



## The Queen's Own Highlanders Regimental Association Quarterly Newsletter

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### Chairmen Handover

On 27 Jun Peter Watson handed over as Association Chairman to Dougie Hay at the close of the AGM. Dougie served as a Queens Own Highlander, then a Highlander and also with the Royal Regiment of Scotland. He finished his time serving as a Colonel as Defence Attache to Libya and Tunisia. Since retiring he has been consulting in Defence, Intelligence & Security. This year, after many years' service George Givens and Bob Towns also handed over in their turn. Along with our new Chairman, the Association and the Regimental Trust's trustees are currently: John Bailey, Robert Darnley, Jim Elliot, Alistair Gray, David Loftus, Alan Macdonald, Chris Maclean and Malcolm Macrae.



Col Dougie Hay Chairman  
Queen's own Highlanders Regimental Association

### Gathering 26

Gathering 26 will be held at the Northern Meeting Park (NMP), Inverness on Sat 13 Jun 26. The prospect of a March Past our Memorial on Bank Street and a Church service being held in the Cathedral next to the NMP is being investigated, where, hopefully, the Cameron artefacts from the Old High Church will be on display. There is ample parking for cars and there will be overnight security. Buses will be arranged for a visit to the museum on Sun 14 Jun. People are encouraged to book their accommodation. The cost of a ticket is expected to be £15. Next Gathering meeting 01 Sept 25.

### Welfare

For guidance on welfare-related matters, visit the Association website page on Benevolence at

[www.cabarfeidh.com/benevolence](http://www.cabarfeidh.com/benevolence)

### Obituaries

The following have been gathered:

#### Trevor Stockwell

Queen's Own Highlanders  
01 May 2025

#### Rory MacDonald

QO Cameron Highlanders  
06 May 2025

#### Roy Pratt MBE

QO Cameron Highlanders  
25 May 2025

#### Paul MacKintosh

Queen's Own Highlanders  
25 May 2025

#### Ian MacKenzie

Seaforth Highlanders  
03 Jun 2025

#### David Powell

Seaforth Highlanders  
16 June 2025

#### Danny Carruthers

Queen's Own Highlanders  
17 June 2025

#### Willie Ross

Seaforth Highlanders  
28 June 2025

#### Tony Taylor

Queen's Own Highlanders  
05 July 2025

#### Tom Nisbet

Queen's Own Highlanders  
23 July 2025

### 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.

For more Association information and news visit [www.cabarfeidh.com](http://www.cabarfeidh.com)

### Forecast of Events 2025

**15 Aug** - Scotland's Salute to VJ Day 80. Scottish National War Memorial, Edinburgh Castle

**22 Aug** – Highland Branch Golf. Nairn Dunbar Golf Course.

**01 Sept** – Gathering 26 Meeting. Cameron Barracks, Inverness

**12 Sept** – Edinburgh Branch Summer Dance. BMC Club, Edinburgh

**12 Oct** – Edinburgh Branch AGM. Scots Guards Club Edinburgh

**20 Oct** – Opening of the Edinburgh. Garden of Remembrance. Edinburgh

### St. Valery - 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Visit (11-17 June)

The Association organised a successful and busy trip for 26 members and family to represent the Regiment at 5 Franco-British parades held in and around St. Valery on the 14/15th June. Two branch standards were on parade (Edinburgh and Highland). The deeds of the QOCH of Canada on the Dieppe Raid (19 Aug 42) were also remembered. A dinner was held with 11eme Régiment de Cuirassiers, and 5 military cemeteries were visited (Tyne Cot, Hooge, Dieppe, St. Valery, Brown's Copse) as well as the Seaforth Highlanders Memorial at Fampoux. Overall, 12 wreaths were laid as well as many poppy crosses and the coach party raised £60 for charity. At the AGM there was support for another tour to Europe sometime after the next Gathering.



Ceremony at the Military Cemetery in Saint-Valery-En-Caux

### The Regimental Museum

The Museum is collaborating with the Kinloch Historical Society on Lewis to raise awareness of the connections of the Seaforth Highlanders to the island. To that end a new community centre is nearing completion on the Island, which will have items not currently on display in the museum. If you happen to be in the vicinity of Kinloch do give it a visit."