



THE ROYAL REGIMENT OF SCOTLAND ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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20TH ANNIVERSARY PARADE AND STATUE UNVEILING



DID YOU KNOW?

The first SCOTS Rally was held in March 2023. The purpose was to bring our serving soldiers and veterans together for an annual rally to celebrate the regiments formation on 28 March 2006.



The format included an Officers' Black Hackle Dinner Night on the Friday, a SCOTS Association function on the Saturday and a Muster, March and Remember on the Sunday. SCOTS mustered on the Castle esplanade before marching down the Royal Mile to our Regimental Kirk at the Canongate for a service to remember our fallen.

In 2027 the format will change. The aim is to increase participation at the SCOTS Association function and at the Muster, March and Remember as well as reducing overnight costs for those travelling to Edinburgh to attend the SCOTS Rally.

The Officers' Black Hackle Dinner Night will take place on Fri 19 Mar 27 at the New Club, Edinburgh. The Muster, March and Remember will move to the morning of Sat 20 Mar 27. After the Kirk service attendees will be able to enjoy some refreshments at a nearby venue courtesy of the SCOTS Association to enable further engagement amongst friends and colleagues.

Please put **Fri 19** and **Sat 20 Mar 27** in your diaries.

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CONGRATULATIONS MESSAGES



The Regiment would like to congratulate the following SP

Major TF Fortune, Corporal S Hume and Lieutenant Colonel BA O'Neill on their MBE awards and Major IM Bunce on receiving the KVRM in The King's Birthday Honours List 2026 for their outstanding service.

Colonel NG Jordan-Barber on receiving the US Legion of Merit (Degree of Legionnaire) from the President of the United States of America.

Major Jamie MacKinnon on his selection to command 4 SCOTS vice Lieutenant Colonel Al Phillips MC.

Lieutenant Colonel Rob Smith on his selection to be AH RP, Andover in the rank of Colonel.

SCOTS 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



On 1 July, The Royal Regiment of Scotland continued to celebrate its 20th anniversary with a series of memorable events in Edinburgh, honouring the Regiment's proud history and its enduring connection to the city.

The day began at Redford Barracks with the official Regimental photograph, expertly captured by Tempest Photography. The image featured 271 personnel arranged around a centrally positioned Drumhead, flanked by pipes on either side, reflecting the Regiment's rich traditions and visual heritage.



As members of the Regiment moved to Edinburgh, a Civic Reception was simultaneously hosted at the City Chambers by the Council on behalf of the Lord Provost. The reception provided an effective platform to expand the Regimental network and influence, particularly among elements of society and government not typically aligned with the military. The guest list included 16 regimental guests and 10 council guests.

As the reception concluded, all attendees proceeded outside onto the High Street to witness the Regiment exercise its Freedom of the City of Edinburgh. The Lord Provost took the salute as the parade, featuring a Colour Party, ceremonial guards from each Battalion, veterans of the SCOTS Association, and the regimental mascot Corporal Cruachan IV, marched through the city streets. The Band of The Royal Regiment of Scotland and the Regiment's Pipes and Drums provided musical accompaniment.



Rt Hon Lord Provost and Lord Lieutenant of the City of Edinburgh, Councillor Robert Aldridge, taking the salute



Exercising the Freedom of the City of Edinburgh

After the parade, guests were transported to Princes Street Gardens to join the unveiling ceremony of a new statue commemorating the Regiment's formation 20 years ago. His Majesty The King, Colonel in Chief of The Royal Regiment of Scotland, unveiled the bronze statue created by Edinburgh sculptor Kenny Hunter. The statue features a reclining lion guarding the Regiment's cap badge, symbolising strength and vigilance. It rests on a plinth composed of six stone sections, each representing one of the historic Scottish Infantry Regiments that amalgamated in 2006 to form the SCOTS.

Major General Robin Lindsay CBE, Colonel of the Regiment, accompanied His Majesty during the ceremony and reflected on the significance of the day:

"Today is a proud moment in the history of The Royal Regiment of Scotland. Exercising the Freedom of the City of Edinburgh is a great opportunity to affirm our connection with the city and its people. We are incredibly grateful to the city for allowing us to raise this statue in Princes Street Gardens, right in the heart of Scotland's capital. It will be a rallying point for the Regiment, a place for members of the regimental family and the public we serve to gather, to celebrate and to commemorate."



The day's celebrations concluded with the Regimental Dinner held at The Royal Scots Club, attended by members from across the Regiment. The dinner provided an opportunity for reflection, camaraderie, and toasting the Regiment's past, present, and future. Overall, the day was a resounding success, bringing together the entire regimental family from across the globe to celebrate this significant milestone.





EX SOGGY SWAN

On an auspiciously damp day midway through June the 2 SCOTS A Coy Swans descended en masse to Portobello Beach for their OC's last day in post. Under the berating of conspicuously dry PTIs, the warmup began. The Coy ran, walked, crawled, and clawed their way over the sand and suspiciously murky water, all before the session had truly begun. From the warm-up, they moved to the team selection to add a competitive element to the day's activities. What followed would be argued by some as blatant cheating by certain SNCOs and WOs to give their team a fighting chance in the competition ahead. The morning continued with gun runs and

log races up and down the coastline and through the North Sea, with the teams battling it out to be victorious.

After a hard-won morning, A Coy returned to Glencorse for a more relaxed cultural day, sampling food from Fiji, the Caribbean, and of course, deep-fried Mars bars from Scotland. All of this provided a break from the norm and demonstrated the importance of taking time to celebrate the achievements of the Coy and offer a worthy send-off to those that are moving on.



FREEDOM OF DUNDEE

In June, The Royal Regiment of Scotland was honoured with the Freedom of Dundee, recognising the Regiment's ongoing service to the nation and local community.

BKA Coy, 5 SCOTS paraded through the City of Dundee, led by Maj Tommy Blair and supported by WO2 Brown. Over 100 officers and soldiers marched through the streets alongside the Pipes and Drums and the Regiment's popular mascot, Corporal Cruachan IV. Army and RAF cadets also took part in the parade. Locals turned out large numbers on a glorious sunny Saturday to show their appreciation for the Regiment.

The parade halted at Dundee City Square for the formal presentation. Dundee City Council Leader Mark Flynn conferred the honour from the balcony of City Chambers. Maj Gen Robin Lindsay then spoke of the longstanding connection between

the Regiment and the people of Dundee, shaped by shared heritage, service, and steadfast support over many years. Afterwards, the parade was generously hosted by Dundee Council and enjoyed much-welcomed refreshments.

Being granted the Freedom of a key Scottish city is a huge privilege. Such symbols of support from local authorities and our communities form the bedrock of the Regiment's service which also recognise the continual hard work and dedication of the troops.





CHARLIE COY IN THE SUN

In June, C Coy (2 SCOTS) deployed to Cyprus to support an Exercise with 4 SCOTS, assuming the role of a modern-thinking enemy force for the troops based at Dhekelia Barracks. This provided a valuable opportunity to challenge 4 SCOTS in a realistic training environment and allowed soldiers from both Battalions to test their tactical skills in demanding scenarios. Beyond the training benefits, the deployment strengthened the longstanding relationship between 2 and 4 SCOTS, encouraging the sharing of ideas, experiences, and best practice across the two units. The trip also offered excellent adventurous training opportunities, with personnel taking part in activities including rock climbing and parachuting. Underpinning this was the chance for the troops of C Coy to spend quality time on ranges and to defrost after some cold months in the Estonian woods.



Away from the formal training programme, the company enjoyed a range of activities that boosted morale and strengthen bonds across the unit. Excursions included trips to the local area for platoon dinners, a memorable boat trip, and water sports such as skiing and wakeboarding. Opportunities like these are rare within the demanding pace of the modern Army, so the troops appreciated the chance to experience what Cyprus has to offer. The deployment also provided 4 SCOTS personnel with a valuable insight into the modern technologies and systems employed by 2 SCOTS during their service with the FLF group in Estonia, further increasing interoperability and cohesion between the two battalions.



GLASGOW COMMONWEALTH GAMES 2026



From 20 July to 2 August, serving personnel from 3 SCOTS supported the 2026 Glasgow Commonwealth Games as part of a tri-service contingent representing the UK Armed Forces. The personnel played a key role in the ceremonial aspects of the event, raising the flags of winning nations during medal ceremonies. This required a high standard of drill and professionalism, with performances taking place in front of athletes, spectators, and a global audience via live streams from various locations across Glasgow.

Throughout the event, members of the Regiment wore No. 2 Service Dress, proudly showcasing Scottish military heritage while representing the Regiment on home soil. At the opening ceremony in the Hydro, the Commonwealth Flag was received from athletes and marched onto the stage before an audience that included the Prime Minister and His Majesty King Charles III. The flag was then raised, marking the official start of the Games and setting the stage for two weeks of sporting excellence.

The troops recall memorable moments such as meeting Sir Chris Hoy at the Velodrome and witnessing Josh Kerr, the one-mile world record holder, snatch gold. Ultimately, this opportunity highlighted the versatility of the Battalion and demonstrated its continued support for major national and international events.



ARMED FORCES PARLIAMENTARY SCHEME VISIT TO BRITISH FORCES CYPRUS

OC and 2IC of A Coy had the honour of hosting 17 Members of Parliament and Lords from the Armed Forces Parliamentary Scheme during their visit to British Forces Cyprus. The delegation received a comprehensive briefing on the rich history and enduring bilateral relationship between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Cyprus, highlighting the strategic importance of the island and the close cooperation between the two nations, as well as 4 SCOTS' role as the Regional Operations Battalion.

A key part of the visit included a tour of the Cypriot Ministry for Foreign Affairs, where the delegation gained valuable insight into the diplomatic ties and ongoing collaboration in the region. The group also experienced a thrilling military flight aboard a Chinook helicopter, providing a unique perspective on the operational capabilities and environment faced by British forces on the island.

Adding a touch of light-hearted intrigue, the visitors sailed past Greta Thunberg's deserted yacht, sparking some lively conversation and a memorable photo opportunity. However, the true

highlight of the trip was the chance to meet the Jocks from the Battalion. The MPs and Lords were keen to learn about daily life on the island and the challenges faced, particularly their operational deployments throughout the wider Middle East.

The visit culminated in a special moment as Sgt Park piped the delegation into the 4 SCOTS Officers' Mess, showcasing the proud heritage and traditions that underpin the Regiment's identity in slightly sunnier than usual climes. The event was warmly received by all, strengthening the connection between Parliament and the soldiers serving overseas, and providing a valuable platform for understanding the realities of military life in this unique posting. It was also a great opportunity for the Parliamentarians to meet the Infanteers who deliver the "final five yards of British Foreign Policy".

This visit not only reinforced the importance of British Forces Cyprus and 4 SCOTS' role within that but also highlighted the vital role of parliamentary engagement in supporting the Armed Forces.



SCOTS ASSOCIATION GOLF DAY 2026

In June, The SCOTS Association Golf Day returned to Strathmore Golf Centre, Blairgowrie, bringing together serving soldiers, veterans and friends of the Regiment for a day of competitive golf, camaraderie and fundraising. With 26 players taking part, the event remains a popular fixture in the Association calendar.

Participants were welcomed with bacon rolls and coffee before heading out onto the course. Despite the threat of rain, the weather stayed favourable, the standard of golf was high, and the friendly rivalry was evident throughout. Following play, attendees enjoyed lunch in the clubhouse before the prize-giving ceremony.



The day's main honours went to:

- Scratch Winner: Maj A Falconer (6 SCOTS XO)
- Handicap Winner: Maj P Marshall (7 SCOTS XO)

Maj Falconer and Maj Marshall received their trophies during the post-match gathering, recognising their outstanding performances. The event also featured a range of prizes generously supported by Strathmore Golf Centre and secured through the efforts of long-time Association supporter Maj (Retd) Norrie MacKinnon.

Participants also supported the Regimental Trust through the popular "Gimmies" competition, raising over £138 for regimental causes. The day was made possible by the organising team, particularly Lt Col (Retd) Gordon Vever and Maj (Retd) Norrie MacKinnon, the staff at Strathmore Golf Centre, prize sponsors and volunteers who ensured the event ran smoothly.

Events like this provide an important opportunity to maintain regimental connections, strengthen friendships and bring together members of the wider SCOTS family. The Association thanks everyone who attended and contributed to another successful day and looks forward to welcoming even more golfers in 2027.



5 SCOTS ROYAL WEEK

Royal Week is always an extremely busy period for BKA Coy, representing The Royal Regiment of Scotland during significant ceremonial activity in Edinburgh.

Now well into the ceremonial season, having already completed London Guard, the Freedom of Dundee, Stirling Armed Forces Day, the General Assembly Church of Scotland, and several Edinburgh Castle Guards, the Coy was well rehearsed and ready for the week ahead, with brogues bulled and spats whitened. The week began with the State Opening of the Scottish Parliament, where 5 SCOTS formed a large Guard of Honour at the Palace of Holyrood House, just across from the Parliament.



BKA Coy outside the front of PHH

Days later, the Coy was on parade again for the arrival of His Majesty the King, forming another Guard of Honour in the gardens of Holyrood. Soldiers were proud to welcome His Majesty, who inspected the ranks and spoke with several of the Jocks.

The following day, 5 SCOTS joined 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7 SCOTS for the 20th Anniversary Parade, marching up the Royal Mile to Princes Street Gardens to witness His Majesty unveil the new Royal Regiment of Scotland Statue.



BKA Coy HQ after marching up the Royal Mile

Royal Week demanded commitment, professionalism and flexibility from all ranks. Long hours, exacting standards, and multiple high-profile engagements required soldiers to maintain focus and determination throughout. The Coy's efforts were rewarded with the successful delivery of each event and a positive impression on the public, distinguished guests and fellow soldiers alike, leaving 5 SCOTS in an excellent position to move up to Ballater for the three months of Royal Guard duty.



NEW SCOTS FACES

Our newly commissioned Young Officers (YOs) from across The Royal Regiment of Scotland gathered at RHQ SCOTS in Edinburgh Castle to complete the Regimental Induction Cadre, a key milestone before joining their Battalions.

Over four days, the Officers were immersed in the Regiment's history, culture, and purpose through a packed programme of presentations, visits and discussions. From the historic surroundings of Edinburgh Castle to the Regimental Kirk, Scottish National War Memorial and Lady Haig Poppy Factory, the cadre connected the Regiment's future leaders with its proud heritage and ongoing commitment to soldiers, veterans and families.

Highlights included visits to the Personnel Recovery Centre, briefings on career management, engagement with The SCOTS Association and veterans' community, and an introduction to specialist capabilities including the Army School of Bagpipe Music and Highland Drumming and 1 RANGER.

The cadre also reinforced the values and support networks underpinning service in the Regiment, with RHQ staff delivering briefings on welfare, communications, digital information management, heritage and recruiting.



Representing 2, 3 and 4 SCOTS, the YOs now move on to their Battalions with a deeper understanding of the Regiment they will serve and lead in. The induction ensured that, before stepping into command, each Officer gained an appreciation of the people, traditions and responsibilities that make The Royal Regiment of Scotland unique.

RHQ also welcomed a new member of the team in August: Andrea McPherson, who joins us as SO3 Communications and will be shared across RHQ SCOTS and SCOTS DG.

Andrea previously worked at Fife International Forum (a charity supporting migrants and refugees across Fife) as a Communications Officer and has brought extensive experience in social media and communications.

6 SCOTS

In June, 6 SCOTS launched into the training cycle with a fieldcraft Exercise in the Pentland Hills. B Coy led the delivery of one of the cornerstones of the training programme. This Exercise marked the first phase in the build-up to the ADE in Denmark in October.

Several ITRs were completed during the training weekend in July. The troops faced physical and mental challenges during the RFT and participated in serials to put into practice what they had learned during drill nights.

There was also time to relax, with the annual golf trip in Exeter for Ex LOWLAND BUNKER 4. The competition was as fierce as the heat, with some very respectable scores recorded during a competitive week of golf.



The 6 SCOTS Lowland Bunker 4 Team enjoying the weather in Exeter

In August, some of the battalion deployed to Normandy for Ex LOWLAND POPPY 15, the annual battlefield study. Focusing on the UK's contribution to the D-Day landings, attendees each presented aspects of the history and shared reflections on their learning. The visit deepened understanding of the events and the individuals who fought in the battle. A poignant moment was the Remembrance service conducted at a Commonwealth war grave which included a 17-year-old member of the Black Watch who fell during the campaign.

Warmest congratulations go to LCpl Omand, who successfully completed the SCBC and looks forward to applying the skills gained during the upcoming ADE.

The battalion now looks ahead to Ex PANTHER'S CYCLONE 26, the 19X Exercise in Denmark. This will present a wide range of challenges through battle lanes and working alongside a NATO ally. Significant preparation has been undertaken, with both regular and reserve staff deploying to support logistics and delivery of training.

ARMED FORCES DAY 2026

C Coy, 7 SCOTS, proudly took part in the Armed Forces Day 2026 parade in Inverness, adopting a fresh approach by providing a patrolling contingent and a MAN SV vehicle rather than the traditional marching format. The parade stepped off from the Eastgate Centre and proceeded along the High Street, where the Inverness Lord Provost and the Colonel of the Regiment took the salute outside Inverness Town House.

The parade continued to the Northern Meeting Park, where participants attended a Drumhead Service led by the British Legion Padre. Following the service, the parade reformed and proceeded

to King Street, where the formal proceedings concluded before attendees gathered for a reception at the British Legion.

The decision to have C Coy soldiers parade in patrol order proved to be a great success, drawing positive comments from both participants and spectators. The approach gave the event a distinctive operational feel and, much to the relief of the young officers, removed the need for formal drill practice. The MAN SV vehicle also proved to be a popular focal point, attracting significant public interest and helping to showcase the Army's equipment and capabilities.



COMBINED OFFICERS', WARRANT OFFICERS' AND SERGEANTS' MESS SUMMER BALL



This year's Combined Officers', Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess Summer Ball was held in the magnificent surroundings of Inverness Town House, one of the city's most historic and iconic buildings. Guests gathered on the Museum Terrace for a drinks reception before being piped across to the Town House. Following the traditional ball photograph, attendees moved into the main hall for an evening of fine dining, pipe music and entertainment.

The evening also provided an opportunity for the Battalion to recognise and bid farewell to two longstanding members of the 7 SCOTS family. Mr Scotty Dalton, who has faithfully managed the Battalion Clothing Stores for decades, was thanked

for his exceptional service. The Battalion's Second-in-Command, Major Ian Bunce KCVM, was also presented with a leaving gift as he marked the end of an outstanding 41-year career. Both have been tremendous servants of the Battalion and will be greatly missed.

The celebrations concluded with excellent entertainment from Highland Ceilidh, whose mix of contemporary music and traditional Highland dancing kept the dance floor busy throughout the night. A fantastic evening was enjoyed by all, with many guests continuing the celebrations in Inverness long after the ball had officially ended.



BLACK ISLE SHOW CHARITY TRACTOR PUSH 2026

C Coy, 7 SCOTS once again fielded two teams in the annual Black Isle Show Charity Tractor Push. After finishing runners-up last year to the World's Strongest Brothers, the Stoltman brothers, both teams arrived determined to improve on their 2025 performance. Under the guidance of Company PTI LCpl Jamieson, Sgt Brownless's team undertook several focused training sessions, while Sgt Campbell took a more unconventional approach, relying on mental preparation rather than physical training - perhaps explaining why he ultimately found himself behind the wheel as the team driver.

On arrival, both teams were disappointed to discover that the Stoltmans were not returning to defend their title. While it is tempting to credit Sgt Campbell's psychological tactics, their absence was more likely due to injury concerns and commitments with Gladiators. Undeterred, the C Coy teams threw themselves into the competition despite challenging conditions, with heavy rain and slippery ground making the event even more demanding.

Despite the weather, both teams performed exceptionally well, finishing in an impressive 2nd and 4th place. The runner-up position secured a £500 donation to the SCOTS Regimental Trust, making it a successful day both on and off the field while supporting an excellent charitable cause.



MUSEUM BRINGS REGIMENTAL HERITAGE TO ASPIRING YOUNG MUSICIANS

In July, The Band of The Royal Regiment of Scotland and the Army School of Bagpipe Music and Highland Drumming hosted an Army Music Experience Week, a 3-day residential work experience week for individuals aged 15-17 aspiring to join the Band or become battalion pipers and drummers. The team from the Museum of The Royal Regiment of Scotland was invited to provide a heritage presentation as part of the programme.

On the evening of the first day, the museum team visited Redford Barracks to deliver a presentation on regimental heritage, its historical links, and the Museum's role in preserving and sharing the Regiment's stories. Most of the hour was spent exploring objects from the Museum's collection, organised around themes of combat, international responsibilities, ceremonial roles, and daily life. The students handled and discussed some fascinating items, including a piece of a Vallon mine detecting

kit, a damaged MK7 combat helmet struck by an RPG, a football used in the re-enactment of the 1888/89 Army Cup Final, a medallion awarded to Cpl Cruachan IV for his role in the 2015 Edinburgh Military Tattoo, and illustrations by Capt (now Lt Col) Freddie MacNair of his service in Afghanistan and beyond.

The Museum is grateful to be strengthening its ties with the Band, thanks to the enthusiastic and skilled media team, and looks forward to similar outreach programs in the future.



“OLD ENOUGH TO KNOW BETTER”

Lt Col (Retd) Kevin Wood

That’s it - in my dotage, I decided to have a look at Ultra Marathon running!

What is an Ultra-Marathon? Well, any running event that the distance to cover is more than 26.219 miles, I think.

In 2024 I ran the John Muir Way 30-mile Ultra and the CATERAN YOMP which was 54 miles.

Unfortunately, I had to take the first half of 2025 off, as I had a disagreement with a Greggs Bacon Roll which required an extended stay courtesy of the NHS and saw me on light duties for 7 months.

I completed the John Muir Way Ultra again in March 2026 as a trial to see where I was - slower than 2024 but hey ho!



So, what next? I entered a Rat Race event titled The Wall, an iconic 70-mile challenge along and hand-railing Hadrian’s Wall from Carlisle Castle to the Millennium Bridge on the mighty Tyne River in the middle of Newcastle.

I trained solidly for 5 months and wanted to see if this failing former Gladiator’s mind and body could endure prolonged suffering and complete the distance.

Moose, my wife, shuffled the family main events list at weekends to allow me do back-to-back long runs. Weekdays were intervals, hill, tempo, and strength training all of which were enjoyable once you got going.

The event day itself was blessed with warm weather but high winds. My lasting memory is of young pub dwellers on their night out encouraging everyone with “Run Forest Run!”

I managed to run and speed-walk the distance in just under 17hrs getting back to my hotel in time to watch the Scotland v Haiti game- well the first 18 minutes of it.

All that is left to say is: “What next”?





2 SCOTS TRIUMPH AT ARMY ADVENTURE TRAINING AWARDS 2026

Lt Alex Brophy led a team of eight soldiers and two instructors on an exhilarating week-long Via Ferrata expedition in the Dolomites, Northern Italy. This challenging climbing experience, involving routes secured by metal cables, tested their skills daily amidst stunning alpine scenery.

Lt Brophy described the trip as both rewarding and enjoyable, with memorable climbs and some well-earned downtime. The team's effort was recognised when they won the Best Overseas Expedition award at the Army Adventure Training Awards 2026.

Thanks to generous sponsorship, the prize money will support further adventure training exercises for units in the coming year, helping to build skills and resilience across the Army.





ELYSIUM MEMORIAL FOUNDATION: HONOURING VETERANS LOST TO SUICIDE

Founded in 2021, the Elysium Memorial Foundation aims to create the UK's first Memorial dedicated solely to veterans' suicide and to support veterans' mental health. Inspired by the loss of colleagues, including his best friend, Sgt Ed Mackenzie of 1st Battalion The Highlanders and 4 SCOTS, established the charity to provide a place at the National Memorial Arboretum where those affected can remember loved ones and raise awareness to help prevent further tragedies.

Co-founded with Cpl Stevie Nicol, a former 4 SCOTS soldier medically discharged after 15 years' service, and Ed's father, the charity has expanded to support all veterans and serving personnel across the Royal Navy, Army, and Royal Air Force. Its core mission remains veteran-to-veteran support and the creation of the Memorial.

Early fundraising efforts included a 300-mile kayak journey from near Liverpool to Putney Bridge, London, by three former 4 SCOTS soldiers, raising £18,000. Subsequent events, including another kayak challenge from Manchester to East London and an auction in Fife, further boosted funds.

The charity has received notable support, including mentions in Parliament by Stuart Anderson MP and backing from senior military figures such as Field Marshal Sir Nicholas Houghton and Col Nick Millen OBE. After years of fundraising, grants, and awards—including Ed Mackenzie's bronze Inspiration of the Year at the Veterans Awards—the Memorial is now ready to be built.

In June 2026, the Memorial's stonework was transported to the National Memorial Arboretum from Catterick Garrison, accompanied by a bike escort and national media coverage from BFBS, GB News, BBC, The Telegraph, and local outlets. This exposure has been vital in raising awareness of the Memorial and the charity's mission.

While the Arboretum does not permit names on the Memorial, the foundation is exploring options for a book of remembrance and digital records to honour those lost.



Sharon speaks to visitors at the Royal Highland Show.



Hilary installs the exhibition objects on location

20TH ANNIVERSARY 'TOUR OF SCOTLAND'

Across the summer, the team from the Museum of The Royal Regiment of Scotland have been sharing stories from the first 20 years of the Regiment away from its usual home in Edinburgh Castle.

From the Highlands to the Borders, the team have toured the mobile exhibition unit to community venues and large scale events. Particular highlights include attending the Royal Highland Show in June and Flodden Day in Coldstream in August. Although each location and event has differed, the team have seen similarities in how the general public understand both the history and currency of the Regiment – or in most cases have no clue it exists!

The exhibition itself has been designed to combat this and features highlights from the Museum collection which aren't typically on permanent display or have never been displayed. It is also accompanied by an activity book designed for families to learn more about SCOTS history together. If you have a community space or an upcoming event in 2027 and would like to host the exhibition, please contact the Museum team.

IN OTHER NEWS



*Fusilier Campbell taking part in
Ex SPRING STORM in Estonia*



4 SCOTS Veterans Range Day in Cyprus



*Soldier from A Coy, 4 SCOTS getting eyes on an enemy
position during Ex CLAN CYCLONE*



*Dollar Academy CCF taking part in
the 20th Anniversary parade*



Some of BKA Coy on Ex ALPINE EDGE 26



*2 SCOTS and 4 SCOTS delivered impressive
performances in the Army Unit 7s Finals.*

SAVE THE DATES

2026 / 2027

SCOTS DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2026

- **Sun 11 Oct** – Laying up of 1 SCOTS colours, Canongate Kirk
- **Sun 8 Nov** – Remembrance Sunday, London / Edinburgh
- **Wed 18 Nov** - Beating Retreat, London
- **Sat 28 Nov** - SCOTS Offrs’ St Andrews Ball, Prestonfield House, Edinburgh

2027

- **Fri 19 Mar** - SCOTS Offrs’ Black Hackle Dinner Night, New Club, Edinburgh
- **Sat 20 Mar** - Muster March and Remember, Canongate Kirk, Edinburgh
- **Sat 11 Sep** – The Royal Regiment of Scotland Race Day, Musselburgh
- **Sat 27 Nov** - SCOTS Offrs’ St Andrews Ball, Prestonfield House, Edinburgh



20th Anniversary Parade



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