



The Queen's Own Highlanders Regimental Association Quarterly Newsletter

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St. Valery-en-Caux Visit 2025

Our French hosts have now outlined the weekend activities of 14/15 June, which will be attended by the British Ambassador as well as French military and civil dignitaries. We are now able to advise attendees of costs:

Ferry - £213.79 (includes DB&B)

Casino de Dieppe Hotel - €461.25pp (includes meal on arrival and all breakfasts) - approx. £387.61pp.

The 26 pax who have already expressed interest will receive letters from the Secretary shortly with booking details. Confirmation of attendance and a deposit of £213.79 is required by **21 Feb**. There are still vacancies for people to join the trip.

Our Regimental Museum

The Museum is now running Highlanders and Jacobite Tours, a one-day minibus tour offering visitors the opportunity to take a tour of the Highlands, including Fort George, the Culloden Battlefield and a trip along Loch Ness on a Jacobite cruise boat. The tour is bespoke and can be altered to fit what clients' want. It's perfect for family-size groups. All proceeds go towards supporting the Museum. More information can be found at the Museum website:

www.thehighlandersmuseum.com



Veterans Activity Centre North

The Erskine Veterans Activity Centre North (EVACN) in Forres is a hub for veterans in the North of Scotland, offering essential resources, peer support, and tailored well-being programmes designed to address the unique challenges faced by veterans. The Centre provides a welcoming environment where veterans of all ages can connect with one another, learn new skills, and find renewed purpose in their lives after service. To find out more information visit www.erskine.org.uk/get-support/.

Obituaries

The following have been gathered:

James Nairne

Seaforth Highlanders
13 Oct 24

Michael Roehling

Queen's Own Highlanders
16 Oct 24

Neil Forde

Queen's Own Highlanders
7 Nov 24

James MacDonald

Queen's Own Highlanders
9 Nov 24

James Roy

Queen's Own Highlanders
24 Nov 24

Neil Anderson

QO Cameron Highlanders
13 Dec 24

Donald McGill

QO Cameron Highlanders
16 Dec 24

Ronnie Craib

Queen's Own Highlanders
16 Dec 24

Joe Bryce

Seaforth Highlanders
18 Dec 24

Ian "Schimf" MacKenzie

Seaforth / Queen's Own
Highlanders
3 Jan 25

Matthew "Dusty" Millar

Queen's Own Highlanders
14 Jan 25

We Will Remember Them.

If you hear of the passing of a member of the Regimental Family, please pass the name and address of their NOK as soon as you can to the Association Secretary so a timely message of condolence can be sent.

Forecast of Events 2025

7 Feb - Amalgamation Day event at our Bank Street Memorial followed by a light lunch at Royal British Legion, Inverness.

14 Feb - Edinburgh Branch Amalgamation Dinner at the BMC Club, Edinburgh.

22 Feb - Highland Branch Amalgamation Dinner at Nairn Dunbar Golf Club.

Regimental Gathering 2026 – Call for Committee Volunteers

We are now starting to plan our next Gathering in June 2026. Volunteers are needed to be Committee Members to help plan and organise the event. If you wish to be a committee member, please inform Edward Osborne, Association Secretary by 14 Feb 25.

New Association Trustee

Our Association is a registered charity and a trustee's tenure is 3-6 years. This year, a vacancy will be created on 27 June when Maj George Givens stands down. If anyone wishes to put their name forward to be a trustee, please contact the Chairman (chairman@cabarfeidh.com) by 31 March, and he will explain what is involved.

Sale of Regimental Magazines

The Association holds a large number of unbound back copies of 'The 79th News', 'The Queen's Own Highlander' and 'The Highlander' magazine. These are now available to the Regimental Family in return for a gift-aided donation to the Association (£2.50 per copy is advised) to benefit heritage and covering the cost of postage and packing. Anyone interested should contact the Treasurer, Richard Barker on treasurer@cabarfeidh.com to confirm the issues available.

Welfare

For guidance on welfare-related matters, visit the Association website page on Benevolence at www.cabarfeidh.com/benevolence

or more Association information and news visit

www.cabarfeidh.com