



Regimental Association

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The CO’s visit with the Colonel-in-Chief

LCol Fraser was able to have a visit with the His Royal Highness on 05 December via video call.

The Christmas Dinner

How do you have a Regimental Christmas Dinner when you can’t bring the troops in and you don’t have a dinner to serve?

You go virtual.

Thanks to the efforts of a dedicated group led by Cpl Darren Kowlessar, the Christmas Dinner was livestreamed this year.

Despite missing the usual frivolities like buns being tossed and comments from the floor during the presentations and speeches, the dinner hit all the high points.

The Pipe Major continued his tradition of being the go-to member of the Band, providing the music for the evening on the electronic bagpipe, accompanied by the Drum Major on side drum.

Pte Kassar was promoted to CO for the dinner, supported by MCpl Grgas, with LCol Fraser and CWO Colbeck being reduced to supporting roles during the dinner. The new CO and RSM made short remarks commending the troops for their hard work over the past year and extending their best wishes for a safe and happy New Year.

Promotions were a feature of the night beginning with Private Crossland being promoted to Corporal. The Pipe Major finally received his long-awaited step up to Master Corporal and Master Corporals Cameron, Conroy and Vanderburgt were promoted to Sergeant.

Congratulations to all on your promotions.

Captain Cook, Master Corporal George, Corporal A. Wilson and Private McDonald received letters of appreciation from the Government of Ontario for their service in Ops LASER. Cpl Wilson also received a Territorial Battle Group Commanders' Coin for his efforts.

Commanding Officers Commendations were awarded to;

Private Fazio for her work on OPS LASER, GLOBE and with the Regimental Recruiting team

Private McCowan for her work in maintaining connection with the community in Oakville and 1188 Cadet Corps.

Master Corporal Nguyen Ly for his work as a FORCE fitness evaluator and for his work on both Ops LASER and GLOBE.

Master Corporal Rei (Armoured Crewman) for his work in the Regimental Finance section as the Claims Clerk and acting Finance NCO.

Master Corporal Trevius for his work as a Training Cadre instructor, co-ordinator of the Regimental social media platforms and editor of the Regimental Newsletter

Sergeant Lemire for his work as a Section Commander on training with 1 RCR and as a Platoon 2IC during OP LASER.

Warrant Officer Schorr-Bigg for his work covering both the RQMS and Ops WO positions.

WO Schorr-Bigg also received the Association Presidents Award for leadership in sports and fitness.

The Soldiers of the Year Awards were presented to;

Officer - Lieutenant Maahs for his work as the Regimental Recruiting and Outreach Officer and his work on OP LASER as a Platoon Commander and Company 2IC.

Senior NCO - Sergeant Davis for his work on OP LASER, as an instructor during unit training and as an instructor with summer training. Sgt Davis received a 32 CBG Commanders coin for his with the summer training battalion.

Junior NCO - Master Corporal Wilbur for his work as a planner and instructor on unit training, Brigade Battle School courses and as a mentor to soldiers and peers. This is a repeat of last year when MCpl Wilbur was also selected as the Junior NCO of the Year.

Soldier - Corporal D'errico for his work as a Section 2IC at the unit and as an instructor at 4 Division Training Centre (Meaford) on completion of his Primary Leadership Qualification course.

The Duke of Kent's Award was won by Halton Company.

Remarks from the Honorary Colonel, the RSM and the Commanding Officer followed the awards.

Col Adcock spoke of the hard work of all ranks which has brought the Regiment recognition in the Brigade and the Army, CWO Colbeck of the leadership shown by all ranks in setting an example for the rest of 32 CBG to try and match and LCol Fraser of the sense of family he has found in the Regiment and the warmth which he has been received since taking command in October. All conveyed their wished for a happy Holiday season and New Year.

The night ended with a display of Holiday greetings and best wishes from former members of the Regiment serving with other units and arms of the Canadian Forces across Canada.

A job well done by all who had a part in putting the evening together!

N.B. Pictures were taken during the presentations but were not available for inclusion in this edition. They may be in the next edition of the Primrose Hackle.

OP LASER was the CF support to nursing homes/ seniors' residences and OP GLOBE was the CF support to returning Canadians from abroad and isolating at CFB Trenton and other locations earlier in the pandemic.

Change of Honorary Colonel



Courtesy of Col Adcock

Honorary Colonel Bill Adcock has confirmed that he will be stepping down from the position of Honorary Colonel and will be succeeded by Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Craig Hayman. While an exact date for the handover hasn't been announced, it will happen sometime in January.

Watch the various social media sites for updates.



Courtesy of LCol Hayman

2021 Events

While the pandemic response is making it hard to predict what events will be able to happen, here are the approximate times or dates for the usual events in 2021;

The New Years Levee and At Home	This has been cancelled for this year.
Pipes and Drums Robbie Burns Night	This will be a virtual event at the end of January.
The Boarspiel Curling Day	To be confirmed for mid March
The Fusiliers Birthday	St George's Day, 23 April

The Association Annual General Meeting	To be confirmed for the end of April
The Dunn Softball Tournament	To be confirmed for early June
The Ching Golf Tournament	To be confirmed for Labour Day, 06 September
The Regimental Birthday	14 September
The Colonel-in-Chiefs' Birthday	09 October (He is 86 this year)

Other events must be considered as cancelled until further notice. Please check the Regimental, Pipe Band and Association social media sites closer to the event for updates.

The Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is held as close as possible to the end of April each year. It was postponed in 2020. It is an opportunity for all the membership of the Association to receive an update on the activities of the Association and ask questions of the Executive. A budget for the coming year is present and must be approved by the membership. Anyone who is serving with the Regiment, has served or is a member of or former member of any of the Cadet Corps or is or has served with the Allied Regiment is a member of the Association and eligible to vote at the AGM.

Every second year an election is held for the Association Executive. 2021 will be an election year.

The positions that are up for election are President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership, Social, Cadet Liaison, and Museum. The Association is also looking for someone to work as our Media person.

If you wish to nominate someone or volunteer for one of these positions, please contact the Association Secretary at stewart.sherriff3@gmail.com before the announced date of the AGM.

Commanding Officer's Direction and Guidance

LCol Fraser has issued a statement of direction and guidance to the Regiment, which gives the lines of operation (LOO) that he feels are necessary to keep the Regiment performing at its' current high level.

Three of the LOO's are applicable to the Association and Regimental Family;

LOO 3 - Nurture the Family Institution,

LOO 4 - Connect with Canadians, and

LOO 5 - Celebrate our Heritage

Nurturing the family institution is about celebrating the important days in our collective history and bringing all elements of the Regimental Family together.

Connecting with Canadians is about keeping the communities of the Regimental area aware of the Regiment through outreach, participation in community events and education, especially with the Cadet Corps.

Celebrating our Heritage is about educating the new members of the Regiment about the history and traditions of the Regiment along with the greater community of the Regimental area.

Members of the Association can help with these LOO by trying to attend events whenever possible, speaking with the serving soldiers, working with the Cadet Corps and acting as links between the Regiment and the community to find opportunities for speakers and participation in community events, all of which will promote awareness of the Regiment.

From the Legion

News has come in that the Regiment is well on its way to taking over control of Branch 15 in Brampton. All three Vice Presidents and the Parade Commander are now former Lorne Scots. LCol Jerry Derochie is the 1st Vice, Sgt Chris Banks the 2nd Vice and 2Lt Rob Walsh is the 3rd Vice.



LCol Derochie



Sgt Banks



2Lt Walsh



WO Vershuren

WO Henk Vershuren is the Parade Commander.

Pictures courtesy of Br 15

If you want to have the Newsletter sent directly to you, please contact Kevin Cranley at membership@lornescots.ca

From President Andrew Harris and the Executive, our best wishes to you for a Happy New Year. We look forward to the days ahead when we can all get together again.

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.