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The North Okanagan Shuswap has a long history of supporting our military and the personnel who serve to protect our values and freedoms.

I would like to thank the volunteers, sponsors and all those who support the Okanagan Military Tattoo Society in paying tribute to our military past and present.



Mel Arnold, MP
North Okanagan Shuswap

The 4th Annual Okanagan Military Tattoo is a celebration of traditions with entertainment for the whole family to enjoy.

It gives me great pleasure to be able to welcome you all on behalf of myself, the constituents of Vernon Monashee and the Premier of British Columbia to our beautiful city. **The 4th annual festivities promises to be an even more exciting event than last year with hundreds of dancers, drummers, pipers, and singers of all ages and heritages.**

I want to thank all the volunteers involved in putting this truly remarkable event together. Without their tireless commitment this event would not be possible, thank you.

Sincerely



Eric Foster, MLA
Vernon-Monashee



Greetings and Welcome to the fourth annual Okanagan Military Tattoo.

As the MLA representing the beautiful riding of Shuswap and on behalf of the community, thank you for taking an interest and preserving our military heritage.

A big thanks to our supporters and volunteers who are always able to pull off world class events. I'd like to wish all of our organizers and performers all the best in this year's Tattoo.

Sincerely



Greg Kylo, MLA
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Marching Forward Together

What a lot to celebrate this year! Canada at 150 – for those who were around in 1967 you will remember a country celebrating from one end to the other. I was Captain of the winning Manitoba team in the 1967 Centennial Voyageur Canoe Pageant, a 6,000 km canoe race from Rocky Mountain House to Montreal. There were ten 25' Voyageur Canoes in the event, one from each province except Newfoundland and PEI but included teams from the Yukon and NWT. The youngest paddler was 19 years old and the eldest, 50. There

were French Canadian, English Canadians, Cree and Metis. Every community we stopped in held a celebration with flags, bands, dancers and everyone was singing O Canada and Ca-Na-Da. It felt great to be Canadian!

We have tried to re-create some of this excitement in this year's Tattoo. We will have a large presence from the iconic RCMP Pipe Band and Ceremonial Troop, young people to veterans, military marching bands and the Salvation Army, local and regional Highland Dancers, Irish Dancers and Celtic Fiddlers plus much more.

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The Naden Band of the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN)

The Naden Band has been part of naval tradition on the West Coast since 1940. Formed during World War II, the Naden Band kept up both civilian and military morale with concerts, dances and hundreds of radio broadcasts and played for base ceremonies, monthly church parades and public parades through the streets of Victoria and Vancouver. The band also assisted the government in raising money for the war effort through War Bond Drives in Western Canada.

In the decades following World War II, the Naden Band continued to represent the Canadian Forces throughout British Columbia and Canada, receiving acclaim for its performances at events such as the Grey Cup in Vancouver the Kelowna Regatta, Edmonton's Klondike Days and the Calgary Stampede. In travels abroad, the Naden Band became an ambassador for Canada with performances as varied as Expo 70 in Osaka, Japan and accompanying the Provider and the 2nd Canadian Destroyer Squadron in a 1972 tour of Fiji, New Zealand and Australia, as well as participating in an historic visit to Vladivostok, Russia in 1991.

Comprised of 35 professional full-time musicians, the Naden Band's primary role within the RCN is to support Naval Operations, ceremonial



events, and generate public awareness, helping to facilitate a greater understanding of the role the RCN serves in protecting Canada's interests at home and abroad.

The Band performs in a variety of large and small ensembles ranging from symphonic concert band, marching band, jazz band, Dixieland band, rock and contemporary ensembles as well as brass and woodwind quintets.

Within the RCN, the Naden Band performs a number of ceremonial duties such as parades (Remembrance Day, Battle of the Atlantic, Changes of Command) ship departures and arrivals and military dinners. The Band's presence at such events helps to preserve naval customs and traditions while heightening morale and esprit de corps.

Musical support is integral to many Government functions including the opening of the Provincial Legislature, official visits from heads of state and other events in which the Lieutenant Governor, Prime Minister, Governor General or the Royal Family are present.



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The Band travels nationally or internationally each summer to promote its program and the city of Calgary. Additionally, the group performs annually in numerous events such as the Calgary Stampede Parade, Banff Canada Day Parade and Music 'N Motion, a spring exhibition held

annually in Calgary.

As a marching ensemble, the Round-Up Band combines music with movement to produce an unforgettable experience for members and audiences alike. This program provides opportunities to develop musical skills in a unique, fun and exciting performance-based atmosphere.

The field show is the primary focus of rehearsals throughout the year. The show is the telling of a story conveyed by instrumentalists and dancers through the use of drill formations, music and visual pageantry. Every year a new field show is performed, providing the students with an unforgettable experience that is uniquely personal.

Kelowna Pipe Band Society



A long time member of the Celtic Community in the Okanagan, the Kelowna Pipe Band Society is a proud supporter of the Okanagan Military Tattoo. In their Royal Stewart Kilts, the band members will collaborate with the Military Band of the Vernon Cadet Training Centre during the "Tribute to the Veterans" segment of this year's Tattoo.

The Kelowna Pipe Band Society, led by Pipe Major Chad Goodman and Drum Major Ethan Whitla will participate as well in the Massed Bands and the Grand Finale.

As a matter of interest, tenor drummer Miriam Campbell, Makalya Goodman and Pipe Major Chad Goodman will travel to the World's Piping Championship in Glasgow Scotland at the conclusion of this year's Tattoo.



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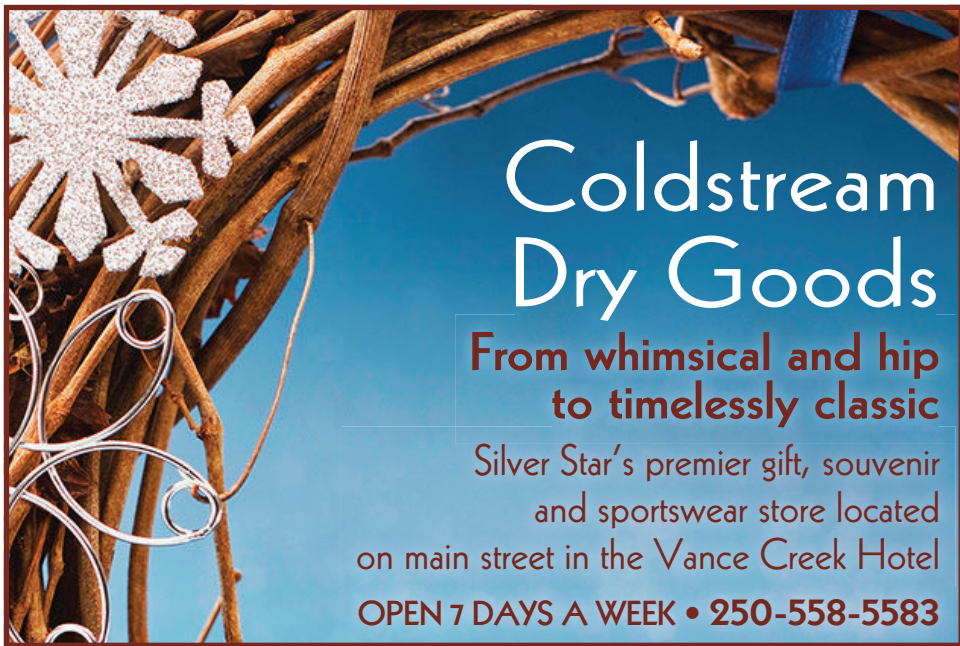
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For the first time in Okanagan Military Tattoo history, the Salvation Army - Vernon - will have an enhanced involvement. In previous years, members of the "Sally Ann" participated in the "Tribute to the Veterans" portion of the performance.

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Lt. Reid has hinted of even greater involvement on the part of the Salvation Army in Tattoo 2018.



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(Academy in Regina) and various rifle drills traditional to the Mounted Police. All of the movements in the performance are timed with precision and style.



From the early days of the North West Mounted Police through to the present day, Canada's national police force has remained an international icon. Adorned in their Scarlet Tunics, Strathcona riding boots and famous broad-brimmed Stetson hat, the Mounties have been front and centre, woven into the fabric of Canadian history, while continually evolving as a cutting edge and internationally acclaimed police force.

For decades, the RCMP has entered ceremonial troops in Tattoo celebrations at home and abroad. After a one year hiatus, 2017 will mark the third time the Ceremonial Troop performs at the Okanagan Military Tattoo.



The "E" Division RCMP Ceremonial Drill Troop is comprised of 24 men and women posted to various Detachments and units in British Columbia. These currently serving members have been selected and trained to perform precision dismounted cavalry foot drill routines written and choreographed specifically for this year's Tattoo.

The display echoes movements adopted from the RCMP Musical Ride, Sunset Ceremonies, basic Cadet Training at Depot

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100th Anniversary of Vimy Ridge

The victory at Vimy was a defining event for Canada, considered by many contemporaries and later scholars to be a significant event in Canada's progress to full independence from Britain.

The Strategic Importance of Vimy Ridge

The seven-kilometre long Vimy Ridge in Northern France, near Arras, held a commanding view over the surrounding countryside. Previous unsuccessful French and British attacks had suffered over 150,000 casualties.

In early 1917, British High Command ordered the Canadian Corps to capture the position as part of a larger spring offensive in the Arras area. In the coming campaign, British Forces to the south would have limited success, and the French would fail badly, with many of their units reduced to mutiny. The Canadian attack against Vimy Ridge would be spectacular by comparison.

A Planned Battle

Lieutenant-General Sir Julian Byng, the Canadian Corps commander ordered new tactics for the coming assault. Having learned from the Battle of the Somme that intense training better prepared soldiers for what they might find on the battlefield, soldiers were empowered to make quick decisions on their own that were still in keeping with the overall plan. Small units and individual soldiers were given much more information about

the battle, and were expected to exercise initiative in keeping the advance moving forward, even if their officers and NCOs were killed or wounded.

A tremendous artillery barrage, which included improved techniques for counter-battery fire against enemy guns, would smash German positions and isolate enemy troops in their dugouts.

At 5:30 a.m. on 9 April 2017, Easter Monday, nearly 1,000 guns opened fire on the German positions. An estimated 15,000 Canadians rose from the trenches and advanced towards the ridge in the first wave, with thousands more behind them. Despite hard fighting all across the front, the Canadians captured most of the Ridge on the 9th and the remaining positions by the 12th.

Vimy Ridge as Symbol

Over four days of bloody fighting, the Canadians had overrun Vimy Ridge at the cost of more than 10,600 killed and wounded.

The battle has since become an important symbol for Canada, the place where Canadians from across the country delivered an unprecedented victory, all four divisions of the Canadian Corps fighting together for the first time in the war.

VIMY 2017

TRIBUTE TO THE VETERANS

In this year's Tattoo, our **"Tribute to the Veterans"** will focus on the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

Thousands of Canadians died in this battle and many more were wounded. The Ridge was captured. Canadians, fighting together for the first time under their own officers, triumphed. But, at great cost.

The significance of the battle was immense. The sacrifice of our soldiers was heart rending. Many historians claim that this battle and the victory signified the beginning of our country as more than a colony, more than an outpost of Britain and that henceforth this nation could take its place as a significant partner with its allies. Its contribution in 1917 would, they theorized, make Canada even more widely respected politically as well as militarily.

The Canadian Mounted Rifles took part at Vimy and their 'descendant regiment' the British Columbia Dragoons will participate in the Tribute. The Vernon Cadet Training Centre, which has been a military base for over a century, is a mainstay of the Tribute, providing many skilled musicians, drill and Colour Party members. The Royal Canadian Legion, the Army Navy and Air Force Veterans from this city and region participate in the Colour Party and as Flag Bearers. We thank them!

The Kelowna Pipe Band, under the leadership of Pipe Major Chad Goodman is welcomed as they parade in the band's No. 1 uniform. The Drum Major, Ethan Whitla, is a member of that band.

The Salvation Army and the RCMP have been traditional participants in the Tribute. We welcome them back to Kal Tire Place.

Our 2017 Tribute concentrates on Remembrance. Thus, our Tattoo Cenotaph will be the battlefield grave markers supported by appropriate and traditional ceremony.

Should you wish to join in singing the "Good Old Tunes", the words will appear on the large screen.

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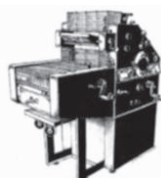


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Kamloops Pipe Band Society



The Kamloops pipe band society's pipe major is Scot Kortegaard, and our lead tip is Andrew Robertson. We formed the Kamloops Pipe Band Society in the late 1960's from the Legion Pipe Band. In the 1970's the Kamloops band won the North American Pipe Band Championship in Maxville Ont. Scot Kortegaard continues the tradition of Competing and is bringing the band back to its former competitive glory. Kamloops travelled to Scotland in 2015 to compete in a few highland games and the World Pipe Band Championships in Glasgow. We tied for 1st in Perth, won a 5th place in North Berwick and tied for 6th in our heat at the worlds. The band is heading back this August to compete once again at the World Pipe Band Championships! While we are there, we will play for the prestigious Piping Live show in downtown Glasgow!

We look forward to representing BC, and the Okanagan/Thompson area in Glasgow this summer!

Kalamalka Highlanders Pipe Band



The Organizing Committee of the Okanagan Military Tattoo is pleased to welcome back Vernon's own Kalamalka Highlanders Pipe Band.

The Kalamalka Highlanders Pipe Band was formed in 1984 under the direction of Pipe Major Reg Scott who led the Band for 20 years. In fact, the Band still has two pipers playing, including Reg Scott, out of the original group!

Pipe Major Mo Soichuk and Drum Major Neil Morrison lead the Band, while Pipe Sergeants Reg Scott, Gord Mathers, Tom Skinner and Pipe Corporal Dave Gerhardt assist.

The Kalamalka Highlanders is the largest pipe band in the Okanagan Valley with close to 30 pipers and drummers. The Band wears the distinctive maroon and grey Portree tartan from the Isle of Skye in Scotland. The Band is a regular at local celebrations and parades including Vernon Winter Carnival, Lumby Days, the Falkland Stampede and Remembrance Days.

Instructors or members of the Band meet two times a week on Mondays (beginners and those developing their skills) and Thursdays. The Kalamalka Highlanders is celebrating it's 33rd anniversary in 2017.



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Celtic Lasses



The Celtic Lasses, a trio including three fiddles and a penny-whistle, combine the traditional tunes of Cape Breton, Scotland and Ireland to create an unforgettable mix of tunes that are sure to have your feet tapping.

Players Annika, Emily and Audrey seamlessly blend their talents and enthusiasm to create new music bursting with unique harmonies and positive energy. Fiddlers Annika and Emily use their long time performing experiences to further master their playing and collaboration skills. Audrey brings a Celtic ambiance to the group with her haunting penny-whistle and additional violin that allows this trio's uniqueness to truly shine.

This will be the Celtic Lasses first appearance at the Okanagan Military Tattoo.

Shalni Prowse and Scot Kortegaard

These two work together to put on a great show by the OMT Pipe Band and the OMT Dance Team. They are also husband and wife!

Shalni is a long time member of the British Association of Teachers of Dance from Glasgow Scotland. She has been teaching dance for 18 years in both the Kootenays and Kamloops. She currently owns and operates a successful dance school in Kamloops BC. and from there has taught many champion highland dancers. Shalni loves teaching choreography and is happy to share her time and love for dance with the OMT, and is proud to be the 2017 Dance director of the OMT Dance Team.

Scot Kortegaard has been the pipe major of the Kamloops Pipe Band Society for 20 years and is also a very accomplished dance piper. Scot pipes at many dance competitions and shows in BC and AB. Scot directs his band at some of the highest level of competition there is, and strives to make the Kamloops band better each year. He is also a music instructor, and has taught pipers that are now in the highest grade of competition. He is looking forward to a great OMT this summer!






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