

The 60th Anniversary of the Queen's Own Highlanders (Seaforth and Camerons)

2021 is a significant year for Queen's Own Highlanders and 7th February marks when our Regiment was formed in 1961 at Redford Barracks, Edinburgh. On this anniversary we should reflect and remember our comrades, those in the Regiment who gave their lives in service, and those no longer with us. We should also be celebrating all that our Regiment achieved and stood for, not forgetting our antecedent Regiments whose traditions and honours we proudly carried forward in our 33 years.

This Sunday, despite the restrictions, a wreath will be laid, and a piper will play at our Regiment's Memorial in Inverness. It is disappointing we are prevented from gathering there. So, I hope many of you will have purchased the BFPS Commemorative Cover which is being released to mark our 60th Anniversary at a time when we are prevented from holding a public ceremony. Profits from this will go towards improving our Queen's Own Highlanders Room in our excellent museum.

Given the continuing social restrictions, it is with great regret that our organising committee has had no option but to postpone the Gathering we had planned to lay on this summer. We hope conditions relating to the pandemic will allow us to hold that Gathering at Cameron Barracks next year on the weekend of 11/12th June 2022 or failing that on the following weekend.

Today, we Queen's Own Highlanders endure. We exist through our thriving Association, its branches and in physical form through our Queen's Own Highlanders Collection on display at Fort George. Our President, Major General Peter Grant Peterkin and I wish to thank our trustees, office bearers, branch chairmen, their committees, and all volunteers for their time, hard work, energy and commitment which keep our Regimental organisation alive.

Cabar Féidh gu Bràth!

Peter Watson

Chairman

Queen's Own Highlanders Regimental Association and Trust