



# The Queen's Own Highlanders Regimental Association Quarterly Newsletter

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## The Erracht Cairn

The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders Regt. Association commemorated the Bicentenary of the Raising of the 79<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot by erecting a permanent Memorial at Erracht. This was the birthplace and home of Lt Gen Sir Alan Cameron of Erracht KCB, who raised the Regiment in 1793 and remained its Colonel until his death in 1829.

The Erracht Cairn was built by members of the QOHLDRS and 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. 51<sup>st</sup> Highland Volunteers under the command of Captain Ian MacDonald and unveiled on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sep 93. Thirty years on, the Cairn had suffered from the Lochaber weather and needed repair. So the Association engaged local stonemason, Mr Richard Alderson to undertake the necessary work. As you can see from the 'before' and 'after' photographs below, he has done a good job to secure the stones in place.

**Before**



**After**



## Forecast of Events Apr – Jul 23

**29 Apr.** Pipe Band Charity Event - Cantraybridge

**29 Apr.** Liverpool Scottish – Freedom of the City of Liverpool

**5 May.** QOHLDRS Regimental Golf Meeting - Forres Golf Club

**23 May.** Battle of Monte Cassino Bench Dedication - Edinburgh

**16 Jun.** Highland Branch BBQ/Beating Retreat/Disco

**24 Jun.** Armed Forces Day - Edinburgh

**30 Jun.** Association AGM - Inverness

**7 Jul.** Mark Duffus Memorial Golf Day – Forres Golf Club

## Obituaries

The Association has been made aware of the following who have been gathered:

Mr Derek Parker  
Seaforth Highlanders  
27 Dec 22

Rev Alasdair MacLennan  
QO Cameron Highlanders  
20 Jun 23

Mr Alex Love  
QO Cameron Highlanders  
15 Feb 23

LCpl Donald MacDonald 11  
Queen's Own Highlanders  
23 Feb 23

## Membership Forms

Membership forms will soon be issued to members of the Association / Branches.

Please complete this form and return it to the Association and your Branch Secretary.

## Association AGM

The Association's 2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Friday 30th June 2023 in The Royal British Legion Club, King Street, Inverness. The Association Trustees will meet before it at 0930hrs.

Lunch will be provided. Please inform your Branch or the Association Secretary if you wish to attend.

## Sicily 2023

This year marks the 80th Anniversary of Op HUSKY, the Allied invasion of Sicily in 1943. The campaign involved the Seaforth and the Cameron Highlanders.

A remembrance service will be held in Sicily to commemorate the Operation and wreaths will be laid for the Seaforths and the Camerons who were killed in action. 130 Seaforth and Camerons lost their lives in Op HUSKY. Their average age was 23 years.

## Welfare

The Regimental Association promotes the welfare of all veterans of the Regiment. For guidance on welfare-related matters visit the Association website page on Benevolence.