



A Message from the President

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Since the last edition of our newsletter there has been many changes and our Association has been very active. We had the yearly AGM which came with some new faces and some old ones. The new board of directors was elected, and I am happy to say thank you to everyone as I begin my time as your new president. We welcome back Mary Baruth, two new members John Previtt, and Ein Outhouse and happy to have their new insight to build a strong team.

The AGM did however also see some very important people leave the board or stay but no longer in their positions; thank you to Ron Bodnar, Bill Carruthers and Greg Childs. Their continued hard work and commitment has allowed us to have the Association we have today. To those new members who came on to help thank you so much for your commitment. For those who stayed on to help thank you for your continued support. For those who left thank you for all the time and effort as a member of the board especially those who continually come from a great distance.

The Field of Valour on November 5 and the Soldier's Christmas Dinner on December 10 were a great successes. Unfortunately, due to medical reasons I was unable to attend these amazing events; however, I thank all those who did attend. A big thank you to Greg Childs, Dan Leblanc and Pat Coughlin for all your continued efforts (and anyone else I forgot). A special thank you to Mary Baruth and Dan Leblanc for your hard work with the displays both at Legion Branch 594 and at the Tilston Armoury - they look fantastic.

We will continue as an Association to make the Hochwald Mixed Dining-In and the upcoming trooping our highest priority and get more community members to join this wonderful family. Morris, Tom, Blake, Pat and Greg have worked nonstop to ensure that these will be incredible events. I would also like to thank the Senate, Scottish Borderers Foundation, Ansell Club and Delta Company for their marvelous support and contribution to the extended Regimental family. Looking forward to working with everyone in the Trooping and the Hochwald and many other events coming up.

Semper Paratus

Jacquie Winand-Bacon



Remembering the Hochwald



For the first time in three years, the Hochwald Mixed Dining-In was held on 11 March 2023. The Hochwald is generally an annual regimental event which is held to commemorate the valour of Major Fred Tilston on 1 March 1945, during the Battle of the Rhineland. He led C Company of the Essex Scottish Regiment in an attack on German positions in the Hochwald Forest just west of the Rhine River. Though badly wounded, Major Tilston continued to lead C Company as long as he was able. For his gallantry in the face of battle, he was awarded the Victoria Cross.

This year's event was held at the Windsor Club on Riverside Drive. It was a smaller venue with limited seating but it was clearly a success.

The Windsor Club provided an excellent menu with a splendid view of the waterfront. The Windsor Regiment Band entertained the diners during the meal. It also was the first time that

our Pipes and Drums had played at a public event in quite some time. They came dressed in their new doublets and refurbished feather bonnets which were greatly appreciated by those in attendance.

The regimental family was also joined by various guests and dignitaries including the 31 Brigade Commander Col Chris Brown, Deputy Brigade Commander LCol John Hodgins, Windsor Police Chief Jason Bellaire, Windsor Fire Chief Stephen Laforet, Legion Branch 642 President Comrade Len Maynard as well as representatives from the City of Windsor and the Province of Ontario.

All agreed that it was good to be able to revive this long-standing tradition of the Essex & Kent Scottish. It had been greatly missed during the global Covid-19 pandemic. We look forward to continuing the Hochwald Dinner as an annual event.



Trooping of the Colours

The Trooping of the Colours is a significant event in the life of any regiment. For the Essex and Kent Scottish this is scheduled to occur on 11 May 2023 to 14 May 2023. We will be honoured by the presence of our Colonel-in-Chief, His Royal Highness Prince Michael of Kent.

It will be a busy weekend so a few words of explanation are appropriate. The Presentation and Trooping of the new King's and Regimental Colours will take place in the Riverfront Plaza in the City of Windsor while the lay-up of the old Colours and a Freedom of the City will take place in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent. These are very special occasions. The new Regimental Colours will bear new battle honours of Detroit, Maumee, Niagara (War of 1812) and Afghanistan.



While the Trooping of the Colours is usually a public event, the displaying of Colours to the general public is a secondary consideration. The Colours of a Regiment have an important place as the traditional rallying point of soldiers in time of battle. The primary reason for the Trooping is to allow the members of the Regiment to connect with their Colours in a very personal way. To achieve this, rather than parading the Colours in front of the parade, the Colours will be trooped, i.e. marched through the ranks of the Regiment as it stands on parade. The Colours will pass before every member of the Regiment equally regardless of rank or appointment. The attendance of the public at this occasion is important because it honours both the Regiment and its Colours.

During the weekend, the old Colours will be laid-up in Christ Church Anglican Church in Chatham which is one of two Regimental churches. This will be the first time that Colours will be laid up in this church since 1954 when the Colours of the Kent Regiment were deposited there for safekeeping.

A summary of the weekend activities is as follows:



Thursday, 11 May 2023	Officers Mess Dinner followed by a reception with HRH Prince Michael
Friday, 12 May 2023	Meet and Great with the Regimental Family at the Tilston Armoury beginning at 1900 hrs
Saturday, 13 May 2023	Presentation and Trooping of new Colours at Riverfront Plaza, Windsor at 1330 hrs Gala Ball at Caesar's Windsor 1800 for 1900 hours
Sunday, 14 May 2023	Laying-up of old Colours in Christ Church, Chatham at 1030 hrs followed by lunch at the Kent Club Freedom of the City Parade from Christ Church to City Hall at 1330 hrs Reception at the Old Chatham Armoury with HRH at 1500 hrs

For those still wishing to book rooms at Caesar's Windsor please use the following information:

The booking code is: SES0511

Room rate of \$189.00/night is for May 11,12,13, 2023.

Cut off date is April 11, 2023

The dinner venue is booked for 13 May 2023, 1700 hrs to 0100 hrs

Membership – Have you joined or renewed?

Your membership is important to the extended Regimental Family. It is your chance to keep updated on events with the serving members, enjoy social activities, and support each other. We raise funds for many activities and consistently support our serving members in many ways: BBQ and social events, support to the annual Soldier's Christmas Dinner and financially assisting with special equipment for the troops. This year, we financially supported the Trooping of the Colours. We also send care packages to deployed troops and provide support to our Veterans' families when a Veteran passes away. Whether serving or retired, it is important that we have your support. Please join or renew soon!



Cathy MacDonald, Membership Chair



JUST FOR THE JOCKS

The Pipes and Drums was in full stride on the evening of 1 April 2023 as it presented “Just for the Jocks”, an evening of Scottish entertainment which was celebrated in the Drill Hall at the Major F.A. Tilston V.C. Armoury in Windsor. The event was well attended by the regimental family and provided an opportunity for the band to perform in public as part of the preparation for the Trooping of the Colours in May 2023. The theme for the evening was intended to depict a day in the life of a bandsman from sunrise to sunset.



Murphy's Boys provided a warm, friendly musical welcome as the guests arrived.

A bugler then played to mark the sunrise and the beginning of a new day. The Pipes and Drums, resplendent in their new uniforms, performed two sets. These included performances by the entire band but also various solos where pipers were able to demonstrate their individual skills with the pipes. There was also a rare presentation of the small pipes which have a very distinct sound compared with the pipes to which we are more accustomed. Between the sets, there was a brief intermission followed by highland dancers who performed a number of national dances. Near the end of the second set, the bugler returned to signal the setting of the sun and the end of the day.

Major (Ret'd) Greg Childs acted as MC for the evening and provided interesting narration.



The Essex and Kent Scottish Regiment Association T-shirt Fundraiser



Chest



Sleeve

The Essex and Kent
Scottish Regiment Association

Lettering for Red shirts will be Navy Blue

- *Shirts available in NAVY BLUE(red lettering on sleeve) or RED(blue lettering on sleeve).
- *Cost per shirt is 35\$ (add 5\$ for 2XL and up, as well as tall sizes).
- *Pre-orders only (a limited number will be purchased for those who wish to change their size on a first come, first served basis, the rest will be available for sale after that at the same cost).
- *Preorders are from now until April 1st.
- *Primary pickup for your order will be 12 May, 2023, at the meet and greet for the trooping weekend.
- *Other pickup/delivery options will be done on a case by case basis. Please indicate when ordering.
- *ALL proceeds for this campaign go directly to the Regiment Association. During our last campaign, we raised over 500\$ for ongoing support of the regimental family.

How To Order:

1. Email Cpl(ret'd) Daniel Leblanc at dman_0001@hotmail.com with the following:
 - *Quantity, size, and colour you want
 - *Include your full name, an email address, and a phone contact number.
 - *if you require any shipping or separate pickup/delivery
2. Once received, a response will be given confirming your order and providing e-transfer payment info.
3. Payment must be received before 1April to secure your order as payment to the supplier is required ahead of time.



Service Sacrifice Duty Campaign

The Scottish Borderers Foundation is the Essex and Kent Scottish's major financial strategic group. It has raised funds over many years and provided financial resources to the Commanding Officer in support of serving members. The Foundation is currently on a five-year fundraising campaign with a goal of \$600,000. For information <http://servicesacrificeduty.ca>

A variety of investment opportunities are available including one-time gifts, annual instalments, other gifts including stocks and gifts-in-kind. Supporters can also make the Scottish Borderers Foundation a beneficiary in their will. Your generous donation will help to honour and preserve the memory of our local militia. It will ensure that their service and sacrifice are remembered for generations to come.

Donations will be added to the Foundation's capital base with the goal of maintaining it in perpetuity at a sustainable level. The interest earned over time will be used to fund a variety of important commemorative events, support the Regiment's Pipes and Drums, build and maintain monuments, and preserve records and historical artifacts.

The Scottish Borderers Foundation is a charitable organization and will issue tax receipts for qualifying donations. Please consider supporting this strategic arm of the Regiment. For more information you can contact the Borderers at info@servicesacrificeduty.ca.

Keeping Connected Online

It is important to stay connected even when we cannot gather in person. Those wishing to keep in touch with the activities of the Regiment are encouraged to visit the Regimental website and Facebook page listed as follows:

Website www.ekscot.org

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/6161648785>

A Reminder to all Members

Just a friendly reminder to pay your dues if you have not already done so. Also, if anyone has changed their email or postal address, please notify Cathy Macdonald at ekbrat@gmail.com so we can keep our records up to date.

Thanks to everyone for your contributions. Kim Gilliland, Editor.