

THE FALCON PARADE STATE



Keeping 48th Highlanders Informed!



A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER

In this Falcon Parade State message, I want to provide you with a snapshot of current and upcoming Regimental activities.

This past summer was busy, with our soldiers concentrating on completing individual training courses and participating in collective training with both the Regular and Reserve Force. I am happy to say that all Highlanders, sent on their junior leadership training, were successful in completing

their courses and we now have six new Master Corporals. In addition, our soldiers gained invaluable collective training experience from the section to brigade level, as participants in 2Canadian Mobile Brigade Group's Exercise MAPLE RESOLVE 2017 at Wainwright Alberta and the 32Canadian Brigade Group's 48th Highlander led Exercise STALWART WARRIOR 2017 at Canadian Training Centre Meaford Ontario.

The Unit began the new training year on September 9, 2017, with a focus on defensive operations and maintenance of baseline IBTS and section live fire qualifications. As an Active Reserve Infantry Battalion, our priorities for this fall will include the completion of baseline training to ensure that our soldiers are deployable, continuing the Unit's expansion as part of strengthening the Army Reserve and conducting key Regimental events as part of our footprint in the community.

Our expansion plan continues to move forward and we expect to receive more than fifty new recruits this year and generate up to ten new MCpls next summer.

Key Regimental events this fall include our Remembrance Day Parade, a Change of RSM Parade, a Change of Honorary Colonel / Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Parade and participating in the St. Andrew's Ball.

With these key events in mind, I would like to take the opportunity to thank both our Honorary Colonel Elms and RSM Murphy for their dedication and service to the Regiment.

HCol Elms is a true highlander. He started his military career as a piper in the Regiment and never forgot his regimental roots during his long and distinguished career in the Regular Force. It has been a pleasure and honour having him serve as both our HLCol and HCol. HCol Elms' knowledge, advice and support has been invaluable to the Regiment.

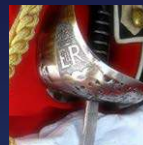
CWO Murphy has played a significant role in our Regiment. The RSM came to us having previously served as RSM of the Lorne Scots and 32CBG Battle School. He was quick to embrace the Regiment and the Regiment was quick to embrace him. RSM Murphy is a doer by nature. He has enabled the success of many of our Regimental projects and has set the Regiment on an NCO development path which will benefit us for many years to come. It has been a pleasure and honour to work with him.

Both the change of HCol and change of RSM are significant events in the life of a unit. I would encourage all members of the Regimental Family to attend these events and thank the HCol and RSM for their service to Canada and the 48th Highlanders.

DILEAS

*H.S. PEDWELL
LIEUTENANT COLONEL
COMMANDING OFFICER
48TH HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA*

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FROM THE EDITORIAL DESK:

Welcome to our second Falcon Parade State of 2017. We hope that it provides you with an informative review of Regimental activities and helpful information updates. Watch for our third Falcon Yearbook. Coming in January, 2018.

**DUE DATE FOR ALL SUBMISSIONS:
WEDNESDAY, 10 JANUARY 2018**

THE ACTIVE UNIT

STAND-TO PROMOTIONS SEPT 9



Highlanders receiving balmorals after completing
DP1 Infantry Trade Course



MCPL promotions to CPLs Sherry, Gillespie and Boyden



SGT promotion to MCPL Ater



MCPL promotion to CPL Boyden

THE ACTIVE UNIT

48TH HONOURS AND AWARDS PRESENTED JUNE 2017 SUMMER STAND DOWN



Capt D.R. Eaton Award - Cpl, MCpl - to MCpl Bradbury



Capt D.R. Eaton Award - Subaltern - Lt Blake



Capt D.R. Eaton Award -Pte, Cpl - Cpl Soto



Sgt Kincaid - CO's Coin and Carpenter Award recognizing dedicated work as the Unit RQ



WO Ross - CO Commendation - for work on the 125th Anniversary

1 JAN 2017 ALUMNI GAME



Sgt Avdagic, WO Hanson, and Sgt Kincaid with Maple Leafs anthem singer Martina Ortiz Luiz

TORONTO FOOTBALL CLUB



Cpl Robertson



48th Flag Party

TORONTO RAPTORS



THE ACTIVE UNIT

48TH HIGHLANDERS PIPES & DRUMS

by Drum Major (MWO) Chris Reesor, CD

The 48th Pipes and Drums have continued to have a busy Summer as always.

We will share more about the goings-on of the Pipes and Drums, and our members, in the annual Falcon Yearbook of 2017.

For now, we'd like to make you aware of our busy Fall schedule for the Pipes and Drums.

We participated in the Invictus Games 2017 opening and closing ceremonies including a world television premier of a new combined piece of music written by Pipe Major Al Clark of the Ceremonial Guard and arranged by Sgt Marcel Sekine of the QOR.

The Saturday following the closing ceremonies (Sept 30th) was our annual sortie on ice with the Toronto Maple Leafs for their home opener game at the ACC.

Sunday the 22nd of October, we will be performing in a joint concert with the Royal Regiment of Canada at the Glenn Gould Theatre at the CBC building downtown. And then we will be on parade for the change of RSM later in the month on October 27th.

In November, we will be busy with solo piping requests for Remembrance Day events including our own parade on Saturday, November 11th as well as the City of Toronto and other events that day.

The weekend following on November 18th we will be once again providing entertainment and dancing music for the St. Andrews' Ball at the Royal York Hotel. A long night for all, but one we look forward to each year.

In addition to all of these, we will still be hosting the

monthly Piping Society Toronto Chapter knockout competitions and complete all of our mandatory annual qualifications with the Military.



D/M (MWO) Reesor Leads the Way



P&D March Past and Salute at Warriors Day



Canada Day Celebrations at Rogers Centre



P&D Participation at Fortissimo, Ottawa

THE ACTIVE UNIT

JAYS VS RED SOX



Canada Day 150 on July 1st



Sgt Chin, Sgt Leandro, WO Hanson



48th Flag Party March Past



48th Pipes & Drums By The Pitcher's Mound



KING STREET KICKS

Just wanted to report back to you on the King Street Kicks tournament in case you had not heard yet.

WE WON!!!!!!

More importantly, the team represented very well. I received numerous compliments on our teams professionalism, athleticism and sportsmanship. We went undefeated through the tournament and played a total of 7 games on a very hot day.

I would like to also pass on to you and the CO the teams gratitude for supporting this event and for giving the team a chance to represent the Regiment.

The active members that participated were the following:

WO Drake • Sgt Kinkaid • Cpl Miaco • Cpl Koziol
Cpl Tharmarajah • Pte Smith • Sgt Leandro

REGIMENTAL EVENTS

WWII ITALIAN CAMPAIGN MEMORIAL SERVICE - JULY 9



Herb Pike and Ron Denham



Jock Lowndes and Herb Pike



OCA Guard and Senator Con Di Nino (far right) at the Toronto City Hall Italian Campaign monument

PACHINO DAY, JULY 10TH IN BELLEVILLE



OCA Guard at Belleville Armouries



Colour Party - Hasty Ps, RCR and 48th

REGIMENTAL EVENTS

48TH WARRIORS DAY - AUGUST 19 - CNE



OCA Colour Party and Guard



Cpl Hodgson



Pipes & Drums March Past and Salute



OCA Guard and Cadets

REGIMENTAL EVENTS

OCA LIFE MEMBERS LUNCH - JUNE 6



48th OCA Life Members in the Sgts Mess



Herb Pike and Geordie Beal



Ken Well, Bruce Hall and HCol Geordie Elms



Al Kowalenko, Dan Oliver, Tom White and Herb Pike

REGIMENTAL EVENTS

IN MEMORIAM



MAJOR BOB NUTTALL CD

FEB 27, 1924-AUG 21, 2017



RSM (CWO) DOUG CHAPPELL CD

JULY 18, 1931-SEPT 11, 2017

Full profile articles of Major Bob Nuttall and RSM (CWO) Doug Chappell will appear in The Falcon Yearbook 2017.

48TH VETERANS SERVICES UPDATE

LEGION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Royal Canadian Legion provides financial assistance to serving and former Canadian Armed Forces members and their families who are in financial distress. Grants (through the Poppy Trust Fund) are available for food, heating, clothing, prescription medication, medical appliances and equipment, essential home repairs and emergency shelter or assistance. For more information, contact the Legion Service Bureau toll free at 1-877-534-4666.

CF1 CARD - CF APPRECIATION PROGRAM

The CF1 Card is available to all Canadian Forces members, as well as veterans. It provides a variety of discounts to Canadian military personnel and their families. There is no charge for the card and further sign up information can be obtained on the CF1 website www.CFappreciation.ca or call 1-855-245-0330. Some of the groups providing discounts to CF1 card holders include: VIA Rail, PetroCanada, The Source, Harvey's, Running Room, Porter Airlines, Cineplex, The Brick, Hakim Optical, Pet Valu, National Car Rental, Ramada Inn, Travelodge, H&R Block, Howard Johnson, Loblaw's Optical, Hockey Hall of Fame, Royal Ontario Museum + many more listed on the CF1 website.

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

Veterans Affairs Canada has a free 24-hour VAC Assistance Service for CF Veterans who require access to a mental health professional. The toll free number is 1-800-268-7708.

OPERATIONAL STRESS INJURY SUPPORT

Dealing with "operational stress injuries" (formerly PTSD) after service in the Canadian Forces can be a difficult experience for veterans. A support program is available called "Operational Stress Injury Social Support" (OSISS) and can be accessed free of charge through their website www.ossis.ca or call 1-800-883-6094. Counselors are former CF veterans and all contact and follow-up is done in confidence.

DEFINITION OF A VETERAN

VAC considers any former member of the Canadian Armed Forces who releases with an honorable discharge and who successfully underwent basic training to be a Veteran." (VAC website 2017). Visit the VAC website at <http://www.veterans.gc.ca/> for more details on benefits and services. *If you require further information on the above, please contact: Sgt Al Kowalenko (Retd), 48th OCA Veterans Services Representative, at email ursa77@rogers.com or 416-219-4967.*

48TH CSA UPDATE

NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Effective October 1st, the new Executive Committee of the 48th Highlanders Continuing Sergeants Association (all CF retired) will be as follows:

- Chairman: Sgt Al Kowalenko
- Vice Chairman: MWO Mark McVety CD
- Treasurer: WO Ron Denham CD
- Secretary/Newsletter: Sgt Guy Bowie CD
- Membership Lists: WO Dianne Love CD
- Members: WO Alex MacKinnon, Sgt Gord Holmes
- Past Chairman: MWO Larry Fullerton CD



CHANGE OF RSM PARADE - OCTOBER 27TH

The Change of RSM Parade will take place on Friday, October 27th, 2030 hrs, at Moss Park Armoury. MWO Brian Kwok will become the new RSM replacing outgoing RSM (CWO) Derek Murphy. All retired WOs/Sgts are encouraged to attend.

WO/SGTS MESS DINNER - OCTOBER 28TH

The annual 48th WO/Sgts Mess Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 28th, in the Officers Mess, MPA, at 1900 hrs. Reception in the WO/Sgts Mess from 1830. (More information is included in a special advertisement in this edition of the Parade State).

CSA MEMBERSHIP

CSA membership is open to all retired 48th Highlanders WOs and Sgts from any era. For more information please contact WO Ron Denham at 416-444-3080, warrant.offr@gmail.com. New members are welcome!

UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



The
**St. Andrew's
Charity Ball™**
TORONTO
Saturday
November 18th,

You Are Cordially Invited to Attend the

2107 St Andrew's Charity Ball

Co-Hosted by the St Andrew's Society and the 48th Highlanders of Canada



DATE: Saturday, 18 November, 2017
RECEPTION: 1800hrs
LOCATION: Royal York Hotel
TARIFF: \$150.00
ATTIRE: Highland Dress, Black Tie, Mess Kit, Evening Dress

Contact the DCO for further information and ticket purchasing:

- Cell: 905-965-4609
- Email: ron.alkema@rjburnside.com



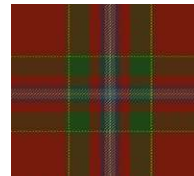
48th Highlanders of Canada Old Comrades Association Remembrance Dinner



Davidson

Saturday
November 11th, 2017

YORK BANQUET HALL
1100 Millwood Road
Toronto, Ontario M4H 1A3



Stewart of Fingask



Mount Pleasant Cemetery



Toronto's Old City Hall



Queens Park, Toronto

Reception: 17 30 Hours
5:30 P.M.



Dinner: 18 30 Hours
6:30 P.M.

Dress: Mess Kit, Tuxedo, Highland Dress (Miniatures)
Blue Patrol, Blues and Greys, Business Suit (Full Medals)

Ticket Price: \$65.00 per person Refunds up to: October 31, 2017

WORLD WAR II and KOREAN ERA VETERAN'S - NO CHARGE

TICKET SALES END: OCTOBER 31st, 2017

Limited Seating Available

NO TICKET SALES OR RESERVATION PAYMENTS AT THE DOOR

TICKETS AVAILABLE		
From the Warrant Officers / Sergeant's Mess	- or - The Pipes and Drums Band Room	- or - The OCA Executive below
Contact: <u>Executive Member</u>	<u>E-mail</u>	<u>Residence</u>
President: Mark McVety CD	markm131953@yahoo.ca	rev.dr.ken.bice@gmail.com
Treasurer: Ken Bice CD		(905) 852-0344
		<u>Mobile</u>
		(416) 294-4543
		(647) 227-6232

Join us for an elegant evening on Saturday November the 19th at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel, where formally attired guests will be piped into the Canadian Room following a reception that begins at 6:00 pm.

Dinner music will be provided by the 48th Highlanders, while Robert Burns Address to A Haggis will set the stage for a fine gourmet dinner (haggis included)

The Ball commences with the traditional Grand March into the Canadian Room where the Pipes and Drums of the 48th Highlanders will play stirring jigs and reels for Ceilidh dancing.

As a fitting climax to a splendid evening, the Ball will end with the traditional Beating Retreat by the Pipes and Drums of the 48th Highlanders.

To purchase tickets, please contact :

MAJ RON ALKEMA
DCO, 48 HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA
RON.ALKEMA@RJBURNSIDE.COM
(905)-965-4609

We look forward to welcoming you to the Ball this year!

UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

48TH OCA UPDATE

By: MWO Mark McVety, CD (Retd), OCA President

We are coming to the end of another busy year and unfortunately we have lost several of our beloved Old Comrades Association members.

The latest loss was the keeper of the Regimental Family comms through his email list. RSM Doug Chappell (Retd) passed away on September 11th due to a heart attack and he will be missed by all. The Falcon Yearbook 2017, to be published in March 2018 will feature biographies of all our recent members who have gone to Upper Camp.

During the last several months, the 48th OCA has participated in a number of key events. In April and May there were members of the OCA Drill Team in France and the Netherlands proudly representing the Regiment at several special events. The Drill Team did its usual outstanding performance at these events, and later at Orillia and Warriors' Day.

We had a very good trip to Belleville on July 10th for the Pachino Day celebrations. We hired an Executive Coach to take 11 members to the Belleville Armoury where we met up with the rest of the contingent, giving us a group of 19 to represent the Regiment. It was a good parade with The RCR and Hasty & Prince Edward Regiment, and the spaghetti lunch was delightful.

August 19th brought us to Warriors' Day at the CNE in Toronto. As per most of the last several years our contingent was placed far in the back of the parade. Going forward, we believe that the Warriors Day Committee should put the units of the City of Toronto both active and former soldiers, in the first group followed by the Legions' groups and then all others. After all, it is the Warriors that they are supposed to be honouring!

October will have us supporting the IODE at their "First World War Trench Lunch" honouring Passchendaele. The luncheon is in the Sergeants' Mess on Saturday October 21st.



Friday October 27th is the Change of RSM where CWO Derek Murphy will be leaving the Regiment and MWO Brian Kwok will take over. We wish RSM Murphy the best in all his future endeavours.

Remembrance Day is the second Saturday of November on the 11th. We will parade to the Regimental Monument at Queen's Park for 11 am. As well, we will be holding our OCA Remembrance Dinner that evening at the York Banquet and Events Centre on Millwood Road starting at 1700. Due to scheduling conflicts we will not be holding our annual service at Mount Pleasant Cemetery in the morning.

This December we will have the Life-members Luncheon in the Sergeants' Mess on Tuesday December 5th starting at 1130 hours. There will be no charge for the luncheon but donations are accepted.

I hope to see you at many of these events.

DILEAS, MARK McVETY, CD, OCA PRESIDENT



**48TH HIGHLANDERS CHAPTER
IODE
PRESENTS
"AN AUTHENTIC
WW1 STYLE "TRENCH LUNCH"**

TRENCH STEW - DOOR AND DRAW PRIZES - WW1 TRENCH DISPLAY


**SATURDAY 21 OCTOBER 2017
1 - 3:00 PM
48TH WO's & SGTS MESS**

**GET YOUR TICKET NOW!
\$20.00 EACH**


Tickets can be reserved by contacting
Karen Barker at:
karenbarker4@rogers.com

Cheques can be mailed to:
Karen Barker
128 Queensdale Avenue
Toronto, M4J 1Y4

...or from the P&D Mess on
Parade Nights



**Guest Speaker - BGen GA Young, Chair
Regimental Memorials
and 15th BN CEF Project**



**48TH CHAPTER IODE FUNDS RAISED ARE USED TO SUPPORT THE
48TH HIGHLANDERS CADET CORPS AND
REGIMENTAL ACTIVITIES**

**RESERVE YOUR TICKET BY 14 OCTOBER 2017
A LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE**

The Warrant Officers and Sergeants'
Of The
48th Highlanders of Canada

Cordially invite you to our 126th Annual Mess Dinner
To be held at
Moss Park Armouries

Saturday 28 October 2017

Cocktails at 1830hrs.
Dinner at 2000hrs.

Dress: Mess Kit
Blue Patrol #2
DEU #3, or
Suit with Regimental Tie.

Tariff: \$85.00 per person
Parking: Available at Moss Park Armoury
RSVP: No later than 20 October 2017

For more info contact WO Peter Ross
Phone: 647-295-9300
Email: peter.ross1@rogers.com

**PLEASE NOTE THIS MESS DINNER IS FOR WARRANT
OFFICERS AND SERGEANTS OF THE REGIMENT ONLY.**

REMEMBRANCE DAY SCHEDULE

Saturday, 11 Nov 2017, will be the National Day of Remembrance in Canada.

On this day, in keeping with Regimental traditions, the 48th Highlanders of Canada Regimental Family will mark the occasion by parading to the Regimental Monument at Queen's Park with elements of the St. Andrew's Cadet Corps.

The event will honor all past members of the 48th Highlanders while maintaining a tangible link between current serving members and the Canadian people.

The 48th OCA will provide a bus from Moss Park Armoury to Queen's Park. The bus will be leaving at 0930 hrs and will

be returning to MPA at the conclusion of the Remembrance service.

Approximate timings at Queen's Park (subject to change) are as follows:

- **1000 hrs** - OCA Contingent will move off first, pipes playing.
- **1010 hrs** - The Active Regiment will subsequently move off.
- **1030 hrs** - Service begins at Regimental Monument
- **1100 hrs** - Lament

48TH KEY REGIMENTAL EVENTS OCTOBER 2017 - APRIL 2018

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Fri 27 Oct 17	Change of RSM Parade	MPA Parade Square
Sat 28 Oct 17	48th WO/Sgts Mess Dinner	Officers Mess MPA
Sat 11 Nov 17	Remembrance Day Parade	1030 hrs Queen's Park
Sat 11 Nov 17	OCA Remembrance Dinner	1730 hrs York Banquet Hall
Sat 18 Nov 17	St. Andrew's Ball	Royal York Hotel
Fri 08 Dec 17	Regimental Christmas Dinner	MPA Parade Square
Sun 10 Dec 17	Regimental Kids Christmas Party	WO/Sgts Mess
Mon 25 Dec 17	Christmas Day	
Mon 01 Jan 18	New Year's Day Levee	Officers/WO & Sgts Messes
Thur 18 Jan 18	Officers' Burns Dinner	Officers Mess
Sun 01 Apr 18	Easter Sunday	4CDTC Meaford
Fri 20 Apr 18	Mackenzie Shoot (Offrs/WO/Sgts)	MPA Ranges
Sat 21 Apr 18	Officers Association Dinner	Officers Mess
Sun 22 Apr 18	Regimental Church Parade	St Andrew's Church

48th HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA - ANNUAL KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

**** Sunday, December 10, 2017 ****

(Timings: TBA)

**48th WO & Sergeants Mess
Moss Park Armoury, Toronto**

For family members of all active unit personnel.

PRIZES, GAMES, TREATS AND A VISIT FROM SANTA