

# The Can Scot

The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's) Regimental Association  
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**Wallace Dog Tag Presentation**  
Her Worship Marianne Alto, Mayor of Victoria,  
presented Wallace VII with dog tag number 16.



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**President's Report – Patrick Bulmer**

The past year has been busy for the Regimental Association's executive. We meet once a month and sometimes more as we support the Regiment and Regimental family.

The Regimental Association's Pipes and Drums continue to support 2136 Army Cadets. They perform at the CO's parades, and on Tuesday nights, they teach cadets piping and drumming.

This last October, the Regimental Association and the Association Pipes and Drums, held a fundraiser at the Bard and Banker Pub. It was well attended, with the CO David Proctor, HLC Alan Lowe, and many serving members, trustees and friends attending. Sgt Hunt also attended with Wallace VII to the delight of all. A special thank you to Jim Dumont for his role as Master of Ceremonies. Many thanks also go to the volunteers and supporters from the Women's Auxiliary, Officers from 2136 Cadet Corp, the Regimental Executive, and family members. We raised just over \$10,000.00 with proceeds directed to the Regimental Association, Regimental Association Pipes and Drums, and hopefully, we will be able to support the care and keeping of Wallace VII for the next few years.

Mr. Jim Dumont gave two bursaries at the All-Ranks Dinner in December. The recipients were Nathan Manke (Association Pipes and Drums) and Cpl Lucoe (A-COY). Congratulations to both recipients, and good luck in your future endeavours.

One of the ways I like to keep in touch with the members is to support our monthly luncheons at the Pro Patria Legion. The Association Pipes and Drums will perform there on May 3, 2024, at 11:45 am. Please come out to support the band and meet other association members.

Congratulations to the Up Island Association Branch members who were re-elected at their recent AGM. Marc Marchand President, Graham Burton, Vice President, Gord Thompson, Secretary-Treasurer, and all the directors.

The Annual CSRA Reunion will be held in Nanaimo on June 7-9, 2024. The Up-Island Branch has organized this year's reunion, and Mr. Nick Janicki, our Second World War Veteran, will be the guest of honour. Please look for details and registration in the Can Scot.

This year, our Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2024. Again, see details in the Can Scot.

Hope to see you all there.

Deas Gu Cath  
Patrick Bulmer

## **Association Social Director – Steve Hayward**

The Association held a reception after the Remembrance Day parade on November 11 in room 222. The serving members and Assn very well attended it. members alike. We had hot soup to feed appropriately 70, and everyone enjoyed it down to the last drop. We also had our usual hot rum, beer and soft drinks provided. Thanks to all those who helped. It was a great success.

On December 1st, we held our annual Christmas party in the Currie Room. I'm happy to report that this was very well attended, with approximately 80 attending, which was great. We had our full-on Christmas potluck dinner with lots of great dishes being contributed. The Assn entertained us. Band, our usual Christmas trivia, a visit by Santa with presents for the kids, and lots of door prizes for everyone, 50/50 and the airplane toss. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed themselves. I want to thank the WA for their continued support of our event. They do so much to make this a success for us. It was a fantastic night, thanks to Rhonda Scott, her family and crew, and everyone who brought great food. Thanks again.

## **Association Pipes and Drums – Steve Hayward**

The Association Band has been reasonably busy since the last report. The band played at the Remembrance Day services. Several of our members joined the Regimental Pipes and Drums downtown at the cenotaph and Pioneer Square; later, the Association Band played at Broadmead Lodge and the Bard and Banker. On December 1st. The band played at the Annual Association Christmas party to an appreciative crowd. Later in December, we played at the flash mob with support from other local bands for Hospice. This was a great success, with a tidy sum raised for a worthy cause. We played outside the Irish Times before marching inside, and then we played inside Murchie's Coffee and back on the street to finish up. After a Christmas break, we got ready for the Regimental Robbie Burns dinner on January 20th, where we joined up with Regimental pipes and Drums members and played there. Later that week, we had the Annual Burns pub crawl playing at the Penny Farthing, the Irish Times and finishing off at the Bard and Banker. Thanks to member Jamie Orr for giving the address to the haggis at each location. On February 1st, we played at the cadet CO parade; future events include the WA silent auction in March.

## **Bursaries Presentations – Jim Dumont**

Representing the Regimental Association to present two \$1,000.00 bursaries at the Annual Regimental Christmas Dinner on Saturday, December 2, 2023, was an honour.

I presented the first to Corporal Justin Lucoe, who joined the C Scot R in 2019. He is in his fourth year of study at the University of Victoria (UVIC) and is majoring in History. He is set to graduate in the spring with a bachelor's degree and become a law enforcement Officer to assist, protect and give back to the community he grew up in. This bursary will help him ease the financial burden of UVIC, worry less about finances, and focus more on his studies and career goals as well as the Regiment.

The second one I presented was to Nathan Manke, who recently aged out of Cadets, having served with the 1867 Seaforth Highlanders Cadet Corps from 2017 to 2022 and the 2136 Canadian Scottish Cadet Corps in 2022 and 2023, aging out in the rank of Chief Warrant Officer. He looks forward to returning to the Cadets as a Civilian Instructor. He is studying at UVIC, and his major is computer science. He is currently in his second year. His living expenses in rent and food are expensive, and it is difficult for his family to provide a lot of help. The bursary will help him a lot in his future education.

I, along with members of the Regimental Association, congratulate both on being awarded the bursary and wish them the very best at university and in their future endeavours.

## **Remembrance Day 2023 – Jim Dumont**

After completing the Remembrance Day Ceremony on the Legislative Building Lawns, the Regiment and Cadets moved to Courtenay Street, where the Association Members were waiting to fall in with the Regiment and march to the Canadian Scottish Memorial in Pioneer Square. There was an excellent turnout by the Regiment, about 50 and the Cadet Corps, about 35. The Association also had a fantastic turnout, with about 25 on parade and some that did not march. Darryl Lynn was the Platoon Commander for the Association Members. It was great to see so many spectators, both adults and children, join us. The weather was quite wet earlier in the day but eased off to almost no rain during our ceremony. It was very wet for the ceremony at the Legislature Building.

Padre Andrew Gates conducted the Memorial Service. Private Anders played the Lament. Wreaths were placed at the foot of the Memorial by the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel David Proctor and Regimental Sergeant Major, Chief Warrant Officer Brad Fairall for the Regiment; Dave Osland, Chair for the Regimental Trustees; Patrick Bulmer, President of the Regimental Association; Dixie Allan, President of the Women's Auxiliary, Eric Boucher, President of the Heritage Foundation and Commanding Officer Captain Bethany Devlin and Cadet Mariah Martindale of 2136 C Scot R Cadet Corps.

On completion of the ceremony, everyone returned to the Armoury for a wreath laying at the Vimy Cross on the balcony. After dismissal, the Regimental Association supplied refreshments and soup for everyone on the parade and guests. Steve Hayward, our Social Director, and the Volunteers Stephen Sawyer, Don Tulloch and Tom Mercer did a great job serving everyone who partook in the refreshments and soup. Thanks to each and all of you who helped. Once again, we also thank The Royal Canadian Legion, Trafalgar/Pro Patria Branch, for preparing the Beef Barley Soup, which everyone enjoyed.

## **Women's Auxiliary – Rhonda Scott**

The Women's Auxiliary is celebrating its 84th year of serving the Regiment. To raise funds, we are hosting our annual Silent Auction and dinner at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #292, 411 Gorge Road East, on Saturday, March 23, 2024. This is the primary fundraiser of the WA's calendar year. We are hoping that the Regimental family will support us. The cost of the dinner is \$35 each. It includes a garden salad, scalloped potatoes, seasonal veggies, ham, dinner bun and tea/coffee. As usual, we will have a great selection of goods and services and a vast selection of donations.

Our membership has grown this year, and we are happy to have three new members. We have been involved with helping the Association at their fundraiser in October and, more recently, decorating the Sir Arthur Currie Dining room for the Sold-Out Robbie Burns dinner in January. We are waiting to hear about the 80th Anniversary of D-Day and where we can assist.

The Auxiliary meets the 1st Wednesday of each month, at 7 pm, in the Sgt's Mess. All are welcome

## Command Team Message – 13 October 2023 - LCol David Proctor, CO; CWO Braid Fairall, RSM

The fall training cycle has come to an end, and the Regiment continues to train towards individual and collective readiness for any domestic or international operations that we may be called upon to support. The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's) stands ready to do what our Nation asks at home or abroad.

Training continues to hone individual and small unit tactics, with emphasis on Adapted Dispersed Operations based on experiences learned from the ongoing war in Ukraine, including the adoption of basic Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) training. Similarly, The Regiment continues its support of 39 CBG and 3<sup>rd</sup> Division training with instructors and students for individual courses and collective training activities.

We are pleased to announce that Mr. Eric Schjelderup, the son of the late Col Roger Schjelderup, DCO, MC and Bar, CD; a platoon, and company commander with the Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's) during World War II, and a former Commanding Officer of 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, PPCLI, was appointed as an Honourary Regimental Trustee during a visit to the Regiment in early November 2023. In this role he will represent the Trustees at various functions and ceremonies in the UK and Europe as requested. His first duties performed, were laying a wreath on behalf of the Trustees at the Brookfield Cemetery in London, UK for Remembrance Day. He can be seen below, proudly displaying his Regimental tie and his father's medals, as is custom in the UK to wear relatives' medals, provided they are worn on the righthand side.



Eric Schjelderup and the Canadian High Commissioner to the UK. Roger Goodale

Eric and BGen Parsons, Commander Canadian Defence Liaison, London

## Honorary LCol Appointment

It is with great pleasure that I announce to the readership of the CANSCOT, the appointment of Honorary LCol Jamie Hammond, OMM, CD.



Honourary LCol Jamie Hammond had a fulsome career with the PPCLI, and commanded Canada's special operations forces in Afghanistan in 2002. He later founded the Canadian Special Operations Regiment, before returning to Afghanistan for another year in 2010-2011. Following his retirement from military service, he served as Private Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia and as an Assistant Deputy Minister in the BC government. He also taught graduate students at Royal Roads University. HLCol Hammond is an officer in the Order of Military Merit, and received the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal.

HLCol Hammond is currently employed with the International Criminal Court in Europe at the Hague, providing military advice to investigations and creating an all-source intelligence function within the Office of the Prosecutor. As such, close coordination of Regimental activities will need to occur with HLCol Hammond's schedule to enable engagements. Dates and times of engagements will be established over the next several months as schedules permit. An appointment ceremony will be coordinated at the earliest opportunity – both virtual and in-person options will be explored.

## Wallace Dog Tag Presentation

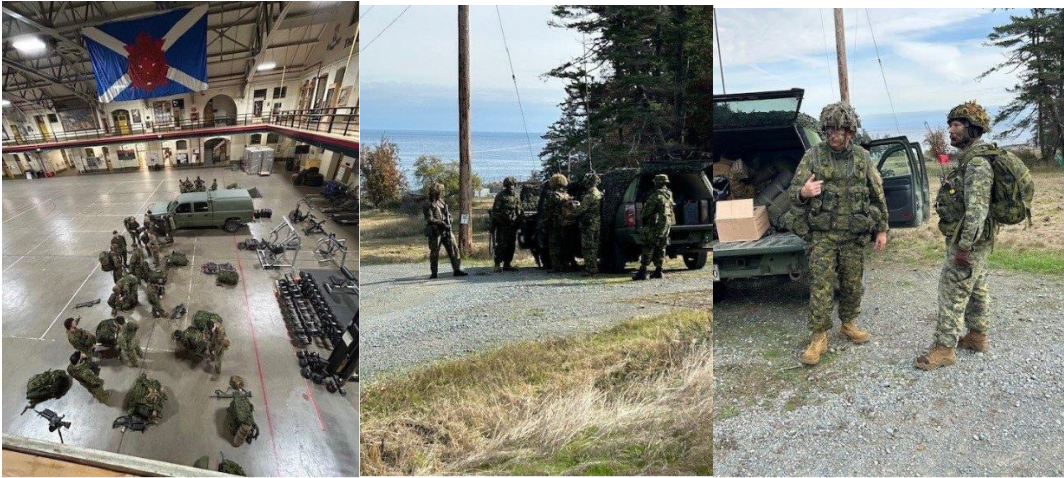
On January 30, 2024, Her Worship Marianne Alto, Mayor of Victoria, presented Wallace VII with dog tag number 16 at a ceremony held in the Officers' Mess at Bay Street Armoury. Mayor Alto was carrying on a tradition that began post-WWII when then-mayor Hugh Stephen presented the first Wallace with his dog tag following the Regiment's return from Europe. HLCol Alan Lowe and the Trustees were instrumental in coordinating the rejuvenation of this tradition. Dog tag 16 was requested to recognize The Regiment's lineage of 16th Battalion (The Canadian Scottish) of the Canadian Expeditionary Force from the First World War

For brief history: our first mascot was K57000 Private Wallace (aka Wallace I), who joined the 1st Battalion at Macaulay Point in 1939. He accompanied The Regiment, as a stowaway, as they deployed to Europe to fight in the Second World War. At war's end, he returned to Victoria, leading The Regiment from the Canadian Pacific Railway dock back to the Bay Street Armoury.



## Training Updates

Ex SCOTTISH SMEEK 20-22 Oct 23 – This field saw the Primary Training Audience (PTA) build upon the concepts, tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs) introduced during Ex SCOTTISH BASELINE 23 from September. The PTA faced a peer or better enemy force and conducted operations in a decentralized manner at section and platoon levels at the Rocky Point training area. The aim of the exercise was for Section and Platoon Comds to conduct hasty and deliberate attacks, defensive operations, and enabling operations to include linkups, reconnaissance, tactical movement (including convoy road movement), and security as the scenarios unfolded throughout the weekend. This exercise was supported with participation of elements of 39 Signals Regiment and 5 MP Platoon.

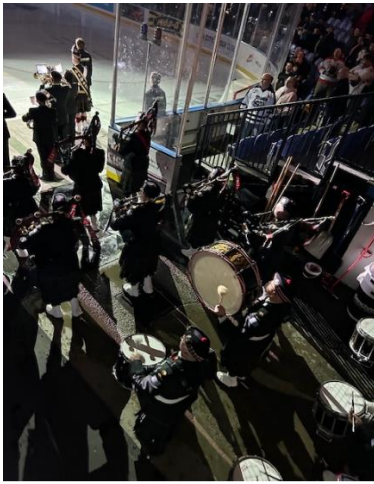


(Photo Credit – CWO Brad Fairall)

*The term smEEK is a transitive verb meaning to clean, cure, dry, drive out or fumigate by means of smoke or fumes. As a noun it refers to dense or black smoke.*

At the completion of Scottish Smeek, myself, the RSM and the command team from HQ & Services Company took part in an act of Remembrance at the Cobble Hill cenotaph in honour of all the Canadian soldiers who have died in non-combat situations on Canadian soil. This ceremony and vigil was started by two former CAF members after MWO Patrice Vincent and Cpl Nathan Cirillo were killed in separate acts of terrorism on Canadian soil.

November saw the Regiment extremely busy with preparations for Remembrance Day activities. On 10 November, the Regimental Pipes and Drums participated in the Victoria Royals CAF Appreciation Game at the Save-On Foods Memorial Arena. They accompanied the band of 5 Fd (BC) Regiment for the National anthems and a performance on the concourse during the first intermission. The South Vancouver Island 39 CBG recruiters were also in attendance.



Pipers Emma Yeo and Anders Murray-Hemphill  
(Photo Credits – MWO Nathaniel Senff)

Ex SCOTTISH LAMENT 2023 - 11 November saw the Regiment participate in multiple Remembrance Day events throughout Vancouver Island, including Victoria, Oak Bay, Nanaimo and Courtney, with representation at other smaller services by individuals.





*Victoria Contingent  
(Photo Credit – Capt Gary Newcombe)*



*The clouds broke and the sun came out over the Drum Major – WO Glen Ereaud  
(Photo Credit – Unknown)*



*Nanaimo Contingent*  
*(Photo Credit – Capt Cam Park)*



*Wallace VII led the Nanaimo Contingent*  
*(Photo Credit – Sgt John Scarsbrick)*

## **Awards and Presentations**

As always, the hard work and dedication of the soldiers of the Regiment produce results. The DCO, RSM and I were pleased to promote several officers and soldiers and present several awards since the last CANSCOT.





*Sgt Sandahl with LCol Proctor*



*MCpl Small with Maj Lerch*



*Cpl Steven De Almeida, Cpl Liam McGintie  
&  
Cpl Sean Turney with Maj Lerch*



*With the help of BGen (Retd) Awalt, the CO promotes 2Lt Nicola Knubley and Capt Scott Byrk at The Game Dinner*



*Capt Blaser, Pte Roy and Cpl Baldwin get re-badged into the Regiment.*

During the course of October – December 2023 numerous awards and presentations were handed out to the soldiers, NCOs, and officers to acknowledge their hard work in support of The Regiment, for training accomplishments, and for CAF service.

WO Devon Fraser (PPCLI) – 39 CBG Comd’s Commendation

WO Glen Ereaut – 39 CBG Comd’s Commendation

Petty Officer 2nd Class Duane Woytowich - 39 CBG Comd’s Commendation

Sgt Carly Millard – CO’s Commendation

### **Canadian Forces Decorations**

LCol David Proctor – Second Bar to Canadian Forces Decoration for 32 years of service

Capt Lukas Roy – Canadian Forces Decoration for 12 years of service

Capt Cam Park – First Bar to Canadian Forces Decoration for 22 years of service

Sgt Denis Byrne – First Bar to Canadian Forces Decoration for 22 years of service

Sgt Satveer Atlas – Canadian Forces Decoration for 12 years of service

The final event of 2023 was the Soldier’s Appreciation Dinner during Exercise Scottish Dousie. Traditionally a weekend where we conduct some fun training and sports. Also, in the evening, the youngest soldier is promoted to Commanding Officer, and the oldest corporal is promoted to Regimental Sergeant Major. The soldiers are treated to dinner served by the Officers and NCOs, with the assistance of the Regimental Association, in recognition of their hard work throughout the training year.

The dinner included a performance by the Regimental Pipes and Drums and concluded with the singing of the traditional Highland warrior song “Glen Whorple” lead by the junior officers. All had a

tremendously fun evening. The RSM and I had the pleasure of presenting the annual individual Regimental Awards to deserving soldiers.

Top Private – Private Emma Yeo (immediately promoted to Corporal)  
Top Sergeant – Sergeant Greyden Gamble  
Top Sub-Altern – Captain Rob Roy MacKenzie  
Top Shot – Corporal Justin Lucoe  
Top Soldier – Cpl Elisha Sheremeto

The start of 2024 saw the Officers Mess host the New Year's Day Levee while the Regimental Pipes and Drums performed at Government House, where myself, Major Chris Scott and Capt Adam Robinson represented the Regiment.

Ex Scottish Council took place over the weekend of 19-21 January 2024. This is the initial planning conference for the 2024 training year to set the conditions for The Regiment to conduct a successful training year and to meet the higher command's direction. Alongside the Scottish Council, the Regiment hosted another successful Robbie Burns Dinner, supported by the 5th (BC) Field Artillery Regiment Band, RCA. This year, the dinner coincided with the 39 CBG Commanders Conference, bringing many new guests to the dinner, including unit command teams. Commander 39 CBG, Colonel Scott Raesler, was the guest of honour.



*The Head Table*



*The Dinner and the 5 Fd Band*

Looking ahead to the Spring and Summer, The Regiment will fully engage in a hectic training cycle and prepare soldiers, NCOs and officers for overseas missions. The training cycle will culminate in a division-level training event in late August at CFB Wainwright. Significant live field firing ranges, including all arms platoon/troop groups, company-level groups and combat teams, will be seen. The exercise will include soldiers from all three reserve CBGs of 3 Div and elements of 1 CBMG. It will expose our soldiers to mechanized, armoured elements and air assets we have not trained with for many years.





*Dancers from the Kathleen Laurie School  
of Highland Dance*



*Combined Pipes and Drums*

The Regimental training cycle maintains our focus on warfighting, and rightfully so, as we continue to deploy more soldiers in ever-increasing numbers and frequency to conflict zones. The world is getting more dangerous - events in Ukraine, Israel and the Middle East continue to demonstrate this. The Regiment, its officers, and soldiers stand ready to respond to whatever our country asks.

This will be the last submission to the CANSCOT for the Proctor-Fairall command team. April 28<sup>th</sup>, The Regiment will conduct a Change of Command parade and ceremony, and I will hand over to the soon-to-be-promoted Major Slade Lerch, who will lead The Regiment with RSM Fairall for the next bound. It has been a pleasure and my privilege – Have a good one!

Deas Gu Cath

LCol David Proctor, CO  
CWO Brad Fairall, RSM

## **Up-Island Branch – Gord Thompson**

The Up-Island Branch held its AGM on February 3rd. Elected to executive positions were:  
President-Marc Marchand  
Vice President-Graham Burton  
Secretary/Treasurer-Gord Thomson  
Directors: Bill Seymour, Gord Degau, Grant Loyer, Colin Hart, Mike Bean

In December, a small group of Up-Island members assembled and distributed 7 Christmas food hampers to members of B Company. The hampers were well received. The funding and food items supplied/donated for this initiative were private donations.

The Association Annual Reunion will be held in Nanaimo on June 7, 8,9. We gathered information on potential venues and hotel accommodations to assist with the event and submitted it to the Victoria Executive, which you will see later in The CanScot. We are currently working on some special activities for the reunion attendees, and as the reunion is being held in Nanaimo, we encourage our members to attend. Look forward to seeing you all there.

## **Last Post**

Jean Peeters  
William Stevens  
John Wigmore  
George Brought  
Norma Coell  
Peter Dawson  
Mike Carver  
Rae McDonald

## **Lunch Dates - Jim Dumont**

We have had six luncheons for our 2023-24 time frame. The attendance has been quite good compared to the past few years. So far this year, we have had a low of 10 and a high of 30 in December when the Pipe Band was present and put on a short performance, which was appreciated by all and others in the Lounge. Other than December, we have had two months with a high of 20 present, which is good, but we would like that to increase to 30-40. We are also expecting the Pipe Band to put on a short performance at the May Luncheon. With our large membership, I ask: Where is everybody?

The lunches are held in the Lounge of the Trafalgar/Pro Patria Legion at 411 Gorge Road East. All members of the Regimental Family, friends, relatives, and children are welcome to attend. All the luncheons are held on Saturday, and the dates for the remaining gatherings are March 9, April 6 and May 4. We gather any time after 11:00 and order lunch at about 11:30. Earlier issues of The Can Scot had a June date for a luncheon, but that has been cancelled because of June 6 (D-Day Ceremonies) and the Regimental Association Reunion in Nanaimo on June 7-9. Let's see if we can also have a large turnout for the Regimental Association Reunion.

If you haven't been to one of the luncheons, you don't know what you are missing, so I hope one of those New Year's Resolutions was to make a real effort to get out to the lunches. Hopefully, we will see you there.

Charles Middleton, Membership Chair, will send a notification article to the membership by email about a week before every luncheon. If you do not have an email and would like to be reminded by phone, please let me know, and someone will call you about a week ahead to remind you. If you have email and Charles does not have your address, this would be an excellent time to send him your address and be on his list for all important announcements.

# 59th Annual Reunion, Nanaimo, BC - Jim Dumont

Things are well underway for the reunion in Nanaimo, June 7-9, 2024, at Brigadier D.R. Sargent Armoury, 709 Nanaimo Lakes Road, Nanaimo, BC V9R 7E3 on Nanaimo Military Camp and The Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 10 located at 129 Harewood Road, Nanaimo, B.C. V9R 2Y9. The Legion phone number is 604-574-5300.

## Schedule of Events

Friday June 7th, 2024

12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM	Registration
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Registration and Meet and Greet at Brigadier D.R. Sargent Armoury.

Saturday, June 8th, 2024.

6:00 PM B 7:00 PM	Cocktails at Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 10 (No host bar).
7:00 PM -	Reunion Dinner at Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 10.

Sunday, June 9th, 2023.

10:45 AM for 11:00 AM	- The Cenotaph Ceremony will be held at the Nanaimo Cenotaph at 85 Church Street in Nanaimo.
11:30 -	Lunch and farewells at Royal Canadian Legion Branch No 10.

## Accommodations:

### Coast Bastion Hotel

11 Bastion Street, Street, Nanaimo, BC V9R 6E4. Located 3.2 km from Brigadier D.R. Sargent Armoury and 1.8 km from the Legion.

Reservations: Phone 1- (250) 753-6601

N.B. Ensure you mention the Canadian Scottish Regimental Association. Reservations made after May 7th, 2024, will be at the regular hotel rate.

### Room Rates:

2 Queen Beds \$205.00/night: 1 King Bed \$215.00/night: Premium King Harbourside \$270.00/night

All hotel rooms have a Juliette balcony facing the harbour. The harbourside rooms have walls of windows with the best views of Gabriola, Saysutshun and Protection Islands.

Parking: The city-owned covered parkade rate is \$9.00 + GST per 24 hours. It's connected to the hotel via elevator. Overnight security is provided in/around the hotel and the hotel section of the parkade.

### Dorchester Best Western Hotel

70 Church Street, Nanaimo, BC V9R 5H4. It is located 3.0 km from Brigadier D.R. Sargent Armoury and 1.8 km from the Legion.

Reservations Phone (250) 754-6835

Website: <https://www.dorchesternanaimo.com/>

Room Rate: 1 Queen Bed \$139.00 Harbour Room 1 King Bed \$169.00

Reservations have a seven-day cancellation policy before arrival.

Bookings after April 23, 2024, will be regular hotel rates.

# **Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers**

## **Saturday, March 2, 2024**

### **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.

2024 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.

Refreshments, sandwiches, and other goodies will be available after the meeting.

\*\*\*\* The meeting agenda will be available upon arrival on March 2, 2024. \*\*\*\*

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/93339799237?pwd=OFQwSU5ZaFhSYXk4VUxrWHpwQm0xdz09>

Meeting ID: 933 3979 9237

Passcode: 617703



# BC AFGHANISTAN MEMORIAL

## Invitation COMMEMORATION TO MARK TO 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF CANADA’S COMBAT MISSION IN AFGHANISTAN

**WHAT:** Event to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the end of Canada’s 13-year war mission in Afghanistan and remember the 159 Canadian Forces Personnel and eight civilian fatalities and families.

**CONDUCT OF THE CELEBRATION:** Veterans will line up in ranks on Quadra St facing the Memorial. Families and persons with mobility disabilities are welcome to use the provided chairs. Once the Commemoration is completed all in attendance are invited to the Christ Church Cathedral Hall for refreshments and Duff.

**WHEN:** March 12, 2024.

**TIMINGS:** Participants/Guests are asked to be in location by 1:45 PM, Celebration 2 to 3:15 pm, Social 3:30 to 4 pm.

**WHERE:** The British Columbia Afghanistan Memorial is across the street from Christ Church Cathedral in Victoria, B.C., at the corner of Courtney and Quadra Streets. Reception is across the street in the Church Hall.

**PARTICIPANTS:** CAF/Police/Civilian Veterans; serving/retired, Families and guests

**PARKING:** There will be limited parking near the event for registered persons with mobility disabilities and VIPs. General parking is on some streets nearby and at the Broughton Parkade, a 7-minute walk from the Memorial Site.

**REGISTRATION:** Please register at “Organizer Afghan Commemoration” [vicam2024@gmail.com](mailto:vicam2024@gmail.com)

To assist with providing seating disable parking slots and refreshments, please email the following information.

1. Contact Name
2. Number of veterans
3. Numbers of family members
4. Mobility Disability Support

Please note we need Mobility Disability information by: February 29, 2024.

**DRESS:** CAF/Police/Other in Uniforms with Medals, Civilians in appropriate dress with medals



## Cadet Updates 2422 RCACC – Capt Stuart

I am C/WO Mackey, of 2422 RCACC in Nanaimo, and I live, and have lived for music my entire life. Ever since I first picked up a practice chanter, I've lived for bagpipes. I did so around this time last year and have spent hours on end every week since, dedicating myself to the pipes, losing my thoughts for rhythms, embellishments, histories and traditions.

I joined cadets in September of 2019 with 205 Collishaw RCACS and stuck with them for all of four years. It's with the Pacific Gael Pipes and Drums, that I started to learn to play pipes, revelling in the incredible challenge the instrument faced me with, and played for my squadron's Annual Ceremonial Review in May. Just this past September, I made the decision to transfer to 2422 RCACC, as my new corps can support me better as a piper. I've been welcomed like family as the corps' first piper in over a decade and am overjoyed to support the corps in building its pipe band. Making the switch was not in any way the hardest decision of my cadet career. During the summer, my CO, Captain Stuart, was the commanding officer of a junior training program I was hired to staff at. During that time, I learned that all I felt was missing from the program in air cadets was the selling points of army, The comradery, the regimentation, and bagpipes.

Highland bagpipes have, for centuries, been a highly esteemed cultural instrument, just to hear the first notes of Scotland the Brave conjures images of kilts, sporrans, and the very idea of Scotland to the listener's mind, just as Amazing Grace brings tears. As the sole parade piper of the corps, I represent those images and traditions, and it is with an unbelievable honour that I embrace my new position.



## My Job as a CQ Minor

As CQ minor I, C/MCpl Barnes from 2422 Canadian Scottish Regiment, Princess Mary's RCACC, had the privilege to work under C/Sgt Fraser before he aged out and continued working alongside MCpl Orloff. In the short time I worked under C/Sgt Fraser, he taught me the primary responsibilities of running the CQ and gave me the confidence to run it independently. Since then, I have used that information to issue cadet uniforms, supplies, and other things in the Corps. MCpl Orloff has been my mentor throughout the year. As a CQ, he has set a high standard for me to follow and as an NCO, he has taught us how to do drill, set up a hoochie, and so much more to improve us as NCOs and a Corps.

In my time in Cadets, I have improved on many of my skills, such as dress, deportment, and other things I can use in my daily life. Maturing over time has helped me in my role in cadets as I'm settling in as a CQ minor. The information I have learned in cadets has allowed me to start teaching new cadets the skills they need to succeed in their future careers. Thanks to my peers and colleagues, I've improved my drill voice and confidence, especially in the last few months. The cadets and officers have been very supportive and wish for everyone to succeed in the paths they choose to take in their cadet careers and their futures.

Since taking over C/Sgt Fraser's position, I've had a lot of fun running the CQ single-handedly. As a CQ minor, I have issued and distributed kits and supplies that the cadets may require, like keys, office supplies, expedition gear, etc. I have had a good experience working with the cadets and getting to know them better as individuals as I get them kitted out and give them the knowledge on how to take care of and wear the uniform.

I love my job as a CQ minor; it's a very fulfilling job, and I can't wait to learn all the little aspects of it.



## 2422 C Scot R RCACC - Scottish Alpach

C/MWO Knight

I immensely enjoyed my experience during my day trip with Staff Sgt. Holt and The Canadian Scottish Regiment. It was a fantastic opportunity, and I learned some skills and tips I will use with cadets. I am very excited to share this information with my friends, family, and future cadets. I also found it a fantastic opportunity to further the relationship with our sister corps, Charlie Company. I enjoyed the lessons Staff Sgt Holt gave the corps. It was fascinating to see how simple and uncomplicated it is to build a shelter, pack a rucksack and how to see people and not be seen.

C/Sgt Barnes

I'm very thankful to have had the opportunity to learn lots of information and skills from Mr. Holt. Where to pack each item based on weight and accessibility was the most beneficial to us, tied with building shelters because we use those skills on expeditions. I enjoyed going out into the field to build the shelters and observe in person how one should set up an observation post and administration area. Mr. Holt was great at explaining everything to us and Bravo Company, and I will always be grateful for him sharing this knowledge with us.

C/Sgt Mihut

Scottish Alpach was a lot of fun, from the class demonstrations to the outdoor activities. I learned a lot from this activity, especially with the hands-on activities. In the class, seeing how much stuff someone can pull out of their bag was funny. A good description is how Mary Poppins takes things out of her magic bag. Learning how every little item had such a good purpose was interesting. The lesson on how to pack was the most helpful in the class because I would typically just put everything the other way around or it fit inside my bag, but now I learned the proper way to do it. When we went outside, it was a great time; we all learned how to set up a hoochie, which I previously didn't know how to do. I also worked on teamwork because we were placed in teams and had to work together to set it up. The most exhilarating part has to be when we crossed the river to see a perfect example of how things look on the job. I may have gotten muddy and wet, but it was worth it for every second I spent there. I learned and had a lot of fun, and I have good memories of it.

C/MWO Sterczyk

As a participant in "Scottish Alpach," I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to meet Mr. Dan Holt. I appreciated his fifty-three years of experience to our activities; the information Mr Holt shared with us will be valuable in future exercises. His presentation effectively instilled the field's observation and information management tenets. Moreover, Mr. Holt's kit vivisection and taking us on the Long March to see his Observation Post was particularly enlightening. We all found him an engaging and knowledgeable speaker, and I thank the Regiment for facilitating this exercise.

C/MCpl Jacob Guntensperger

I attended an exercise called Scottish Alpach with other senior cadets. The bulk of the exercise involved learning strategies and tactics along with tips and suggestions for building observation points. The training consisted of both classroom learning and physical fieldwork. I found Scottish Alpach to be a precious

exercise as it emphasized teamwork in our learning basics of reconnaissance and preparation for hidden observation. Combining classroom and practical field learning made the new information and skills accessible. Overall, the experience was exciting and a lot of fun. I came away from Alpach, feeling that I had taken in a great deal of information and had practiced it in the field. All in all, it was a very rewarding and valuable experience.

## 2422 Remembrance Day



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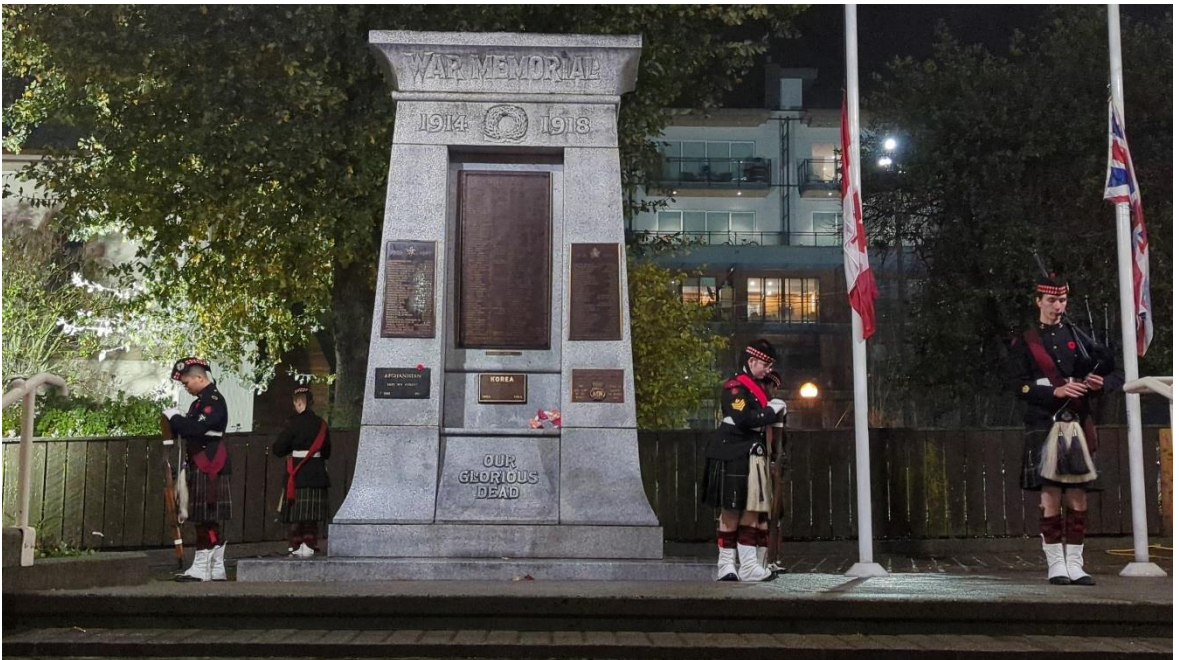
MWO Knight, Sgt Barns, Sgt Sipos, Sgt Mihut, WO Mackey (Piper).

2422 Cadet Corps participated in a tri-service 24-hour vigil at the Nanaimo Cenotaph starting 10 Nov, ending 11 Nov when the last four cadets handed over to the adult cenotaph guard. WO Mackey played throughout the event, and the Remembrance parade the following day.





Sgt Mihut was part of the cenotaph guard in Lantzville with Air and Sea cadets.



Clockwise from Left

MWO Knight, Sgt Barns, Sgt Sipos, Sgt Mihut, WO Mackey (Piper).

Additionally, our RSM, MWO Sterczyk, wrote a poem during the Vigil, which he would like to submit to the CANSCOT. Please see attached.



I have also attached a link to a local newspaper with our RSM saluting the cenotaph and a photo of the front page of another local paper with Sgt Sipos leading the parade in the flag party. It is not a good copy, I am in the process of finding a better one. I have attached them so the Regimental family can see the corps working in the community.

[https://nanaimonewsnow.com/2023/11/11/the-debt-of-gratitude-we-owe-them-nanaimo-honours-fallen-soldiers-on-remembrance-day/?fbclid=IwAR2R0soa8uPoG3DhjCzhxslBRdeOmmN4Igt2-Fyd68Fs97vzUvUaJ\\_7nASQ](https://nanaimonewsnow.com/2023/11/11/the-debt-of-gratitude-we-owe-them-nanaimo-honours-fallen-soldiers-on-remembrance-day/?fbclid=IwAR2R0soa8uPoG3DhjCzhxslBRdeOmmN4Igt2-Fyd68Fs97vzUvUaJ_7nASQ)

“Stanzas to the Fallen”

C/MWO Hayden Sterczyk

I	Hark, lads! the bugle sounds Its wailing call o’er the rounds Whistling past our heads, Filling us with mortal dread.	IV	Hearts in unison shall wrench, Going forth, a top the trench. Shells dictate a macabre pace Into the Redeemer’s arms, posthaste!
II	Daylight ebbs at end of day, Casting darkness o’er the fray. A spectre above it looms, Precursor to what ensues.	V	Amid the guns and flares, a yell: “Lads, I’m hit!” Around, yet others fell. Pressing on, as in a trance, E’re our blood waters the fields, of France.
III	Subbies bark hoarse commands; Vowels clipped; their phrases grand. Our breasts swell with duteous fervour, Departing hence in noble endeavour	VI	In freedom’s name the millions fell, Through worlds, to the depths of Hell. Our estate we owe to you, and more— Ye who died on a foreign shore.

6th November, 2023

## **The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's) Endowment Fund**

### **The Canadian Scottish Remembers – Action at Kitchener's Wood (Part 1 of 2)**

On April 1, 1915, the Canadian Division (CDN DIV) moved into positions previously occupied by the French in the north-east corner of the Ypres salient. This was its first combat assignment. To the right of its 4000-yard front were the British 28<sup>th</sup> Division and to its left the 45<sup>th</sup> Algerian Division and 87<sup>th</sup> Territorial Division of the French Army.

Late in the afternoon of April 22<sup>nd</sup>, what was to become known as the Second Battle of Ypres commenced with a German bombardment that was shortly followed by the release of 168 Tons of chlorine gas across a four-mile front. The Canadians could see a large gas cloud over the French position to their left. Still, preparatory bombardment had cut telephone lines, and conflicting reports meant that the situation was not immediately understood. Its devastating effect caused surviving French troops to abandon their position en masse, leaving a 4,000-yard-wide gap in the Allied line. Three German Divisions attacked the French positions, advancing some 3,000 yards over the dead and panicked troops, and in doing so, exposed the left flank of the Canadians.

Acting on his initiative, the CO of the 13th Bn, CEF, strengthened positions around the village of St Julien. To the south-west, a Battery of British 4.7 guns was situated in Kitchener's Wood. A second British battery sited approximately 1000 yards north of St Julien engaged many attacking Germans in direct fire and, with the help of men from the 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup> Bns, could move their guns back to safety. These small groups held the entire left flank.

By approximately eight o'clock in the evening, the Commander of the Canadian 3rd Brigade (Bde) was fully appreciative of the situation on his left flank and requested reinforcement from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bde and Div. The 10<sup>th</sup> Bn, in reserve of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bde and the 16th Bn in reserve of the 3rd Bde, were tasked with an immediate counterattack on Kitchener's Wood.

With no time for reconnaissance, intelligence, or coordination, the two Bns advanced at a quarter to midnight. After entering the woods, the leading elements encountered a hedge and wire obstacle and, while breaking through, came under fire from a German machine gun sited approximately two hundred yards away. Both Bns charged, engaging in fierce close-quarter fighting and killing many of the enemy as they fought through the position. The 4.7-inch British Battery was found surrounded by dead British and Germans. By midnight, the attack was essentially over. Realizing he had too few men to hold the woods, Lieutenant-Colonel Leckie, of the 16<sup>th</sup> Bn, the surviving CO, withdrew the troops to a trench at the wood's edge. By morning, of the more 1600 men who had set out the previous night, seventy-five percent had been killed, wounded, or captured (Nicholson, 1962).

Reinforcements continued to move forward to strengthen the line around St Julien, and a fragile but intact defensive line held the once-open flank. The Battle for St Julien, and Second Ypres was far from over, but the action of the 10<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Bns significantly contributed to delaying the enemy sufficiently to allow the line to be held and prevent the Germans from capturing Ypres, rushing to the sea, and averting what, British General Smith-Dorien, Commander of the 2<sup>nd</sup> British Army, opined, "... otherwise may have been one of the greatest disasters in the history of the British Army ..." (Larkin & Matersky, 1987, p.18).

A memorial established at Kitchener's Wood immortalizes this action:

During the late afternoon of April 22, 1915, the Germans launched the first lethal chemical gas attack in history. French territorial and colonial troops fell back leaving a six-kilometre gap to the left of the Canadian Sector.

During the night of 22/23 April the 10<sup>th</sup> (Canadians) and 16<sup>th</sup> (Canadian Scottish) Battalions counter-attacked and captured a German held position at Kitchener’s Wood. Both Canadian battalions sustained heavy casualties and by morning established a line of resistance south of the wood.

This action prevented a German breakthrough to Ypres and beyond, which was later recognized by the award of an honorary distinction, an oak leaf with acorn shoulder badge, to both battalions.

In 1919, it was reported in the Canadian Daily Record that Marshal Ferdinand Foch, supreme commander of allied armies, stated, “I think the finest act of the war was the counterattack of the 10<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> battalions of Canadians after their Division had been frightfully punished by the German gas.”

(Kitchener’s Wood Memorial, St. Julien, Belgium)

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As the anniversary of the action at Kitchener’s Wood approaches, the Endowment Fund is seeking sponsorship into the Book of Memory of the below-named 16<sup>th</sup> Bn soldiers who were present at this historic action to honour the memory of all those involved.

1.	Capt. George Jameson	KIA	23-04-15
2.	Lt. Harry Mackenzie	KIA	22-04-15
3.	Lt. Espine Picton-Ward	KIA	22-04-15
4.	29300 Pte. James Aitkens	KIA	22-04-15
5.	29298 Pte. Henry Aitken	KIA	23-04-15
6.	51043 Pte. George Avery	KIA	22-04-15
7.	29305 Pte Louis Bean	KIA	23-04-15
8.	47329 Pte. Frank Bel,	KIA	23-04-15

Sponsors will 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 (minimum \$25.00, suggested donation \$50.00) will secure sponsorship. Sponsors may wish to make their donation perpetual on an annual basis, for example on the anniversary of the soldier’s death or Remembrance Day, or through a monthly allocation (***This can be accommodated through Canadahelps.org***)

Please return your completed nomination form identifying the soldier you wish to remember with your donation by mailing to: **Treasurer, CSR Endowment Fund, 4746 Beaver Rd, Victoria, BC, V9E 2J7**

Help us remember those who served with the Regiment in peace and war and to support the Regiment into the future.

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**[Please contact us at [cscotrendowment@gmail.com](mailto:cscotrendowment@gmail.com) to learn other ways you can support the Regimental Family through gifts to The Endowment Fund]**

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

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|----|--|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. | 77824 Pte. Cyril Fielding Everest<br>Remembered by P. Crober | 16 <sup>th</sup> Bn | KIA France 23-04-15            |
| 2. | 100364 Pte. John Eyre Eccles<br>Remembered by T. Vincent     | 16 <sup>th</sup> Bn | KIA France 23-04-15            |
| 3. | 26114 Pte. David Angus Morrison<br>Remembered by D. Egan     | 16 <sup>th</sup> Bn | died of wounds France 08-05-15 |

## **Definition of a Veteran – Veteran Affairs Canada (VAC)**

Any former member of the Canadian Armed Forces who successfully underwent basic training and is honourably discharged.

When people think of Veterans, many immediately picture someone who served in the First World War, Second World War or the Korean War. While many Canadians recognize these traditional Veterans, the same may not always be true for Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) Veterans—those who served Canada since the Korean War.

In fact, some former CAF members don't even see themselves as Veterans. Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) wants to change this and is working to ensure CAF Veterans receive the honour and recognition they have earned and so richly deserve.

VAC considers any former member of the Canadian Armed Forces who releases with an honourable discharge and who successfully underwent basic training to be a Veteran.

This Veteran status recognizes the risk CAF members assume by wearing the uniform and pledging allegiance. Canada's modern-day Veterans are carrying on the traditions, values and legacy of wartime Veterans and all Canadians, especially our youth, should be aware of their accomplishments and sacrifices.

I encourage all retired members of The Canadian Scottish Regiment to register with VAC.

Registration for Veterans Affairs Canada  
[https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/e\\_services](https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/e_services)

## **CF ONE Card**

CF One is the gateway to your best life. Only CF One members get exclusive discounts and savings, earn rewards, and access personalized financial, fitness and wellness programs exclusive to the military community.

### **Benefits**

Discounts on travel, hotels, gear and even goods and services for your home. Hundreds of Canadian partners and retailers offering discounts exclusively to CF One cardholders.

### **CF ONE ELIGIBILITY**

The following groups are eligible for CF One membership and are required to provide proof of relationship during the registration process.

During the registration process, you'll be requested to supply proof of your relationship to the Canadian military community. This information is being requested as this program is unable to access the databases used to hold former members' personal information. By providing us with proof of affiliation, you are consenting that you are in fact a member of the Canadian military community.

#### **Canadian Armed Forces members and their families**

Canadian Armed Forces - Regular Force Members

Canadian Armed Forces - Reserve Force Members

Canadian Cadet Organization

Foreign Military Members Serving with the Canadian Armed Forces

Families of the above groups

Proof of relationship

#### **Veterans**

Canadian Armed Forces Veterans

Veteran Families

Proof of relationship

Mail:

CF One Membership Office

Canadian Forces Morale and Welfare Services

4210 Labelle Street,

Ottawa, ON, Canada K1A 0K2

Email: [service@cfmws.com](mailto:service@cfmws.com)

<https://cfmws.ca/about-us/cfone-registration>



## **80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy -Veteran Affairs Canada**

### **Events in Canada**

**6 June 2024**

#### **Signature Ceremony**

**Victoria Park**

**223 Weldon Street, Moncton, New Brunswick**

We will host a ceremony to honour and remember Canada's participation in D-Day and the Battle of Normandy.

**6 June 2024**

#### **Commemorative Ceremony**

**National War Memorial**

**Wellington Street, Ottawa, Ontario**

We will host a wreath-laying ceremony at the National War Memorial in Ottawa to honour and remember Canada's participation in D-Day and the Battle of Normandy.

For more information on Events in Canada, [contact us](#).

### **Events in France**

**6 June 2024**

#### **Canadian National Ceremony**

**Juno Beach Centre**

**Courseulles-sur-Mer, France**

We will host a ceremony at Juno Beach in France to honour and remember Canada's participation in D-Day and the Battle of Normandy. Registration to attend this event will be required.

If you would like to attend our signature ceremony France, [email us to be notified when registration is available](#).

## **The Canadian Scottish Regimental Museum – Ron Cullen**

The museum is looking for volunteers for this/spring and summer to have the museum open during the day on weekdays. Please talk to Ron Cullen or Randy Evans to sign up for a time you can do it.

# **The Canadian Scottish Regimental Association Bursary Annual Award**

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

1. The Canadian Scottish Regimental Association must receive applications by the end of June each year. There will be (3) three \$1000.00 bursaries awarded to serving Regimental members who qualify.

## **CONDITIONS FOR THE AWARD**

2. The member chosen must be a serving member in good standing within the Regimental Family.
3. The criteria that will form the basis for this award are as follows:
  - a) Be of good character with no disciplinary problems.
  - b) Have made a positive contribution to the Regiment/ a Senior Cadet has made a positive contribution to his /her cadet corp.
  - c) Have received good assessments on all courses.
  - d) Use the award to promote his/her post-secondary education at a BC university, regional college or technical/vocational school.
  - e) Financial considerations will be looked at.

## **APPLICATION**

4. Applications can use the attached form from the website or be picked up from the BOR.

## **SUBMISSION DATE**

4. Members must submit their applications to The Canadian Scottish Regimental Association on or before last day of June each year to [CSRAssociation@outlook.com](mailto:CSRAssociation@outlook.com)

<https://www.cscots.ca/association/bursary>