decorated WW2 Canadian soldiers, referred to as a one many army, who I recall as being a low-key humble person. His exploits were legendary, including singlehandedly defending a burning building

after the crossing of the Leopold Canal, being captured, escaping, and working with the Dutch Underground. Had he been in another Army a movie would have been made about him. He was awarded three gallantry awards, the Distinguished Conduct Medal (second only to the Victoria Cross) , the Military Medal, and a Mention in Dispatches. S/Sgt. Armando “Doc” Gri was from an Italian Canadian family, and when he passed on his medals were presented to the Regimental Museum by his two sisters, both Roman Catholic Nuns. They were delightful ladies, and I enjoyed speaking with them. One of them related the time when Doc and a comrade were making a run for the Allied lines. His comrade got pneumonia and could not go on. He told Doc to leave him and save himself. Doc refused, and as his sister related “my brother carried him, in the dead of winter, over frozen ground, to safety”. Regimental comradeship at its finest.

Regimental Ties That Bind

Veteran “Mc” related his service in the Regiment as follows: “I served six years in the Regiment from ages 19 to 25. These were the worst years of my life and the best years of my life. The worst, for all the death and destruction I witnessed, but the best for the people I met, and the friendships I made. I lost friends who were closer to me than brothers. I fought in every action the Regiment participated in, from going in on the 1st wave on “D” Day to the end. I was wounded once, thankfully not seriously. When I returned, I had had enough of the Army and wanted to put it behind me. I did not join the Militia like some of the men did. For a time, I had trouble making sincere friendships as having experienced the friendships that I had everything else seemed to pale by comparison. As an Australian veteran once said, “there is no better mate than an Army mate”. But as time goes on and your family wants to explore their Scottish heritage and your daughters take up Highland dancing, you return to it, and I became active in the Regimental Association”.

Footnote:

This veteran always wanted his medals to be presented to the Regimental Museum. To ensure that this happened he made the presentation himself, while still alive, and wore his miniatures at Regimental functions.

Fate

The official Canadian ceremony for the 50th Anniversary of “D” Day in 1994 was held at Beny-sur-mer Canadian War Cemetery. I was sitting next to veteran “G” and his wife near the end of a row of chairs. Near us was a young French woman who was clearly a medical professional. She started to talk with veteran “G” and asked him if he was here in 1944. He replied that he landed on Juno Beach on “D”Day and, looking over the cemetery said “I have many friends here”. I saw a tear in the young woman’s eye. He later said to me “I served throughout the entire war from “D” Day right through to the end without a scratch, while other guys never got off the beach. Why was that? Was it divine intervention or just plain luck? I have no answer for it”. Veteran” “K” stopped by for a chat and remarked. “I don’t care about the politicians and other assorted hangers-on. I did what I came here to do and that was to pay my respects at the graves of three of my best friends”.

Identifying Oneself

During the Regimental Association pilgrimage to North-West Europe in May of 2000 we were in the City of Breukelen in the Netherlands. Here we were hosted by the Burgermeister for lunch in the Town Hall. On the wall was a framed photograph of several soldiers sitting next to a building. Details were very limited, but I recognized a Regimental cap badge and asked our veterans if they recognized anyone. They gathered around and there were several remarks like “this looks like so and so, etc.” but nothing definite. Then veteran “S” looks at the photo and says. “This is me” and then proceeds to name the other soldiers. We called over the Burgermeister, who was ecstatic and said to veteran “S”, “write it down”, which he did.

A Reluctant Veteran

Every five years the City of Apeldoorn in the Netherlands hosts a National Parade and Liberation Festival. The Regimental Association was present at the 55th Anniversary Parade in May of 2000. At these parades veterans march, and those who are not able ride in vintage WW2 vehicles maintained by Dutch restorers. As the veterans were being loaded onto buses to take them to the marshalling area, the wife of one of our veterans “M” said to me. “I don’t know if I should go in the parade as I wasn’t near the fighting”. She had served in the Canadian Woman’s Army Corps in the Netherlands in a rear area logistics role. I said, “You’re a veteran and you participated in the liberation of the Netherlands, so by all means you should be in the parade”. She reached into her purse, took out her medals, pinned them on and joined the parade.

Quiet Contemplation

The War Memorial in Chemainus is in the form of a classic Scottish battlefield rock cairn. On it are inscribed the names of several men of the Regiment. Veteran “C” remarked: “Whenever I am near Chemainus I visit the memorial to pay my respects and have a few moments of quiet contemplation. I especially focus on the name of one soldier, who died on the beach on “D” Day. I came in later in the day with the first reinforcements and took command of his platoon”.

Footnote:

Scottish soldiers, when going into battle would each place a stone in a pile to form a cairn. When they returned from the battle each man would remove a stone. Those remaining were the fallen.

The Association Pipes and Drums – Steve Hayward

The Association band has been busy since the last report. Remembrance Day saw some members playing with the Regimental Band at the main event at the Legislative Building and marching up to the Regimental Ceremony at Pioneer Square. Later the Association Band played at Broadmead lodge, and then at the Bard and Banker. In December we started out with the Association luncheon

always a fun event for the band. December 13 was a busy day for the band with two events that day. We held our annual flash mob for Hospice outside the Irish Times. It was very well attended by other bands in town joining in, plus many spectators and we raised just over \$1200.00 in a relatively short time! Many thanks to Dale Armstrong for his organizing efforts! Later that day some members also played at the Junior Ranks dinner that evening.

January saw us joining with the Regimental Band again, at the CSR Levee. January also brings the Robbie Burns celebrations, with the band performing once again with the Regimental Band on the parade square to a appreciative crowd. The following night we held our annual Robbie Burns pub crawl. We rent a bus and we play at the Penny Farthing, the Irish Times and the Bard and Banker, at each stop our member Jamie Orr gives the address to the Haggis, the band and crowd both have a great time, this is a favourite for the band! We will be supporting the cadets at their parades with the C.O. Parade on Feb 5. The band continues to practice on Thursday nights with good turnouts in a great atmosphere and have just gained a new piper recently. We look forward to seeing you soon.

The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's) Endowment Fund – Derek Egan

Your Regiment Needs You - Join The BOLD 100

The Endowment Fund is seeking individuals to join the ranks of its ***Bold 100 Project***.

The Endowment Fund was established in 1981 to support the components of The Canadian Scottish Regimental Family and their activities. Since then, the fund has provided thousands of dollars to assist in the purchase of uniforms, accoutrements, and band instruments; maintenance and upkeep of regimental memorials and artifacts; support of youth/cadet and veteran's recognition programmes; and other support for serving soldiers and veterans.

All funds donated to the Endowment Fund are deposited in accounts generating interest or dividends and only the income earned is dispersed. Hence, donations continue to generate income and fund activities in perpetuity. Allocation of funds is determined by an independent Allocation Committee governed by strict Terms of Reference, thus ensuring that funds are used appropriately. Administration and operation of the fund is done by volunteers, so operational costs are near zero.

The Endowment Fund currently has approximately \$400,000, which generates an annual income of about \$10,000 per annum, which is provided to the elements of the Regimental Family to aid in their work for the good and welfare of the Regimental Family and its members. While significant, this sum represents approximately 40% of actual Regimental Family funding needs, resulting in a number of *ad hoc*, and often competing fund raising efforts throughout the year. It is the aim of the Endowment Fund Committee to bring the Endowment Fund's principal to \$1,000,000 by 2030. This could generate an income of between \$20,000 - \$40,000 per year and will consequently fund most Regimental Family activity, thus making constant fundraising initiatives unnecessary. Importantly,

as this income is from earned interest and dividends on the principal, which is never touched, this annual income will continue in perpetuity.

To help us achieve our \$1,000,000 goal we are seeking one hundred (100) bold individuals who will commit to donating a sum of just \$50 per month for a period of five years. This will generate in excess of \$300,000 by 2030 and greatly assist in allowing us to achieve our goal.

Individuals joining the **Bold 100** will receive formal recognition, a certificate and member-identifying pin, a free subscription to the CanScot Newsletter, Regimental Association membership and, and a standing invitation to all donor recognition events.

This program has been created in response to comments by many Regimental Family members who have been considering *end-of-life* legacy gifts to the Regiment through the Endowment Fund but wish to have a more immediate and direct impact.

Joining the **Bold 100** is as simple as going online to:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/the-c-s-r-trustees/Canadahelps>. Making your donation and specifying in the comments box “**CSR Bold 100.** “

Once you have completed your donation on-line, please notify the Endowment Fund treasurer at cscotrendowment@gmail.com so that your membership in the Bold 100 can be further processed.

As the Endowment Fund holds charitable status, all donors will automatically receive annual tax receipts that can be useful with personal or estate tax exemptions.

Finally, we recognize that personal circumstances can change so donors can leave the programme at any time should circumstances require.

Help us help the components and individuals of the Regimental Family of The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's). Visit <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/the-c-s-r-trustees/Canadahelps> and **Join the Bold 100.**

Our thanks and congratulations to our newly joined members:

Maj. R. Dodds
MWO W. Seymour

Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's) Book of Memory

The **Canadian Scottish Remembers** project seeks to enter the names of Canadian Scottish World War I war dead into the **Book of Memory** to recognize, record, and honour their memory, service, and sacrifice. Individuals may sponsor a soldier or their choice, or as chosen by the Endowment Fund, for entry. Sponsors receive a certificate with the sponsored soldier's particulars of service, including place of birth, date and place of enlistment, time, and location of death, and where

memorialized if they died on active service. A donation (suggested minimum donation \$50.00) will secure sponsorship. Tax receipts will be issued.

The following soldiers have recently been sponsored for entry into the Book of Memory:

Pte. Henry Edwards 16th Bn KIA France 22-04-15

Remembered by LCol. Retired) K. Ward.

Donations to the Endowment Fund

We gratefully acknowledge and thank our supporters for their recent generous donations to the Endowment Fund:

1. Former Honorary Colonel Mr. M. Farmer and Mrs. Lynda Farmer.
2. CWO (retired) J. Dumont

[Please contact us at cscotrendowment@gmail.com to learn other ways you can support the Regimental Family through gifts to The Endowment Fund or visit our Webpages at cscotr.ca/ef-history]

Celebrating General Sir Arthur Currie – Canada’s Greatest Wartime General –

Derek Egan

On the 5th and 6th of December 2025, events celebrating the 150th anniversary of General Sir Arthur William Currie, GCMG, KCB, birth were held the Bay Street Armoury.

Currie was the first Canadian born officer to command the Canadian Corps during WW1 and was instrumental in pivotal victories such as Vimy Ridge and Passchendaele. Prior to WW1 Currie lived in Victoria and served and commanded both the 5th BC Regt of Garrison Artillery and the 50th Gordon Highlanders, now perpetuated by the 5th BC Regiment RCA, and The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary’s), both resident units of the Bay Street Armoury. Importantly, he was instrumental in championing the formation of The Canadian Scottish Regiment in Victoria in 1920 to perpetuate the 16th Battalion (Canadian Scottish) C.E.F. disbanded at the end of WW1.

Celebration events included lectures from academics, historians, and authors on Currie’s life in Victoria before the war, his leadership and victories during the war, and his life at McGill University after the war. Mark Zuehle author of The Brave Battalion, spoke on the wartime history of the 16th Bn and noted military historian Dr. William F. Stewart on “what made the Canadian Corps so successful.” Concurrently, an open house of the armoury featuring both the 5th BC Regiment Museum, and The Canadian Scottish Museum, and numerous archival, historical, and re-enactment displays of the Armoury floor relevant to Currie’s life and times, including the Sidney school house where he taught and Victoria Freemason Lodge of which he was a member.

On the evening of the second day a gala ball was held on the armoury floor hosted by the 5th BC Regiment RCA, also celebrating St. Barbara's day, which featured both the band of the 5th Regiment, and the Pipes and Drums of The Canadian Scottish.

The highlights of the celebration were the proclamation by Victoria Mayor Alto that December 5th was Sir Arthur Currie day and the unveiling of a plaque recognizing and renaming the Bay Street Armoury as the General Sir Arthur Currie Armoury in the 5th BC Regiment Officers Mess on the evening of the 5th December.

This highly successful celebration was the collaboration of the 5th BC Regiment RCA, and The Canadian Scottish Regiment, ably represented by former Honorary Colonel Richard Talbot, however it is fair to say that the leadership and heavy lifting was done by the "Guns" and in recognition of their efforts the Board of Regimental Trustees of the Canadian Scottish Regiment have made a donation of \$1500 to the 5th BC Regiment RCA Foundation to help defray cost and as a gesture of thanks.

**Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers
Saturday, March 7, 2026**

Warrant Officer's & Sergeant's Mess. Bay Street Armoury

**9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Mess opens for Registration and Meet and Greet.
Refreshments will be available.**

Annual Membership dues can be paid.

**10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers.
Spouses are welcome to attend the meeting.**

Zoom Details for those that can't make it in..

Zoom CSCOTR is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: CSCOTR Association AGM

Time: Mar 7, 2026 09:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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