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Newsletter of The Essex and Kent Scottish Regiment Association

Association Activities

Your Association had another busy year and concluded with the Annual General Meeting in November. Our success comes from the hard work of the Board and members that attend our activities. The Association has 225 members and continues to reach out for new members.

We have been involved in many events including serving our soldiers at the annual Christmas Dinner and supporting others like Ansell Club socials, New Year's Levees in Windsor and Chatham, ceremonies at the Dieppe Memorials in Windsor and Dieppe, FR, Remembrance Day ceremonies and the list goes on. We were honoured to have board

member, Maj (Ret'd) Greg Childs represent the Regiment in April at the 100th Anniversary ceremonies at Vimy Ridge in France. We joined other organizations in our regimental family to sponsor two soldiers to attend the wonderful Battlefield Tour in August. We supported serving members to participate in the South Coast Adventure Race and a Tug-O-War team at the Highland games.

We planned the Mash Bash and helped with Trot with the Troops in concert with Delta Company, which are major fundraising events to support our troops and raise funds for our Association. Many thanks to Greg Childs for his huge effort in organizing

another successful Field of Valour Dinner. Lastly, we sponsored a flag on the Windsor riverfront for the Veterans Voices of Canada and the Flags of Remembrance.

Our Artifacts Committee has been busy cleaning, refurbishing and displaying donated items in our two armouries along with conducting a regular inventory. Our Association pays the annual \$3,000 insurance bill for the artifacts.

Under the leadership of the VP Blake Harding we now have a detailed annual budget and a strategic five-year plan coordinated with the rest of our regimental family. It was a good year.

Semper Paratus,
Morris Brause

Our new Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel

The Department of National Defence recently announced the appointment of Mr. Joe Ouellette as the Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of The Essex and Kent Scottish for a three-year term until 31 October 2020. HLCol Ouellette is the President of Acrolab Ltd., a thermal engineering solutions company in Windsor with world-wide customers. He has long been a supporter of our Regiment and was instrumental in the formation of Delta Company, the civilian volunteer component of E&K Scot, in 2003.

Join Us...

E&K Scot Bi-Annual Reunion this Fall

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the 2018 bi-annual reunion of our Regiment on the weekend of October 12-14, 2018. Details are still being worked out by the Association planning committee and the Unit but could include a Friday evening Meet and Greet in Windsor; a parade on Saturday afternoon; a family-style dinner on Saturday evening in Windsor; and the annual Trot With The Troops in Chatham on Sunday morning. Stay tuned!

For those planning to stay at a hotel over the weekend we will be arranging a favourable group rate.

War of 1812 Battlefield Tours

On January 20, 2018, HCol Phil Berthiaume and a group of Association members attended a tour of the Battle of Frenchtown in Monroe, MI and commemoration of the 18 and 22 January 1813 battles. A similar tour is being considered on the weekend of 26/27 May 2018 to Fort Meigs (Perrysburg, OH) and Fort Miamis (Toledo) to remember our Regiment's action at our 1813 Battle Honour - Maumee. Exact details unknown at this time but if you are interested in attending contact President Morris Brause at mbrause@gmail.com or the contact email at www.ekscot.org.



Dieppe Memorial Service on 19 August in Windsor

To commemorate the 76th anniversary of the Dieppe Raid and especially members of The Essex Scottish who participated in the 1942 Raid on Dieppe join us at the Dieppe Memorial in Dieppe Gardens, Windsor at 1:00 pm on Sunday, 19 August 2018. Serving members of the Regiment and the Pipes and Drums will be in attendance. Everyone is welcome.

Field of Valour Dinner on 4 November in Chatham

Association members and local veterans are invited to join the Regiment at the 2018 Field of Valour Dinner at The Kent 1874 Event Venue in Chatham on Sunday, 4 November when the "Regiment wraps itself in its Colours". The theme will be the end of World War I; the specific battle and tariff are unknown at this time. Reservations are required. Contact Greg Childs at 519-472-1088 for more information and reservations.



Remembrance Day Parades in Windsor and Chatham

In recent years, the Regiment has extended its community outreach by parading in other communities, for example in Essex in 2015 and Amherstburg in 2017.

Join the Regiment this year on 11 November in either Windsor or Chatham. Past serving members and Association members are invited to **march on parade** in "blues and grays" or suit with medals in either location.

Hochwald Mixed Dining-In

There is an open invitation to all members of our regimental family to attend the Hochwald Mixed Dining-In at the Tilston Armoury on 3 March 2018. The dinner commemorates the Victoria Cross earned by Major Fred Tilston on 1 March 1945. Invitations have been sent to previous attendees but if you want to attend this important social event please contact HCol Berthiaume at p.berthiaume@hotmail.com immediately. We ask that you wear Mess Dress, DEU #2B, Black Tie, Business Attire (with medals) or equivalent for ladies as this is a semi-formal event.

Following the success of the MASH BASH last year we plan to have another in 2018. Stay tuned for date and location.



Remembering Red Beach Project

The Kingsville Historical Park Museum under the leadership of Curator, Kevin Fox and in partnership with the E&K Scot Association and Museum Windsor have embarked on an ambitious 5-year project to identify the 553 members of The Essex Scottish who landed at Red Beach during the 1942 Dieppe Raid. We will be documenting their lives before, during and after the war. If you can add information such as photos, documents or stories about any Essex Scottish Dieppe veteran contact Kevin at khpi@mnsi.net. We are still in the "collection" phase and in due course will build an extensive database with dates, details and digital copies of personal documents and photos. The database will become a public document to remember the sacrifices at Red Beach.

Any monetary donations to The Essex and Kent Scottish Regiment Association or the Kingsville Historical Park Museum for the project are gratefully accepted.

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Battlefield Tour 2017

The third Battlefield Tour of regimental World War I and II battle sites, under the guidance of Battle Honours Ltd., took place from 12 – 24 August 2018 with 60 participants. A successful trip with enough of everything to satisfy everybody.

The first part was in England and centred on Salisbury, Wiltshire – SW of London. We toured the Salisbury Plain Training Area where the 18th Battalion, CEF and The Essex Scottish trained for WWI and WWII respectively; visited the impressive infantry weapon collection at the Small Arms Corps School in Warminster; saw the historic Salisbury Cathedral and the 4500 BC Stonehenge; and then on to the Portsmouth Historic Dockyards to see vintage Royal Navy warships.

The second part was at Dieppe beginning with a ferry from Newhaven, UK to Dieppe, FR. The view of Dieppe and the cliffs from the sea was stunning. The Op JUBILEE beaches were toured and it reinforced how difficult was the 1942 mission. The 75th Anniversary commemorations by the Canadian units and Town were meaningful.

The last part was a tour of WWI battle sites of Vimy Ridge and the Somme – including Beaumont Hamel, and the WWII site of the Battle of the Hochwald Forest where Maj. Tilston earned the Victoria Cross for gallantry in 1945.

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.



E&K Scot Kit Shop running well...

The regimental Kit Shop has an ever-expanding inventory. See the inventory list at www.ekscot.org. Contact Cpl. Dan Leblanc at:
enk.kitshop@gmail.com or
www.facebook.com/enk.kitshop/

Inquiries about Family Who Served in the Regiment

Every week we get inquiries through our web page at www.ekscot.org asking about those who served in The Essex Scottish or the Kent Regiment during World War II or more recently in the Essex and Kent Scottish. See the help document, *Finding Military Records of Former Members...* on the home page.

After release from the Army all personal records and files are sent to Library and Archives Canada. We are unable to provide service details from decades ago. Only family members have access to these personal records from LAC.

Also consider contacting our partners at the Kingsville Historical Park Museum at khpi@mnsi.net. They have extensive records and donated family documents especially about World War II.