



Regimental Association

The Lorne Scots Regimental Association Newsletter

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Service Rewarded

Our congratulations go out to Chris Banks for receiving the Minister Of Veterans Affairs Commendation for his work in support of Veterans in the Brampton area.

His citation, posted on the DVA website reads;



*Photograph courtesy of the
Department of Veterans Affairs*

“Sergeant (Retired) Christopher William Banks is a Veteran with over 19 years of service in the Canadian Army. He is nominated for a Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation for his advocacy for Veterans and their well-being.

Very active within the Legion, Sgt. Banks has held several position including the branch public relation officer, the 2nd and 3rd Vice-president and most importantly the position of Poppy Chair. He has successfully led Poppy Campaigns that have raised over \$120,000. He is the Zone Service Officer and serves our Veterans in the community at a very high level. In December 2019, he was instrumental in saving the life of a Veteran in crisis by locating the father and alerting the police who were then and take him under their care.

His involvement does not stop there, he has run a food packaging and distribution project for the City of Brampton and has prepared over 45,000 meals for a food bank that operated for three months during the first Covid-19 lock-down.”

The Museum update

Progress on the planning to move into our new home in the former Carnegie Library has been slow and mainly behind the scenes but continues to move forward.

In January, LCol Fraser signed off on approval of the Board of Directors. The Board consists of;

LCol (Ret'd) William Adcock - Chair

WO (Ret'd) Henry Verschuren - Vice chair

A/Cdre (Ret'd) Surjeet Bhatti

Col Craig Hayman

Mr. Gary Love

Maj David Fimio

Mr. Paul Federico

Mr. Ryan Goldsworthy

The Board members represent all areas of the Regimental Family and bring a wealth of experience in museum operations, corporate administration, fundraising and other areas to the Museum.

The Board has also selected a design firm to work with in planning the layout of the Museum and the design of the displays to be included in the new site. Origins Design Studio, with offices in Ottawa and Toronto, was the firm chosen from the submissions made to the Board of Directors.

The Road to the New Colours

Prior to Christmas the Honorary Colonel, Commanding Officer and the Regimental Sergeant Major went to Ottawa to inspect the new stand of Colours at the Directorate of History and Heritage.

The purpose of the inspection was to ensure design accuracy, colour correctness and that they are acceptable to the unit they are to be presented to. As it was agreed that the new Colours look great, they will be held at NDHQ while details of arranging a date for presentation are worked out.

A Presentation of Colours is normally done by the Governor General. They may be presented by the Lieutenant Governor if the Governor General isn't available or some other suitable dignitary. Governor General Viscount Willingdon presented a King's Colour to the Peel Regiment in 1930 and Lieutenant Governor Earl Rowe presented Colours to the Lorne Scots in 1963. Our Colonel-in-Chief, HRH the Duke of Kent presented Colours to the Regiment in 1991.

The Directorate of History and Heritage will now work with the Regiment, the Governor General's office and His Royal Highness's office to determine a suitable primary and alternate dates for the Presentation.

The Pipes and Drums Virtual Robbie Burns

Covid-19 restrictions meant that the Pipes and Drums couldn't have an in person Robbie Burns night for the second year running. Rather than just giving up, Pipe Major Jeremy Federico, Drum Major Sean Kelly and members of the band worked with the Regimental Public Affairs team led by Cpl Darren Kowlessar to produce a virtual Robbie Burns. This was the only event of its' kind by a Reserve Band this year.

Posted to our social media, the production had a small but discerning live streaming attendance. Viewership has continued to grow with the video standing at 765 views as of 27 February. If you haven't seen it yet, click <https://www.facebook.com/LorneScots/videos/638011097507955> to enjoy the performance.

From the Cadet Corps

While the Cadet Corps are still restricted to only on line training, there is some good news coming along.

Since 2019 the Oakville Historical Society, who sponsor 1188 Lorne Scots Cadet Corps, have presented a bursary help meet the first year expenses of a senior Cadet who is moving on to post secondary academic or trades training.

This year, the Society has been able to double the bursary, from \$500 to \$1000. After vetting of applications by the Corps and Society, the bursary will be presented to the recipient at the Corps Annual Ceremonial Review (Annual Inspection for us of an older generation).

Coming events

The recent lightening of pandemic restrictions and the hope of more to come have allowed the Association Executive to start thinking about getting back to having events for the membership again.

Branch 15, Royal Canadian Legion in Brampton will be holding their annual Run for Veterans on Saturday 16 April. Part of the event will be a 5km team run, open to the serving Regiment and Association, for the Association trophy, so start recruiting your team. Watch the Branch 15 social media for information on how to register as an individual or team.

The Association Executive is contacting the City of Brampton Parks staff to see if it will possible to book space to conduct the Col Tom Dunn Memorial Softball Tournament this year. The proposed lessened limits on outdoor gatherings make it seem likely that this event should be a go. In past years, this event was held in early June, which led to conflicts with Cadet Corps Annual Ceremonial reviews, meaning that a large part of the regimental Family couldn't attend. To avoid this, the Executive is looking at holding this event on either of the last two weekends in June. If it is a go, watch our social media for more details.

As the Executive isn't sure that we will have a location to conduct an in person Annual General Meeting yet, the plan is to hold the AGM on line this year on the last Sunday in Apr (the 24th). Watch our social media for more information closer to the date.

A request for your thoughts

The mission and purpose of the Association is to establish and foster a sense of belonging and commitment by providing the ways and means for all sectors of the Regimental Family to network together. Do you think that we are meeting our mission and purpose?

Now that Covid restrictions are beginning to lightened in Ontario the Association Executive is starting to think about activities for the membership again. The membership ranges from young teens to seniors, so getting everyone interested is really hard, which is why we want your help.

For the last few years we have run our standard events. The Boarspiel curling day in February, the Annual General Meeting in April, the Thomas M Dunn Memorial Softball Tournament in June, the Col Frank Ching Memorial Golf tournament in September and the Children's Halloween Party in October. All of these have been successful but tend to appeal only to certain specific groups within the membership.

Do these events interest or attract you?

If your answer is yes, they do, that's great. If your answer is no, they don't, the Executive would like to find out why they don't and what would attract or interest you and so help us better achieve our mission.

What would you like to do as a member? Is there something that can be done to an existing event to convince you to come out and take part? Is there a new event that could be held to bring the membership together?

This is your opportunity to tell the Executive your thoughts on what we can do to get more people involved and active in the Association.

We want to hear from you, so send your comments and ideas to membership@lornescots.ca along with your name and a contact (phone or email), in case we want to get in touch to discuss your idea further. In your message, please include a what, why and who. What your idea is, why it should be considered and who it would attract.

All the responses received will be considered by the Executive to see how well they fit with the mission and if they can be done. The results of the review will be presented at the Annual General Meeting.

We are looking forward to hearing from you!

A quick thank you

The past year saw the Association lose a number of long time members.

The Executive would like to offer their thanks to those who passed along or posted information on social media about the passing of members, so that it could be shared with the friends and acquaintances of those we lost.

If you know of a member who is seriously ill or has passed away, please take a moment to pass the information along to the Executive at either of secretary@lornescots.ca or membership@lornescots.ca. If you have the obituary or funeral information, please pass that along so we can share it too.

Information about other significant life moments such as marriages, birth of children, milestone anniversaries and major awards can also be passed to the Executive, although most people seem to be doing quite well at sharing these to social media by themselves.

Links to other parts of the Regimental Family

The Serving Regiment - <https://www.facebook.com/LorneScots>

The Association - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/146923842093667/>

The Pipes and Drums - https://www.facebook.com/LorneScotsPipesandDrums/posts_to_page/

The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers – www.thefusiliers.org

1st Bn - <https://www.facebook.com/TheFusiliers>

5th Bn - <https://en-gb.facebook.com/FiveFusiliers/>

The Fusilier Association - <http://www.fusiliers-association.co.uk/>

How to contribute to the Newsletter

If you have a story about an upcoming event, want to pass on how an event went or something that may be of interest to the Regimental Family, please send a short write up (100 - 150 words or so) with one or two good quality pictures to the Association Secretary at stewart.sherriff3@gmail.com by the middle of the month.

Please ensure that all people in any submitted pictures have agreed to having their image posted. The Association will assume that such permissions have been acquired before the picture was submitted.

The Association reserves the right to vet all submissions for appropriateness before posting. Items may not be deemed suitable for posting due to inappropriate language or content. Items submitted will be reviewed for factual accuracy and may be edited for length.

Any mistakes which may occur are entirely accidental and no malice or harm is ever intended.