

The Can Scot

The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's) Regimental Association
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**Past President Ron Cullen
Receives his long service Canadian Flag
flown in Ottawa at the Parliament Building**



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President's Report – Patrick Bulmer

For my first report as the new President, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Past President, Ron Cullen, for his 10 years of service to the Regimental Association and the Regimental Family. I have been privileged to serve as his Vice President and have valued his support and friendship. Thankfully, he is not retiring completely, as he will continue to serve as Past President and will still be active on the Executive Board. Thank you, Ron for your many years of service.

The Executive has been busy on many fronts. The Women's Auxiliary and the Association Members, put together and shipped three packages to deployed members overseas. Thanks to both the Women's Auxiliary and the Association Members for their work in supporting our soldiers.

Many thanks to Jim Dumont for his thirty plus years of keeping us informed of the activities of the Regimental Family. He has now passed the reign of the Can Scot Magazine on to Charles Middleton. Thank you, Jim for your outstanding contribution.

WWII veteran, Nick Janicki, will be travelling to the Netherlands to present a plaque to the Mayor of the City of Deventer on May 4, 2023 on behalf of the Regiment. He will also be taking a Camp Flag and photographs of it being flown over all three of our Armouries on the island.

Many thanks to our Netherland Association member Captain Wouter Veldhoen for his work on the plaque and ceremony, dedicated "To Commemorate All Ranks of the 1st Battalion of the Canadian Scottish Regiment who gave their lives for Freedom and in Gratitude for the Liberation of Deventer on April 10, 1945".

The plaque will be covered with the Camp Flag and will be unveiled by the Mayor of Deventer and Nick Janicki. Nick was a member of B Company that was involved in the liberation of Deventer. We wish him all the best on his travels and look forward to seeing him at the upcoming Reunion in June where we hope to hear all about this memorable event. More information on the link here and on page 9.

<https://www.timescolonist.com/local-news/nanaimo-veteran-honoured-in-dutch-liberation-commemoration-7000225>

Our Annual Reunion preparations have been progressing well. This year's reunion will be held in Cloverdale on June 2nd - June 4th, 2023. Please get your registration in. We hope to have a great turnout in support of the Regimental Association, and most importantly, our Veterans. Come and enjoy a great reunion, and of course, performances by the Association Pipes and Drums.

The Regimental Association's President and Past President attended the first newly revised Regimental Council on April 23, 2023. We are pleased to be involved and look forward to working with all members of the Council. More updates will follow as we move forward.

We have a new Executive member, Thomas Mercer, formerly a Sgt with B Company. He will be our representative to the Up-Island Branch. Welcome back!

Graham Burton is the Up-Island Representative to the Victoria Association.

Women's Auxiliary – Rhonda Scott

The CScotR Women's Auxiliary hosted their annual Fundraising event in March. Our Silent Auction was considered a success. It was a kickstart of sorts to help us get back into the groove of making money to help support our causes. We are three years behind because of Covid. We have already booked the Slater room at the legion for next year's event in March. Some of the money raised went to provide items for the Associations' Morale Boxes that were sent to those deployed.

At present, we are now focusing on the Coronation Tea, which is planned for May 7th, and are happy to announce we have sold all the tickets. It should be a memorable event for all of us, as I doubt most of us remember when Queen Elizabeth held her Coronation.

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

Nanaimo Branch – Gord Thomson

The Nanaimo Branch CSRA was invited to give a Regimental History talk to 2422 RCAC in Nanaimo at the Brigadier Sergeant Armoury in April.

Marc Marchand and Gord Thomson gave a two-hour Regimental History presentation complete with a PowerPoint photo covering WWI, WW2, Afghanistan and some domestic operations involvement. This was followed by a one-hour presentation on a formal mess dinner table setting and etiquette for the May 3 Cadet Corp weekend training.

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 or picked up from the BOR.

SUBMISSION DATE

5. Members must submit their applications to The Canadian Scottish Regimental Association on or before last day of June each year to CSRAAssociation@outlook.com

Command Team Message – 11 May 2023 - LCol David Proctor, CO; CWO Braid Fairall, RSM

We have the pleasure to announce, that on 25 October 2022, our Colonel-in-Chief, Her Royal Highness, Princess Alexandra, The Honourable Lady Ogilvy, KG, GCVO was presented her fifth clasp to the Canadian Forces Decoration (CD) by BGen Parsons, the Commander of the Canadian Defence Liaison Staff-London. Though this was announced in the Fall of 2022 through other communications, we have now secured photos of the event, and we would like to reinforce the significance:

This is an extraordinary accomplishment, representing Her Royal Highness' sixty-two years of service to the Canadian Armed Forces and the people of Canada. Her Royal Highness began her service to Canada on 9 January 1960 with her appointment as Colonel-in-Chief of the Queen's Own Rifle's of Canada, an appointment she held until 2010.

On 11 June 1977, on the occasion of her Silver Jubilee, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, appointed Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra as the new Colonel-in-Chief of the Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's), where after 46 years of exemplary support and service to the Regiment, she continues to serve.

The significance of this award cannot be understated as Her Royal Highness is only the fourth recipient of a fifth clasp to the CD, the others being Her Royal Highness, Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother; His Royal Highness, The Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Philip; and RCAF Air Commodore, Leonard Birchall, CM, OBE, DFC, OOnt, CD, who was known as "The Saviour of Ceylon" for his actions on 4 April 1942 in detecting a large invasion force heading for the home base of the Royal Navy's Eastern Fleet in Colombo, Ceylon (Sri Lanka).

A letter was sent to Her Royal Highness on behalf of the entire Regimental Family offering our heartfelt congratulations on the achievement of this incredible milestone.



BGen Parsons Commander CDLS-London, UK, Presents HRH Princess Alexandra her 5th Clasp to the CD

The Regiment's efforts and focus in the Winter and Spring continued with individual and small unit tactics training in the urban operations environment. Additionally, we continued to take part in community relation events to highlight the presence of The Regiment in the local communities.

In late February, The Regiment continued its heavy training schedule with Ex SCOTTISH AILISS at Nanaimo Military Camp, incorporating multiple lines of operations, including section level urban operations, Explosive Threat Hazard Awareness and Recognition (ETHAR) training for those soldiers selected to represent the Regiment at Ex WESTIE CHALLENGE Patrol Team competition, and a Cloth Model Exercise (CMX) on company-level sustainment operations.

At the end of March, The Regiment headed to Heals Range to conduct live firing to qualify our soldiers up to Personal Weapons Test Level 3 to satisfy Individual Battle Task Standards (IBTS) requirements with the C7 Rifle, C9 light machine gun (LMG), and 9mm Pistol. All manner of weather was encountered from sunshine to rain and hail, typical infantry training weather.

In April the Regimental Professional Development series of exercises, known as SCOTTISH SCHOLAR, continued with a busy training weekend that included multiple lines of effort including:

- 51st Kitcheners' Wood Dinner
- Military Standard First Aid training,
- Unit Disciplinary Investigations training
- Officer's Professional Development
- Officer/NCO relationships
- Officer's Dining-In

The guest of honour for this year's Kitcheners' Wood Dinner was CWO David Shultz, M.M.M., S.M.V., C.D of 4 Canadian Rangers Patrol Group. Of note, at the Kitcheners' Wood Dinner, CWO (ret'd) Ron Cullen, past president of the Regimental Association was presented a Canadian flag that had been flown on the Peace Tower at Parliament Hill in Ottawa in recognition of his over 35 years of service in the CAF.



RSM Brad Fairall presents the George Hunter Trophy to Sgt Patrick Meehan



Sgt Randy Robinson presented his CD by LCol David Proctor

In late February of this year, I sent an invitation to the Commanding Officer (CO) of 6 SCOTS our Allied Battalion, to begin conducting small unit exchanges to foster our new relationship and promote esprit-de-corps. Both units secured approval from our respective higher headquarters, and the first exchange is underway at time of writing: a small contingent (1 x Officer, 2 x soldiers) from 6 SCOTS is visiting the C Scot R. This exchange is from 23 Apr to 16 May 23 to include participation in C Scot R Ex SCOTTISH BLEIZE and 39 Canadian Brigade Group (39 CBG) Ex COUGAR SEIGE.

6 SCOTS personnel will be provided instruction by C Scot R as part of an integration program designed to familiarize them with Canadian tactics and drills. Training will concentrate on small arms handling and urban operations drills at the section and platoon level. Training will be conducted both during regular working hours and unit parade nights and includes:

- Physical Training (including FORCE testing)
- Weapons familiarization
- Communications training
- Urban Operations and patrol training / tactics; and
- Cultural introduction (including Regimental history, cultural tours and visits, etc).

To commemorate this exchange, I presented the 3 members of 6 SCOTS a regimental coin and a C Scot R Camp flag. They in turn presented the Regiment with a 6 SCOTS Plaque.



2Lt Richard Dunbar presented his coin by the CO, LCol David Proctor



CO Presenting the camp flag to 6 SCOTS



Ptes Gray and Hutcheson presented coins by the CO.

Exercise SCOTTISH BLEIZE at the end of April saw The Regiment conduct platoon level Urban Offensive Operations training at the Naval Boarding Party / Urban Search and Rescue site (USAR), at the former Work Point Barracks on Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Esquimalt. This training will set the conditions for unit participation on the 39 Brigade training event, Exercise COUGAR SIEGE in May. As background activity, additional sustainment training was conducted, including casualty evacuation and Prisoner of War handling.



C Scot R operating at Naval Tactical Operation Group “Kill House.”

As always, we have the pleasure of presenting awards and conducting promotions. This cycle would see Capt Patrick Rippon receive the bar to the Operational Service Medal-Expedition for his 2nd deployment on OP REASSURANCE. Sgt Randy Robinson of Administration Coy. Sgt Phil Ladret, Cpl Mark Smith, Cpl Ryan Verhoek and Cpl Darren Sidor of Bravo Company, were presented their Canadian Forces Decorations for 12 years of service. Cpls Ryder and Withers of Alpha Company were promoted to their current rank.



Cpl Smith and Cpl Verhoek being presented their CD's.



Capt Patrick Rippon receives a bar to Operation Service Medal.

Early May will see 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. Training will be focussed on defensive and offensive operations in an urban environment. Some of the scenarios will be based on lesson learned from the current conflict in Ukraine, using Opposing Forces (OPFOR) in Force-on-Force engagements. This will be significantly enhanced by the participation of elements of the US Army Military Police and Washington State Army Reserve National Guard.

Another significant event occurred in May: To commemorate the liberation of Deventer by The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's) a plan was put forward by the Regimental Association member and a Dutch friend of The Regiment, Capt Wouter Veldhoen of the Dutch Army, to present the City of Deventer a Regimental plaque for display in the city center. The plaque and Regimental camp flag were presented to the Mayor of Deventer by C Scot R WWII veteran Nick Janicki, who took part in the liberation, on 4 May 2023, the Dutch Day of Remembrance.



WWII veteran Nick Janicki and the Mayor of Deventer and the Plaque



Nick Janicki and Capt Wouter Veldhoen lay a wreath on behalf of The CScotR

We are now coming to the close of a very busy training cycle for all components of The Regiment and leading into the reserve summer training (RST) cycle. This will see officers and soldiers going on to various training centers to conduct trade and leadership training courses. We will also be supporting RST with numerous instructors and support staff to Brigade and Division training establishments. 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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LCol David Proctor, CO
CWO Brad Fairall, RSM

Association Pipes & Drums – Patrick Bulmer

This time of year is our busiest time.

We support the Cadets on their CO's parade nights and have members teaching Cadets on Tuesday nights on Pipes and Drums.

Upcoming events start with the Tartan Parade downtown on May 13,23 May Day Parade will see us with the Fraser's, with Gary Louis leading as Drum Major. Watch for us.

One of the events I never miss is the God's Acre Candlelight Ceremony with your Pipes and Drums participating.

The CSRA Reunion in Cloverdale will be held June 2-4, 2023. We have ten to twelve band members going in support of the Regimental Association and Veterans. Please come and support the Association and Veterans, a great time for all.

The Band will be supporting the 2136 Canadian Scottish Army Cadets for their Annual Cadet Review on June 8,2023 at 19:00 hrs.

The Band practices on Thursday nights from 7-9 at the Bay Street Armoury in the CSR band room.

If you wish to join, come on down and meet the Band.

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

Things are well underway for the reunion in Cloverdale, June 2-4, 2023 at The Royal Canadian Legion, Cloverdale Branch No. 6 located at 17567 B 57th Avenue, Surrey, B.C. V3S 1G8. The Legion phone number is 604-574-5300

Schedule of Events

Friday June 2nd, 2023

12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM Registration at Royal Canadian Legion Cloverdale Branch No.6.
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM Meet and Greet at Royal Canadian Legion Cloverdale Branch No. 6.

Saturday June 3rd, 2023.

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

Sunday June 4th, 2023.

10:45 AM for 11:00 AM - The Cenotaph Ceremony will be held at the Cloverdale Cenotaph located on the Plaza between the Surrey Museum and Surrey Archives which is about three blocks from the Legion.

11:30 - ??? - Lunch and farewells for another year at Royal Canadian Legion Cloverdale Branch No 6.

Endowment Fund – Derek Egan

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

The Endowment Fund (EF) was established in 1981 by The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's) Regimental Board of Trustees [CScotR Trustees] and The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's) Regimental Association [CScotR RA] to honour the memory of the Regiment and support its past, present, and future members by providing financial assistance for the good and welfare of the Regimental Family. A central mechanism for doing so was through the Book of Memory (BoM).

This was accomplished by having individuals pre-nominate themselves or other deceased former members for entry into the BoM and make a donation for doing so. To be eligible for entry the individual must have served with The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's) or one of the units it perpetuates. Initially this was interpreted to mean individuals who wore the Canadian Scottish hat badge, but appropriately evolved to include anyone who served with the Regiment regardless of their MOC (military occupation classification) or parent unit.

It is long past time that we honour and remember those non-serving members of the Regimental Family whose loyalty and support have contributed much to the well being, cohesion, and reputation of the Regiment in a like fashion. Accordingly, an Annex will be added to the Book of Memory specifically for the entry of deceased non-serving Regimental Family members. All processes and procedures for nomination and entry will be as currently exists, except that verification of service and eligibility will rely on the recommendation of the current leadership of the Regimental Family element with which the nominee served subject to final approval of the Endowment Fund Committee.

This initiative not only serves to recognize the contributions, and high regard, that non serving members of the Regimental Family are held but is symbolic of the Regimental Family as a single, unified entity bound together in a common purpose.

I am please to announce that our first approved nomination of a non-serving member to the BoM Annex is Ms. Connie Isherwood, a former long serving member of the Women's Auxiliary, Heritage Foundation, and supporter of the Regiment remembered by The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's) Women's Auxiliary.

Regimental Museum – Randy Evans, Director

The Museum's Permanent Exhibit Renewal Study (Master Plan) was completed by the professional museum developing firm -D. Jensen and Associates - and delivered to the museum on March 31st, 2023. The plan was contracted to provide a detailed development plan to improve our current museum and provide an informative and memorable museum experience to our soldiers and visitors. The plan lays out the museum in chronological order with refitted displays, improved lighting, interpretive panels and signs, and numerous personal stories about our famous soldiers and events. The plan also provided a cost estimate which we can utilize to persuade the Directorate of History and Heritage to provide us with the requisite funding to bring the cunning plan to completion. We were looking at a couple of years for the renovations, but due to the recent CDS/MD Directive for CAF Reconstitution study released in Nov 2022 the DHH is now unable to fund any of the 73 Canadian Military Museums until further notice. An unforeseen circumstance, but we intend to forge ahead and at least start some of the improvements with funds from previous DHH Museum Development grants.

The museum will remain open during the initial renovations as we will only be modifying one display case at a time. Our current hours are Tuesdays, 1000 – 1400 hrs, and we will be moving to our summer schedule of 1000 - 1500 hrs Tuesday to Friday (excluding holidays) in June until the end of August. As always, group tours can be arranged at other times depending on the Armoury schedule.

We are asking that anyone in the Association who is interested in helping the museum volunteers to man the busy summer schedule to please contact the museum via the new website (cscotrmuseum.ca), call the museum phone (250-363-8753), or get a hold of any current volunteer...any amount of time would be a great help to our busy volunteers.

This year the week-long Museum Studies Course, provided by the Organization of Military Museums of Canada (OMMC), will be held in Kelowna. We will be sending two delegates to the valuable training program this year as we were able to secure a DHH grant for one of our attendees prior to the cessation of government support.

Randy Evans - Director

Last Post

Col John Wigmore has passed away at RJH, March 25,2023

Captain Ken Rigler has passed away at RJH, April 04, 2023