



The Raven & The Rock

The Glens' Association Newsletter—August 2023

A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW COMMANDING OFFICER

Change of Command

On Sunday 7 May 2023 Command of the Stormont, Dundas, & Glengarry Highlanders changed from LCol R.S. Hartman to LCol H.G. Scharf. The Change of Command Certificate Signing ceremony was conducted at 33 CBG HQ in Ottawa with key staff in attendance and presided by Col J.R. McKay, Comd 33 CBG. CWO Lessard remains Regimental Sergeant-Major.

Subsequent to the Change of Command, I was very pleased to be able to re-enrol Maj Steve Brush as my first official duty as the Commanding Officer. Maj Brush's return is a very welcome development. He will play a critical role as the Tactical Group Operations Officer and with the professional development of the Glens' Junior Officers.

Tactical Grouping

It was with great honour that I accepted command of the Stormont, Dundas, & Glengarry Highlanders and the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa Tactical Group. Both units have long and storied histories as well as a track record of collaboration at all levels that will serve us well going forward.

As the Canadian Armed Forces enter a period of reconstitution following the COVID-19 pandemic it was deemed necessary to Tactically Group some Primary Reserve Units in order to allow them continue to operate despite leadership manning shortfalls. Being tactically grouped is not an amalgamation. Both units will continue to maintain their identity and traditions, but will be commanded by a single CO. The Tactical Group leadership will be made up of members of both units. The decision to tactically group the was not taken lightly. It was a necessary decision because neither unit has the requisite number of senior officers to have a viable, sustainable succession plan to generate Commanding Officers in the short and medium term.

The Tactical Grouping will benefit both units with extra staff power and a larger pool of soldiers, allowing troops to train in a platoon and company context. On 13 May 2023 the two units came together during HIGHLAND SUMMIT to discuss the best way forward and build cohesion. The Tactical Group will continue to take shape over the summer months with the intent of hitting the ground running come the start of the training year in September.

Respectfully,

LCol / Lcol H.G. (Gord) Scharf, CD



Thank You

The Glens' Association appreciates the support of members of the Unit who assisted with the recent visit of the Westlake Brothers Souvenir Association from Normandy, France on their third visit to Cornwall (2015, 2019, 2023). During their visit to Quebec and Ontario cities, they read the names of the 47,000 Canadians killed during the Second World War. At the Armoury, they visited Normandy Hall and the Regimental Museum. This is a small thank you for the services they carry out at the Glens Memorial in Caen and the two Canadian war cemeteries in Normandy where Glens are buried.

Up The Glens!

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