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The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's) Regimental Association
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CSRA 58th Reunion on June 4 at the Cloverdale Cenotaph

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Patrick Bulmer



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President's Report – Patrick Bulmer

I hope that everyone is enjoying the summer with friends and family.

Your executive was busy organizing the 58th annual Reunion held in Cloverdale, B.C. at Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #6 on June 2-4, 2023.

The Reunion went well, with many members, spouses, and family members attending. The Regimental Association Pipes & Drums were well represented, with twelve members in attendance. Thank you to all those members for their contribution to making the reunion a success. Their performances were terrific and well received and appreciated. Many thanks to those who made this reunion possible with their hard work. A special thank you to Carole Amo, who went over early to set up and made arrangements. Carole's hand-painted gift bags with goodies were very special. The hosts Chantel and Dave Smith were representing the family of Stanley Baird, who passed away in 2021 at the age of 97. They traveled all the way from Edmonton. Hopefully, we will see them at the Nanaimo Reunion in 2024. WWII Veteran Nick Janicki drove over from Nanaimo with his son Bob Janicki and was welcomed at the meet and greet on Friday evening. We were honoured to have Nick sit at the head table. Nick will be hosting the next Reunion in Nanaimo on June 7-9, 2024, which will be organized by the up-island branch.

This year the Regimental Association Bursary will be increased from two - one-thousand-dollar bursaries to three – one-thousand-dollar bursaries. We have received four applications and will have a committee decide on the three successful applicants. The Bursaries will be presented at the All-Ranks Christmas dinner in December.

I attended the Nanaimo Cadet Corp Annual Cadet Review with Ron Cullen and was pleased to see such an excellent turnout of cadets and family. The new Commanding Officer, Victoria Stuart, officially took command with Lieutenant Colonel D Proctor and RSM Brad Fairall in attendance.

I attended the Victoria Cadet Corp Annual Cadet Review and presented a Regimental Hunting Stuart tie to the best-dressed cadet. The Association Pipes and Drums were in attendance and played for their review. Several awards were presented and promotions.

The "Ceilidh at the Bard 2023" fundraiser will be held Friday, October 13, 2023. Please look for details in the Can Scot and other advertisements to come. We hope you will turn out to support this event!

Women's Auxiliary – Rhonda Scott

The Women's Auxiliary hosted a Tea in May to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III and the Queen Consort Camilla. 50 invited guests attended it, and it was considered an enormous success. The Sgt's Mess was lively and decorated in Union Jacks and red, white, and blues. We are now in the process of gathering donations for our Springtime Silent Auction in March. If you wish to donate goods or services, please contact Dixie Allan. Tickets will be available in January. The WA will be helping with the Ceilidh at the Bard in October. The 80th anniversary of the ending of WW2 is next year, so we are also in the planning stages of hosting another Tea. More info will come your way next year.

The WA meets the 1st Wednesday of the month, @7pm, in the Sgt's Mess; new members are always welcome.

Nanaimo Branch – Gord Thomson

CSRA Victoria has announced that "The 2024 Canadian Scottish Regimental Reunion" will be held in Nanaimo. We look forward to seeing as many members as possible of the Regimental Family at this event.

During this year's reunion, World War 2 Veteran Nick Janicki suggested that this event be held in Nanaimo. Nick was in Deventer Holland for the unveiling of the plaque honouring the Regiment for fighting through the streets chasing the German soldiers to liberate that city in April 1945. Nick was the only Canadian Veteran of the War who attended. Nick will turn 100 on September 8, 2023. We wish him well.

In July, the Nanaimo branch held its first in-person executive meeting since COVID started.

CEILIDH AT THE BARD on October 13, 2023

Commencing at 5:00 pm – Official Opening 6:00 pm

Purpose: To raise funds to support

- 1) The Canadian Scottish Regimental Association
- 2) The Canadian Scottish Regimental Association Pipes and Drums
- 3) Our Regimental Mascot Wallace VII

Background:

The Canadian Scottish Regimental Assoc. Pipes and Drums has been associated with the Bard and Banker since its opening in 2006. We performed at their first opening and have since performed each year on its anniversary, as well as Robbie Burns Day Events and Remembrance Day.

The Ceilidh at the Bard in 2014 was used to help support the 2015 Pilgrimage, and another Ceilidh was also held in 2017. Both were a great success. The Bard and Banker Pub has once again generously agreed to provide the venue for our 2023 fundraising event. The Canadian Scottish Regimental Pipes and Drums and the CSRA Pipes and Drums will play several times throughout the evening. There will also be a Celtic Band, "Black Angus" and other entertainment. Bring your family (kids allowed until 9 pm) and invite your friends!

If you are interested in volunteering, please get in touch with Steve Hayward at 778-679-2953 or srpaint@shaw.ca

If you would like to join us at our planning meetings or would like any more information, please get in touch with Patrick Bulmer at 250-896-1680 or patwbulmer@gmail.com

Command Team Message – 1 August 2023 - LCol David Proctor, CO; CWO Braid Fairall, RSM

As the world continues to watch events play out in Ukraine, The Regiment maintains focus on training and readiness for domestic and international operations. As we have always done, The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's) stands prepared to do whatever our Nation asks.

Our efforts in the Spring and Summer have focused primarily on individual and small unit tactics training and community relation events. This has seen several diverse exercises conducted or scheduled for this summer.

Ex COUGAR SIEGE

Early May saw The Regiment participate in the 39 Canadian Brigade Group (CBG) cumulating training event, Exercise COUGAR SEIGE from 5-12 May 23 at Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM) in Washington State, USA. Training focussed on defensive and offensive operations in an urban environment. Some of the scenarios were based on lessons learned from the current conflict in Ukraine, using Opposing Forces (OPFOR) in Force-on-Force engagements. The participation of elements of the US Army Military Police and Washington State Army Reserve National Guard significantly enhanced this training.



WO Mike Bean takes a pause during offensive Ops



Sgt Sam Udahl briefs troops prior to entering a structure

Ex SCOTTISH GAMES

Over the long weekend in May, the Regimental Pipes and Drums provided musical support to the Victoria Highland Games and Celtic Society Festival. In addition, the Unit recruiters were on site alongside their colleagues from 5th Field Regiment, drumming up support for the Army Reserve. Coinciding with the Highland Games, the Victoria Military Music Festival took place on Saturday night to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. Joining the Pipes and Drums this year were the Naden Band of the RCN, the Regimental Pipes and Drums of the Calgary Highlanders, the 400 Squadron RCAF Pipes and Drums from CFB Borden, and after a twenty-year absence, the band of the 3rd Marine Air Wing from Miramar, California.



The Massed Pipes and Drums



Pipe Major Roger McGuire



Figure 13rd Marine Air Wing Band

All three visiting bands, as well as the Naden band, joined the Regimental Pipes and Drums to take part in the annual Victoria Day parade.

Ex SCOTTISH SHOOTER 3-23

In June, over 60 personnel attended Ex Scottish Shooter 3-23. The aim of this weekend range was to maintain skill and proficiency of marksmanship. Soldiers conducted C7 rifle and 9mm pistol shoots, including night supplements, as well as CBRN defense training. Unfortunately, a planned shoot of museum weapons, such as FNC1, FNC2, Lee Enfield and BREN gun was unable to synchronize in time for the range. However, this will be included during another range event in the future.

Ex SCOTTISH RACE

In December of 2022, the Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's) was contacted by a senior representative of Amazing Race Canada and requested to participate in Season 9 of the popular television production. After an initial reconnaissance and liaison in February and March of 2023, the C Scot R was formally identified as a contributor to the project. Filming for the episode took place 28-29 April at a CFB Esquimalt sports field. The completed episode was aired on 25 July 2023 on CTV.

This was an enormous opportunity to generate positive strategic-level communications for the unit, the Canadian Army, and the Canadian Armed Forces. Hopefully, the wider Regimental Family had the chance to see the episode.



Olympic gold medalist Jon Montgomery, host of the Amazing Race Canada with LCol David Proctor, RSM Brad Fairall, Wallace VII and the C Scot R participants

88th Regiment (Victoria Fusiliers) Colours

On 8 July 2023, Care and Custody of the Regimental and King's Colours of the 88th Regiment (Victoria Fusiliers) was transferred to the Regimental Museum during a brief ceremony at the Church of St Mary the Virgin in Oak Bay. The transfer was conducted between the Venerable Craig Hiebert and the Commanding Officer and witnessed by members of the Regiment and the wider Regimental Family. Also attending were members of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, the organization that donated the Colours to the 88th Regiment. Once properly mounted, the stand of Colours will be displayed in the Museum for public display, to honour the traditions and memories of those who served in the 88th Regiment (Victoria Fusiliers).



Piper Anders Murray-Hemphill plays “All the Blue Bonnets are Over the Border”.



LCol Proctor and the Ven. Craig Hiebert at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Ex SCOTTISH STADIUM, July 2023

The Regimental Pipes and Drums continued their hectic summer by traveling to Vernon, BC, to participate in the Okanagan Military Tattoo. They again will join the Naden band of the RCN. This year will also see the Pipes and Drums playing alongside their counterparts in the Queen’s Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada.

Ex SCOTTISH COUNCIL 2-23, August 2023

This is the second of the bi-annual planning conferences held each year to provide updates from principal staff, align training activities through working groups, and to reiterate Command level direction and guidance for the upcoming training year.

Other major activities The Regiment has been involved with this spring and summer is supporting the 39 CBG and 3 Div Reserve Summer Training plan that includes: BMQ courses, leading the Infantry DP1 Course in Nanaimo / Wainwright, as well as supporting courses being run at the Infantry School in Gagetown. This summer has seen over 80 members of the Regiment either on course, teaching a course, or supporting a course.

OPERATION LENTUS 23, July and August 2023

We have also been preparing to deploy soldiers in support of OPERATION LENTUS into the interior of BC to aid in the forest fire fighting. Soldiers are currently deploying in 2-week blocks, with the first chalk sent out at the end of July. Of course, it's not always business. This spring and summer, we had the pleasure of welcoming home three soldiers from overseas deployments. Cpl Almond from OP REASSURANCE, Capt Unruh from OP IMPACT and Cpl Commandeur from Op UNIFIER.



LCol Proctor, Cpl Commandeur and family, including members of A Company and Wallace VII



With Cpl Commandeur's return, we started a new tradition by welcoming the soldier's home with a piper and the Victoria airport staff and guests were thoroughly entertained. We are also happy to announce that Sgt Satvir Atlas received his well-deserved promotion during a visit by the 3 Div Deputy Commander, BGen Guinevere Bourque, and the Divisional Deputy Sergeant Major Gerald Colgan to the DP1 Course.

We are currently mid-way through another busy training season, getting ready to move into the next phase of the training cycle; as always, our training focus must always be on warfighting. We have, in the past, are currently, and will always, send soldiers and leaders into combat or potential combat zones in support of Canada. We continue to support our Nation's foreign policy aims with soldiers deployed and training to deploy on international operations as part of OPERATION REASSURANCE in Latvia, OPERATION IMPACT in the Middle East, and OPERATION UNIFER in support of training Ukrainian Armed Forces.

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Association Pipes & Drums – Patrick Bulmer

The Pipes and Drums proudly attended and performed at the candlelight ceremony at God's Acre in June. The weather was excellent, and it was great to see so many cadets and children attend.

The annual reunion was held at Branch 6 Cloverdale this year and had 12 band members attend, some with family. An impromptu performance at the meet and greet had the band playing a few tunes. On Saturday, the band went to Fort Langley and performed at the Parks Canada historic Fort Langley site. The staff and the public much appreciated it.

After the reunion dinner on Saturday night, the band performed to a large mixed crowd at the Legion. The Sunday service was held at the Cloverdale Cenotaph with the band in attendance.

Upcoming Band Events:

Perform at the Terry Fox run Sunday, September 17th

58th Annual Reunion, Cloverdale (Surrey), BC - Jim Dumont



Nora Arnold (Calgary) on the left and Doreen Denicola (Prince George) on right

Endowment Fund – Derek Egan

The Regimental Family needs your support today and into the future.

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, accouterments, and band instruments; maintenance and upkeep of regimental memorials and artifacts; support of youth, cadet, and veteran's programs; and provision of educational bursaries and other support for serving soldiers and veterans in need.

All funds donated to the Endowment Fund are deposited in accounts generating interest or dividends and only the income earned is dispersed. Hence, your original donations will continue to generate income and fund activities in perpetuity. Administration and operation of the fund is done by volunteers, so operations costs are near zero as a proportion of annual generated income.

Your gift to the fund can be one-time, monthly, made by cheque, online, or in person. Donations can be in cash, property, or securities. The Fund holds charitable status, so all donors will receive a tax receipt that can be useful with personal or estate tax exemptions. Gifts made in a will or estate may provide tax benefits now, though the funds will not be available until sometime in the future.

A legacy gift in your will can be generous, powerful, and simple. It allows you to leave a more significant gift than possible during your lifetime.

You may wish to discuss this with your financial planner.

Your gift can be made in honour, memory, or celebration of a person or event, or anonymously, if that is your preference.

The objective of the Endowment Fund is the preservation and investment of capital to generate cash flow to meet current and future Regimental Family funding needs. Currently, the fund can provide approximately 40% of the Regimental Family's annual expenditures. It is our vision to increase the fund to the level where its annual income can meet all Regimental Family funding needs and eliminate the Regimental Family's reliance on frequent fund-raising campaigns.

Some donors may wish their gift to fund a component of the Regimental Family or activity directly they strongly support, such as the Pipes and Drums, Cadets, educational bursaries, or supporting veterans. This can be done by directing your donation to our sister fund, The Canadian Scottish Heritage Foundation, which operates on a project basis, fundraising for recurring annual expenditures such as bursaries, and significant future events, for example, the presentation of new colours, anticipated to occur in the not-too-distant future. Help us help the components and individuals of the Regimental Family of the Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's). Any gift, no matter how large or small, will make a difference.

The Book of Memory

The Book of Memory was created as a means of stimulating donations to the Endowment Fund and, importantly, to provide a registry of deceased former members of The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's), and those regiments it perpetuates and a record of their service. Individuals can pre-nominate themselves or sponsor another former deceased member and donate for doing so. The Book of Memory is on public display in the Regimental Museum located in the Bay Street Armory.

The Canadian Scottish remembers.

[Please contact us at cscotrendowment@gmail.com to learn more of the many ways you can support the Regimental Family through gifts to The Endowment Fund]

Lunch Dates - Jim Dumont

The first lunch this fall will be Saturday, September 9. This year the Red Poppy Restaurant is open from 11:00 to 5:00 PM on Saturday, so they are not having a special opening for us. This will be the 23rd year that we have been gathering for lunch, and everyone that attends enjoys getting together with other members of our large Regimental Family. It is also great when we have some members who travel from up island, the mainland, and sometimes from eastern Canada to join us.

Charles Middleton, Membership Chair, will notify 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 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.

The lunches are held in the Lounge of the Trafalgar/Pro Patria Legion at 411 Gorge Road East. You need to enter the building through the parking lot on Dunedin Street. It is also an excellent time for those who do not like to drive at night to get out for a couple of social hours. All we ask is that you try to notify Charles, reply to this email, or myself, jadu@shaw.ca, or 250-477-1346 no later than the Thursday before the luncheon so that we can reserve the appropriate number of tables.

We had good attendance in previous years, but during covid, our numbers were lower, but we would like the numbers to increase this year. It would be nice to see 50-60 people or more in attendance. With our large family, that should be easy to achieve. These lunches are an excellent time for you to meet members of the Regimental Family. Last year we averaged over 18, which is quite a small number. All components of the Regimental Family, plus friends and relatives, are welcome to attend. The Legion now has a license that allows children into the premises while the restaurant is open, so you can now bring your children, grandchildren, and others.

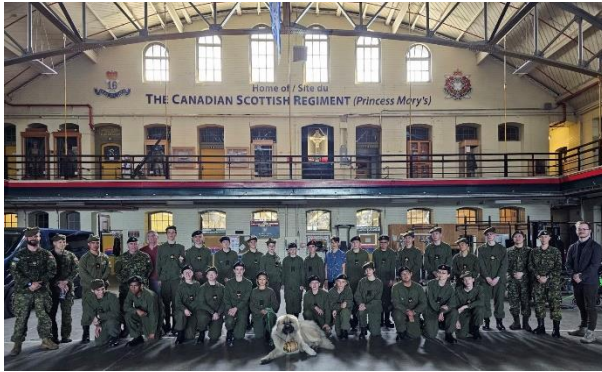
The Legion opens at 11:00 AM so we will start ordering lunch about 11:30 AM and after. The company is great, the food is great, the refreshments are great and the prices are great.

All the luncheons are held on Saturday and the dates for the 2023-2024 period are as follows: September 9, October 7, November 4, December 9, January 6, February 3, March 9, April 6, May 4 and June 1. Once again, we are hoping to have the Association Band provide a short program at the December and June Lunches.

Canadian Scottish Cadets 2422 and 1726 – Capt. Victoria Stuart

4 Corps Exercise. Bay St Armoury. 2422 C Scot R, B-Coy and 1726 C Scot R, C-Coy were in attendance.

Cadets spent May long weekend at Bay St Armoury, the Victoria Highland Games, and Christchurch Cathedral learning about the history of The Canadian Scottish Regiment. During this weekend, they had the opportunity to meet cadets, NCOs, and officers from their affiliated units as well as meet members of the regimental family. As well as a Mess Dinner



Sgt Jesse Hunt, MCpl Carl Ortloff (Cadet Liaison), Capt Brad Waterfall (CO 1726), CI Wright, Wallace (Center), Capt Edward Wu, Capt Victoria Stuart (CO 2422), Mr Stokoe.



Maj (Ret'd) Bruce Allan, WO Jesse McLeod, LCol David Proctor (CO), Capt Victoria Stuart (CO 2422), Capt Brad Waterfall (CO 1726), MCpl Carl Ortloff (Cadet Liaison), Capt Edward Wu, Mr Troy Stokoe.



Range Day with Regiment.

2422, 1726, and 136 Sea Cadet Corps (Guest of 2422) participated in a C7 range day in Nanaimo. Senior cadets and corps were in attendance.



2422 Change of Command parade.

Capt Stuart (Incoming CO), Maj Beverly Ennis (RCSU Rep), Capt Geoff Bough (Outgoing CO)