



## Who We Are

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## A Message from the President

I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who recently attended the Tartan night fundraiser. A big thank you to Dan Leblanc for your hard work and great vision. Thank you to all that came to show your support and generosity to the association. Thank you to the Band and Mary for the amazing music you performed it was a wonderful evening of getting together with both old and new friends. Behind the scenes Pat, Dan and Morris along with the Legion did so much hard work to make this such a success.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the association board for all members continued support. The association is proud to announce the free membership for all members who meet the Board's criteria.

Looking forward to more social events and Ansell clubs upcoming golf tournament on 3 August 2024. More details can be found in this newsletter.

I would ask everyone to remember all of our soldiers both at home and overseas. Remember to keep us informed so that we can provide support to them while they are gone.

Thank you to our outstanding board for your continued hard and dedication.

Respectfully,

Jacquie Winand-Bacon



## Retired Colours Honoured

Retired Colours of a regiment are important artifacts that must be honoured and treated with the greatest of respect. When the Essex and Kent Scottish Regiment received new Colours in 2023, the old colours were laid up for safe keeping on 14 May 2023 in Christ Church Anglican Church in Chatham which is one of our regimental churches. We were honoured to have HRH Prince Michael in attendance for this important event.



Display of the old Colours in Christ Church Anglican Church, Chatham

Since then, significant work has been done by both the Commanding Officer's Colours Presentation Committee and Christ Church Colours Committee to ensure that the old colours are properly displayed for public viewing in an accessible location. Repairs were required for the walls. Frames were designed and hand-carved to match the existing framing used for the Kent Regiment Colours that were laid up more than forty years ago. Quilters were engaged to

### THE ESSEX AND KENT SCOTTISH STAND OF COLOURS

THE SOVEREIGN'S COLOUR AND REGIMENTAL COLOUR ON DISPLAY HERE WERE PRESENTED ON 28 MAY 1994 IN WINDSOR, ONTARIO. THESE COLOURS WERE DEPOSITED IN CHRIST CHURCH ON 14 MAY 2023 IN THE PRESENCE OF THE COLONEL-IN-CHIEF, HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE MICHAEL OF KENT, FOLLOWING THE PRESENTATION OF NEW COLOURS THE PREVIOUS DAY.

THE BATTLE HONOURS DISPLAYED WERE EARNED BY THE MANY SOLDIERS FROM BOTH KENT AND ESSEX COUNTIES WHO SERVED DURING WORLD WAR I IN THE 18TH WESTERN ONTARIO BATTALION OF THE CANADIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE AND DURING WORLD WAR II IN THE ESSEX SCOTTISH. THE TWENTY BATTLE HONOURS EMBLAZONED UPON THIS REGIMENTAL COLOUR REFLECT THE BRAVERY, SACRIFICE AND SERVICE OF THE SOLDIERS OF SOUTHWEST ONTARIO TO KING AND COUNTRY. THIS REGIMENTAL COLOUR IS THE ONLY ONE IN KENT COUNTY DISPLAYING THESE HONOURS FROM HARD-WON COMBAT VICTORIES IN EUROPE.

Bronze Commemoration plaque. Christ Church Anglican Church, Chatham



create a suitable fabric backing for each of the Colours. Funding for the bronze plaque was provided by the late Darcy McKeough OC. The Regiment provided funding for the mounting of the colours. The unveiling of the new display was held on 3 March 2024.

With the old Colours now properly and honourably displayed, there is hope that the next project could be to properly display the other old Colours that are currently stored in the Chapel room that is located in the unit lines at the Maj. F.A. Tilston V.C. Armoury so that they too can be provided with a suitable and visible place of honour.

Special thanks to the members of the Trooping Committee who oversaw this important work to a successful conclusion.

## Hochwald Mixed Dining In

The Essex and Kent Scottish Regimental family gathered on 09 March 2024 for the annual Hochwald Mixed Dining In. This year's event was held at the Windsor Club, a fabulous venue on the banks of the Detroit River. In attendance were many of our family members as well as invited guests including 31 CBG Brigade Commander Col Chris Brown.

The Pipes and Drums entertained the guests with their music and colourful display. The Windsor Regiment Band provided music throughout the dinner.

An added feature at this year's dining in was the presentation of a print depicting the Essex Scottish Regiment. This is one of a set of eight prints commissioned in the early 1950's by Hiram Walker and Sons of Walkerville, Ontario. Each print depicts one of the eight famous Canadian Highland Regiments. While

the artist remains unknown, each print, including the one for the Essex Scottish Regiment is signed GWG and dated 1951.



Hon LCol Lauren Bradley, LCol John Hodgins and Hon Col Joe Ouelette.



## Tartan Day Fundraiser

The first Tartan Day Fundraiser was held on 6 April 2024 at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 594 on Howard Avenue in Oldcastle. It was a spectacular success. A near capacity crowd was entertained by Fiddle and Friends (courtesy of Mary Baruth) during the meet and greet cocktail hour from 5:00 pm to 6:15 pm. After the haggis was addressed, a meal of freshly cooked fish (or chicken) and chips and salads was enjoyed. Shortbreads were available for desert. The Essex and Kent Pipes and Drums put on their usual fabulous display for the appreciative crowd. The 50/50 draw netted over \$900 for the lucky winning ticket holder. Tickets for the door prizes were sold and winning tickets selected. Following the dinner, everyone was invited to dance to the music of DJ Joe Farrugia.

One added feature was the announcement that Branch 594 will be renaming their banquet hall to the Dieppe Room in honour of the sacrifice of the Essex Scottish Regiment on the shores of Dieppe on 19 August 1942. The Association would like to thank Branch 594 for this honour.



The Tartan Day event raised more that \$3,300 in net revenues. This will go to the E&K Association in its work of supporting the Regiment and its soldiers.

Special thanks go to Dan Leblanc for the tremendous effort he made to organize this successful event. There is already talk of planning for the second annual Tartan Day Dinner next year.



## 208<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of the 1814 Battle of The Longwoods

On 3 March 2024 A commemoration was held to honour this small but important War 1812-15 battle, located at the cairn located at Battle Hill on Longwoods Rd, 4 km east of Wardsville (midway between Chatham and London). Over 75 guests attended this annual service which included wreath laying by representation from all levels of government, Royal Canadian Legion branches, descendants of both First Nations and United Empire Loyalists' combatants, as well as War of 1812-15 uniformed reenactors. As The Essex and Kent Scottish perpetuates the War of 1812-15 Kent Rangers, Caldwell's Rangers and Loyal Kent Volunteers, the annually laid regimental wreath was laid this year by our Commanding Officer LCol Prentice and our Regimental Sergeant Major, CWO Clark. Volleys were fired by the Royal Scots 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Light Company volunteer re-enactors.

### Synopsis of Battle

On 3 March 1814, Capt Wm Caldwell leading a patrol of 50 militia and 44 native warriors, spotted a mounted American

contingent of 165 regular army with Kentucky and Michigan militia traveling north of Wardsville along the Thames

River. The American's target was a raid upon the military outpost at Delaware. Caldwell sent for British reinforcements while skirmishing with the US force, holding its advance in check. At 1700 hrs on 4th Mar 1814 a British contingent of 146 regulars arrived and conducted an ill-fated frontal assault up from a steep icy snow-filled ravine (6" of snow had fallen on 3rd Mar) against the US force secured behind an abattis of cut trees on the crest. The First Nations Warriors and Caldwell Militia fought from the flanks. The Allied attack was beaten back.



LCol Gord Prentice MB, CD and CWO Jeremy Clark CD  
Laying E&K Scot Wreath 3 Mar 2024



## Always Ready



Royal Scots First Battalion, Light Company Reenactors firing volleys honouring Battle of the Longwoods Fallen Combatants.

Present with the Caldwell Western Rangers were 14 Kent Rangers, led by Lt John MacGregor. MacGregor was wounded twice in the same arm during the intense fighting and later lost that arm, but Lt. McGregor fought again at the Battle of Lundy's Lane in Niagara. Five other Kent Rangers were wounded, and Pte Shaw died of wounds before arriving home in Louisville. Pte Shaw was one of our 34 Kent and Essex militiamen to die during the War 1812-15. This Longwoods skirmish resulted in 14 British and militia killed, 54 wounded and the US forces suffering 5 dead and a handful

wounded. The Americans fearing another attack, abandoned their mission and fled back to Detroit. Lt John MacGregor was promoted for his efforts at the Battle of the Longwoods. A Chatham secondary school is named after MacGregor.

Pte Shaw is the only combatant of this battle to die of wounds, and who has a known gravesite. He is buried with his father, Loyal Kent Volunteers Capt William Shaw in Shawbanks Cemetery located in Kent Bridge, ON.

Semper Paratus!

Major (Ret'd) G.T. (Greg) Childs CD



## Dieppe Memorial Service

The Annual Dieppe Memorial Service will be held on 19 August 2024 at Dieppe Park on the Windsor riverfront. Everyone is encouraged to mark this date on their calendars at attend if possible. In doing so, we honour the sacrifice of those who stormed that beach 82 years ago. We will remember them.



## Care Packages

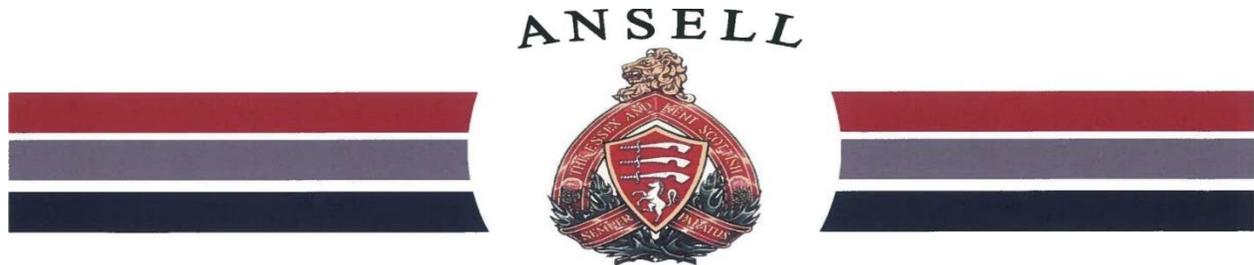
Over the past few years, we have made efforts to get care packages to our serving members on overseas deployments. This year alone, we have already sent out five morale packages to our soldiers overseas in both Europe and Asia. Despite some difficulties coordinating with the Regiment we remain committed to this important mission of making sure that no one gets missed, and the soldiers are very grateful to know that we are thinking of them back home.

Our Care Package Fund has been depleted over the past couple of years, so we will be committing some of our fundraising energies this to filling the fund so we can keep doing this very important work. Please keep your eyes open as we rollout this campaign in many ways over the next couple of months.

Regards,

Daniel Leblanc, CD RSE

"In war, there are no unwounded soldiers"



## Ansell Clubs, 13th Annual Golf Tournament

Hidden Hills Golf Course, 25393, St. Clair Rd., Dover Centre.

**Saturday, 3 August 2024**

Cost \$100.00 per golfer includes; 18 holes of golf  
with cart and BBQ steak dinner with trimmings.

(BBQ dinner at the Chatham, Bloomfield Rd., Ansell Armoury)

(Cook your own steak.)(BBQ starts at 4 pm)

**Special Notice; if you register before July 4<sup>th</sup>, cost will be \$90.00 each.**



## Keeping Connected Online

It is important to stay connected even when we cannot gather in person. Those wishing to keep in touch with the activities of the Regiment are encouraged to visit the Regimental website and Facebook page listed as follows:

Website [www.ekscot.org](http://www.ekscot.org)

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/6161648785>

## Membership – Have you joined?

The association is pleased to announce that free memberships are now being offered to anyone who meets the Board's criteria. Your membership is important to the extended Regimental Family. It is your chance to keep updated on events with the serving members, enjoy social activities, and support each other. We raise funds for many activities and consistently support our serving members in many ways: BBQ and social events, support to the annual Soldier's Christmas Dinner and financially assisting with special equipment for the troops. We also send care packages to deployed troops and provide support to our Veterans' families when a Veteran passes away. Whether serving or retired, it is important that we have your support. Please take advantage of the offer of free membership.



Cathy MacDonald, Membership Chair

## A Reminder to all Members

If anyone has changed their email or postal address, please notify Cathy Macdonald at [ekbrat@gmail.com](mailto:ekbrat@gmail.com) so we can keep our records up to date.

*Thanks to everyone for your contributions. Kim Gilliland, Editor.*