



Regimental Association

# The Lorne Scots Regimental Association

## Newsletter

### January 2022

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#### Training with the Regiment

November was a very busy month for the Regiment. It began with preparations for Remembrance services throughout the Regimental area. Cenotaph guards were provided in the larger communities. This included meeting newly appointed Minister of National Defence Anita Anand in Bronte. The Regiment then sent members off to CFB Petawawa to work with Charles Company 1RCR on EX ROYAL RUMBLE, a mechanised urban assault. The month ended with IBTS training at Winona range, playing host to the Brigade HQ. You can see more about these events on the Regimental Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/LorneScots>



*Sgt Kiss, Minister Anand, Cpl Macdonald and LCol Smith, a former Lorne Scot. Photo by MCpl Nguyen Ly*

## The Museum

The Museum officially has a new home.



*LCol Adcock Mayor Brown and WO  
Vershuren sign the lease.  
Photo by Cpl Kowlessar*

Brampton Mayor Patrick Brown dropped into the Carnegie Library during the move of the archives to officially sign the lease agreement between the City and the Museum. The lease is for 10 years with the Museum having the option to extend it for a further 10 years. The City will cover the building operating costs like heat and light and structural maintenance while the Museum covers any internal operational costs.

The Archive has been moved, LCol Adcock is organising the Board of Directors and the plan for the new display and layout is being worked on. The aim is a soft opening in late 2022 with the official opening happening as part of the Presentation of Colours in early 2023.

## Fundraising

Now that the museum is into the Carnegie Library and the Presentation of New Colours is moving into its' final steps, there is a huge need for money to support these events.

The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary cost approximately \$150,000 and a professionally designed and built new display for the Museum has been proposed in the area of \$350,000. So roughly \$500,000 as a start.

Honorary Colonel Craig Hayman has offered to take the lead in overseeing the fundraising effort. You can donate to the **Lorne Scots (Peel, Dufferin and Halton Regiment) Trust** by mailing your cheque to the Treasurer, LCol J EJ Derochie, at 1 Claypine Trail, Brampton L6V 3L8 or on-line at Canada Helps. <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/lorne-scots-peel-dufferin-halton-regiment-trust/impact/view/>

The Trust is a registered charity and can issue receipts for tax purposes. Please ensure that when you make your donation, you make it clear what you want the donation to be used for; i.e. Museum, Presentation of Colours, Pipe Band etc.

## The Regimental Christmas Dinner

Loosened pandemic restrictions allowed the Regiment to conduct the dinner in person this year instead of virtually. All the pictures are by Cpl Kowlessar



Pte Shahmohamadi was appointed CO and MCpl Fazio RSM for the dinner. Their remarks touched on the need to create and build support for each other both in and out of uniform. Pte (for the night) Fraser thanked all ranks for their hard work over the year and outlined that next year will be even busier as the Regiment assumes the lead role in the Brigade Territorial Battle Group (TBG) while working up to the Presentation of Colours in 2023.



Cpl's Dhaliwal, Molloy, Otall, Ramphal, MCpl Morrison and Sgt Connaughton all received their new rank badges on promotion.

Commanding Officer's Commendations for outstanding work during the year were presented to Cpl's DaSilva, Kowlessar, MCpl's Wigley, Wilbur, Sgt's Conroy, Schorr-Bigg and Williams.

Other individual recognition and honours presented included the Regimental team of RSM Crawford, MCpl Wilbur, and Cpl's Abo, Butterfield and Coulter for their efforts at the 2 CMBG Iron Warrior Competition in Sept. Iron Warrior consists of a 27.2 km rucksack march, a 2.6 km canoe portage, 8.2 km of canoe paddling and a final 3.6 km rucksack march.



*RSM Crawford, Cpl Abo, Cpl Butterfield, Cpl Coulter, MCpl Wilbur, LCol Fraser.*

MCpl Quiroz was presented with her Operational Service Medal and rotation clasp from her tour in Jordan. Sgt Bean received a Clasp to his CD and Cpl Kowlessar received his CD.

Cpl Wilson received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Province of Ontario for his work during OP LASER. Cpl Waye received a 32 Brigade Commander's Commendation.

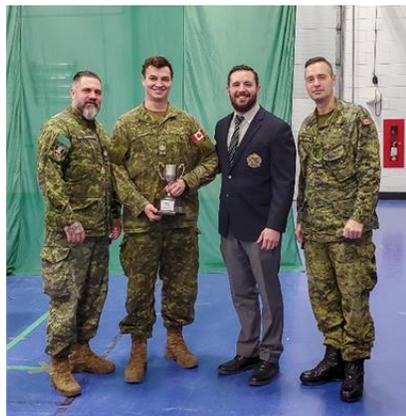
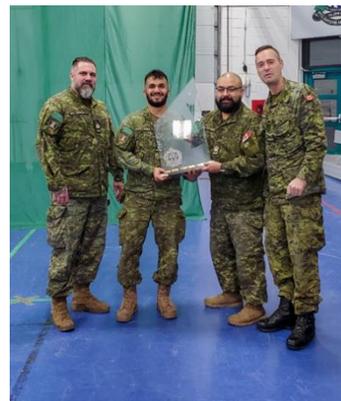


Figure 1 MCpl Wilbur receiving the Presidents Trophy.

MCpl Wilbur received the Association Presidents Trophy for Leadership in Athletics from Association President Bryan Cronk

Cpl Donnelly was named Soldier of the Year. MCpl Nguyen Ly was named Junior NCO of the Year. Sgt Bean was named Senior NCO of the Year and 2 Lt Lewicki was named Officer of the Year.



Lt Jamal and WO Yataco receive the Duke of Kent Award for Peel Coy

Peel Company received the Duke of Kent Award as top Company for 2021.

## The Primrose Hackle 2021 Edition

If you haven't already received your copy of The Primrose Hackle yet, you can download it here at [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1N2aLpc0e\\_wGhk9qi0NziYUtsIYPK3l6N/view?fbclid=IwAR3wT-tfTLL59IIHZBtwcd1PyelopgF1OVUejCRii3VmTQv3NixZWs9XA70](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1N2aLpc0e_wGhk9qi0NziYUtsIYPK3l6N/view?fbclid=IwAR3wT-tfTLL59IIHZBtwcd1PyelopgF1OVUejCRii3VmTQv3NixZWs9XA70)

## Key to the City Presentation

When he dropped into the Carnegie Library to sign the lease agreement, Brampton Mayor Patrick Brown also announced that he would be presenting our own Henry Vershuren with the Key to the City of Brampton later in the month.



The Key to the City is the highest honour that the City of Brampton can award. It was presented at a small dinner held at Brand 15 Royal Canadian Legion on 20 Dec. Calling him the City's "Official Volunteer" Mayor Brown spoke of Hank's willingness to volunteer for tasks when asked, his deep knowledge of the community and the many years of dedication to the Branch, veterans in Brampton and the City as parade commander for the annual remembrance services.

Pictures and comments can be seen on the Association, Br 15 and Regimental Facebook pages.

## **Coming Events**

The upsurge in Covid-19 variant cases has put many coming events back on hold.

The Regimental New Year's Day Levee has been cancelled.

The Pipes and Drums Robbie Burns Night will be a virtual event. Details to be posted in January.

The Association curling Boarspiel is still on hold, pending finding a host location. North Halton Golf and Country is restricting access to member only at present.

The Branch 15 Run for Veterans is still a go. It will be held on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Details will be released closer to the date. There is a team 5km event open to the serving Regiment and Association. It was won last year by a team led by former President Andrew Harris.

## **Some good News**

From the Fusilier world, there is some good news. The Fusilier Museum in Bury, which many readers will have visited, has re-opened following a long shut down due to the pandemic. Bury was one of the hardest hit areas of the UK by Covid and the Museum has been closed for over a year.

The Museum re-opened on 26 June, Armed Forces Day in the UK, and has been busy making up for lost revenue. They hosted an extremely successful exhibit "Napoleon in Exile" from Sept to Dec, which told the story of Napoleon's exile to St Helena with the 20<sup>th</sup> Foot (The Lancashire Fusiliers) as part of the guard force. The Regimental Surgeon of the 20<sup>th</sup> Dr. Arnott was the only British doctor Napoleon would allow to treat him. The exhibit included a coat worn by Napoleon at the Battle of Marengo and other artifacts loaned by the French National Army Museum.

You can see more about the exhibit and Museum on their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/FusilierMuseum>

## **From the Cadet Corps**

The pandemic has been extremely difficult for the Cadet Corps. Struggling to find space to conduct training under the restrictions on gathering size and social distancing, trying to make on - line training interesting, trying to keep Cadets involved have all been part of the struggle. It looked like things were getting better. Corps were being allowed to resume in person training with access to Armoury space and then the upsurge started and the shut down resumed. 676, 1188 and 2990 have been restricted to virtual training only. 557 is conducting limited training at Br 15 of the Legion because they can't get back into the Armoury. 1849 has been struggling to find a new training space because they can't get into the High School they normally parade in.

They have all been doing a fantastic job of staying connected with their Corp staff, Support Committees and Cadets. In the links section below, you can find social media links to the Corps to see what they have been doing despite the pandemic.

## **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/](https://www.facebook.com/LorneScotsPipesandDrums/posts_to_page/)

557 Cadet Corps (Brampton) - <https://www.557support.ca/home>

676 Cadet Corps (Georgetown) - <https://www.georgetownarmycadets.ca/>

1188 Cadet Corps (Oakville) - <https://www.oakvillearmycadets.ca/>

1849 Cadet Corps (Orangeville) - <https://www.facebook.com/orangevillearmycadets/>

2990 Cadet Corps (Milton) - <https://miltonarmycadets.ca/>

The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers - [www.thefusiliers.org](http://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](mailto: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.