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WHO ARE WE?

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C-in-C – HRH Prince Michael of Kent
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HCol – Phil Berthiaume
HLCOL – Dave Woodall
PMaj – Dave Mercer

Association Activities

Greetings! I was indeed honoured to take on the President's role from Pat Coughlin in October 2016. I am sure that all of you would agree that Pat did a sterling job and has continued to provide the Board with great advice.

I am cognizant that military associations are formed to continue the comradeship that we all so richly enjoyed in our military lives. In our Association, we have also continued to reach out to not only support our serving soldiers, but to encourage them to join us. Since joining this fine Regiment in 2005, I have been deeply impressed by the dedication of The Essex and Kent Scottish Regiment Association board members and have indeed enjoyed many wonderful reunions.

My main message for this edition of our newsletter is simple: honour our veterans. Many of our World War II veterans have passed on; leaving us with grand memories and a sense of pride in service to country. Last week we joined Glen Embury's family to say farewell to a WWII soldier who lived life to the fullest, and was so proud of his regimental service. See page 4 for others who we lost in 2016. We must continue to support them, and in time of death, be there for their families. I thank Maj (Ret'd) Greg Childs and CWO (Ret'd) Blake Harding in keeping us informed and ensuring we support each other.

We also continue to support our serving troops in one of the finest and most historic infantry

regiments in our country. Our history goes well beyond our formation in 1954, to the Essex Scottish, Kent Regiment and beyond. As in history, our serving members continue to do extremely well in representing our Regiment; maintaining the high standards that our veterans set for us.

Please consider participating in some of our regimental events such as the Ansell Club Golf Tournament & BBQ on August 5 and Trot With The Troops & Family Day in September. In addition, fundraisers are being planned to allow us to do our good work. Details to follow.

Keep in touch and let us know if there is anything that we can do for you!

Morris Brause

Every Month the Association Receives New Artifacts

Recent donations include: current photos of the War of 1812-15 battle sites in Michigan and Ohio donated by Xavier Allen; two small photo albums of 1940-44 from Les Landstra; medals, Memorial Cross, press clippings and letters from the family of Pte. NW Cook – killed at Dieppe; and a Union Jack flag and Boer War Remembrance Banner from St. Andrew's Church.

Regimental Bi-Annual Reunion a Great Success



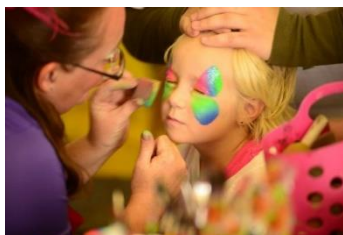
March on the Colours



HLCol Woodall inspects
Guard No. 1 with Capt Pakula



Trot With The Troops



Kids Activities

The 2016 Reunion was held October 14-16, offering events in both Windsor and Chatham. We kicked off the weekend with a Friday night meet and greet in the Windsor Garrison Officers Mess, serving over 50 meals and enjoying the company of many other retired members who gathered to share camaraderie and stories. Friday night also featured the return of an old band tradition, as Pipe Major David Mercer took the band (after performing in the Armoury parking area) to Dieppe Gardens, where they played a set at the Pipe Major Jock Copland's memorial cairn. A great memory for anyone who attended, with the sound of the pipes wafting out over the river and up to the city, particularly for our two WWII veterans who hustled down for the ceremony.

Saturday program commenced with the Association Annual General Meeting, followed by lunch in the Officers Mess. In the afternoon, the Regiment held a Change of Stick Parade to formally thank our outgoing RSM, Chief Warrant Officer Cyril Cheng to welcome our incoming RSM, Master Warrant Officer Brian Jordan. The subsequent receptions in the Messes were wound up by 4pm to allow everyone to change and refresh for the reunion banquet at 6pm in the Drill Hall.

The highlight of the reunion is always the Saturday night banquet, this year featuring a delicious meal catered by Cramdon's Tap and Eatery, and a thoughtful program managed by our Regimental Major Greg Childs. Our guest, Bob Latham, retired Queen's

Own Rifles, facilitated the availability of some medals commemorating the 70th anniversary of the Liberation of Holland, which were presented by the CO to four veterans who fought in the Netherlands: Don Balcarras, Gerry Culkeen, Roy Hare, and Art Kuderian. Much praise and appreciation are also due the fine musicians in Pipes and Drums, who played two sets during dinner with a combination of skill and enthusiasm, topped off by both some singing by the band and highland dancing by the Drum Major Xavier Allen.

Sunday morning at the Ansell Armoury in Chatham, Delta Company and the Association hosted Trot With The Troops and Family Day, where a fun run was linked to a BBQ and kids activity event.

Many thanks to the many members of the Association board, the Regiment, Delta Company, Mess Manager, caterers and our guest hotels Hampton Inn and Holiday Inn for their contributions to a very memorable weekend!

Pat Coughlin
Reunion Chair


Our New Regimental Sergeant Major

MWO Brian Jordan joined the E&K Scot in 1985 as an infantryman. He took a six-year pause from the Reserves in 1986 and since his return has been a member of the unit. In 2010, he was awarded the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal for exceptional citizenry and service to Canada. He was promoted to Master Warrant Officer in 2014.

Outside the Army he is a Team Leader with the Service Canada office in Chatham.



Essex and Kent Scottish Battlefield Tour 2017

THE ESSEX KENT SCOTTISH BATTLEFIELD TOUR 2017

HIGHLIGHTS

- Attend Dieppe Red Beach for the 75th Anniversary
- Study the Battle of The Hochwald
- Visit Vimy Ridge 100 years after the epic Great War battle
- Time in beautiful Salisbury to see the Cathedral, Stonehenge and Military Training areas
- 10 Night escorted tour

12TH TO 23RD AUGUST 2017




Join the Regimental family on this, the third tour, with British Battlefield Tour Company Battle Honours Limited as we visit England, France and Germany commemorating the events of both 75 and 100 years ago.

BOOKING DETAILS

To book or for further details, please contact Kirk Drew (Ex EKS RSM)
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- **12 August**
Bus to Toronto. Fly Air Canada from Toronto to Heathrow
- **13 August**
Arrive UK, Brookfield Cemetery, move to Salisbury Plain, relax
- **14-15 August**
Salisbury, military training area, Stonehenge
- **16 August**
Portsmouth Naval Museum, Newhaven
- **17 August**
Daytime ferry from Newhaven to Dieppe, FR, relax
- **18-19 August**
Battlefield tour and 75th Anniversary commemorations
- **20 August**
WW I battlefields in France: Courcellette, Beaumont Hamel, Vimy Ridge
- **21 August**
Kalkar, GE
- **22 August**
Hochwald Forest, GE
- **23 August**
fly Air Canada from Amsterdam to Toronto. Bus to Windsor

The regimental battlefield tour is proving to be a popular event once again. The tour is capped at 70 people in two buses with 60 already confirmed. Tour cost is C\$2,600 per person (single supplement \$500 extra) plus airfare.

Overnight in 3-star hotels at Salisbury, Brighton/Newhaven, Dieppe, Arras and Kalkar.

For those already booked, your next payments are by 28 February and 11 May.



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Donations to the Association

Your Association cannot function without the support of the regimental family. We are the official repository for regimental artifacts and try to display as much as possible in the messes, Armoury entrances and unit lines.

We welcome donations of uniforms, photos, collectables – contact us or simply drop off the items at either the Tilston or Ansell armouries with a note identifying the donor and the significance of the item.

Many of our current candelabras are old and are showing signs of wear. We want to use these for our dinners at the armouries or at outside catered events but are

concerned about the long-term preservation of these delicate items. *If you see a nice, good quality silver plated 3-stick or 5-stick candelabra at a yard sale or antique shop consider buying and donating it to the Association. It will be put to good use.*

We willingly accept cash donations and provide income tax receipts upon request. Also, consider adding a Codicil to your existing Last Will and Testament to gift money or regimental artifacts to The Essex and Kent Scottish Regiment Association. A Codicil is an amendment to an existing Will without rewriting the entire Will. See sample below.
Consult your lawyer.

Last Post

We celebrate the lives of members of our regimental family who died in 2016:

Len Milburn
Gary Fisher
Ron Beech
Bruce French, Sr.
David Bourne
Dennis Colley
Craig Morrison
Art Kuderian

Sample Codicil

I, _____ of _____ declare this to be the 1st Codicil of my Last Will and Testament which was executed by me on _____.
I give the following: _____
to The Essex and Kent Scottish Regiment Association upon my death.

Signature

Witness 1 Signature

Witness 2 signature

Don't Forget ...

We get many inquiries though our web page about those who served in The Essex Scottish or the Kent Regiment during World War II. See the help document, *Finding Military Records of Former Members...* on the home page.

Make www.ekscot.org the place to begin your search. There is lots of useful information such as events and training exercises by those serving; activities of the Association or the Ansell Club; events of the Pipes and Drums; bits of regimental history like the Dieppe Raid, who has served overseas since 1954; a photo gallery going back to 2010; the 2017 Battlefield Tour; and the most current version of the Regimental Manual.

There a few licence plate holders available for \$5.00 at the Ansell Armoury messes or from Pat Coughlin at 519-965-9497 or coughlin@xplornet.com.

