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A COMMANDING OFFICER'S FAREWELL MESSAGE

Highlanders, this will be my final message to you as the Commanding Officer of the Regiment. In saying that, I am happy to report that the past 3 ½ years has seen significant and extremely positive changes for the Regiment. Not surprisingly, for those busily working on the Armoury floor, the successes and changes that have transpired seem to pass

us by quickly as we move on to new priorities. When you look back however, you can see that the Regiment has done extremely well and raised the "bar" significantly. Some key highlights:

OPERATIONALLY:

- Addition of a second mission task element and expansion of the Regiment's authorized strength to 300+ soldiers.
- The deployment of Highlanders throughout the period on missions in the Middle East and Eastern Europe.
- The deployment of Highlanders on four separate Domestic Operations including support to Syrian refugees, Northern Sovereignty Operations, flood relief activities and the establishment of a cold weather shelter for the homeless at Moss Park Armouries.
- Maintaining a deployment ready culture within the Regiment which saw 10-20% of our Highlanders readily volunteer to assist Canadians at home on each of our Domestic Operation call outs.

TRAINING:

- Switching our training focus back from the Afghanistan oriented training of the past decade to conducting peer on peer warfare.
- Maintaining overseas ties with 4/7Scots and the 48IBCT and deploying Highlanders on training exercises in the United States, United Kingdom and New Zealand.
- Leading the 32 Canadian Brigade Group Territorial Battle Group from April 2017 to March 2018, including the completion of two validation exercises, leading summer concentration and a leasing a live fire defensive training exercise in Ft Drum, New York.
- Leading the 32 Canadian Brigade Group Canadian Patrol Competition Team in 2018.
- Implementation of a unique year-long Junior NCO development program (Pre-JLC) to ensure the success of Regimental candidates on their junior leadership courses.

REGIMENTALLY:

- Reinvigorating the Regiment's relationship with some of our key institutions, including St. Andrew's Church, the St. Andrew's Society of Toronto and St. Andrew's College.
- Successfully concluding the Regiment's 125th Anniversary Year celebrations.

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COs Message

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ACTIVE BATTALION

- Addition of the "Afghanistan" Battle
 Honour to our Regimental Colours and the
 Queen's Park Cenotaph.
- Building on current Regimental events to further our presence in the community and develop our reputation with Torontonian's as Toronto's Highland Infantry Regiment.
- Maintaining and building key community footprint relationships with the Toronto Maple Leafs and the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.

As you can see from the above highlights, the past 3 ½ years have been busy and the successes that we have experienced are directly attributable to the strength and hard work of the Regiment as a whole (the Associations, Senate, Honoraries, Bands, Officers, Senior NCO's and Highlanders). As Commanding Officer, I have never ceased to be amazed by the willingness of all members of the Regiment to step forward and volunteer for projects or to commit the time and energy to see assigned tasks completed to the highest standard.

While I cannot thank everyone involved for their contributions to the Regiment and their personal assistance to me as CO, there are a few individuals to whom I would like to give special mention. Throughout my tenure, I was greatly assisted by HCol Scott and former HCol Elms. Both individuals have been of great assistance to the Regiment and to me personally through the projects they have coordinated and the guidance and advice they have offered. In addition, a CO cannot function without an effective Command Team partner. Both RSM Kwok and former RSM Murphy were consistently by my side and aided me with

sound advice throughout. Mention must also be made of the key FTUC and Regular Force staff who keeps the unit running on a day-today basis. Capt Gawel, Capt Delaney, Sgt Launder, Sgt Liddel, Sgt Lee and Sgt Kinkaid all stand out in this regard.

And finally, I would like to thank the Active Battalion itself, the Officers, Senior NCO's and Highlanders of the Regiment. As I depart, the Officer Corps is stronger in number and quality than it has been for many years. The Senior NCO's Corps is growing and remains the dedicated "backbone" of the Regiment. The number of Junior NCO's and Highlanders continues to increase and remain dedicated to the defence of Canada and the maintenance of our Regimental values. As well, both the Volunteer Military Band and the Pipes and Drums Band continue to represent the Regiment in an outstanding manner, as our key "footprint in the community" organizations.

In closing, I would like say that the 48th Highlanders of Canada is one of the premier Army Reserve Units in our Country. It has been both an honour and a privilege to serve as Commanding Officer and to have the opportunity and responsibility to lead the Regiment. I hope to have the opportunity to thank many of you personally in the coming weeks for your support, your dedication and your service.

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

IN MEMORIAM MAJOR (RETD) JOHN ANDREW BROWN CD

Died peacefully on September 13, 2018 at age 87. Loving father of David (Maxine) and Katherine (Greg), grandfather to Callum, Sarah, Gemma and Livia, brother of Doug and Liz.

Major Brown was a proud member of the Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) in Scotland and the 48th Highlanders of Canada in Toronto from 1949 to 1988 and was later Aide-de-Camp to two Lieutenants Governor of Ontario.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, October 25th at 2 p.m. at St. Andrew's Church, 130 Clergy Street East, KINGSTON, ON K7K 3S3.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation or the 48th Highlanders Trusts

> 48TH HIGHLANDERS TRUSTS, is located at address: 364 Ontario St. Toronto, ON, M5A 2V7 48trusts@48highlanders.com

NOTE: EXPANDED OBITUARIES ON BOTH OF THESE RECENTLY DECEASED HIGHLANDERS WILL BE FEATURED IN THE FALCON YEARBOOK 2018

IN MEMORIAM SGT ALFRED DELANEY (RETD)

04 December 1925 - 28 September 2018

 \mathbf{S} gt Alfred "Alf" Delaney (Retd) passed away on September 28th at the age of 92.

During WWII, he was a member of the 48th Highlanders Cadet Corps and then served with the 48th Highlanders of Canada from the late 1940s to the mid-1950s reaching the rank of Sergeant and CQMS.

After his military service, Sgt Delaney served for 19 years with the Metro Toronto Police Force.

Subsequent to his police work, he was a sales representative for diverse areas such as antiques, ship supplies and sporting goods.

Sgt Delaney, who was married twice, leaves one son, Michael, two grandsons, and one great-grandson. During his time with the Regiment, he was a close friend and best man for Sgt Max McDougall (who passed away in 2016), the father of WO Dianne Love, CD (Retd) who served in the Regiment in the 1970s/80s.

The family will arrange a graveside service in October for Sgt Delaney in Belleville, ON, with date TBA.

An expanded article on Sgt Delaney will be published in The Falcon Yearbook 2018.

15TH BATTALION MEMORIAL PROJECT



DEDICATING A NEW MONUMENT TO THE FALLEN OF THE 15TH BATTALION, AT THE BATTLE OF VIMY RIDGE

A reflection by Capt Vic Goldman, CD (Retd)

On Saturday, Sept 22, 2018, we held an impressive ceremony dedicating our beautiful stone cross that is an exact reproduction of the wooden cross raised over the unit's dead following the battle of Vimy Ridge (9–12 April 1917).

Marching through the town behind a French Military Flag Party with pipers dressed in World War One uniforms and the population of the little town of Ecurie following behind as we sang Tipperary and Pack Up Your Troubles was very moving. Lots of hugs and tears from the French and of course lots of conversations in broken French following the dedication.

Lots of old Highland friends with us on this, which might be our last trip back to the front.

Very emotional walking the fields where my grandfather and my great uncles and cousins were soldiers in the Great War, more than 100 years ago. Remember that Canada was a nation of 8 million people and 1 million of them were in uniform. Every Canadian who digs into their family tree will find not just one or two but dozens who donned the uniform.

All in all, a most emotional, moving experience.

ACTIVE BATTALION

MEMBERS OF THE BATTALION COMPETE AT THE 2018 FERGUS HIGHLAND GAMES











FERGUS GAMES TUG OF WAR

by Drum Major (MWO) Chris Reesor, CD

This Summer, the Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games held a Tug of War competition dubbed the "Clash of the Regiments". This "clash" featured the three kilted regiments from 32 CBG and three kilted regiments from 31 CBG. It took place on Sunday 12 August starting at 1000 hrs. As a result, mod tents were set up and the teams stayed at the games site Saturday night for an evening of "highlanding".

Competing for the trophy were the following teams:

- The Royal Highland Fusiliers of Canada
- The Essex and Kent Scottish
- The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada (Princess Louise's)
- The Lorne Scots (Peel, Dufferin and Halton Regiment)
- The Toronto Scottish Regiment (Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother's Own)
- The 48th Highlanders of Canada

Many of the teams were only formed this Summer for this event. The Toronto Scottish have had a tug of War team for a couple of years and were the heavy favorite going into the competition having just won the Highlanders Tug of War Challenge Cup at the Glengarry Highland Games in Maxville the weekend prior.

After the initial round robin pulls, and points awarded for wins, the

teams took a well-deserved break from competition to enjoy an interunit BBQ at the biv site. It was a great opportunity for camaraderie and fun amongst the units.

Then it was back to the semi-final and final pulls. The 48th did not make it to the Semi's, but those in attendance learned a lot about the art of Tug of War as demonstrated by the eventual winning team from the Toronto Scottish. The 48th team, while not making the finals, did not finish last and in fact won a couple of pulls and represented very well despite a lack of training time prior to the actual event. Well done to all of the team members:

MCpl Zasidko (Team Captain), MCpl Boyden; Cpl Hogan; Cpl Aguilar-Valencia; Cpl Cabotaje; Cpl Koziol;

Cpl Agudello ;Pte Best; Pte Kimmons; Pte Cui; O Cadet Babiuk; MCpl Kalabic; andPte Kalabic.

There was even a pull off between the 31 CBG and 32 CBG teams (comprised of the best pullers from each team in each Brigade). 32 CBG won this face off. And there was a fun pull by the "All Stars" from the Military Regiments against the Heavy competitors from the Highland Games. Despite their well trained and large stature, the Heavy competitors fell in two straight pulls against the Regiment All Stars.

This was the first Clash of the Regiments Tug of War in Fergus, but judging by the crowd's reactions, and those of the competitors, it was received well and will likely continue next year.

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ACTIVE BATTALION

48TH HIGHLANDERS PIPES & DRUMS

by Drum Major (MWO) Chris Reesor, CD

The Pipes and Drums have had a busy Summer since we last updated you. For the first time in a very long time, we have had three members qualify fully on their Leadership Courses and have been promoted

L-R: Cpl Alex Brown, Cpl Brian Turner, Cpl Sean McKenzie-Mardelli



transitioned straight from their leadership course onto a Summer tasking at the Ceremonial Guard (CG) Pipes and Drums in Ottawa. There they took part in the daily Guard Mount on Parliament Hill. Cpl Pipers Brown and McKenzie-Mardelli took their turn mounting the guard at both the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the War Monument and the sentries at Rideau Hall.

In Mid July, 12 of the Regimental Pipes and Drums joined these three in Ottawa for the annual Beating Retreat that takes place on Parliament Hill called Fortissimo. It is always a good 10 days of

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Then Cpl Sean McKenzie-Mardelli mounting the guard on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, 2018



Canada Day Concert in honour of Canada's Afghanistan Fallen – KIRA Amphitheater St Andrew's By the Sea, NB. There were over 2000 attendees at this concert.







Marching off Parliament Hill after the Pipes and Drums Medley Fortissimo 2018

collective training for our members working with Pipers and Drummers from across Canada.

And a small few of the Pipes and Drums were able to spend Canada Day in the charming village of St. Andrew's By the Sea, New Brunswick. The Band of the Royal Regiment of Canada have a connection to the community and they were approached to participate in the Canada Day Parade and then put on a concert in a new Amphitheatre in town. They invited us to take part with them. It was a great long weekend away in a very welcoming community.

AFFILIATED CADET CORPS TRAINING

ST ANDREW'S COLLEGE CADET CORPS











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48TH HIGHLANDERS CADET CORPS











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lune 5 – Life Members Lunch – WOs and Sgts Mess, Moss Park Armoury













48TH OCA UPDATE

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

This Summer has been an effective time **▲** for the 48th Old Comrades Association with successful events and parades for our veterans.

Firstly, there was our D Day Dodgers Life-members Lunch which was held in our WO/Sgts Mess on June 5th. About 30 people attended and we had a buffet lunch provided by Katz's Deli. We are planning another luncheon on December 4th in the Mess for all members of the Regimental Family and our guests. Bar will open at 1130 hours with lunch at noon.

The beginning of July had us participate in two events commemorating the Landing in Sicily 75 years ago. On Sunday, July 8th, we laid a wreath and had a short service at the Italian Campaign Monument on the West Side of Toronto City Hall near the Sir Winston Churchill statue.

Two days later on July 10th more than 20 Highlanders went to Belleville for the 1st Brigade's commemoration parade with the 48th Highlanders, Hastings & Prince Edward Regt and RCR. Unfortunately LCol Dick Read, CD, has had to step down as Parade Commander for OCA events. I want to thank Col Geordie Elms MSM, CD, for stepping up and commanding the whole parade.

For the August 18th Warriors' Day Parade we had a strong 48th contingent including our bands and OCA veterans. I want to welcome LCol Bill Stark who took on the task of being our OCA contingent commander. Thanks Colonel and we hope you have a good time as our Parade Commander.

This Fall we are heading into a usual busy period. There is a Change of Command from LCol Harry Pedwell to LCol Ron Alkema, which will be held on Friday October 12th. For some of us the WO/Sgts Mess dinner will be the next night. Also, the Remembrance Weekend will be November 10/11 and more details are available in this issue's back page. As I write this, there is a contingent of 48th Highlanders in France for the unveiling of a long term replica of the Vimy Cross. It will be raised in an area near the 15th Battalion's battle site. I want to thank the Drill Team for representing the OCA at various events during this past Summer. Keep it up and hopefully in the next few months you







will see an increase in members. The 48th Museum is going full bore. We have a new volunteer member, Charlie Mitchell, a former Metro Police Officer, who is learning more and more each day. We are open Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1000 to 1400 hrs. Come and visit so we can swap stories and renew your Regimental history.

Thank you for supporting the OCA. Come out to our events and you can have a good time and socialize with our Regimental Family members.

OCA SUMMER EVENTS - 2018

CNE WARRIORS DAY PARADE



By: Sgt Al Kowalenko (Retd), OCA Veterans Services

 $T^{\text{he 48th Highlanders of Canada were well represented at this year's}} 97 \text{th annual Warriors Day Parade held at Toronto's CNE on Saturday, August 18th.}$

The Parade has been held continuously since 1921 and has more than 1,000 participants, making it the largest annual military parade in Canada. This year's theme was the commemoration of the 100 Anniversary of the end of World War I in 1918.

More than 40 of our veterans and active band members were represented on parade including the 48th Pipes & Drums, Military Band, OCA Color Guard, and OCAVeterans Guard. The 48th Guard Commander was LCol Bill Stark, CD (Retd) who did a fine job in the lead role

This year, due to last minute negotiations with the parade marshals, the 48th Highlanders were moved up from Section 4 to Section 2, a better position at the front end of the parade. This is more in keeping with our Regiment's storied history as the recipient of 50 Battle Honors.

The reviewing officer on the podium taking the salute was Gen Walter J. Natynczyk, CMM, MSC, CE (Retd). Several hundred spectators packed the stands by the CNE Princes Gates to watch the hour long parade and cheer all the participants.

After the parade, we were notified that we had won two trophies for our participation: the 48th Color Party (2nd Place, John Labatt Trophy) and the 48th Pipes & Drums (2nd place, Metro Toronto Police Veterans Memorial Trophy). Congratulations to all for a stellar effort.

The 98th annual CNE Warriors Day will be held on Saturday, August 17, 2019. All former serving members of the 48th are welcome to participate. Dust off your glengarry and be part of the big parade! Stay tuned for more details next Spring.









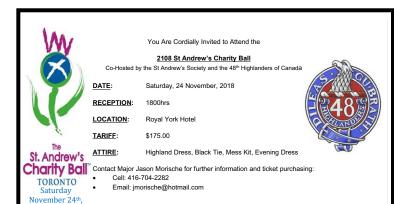
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48TH HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA CHANGE OF COMMAND PARADE

TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL HARRY PEDWELL, CD TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL RON ALKEMA, CD

Date: Friday, October 12, 2018 Location: Moss Park Armoury Start Time: 2030 Hours



Join us for an elegant evening on Saturday November the 24th 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 Guest of Honour is Mr. Glenn Healy, the Executive Director of the NHL Alumni Association and former goaltender with the Toronto Maple Leafs.

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:

Major Jason Morische DCO, 48 Highlanders of Canada jmorische@hotmail.com 416-704-2282

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

NEW VETERAN'S SERVICE CARD (CF REGULAR FORCE AND RESERVES)

A fter many years of delay, a new Veteran's Service Card (VSC) is now being introduced by National Defence and Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC).

This card will allow you to stay connected with military and Veteran support programs. It also will recognize your service as a former member of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF), Regular Force or Reserves.

You are eligible to receive a card if you have completed basic training and been honorably released from the CAF. This coincides with the VAC definition of a veteran in Canada

In a roll out program, the VSC will be automatically given to those released from the CAF September, 2018, going forward. For those released between February, 2016 and September 2018, the VSC may be obtained online at the VAC website. For CAF

members and veterans released before 2016, they can request their cards after Summer, 2019.

More information is available at the Veteran's Service



Card page of the VAC website at www.veterans.gc.ca.

If you need additional assistance, please contact Sgt Al Kowalenko (Retd), 48th OCA Veterans Services, email: ursa77@rogers.com or call 416-219-4967.

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Old Comrades Association

Remembrance Dinner



Davidson

Saturday November 10th, 2018



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1491 Lake Shore Boulevard Westst



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100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR ONE

Reception: 17 30 Hours (5:30 P.M.) Dinner: 18 30 Hours (6:30 P.M.)

Dress: Mess Kit, Black Tie, Highland Dress (Miniatures)

Blue Patrol, Blues and Greys, Business Suit (Full Medals)

TICKET PRICE: \$70.00 per person (NO REFUNDS)

WORLD WAR II ERA VETERAN'S - NO CHARGE

TICKET SALES END: November 2nd, 2018

Limited Seating Available (100)

NO TICKET SALES or EXCHANGE 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: Executive Member E-mail Residence Mobile

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48th HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA - ANNUAL KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

** Sunday, December 16th **

(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

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48TH CALENDAR OF KEY REGIMENTAL EVENTS OCTOBER 1 TO JANUARY 1, 2019

Fri 12 Oct 18	Change of Command Parade	MPA, 2000
Sat 15 Oct 18	WO/Sgts' Mess Dinner	Officers' Mess, 1900
Sat 27 Oct 18	IODE Trench Lunch	WO/Sgts Mess, 1300-1500
Sat 10 Nov 18	Remembrance Service	Mount Pleasant Cemetery, 1030
Sat 10 Nov 18	OCA Remembrance Dinner	Boulevard Club, Lakeshore Blvd West, 1730-2100
Sun 11 Nov 18	Remembrance Day Parade	St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 1030
Sat 24 Nov 18	St. Andrew's Ball	Royal York Hotel, 1800
Fri 14 Dec 18	Regimental Christmas Dinner*	MPA Parade Square, 1900
Sun 16 Dec 18	Regimental Kid's Christmas Party	WO/Sgts' Mess (Timing: TBA)
Tue 25 Dec 18	Christmas Day	
Tue 01 Jan 19	New Year's Day	

(*Active Unit Only)

48TH REMEMBRANCE WEEKEND SCHEDULE 2018

Themes: 100th Anniversary of the end of WWI; 75th Anniversary of the Landing in Sicily WWII

Saturday, November 10th,

1030 hrs Memorial Service at the 48th monument,
Mount Pleasant Cemetery
1730 hrs OCA Remembrance Dinner, Boulevard Club,
Lakeshore Blvd West. (See ad for details and cost)

Sunday, November 11th

0915 hrs OCA bus leaves Moss Park Armoury 1015 hrs 48th Parade form up at St Andrew's Church (TBD) 1045 hrs Service at St Andrew's Church (TBD)



The Warrant Officers and Sergeants'
48th Highlanders of Canada

Cordially invite you to our 127th Annual Mess Dinner
To be held at

Moss Park Armouries

On Saturday 13th October 2018

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 5 October 2018 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.