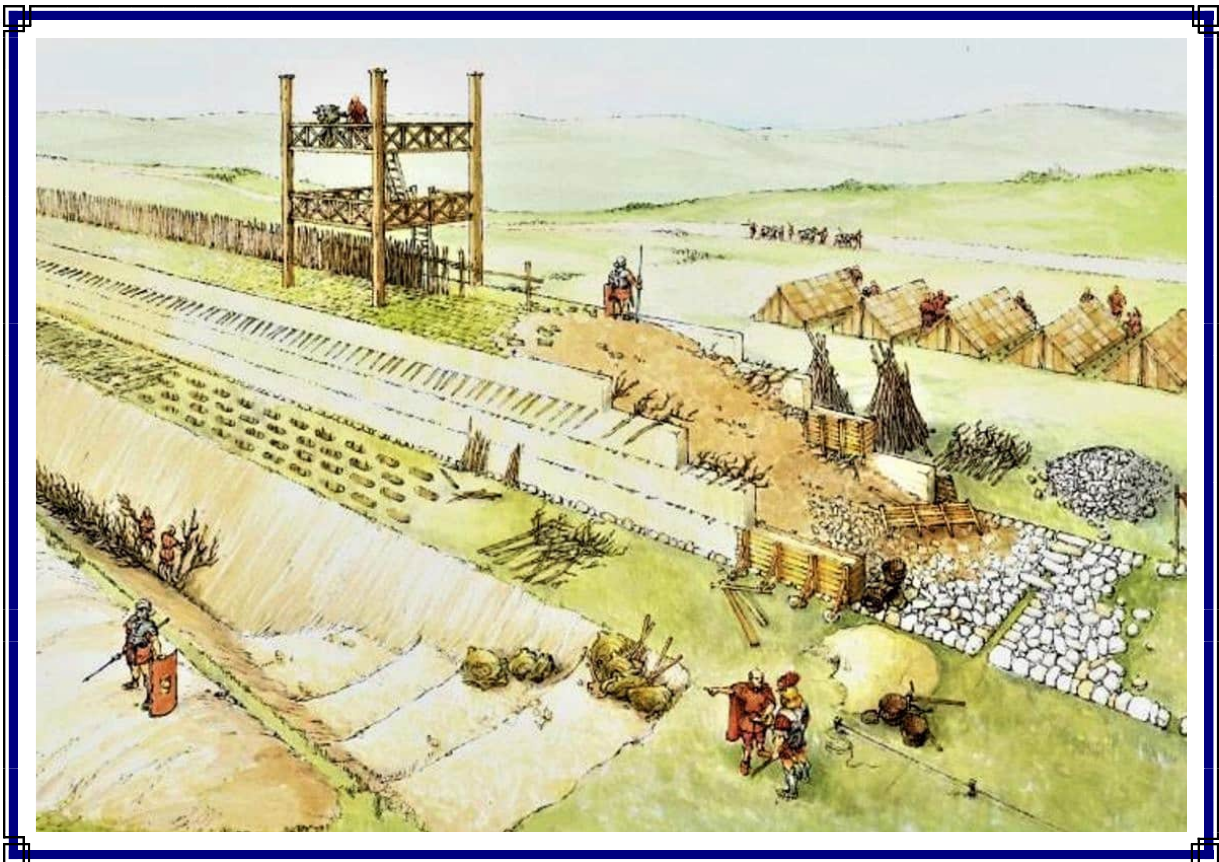


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# Commander's Call and National Reports

## From the Commander



'SOCIETY NOBLE IN THE NOBLESSE OF SCOTLAND'

What does this mean? According to (wikipedia.org): Innes of Learney believed that Scottish Armigers, those individuals granted ARMS by the Court of Lord Lyon, implicitly become Nobles in the Noblesse of Scotland, a form of hereditary Nobility.

If you do not know the History of SAMS, I will give you a short lesson; The SAMS National Charter was approved in 1981 in the State of North Carolina. In 2008, Lord Lyon approved our petition for a Coat of Arms which was subsequently approved by the Queen.

At this point you're probably wondering, "Ok, so what, why should I care?" There are *very few* American Organizations that are granted their own Coat of Arms and even fewer who are American military. SAMS is a distinctly unique Veterans Organization. Because of our affiliation with Lord Lyon, when he issued the "ARMS", he issued them as "Corporate ARMS"; SAMS members can wear the complete ARMS. Our Official motto "But for Freedom for that Alone", is above the ARMS and should help to remind us why we served, and still serve. When we joined SAMS, we acquired some Nobility. We must and should take pride in the way we look, act, and carry ourselves when in uniform. Remember, we represent not only SAMS, but America, and Scotland, and all those who went before us and fought for the FREEDOMS we all enjoy.

Finally, we represent ourselves. You joined SAMS for a specific reason and purpose. You need to remember what that reason was and ask yourself why you joined and are you living up to that purpose. Have you gotten involved with your Post? Did you only join to add the membership to your obituary one day? When was the last time you talked to anyone about SAMS? Recruited *anyone*? Worked or volunteered at your Post's tent?"

Remember, according to our 2019 Bylaws, Article II, Section III, Subsection (3), "Spouses, Widows, Widowers, or lineal descendants of past or present members of US Armed Forces are accepted as Regular members." Let's strive in the upcoming quarter to double our membership. It doesn't take much effort, just a little initiative.

—Kenneth Lloyd, NC

## National Vice-Commander



Reports from RCs and PCs have been arriving steadily, and I love reading them! Reports make up a "brag book" of your activities and adventures. Don't put off writing because it "should be" formal and following a formula.

Here in my home town of Estes Park, CO, I serve as

an observer at District Board of Directors' meetings: When did it happen? Where did it happen? How many came? If actions were to be taken, was there a quorum? Motions made? Did a motion pass? My report is a short paragraph unless a motion must be evaluated for its effect on the general public.

At Post AGMs, officers for the year are elected /re-cruited / acclaimed. Essential for your AGM report: the Post Commander, and any other Point of Contact, whether newly elected or continuing, and their contact information as it will appear in The Patriot and on our website. Residential addresses do not have to be published: you are entitled to privacy! The advantage of email is that you can be anywhere, working remotely. Likewise telephone numbers; although the National Council should be able to reach you. Consider if you wish prospective members to call -- the fastest way to vet new people and invite them to a meeting. Although I dislike nuisance calls as much as anyone; telephone is the best way for a frustrated member to reach me when I obviously haven't read my emails today.

The role of National Vice Commander could potentially be daunting. However, I have no personal mission or agenda. I am here for the membership. Thus, I am very pleased to hear that you have come out of your dens and foxholes and are doing something! Quote from "Lucy the Psychiatrist" in the "Peanuts" cartoon: "It's your world! Live in it!"

—Margaret Rothermel, NVC

## National Adjutant



New member recruiting is picking up, however, I have been receiving application forms that are either outdated or a Post version of an outdated app. I ask that all new member applications be on the "Revised 22 Nov 2022" edition found on our web page.

Please rid yourselves of all others. If you are verifying a new member's proof of service, please read the app for complete information and that it is READABLE. If the 'newbie' is joining your Post, please put the Post number on the application, otherwise they will be marked as MAL.

**NOTE:** It is very important that you *Please include full name and National member number, on all correspondences.*

**NOTE:** I do not conduct SAMS business via Facebook or text messages. Anything you want to discuss, report, etc., send it to the below e-mail address or pick up the phone and call.

Use the e-mail address [samsnatadj.2019@aol.com](mailto:samsnatadj.2019@aol.com) for SAMS official business ONLY.

—Jo Lawrence, NA



## Comptroller's Report



—Russell W Adams, N. Comp

### Assistant National Adjutant/Comptroller



Colorado had its first foray into the 2023 festival season in April at Tartan Days in Longmont. Last year's cold, blustery weather was a distant memory with the beautiful sunshine and light breezes this year.

I was getting ready to help in the Clan Murray tent (I am the US Genealogist for Clan Murray) and was busy checking brochures, business cards, signs, and the other things we use in the tent, and thought I'd see what Post 100 was planning. I ended up providing them with business cards and a visitor roster, both of which appeared useful.

I have done a lot of promotion and marketing over the years for a variety of non-profits, so I contacted Debra Lloyd, SAMS PRO. A short conversation with a few questions about some ideas I had turned into a several-hours-long phone call and a project for me to complete.

The initial effort is now complete, and all of SAMS' leaders, from Ken Lloyd down to Post Commanders have a draft copy of SAMS' new Promotion Portfolio. Regional Commanders up through SAMS Commander saw a couple iterations of the Portfolio after providing promotion and recruiting materials I requested. Post Commanders received a copy for their inspection and input the last part of May.

Promotion and marketing are key elements of recruiting and, depending on how its done in the tent, a veteran may walk away without filling out a SAMS application. Not everyone is artistically-creative, or even computer-literate, but the Portfolio is filled with examples (with more yet to come) that can be taken to any printer, pointed out on the page, and personalized for the Post. Coming later, with Debra's help, will be helpful tips on how to fundraise and pay for all the "goodies" we want to use in attracting new members and telling everyone about SAMS.

Spend some time with the Portfolio, make your Commander share it with you, help when/if you can, and send me any products you create. There are a few things SAMS National can do to help for those things everyone uses, but it's up to each Post to personalize any information they hand out for their local audience.

The Portfolio is only the first step in an ongoing effort to get you thinking about ways to help you recruit. SAMS is nothing without live bodies, and the Posts are the initial source. The ideas included in the Portfolio are practically guaranteed to make your Post look more professional and more attractive to veterans willing to join.

If you have samples to send, questions or comments, hints or tips, please feel free to contact me; I hope you find the Portfolio useful and have tremendous

success in your recruitment efforts this year.

Finally, please, please, please, double-check email addresses, phone numbers, and web addresses for accuracy. SAMS puts out a lot of contact information, and everything has to be the same (and correct!). Thanks,

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At the direction of the NC, the Dress Code Committee is doing a complete review and revision of the current SAMS Dress Code. Many of you received a request for input via email and on the SAMS Facebook page, but for those who didn't, I am soliciting input from all members in regard to what you believe should be included or discarded from the current Code. Please note; If you submit input concerning the dress code, it needs to include a justification as to why it should be included or removed. Suggestions without an included justification will not be considered.

Once all of the input from the field is received and reviewed, a revised National SAMS Dress Code will be presented to the National Commander and Council for their review and approval.

Your submissions will need to be in NLT 15 July to be considered. Please submit your recommendations to me at the address below.

#### ALL SAMS MEMBERS, PCs AND RCs:

Effective with the Fall 2023 Issue of the Patriot Magazine, pictures submitted for inclusion in the magazine showing SAMS Members in the SAMS Uniform: Said members must be in compliance with the current or future SAMS Dress Code or the pictures will not be included in the magazine. That does not mean that members in Polo shirts, Auxiliary uniforms, or members not in uniform because they don't have it completed yet should be excluded. It means if you're wearing the uniform, wear it properly.

—Allan Sperling, [samsdresscode@yahoo.com](mailto:samsdresscode@yahoo.com)

## From the Editor



Looking forward, I am contemplating taking on an ‘apprentice’ Patriot editor. (This old biddy ain’t gonna live forever...) Someone who is a veteran, a member in good standing and not already in a National elected or appointed office.

Must have Publisher and either a desk top or full screen laptop computer. (cannot do this magazine on a tablet or phone). Need to have the time to arrange articles and photos in a logical layout and have at least a nodding acquaintance with punctuation and grammar. (see past Patriots for examples) If you are interested, contact me at the below address.

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I do not take photos, etc., off Facebook, all submissions must come via e-mail. Thanks.

*Jo Lawrence, Managing Editor, JoPatriot@aol.com*

## Awards Committee Chair



As yet, I have not received any nominations/recommendations for members for the subject committee other than volunteers by existing officers or a handful of names that were gathered in a previous time. I realize some of you have volunteered to participate, but in fairness, I would solicit other members take part like myself who had no previous Post, Region or National assignments. Sharing responsibilities gets others involved and gives them a sense of purpose. I encountered an opportunity in my own Post where a person in the past took on a public-facing activity (to the exclusion of others) that others asked to participate in, this caused some angst and hard feelings. We are all experienced veterans and we can do better for our members.

If you have someone who does not have a job, task or position and would like to participate, please let me know as soon as possible. I would like to gather some resources and get things moving. My goal as previously indicated is to give the National Commander a plan that can be put forth to the Executive Council for approval and distribution by mid-fall pending our inclusion by the services/service directives. We have all seen many JROTC (and other Cades programs) units ask for our award regardless of the official service recognition. They and their teams want us. Thank you for your patience and attention.

—*Marshall Perry, samsnatlawardschair@gmail.com*

## Web Master



—*Blake Vieyra, Blake.vieyra@gmail.com*

## Public Relations



### Post Housekeeping

Ciamar a tha? How are You? This is a very important question to most people because it gives you the opportunity to hopefully answer back truthfully with how you are actually doing. But do we know how our Posts and members are doing?

As we are now in our ramped-up Highland Games season and other events are happening and are scheduled to happen over the long holiday weekends, we need to ask our members and our Posts “How are you doing?” It is important to take stock in what is going on within your Post and what needs are being met or need to be met by the Post command. How often do you ask this question?

By sharing our feelings, we are actually doing a “housekeeping” of what is needed to be vented or spoken out loud. We need to communicate back to our members and Posts, so they know we care about them. You could even hold a “round table discussion” within your monthly Post meetings to talk about how to handle things like “aging out” where your older members are stepping back, or are either unable to march or participate like they once did. We are seeing a lot of Posts dealing with the aging out situation and we all need to address it. There are other subjects you can put forward to discuss and ask your members, so you are attuned to what’s happening within the Post. Involve your Regional Commanders too because they are the as leaders of a Region and need to be included.

### Recruitment

Every week, I go out onto the Facebook page entitled “Scottish American Military Society” to read all the Posts and comments that have been posted. I would like to see every Regional Commander and Post Commander do likewise because I’m finding there are questions being asked and people wanting to know how to join SAMS. I do business out on Facebook, and I have actually started sending emails to RC’s and PC’s when I find people who are wanting to join SAMS, but don’t know where to start the process. I’m sending these inquiries to the Regions where the recruit lives and to each Post who may receive this recruit. I attach a current National Application, a photo from The Patriot Magazine of which Post would align with their proximity and I cc’d the RC and PC’s and I also include our National Adjutant, so they know this person needs assistance. What I don’t get, and would like to have, the is the follow-up on whether this person was recruited by the Post or not. I try to make the connection happen that allows the person the opportunity to join SAMS. I do it because I want to see us recruit NEW members! I am also joining each individual Post’s Facebook

groups so I can help you if you need assistance. I'm reachable any time.

#### Vision

Have you asked yourself where you see SAMS in 10 years? As many of you know by talking to recruits at Events, a lot of our young people are not interested in hearing war stories or discussing things that they cannot relate to. We have an upcoming generation that is geared to immediate satisfaction in the here and now. I see SAMS growing to the point that the "R" numbers exceed 10,000 and these young people are taking SAMS to the next level. Right now, we are up to the 5,000 number in assignment, but sadly we don't retain the membership to support the 5,000-membership number assignment. What if we could?

I'm a firm believer in putting our new members to work (new recruits) from day one. These young people grew up in the computer era and have been literally trained to work every day with a computer and have the knowledge base to help our Posts do things that our older generation did not learn when in school. Have you thought about digitizing your "Welcome to the Post" packet? What if you could eliminate get postage down to a bare minimum and everything go out email? What about building your Post a website; one that pulls in members when you aren't at events or Games? Website design has become as simple as cut and paste with some applications. Get your members to tell you what they are capable of doing so you know the strengths of your membership. Add the line to your Post applications that say, "what talents or interests could you share with our Post?" Maybe you have just recruited a computer savvy member who is anxious to become part of something bigger and just needs the opportunity to help. Take your membership list and at to your next Post meeting, ask each member "what's your vision for SAMS"? See where it directs you and then GO FOR IT! Lang may yer lum reek!

—Debra Lloyd, [debrallloyd01@gmail.com](mailto:debrallloyd01@gmail.com)

#### LETTERS, WE GET LETTERS...

Jim (Schiaffino),

I always read your pieces first. I enjoyed your history of the "jeep." The first military vehicle I ever drove was in 1957 - an M35 2 1/2 ton "six by six" cargo truck. I never used a jeep until I was in Vietnam, when I had an M151A1 Truck, Utility, 1/4 Ton, assigned to the team of which I was chief. Great vehicle! It would pull through anything and up anything. On one occasion at Cam Ranh Bay, I followed (in four-wheel drive, of course) the tracks of a thief who had stolen some very heavy US Government property, through steep sand dunes of very deep sand. No problem! But I had never heard of the "rotbody." And I didn't know that the initial production of the "jeep" was by the American Bantam Car Company. Too bad they were too small to hold onto the contract. The "Seep" looks a little like the WW II US Army DUKW amphibious vehicle, but that was a 2 1/2 ton capacity vehicle, whereas the "jeep" was 1/4 ton. All interesting!

I agree that the bootleggers of the Appalachians displayed a lot of Highland mentality, and that a lot of them were of Highland descent. I had never made the NASCAR connection, though.

"The Great Locomotive Chase" was new to me. You certainly come up with some good stuff.

Northwest Scotland having been a part of North America was something I did know.

Anyway, keep up the good work. We probably will never meet, but we certainly have become friends.

—Weeden Nichols, R3454

#### GETTING STARTED IN HOUSTON AREA

It was not bad for my first time. The turn-out was low and not many stopped to look at the tent. I had an eye-grabber at the entrance and that did draw a few curious ones, and a display of old helmets that I have worn over the years, plus the info table and sign in sheet,



As to possible recruits, I can say there might be at least one out of the whole day. The tent next to mine was run by an old friend of mine, and his wife's dad is a retired Major. He appears to be gung ho about his Scottish ancestry, so I have hopes of hearing from him. I gave him my card and a brochure to check out the organization, so we will see. I also gave out two other cards and we shall see if they take.

Of course, I brought my Pipes and played two tunes every hour on the hour. I could have wished there had been a larger turn out, but it was what it was.

With the wind blasting like it was, large displays (I left at home) would not have lasted a minute without getting whisked to Kansas... So there you have it, It was fun.

Laurence Ching R5339 ([iching07@flash.net](mailto:iching07@flash.net))

**ED NOTE:** All SAMS members in the Houston area, contact Laurence to help in forming either a Camp or Post (to be 1835)



Post 81 members and family at the Annual Post Shoot and BBQ. Sperling Ranch, April.





# Flowers of the Forest



## Alan Bridgeman MacIntyre OHL54 MAL

23 September 1921 ~ 1 April 2022



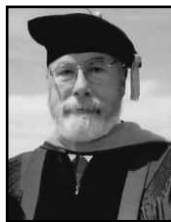
Alan earned his B.S. in Electrical Engineering in 1943 from North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering. During World War II, he was a Navy Lieutenant as a radar division officer. After the War, he returned to NC State, and attained the rank of commander and earned his master's degree in Electrical Engineering in 1953.

In retirement, Alan gave countless years of service to the Clan MacIntyre Association. He was a founding member of the group and held numerous leadership positions including President. He could be found at many clan gatherings talking genealogy with young and old. The Clan MacIntyre motto *'Per Ardua'* (through difficulties) was taken to heart in his everyday life. His retirement was made richer and busier by multiple house remodeling and cabinet projects at home and in the homes of his children. He and his wife Marguerite were able to travel to Scotland to see the ancestral home of the MacIntyres. Alan and Marguerite were married 49 years when she passed away in 2003. He is survived by a daughter, a son, and five grandchildren.

—Frank Ballentine, Post 1775

## Dr. Richard Goodwin R5124 MAL

24 March 1949 ~ 30 March 2023



Richard passed away suddenly after recently celebrating his 74th birthday. He is survived by his wife Linda, a son and daughter, two grandchildren and a brother.

Richard's passion for continued education and community service never waned. He graduated from West Point in 1971, went on to the Air War College, and later taught Physics at West Point. He served 20 years in the Air Force, retired, and then moved the family to Belgium to work at SHAPE Headquarters. At the time of his death, he was working for MDA in Huntsville, Alabama, after a second stint in Belgium (NATO) that was shortened by the global pandemic.

As a teenager, Richard achieved scouting's highest rank: Eagle. Richard coached his son and many others' sons (and eventually daughters) to the same achievement, and spent decades training adult leaders to follow suit, totaling 30+ years of volunteering to scouts. Ever an academic, he was also heavily involved in his church, and was seeking a second doctorate in theology. He also had three Masters Degrees (Systems Management, Nuclear Engineering, and Theology) and a PHD in Public Administration.

In his "free time" he was an avid Alfa Romeo enthusiast, toy soldier collector, Clan Henderson supporter, member of the Knights Templar, Scottish-American Military Society, an avid reader, genealogy enthusiast, and all-around debater of anything and everything. He and Linda had recently renewed their wedding vows on their 50th anniversary, surrounded by loved ones and friends.

It is hard to fully quantify such a larger-than-life personality, that people often called "a real character", but his family has greatly appreciated the outpouring of support from family, friends, and colleagues as they navigate the vast loss of Dr. Goodwin. Private services were held at their church in Huntsville, with a final interment in Arlington National Cemetery.

—Linda Goodwin





# Flowers of the Forest

## Bruce Don Eddings, Sr., OL370 Post 100

30 May 1947 ~ 19 November 2021



A native of New Jersey, Bruce entered the Air Force in 1967. He was deployed to Vietnam in 1969 and was honorably discharged in 1971 after having earned a Purple Heart. He was very proud of his service with the 554th Red Horse while he was in the Air Force and stayed in touch with many of his friends. After returning to Colorado, he began his service with the Veterans Administration Medical Center where he worked for 33 years and retired as a Stationary Engineer in 2005. He also served several years in the Army Reserves and left with the rank of Technical Sergeant.

Bruce avidly loved the music of the 50's, 60's and 70's, and was particularly inspired by the Beatles; Simon and Garfunkel; and Peter, Paul and Mary. After his retirement, he enjoyed photography, building and using computers and other electronic gadgets, participating as a lifetime member of Post 100 of the Scottish-American Military Society, and restoring his 1966 Ford Mustang convertible.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Sheryl Ann, two sons, two daughters, five grandchildren, a brother, two sisters. His family wishes to extend a special thank you to the many people who were so meaningful in his life. A celebration of life at a graveside ceremony with full military honors was held in Nebraska at the end of May 2022.



15 April Pittsburgh's Tartan Day Festival  
L-R: Post 77 DC Raymond Barley, Pennsylvania State Senator Devlin Robinson, PC Douglas Fulton



Post 1859 Kilted Night Out at Skagit Valley Shawn O'Donnell's L-R: Bill Rutledge, Scott Ellison, Shannon Mowatt, Dan Vogel, Jennifer Watson, Don Scoby, Mike Batnick, Robert Donaldson



Post 1847 Honor Guard



## New Regular Members

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# The Charge of The Light Brigade

By James Schiaffino Post 1814

You are probably familiar with the stanza from Tennyson's poem that goes

*Theirs not to make reply,  
Theirs not to reason why,  
Theirs but to do and die.  
Into the valley of Death Rode the six hundred.*



But do you know the entire story? The Charge occurred during the Battle of Balaclava in The Crimean War. The British were allied with the Kingdom of Piedmont-Sardinia, the French and The Ottoman Empire against the Russians.

At that time the British army had two cavalry forces, the Light and the Heavy Brigades. The Light Brigade was mounted on unarmored light fast horses. They were armed with lances and sabers. The light brigade was intended for reconnaissance and skirmishing. Because of their mobility and speed, they were also ideal for cutting down infantry and artillery units as they tried to retreat. The Light Brigade consisted of the 4th and 13th Light Dragoons, the 17th Lancers, and the 8th and 11th Hussars.

The Heavy Brigade rode large, heavy chargers. The men were equipped with metal helmets and armed with cavalry swords for close combat. They were intended as the primary British shock force, leading frontal charges to break enemy lines. The Heavy Brigade was composed of the 4th Royal Irish Dragoon Guards, the 5th Dragoon Guards, the 6th Inniskilling Dragoons and the Scots Greys.

On 25 October 1854, the Russian army led by Prince Menshikov attacked the British base at Balaklava. The Russians gained control of some of the ridges surrounding the port. The British and Turks retreated leaving their artillery behind. The British regrouped and desperately wanted to recapture their guns and eliminate the Russian threat to their base at Balaclava.

Both Brigades faced the mile and a quarter valley between the Fedyukin Heights and the Causeway Heights. At the end of the valley was the Russian in-

fantry and along the heights the Russians had 50 cannons covering most of the valley with enfilading fire.

Neither Brigade was equipped for a frontal assault on a fully dug-in and alerted artillery, much less one with an excellent line of sight over a mile and a quarter in length and supported on two sides by artillery batteries providing cross fire from elevated ground. Needless to say both were ordered to attack through what Tennyson called "The Valley of Death".



The commander of the British forces was Field Marshal FitzRoy Somerset, 1st Baron Raglan. It was his intent that the Heavy Brigade with the support of the British infantry would attack the entrenched Russians while the Light Cavalry attacked the cannon emplacement on Causeway Heights and a French cavalry attachment would attack the cannons on the Fedyukin Heights. Lord Raglan wanted the light cavalries to prevent the Russians from withdrawing the captured guns from the hillside, while the heavy brigade and infantry attacked the dug-in Russians. This was the perfect task for the Light Brigade. Their superior speed would ensure that the Russians would be forced to either quickly abandon the cumbersome guns or be cut down en-masse while they tried to flee with them.

Lieutenant General George Bingham, 3rd Earl of Lucan was in command of the British Cavalry. General Bingham received an order from the army commander Lord Raglan stating: "Lord Raglan wishes the cavalry to advance rapidly to the front, follow the enemy, and try to prevent the enemy carrying away the guns. Troop horse artillery may accompany. French cavalry is on your left. Immediate." This was where the confusion in orders began.

The orders were somewhat vague and led to confusion on the part of Bringham. He delayed charging as he awaited the arrival of the infantry. For forty minutes he waited fruitlessly This delay caused Lord Raglan to send his aide-de-Camp Captain Louis Nolan with another frantic order, this time to "advance rapidly to the front". This led to a moment of confusion, causing Bingham to ask Nolan just where the cavalry were supposed to attack. The response from Captain Nolan was

to gesticulate towards the north valley instead of the Causeway which was the intended position for attack. After a somewhat heated discussion, it was decided that the Light Brigade had to follow the last order and charge down the valley. This miscommunication would cost many lives.

Although both James Brudenell, the Earl of Cardigan who commanded the Light Brigade and the troopers themselves could see that no one was attacking either Causeway Heights or the Fedyukin Heights. They drew their sabers and began the doomed mile-and-a-quarter-long charge, facing Russian troops who were firing on them from three different directions. The first to fall was Captain Nolan, Raglan's aide-de-camp.

As the Light Brigade charged helplessly into the devastating Russian fire, Lord Lucan led the Heavy Brigade forward with the French cavalry taking up the left of his position to the Fedioukine Heights. The French were successful in overrunning the Russian battery, forcing them to withdraw. This increased the Light Brigade's chances of success as they would now only be receiving fire from one side of the valley.



The Light Brigade continued their desperate charge down the valley taking heavy casualties with each passing minute. Although slightly wounded and sensing that the Light Brigade was doomed, Lord Lucan gave the fateful order for the Heavy Brigade to halt and retreat, leaving Brudenell and his men without support. The effects of the Russian fire were devastating. Those who did not die in the initial charge managed to drive the Russians from their guns and turned to face the Russian Cavalry that was being held in reserve. The sight of the brave survivors of the Light Brigade charging towards them caused the Russian cavalry to panic and pull back.

The Russian commander saw that Lord Lucan had halted his attack leaving the Light Brigade outnumbered. The Russian cavalry was ordered to attack and cut off any retreat by the survivors. While the two cavalry forces clashed, the Russian gunners on the Causeway Heights opened fire on the confused mass of cavalry inflicting casualties on both sides.

Miraculously two groups of survivors quickly broke through the trap and made a break for it. Of the 600+ troopers of the Light Brigade, who returned to their

lines, 195 men were still mounted on their horses. Killed were 118 men, 127 were wounded, and about 60 taken prisoner. The futility of their action and their reckless bravery in face of overwhelming odds caused the French commander Marshal Pierre Bosquet to state: "C'est magnifique, mais ce n'est pas la guerre." ("It is magnificent, but it is not war.") He continued, in a rarely quoted phrase: "C'est de la folie" — "It is madness."

For their heroism and bravery, the Light Brigade has been immortalized in song and verse. To this day, the charge of the Light Brigade continues to be studied by modern military historians as an example of what can go wrong when accurate military intelligence is lacking and orders are unclear. Prime Minister Winston Churchill, who was a keen military historian and a former cavalryman, insisted on taking time out during the Yalta Conference in 1945 to see the battlefield for himself.

British Poet Laureate Alfred, Lord Tennyson wrote evocatively about the battle in his poem "The Charge of the Light Brigade". Tennyson's poem, written 2 December and published on 9 December 1854, in *The Examiner*, praises the brigade while mourning the appalling futility of the charge. It immediately became hugely popular, and even reached the troops in the Crimea, where 1,000 copies were distributed in pamphlet form.

Thirty-six years later, Rudyard Kipling wrote "The Last of the Light Brigade", commemorating a visit by the last 20 survivors to Tennyson to reproach him gently for not writing a sequel about the way in which England was treating its old soldiers.

Thus the gallant Light Brigade heroically rode into History ensuring their bravery and devotion to duty would live forever.



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FitzRoy James  
Henry Somerset  
1st Baron Raglan



Lt General  
George Charles  
Bingham,  
3rd Earl of Lucan



# King George IV in Scotland

*Jim "Ski" Schiaffino Post 1814*

Following the Battle at Culloden Moor, Parliament passed the Dress Act forbidding Scots to wear their traditional dress, speak their traditional language and banned the bagpipe. After the Dress Act was repealed in 1782, Highland aristocrats set up Highland Societies in Edinburgh and other centers including London and Aberdeen. These were landowners' clubs with aims including "Improvements" ie: the Highland Clearances and promoting "the general use of the ancient Highland dress" by obliging members to wear this when attending meetings.

Sir Walter Scott was the author of wildly popular novels such as *Waverley*, which gave a romantic image of the Scottish Highlands. In 1815 this led him to being invited to London for dinner with George, who was then the Prince Regent. According to legend Sir Walter Scott had persuaded George that he was as much a Stuart as Bonnie Prince Charlie had been. And that he should visit his royal capital of Edinburgh the ancient kingdom of his ancestors. George was flattered by the suggestion and agreed in principle that his visit "should go ahead once he had succeeded his father, the ailing George III."

The old king died in 1820 and in July 1822 Edinburgh's lord provost received a letter announcing that George IV would visit the capital the following month. Apparently, there was widespread panic at the short notice as this was to be the first visit by a reigning monarch since the short visit of the fugitive Charles II in 1650.

When King George IV visited Edinburgh in 1822, he became the 1st monarch to come to Scotland in 172 years. Since it was his original idea, Sir Walter Scott was chosen to orchestrate the royal visit. Along with the standard pomp, pageantry and circumstance surrounding the royal visit, Scott decided to highlight the Scottish national dress. Scott proclaimed no gentleman was allowed to appear at the King's Highland Ball in anything but the ancient Highland costume. Sir Scott's decree assured him a place in history as the person who reinvented tartan and placed it at the center of the country's image.

An army of workmen was engaged to clean the streets of Edinburgh and to knock down ruinous buildings. These included the old Butter Tron at the foot of the Castlehill. Water and gas were piped into Holyrood Palace, though it was agreed that the king and his entourage were to stay at the splendid Dalkeith Palace, home to the 16-year-old 5th Duke of Buccleuch.

Sir Walter Scott rushed out an anonymous guide to his fellow Scots on the etiquette to be observed during the forthcoming royal visit. Copies of the advice sold out. Scott also wrote a personal letter to every Highland chief summoning them to Edinburgh. It said: "The

King is coming after all! Arms and men are the best things that we have to show him."

There was a very positive response, given the little time there was for the clan chiefs to make arrangements. Many a laird hastily ordered Tartans. It took 300 unemployed tailors to kit them out. The Laird of Clan Gregor, brought 50 men to Edinburgh. They were fitted out with tartan from a supplier in the North Bridge with their weapons provided by John McLeod of Castle Street. The weapons alone cost £148. The officers were provided with grander costumes supplied by Romanes and Paterson at the Scottish Tartan Warehouse in North Bridge. Scott's insistence on tartan pageantry during the trip elevated the kilt to become part of Scotland's national identity.

The king himself ordered a custom-made tartan. He did however create a fashion faux pas by pairing a short kilt with a pair of sheer pink silk tights. The London press ruthlessly caricatured the king for wearing his kilt too short. But despite the portly king's appearance it proved to be the pivotal moment for Scotland's national dress.

King George IV set off by boat on 10 August 1822 from Greenwich in England but was unable to land at Leith in the Firth of Forth until 15 August due to bad weather. The delay afforded the builders time to find billets for the hundreds of soldiers who were to be stationed in the town. Six cannons were hauled to the top of the Bass Rock in the Firth of Forth and a 45ft flagpole was erected to salute the arrival of the royal visitor.

A royal trip necessitated an enormous royal household being brought in by sea. There were 100 cases of decorated plates and the king's throne offloaded at Leith and taken by cart to Dalkeith Palace. A huge bonfire was built on the top of Arthur's Seat. In addition, Edinburgh braced itself for the influx of thousands of visitors anxious to be part of the celebrations.

The Glasgow Herald reported: "Glasgow, as far as we can see, will be almost deserted on the occasion - every vehicle of conveyance is fully employed and engaged for the coming days. Extra boats on the canal are insufficient for the number of passengers. Where the moving mass from all corners of the land are to stow themselves when in Edinburgh, we know not. Many, we understand, are provided with or are providing themselves with tents and intend to bivouac in the fields."

An apparent hitch arrived unexpectedly when Sir Thomas Mash, controller of accounts in the Lord Chamberlain's office, arrived in Edinburgh to take control but Scott would not give way. Defiantly, Scott told Mash "When his majesty comes amongst us, he comes to his ancient kingdom of Scotland and must be received according to ancient usages. If you persist in

bringing in English customs we turn about, one and all, and leave you. You take the responsibility on yourself." Mash backed down. It was to be Scott's show.

The King's ship *Royal George* arrived in the Firth of Forth about noon on 14 August, but his landing was postponed due to a dreich (torrential rain). Despite the rain, Sir Walter Scott was rowed out to see the King, who exclaimed, "What! Sir Walter Scott! The man in Scotland I most wish to see!" After a drink of whisky, Scott presented the King with a jewel designed and embroidered by the ladies of Edinburgh, in the form of a silver St Andrews cross embroidered with pearls on blue velvet with a belt of gold, a diamond buckle and magnificent Scottish pearl surmounted by the imperial crown picked out in brilliants, rubies, emeralds and topaz. Inscribed on the cross was "*Rìgh Albainn gu brath*" (Long live the King). On 15 August, the escort of Tartan clad Highlanders mustered in Queen Street Gardens to welcome the king. The *Royal George* docked and at midday the king was brought ashore to a tumultuous welcome. When he saw the crowds on Calton Hill singing the national anthem, he was overcome with emotion and wept.

The morning of 17 August was marked by a small ceremony and procession including a Clan MacGregor Regalia Guard, as the Honors of Scotland were returned from Holyroodhouse up the Royal Mile to the Castle. When he accompanied the Honors of Scotland back to Edinburgh Castle, he went up onto the Half Moon Battery. "Good God!" he said. "What a fine sight!" Which it is, even in the rain through which he was seeing it. Taking off his hat, he waved it above his head, acknowledging the crowds watching him as he was watching them.

He was then taken to a drawing-room in Holyroodhouse, where the King managed to salute 457 ladies with a kiss on the cheek. The romantic gesture took two hours.

That evening the King wore a full Highland costume with flesh-colored silk tights and a short kilt to a tumultuous civic banquet in the great Hall of Parliament House. It prompted one attendee, Lady Hamilton-Dalrymple, to remark: "Since his stay was so short, the more we see of him the better."

Next day the King went in state to the Presbyterian Church of Scotland Sunday service at St. Giles' Cathedral. On Monday he made a private visit to the Holyrood Palace apartments of his ancestor Mary, Queen of Scots, then in the evening he attended the Caledonian Hunt Ball in a Guards uniform. Again, many of the dancers were kilted, and the King was excited by the reels and strathspeys. Once more his wish



Cartoon of George IV

was met, that while he was in Scotland all music would be "purely national and characteristic."

On 27 August, George made his last and least formal public appearance, where he attended a theatre performance of Scott's *Rob Roy* adapted and produced by William Henry Murray.

The final event of the visit was a lavish breakfast at Hopetoun House, the beautiful Adam mansion on the Firth of Forth. Turtle soup, grouse and chilled champagne for the gentry inside the house, ale and cold cuts for hundreds of estate workers, tenants and locals in the grounds. Following the King's 14-day visit, George IV was then rowed out to the royal yacht from nearby Port Edgar and sailed back south.

Fifteen years later, George's niece, Queen Victoria, inspired by her uncle's tales of his visit to Scotland embraced the interest in Scotland. She purchased the Balmoral estate in the Highlands to solidify the connection between the English monarch and the Scots, and with it the introduction of what we would recognize today as tourism to Scotland.

Scotland honored King George IV by naming the main street in Edinburgh, "George IV Bridge". A statue of him which stands grandly at one of the major junctions in Edinburgh's New Town today reminds us of his place in creating the modern sense of Scotland.

The king's visit also prompted two important ideas to emerge. The first was the start to bridge the gulf of ignorance and prejudice of highlanders by lowlanders and the *Sassenachs* (English). While both parties might not have been more accurately informed, they started to think of the highlands as a romantic place rather than simply as the land full of savages they had believed it to be for centuries. The second result was to fix in the mind of everyone on earth the myth that today's tartans and kilts are the product of centuries of tradition: the epitome of everything that is Scottish. *Alba gu Brath!*



Formal Painting of King George IV

# Rochambeau & *Le Expédition Particulière*

Jim "Ski" Schiaffino Post 1814

While the Spanish army under General Galvez was busy chasing Cornwallis out of the Southern colonies the Comte de Rochambeau was ordered to support the Continental Army in the American Revolutionary War. He departed Brest on 2 May 1780, with 5,500 soldiers. They were escorted by a seven-ship and three-frigate squadron, escorting 36 transports carrying troops. They arrived in Boston on 11 July 1780. Another 2,500 men were intended to join the war effort, but the King was unable to supply enough ships to transport them.

When the French arrived, Washington quickly sent the Marquis de Lafayette to welcome them. Following Cornwallis' twin defeats at King's Mountain and Cowpens, Cornwallis marched into Virginia. Marquis de Lafayette was then sent south to join General Greene shadowing Cornwallis. Rochambeau's force spent the winter in New England, fruitlessly awaiting the arrival of the rest of his army. While Cornwallis was wintering at Yorktown awaiting resupply from England. General Washington tried to interest Rochambeau in an attack on New York City, Charleston or Canada, but the Frenchman rejected the proposals.

On 28 May, Rochambeau, who never liked the idea of attacking New York, wrote to de Grasse that "There are two points at which an offensive can be made against the enemy: Chesapeake and New York. The southwesterly winds and the state of defense in Virginia will probably make you prefer the Chesapeake Bay, and it will be there where we think you may be able to render the greatest service.... In any case it is essential that you send, well in advance, a frigate to inform de Barras where you are to come and also General Washington."

At the meeting the three leaders thinking turned to Cornwallis: on 1 August Washington wrote in his diary that he "could scarce see a ground upon which to continue my preparations against New York, and therefore I turned my views more seriously (than I had before done) to an operation to the southward."

Within weeks of their arrival, a group of about 20 Oneida and Tuscarora Indians came to visit Rochambeau in Newport to assure him of their old and continuing friendship with the King of France and to offer their assistance in the struggle against the British crown. A few weeks later in October, a group of Abenaki and Micmac Indians visited as well and also offered to join the war on the side of the French.

Around mid-April, the French Quarter-Master General began to scout out the route and to locate the dif-

ferent posts and campsites where forage, wood, and cattle would be stored. He knew that the British would be well aware of these activities. Therefore, the route had to offer convenience, speed, and satisfactory road conditions. Along the march each campsite was to be 12 to 15 miles apart.

To protect the infantry from surprise attacks from the coast, Rochambeau ordered his cavalry to set up a screen along the southeastern flank of the main route. By late April the French army's American purchasing agent had received a list of the infantry's campsites and began collecting the vast amounts of provisions and forage needed to feed the thousands of men and their animals.

In addition to the army and cavalry, the wagon train alone required the drafting of 855 horses and over 600 oxen, and the artillery added 500 more horses. By mid-May men were employed to build bread ovens along the route and had hired 239 American wagon conduc-

tors and 15 mostly female cooks for the 210 wagons of six oxen each in the 15 brigades of his train. The wagons carried the coats, haversacks and tents of the soldiers and the luggage of the officers: 300 pounds for a captain, 150 pounds for a lieutenant. A wagon for stragglers, the hospital wagons, wagons for butchers, others loaded with supplies, with wheelwrights and farriers brought up the rear.

At each campsite, the soldiers set up tents according to their eight-man chambrées. They began digging circular holes to set their camp kettles for cooking their food. They received their ration of meat, bread, and other supplies for dinner. While general officers lodged in nearby

taverns, company-grade officers slept two to a tent near their men. This order, with variations, was maintained for the entire march.

Washington and Rochambeau marched separate but parallel routes south to reinforce Lafayette and Green's smaller army hemming Cornwallis in at Yorktown. The French *Expédition Particulière* under the command of Marshal Rochambeau traveled along what is now Maryland Route 7 while Washington's army marched down Route 1. The 5,500 French and 3,000 American soldiers took 14 weeks to march from Newport, Rhode Island, to Yorktown, Virginia. They could not take a more direct route from New England as the British occupied New York. With both Boston and Philadelphia essentially blockaded by the British navy, Baltimore became the only port available for resupply.

As they marched south, French officers consistently



Marshal Jean-Baptiste Donatien de Vimeur, comte de Rochambeau  
(1 July 1725 – 10 May 1807)



took advantage of the opportunities the march offered them to advance their knowledge of military and political events in America's struggle for independence and to see nature's wonders in the New World. The battlefields of Princeton, Trenton, Brandywine, Germantown, Fort Mifflin, the winter encampments at Valley Forge and Morristown, Wethersfield and West Point, and all of them wanted to see Washington's home at Mount Vernon.

As for the French soldiers, their long march afforded the French the opportunity to "see the American countryside" and get a taste of Southern hospitality. Many "locals" came from far and near to see the mysterious and illustrious French. Naturally there was time for dancing with the "beautiful maidens" of America, to the music of the regimental bands. One of those stopping points was The Bush Tavern, just north of Baltimore, on Route 7. It was here that the first declaration of independence was signed. It tavern is still standing and is still in use today.

Until now, their three-month march was mostly through "rustic" America. Baltimore was the first city they encountered. Because of its fleet of privateers effectively running the British blockade (the British referred to Baltimore as a den of pirates.) Baltimore could provide the French a "civilized" place for much needed rest and replenishment. Rochambeau, camped on the grounds surrounding what is now Baltimore's Basilica. One of the Elm trees that shaded him lasted until Dutch Elm disease spelled the end of its long life in 1987 (it had been planted in 1728) One French regiment was encamped at the intersection of South Howard and West Camden Streets. A German regiment under French leadership camped along Harford Run (Central Ave) in Jonestown. Others were situated along the Jones Falls on North Charles St and just to the north Baltimore St between Paca and Howard Streets. A brigade of Washington's continental troops rested at Fells Point. From 11-14 September, they spent anxious days enjoying the urban hospitality, anticipating news from the south. Finally, on the evening of 14 September the news reached Baltimore that on 5 September French Admiral de Grasse Tilly had defeated the British fleet in the Battle of the Chesapeake (the Battle of the Capes).

Leaving the welcoming confines of Baltimore, the troops marched on to Yorktown. Washington hosted Rochambeau at Mount Vernon on their way south. By late September the combined armies were joined by about 3,300 officers and men under the Marquis de Saint-Simon who had sailed with the fleet of Admiral de Grasse. They assembled at Williamsburg, and three days later, on 28 September, the two armies set out for and reached Yorktown.

As Rochambeau was more experienced than Washington, he assumed the responsibility for the logistical maneuvering during the siege of Yorktown. The siege began on 29 September and ended on 19 October. Deprived of reinforcements and resupply and now surrounded by a superior force, for all intent and purpose Cornwallis was trapped. On 18 October, two British

officers, an American officer, and a French officer met at the home of Augustine Moore to negotiate surrender terms. At 2:00 p.m. on 19 October 1781, the British troops with their American Loyalists and German auxiliaries marched out of Yorktown to lay down their arms.

With Cornwallis' surrender, the British withdrew their regiments from New York and Philadelphia and sent them to Nova Scotia, effectively ending the war. Rochambeau's triumphal march north provided Americans an opportunity to give thanks to their country's ally.

It was on Christmas Day 1782, when the French infantry sailed out of Boston Harbor that King George III and Parliament had acknowledged the United States "to be free Sovereign and independent States."

The Comte de Rochambeau received orders for his expedition to go to the West Indies. Rochambeau returned home to France, while the French government sent his former soldiers to the Caribbean in preparation for an invasion of British Jamaica. But by then, the Peace of Paris had been agreed and the planned 1783 campaign in the Caribbean never took place. In late April the French sailed for home, reaching Brest and Toulon in June and July 1783.

Upon his return to France, Rochambeau was honored by King Louis XVI and was made governor of the province of Picardy. He supported the French Revolution of 1789, and on 28 December 1791 he and Nicolas Luckner became the last two generals created Marshal of France by Louis XVI.

When the French Revolutionary Wars broke out, he commanded the Armée du Nord for a time in 1792 but resigned after several reversals to the Austrians. He was arrested during the Reign of Terror in 1793-94 and narrowly escaped the guillotine. He was subsequently pensioned by Napoleon and died at Thoré-la-Rochette during the First Empire.



Major General Comte Jean de Rochambeau in Lafayette Park, Washington, D.C.

# Ossian, Fingal and James Macpherson The Origins of The Homer of The North

By James Schiaffino Post 1814

Throughout its history Scotland has produced many notable writers. The list includes Poet Robert “Spunkie” Burns, Sir Walter Scott, Robert Louis Stevenson, J.M. Barrie, (Peter Pan) Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, (Sherlock Holmes) Kenneth Grahame (Wind in the Willows) James Macpherson (The Ossian Papers), Blind Harry (The Wallace), Alistair Maclean, (HMS Ulysses), J K Rowling (Harry Potter) Ian Rankin (Inspector Rebus) Muriel Spark (The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie), or even Adam Smith, (Wealth of Nations).

One writer, James Macpherson, (27 October 1736 – 17 February 1796) achieved international renown but is little known today. In his time his works were acclaimed to be rivals of Virgil and Homer. His writings attracted admirers such as Thomas Jefferson, (wrote ‘I am not ashamed to own that I think this rude bard of the North the greatest Poet that has ever existed,’) and Goethe. Artists such as Nicolai Abildgaard, Jean Auguste-Dominique Ingres and Girodet were inspired to do paintings based on his characters. He was the author of a selection of stories referred to as ‘The Ossian Papers’.

James Macpherson grew up close to the Ruthven Barracks (a British Army fort) in the shadow of Culloden. He wrote at a time in the post-Culloden era when the Highland culture and language were being “anglified” to the point of almost being stamped out. While studying literature at the University of Aberdeen his eyes were opened to the fact that Highland and Gaelic culture held authentic societal value. So, he set about gathering as much information as he could.

He claimed to have traveled extensively throughout the Highlands interviewing Gaelic speakers and storytellers to track down ancient tales that were handed down by oral tradition. Most notably he uncovered “works” by a 3rd century poet called Ossian. Ossian wrote about a Scottish warrior king named Fingal. He composed three works: Fingal, Temora and The Works of Ossian. Since the threat of wild Highland barbarians had been eliminated after Culloden and the Highland Clearances were well underway, Britain was poised to embrace a romantic view of the Highlands. They were widely read, and he was universally acclaimed.

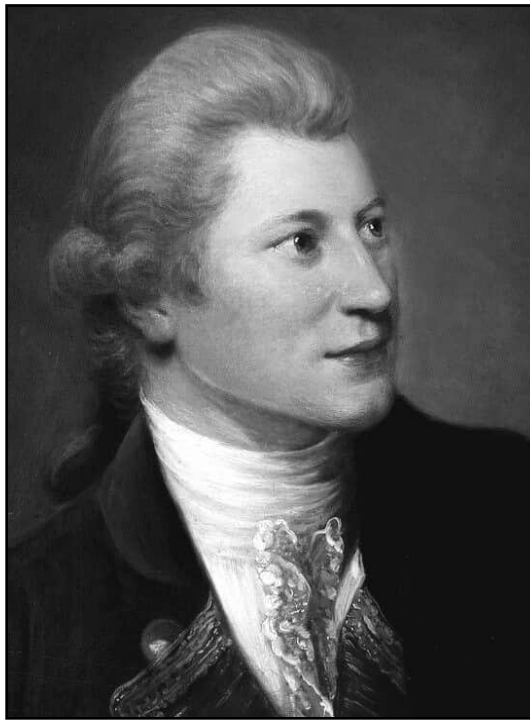
Naturally, his fame was the cause of some jealousy among the Sassenach (English) who still viewed the

Highlanders as uncouth barbarians. One of his loudest critics was the English writer Samuel Johnson who proclaimed him a hoax. Cleverly, Mr. Johnson demanded that Macpherson produce the original written sources. Since MacPherson’s sources were almost exclusively word of mouth there were no written sources to be produced. Samuel Johnson began a crusade to discredit James Macpherson and he was largely successful.

Throughout the years many investigations have concluded that the Ossian papers were most likely based on a combination of original material borrowed from folklore and a little “creative writing”. His writings did spark a renewed interest in the Highland culture, the results of which can be seen today in the many worldwide Scottish societies (of which SAMS is a part).

Many scholars today view Samuel Johnson was mostly ignorant of Scottish Highland culture and oral tradition and that his scathing criticisms of James Macpherson’s work was “heavy handed.” There is a strange dichotomy that Robert “Spunkie” Burns wrote poems based on Scottish oral tradition, but when James MacPherson did the same, he was rebuked. Even if his poems had a few fake elements, they still represent a significant glimpse into the Highland folklore that would have been lost had it not been for James Macpherson.

There is a wonderful touch of irony that both Macpherson and Johnson lay in the South Transept (Poet’s Corner), of Westminster Abbey.





Post 81 Honor Guard, prior to the Military Tattoo at the Phoenix Scottish Games, March 2023. L-R: Piper Bryan Laidlaw, Asst. HG CDR Gabriel Cutler, VC(B) David Barnhill, VC(A) Guy Peabody, Bravo Co. Adjutant Rick Bowman, Travis Goes, John Baxter, Sarah Barrett, and HG CDR Kiven Hardison.



Post 328 Color Guard at Smokey Mountain Highland Games



Nighthawk 72 Memorial, Marana, AZ. April 8th, 2023. L-R: Mark Ballinger, Travis Goes, VC(A) Guy Peabody, Sarah Barrett, and Alfa Co. Adjutant Gordon Walker.



21 May Post 328 Smoky Mountain Highland Games, providing Color Guard for the Games Kirkin', F-R: James Kepley, Sam Cole



Post 1787 PC James Grant presenting certificate and Medal to AFJROTC Cadet Captain Katelyn Curtis at Caesar Rodney HS



20 May Smoky Mountain Highland Games, Opening Ceremony Post 328 Honor Guard L-R: James Kepley, John Byington, Walter Andruzzi, Adj Terry Allmond, RC 11 Bill Frazer.



Director of Awards/Decorations Post 1775 Marshall Perry, with Mooresville HS NJROTC cadets.



27 April. White Knoll HS, Lexington, SC Post 1775 Awards Director Marshall Perry, awarding a certificate and Medal to NJROTC Cadet Seaman Christopher Naugler, at the County Club of Lexington



Post 1775 Awards Director Marshall Perry, awarding a certificate and Medal to JROTC Cadet Sergeant Nathan Dominguez at Harding University HS in Charlotte, NC with Instructor, LTC. Clark.



27 April East Mecklenburg HS Post 1775 Awards Director Marshall Perry, presented a certificate and Medal to AFJROTC Cadet SrA Tonya Hernandez, and AFJROTC Instructor.



NC and 1775 PC Kenneth Lloyd presented a certificate and Medal to JROTC Army Cadet 1st Lt. Nikolay Zadorozhniy at Rocky River HS in Charlotte, NC.



17 May Post 1775 Awards Director Marshall Perry, awarding a certificate and Medal to JROTC Army Cadet Corporal John Reuben at West Charlotte HS.



Bandy HS JROTC Newton, NC Post 1775 Adj Frank Balentine, awarded a certificate and Medal to Cadet Sgt Major Wyatt Hurd



Post 1775 Bill Humphries presented a certificate and Medal to Navy JROTC cadet MCPO Chief Taylor Wyatt at McDowell HS in Marion, NC.



Post 1775 Awards Director Marshall Perry, awarding a certificate and Medal to Navy JROTC Cadet Petty Officer 1st Class Charles Doherty of South Mecklenburg HS



20 May NC and PC 1775 Kenneth Lloyd presenting a certificate and Medal to JROTC cadet 2nd Lt. Connor Tobin, at Myers Park HS in Charlotte, NC. Unit OIC LTC Merriott on the right.



Post 1775 Awards Director Marshall Perry, awarding a certificate and Medal to JROTC Cadet Sophia Cutcher from Palisades HS. Cadet Cutcher will be the Cadet Battalion Commander next year.



Post 1775 Bernie Sahadi presented a certificate and Medal to JROTC Cadet Captain Silverio Perez, III at W.A. Hough HS at Cornelius, NC.



CWO4 Robert Kierce USMC, Ret., Senior Navy Instructor and 1775 Marshall Perry at South Mecklenburg HS.



Mooresville HS NJROTC banquet and Navy Ball. Post 1775 Awards Director Marshall Perry, awarding a certificate and Medal to Navy JROTC cadet PO1 Joseph Bolash, he will be the Cadet Co. Commander for 2023-2024 school year.



Post 1775 Marshall Perry and his wife, Zhenping, with NJROTC Instructor, Charlie Gibson

Class of 100 Cadets at the AFJROTC East Mecklenburg High School.



NO PHOTO AVAILABLE Marshall Perry awarded a Medal to TSgt. Jasmine Vasquez, Independence HS, Charlotte, NC.

1775 John R. Ferguson, presented a Medal to AJROTC Cadet at Olympic HS, Charlotte, NC.

APRIL-MAY REGION 11 CADET AWARDS



Gibbs HS JROTC, Post 328 Terry Almond, Cadet Mark Hancock, RC 11 William Frazer



Bearden HS JROTC Cadet Jacob Loyacano, RC 11 William Frazer



East Tennessee State University, ROTC Cdt SSG Samuel Pinkston, John Byington



University of Tennessee ROTC Cadet Captain Frederick Lenahan, RC 11 William Frazer



Central HS Navy JROTC, Post 328 Walter Andruzzi, Cadet Kaitlyn Reott



South Doyle HS, Cadet Lt2 David Humphrey, Post 328 James Kepley,



Anderson Co. HS, PAO R11 Sherry Oppenheim, Cadet Lt Audrey Wood, RC 11 William Frazer



The Alvin C. York Agricultural Institute, SAMS award, L-R :Cadet Logan Newbaker, Presenter is SFC (R) Jason Wright, Army Instructor.



Farragut HS, PAO R11 Sherry Oppenheim, Cadet Maj Trinity Colyer, Post 328 Terry Almond



Independence HS JROTC, L-R: Senior Army Instructor Major Jay Massey, PAO R11 Sherry Oppenheim, Cadet Michael Fojas



Karns HS AFJROTC Cadet Airman RaeLyn N. Acres, PAO R11 Sherry Oppenheim

# SAMS on Parade



6 April DC Tartan Day, Congressional Reception  
L-R: Post 2 Martha Walls, Adrien Herbison 1775,  
NC Ken Lloyd, Post 1775, Post 2 Stacy Spadafora,  
Post 2 PC Mark Wardlaw



Burns Dinner: Pres Scottish Society of Knoxville Doug  
Harrel, Past Pres. SSK, Lanny Payne, Past Pres SSK,  
SAMS Parliamentarian, Post 328 Secretary Sara Frazer,  
Past Pres. SSK, RC 11 William Frazer



Posts 1839 and 1836, Stonehenge Celtic Festival High-  
land Games, Ingram/Kerrville. L-R: Post Historian  
Dennis Finuf, Michael D. Canion, QM Raeleen H.  
Cummins Vieyra, PC George Cummins Vieyra.



8-9 April Longmont Tartan Days Post 100  
L-R: VC Bob Burnham, past PC Garry Mitchell.



L-R: Post 81 VC  
Guy Peabody,  
RC 14 Allan  
Sperling,  
Enthusiastic  
Visitor,  
Post 777  
PC Michael  
Meyers.

On a recent trip to  
Quebec, Post 2 PC  
Mark Wardlaw,  
met a member of  
the Royal 22nd  
Regiment of the  
Canadian Army.  
Gave him a SAMS  
challenge coin.





Post 1821 St Louis Scottish Games and Festival. L-R: Neil Cantwell, Doug Neff, PC Quincy Watt, Steve Marquard, VC Steve Butler, Barb Cook, Allyn Hinton, Deb MacIvor, Rick MacIvor..



21 May, 2nd Annual Great Basin Scottish Highland Games in Sparks, 1864 PC John Callan is



Post 1777 Adj Frank Ballentine running in the Kilted Mile race and he's been handed his service flag for his last lap.



20 May  
No. Nevada  
Celildh, Reno  
Post 1864  
PC John Callan,  
Bob Kunchen-  
becker

22 April Post 81  
VC (B) David Barnhill  
and Sarah Barrett  
preparing to re-fold the  
Flag during a private  
ceremony for a deceased  
veteran in Whetstone, AZ







Posts 1989 and 1859 Armed Forces Day Parade, front 1989 Mike Batnick, Flags L-R:RC 15, 1989 Rob Donaldson, John McCarthy, Potential member 1859-Guest from Gordon's Highlanders Pipe Band, Left 1859 PC Piper Don Scoby, 1859 VC Drummer Dan Nelson, Right Piper Scott Lumson, guest piper from Tacoma Scots Pipe Band.



Members of Region 15 participating in the annual Bremerton Armed Forces Day Parade -- the largest and longest running Armed Forces Day Parade west of the Mississippi, honoring Bremertonian Medal of Honor recipient John "Bud" Hawk



21 May Smoky Mountain Highland Games, Townsend, TN. Post 328 L-R PC Bill Wade, Adj Terry Allmond, John Byington; Randy Gratz; RC 11 Bill Frazer



Post 328 PC Bill Wade presenting a certificate and plaque to Bill Kilgore, President of the Smoky Mountain Games: "Our deepest gratitude for the many years of support and cooperation."



Post 711, Post 81, and Post 777 Impromptu Color Guard. Las Vegas Highland Games, 16 April



13 May Dixon Fair Parade Post 1921 Color Guard L-R: Chuck Jamison, Doug Walters, Sandy Welsh, Jerry Long



March, Phoenix Scottish Games, Front L-R: Post 48 PC John Low, RC 14 Allan Sperling, Post 1314 PC Donald Klein. Back: Posts 48 and 81 members.



L-R: RC Allan Sperling, Post 711 PC Ed Gilmore with 711 members.



2 April, Stonehenge Celtic Festival & Highland Games, Ingram/Kerrville. Posts 1839 and 1836, L-R: Dennis Finuf, Mike D. Canion, 1839 PC Mike S. Canion, Brian Canion, Amanda Canion, Tara Smith, Liralen Canion, Alexander Canion, Raeleen H. Cummins Vieyra, 1839 PC George Cummins Vieyra



Post 1775 received Daroch Award by the Board of Directors at Loch Norman Highland Games. "This award recognizes those who cheerfully volunteer by accepting and accomplishing an innumerable number of tasks that no one else knows how to or wants to do, and doing it with humor, style, and grace; setting a high standard for those who are dedicated to remembering our Scottish Heritage through service to others."

# Regional Commander's Report

## 1. NEW ENGLAND

**MAINE:** Maine Scottish Festival and Highland Games  
*St. Andrews Society of Maine. TBD*

**NEW HAMPSHIRE:** 15-17 Sep, Loon Mountain  
New Hampshire Highland Games. *Nhscot.org*

**VERMONT:** Labor Day weekend, Burlington Irish  
Heritage Festival. *burlingtonirishheritage.org/*

**MASSACHUSETTS:** 15 July Northampton, Glasgow  
Lands Scottish Festival. *glasgowlands.org*

## RHODE ISLAND:

**CONNECTICUT:** 8 Oct. Scotland Highland Festival  
—*Gene Chisholm Jones, RC, cwo4bosun@aol.com*

## 2. NEW YORK.

12 Aug, Central New York Scottish Games. *Cnyscot-  
tishgames.org*

Aug or early Sep (TBD), Newfane, Niagara Celtic Festi-  
val

—*William Wolf, RC, wdwolf@ix.netcom.com*

## 3. KEYSTONE

### PENNSYLVANIA:

**NEW JERSEY:** 10 Sep, Augusta, NW Jersey Celtic  
Festival.

—*Bill Johnson, RC, usscout15690@aol.com*

## 4. MID ATLANTIC

### DELAWARE

### MARYLAND/VIRGINIA:

### WASHINGTON DC

—*Bill Johnson, RC, usscout15690@aol.com*

## 5. S. ATLANTIC

Post 1775 has been very active lately. For the first  
time in many years, the Post will provide the Color  
Guard for the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.  
I'm sure the games will be treated to an excellent dis-  
play of marching and flags. This is the games at which  
SAMS was organized.

I had the pleasure and honor of marching with Post  
7 Color Guard at the Savannah Scottish Games. Walt  
Harper and his members were most hospitable! There a  
couple of Posts that are experiencing some difficulties,  
but I have faith that we can resolve these.

**GEORGIA:** 20-22 October, Stone Mountain Highland  
Games.

### NORTH CAROLINA:

### SOUTH CAROLINA:

—*Lachlan Hyatt, RC, lachlanhyatt1@hotmail.com*

## 6. GULF STATES

### FLORIDA:

**ALABAMA:** 23 Sep, Daleville, SE Alabama Highland  
Games

### LOUISIANA:

7 Oct, West Monroe, NE Louisiana Celtic Fest. .

**MISSISSIPPI:** 13-14 Oct, Brandon, Celtic Fest Mis-  
sissippi.

—*Charlie Kehm, RC, chkclangunflorida@gmail.com*

## 7. GREAT LAKES

### WEST VIRGINIA:

## OHIO:

**INDIANA:** (TBD) Columbus Scottish Festival, Bar-  
tholamew Co. Fairgrounds

(TBD) Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games

**MICHIGAN:** 4-5 Aug, Detroit Highland Games.

—*Steven Smith, RC, samsregion7cdr@gmail.com*

## 8. DAKOTA REGION

**NEBRASKA:** (TBD) Gering, Scot's Bluff Celtic  
Gathering.

## SOUTH DAKOTA

## NORTH DAKOTA

—*Ronald D Hunter, RC, ron@niobraracarriage.com*

## 9. HAWKEYE VALLEY

## NORTHERN ILLINOIS:

**IOWA:** (TBD) Iowa Irish Fest and Highland Games.

(TBD) Davenport Celtic Fest and Highland Games of  
the Quad Cities.

**WISCONSIN:** 17-20 Aug. Milwaukee Irish Fest.

2-3 Sep, Wisconsin Highland Games.

**MINNESOTA:** (TBD) St Paul Minnesota Scottish Fair  
and Highland Games.

—*Matthew Heffron, RC, matt.heffron@spatz.org*

## 10. MISSOURI VALLEY

## SOUTHERN ILLINOIS:

**MISSOURI:** 8-9 Sep Buffalo, Southwest Missouri  
Celtic Festival.

**KANSAS:** (TBD) Kansas City Highland Games

—*Walter M. Watt, RC, wmwatt50@hotmail.com*

## 11. TENNESSEE VALLEY

It has been extremely busy this Spring for the Re-  
gion and Post 328. We have awarded/presented the  
SAMS Medal to 17 High Schools in three states and  
two Memorial Dirks to two colleges, U of Tn-  
Knoxville-USAF, and East Tn State U-US Army. We  
also had five schools who were interested but had no  
suitable candidates. Think it was pretty good out of the  
29 schools who are our partners. COVID did not help,  
coupled with Instructor changes have slowed us down  
a wee bit.

Post 328 PC Thomas Smith resigned, due to person-  
al problems. He has been loyal and steadfast to the Post  
during his several years of tenure and kept the Post  
strong during the COVID crisis. Our thanks to him in  
spades!

Since 1982, Post 328 has been official Color Guard  
for the Smoky Mountain Highland Games in Town-  
send, TN, and always maintains a recruiting tent there.  
Lots of folks indicated they were highly interested in  
joining and the Post will pursue that. As per usual, the  
Post held its monthly meeting during the Game and  
Billy R Wade and Terry Almond were elected PC and  
Adj. I presided over the Change of Command after the  
election, and they have hit the ground running! The  
Post raffled off a Dirk and a lovely picture and made  
some really good money. They have already brought  
forth a lot of new ideas for the Post. Next event coming

up for them is the Dandridge Celtic Festival, in Sept. There too, they are the Official Color Guard and have been since its inception 12 years ago. And of course, another recruiting tent.

As for myself- I will lead my band, the Atholl Highlander Pipes and Drums, as the Drum Major, at the Blairsville Highland Games (N GA) on 10-11 June, and at Stone Mountain Highland Games in Oct.

**TENNESSEE:**

**KENTUCKY:**

**ARKANSAS:**

—William J Frazer, RC. [lovatscot@aol.com](mailto:lovatscot@aol.com)

Aide: John Byington, [Byington\\_J@holston-aap.com](mailto:Byington_J@holston-aap.com)

## 12. TEXAS / OKLAHOMA

November Salado Scottish Festival

**TEXAS:** 14 Oct Houston Highland Games, Humbolt.

10-12 Nov Salado Scottish Festival, Salado

**OKLAHOMA:**

15-17 Sept ScotFest, Broken Arrow.

—Bill Stevens, RC. [cptvill86@gmail.com](mailto:cptvill86@gmail.com)

## 13. ROCKY MOUNTAIN

**COLORADO:** 23 Jun Colorado Springs Pikes Peak Celtic Fest. [pikeseakcelticfestival.com](http://pikeseakcelticfestival.com)

15-16 Jul Elizabeth Celtic Fest.

23 Sep Estes Park Longs Peak Scottish-Irish Highland Fest. [coloradoscots.org](http://coloradoscots.org)

(TBD) Edgewater Colorado Scottish Festival

**NEW MEXICO:** Oct (TBD) Aztec Highland Games and Celtic Festival

—Maggie Rothermel, RC. [upland.weyr@gmail.com](mailto:upland.weyr@gmail.com)

## 14. SOUTHWEST

**ARIZONA:** While we no longer have a Post in Flagstaff, the SW Region Commander, along with members of Post 81 (SE Arizona) will provide a SAMS presence and Honor Guard contingent for the Celtic Festival. As in past years, I suspect members from the Prescott and Phoenix Posts will also make an appearance. It's nice to get away from the 100+ desert temperatures for the cooler climes of the high country in July.

Future Events: 15-16 July, Flagstaff Highland Celtic Festival, Fort Tuthill County Park, Flagstaff.

23-24 Sep, Prescott Highland Games and Celtic Faire, Watson Lake Park, Prescott

**NEVADA:** The Las Vegas Highland Games took place on April 15th & 16th at Craig Ranch Park in North Las Vegas. While the Festival appeared to be more of a Ren Fair than a traditional Scottish Festival, SAMS was well represented by Posts 777 and 711, as were several Scottish Clans. RC Allan Sperling and Post 81 Vice Commander Guy Peabody traveled to Vegas and had the opportunity to spend quality time with both Posts over the weekend. While there was no formal Presentation of the Colors during the event, at one point, with quite short notice, SAMS was requested to post the Colors during one event. Posts 711 and 777 came together with VC Peabody and got the job done. Both Posts spoke with several potential new members, and we hope they decide to come onboard.

One thing I noticed was the inconsistent and outdated recruiting material. In one case, the Post members were

using a packet that they weren't even sure where it had originated from but had been used by the Post as long as they could remember. It included an obsolete membership application. This is a matter that is currently being addressed by Asst. National Adjutant Michael Thomas.

**UTAH:**

—Allan D. Sperling, RC, [cdrswregion14@gmail.com](mailto:cdrswregion14@gmail.com)

## 15. NORTHWEST

The Games are back in full operation. Portland is officially back this year. We had our first successful parade at the Bremerton Armed Forces Day Parade. Would like to have had a few more bodies there, but we did ok. We completed the entire route, without any issues, no heat injuries or other concerns. Afterward was a nice lunch at a local restaurant, with everyone together. Representatives from both Post 1889 and 1859 participated. We also had two guest pipers from the Tacoma Scots and Gordon Highlanders Pipe Bands. We were the third unit in the parade.

Next Game is the Prosser Highlander Festival in Prosser, WA and the Region will have a recruiting tent. After that, the second weekend of July is the Skaget Valley Highland Games in Mt. Vernon, WA, third weekend in July is the Seattle Highland Games in Enumclaw, WA. Portland Highland Games will be the 14-15 July. Spokane Highland Games in Spokane, will be the first weekend of August.

Work on Idaho and Oregon is progressing slowly. I have also received word that we have a member in Alaska working to start a Post up there. We are growing and hopefully getting some members a bit more active for these events.

The Second weekend of September is the Kelso Highland Games in Kelso, WA. Also, we are returning to the Washington State Fair over Military Appreciation Weekend 17-18 September. We need members to help man the booth, we will be able to offer free admission and parking. The year will end at The Auburn Veteran's Day Parade, to be held on 11 November. More details will follow. Hope that everyone has a successful and enjoyable summer.

**ALASKA:** June, Palmer Highland Games

**WASHINGTON:**

**IDAHO:** 20 Aug Boise Highland Games at Expo Idaho. *Scottish American Society of the Treasure Valley*

**OREGON:**

—Rob Donaldson, RC, [claughmohr@gmail.com](mailto:claughmohr@gmail.com)

## 16. WEST

**CALIFORNIA:** 2-3 Sep Pleasanton Scottish Games.

[www.carnifest.com](http://www.carnifest.com)

Oct (TBD) Ventura Seaside Park Highland Games.

[Everfest.com](http://Everfest.com)

**NORTHERN NEVADA**

**HAWAII:**

—Bob Wyllie, RC, [bob.wyllie@msn.com](mailto:bob.wyllie@msn.com)

Aide: Chuck Jamison, [oakpiper@gmail.com](mailto:oakpiper@gmail.com)

17. BIG SKY

**MONTANA:** (TBD) Hamilton Bitterroot Celtic Games and Gathering.

**WYOMING:** (TBD) Cheyenne Celtic Music and Arts Fest.

The position of RC 17 is still open.



20 May American Legion Armed Forces Ball L-R: AUSA Commander Steve Spriggs, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army Lance Izumi, Post 1921 Chuck Jamison wearing his Navy Kilt.



2 May Post 1921 piper Chuck Jamison at MOAA awards ceremony: C/2nd LT. Rylan Dickinson AFJROTC Casa Robles HS (Not SAMS award)



With a mighty Marine in Hawaii for a funeral



At the Armory in Sacramento, sending Army unit off to Okinawa with a rousing tune.



5 May Mather Stand Down, 1921 Chuck Jamison with Soldier For Life representatives LTC Ray Wilson and MSG Robert Whitney



12 May 1921 Jamison with cadets at JROTC Military Ball - Twin Rivers School District (four schools)

You must admit, the Sacramento area is lucky to have a piper who is willing to 'be there' when needed, with his pipes at the ready.



22 May Post 1921 piper Jamison (far left) played at BT Collins Reserve Center, Sacramento for the AMVETS Suicide prevention program. The bus is making a 6 city tour on the way to DC

# Post Exchange

## Post 1, (Alexander-Mercer) Philadelphia, PA

—Chris Sommers, PC, [chmsomm@@comcast.net](mailto:chmsomm@@comcast.net)

## Post 2, (Post of the Potomac)

Greetings. At our meeting, held prior to the St Patrick's Day parade in Alexandria I was confirmed as Post Commander and I'm looking forward to the upcoming season. The Post will be active with the wreath laying at the DC war memorials for Memorial Day weekend. Some of the Post will make the journey to Grandfather Mountain in July for a huge gathering, (Definitely a bucket list event) then closing out with the Virginia Scottish games Labor Day weekend.

If you're planning a trip in or around the DC area, give me a shout. Lots of stuff to see and do here!

—Mark Wardlaw, PC, [bnvremodel@yahoo.com](mailto:bnvremodel@yahoo.com)

## Post 7, (Lt. Hugh McKay) Savannah, GA

—Walt Harper, PC, [wfh31307@hotmail.com](mailto:wfh31307@hotmail.com)

## Post 10, (BG Jimmy Stewart) Los Angeles, CA

—Greg Nutt, PC, [airforcevet@gregrnutt.com](mailto:airforcevet@gregrnutt.com)

## Post 26, SE Michigan

I wanted to give you a quick update regarding Post 26. I met with past PC Orlando Benidict, he has moved to the western side of the state. I retrieved four flags and one flag pole, flag pole stands, and the charter certificate for the Post.

I did not make the cutoff for the Alma games, but I have reserved a spot for the Saline Michigan Celtic festival, and will also be setting up a tent at the "Honor the Fallen" 5K race in late July. I feel very confident that I will be able to find new members and to re-invigorate old Post members by the end of July.

—Kevin Riddell, PC, [riddellk9@gmail.com](mailto:riddellk9@gmail.com)

## Post 48, (Col Alexander O. Brodie) Phoenix, AZ

We hold monthly meetings (2nd Tuesdays) at the IHOP in Glendale. Contact PC for details.

—John Low, PC, [samspost48chaplain@gmail.com](mailto:samspost48chaplain@gmail.com)

## Post 60, (Gen Elijah Clark) Atlanta, GA

Held our regular meeting at Come and Get it Restaurant, in Marietta.

—Rick Conn, PC, [rickconn@bellsouth.net](mailto:rickconn@bellsouth.net)

## Post 75, (Minuteman) W. MA, W. CT

—Andrew Lyons, PC, [andrewjlyons@yahoo.com](mailto:andrewjlyons@yahoo.com)

## Post 76, (Patrick Henry) Yorktown, VA

—Tom Metz, PC, [tfmetz2666@verizon.net](mailto:tfmetz2666@verizon.net)

## Post 77 (Paul Gillman) Delmont, PA (Provisional)

We participated in St. Andrews Society of Pittsburgh's Tartan Day Festival on 15 April. They hosts the event annually at the Bethel Presbyterian Church. Multiple music/dance stages and several rooms for clans, vendors, and societies to set up. Post members met local State Senator, Devlin Robinson as he made his way through the event. SASP puts on a great festival every year and our Post will be there to support it.

—Doug R. Fulton PC, [fulton12b@yahoo.com](mailto:fulton12b@yahoo.com)

## Post 81, (Archie McIntosh) Southern, AZ

On 3-5 March, Phoenix held their 58th Annual Scottish Games and Military Tattoo at Gilbert Regional Park in Gilbert. Our Post had the distinct honor of being selected as the Honor Guard for this year's Tattoo and Opening and Closing of the Games. We were also tasked with the escorting of three Clan Chiefs during the event. The Earl of Caithness, Malcolm Ian Sinclair, Chief of Clan Sinclair, all the way from Scotland, was the honored Clan this year. Our own Chief Richard McBain of Clan McBain and Chief Douglas Bailey, of Clan Bailey (Ireland) were also present.

Posts 48 and 81 collaborated together on a double SAMS booth that also included a separate Veterans R&R Tent for Vets and their families to be able to take a break and enjoy some refreshments. Members from Posts 1314 and 1297 also attended and made appearances at the booth. The weekend went exceptionally well, and we are already looking forward to next year's Games.

On 18 March, members of Alfa and Bravo Co's came together for the annual Vets for Vets event in Tombstone. The event, which is sponsored by the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association was well attended, but the interest didn't seem to be there for SAMS as in previous years. Oh Well, we'll try it again next year.

On 25 March, we provided the Honor Guard for the Veterans and First Responder Resource Fair held in Tucson. We also set up an Info/Recruiting booth which resulted in one new member. Unfortunately, this event was set for the same day as several other events in the Tucson area and was not well attended.

The Tucson Celtic Fair Association held a Ceilidh for Chief Richard McBain on 26 March. Post 81 Officers were invited as distinguished guests, and we also did the Colors Presentation at the opening of the event.

On 1 April, James Harper, Kiven Hardison, Tiffany Rexroad-Rodriguez and PC Allan Sperling attended the Fort Huachuca Post Exchange in Sierra Vista. We manned an Info/Recruiting booth which brought us two new members.

On 6 April, several members of Bravo Co. came together in Sierra Vista for a Supper on National Tartan Day. The restaurant we chose had decent fish & chips (closest we could get to Scottish fare in the desert) and put us in our own area. Despite "Profiling" being frowned upon these days, everybody who entered the establishment wearing a kilt was directed to our table. Turns out, they were all SAMS members!

Post members Mark Ballinger, Gordon Walker, Sarah Barrett, Travis Goes and Alfa Co. Cdr Guy Peabody paid their respects and placed a wreath and black roses at the Nighthawk 72 Memorial in Marana on 8 April, which commemorates the 19 Marines whose lives were lost when their V-22 Osprey crashed in 2000.

PC Allan Sperling and VC Guy Peabody attended

the Las Vegas Highland Games, 15-16 April. See SW Region RC Report for further details.

The Post Honor Guard was asked to provide the Presentation of Colors, the Flag Folding Ceremony, and Taps at a private ceremony on 22 April for a veteran who had passed away during COVID. VC (Co B) David Barnhill and Sarah Barrett did an outstanding job of folding the flag, despite our typical Arizona spring winds. The flag was then presented to the widow by HG Cdr Kiven Hardison. James Harper, Curt Tipton, Ben Middleton, Gordon Walker, and VC (Co A) Guy Peabody presented the Colors. Neither of our buglers were able to make the ceremony, but we obtained the services of a retired Army Musician who did a fantastic rendition. The widow, family and friends were very grateful for Post 81's participation at the service.

Two of our most active members, who are also active duty Air Force, have been transferred to a new duty station, much to our sorrow, but will be a definite asset to the next SAMS Post they go to. On 26 April, we held a going away supper for Lucia and Jacob MacPherson that was attended by several Post members. You will be sorely missed, and we send our best wishes with you.

The annual Post Shoot and BBQ was held at the Sperling Ranch on 29 April. It was well attended, and members brought quite a variety of vintage and modern firearms to shoot. We decided that we pretty much had every war from the Spanish-American to the modern era covered. When we finally stopped shooting, the brass scattered about made the range look somewhat like a battlefield from anyone of the previous mentioned conflicts. Afterwards, we all adjourned to the house and enjoyed Carne Asada and various potluck dishes brought by the members. A good time was had by all and we're anxiously awaiting next year's event.

Also, during March and April, the Post presented eighteen (18) SAMS Medals and Certificates to JROTC programs in Tucson, Vail, Sahuarita, Rio Rico, Tombstone, Sierra Vista, Flagstaff, and Las Vegas, NV. With the exception of Las Vegas and Flagstaff, all were presented in person by one or more Post 81 members.

It's been a busy quarter for us and we're looking forward to a little break during June and July.

—Allan Sperling, PC, [samspost81@gmail.com](mailto:samspost81@gmail.com)

#### **Post 100, (MGen Keith L. Ware, Jr.) CO**

We attended the Colorado Tartan Day Celebration in April at the Boulder County Fairgrounds, in Longmont. As usual, we had our Passports to the Clans that was very successful and we gave out all kinds of prizes to the children who got stamps in their Passports from all the clans, vendors, and others.

We are looking forward to a busy summer and fall. In Colorado, there are four festivals that Post 100 and Post 1806 will be trying to support. The Pikes Peak Celtic Festival in June, The Elizabeth Celtic Festival in July, The Colorado Scottish Festival in August and the Longs Peak Scottish-Irish Highland Festival in September. Things are definitely getting back to normal.

As is probably the same for all Posts, we are very short on participants for events and if you are a member of 100 and reading this, please get involved so we can continue to perform our duty of serving our members and our fellow citizens and their children.

—James Rairdon, PC, [rairdon8071@comcast.com](mailto:rairdon8071@comcast.com)

#### **Post 116, Central/Western, VA**

We are no longer based out of Roanoke, but now out of Richmond. Although we support all of Virginia not supported by Posts 2 and 76, essentially, we cover all parts of central and western Virginia south of Harrisonburg and Fredericksburg.

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#### **Post 131, (ADM Franklin Buchanan) Jacksonville, FL**

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#### **Post 328, (Alvin C. York) Knoxville, TN**

PC Bill Wade presented an engraved plaque and certificate to Bill Kilgore, President of the Smoky Mountain Scottish Festival and Games, in appreciation from the Post "Our deepest Gratitude for the many years of support and cooperation."

—Thomas Smith for  
Bill Wade PC, [billwade7@gmail.com](mailto:billwade7@gmail.com)

#### **Post 711, (Tom Moran Memorial) Bolder City, NV**

Well, we are still in business. 15-16 April we were at the Highland Games and got three new members: Tim Phillips, David Douthwright, and Robert McNamara. We were graced by the presence of our RC/Councilor Allan Sperling and Post 81 PC Guy Peabody. We also assisted Post 777 with the Color Guard. The games were at Craig Ranch this year, which was a good location with more room.

On 12 April PC Gilmore made a presentation to JROTC cadet at Eldorado HS, Marlene Michel, Navy JROTC, received a Certificate of Achievement, a SAMS Challenge coin, a SAMS Medal with ribbon, and a little spending money.

So far the Post has been very active with a total of 27 events; 13 Unaccompanied Internments, five Post meetings, attendance at Burns Night, donations to the Nevada Veterans Assistance League (NVAL), the National Trench Rats (Flags at the Veterans Cemetery), Highland Games, and the JROTC presentation. April was our busiest month. In addition, sadly, the Post attended the internment of Jim Reid, our Post Senior Chaplain. PC Gilmore, VC Garlow and his wife Sue, Tim Phillips, Tom Whitcomb, QM Mike Barth, Chaplain and Finance Danny McDonald, and Grant Howells, all attended in Highland gear. Piper Zane Simpson,, played the lament "Going Home". Aye, he is in a better place.

Unfortunately, the NVAL Golf Tournament, which is the main fund raiser for the NVAL, was cancelled due to not having enough entries as a result of the pandemic. The proceeds would have been used for special needs support of the Veterans Home residents. These ensure the residents are kept happy and feeling safe in their surroundings. Post VC Garlow is NVAL Chair-

man, his wife Sue is the Treasurer, and PC Gilmore is a member of the Board.

So, better days are ahead, be of good cheer and God Bless you all.

PS: PC Gilmore turned 82 and VC Garlow turned 80!

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**Post 777, (777th Highlanders)** Las Vegas, NV

15-16 Apr, we had a great time at the Highland Games in Crag ranch Parl. More than 30 people signed up for info about joining. It was great to meet RC Sperlling.

—*Michael Meyers, PC, scoobydragonaz@gmail.com*

**Post 808, (Princess V Ka'iulani)** Honolulu, Hawaii

—*Tim Cooke, PC, kona.tim@hotmail.com*.

**Post 1297, (Arizona Highlanders)** Prescott, AZ

We provided the Color Guard for the 125th anniversary of the Rough Riders departure from Prescott.

We conducted the official Wreath Laying and Remembrance Ceremony for Yavapai County and the City of Prescott on 29 May.

We have our monthly meetings at the Indigenous Peoples Museum in Prescott.

—*Chris Lamberton, PC, chris@vaidunlap.com*

**Post 1298, (SGT John MacGregor)** Central Texas

—*George Shott, PC. shottgeorge@gmail.com*

**Post 1314, (Granite Mountain Highlanders),**

Prescott Valley, AZ

We celebrated St. Patrick's Day at the Palace Saloon in Prescott with members, family and friends. An evening of food, fun and laughter.

Gilbert Regional Park hosted the Phoenix Celtic Highland Games this year and we joined Post 48 Post 81 for recruiting, assisting, sharing and fun. The Celtic Games and grounds were fabulous.

6 April, Tartan Day was celebrated at the Palace Saloon in Prescott with food, fun and friends.

22 April we cruised in for the Veterans Car Show at the Finlay Toyota Center in Prescott Valley, for recruiting for members and had a great day, with 13 possible new members.

On 26 April, we attended Prescott HS JROTC for their awards and new officer appointment. Cadet Kathy Laurier, the Most Improved cadet was awarded a Certificate, Medal and Gift card. We were the most represented group an attendance for this event.

In May, we start getting ready for Wreath Across America by doing fund raising at our local restaurants and events in the area. So if you see our men and women in uniform, stop by and say hello. We need your support for our fallen soldiers at Prescott National Cemetery.

—*Don Klien, PC, donaldklien62@gmail.com*

**Post 1739, (The Frontiersmen)** South Central PA

—*Mike Wertz, PC. mmwertz23@gmail.com*

**Post 1775, (Col Patrick Ferguson)** N. & S. Carolina

We are getting ready for our 5th Game on our calendar of Events. We recently picked up a Game; Central Carolina Childrens Home of North Carolina Highland Games in Oxford. We decided that we were going to help our friend, Games Announcer and Game Director, Buck Buchanan at his 2nd year of holding the Children's Home Games because they are for an excellent cause. Last year they raised \$10, 000 to help renovate the Children's Home and this year they raised over \$12,000 with money still coming in. It's a great game, with athletes competing and vendors, etc. At the Games we utilized the local JROTC cadets to help with the Color Guard and came home with four new members. We plan on participating again next year.

As we ready ourselves for the next BIG game; Greenville Scottish Games and The Great Scott Parade on Friday night before the Games at Furman University, we know that our members will be excited to participate because they get to meet the Royal Highland Fusiliers and Lord Lyon. The Parade is held in downtown Greenville, SC, a beautiful city with a main street that is always packed to see the Great Scott Parade. On Saturday, we drive out to Furman University, where the Clan tents, vendors, and food trucks are as far as the eye can see and there's even parachutists and fly-overs with antique aircraft. It's a full military event and one you surely want to see. Its one of our favorite Games.

Then it's on to Wilmington Port City Games on 4 June for a brand-new Game. We hope that our members will take an active role in this Game, as its over four hours away from our home base. Then, we get to relax at our Annual Post Picnic/meeting and this year we celebrate our 30th year as a Post! We will be flipping hamburgers, cooking hot dogs and our members are bringing their best side dishes. The Post will have a cake with our logo and ice cream as dessert. All our members and their families are invited, along with a few chosen special guests. Its sure to be a fantastic event and is being held again this year at SAMS NC, Ken Lloyd and PRO, Debra Lloyd's farm in Denton, NC. Dress for the event is casual for this year. We hope to have *hot* weather and *no rain!*

This year, as we mentioned in the previous Edition, our Post will be part of the Official Color Guard for Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in Linville, NC on 6-9 July. Its where SAMS and Post 1775 got their start, so we are excited to say the least about being on the field for the first time. We sent out an invite to all SAMS members in good standing, to come and bring their uniforms and march along side Post 1775 and the Losantiville Highlanders from Cincinnati, Ohio as we open one of the BEST games in NC. It's considered an International Game as it brings in visitors and dignitaries from all over the World. Make plans and reservations ASAP as the hotel accommodations are usually hard to find this time of the year. We will have two tents up and we hope to see a lot of our SAMS family there. Bring clothing for warm, cold, and rainy weather as you never know which season the mountain will be in at any given time.



April and May proved to be challenging months for our newly elected Awards Director and SAMS National Award Committee Chair, Marshall Perry and the members who assisted in presenting SAMS Medals to area High School JROTC cadets in our territory. In total we gave out 17 medals and that doesn't include the remaining ones still scheduled for the latter part of May. Every Instructor was excited to receive our Medal and Certificates and we look forward to next year, having twice as many. Congratulation to Marshall Perry for his ongoing work on the SAMS Medal and a HUGE thank you to all the Post members who took time out of their schedules to present medals to the area High School JROTC cadets. Our program is a success because of YOU!

The Post is actively recruiting members at each and every game. We are now up to 148 members and our territory runs throughout NC and SC. We are hoping that by the year's end to see our membership close if not over 200 members! *That's our goal.* Each and every one of our members are loyal supporters of 1775, and many have been with us from the beginning. We know that some of our members are no longer able to come and participate in the Color Guard, meetings and events, but they pay their dues, which gives us the opportunity to give out SAMS Medals to deserving Cadets at our area, and raise money for our Post Scholarship Fund, and our Benevolent Fund, not to mention our Post supplies, Flags and other equipment to get us to and from Games and Events. Our Post created a Scottish Clothing Closet where we resell gently used Scottish clothing at the Games and that allowed us to purchase a new trailer, along with a considerable member donation. Post 1775 is blessed to have our members and we hope they know that they are our "Family" as well.

After the Summer, we hope to see our Post travel to our Fall Games, and we look forward to participating in those Games as well. Our Post is growing in leaps and bounds, and we hope that the rest of the Games will be as eventful as those that are now past.

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome our new members, and I am excited that you chose our Post to join. I see in each of you potential to take our Post into the next 10 years; with the sharing of your skills, talents, and knowledge that only a younger generation can give. Our membership has some of the most highly trained, dedicated to the future and talent that I have ever witnessed in these past five and a half years that I have served as Post Commander. Our older members are now our "foundation" members, having served and created this Post with blood, sweat and tears and are now our "cheering section" for those of us who are currently serving the Post. We owe you much and we will always be here to respect, admire and love the Post you made 1775 to be. THANK YOU!

—Ken Lloyd, PC, [kennethalloyd01@gmail.com](mailto:kennethalloyd01@gmail.com)

**Post 1787, (MG Caesar Rodney)** Odessa, Delaware

We presented three SAMS Awards to these schools; Odessa HS, The First State Military Academy and Caesar Rodney HS.

We will be attending the Memorial Day ceremony at the Veterans Cemetery at Bear and the Delaware Memorial Bridge.

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**Post 1812,** RI, E Mass, E CT

—VACANT, PC

**Post 1813,** Columbus, OH

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**Post 1814, (Ft. McHenry)** Baltimore, MD

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**Post 1821, (John J Pershing)** St Louis, MO

A business meeting was held 6 May at the St Louis Scottish Games and Festival. Officers elections were: PC Walter (Quincey) Watt; VC / Adj Stephen Butler.

Several officers were appointed to assist the Quartermaster and Comptroller.

Busy year for JROTC awards. All known JROTC groups received certificates and medals.

Pacific HS deferred their award ceremony until fall so the recipients may wear their medals all year.

Schools where we personally attended were:

St Clair, Washington / Borgia (joint ceremony)

St Charles

Soldan

Riverview Gardens

Recruited at the Jefferson Barracks swap meet. Provided John Ford Highland Pipe Band a Color Guard for several events, including, St Patrick's Day Parade.

Recruited at the St Louis Scottish Highland Games and Festival.

Will recruit at the 3 June St Louis Air Show.

Attended the Vietnam Remembrance Day in St Charles. St Louis Scottish Games and Festival.

Future events:

29 May, Alton, IL, Memorial Day

17 June, Mt Olive, IL

25 June, Red Bud, IL

1 July, Veiled Profit

6 Aug, Mascoutah, IL

9 Sept, Veterans on Parade

16 Sept, Kirkwood Green Tree

11 Nov, Veteran's Day

23 Nov, Christmas in St Louis

—Steve Butler, VC for

—Quincy Watt, PC, [wmwatt50@hotmail.com](mailto:wmwatt50@hotmail.com)

**Post 1824, (Ozark Highlanders),** MO

We have had a couple of get-togethers since the last Patriot and discussed the items that came out of National. We have also picked up a couple of prospects in the meantime as well. We will be providing Piper support to local National Cemeteries (Springfield, Ft Leonard Wood, St. James) for Memorial Day. We will

also be setting up for the Southwest Missouri Celtic Festival and Games 8-9 September in Buffalo, MO We hope and pray that you are all safe this upcoming summer and hope to see you at the games.

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**Post 1836, San Antonio, TX**

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**Post 1839, (Lone Star), Kerrville, TX**

Greetings to all SAMS comrades. We are doing great in Texas and enjoying life and outdoor activities. We were so proud to be the Color Guard for the annual Robert Burns Night Celebration in Kerrville.

On 1-2 April, we had two booths at the San Antonio/Helotes Highland Games and Celtic Festival. Our goals were to preserve and promote Scottish and American Armed Forces, traditions and heritage. We had lots of visitors and two prospects to join our Post. On 16 April we participated in the Kirkin' o' Tartan at the St. Christopher's Episcopal Church followed by a fantastic luncheon in Bandera. On 29 April, a windy and dusty day, Post 1839 and 1836 had two tents for the Stonehenge Celtic Festival and Highland Games in Ingram/Kerrville. Our two Scottish tents provided a forum for exchange of Scottish and American military history and genealogical information. Presently, we are making future plans for the Memorial Day Celebration and our next Robert Burns Night Supper event. We hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Spring and you all have fun celebrating Scottish activities. Godspeed.

—George C Vieyra, PC, [vieyra\\_cummins@msn.com](mailto:vieyra_cummins@msn.com)

**Post 1845, Ft Worth / Dallas**

I was in Oklahoma City at the Sterling Classic Highland Games over the weekend, but afterwards while getting some food at a gas station, a pickup that parked next to me backed out and got my back bumper and bent it, then he took off! The police were called. I've been dealing with my auto insurance and a repair shop in Ft. Worth. The drive home with a threat of rain, thunderstorms, and possibly hail, was not a pleasant one. All and all, it all has put me off my game. I'll get caught up next quarter.

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**Post 1846, (Hawkeye) State of Iowa**

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**Post 1847, (Gen James Ferguson) Salt Lake City, UT**

1847 has seen some changes with Connie Carlson stepping down as PC for the last seven years. The Post would like to start by thanking her for those years of leadership. She has now been accepted as the SAMS liaison for the Utah Scottish Association.

We presented six JROTC awards for GPA and service through the school year. With the summer beginning, so does our ceremonial season along with the Highland games. This Memorial Day we performed a flag-raising ceremony with the Utah pipe band. We are also happy to once again be the honor guard for the state games this June.

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**Post 1852, (Three Rivers), SW WA, NW OR**

Events in the cool and rainy Pacific Northwest tend to start quite a bit later than in warmer climates. Although there are a couple of events outside our region to the north and west in mid-June, our first event of the year will be at the Portland, OR Highland Games on 15 July.

Our only Post activity so far this year (while we waited for the rain to stop and the days to warm) was our sparsely attended AGM where VC/Adj Kevin Rentner agreed to serve for another two-year term. We discussed how to improve recruitment to maintain and grow our small Post, as well as how we might get additional members to run for Post administrative positions since two of our three current rotating officers' ages have moved from old to ancient.

In the meantime as the year progresses, we'll continue attending area events and enjoying the few months of sunshine and warm weather before our wet and chilly days return.

—Leslie Tate, PC, [lrtate@live.com](mailto:lrtate@live.com)

**Post 1854, (Ron Marx Heartland) Wichita, KS**

—John Sample, PC, [jsample87@yahoo.com](mailto:jsample87@yahoo.com)

**Post 1858, Minnesota:**

—VACANT PC

**Post 1859 (Pig War) Coupeville, WA & Lower British Columbia**

Following the busy holiday season, the Post reconnected through an Open House Kilted Night Out. We were given use of a banquet room at a restaurant in our area of operation, encouraged our members to bring all friends and relations who might want to know more about SAMS (possibly to join), along with inviting our list of qualified individuals who have expressed interest. We had a handsome interactive table featuring pictures of Post members at activities, some of our unique military themed bagpipe bag covers, and other items that guests would be welcome to pick up and look at closer. Ultimately, only our members showed up -- which was nice, and while the open house proved to be a proof-of-concept, it seems it will need to be otherwise applied on a future occasion.

At our July AGM, some of our service positions are coming open. A few of our members have expressed interest and willingness in running. It's great to see Postmates wanting to support Pig War, and I am excited for the positions to be filled by whomever is elected.

We are looking to take action on a project we have discussed -- organizing our members with first Aid experience and establishing various kits, able to respond to emergencies among our members as they arise. We have corpsmen and others capable of lending aid not just in our Post but across all of SAMS. All we have to do is organize our members -- things happen, and they will be able to get help faster through our First Aid Team. Several members have expressed interest in renewing outdated First Aid / CPR certifications, and we are beginning to plan an in-service for those interested during the next year's time. Perhaps through 1859 trying this concept, it will be something other

Posts will want to adopt.

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**Post 1860, (J. Elliott Williams)** Charleston, SC

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**Post 1861, (LCPL Kenneth J Haywood)** San Diego, CA

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**Post 1864, (Edward M. Cobbs)** Reno, NV

On 20 May, we attended the Northern Nevada Celtic Ceilidh in Reno. XO Mike Del Ostia was busy running the event while PC John Callan, Sgt-At-Arm's Bob Kuchenbecker manned the table. A big shout to Linda Kuchenbecker for keeping us focused and providing much needed logistical support. It was a great turnout with lots of people who stopped by.

On 21 May, we set up at the 2nd Annual Great Basin Scottish Highland Games in Sparks. Amazing time with great traditional Highland Games, many Veterans and supporters that came around.

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**Post 1889, (Mt. Rainier)** Seattle, WA

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**Post 1912,** New Mexico

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**Post 1921, (Admiral William A. Moffett)** No. CA

As the weather improves and mask mandates discontinued, we are starting to have more activities. Sadly, several of our favorite and most attended Games have been canceled, possibly for good. However, all is not lost, several Celtic 'street' events have become our 'go-to' for public visibility and recruiting efforts. Our contacts with Cadet units has improved in our territory and next year we expect to have more award ceremonies. The Dixon Fair Parade was warm, bordering on hot, but with our 'usual suspects' just about everybody in the town knows who we are. Half the town was in the parade and the other half lined the streets. Chairs were two deep when I arrived at 0830. I got to ride in a CHP (air conditioner on high) cruiser. What fun and the CHP officer was really cute.

—Jo Lawrence, CO, [jall140@aol.com](mailto:jall140@aol.com)

**Post 1952, (Frank H. Kennon)** Central Florida

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**Post 1955 (Inland Empire)** Spokane WA

Greetings all. On 11 March, members of our Post marched in the St. Patrick's Day parade in downtown Spokane: PC Ed Wattawa, VC Mark Loe, Wanda Loe, and Mike Brownlee. We were at the head of the parade behind Spokane's Angus Scott Pipe Band. This was our first parade as a new Post.

On 1 April, PC Ed Wattawa, VC Mark Loe, Adj Ray McGuire, Treas Brenda McGuire, QM Jonathan Adamhasperet and Noel Pierce participated in the National Tartan Day event held at the North County Library in Spokane. We posted the Colors during the opening ceremony and retired the Colors during the closing ceremony. We had a recruiting table with information about SAMS and membership applications. While we didn't sign up any new members, a number

of people stopped at our table and showed interest. This event allowed us to introduce SAMS to veterans and the general public in our community.

During a past monthly Post meeting, we discussed participation in the Armed Forces Torchlight Parade on 20 May held in Spokane on Armed Forces Day. Brenda researched entry requirements for the parade and found that extremely expensive insurance is required for all entries. With our presently limited funds, we decided not to enter the parade this year.

As an alternative, we decided to gather at VFW Post 51/ American Legion Post 9 in Spokane on parade night to meet and greet any veterans that stopped by before, during, and after the parade. We set up a recruiting table with the hope of attracting new members. We had a bagpiper on hand to play some tunes. Things didn't work out as planned, however. The only people there were the Post 51 Commander, the Post 9 Adjutant, the bartender, and a few others. No veterans who were at, or marched in, the parade showed while our members were there, so we left by 2200. The event was not a total flop, though. While sitting at the bar, as we enjoyed drinks, visited, and waited in vain for those veterans to show, we made some new friends. The Post 51 commander invited us to hold our meetings at the post hall, if desired, and the bartender gave us information about upcoming events we might participate in. The Post 9 adjutant took one of our brochures and said he would pass on information about SAMS to American Legion members attending their upcoming monthly meeting. Post 1955 members who were present at VFW Post 51 included PC Ed Wattawa, VC Mark Loe, Adj Ray McGuire, and QM Jonathan Adamhasperet.

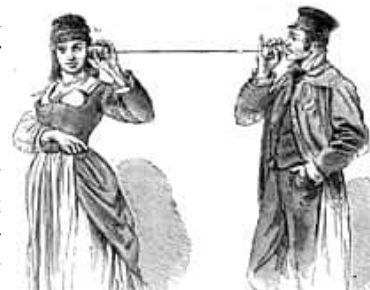
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## Scottish Archaeology

After digging to a depth of 100m last year, Russian scientists found traces of copper wiring dating back 1,000 years, and came to the conclusion that their ancestors already had a telephone network one thousand years ago.

Not to be outdone, in the weeks that followed, American scientists dug 200m, and the headlines in the US newspapers read: "U.S. scientists have found traces of 2,000 year old optical fibers, and have concluded that their ancestors already had advanced high-tech digital telephones 1,000 years earlier than the Russians."

One week later, the Scottish press reported the following: "After digging as deep as 500m, Scottish scientists have found absolutely nothing. They have concluded that 5,000 years ago, their ancestors were already using mobile phones."



## Accessing Veterans' records from the National Archives or National Personnel Records Center

Are you looking for your service records, or those of a family member? The National Archives in St. Louis, MO, is the official repository of millions of records for all military personnel—from all service branches—who served during the late 19th and 20th century.

Though military personnel files constitute its core holdings, the National Archives at St. Louis is the repository for numerous document types, such as the Selective Service System registration cards and classification ledgers that document the military draft between 1940 and 1975; Army General Courts Martial case files (including an index for records dated 1911-1976, and accessing records dated 1940-1976, with all records dated through 1917 in our Washington, DC building and those dated approximately 1918-1939 in our College Park, Maryland facility); and trade cards describing specific aspects of civilian work in Naval shipyards during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The holdings also include personnel files of individuals employed by the Civil Service, such as the Civilian Conservation Corps, Works Progress Administration, Panama Canal Commission, Department of State, U.S. Customs Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs and several hundred additional government departments.

### Military Personnel Records

**Archival records:** The National Archives at St. Louis maintains Official Military Personnel Files (OMPFs) of those service members that were discharged, retired or deceased 62 years from the current date. These records belong to the National Archives and become archival 62 years after the service member's separation from the military. This is a rolling date. For example, the current year (2023) minus 62 years is 1961. Therefore, records with a discharge date of 1961 and prior are archival and open to the public. Additionally, various records of Persons of Exceptional Prominence (PEP) are also archival and open to the public. Requests for archival records do not require a signature.

A fire in 1973 destroyed 80% of our Army personnel records from 1912 to 1960 and 75% of our Air Force records from 1947 to 1964, with names alphabetically after Hubbard, James E. Please keep in mind when requesting a record from these particular service branches that the record may be fire related and require preservation treatment. If this is the case, it will take several weeks to either receive a copy of the record, if requested by mail, or view the record in the archival research room, if visiting our facility.

**Non-archival records:** Records of individuals who left service less than 62 years ago are not yet archival. These non-archival records are maintained at the National Personnel Records Center, but remain in the legal custody of the military service departments. A non-archival OMPF is open to the Veteran, the next of kin

or to a third-party requester who has the Veteran's written authorization. Under the provisions of FOIA, the general public may only obtain limited information from these records. Requests for non-archival records must be signed and dated.

A request for a military personnel record, archival or non-archival, should include:

- ◆ The Veteran's complete name used in service
- ◆ Service number
- ◆ Branch of service
- ◆ Date and place of birth
- ◆ Dates of service

For archival or non-archival requests, submit a letter or Standard Form 180 with the above information to:

National Personnel Records Center  
1 Archives Drive  
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### NEWS RELEASES

30 May. The Department of Veterans Affairs relaxes masking requirement at VA medical facilities. VA facilities will no longer universally require masks in most clinical areas.

The Department of Veterans Affairs, in collaboration with the Office of Army Cemeteries, announced that it has added 300,000 service members and Veterans interred in 27 Department of Defense-managed military cemeteries into the Veterans Legacy Memorial (VLM) website.

The Veterans Legacy Memorial is the nation's first digital platform dedicated to the memory of Veterans interred in VA's national cemeteries, VA-grant funded cemeteries, two National Park Service national cemeteries, and now, 27 Defense-managed military cemeteries. Each of these 300,000 Veterans will now have individual pages on VLM where family, friends and others can post tributes, upload images, and share their Veteran's achievements, biographical information, and historical documents.

These Veterans and service members will join more than 4.5 million already memorialized on the VLM site at [VA.gov/Remember](http://VA.gov/Remember). By far, the largest number of these additional Veterans and service members are interred in Arlington National Cemetery.

## TIMELINE of PRE-COLUMBIAN SETTLERS in AMERICA

By George Shott



### Did You Know...?

1. The Algonquian language has linguistic elements of ancient Celtic, Norse, and Egyptian words.
2. The Pima of Central Arizona have creation and flood chants containing language from the same three cultures.
3. The Zuni language has 'embedded' vocabulary from Coptic (Libyan) influences. The Libyans traveled across the west from 800BC to 1100AD.
4. An ancient Celtic calendar circle was uncovered at Mystery Hill, New Hampshire.
5. A complex Celtic settlement was found at Mystery Hill with ruins, special structures, and inscriptions from the Bronze Age, 500BC – 300BC.
6. A 3rd Century BC, Celtiberian inscription was found on a bone comb excavated in an early Woodland Period burial site at Snapps Bridge, Tennessee.
7. Bronze Age Celtic daggers, similar to ones found in Spain, were found in Merrimackport, Massachusetts.
8. A stone stele bearing an inscription of 8 Hebrew letters was found in association with 9 skeletons dating to the 2nd Century AD, Middle Woodland Period, at Bat Creek, Tennessee.
9. Roman coins dating from the late 4th Century AD found in association with a Roman shipwreck in Beverly, Massachusetts. The coins had the impressions of four consecutive emperors.
10. A Tartessian (Libyan) stone stele was found in Mount Hope, Rhode Island. It depicted a ship hull with rear steering oar (no sails nor mast). The inscription translated: "Mariners of Tarshish this rock proclaims". It dates to over 2,000 years old.
11. Woodstock, Vermont, an astronomical chart was uncovered at an ancient Druidic site. 800BC.
12. At Davenport, Iowa, an inscription was found on a

stele depicting the Egyptian festival of Djed. The Egyptian New Year festival showed figures and structures of the celebration with hieroglyphs translated as: "Mirror of the Egyptians"; "the Djed Column"; "Ra rising"; "metal reflecting"; "ladder"; "victim"; and "worshippers hauling ropes to raise the Djed column". The inscription was attributed to the Osiris priest, Wnty (Sky Watcher), and dates to around 700BC.

13. Europeans were living in America 4,500 years before Columbus sailed forth. Celts from Spain? Semitic seafarers from Carthage, Libya, and Egypt? Ancient Druids?

History has documented the Viking voyages to Newfoundland, Hudson's Bay, and Minnesota. In an earlier *The Patriot*, the voyage of Sir Henry Sinclair to Nova Scotia and further south to Rhode Island was documented. Another article covered the impact that Sinclair's voyage had on the Micmac and their culture. Now, thanks to extensive "linguistic decoding" of mysterious runic inscriptions found throughout the northeastern US and strange inscriptions on rocks once thought to be native American etchings or plow scrapes, connections have been made between early European and middle eastern cultures to an incredible story of those early voyagers to the shores and interior of the US. Let's look at the results of that research and archaeological discovery.

### Voyages and Settlements Timeline

5000 – 5500BC: Archaic Red-Paint cultures of western Scandinavia and northwest Europe are carbon dated to 5500BC in Norway and have similarities to Maritime Archaic Re-Paint people of Labrador and New England dated to 5000BC. Both used similar fishing implements.

3200 – 1000BC: Cup and ring petroglyphs cut in the rocks of Europe (Britain) and found in America.

3000 – 1000BC: Megalithic builders in western Europe (Iberia and Britain) were erecting dolmens, stone chambers, solstice stones, and related monuments that are also found in America and may date from this period. Examples of Goidelic Ogam (o-em) indicate that Celtic language and religion have reached America.

[*Note: The Celtic languages evolved from Indo-European and Proto Celtic into two groupings – Continental Celtic and Insular Celtic. Insular Celts are divided into Q-Celtic (Irish, Scottish Gaelic, Manx) and P-Celtic (Welsh, Cornish, Breton).*]

2000BC: Sumerian colonists arrive in South America and set up animal husbandry and plant cultivation among native Andean peoples.

2000BC: The Copper Culture of north Michigan and Lake Superior region had over 5000 copper mine sites. Copper from the estimated millions of pounds extracted seems to have been exported to Europe and the Mediterranean areas according to researchers of mining engineers.

1700BC: Norse traders in Ontario with textiles to

barter for copper ingots. Pictorial record in an early Norse script, told of their religious, astronomical, calendric, and trading activities with the Algonquians.

1500BC: Contact between Iberian, Celtic and Egyptian and the northeast Indian nations insinuate language elements with those elements. Early Basque linguistics are introduced.

300 – 100BC: Traders from Carthage come to North America as evidenced from coinage from Punic Sicily and North Africa.

250BC: Celtiberian and Ogam inscriptions on bone and stone artifacts found in eastern Tennessee radiocarbon dating to early Woodland period.

AD100-200: Carthaginian civil calendar, in late Punic script, found in burials with Mayan and ceramic objects.

AD225 – 625: Hebrew inscribed stone found at Bat Creek, Tennessee. Originally thought by scholars to be Cherokee and modern by the Smithsonian. Ancient Hebrew coins were also found in other sites in southeastern states.

AD375: Roman shipwreck off Beverly, Massachusetts where the purser's chest containing coinage of the time was uncovered.

AD500: Christian Celtic traders and monks from Ireland and the Hebridean islands arrive in North America leaving Ogam religious and other texts on rocks and in caves in several states particularly West Virginia.

AD982 – 1396: 30 Norse explorers attacked in what is now Minnesota. The event was recorded in Middle Norwegian runes on the famous Kensington runestone (now considered genuine).

AD1396: Sir Henry Sinclair leads the last Norse-Celtic expedition to New England.

Frank Joseph in his comprehensive book, *Ancient America: The Lost Colonies*, identifies and describes fourteen cultures that played a role in ancient America: Sumerians, Egyptians, Minoans, Phoenicians, Romans, Celts, Hebrews, Africans, Japanese, Chinese, South East Asians, Norse, Knights Templar, and Christians. The evidence is compelling against a long history of denial and ridicule of investigators by establishment scholars and scientists. A pioneering group of historians and international linguists were able to break the code of the ancient languages. Now more people had the capability to find and identify those early forgotten sites which opened up the story of the early voyagers.

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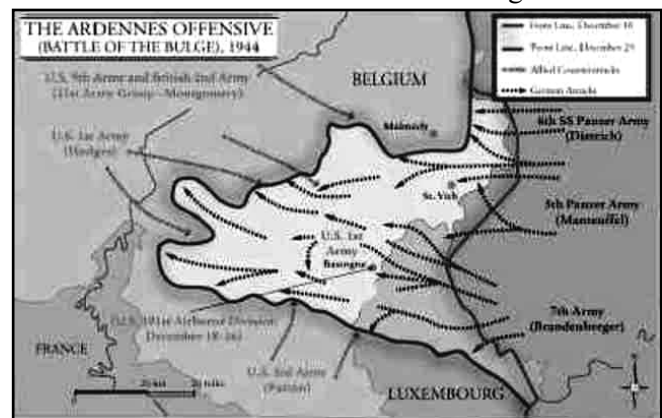
## Normandy and the Race to the Rhine

By James "Ski" Schiaffino Post 1814

Much has been written about the invasion of 'Fortress Europe', as the Nazi's referred to it. You've read stories and seen movies featuring all the major players, the generals, and their staffs. But what about the individual soldiers? The men who placed their lives on the line every day, the true heroes of the war. This is the story of three of those men.

Ralph Gordon Murdy, Jr. was a Corporal in the 329 "Buckshot" Infantry Regiment, 83rd Infantry Division, XIX Corps. He received training at Wiltshire near Warminster, England, as the first of the "build up corps". (The soldiers who followed the initial landing force and would bear the brunt of the fighting across France.) On 10 June his unit landed at Omaha Red Beach and began fighting their way to St. Lo. After successfully capturing their objective and trapping the German army there, they were assigned to General Bradley's First Army as he chased the Germans across northern France. The race to the Rhine had begun. The First Army had been fighting virtually non-stop since the invasion. Following the liberation of Paris, his battle fatigued unit was recuperating in a "quiet sector" near the Ardennes Forest north of the town of Bastogne (Ba-STO-nyuh).

On 16 December 1944, Murdy's unit was rudely awakened by the sound of battle. The German surprise winter invasion had begun. The purpose was to split the First and Third Armies and prevent the Allies from capturing Antwerp to use as a supply base. The attack succeeded in driving a wedge between the two armies in the form of a large bulge in the German lines. Thus, it became known as the 'Battle of The Bulge'.



If you were to ask a casual observer what they "know" about the Battle of the Bulge, I am certain names like McAuliffe and Patton would be mentioned as would the word "Nuts". Or even Patton's boast that he could attack with two divisions in 48 hours. But what about the common soldiers? Although surrounded, outnumbered almost five to one, with limited supplies who displayed their courage and determination in

the individual battles that comprised the Battle of the Bulge. A battle referred to by Winston Churchill as “This is undoubtedly the greatest American battle of the war and will, I believe, be regarded as an ever-famous American victory.”

The Battle of the Bulge was a series of battles designed to force the German army back from whence it came. As the Allied armies retreated before the German onslaught, the 101st Airborne was rushed in to defend the crucial crossroads town of Bastogne. The defenders of Bastogne were the 101st and a polyglot assortment of soldiers whose units had been overrun. They soon found themselves surrounded, realizing they were about to be in the battle of their lives. The kind where you could brag about “being there”. They would tell their grandchildren about it, earning their awe and admiration. This was where the bravery and resolve of the individual American soldier was put to the test.

Bastogne was a crucial crossroads, especially for the Germans. With the 101st refusal to surrender, the Germans were forced to find less suitable routes for their attack. This served to slow their attack and allow the Allies to regroup and counterattack. The 329th had been ordered to retake several towns on the northern edge of the Bulge. The 329th was able to recapture Aachen and secure the northern side of the bulge, bringing the German offensive to a halt.

As the battle progressed, Murdy’s unit would stage nighttime raids against the Germans. Exploiting small gaps in the attacker’s lines, he would lead his patrol around the Germans to launch surprise attacks. The sleeping Germans would be awakened to find themselves suddenly being attacked on three sides. Surprised and somewhat unprepared German resistance was disorganized and ineffective. Each night the Germans were uncertain if a counterattack would come and if so from which direction.

Additionally, Murdy’s patrols were able to rescue lost and wounded soldiers trapped behind the lines. Though these “actions” though small, and seemingly inconsequential to the overall battle, they served to weaken the morale of the attackers and raise the confidence and determination of the defenders. For his actions Murdy was awarded a battlefield promotion to 2nd Lt. The siege at Bastogne was broken by two divisions of General Patton’s army and eventually forced the Germans to retreat. It is considered the decisive battle of the war.

Following the lifting of the siege at Bastogne, 2nd Lt Murdy and his unit received their greatly deserved rest and recuperation. They rejoined the fourth Army in its drive to the Rhine and Berlin. The 329th was among the very first American units to meet the Russians in Berlin.

For his actions during the war, Lt Murdy was awarded the Bronze Star with an Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Commendation Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the European, African and Eastern Asia Campaign Medal and the Army of Occupation Medal.

Following the war Murdy attended OCS and gradu-

ated as a 1st Lt, he continued to serve in the Medical Corps where he achieved the rank of Captain. On his retirement he received a letter from General Jacob Devers, commanding general of the Army Ground Forces, stating: “Your return to civilian life, after the fine service which you have given to your country during the war, gives me an opportunity to express my personal gratitude for the devotion and achievements you have shown as an officer. You as an individual, have made a very real contribution to the great successes of the Army Ground Forces.”

Following his retirement from the Army he joined the FBI, served as the Managing Director of the Criminal Justice Commission and eventually as Deputy Commissioner of the Baltimore City Police Department.

### **The Race to the Rhine**

Following the relief of Bastogne, Patton’s Third was engaged in battling the retreating German army into Germany. Cp Paul Nelson Schiaffino was the driver of an M8 reconnaissance car for the 4th Armored Division of Patton’s Third army. He said the date of 4 April 1945 was a day burned into his memory. Having landed at Normandy, he fought his way across France, a battle-hardened veteran and involved in the relief of Bastogne. But nothing he had experienced in his young life prepared him for what he was about to discover.

The Allied Command had received information that there was a German Communications Center at Gotha, Germany. Elements of the 4th Armored Division were ordered to seize the Center. While scouting for retreating German units, Schiaffino was alerted that something was highly unusual—there were no German soldiers found in this section. What he did discover was an unusual odor emanating from a certain direction. As veteran soldiers, they were familiar with the stench of death. Concerned that they may have stumbled across a battle site, they decided to look for casualties. His commanding officer ordered Schiaffino to “follow the odor” hoping to find some wounded Americans. Not a battlefield; however, they did discover what they thought might be a POW camp. There were guard towers with search lights and barbed wire fencing that appeared to be electrified. The main gate was wide open and no German guards.

Schiaffino was unsure at first what this was. As he approached the odor became even stronger. It was not a POW camp, but the Nazi Concentration Camp of Ohrdruf. The Germans were using forced labor to construct the communications center. Schiaffino had witnessed death before, but he was overwhelmed by the scene before him. Inside the camp he and the crew were sickened at what they had discovered. There were dead bodies strewn on the ground, bodies of skin and bones. They radioed the discovery, then Schiaffino and his crew explored the camp.

They found the source of the odor that led them to Ohrdruf. They saw bodies hastily thrown into an uncovered burial pit with about 40 decomposing bodies

covered with powdered lime to cover the stench. There were burned bodies on what appeared to be a kind of grill made from railroad ties. They found a few survivors who resembled gaunt, emaciated skeletons. Having no provisions except water they willingly shared it with the victims. Shortly, forward elements of the 4th Armored Division arrived and administered what little first aid they could. Later other medical units arrived to provide much-needed aid and nutrition to the starving prisoners.

After the war Schiaffino would eventually talk a little about his actions at Normandy and Bastogne, but he never mentioned Ohrdruf. He had been so traumatized by what he had witnessed he was unable to talk about it with his family for more than twenty years.

### The Siege of Bastogne and on to Germany

Corporal Edward Pazdersky was a member of H company, 318th infantry, the 80th Infantry Division; "Blue Ridge Division". It was initially composed of draftees from Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia. The 318th Infantry was made up mostly of men from the Shenandoah Valley and Tidewater areas.

After training at Greenock, Firth of Clyde, Scotland, the 80th landed at Utah Beach on 5 August 1944. The division was destined to become the "work horse" of General Patton's Third Army and to play a key role in the breakthrough at Avranches. The Division then attacked Argentan, taking it on 20 August, and creating the 'Falaise Pocket'. This resulted in the destruction of most of the German Army Group B west of the Seine which opened the way to Paris and the Franco-German border. After mopping up in the area, the 80th took part in the Third Army dash across Southern France, cutting through Saint-Mihiel.

After a 10-day rest, the division returned to combat, moving southeast to take part in an attack on the Siegfried Line at Zweibrücken when the Germans launched their winter offensive in the Ardennes. The 80th was moved northward to Luxembourg and was hurled against the German salient, fighting at Luxembourg and Bastogne. By Christmas Day, men of the 80th were side by side with the tanks of the 4th Armored Division, battering forward through murderous opposition to relieve the 101st Airborne Division besieged in Bastogne.

It was during this part of the campaign Cpl Pazdersky's unit had been repeatedly strafed by the Luftwaffe. One pilot had raised Cpl. Pazdersky's personal ire, and he was determined to put an end to it. The pilot usually attacked just before dusk when visibility was reduced. The clever pilot would cut his engine before he began his strafing run so the soldiers below would not be alerted by the sound of his roaring engine. He would then catch them unaware and make his attack unimpeded by return fire.

Well, Pazdersky had finally had enough. He was determined to put an end to this menace before it annihilated his fellow soldiers. On that fateful evening the sun began to set as Pazdersky steeled his reserve and

with his automatic weapon, waited. Soon his lone vigil was broken when he saw a small dark shadow crossing above in the fading twilight. As it loomed larger and larger the Corporal stood his ground and began to fire his weapon. The two assailants then exchanged gunfire, with the brave Corporal receiving shrapnel wounds to his leg. For his action he received a Purple Heart. Whether or not he succeeded in downing the miscreant pilot will never be known. But his heroic stand was successful as the fighter never returned.

During its advance into central Germany, the 80th Infantry Division entered the Buchenwald concentration camp on 12 April 1945, to provide relief to the 6th Armored Division who had arrived the day before. There they found 25,000 starving and emaciated prisoners. They were survivors of forced labor and medical experiments aimed at testing the efficacy of vaccines and treatments against contagious diseases, such as typhus, typhoid, cholera, and diphtheria.

Several weeks later the "Blue Ridge" division pushed into Austria. On 6 May 1945, it liberated Ebensee, a subcamp of the Mauthausen concentration camp. When the 80th Infantry Division arrived they found some 16,000 prisoners. An Army report stated that conditions in the camp were "deplorable" as the prisoners were starving and barely clothed. Several hundred prisoners had died from disease and malnutrition the day the camp was discovered. All the inmates of the camp were badly undernourished, and many were suffering from various diseases and ailments. No meals had been served at the camp for three days prior to the arrival of the Americans. They requisitioned local food and made soup for the prisoners, but a few died from refeeding syndrome. (Refeeding syndrome is a metabolic disturbance that occurs because of reinstatement of nutrition in people and animals who are starved, severely malnourished, or metabolically stressed because of severe illness.) On 7 May, units assigned to maintaining public health and caring for displaced persons were dispatched to Ebensee to provide food and clothing to the prisoners and to combat the typhus epidemic there.

Following the war Corporal Pazdersky seldom if ever spoke of his experiences. Like many of his fellow veterans he suffered in silence with what today we refer to as PTSD.



Ohrdruf Concentration Camp, watchtower, barracks and barbed wire fencing.



## DID the SCOTS REALLY KEEP the ROMANS OUT of THEIR COUNTRY?

George Shott, PC Post 1298

An interesting question. Scholars have probably debated this question citing, the difficulties of subjugating those wild devils, or it would have been economically too costly, and require too many troops. I wrote about Roman Governor Agricola's successful campaign against the Caledonians at Mons Graupius in AD83/84 (Vol XXXV, No. 1). That battle was a military not a subjugation expedition. With Britain essentially pacified, the only real threats to the Roman occupation were sea raiders, and the Caledonian forays southward to which the legions responded in kind.

Some would say that the later, 73 mile long Hadrian's Wall following what is now the boundary between present day Scotland and England would be daunting to the tribes of the Scottish north. It was meant to serve as Rome's limit of conquest, but Rome's interests always stretched beyond it. However, writer Kirsten Henton, in her article, "You're Not in Rome Now", "questions why, given that they [Romans] were backed by one of the largest empires the world had seen to date, the Romans never succeeded in a sustained, all encompassing invasion to bring the wild lands of Caledonia under direct rule." At least four campaigns, by the Romans, took place between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> centuries.

Hadrian's Wall was started around AD122 while Emperor Hadrian visited Britain. It was extensive with 10 ft high walls, with garrisoned forts, mile castles, and towers. A large 12ft deep ditch or 'vallum' ran along the wall to the north. It stretched from Wallsend on the River Tyne in the east to Bowess-on-Solway in the west.

Emperor Antoninus Pius was going to change that. Although he would never travel to Britain, Antoninus decided that another wall would be constructed further north into Caledonia. Though the forays into Scotland were hailed as successes, any settlements north of Hadrian's Wall were military in nature not civilian. Thus, a strong defense was thought to be necessary and construction on the Antonine Wall was started in AD142. The task took 12 years to build – an extensive earthwork of turf walls on stone foundations with walls 8ft high and 16ft wide. There were 16 forts and small fortlets along the length. A 'vallum' also paralleled the north side of the wall for its length. A road called 'the military way', followed on the south side. It crossed

the 'Central Belt of Scotland' from the Firth of Clyde to the Firth of Forth for 37miles. Roman occupation of the Antonine Wall lasted for about 20 years.

So, back to the question. "Did the Caledonians really keep the Romans out of Scotland?" The short answer is Yes. The establishment of the wall testifies to that. After 20 years of occupation, the Caledonians were still there and the Romans settled down as they did at Hadrian's Wall. More importantly than the Romans invasion of Caledonia, was the political effect of the wall cutting through traditional tribal boundaries

cutting communications and upsetting their customs. Not a smart move on Rome's part to win the hearts and minds of the locals. Each side benefited from the local interactions through trade and understood accommodating each other in order to trade without war and plundering. Archaeology has uncovered this interaction, it doesn't show evidence to confirm sustained interaction.

Beneficial trade with Rome was a good thing. The unwillingness of the Caledonians to wholeheartedly embrace Roman rule and engage in robust trade with them was a critical factor in Romans to completely conquer Scotland. We go back to my original remarks. There were many reasons why Rome didn't conquer the Caledonians. Hostile reception, adverse terrain and environment, and pressures from other

parts of the empire competed with successive emperor's aims.

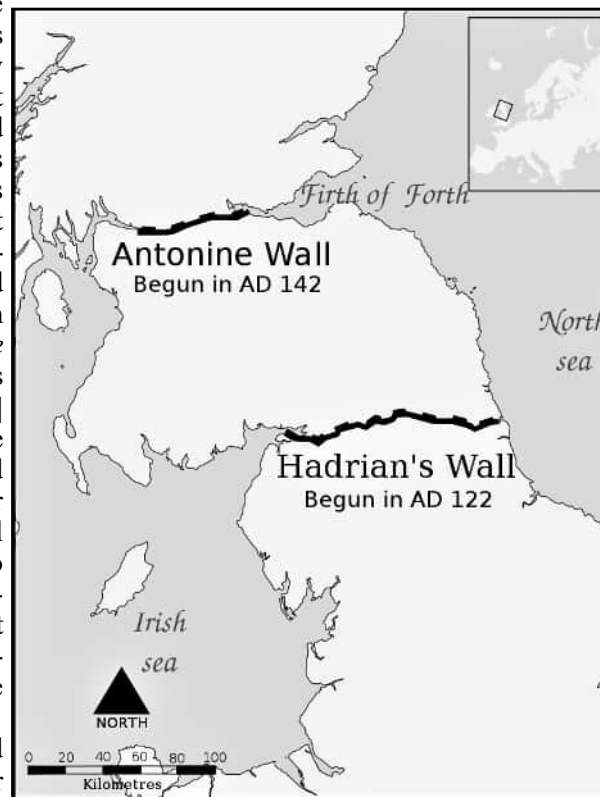
Kirsten Henton asserts, "that the Romans succeeded in invading Scotland, but they failed to subdue the whole of Caledonia." So, Henton says the debate is still on. I say that if you don't control the territory, you've lost.

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## Scottish Kitchen Recipes ~ Real Scottish Food



The Druid (Celtic priests) called this season Alban Heruin (The Light of The Shore) Aine (pronounced: 'awn-ya'), is the Celtic Goddess of Summer and Wealth. She represents the sun, love and fertility, with the power to ensure plentiful crops and harvests. To the Celts the Summer Solstice meant the sun would chase away the darkness and bring abundance and wealth. They would light bonfires and send wheels of fire cascading down the hillsides. While you might not play with fire, instead you might enjoy these tasty Scottish meals.

By Jim "Ski" Schiaffino Post 1814

### Avocado Salad

#### Ingredients:

1 med or 2 small avocados  
Salt and pepper to taste, about 1 tsp each  
2 Tbsp lime juice  
1/4 cup regular or light mayonnaise  
1/2 cup chopped onion  
2 cup chopped heads of iceberg lettuce  
Cherry tomatoes or tomato wedges

**Method:** Peel avocados and cut into 1" cubes. In a salad bowl, mix salt, pepper, lime juice, and mayonnaise. Add avocado and onion; mix slightly. Add lettuce and toss lightly. Garnish with tomatoes.

### Fried Bananas

#### Ingredients:

6 Tbsp all-purpose flour  
2 Tbsp sugar  
1 egg, beaten  
1/4 cup milk  
4 medium bananas  
peanut oil for frying

**Method:** Mix together the flour, sugar, egg, and milk to make a smooth, paste-like batter. Leave to rest for one hour. Peel the bananas and slice each one in half lengthwise, then across into chunks about three inches long. Dip the banana pieces into the batter and shallow fry in hot oil for a few minutes or until golden brown all over. Drain quickly on a wire rack or paper towel, and serve warm. If you like, serve them with powdered sugar or honey, for extra sweetness.

### Scrambled Eggs and Yellow Summer Squash

#### Ingredients:

5 or 6 yellow summer squash  
6 scrambled eggs  
3 Tbsp milk  
Grated Cheese  
1/2 cup yogurt

**Method:** Steam squash until tender. Whip eggs with milk. After squash is done, drain off as much water as possible. Add scrambled eggs to squash and sprinkle liberally with your favorite grated cheese. Spread yogurt over the bottom of a baking dish and put squash and scrambled egg, cheese mixture over this. Serve immediately while hot.

### Zucchini Mushroom Casserole

#### Ingredients:

1 zucchini  
1 onion  
1 can mushroom soup

1 cup milk

1 Tbsp Grape seed oil

**Method:** Cut zucchini into 1/4 inch round slices. Brown these in the grape seed oil. Slice onion, take apart the rings and put these over the zucchini. Mix the milk and mushroom soup and then pour over the zucchini and onion rings. Bring liquid to a boil and immediately turn the fire down to low. Cover with a tight lid and let the zucchini steam until it is done.

### Asparagus Casserole

#### Ingredients:

1 10 1/2 oz. can asparagus spears-drained  
4 hard boiled eggs sliced  
salt and pepper to taste  
2 pimentos sliced  
1 cup hot medium white sauce  
1/2 cup grated cheese  
1/2 cup buttered bread crumbs

**Method:** Arrange half of asparagus on a buttered 1 1/2 quart casserole. Top with half of egg slices. Add salt, pepper and 1 sliced pimento. Add remaining asparagus and repeat. Then add white sauce and cheese. Top with bread crumbs. Bake at 325°F for about 20 minutes. Serves 6.

### Marrocs

#### Ingredients:

2 pounds of minced beef suet from around the kidneys.  
2 pounds of lean beef, ground.  
2 quarts of flour.  
2 Tbsp of salt  
2 Tbsp of ground cloves  
1/4 tsp pepper.

You can substitute allspice in place of, or with, clove and also add minced onion.

**Method:** Mix well and steam/boil in a pudding tin or wrapped in cheesecloth for 3 hours. We sometimes use coffee tins as pudding tins with aluminum foil tied on top.

### Grilled Prawns

#### Ingredients:

1 small onion, minced  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
1 tsp peanut oil  
1 pound jumbo shrimp or king prawns  
1 tsp sea salt  
1 tsp freshly ground black pepper  
juice of two limes  
1 Tbsp peanut butter

**Method:** Mix the onion and garlic with peanut oil. Add

the prawns and toss to coat. Leave to marinate for at least three hours or overnight. Grill the prawns or broil them for about 5 minutes, turning once. Whisk together the remaining ingredients to make the sauce and pour into a small sauce bowl, placed at the center of the platter of prawns.

### *Pork Roast with Cointreau Sauce*

#### **Ingredients:**

1 pork roast, preferably center cut

#### **Sauce:**

8 oz tomato sauce  
1/2 cup ketchup  
1/2 cup red wine vinegar  
1/2 cup dark brown sugar  
1/2 cup corn syrup  
1/2 cup water  
1 tsp chili powder  
1 Tbsp cornstarch  
1/2 cup cointreau

**Method:** Preheat oven to 350°F. Roast pork for 3-4 hours, until a meat thermometer in the center reads 160 degrees. Meanwhile, combine all sauce ingredients except cornstarch and cointreau in the top of a double boiler. Cook, stirring occasionally, until hot. In a small bowl, blend cornstarch and 2 Tbsp of sauce mixture. Add cornstarch to sauce, stirring constantly. After sauce thickens, add cointreau and cook 15 minutes, stirring constantly. Thirty minutes before roast is done, cover with one-third of sauce. In 15 minutes, baste with another third of sauce. Serve remaining sauce with roast.

### *Seafood Sandwiches*

#### **Ingredients:**

1 cups cooked flaked fish  
3 hard boiled eggs, chopped  
1/3 cup chopped olives  
1/3 cup mayonnaise  
1/2 cup chopped celery  
1/4 cup chopped dill pickle  
1 Tbsp horseradish  
Dash pepper

**Method:** Combine all ingredients and mix thoroughly. Salt to taste and chill. Serve mixture as sandwich spread, in tomato cups, or in lettuce leaves as a salad. Makes 6 servings.

### *Summer Squash With Chicken & Noodles*

#### **Ingredients:**

#### **Sauce:**

1-1/4 cup catsup  
1 tsp horseradish  
2 Tbsp vinegar  
6 Tbsp minced onion  
2 medium yellow summer squash  
1 medium sized onion  
1 can chicken noodle soup  
1-1/2 Cups water  
Pepper and Salt to taste  
1 tsp sage  
1 Tbsp grape seed oil

**Method:** Wash summer squash, cut off top and bot-

tom. Cut into small chunks. Put in pan with the water. Cut up onion into small pieces and add to squash. Add sage, grape seed oil, pepper and salt. Cook until tender.

### *Barbecued Meatballs*

#### **Ingredients:**

2 pounds ground beef  
1 cup oatmeal  
1-1/4 cup milk  
4 Tbsp chopped onion  
1-1/2 tsp salt  
1/2 tsp pepper

**Method:** Thoroughly mix and form into balls, dredge in flour and brown in skillet. Place in baking dish and cover with sauce.

### *Rhubarb Dream Bars*

#### **Ingredients:**

#### **Crust:**

2 cups flour  
3/4 cup icing sugar  
1 cup butter

#### **Filling:**

4 eggs  
2 cups sugar  
1/2 cup flour  
1/4 tsp. Salt  
4 cups diced Rhubarb

**Ingredients:** Combine flour, sugar, cut in butter until crumbs form. Press into 9 x 13 pan. Bake at 350°F for 15 mins. Blend eggs, sugar, flour and salt until smooth. Fold in rhubarb and spread over hot crust. Bake 45 min. at 350°F until filling is brown. Cut into squares when cool

### *Easy Picnic Dessert*

#### **Ingredients:**

2 cans apple pie filling  
1 spice cake mix  
1 stick butter  
1/4 cup pecans, chopped

**Method:** Spray a 9x13 dish with cooking oil spray and spread the pie filling evenly in the bottom. Sprinkle the dry cake mix over the apples. Melt butter and drizzle over the cake mix. Sprinkle with pecans. Bake at 350°F for about 40 minutes or until golden brown.

### *Sweet Potato Dessert*

#### **Ingredients:**

8 Sweet Potatoes  
12 Tbsp Pure Maple Syrup  
Soft Margarine  
3 handfuls organic raw almonds  
4 Bananas

**Method:** Boil sweet potatoes. Allow to cool enough for you to handle them. Peel and put into a large serving bowl and mash well. In a small press top electric grinder, grind the almonds. Put 3/4 of these into the mashed sweet potatoes and mix well. Add Maple Syrup into the potatoes and mash again. Divide the mixture into four parts and dollop this onto the center of a plate. With a spoon swirl around the outsides of the dollop pulling it up until you have shaped it into a pyr-

amid-like swirl. Make a well in the middle and fill with maple syrup plus a teaspoon of soft margarine. Peel a banana, cut it longways in half. Place each half on both sides of the sweet potato pyramid. Sprinkle some of the ground almonds over this. Drizzle Maple syrup in dots over pyramid, banana and onto the plate.

### *Ambrosia Trifle*

#### **Ingredients:**

1 (5.1 oz.) pkg. vanilla instant pudding  
3 cups milk  
1 (8 oz.) carton sour cream  
2 Tbsp frozen orange juice concentrate, thawed  
1 (28 oz.) pkg. frozen golden pineapple coconut cake, partially thawed  
1 (15 oz.) can mandarin orange segments, drained  
1 1/2 cup frozen whipped topping, thawed

**Garnishes:** shredded coconut, maraschino cherries

**Method:** Combine pudding, milk, orange juice concentrate, and sour cream in a large bowl, beat at low speed with electric mixer 2 minutes or until thickened. Spoon one-third of pudding into a 3-quart trifle bowl. Cut coconut cake in half lengthwise, then cut halves crosswise into 1/2-inch slices. Arrange one-third of cake slices in a single layer over pudding. Arrange one-third of mandarin orange segments over cake. Arrange half of remaining cake slices over orange segments. Cover cake with half of remaining pudding; top with remaining cake slices and half of remaining orange segments. Top with remaining pudding and orange segments. Mound whipped topping over trifle. Add garnish, cover and chill for several hours. Serves 12-14.

### *Orange Julius*

#### **Ingredients:**

6 oz. frozen orange juice  
1 cup water  
1 cup milk  
1/4 cup sugar  
1 tsp vanilla  
1 Tbsp instant vanilla pudding  
8 ice cubes

**Method:** Put everything in the blender and blend until the ice is mashed up. If you let it all sit for 5 minutes, the ice bits melt...It's GOOD.

If you want to make ELECTRIC Orange Julius, add a jigger of your favorite adult beverage before blending.

The above recipes came from *Electric Scotland*.

### *Alba Gu Brath Scotland Forever*



**Math dha-rireadh!**  
(*Ma gha reeroo*)  
**Great Stuff!**

## A Fish Story Scottish Style

Angus, an avid fisherman, was telling his friend Ruppert about his recent fishing trip. "After a few frustrating hours I ran out of bait. Then I spied a viper in the bog with a wee frog in his mouth. Know'n frogs is good bait, I also knew the viper couldn't bite me with the frog in his mouth. So I grabbed him behind his head, snatched away the frog and put it in ma' bait bucket."

"Now I had a wee bit of a problem. I had to release the crabbit viper without allowing him to bite me. An' he was a given' me the evil eye, what with me taking his meal and all. So I grabbed my pocket flask and poured a wee nip o' whisky into his mouth."

"Help me Boab, he went hirple! His eyes rolled back and his body went limp. I gently put him on the moor and carried on with ma' fishin' using the frog as bait."

"Some time later I felt a nudge on ma' foot. Glancing down I espied the viper again. I was terrified 'til I noticed that now he had two frogs in his mouth!"



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