

The Can Scot

The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's) Regimental Association
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The Pipes and Drum on Victoria Day Parade

The Cameron Highlanders of Canada,
Seaforth Highlanders of Canada,
The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's)
Photo by Ian Williams pipesofwar.com



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President's Report – Patrick Bulmer

Thank you to all for your continued support of your Regimental Association. The Executive are working on updating the constitution and bylaws which will be ready for the next AGM.

As well, the Up-Island branch are continuing to lead the initiative we started to record and document all the Canadian Scottish monuments, plaques, historical sites and war trophies. The Regimental Museum will be the repository of all the information gathered.

Nick Janicki, our WWII Veteran, at 102 years old, recently went with his grandson to Deventer in the Netherlands. This was the town he helped liberate in WWII. We are looking forward to meeting Nick on June 6, 2026 for the D-Day service at our Regimental Cenotaph. The Ceremony will commence at 1100. This will be followed by lunch at the General Sir Arthur Currie Armoury at 1200. Food and refreshments will be provided by the Regimental Association and Women's Auxiliary. We hope to see everyone there. For more information, please look up our website cscotr.ca You will need to register for the luncheon.

The Regimental Association Pipes and Drums will now be included on the website. Please look them up to see what your Pipes and Drums contribute to the Regiment, the Regimental Association and the community. For example, every year around Christmas, the band, with support from other local pipers and drummers, do a Flashmob downtown and the proceeds go to hospice.

The Regimental Association purchased two barbecues with the support from the Regimental Heritage Foundation, which allows us to support the Regiment and Regimental Family members.

If you have any questions or would like to help your Regimental Association, please contact CSRAssociation@outlook.com

Patrick Bulmer,
President CSRA,
DGC

CScotR Women's Auxiliary - Rhonda Scott

The Women's Auxiliary hosted their annual Silent Auction and Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser in March, which was a great success. We have been working alongside the Association to provide funding toward the renovation of the Currie dining room kitchen.

It has been a busy year for us, and we are also pleased to announce that we have welcomed three new members. The June 6th D Day ceremony was observed at the Cenotaph, and participants were invited to attend a light luncheon followed by a gathering at the Royal Oak Burial park, to celebrate Oaks of Remembrance.

We will be winding the year down with a luncheon in June. We will be back in late August helping with the Regimental Family Gathering, (date will be announced at a later date)

Command Team Message May 2026

A busy winter training cycle has come to an end, and we are now well into the spring/summer training period, as we continue to support individual and collective readiness for domestic and international operations. With two officers recently returned from deployment 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 Offensive Operations in an advanced dispersed operations paradigm, in response to the developing nature of war and technology. We will utilize 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 Canadian Division with instructors and students for individual courses and collective training activities.

Ex Apollo Freeze and Ex Apollo Yukon – 3 PPCLI

In our ongoing efforts to foster collaboration with 3rd Canadian Division Units, we sent 2 soldiers, Cpl Jones and Pte King from A Company to embed in the rifle companies of 3 PPCLI during Ex Apollo Freeze, in Wainwright, Alberta from 11-28 Feb and Ex Apollo Yukon to Whitehorse 16-25 March.

Ex Scottish Ailiss / Archangel 26

The Arctic has become strategically more significant with interest from major global military powers elevated to unprecedented levels. In cooperation with 15th Fd from Vancouver, the unit travelled to Manning Park on the mainland to conduct winter indoctrination training and to refresh the skills required to live and fight in a cold weather environment.

Ex Scottish Shooter 1-26

The weekend of 6-8 March, saw the unit deploy to Heals Ranges to complete Individual Battle Task Standards. Soldiers completed PWT 3 and then moved on to more advanced shooting techniques to refining its lethality through a robust marksmanship range. The weekend events included regimental cadets and members of the Regimental Association fire familiarization shoots with the C7 rifle. The afternoon was completed with a generous BBQ hosted by the Association and Women's Auxiliary for which he serving component is truly appreciative!

Ex Cougar Fortress

Conducted from 13-22 Mar 26 at the Block 7741 (Chilcotin training area), the intent of Exercise Cougar Fortress was to train 39 CBG elements in defensive operations in a supported combat team context, with a live fire practice and defensive components, while utilizing peer-on-peer conflict baseline scenarios, tactics, techniques and procedures reflective of ongoing conflicts, and to introduce modern capabilities such as Uncrewed Aerial Systems (UAS) to simulate the nature of the modern battlefield as experience in Ukraine. The regiment deployed a platoon sized element and by all accounts, it was excellent training.

Ex Scottish Scholar

The weekend of 1-3 May, Ex Scottish Scholar 1-16. Military Standard First Aid was the primary training event that took place over the weekend. The WO & Sgt's Mess held the 55th Annual Kitcheners Wood Dinner under the guidance of the PMC Sgt Meehan and the Mess Committee to continue the commemoration of the Battle of Kitcheners Wood. With over 40 in attendance, a good evening was had by all.

BMQ-

2 May saw the graduation of the unit run (B Coy) Basic Military Qualification Course. Though augmented by instructors across the brigade, the staff were well represented by members of our regiment, to include Maj Stevens as OC, Lt Tyler Commandeur as the

platoon commander and several section commanders and 2ICs. With 30 graduates from an initial 36 candidates, the staff and soldiers did well! Of note, the C Scot R graduated 16 new soldiers into the Regimental Family.

Ex Scottish Honours

Announced on 02 Jun 25, the remains of Honorary Captain (H/Capt) William Webster-Wilson were confirmed to be interned in a grave site marked “Known Unto God.’ In circumstances like this, a new headstone will be created by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) and placed at the gravesite. H/Capt Webster-Wilson was killed in the Battle of the Somme in 1916 and was laid to rest in the Adanac CWGC cemetery near Courcelette, France. He was serving with the 16th Bn CEF at the time of his death. The CAF and CA have the responsibility to care for their fallen and every effort is made for the regiments perpetuating CEF battalions to participate in re-dedication events. Perpetuating the 16th Battalion CEF, the C Scot R had the distinct honour to deploy 10 members from 4-11 May 26, to conduct the re-dedication of H/Capt Webster-Wilson’s headstone. H/Capt Webster-Wilson’s next of kin were identified and in attendance at the re-dedication along with several other family members. A more detailed account of the re-dedication ceremony and the significant Regimental and historic sites visited by the soldiers while in Europe will be included in the next edition of the CANSCOT.



Re-dedication Ceremony at Adanac Cemetery, France (Photo credits Mr. Frank Mahieu)



Piper Pte McLeod and Bugler S1 Barry, a former C Scot R, (Photo Credit Mr. Frank Mahieu)



Pipes and Drums

From February to early May, The Regimental Pipes and Drums went through a period of rest and reconstitution in preparation for a busy summer season supporting the Regimental Family. In March, the Pipes and Drums supported the returning Wounded Warrior Run. As always, The Kitcheners Wood Dinner was supported by a piper for calls and piping the haggis. In support of the 3rd Canadian Division Honouraries Training weekend, the Pipes and Drums performed at the gala dinner at Government House. The main event for the spring

season was Ex Scottish Games 26, held over the May long weekend. This saw the Pipes and Drums joined by the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada and the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders to form the Massed Pipes and Drums of the 16th Battalion, CEF. Fortissimo was performed at the BC Legislature and at the 162nd Victoria Highland Games. Monday saw the Massed Pipes and Drums take part in the 126th Victoria Day Paraded.



16th Bn Pipes and Drums at the BC Legislature (Photo credit Capt Gary Newcombe)

Conclusion

As the training cycle moves into the Reserve Summer Training (RST) period, 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, 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.

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LCol Slade Lerch, MMM, CD
CO

CWO Jesse MacLeod, CD
RSM

Tax Donations to the Canadian Scottish Regimental Family

The Canadian Scottish Regimental Heritage Fund

The purposes of the Foundation are:

(a) to act as a charity to benefit Canada and the community as a whole from an historical and cultural point of view, preserving the traditions of The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's), [including its regimental bands and affiliated cadet corps], (hereinafter called the "Regiment"), being the only Scottish military unit on Vancouver Island, by donating to the Regiment its appropriate military dress uniforms, pipes and drums, accoutrements, regalia and other items which are not in the scale of issue from the Department of National Defence;

(b) to preserve the military heritage of Canada, British Columbia and Vancouver Island by encouraging the Regimental Museum, to educate museum staff, to provide lectures, discussions, workshops, visits, publications and exhibits for the enjoyment of the public, and to co-operate with other public and private bodies devoted to the same or similar purposes;

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/the-canadian-scottish-regimental-heritage-foundation/>

The Canadian Scottish Regiment Trustees Endowment Fund

The Trustees are a registered BC Society and the society's constitution identifies the following purposes:

- a. the furtherance of the interests of The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's);
- b. to serve as counsel to the Commanding Officer of The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's) primarily on matters of Regimental tradition and service customs in general;
- c. to support elements of the C Scot R Regimental Family in the furtherance of the interests of The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's);
- d. to own and manage funds on behalf of elements of the C Scot R Regimental Family. This management shall include but not be limited to the reception, retention, investment, and disbursement of funds; and
- e. to own and manage regimental property on behalf of the C Scot R Regimental Family. This management shall include but not be limited to the reception, retention, maintenance, use, and disposal of property.

As a registered charity, the Trustees can provide a tax receipt for donations for the good and welfare of the Regiment, including financial donations to the Endowment fund and donations of military artifacts that reflect the Regiment's culture, history, or traditions.

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/the-c-s-r-trustees/>

Captain William Wilson Headstone dedication –

Soldiers from the Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's) conducted a ceremony for the headstone of Captain William Webster Wilson, 16th Canadian Scottish Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force (FEC), on May 9, 2016 at Adenac Military Cemetery, Miraumont, France.

Formerly labeled “Unknown,” the ceremony unveiled a new headstone bearing Captain Wilson’s full name and identity. Captain Wilson was killed in action at the Battle of Anchor Heights, October 9, 1916. Like many other CEF soldiers who fell in battle that day, he was buried in the Adenac cemetery. Initially identified only as an unknown captain of the CEF 16th Battalion, his identity has recently been confirmed through archives from a rescue post located near the battlefield, which have provided new information.

In the presence of Captain Wilson's great-great niece, Mrs. Rosalind Edmonds, and her family from Scotland, our Guard of Honor stood on guard as the new headstone was unveiled. Captain Wilson's final resting place is now marked and known nearly 100 years after his death in action.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/departement-national-defence/services/military-history/history-heritage/casualty-identification-military/captain-wilson.html>



The Canadian Scottish Regimental (Princess Mary's) Association

The Canadian Scottish Regimental Association is proud to present the “**D-Day to Today – Veteran Commemorations” 50/50 Draw** in support of remembrance, veteran connection, and regimental heritage activities in Victoria, British Columbia.

Funds raised will support the June 6, 2026, commemorative events honouring the 82nd Anniversary of D-Day and recognizing the continued service and sacrifice of Canadian Veterans from the Second World War through to Bosnia, Afghanistan, Iraq, the Middle East, peacekeeping, and modern operations. Activities include the public memorial ceremony at Pioneer Square, veterans gathering and luncheon, museum displays, and the Music for Veterans remembrance event.

This initiative helps preserve the legacy of The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's) while strengthening connections between generations of Veterans, serving members, families, cadets, and the broader community. Your support helps ensure these stories of service, sacrifice, and duty continue to be remembered and shared for future generations.

<https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/csra>

<https://cscotr.ca/d-day>

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Information on D-Day Activities





The Canadian Scottish Regimental Association
D-Day to Today
Veteran Commemorations
D-Day Memorial - 11 AM
Pioneer Square, 975 Quadra Street

Veteran Luncheon - Noon
Sir General Arthur Currie Armoury, 715 Bay Street
Registration at: [Veteran Lunch Registration](#)

The Canadian Scottish Regimental Museum - Noon
Sir General Arthur Currie Armoury, 715 Bay Street
Oaks of Remembrance – 3 PM
Royal Oak Burial Park, 4673 Falaise Drive

For more Information See: <https://cscotr.ca/d-day>
Veteran Lunch Registration





PIPERS OF THE 16TH & BEYOND

COMMEMORATIVE WALKING TOUR
FEATURING PIPE MAJOR ROGER MCGUIRE



Join us for an educational walk led by military music expert Roger McGuire to explore recent commemorations of military musicians, including Piper James Richardson. The walk includes pipe performances by Pipe Major McGuire, visual art by Blair Ketcheson, and commemorative music by youth composers from Music for Veterans Project.

SATURDAY JUNE 6TH
3:00 P.M.
ROYAL OAK BURIAL PARK, SECTION D

Including original audio by youth composers Ainsley, Sebastian, Elsa, Finley & Kai



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