



Regimental Association

The Lorne Scots Regimental Association Newsletter

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Valour Park Dedication ceremony



Picture courtesy of the Town of Orangeville

Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Dowdeswell will officially open Valour Park in Orangeville in a ceremony beginning at 9:00 AM on Friday September 3rd.

Valour Park honours the late Cpl Matthew McCulley, who was killed by an IED in Afghanistan in 2007 and all of Canada’s soldiers - the fallen, serving, retired and those still dealing with injuries suffered in service.

The Park is the creation of Valerie and Shannon McGrady, Matthew’s mother and sister. Cpl McCulley was a member of the Lorne Scots before joining the Regular Force as a Signaller. Retired Master Corporal Jody Mitic, also a former member of the Regiment before joining the Regular Force, will be a speaker at the ceremony. MCpl Mitic suffered the loss of both feet in Afghanistan and is now a leading spokesperson for veterans and the disabled. Attendance at the ceremony is limited due to COVID-19 restrictions but the event will be live streamed on the Town of Orangeville Facebook page beginning at 08:55. <https://facebook.com/orangevilleont>

The Colonel Frank Ching Golf Tournament

Registration to play in the Tournament has now closed but there is still time to become a prize donor or sponsor a hole.

If you have a prize to donate or wish to be a sponsor, contact Kevin Cranley at vicepresident@lornescots.ca for more information.

Primrose hackles at the Blue Jays

ON July 31st, the Blue Jays played their first home game at the Rogers Centre after a 670-day absence due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Four members of the Regiment were among the 250 Canadian



Forces personnel who helped to stretch the Canadian flag across the outfield during the pre-game celebrations.

The video of the opening ceremonies, entitled Home, has been viewed almost 361,000 times since then. A second shorter video has gained over 148,000 views.

Picture courtesy of the Toronto Blue Jays

Congratulations to Sgt Conroy, Cpl Amroz, Cpl Rolo and Cpl Muyano for getting positioned at the top and bottom of the centre of the flag. This enabled them to be seen in multiple shots of the unfurling during the video and in other videos from the event. Well done!



Picture courtesy of the Toronto Blue Jays

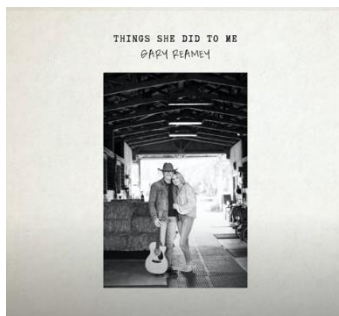
The question for the Public Affairs Cell now, is how to match this kind of reach for future events?

Veterans Affairs Canada Helpline

Veterans Affairs Canada has been providing a free 24/7 support line for veterans and their family members.

If you are looking for someone to talk to about mental health issues relating to your service, the VAC Assistance Service can be contacted at 1-800-268-7708. Other services are available and can be found on the VAC website at www.veterans.gc.ca

Our first solo recording artist



Picture courtesy of SNG Music LLP

Honorary Colonel Gary Reamey has become the first Lorne Scots solo recording artist.

He recently completed a 12-track recording entitled “Things She Did to Me”, dedicated to his wife Joanna.

Col Reamey is the co-founder and Managing Partner at SNG Music LLP in Nashville. Col Reamey co-wrote all the songs on the album. CDs are now available, and a vinyl version will be coming out later.

Lost Friends

With a Presentation of Colours tentatively planned for the spring of 2023 and other activities on the horizon as well, the Association would like to reach out to as many former members of the Regiment and regimental Family as possible to keep them informed about what is happening.

Our mailing list has about 600 e-mail addresses, but we don’t know if they are all still valid. When we send out electronic information, we get an opening rate of about one third.

The Executive would like your help in contacting former members who may not be on our contact list. If you know of a former member who isn’t on the mailing list or on Facebook, it would be appreciated if you could ask them to contact membership@lornescots.ca with their contact information or have them join at either <https://www.facebook.com/groups/lornescotsassociation> or <https://www.facebook.com/LornescotsRA> to stay in touch.

Supporting our Cadet Corps

Our five Cadet Corps (557 Brampton, 676 Georgetown, 1188 Oakville, 1849 Orangeville and 2990 Milton) will be resuming on-line training in September, with the possibility of moving back to in person parading later in the fall. Pre-Covid, the Corps had a combined strength approaching 500 Cadets. There were never enough staff and Support Committee volunteers, and the demand will only have increased

If you have a skill that can help a Corps or just want to help in some way, contact your local Corps and ask about becoming a volunteer with the Support Committee or even about how to get back into uniform as a member of the Cadet Instructors Cadre (CIC)

Financial Support for Future Events

One of the keys to successful events is having the financial support available to do what is needed. Col Hayman is working on building up the Regimental Trust Fund to \$1,000,000 by the end of his term as Hon Colonel. He is forming a Financial Stewardship Committee to oversee fundraising efforts and expenditures across the regimental Family. The Committee will ensure that efforts to raise money don't overlap and aren't counterproductive while ensuring that the money spent is well spent.

Your support as either a direct donor or by providing information that could lead to a donation to the Trust or Association or as a sponsor to a specific event is very much needed and will be appreciated.

For more information about donating to the Trust, contact LCol Jerry Derochie at jerry.derochie@gmail.com and to the Association, Capt Steve Hurst at treasurer@lornescots.ca

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 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.