

Cape Breton Highlanders Association

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37th Reunion, Sydney, CB

Again, the 2006 Reunion achieved all objectives, with a good member turnout, excellent weather a lot of interested mem-

bers (Cape Breton) heading for Afghanistan as part of Task Force 1-07 (this will be explained in greater detail further on), suffice it to say that they are consistently in our thoughts and will be until their safe return. On 31 January, another important event occurred, with the signing of the Cape Breton Highlanders/Cape Breton University Scholarship agreement, which will also be covered in greater depth in this issue. Some administration issues are being formalized, i.e. we are soliciting information on members changing addresses, and any other pertinent information that will assist us in keeping contact. We are also trying to effect a smooth method of collecting annual dues, essentially from we *newer guys*.



John Clarke has provided a Museum update, and we are again soliciting memorabilia, particularly those items with an Italian Campaign connection. The Commanding Officer of 2 NSHighrs (CB), LCol George Troicuk, is planning to decorate one of the lecture rooms in Coriano Building with an Italian Campaign theme, much as he has done with his conference room, now the Delfzijl Room.

2006 Reunion Achieved All Objectives



bers of the community present at the Memorial Service and another successful dinner and evening following. The Remembrance Day Service was also well attended and again we were graced with balmy (though unseasonal) weather. Our last mixed event for 2006, was the December Luncheon at Quality Inn (formerly the Cape Bretoner), saw a good mix of longtime and shorttime members and spouses and has become an enjoyable annual event. Preliminary discussion for the 2007 Reunion has already begun and dates will be announced sometime in the near future.

The year 2007, got off to a busy start, with 9 soldiers of 2nd Battalion, The Nova Scotia Highland-



President's Message



I think the president has reported most of the important past and future initiatives, except our latest one, which deserves special notice as well. In the past few weeks we have been discussing and preparing a plan to provide Easter baskets of toiletries and amenities for veterans and all residents at Taigh na Mara. The evening was highly enjoyable and appreciated by residents and staff. We plan to make it an annual event and to include the Veterans Wing on the Northside in subsequent years. The Association continues to foster its objectives and message, and besides the work carried out by the membership, we also greatly appreciate the assistance offered by Ms. Gail Jones, Joan Campbell, Cape Breton University, City Printers and others from the larger community who are definitely the *Friends of the Cape Breton Highlanders*.

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The Cape Breton Highlanders Association Memorial Scholarship



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The scholarship was the brainchild, or rather a passion, of the late Steve Kavanagh, to quote him again: “Your donations to this fund are really appreciated. We feel that, more than bricks and mortar or books and paper, this fund will truly perpetuate the memory of the Cape Breton Highlanders.” On 31 January 2007, the agreement between Cape Breton University

and the Cape Breton Highlanders Association was formalized at a very elegant ceremony at the Campbell Room of CBU. President Harker elegantly offered some appropriate words on the place of the University and the Military in the larger community. Several of his staff were on hand, most of whom had been involved in the

project from its inception. Afra Kavanagh and her daughter were also in attendance. The Association was represented by Bob Kipping, Sharkey MacDonald, and your president.

Easter Basket Project

As mentioned previously, the Easter Basket project was successfully launched, on 5 April 2007, at Taigh na Mara, in Glace Bay. With the kind liaison and assistance of the recreation coordinators, Carol MacLellan and Nick Dellavalle, the CBH Association presented 67 baskets to all the residents of the long-term care facility. It was a very enjoyable event and in 2008, will be expanded to include a Northside facility, which also houses a veterans wing. The project was a brainchild of *Sharky* MacDonald and became a reality



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through the efforts of him, Bob Kipping and Gerry MacNeil. Gerry, being the photographer, missed being in the pictures; that will be remedied for the 2008 photo-op.



An unlikely crew of CBH Assn Bunnies
Bob Kipping, Sharky MacDonald, Ian Macintyre, and Jake Ryan



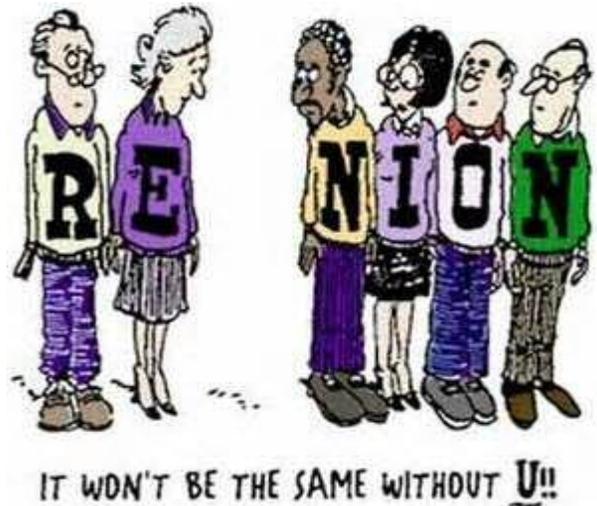
The Gang of Four, again, with a few of the residents of Taigh na

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The Cape Breton Highlanders 38th Annual Reunion 14-15 September 2007

Plans are currently underway for the CBH Reunion this coming September. The event will begin on Friday (14 Sep), with Registration/Meet and Greet 1300-1630 hrs at Coriano Building (Victoria Park Armouries), Sydney, NS. The Memorial Service will be held at 1000, the following day, at the Cape Breton Highlanders Monument, on Kings Road. This ceremony will be followed by the Annual General Meeting, at the Officers' Mess in Victoria Park, and a dinner will take place at 1900 hrs in one of the Messes, also at the Park. The Reunions have been well attended in the past, and we again look forward to seeing you all at

this one. Our successor unit, 2nd Battalion, The Nova Scotia Highlanders (Cape Breton) will be holding its Change of Command Parade on (Sunday) 16 September, the day following the Reunion, should any of you wish to extend your stay, the parade will begin at 1400 hrs.



SITREP 2NSHighrs(CB)

Each year, every unit submits an annual historical report covering the calendar year; the following are excerpts from the 2006 report of 2nd Battalion, The Nova Scotia Highlanders (Cape Breton):

Unit Strength as of 31 December 2006 Offrs: 15; Other Ranks: 187

Basic and Leadership courses were held, and the unit participated in 8 major exercises during the year including Rappel training, Winter warfare training, Training with the US Forces in Virginia, Support Wpns training in CFB Gagetown, NB, etc.

Taskings Outside the Unit included 11 soldiers to Afghanistan and TF 1-07 trg. (Operation Archer Dec 06-Aug 07); 6 as instructors at Camp Aldershot; 5 at CFB Gagetown and one at CFB Wainwright, AB.

The unit also gives full support to the Cape Breton Highlanders activities and sponsors 4 of the 6 Army Cadet Corps on Cape Breton Island.

Pipes and Drums: 11 on strength; one member serving in Afghanistan with TF 1-07. Members have been tasked as Instructors at the CF School of Music at CFB Borden, ON. Other members have performed with the AARTC at Camp Aldershot, NS; and some augmented the 3 Area Support Group (ASG) Pipes and Drums at CFB Gagetown, NB during their performances at the Virginia International Tattoo, in Norfolk, VA. Members also participated in the Inter-

national Festival of Military Music in Quebec City, QUE. The IC of 2 NSHighrs (CB) Pipes and Drums also filled the position of Acting Pipe Major for the 3 ASG Pipes and Drums from September-December 2006.

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Cape Breton Highlanders in Afghanistan

During the Dec 06/Jan 07 period, 9 soldiers of 2NSHighrs(CB) deployed to Afghanistan as part of Task Force 1-07 ROTO 3. The troops form part of the Defence and Security Force being sent to help stabilize the situation in the embattled region. Our soldiers had just completed 6 months of intense pre-deployment training involving urban operations, live -fire company attacks, first aid, ambush drills and training on the state-of-the-art Weapons Effects Simulator. Our frequent thoughts and best wishes are with them, and we look forward to their safe return.



Cape Breton Highlanders in Afghanistan



Nine of the eleven soldiers on operational tasking: MCpl McKay, MCpl Pouchelu, MCpl Henry, Cpl Campbell, Cpl Armsworthy, Cpl Wilcox, Cpl Hanna, Cpl Keigan and Cpl Woodland (on other taskings and thus missing from the photo: Capt Comeau and MWO Curtis.)

Museum Musings

By far, one of our hardest working and most dedicated members is CWO (Ret'd) John W. Clarke, who has, over the years, voluntarily breathed much needed life into the perpetuation of the Unit's pictorial history, from its beginnings, in 1871, to the present. John has worked tirelessly in filling the museum and hallways with memorabilia and photographs from then and now. This is John's report for 2006, and with customary modesty, he plays down his contribution.

"This year saw a successful 37th CBH Reunion. It was the 135th anniversary of the founding of our Highland Battalion, in the service of Canada. The year 2006, also marked the 61st year since the end of World War II and without a doubt, this Nov 11th ceremony, at the Monument was one of the best attended ever. The Museum in a small way was also able to help in this success. It would be safe to say the Cape Breton Highlanders (legacy) is in good hands.

At the Museum we are pleased to be

able to record, save and protect what we feel is important, that is, our Military contribution to the people of Canada. History is a record of the past, and the events of today make tomorrow's history.

It's the little things that count when recording history: a dusty box, containing a ticket stub, a train schedule, a post card, advertisement to a show in London, a photo taken in Holland, a map with hand written directions, a photo of a grave with a name remembered only to us and to loved ones left behind.

It is these small and seemingly unimportant things that go unnoticed. Gather these small things together and they can tell a powerful story, a look into the past, a past that is remembered by fewer and fewer each year. Bright and shiny things on a Museum wall are nice, but can it compete with a family album, photos from overseas, a scrap book of old news paper clippings, a crumpled telegram...the family's history of a Highlander,

this is what gives life to history.

When questions are asked, and those who were there can no longer answer, will there be silence? Hopefully not. With your help, we at the Museum will do our best to record the present, and the past, so all future generations may know of "The Cape Breton Highlanders" and what they were able to accomplish.

At the Museum we are able to display items in a safe location; we can also copy material and return originals, and we always give credit to the donor. Items can be donated or loaned for display, depending on the owner's wishes. We are very flexible and able to fulfill most any donor's wishes. Please keep us in mind, no item is too small nor too large (with the possible exception of a Bren Gun Carrier-should anyone have managed to sneak one "home.") In the past few months, we have received material from Reg Roy, Bill

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MacKeigan, and several others. We are indebted to these kind folks..... and these items are now a part of our display. I would like to thank all who have contributed over the years. Without your generosity, it would be very difficult to tell our story. As this year comes to a close, may the New Year bring good health to you and your families. May the honour and respect held by the community for the Cape Breton Highlanders never fade, nor its name be forgotten.

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John Clarke
Museum

Were on the Web!

www.capebretonhighlandersassociation.ca

Dues/Information/Change of Status/Change of Address, etc

As we are all aware, administration is a necessary evil, and we would greatly appreciate any and all assistance that can help us to better serve you the members. Any changes of address, or other pertinent information, may be sent to the Secretary, or any member of the executive, so that we may keep our files current. In the matter of dues, all members on strength prior to the 1990s, may continue to carry on as before. Bills have gone out to we later arrivals (post-1990s folks), and it would be most appreciated if remittances could be sent to the Treasurer at your earliest convenience. Thank you.



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