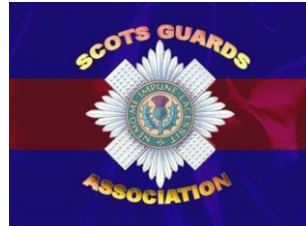


SCOTS GUARDS ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER



**That some no longer serve with the colours does not matter,
What does matter is that we are all of us Scots Guardsmen.
Bound together in the Queen's service until we die by a chain,
the links of which are invisible but which are as strong as steel:
Constantly striving, in all that we do, to maintain the high traditions
of loyalty and devotion to duty upon which the Scots Guards are founded**

General Sir Michael Gow GCB

Palace of Holyrood 1965

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REGIMENTAL WEEKEND LONDON 4 – 6 APRIL 2025

IT'S APRIL & THE WEATHER'S GETTING WARMER ~ LONDON IN THE SPRING

Fri 4 Scots Guards WOs & Sgts Past and Present Association AGM ~ 1830hrs ~ Wellington Barracks Sgts Mess.

Sat 5 SGA AGM ~ 1030hrs ~ Wellington Barracks Sgts Mess.

Regimental Remembrance Sunday – Guards Chapel

Sun 6 April – Service starts 1100hrs

Order of Dress: Suit / Blazer, Bde Tie, Large medals. No head dress.

Regimental Wreaths will be laid :

The Guards Chapel: Andrew McKeand ~ SGA Surrey Branch

The Guards Memorial: Major Cameron Proudfoot ~ SGA Highlands & Islands Branch

TIME TO MARCH WITH A SPRING IN YOUR STEP ~ YOU CAN'T BEAT IT!

After the service the parade will form up on the Barrack Square in 6s. The Regimental Lieutenant Colonel will command the parade to the Guards Memorial where there will be a short service of wreath laying, marching back to Barracks, a salute will be taken just before re-entering Barracks. The parade will be dismissed.



ADMIN POINTS

Entry to Wellington Barracks must be via Petty France, due to King's Guard Mount time changes to 1030hrs. Birdcage Walk and approach roads will be closed.

Please take direction from the Military Provost Guard Service at all times when entering and exiting Wellington Barracks.

Car Parking. There will be limited car parking facilities available for disabled persons only in Wellington Barracks from 0930hrs. Please inform RHQ in advance if you require parking otherwise **you won't be allowed in.**

Everyone attending is required to sign into barracks at Petty France Guardroom ~ **please carry suitable identification**, i.e. MOD Form 90/SGA Membership Card or veterans card. **Security at Wellington barracks is severely tighter now as you will see when you arrive.**

Tea and Coffee will be available at the Guards' Museum prior to the service in the chapel from 1015hrs **Toilets are available there.** The Guards' Museum will be closed after the service.

There will be refreshments in the Other Ranks Dining Room and for those who want lunch it will be available on payment on the 'Pay to Dine System'.

Afterwards the Warrant Officers & Sgts Mess will be open.

Always a good chance to meet up with friends ~ What better reason to be there!

EVERY SCOTS GUARDSMAN PAST & SERVING ARE VERY WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

WE REMEMBER THOSE KILLED DURING APRIL IN CONFLICTS SINCE 1945

1st Battalion Scots Guards Egypt 1951 – 1954.

Easter Sunday 18 April 1954 22219738 Gdsm K Wallace Killed while on vehicle escort.

DEATHS

ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Third Guards Club

2nd Lieutenant Colin Brodie Crabbe Died 7 March 2025. Age 82. Attended National Service officer training from May 1960. Commissioned and joined 1SG 28 April 1962 to Jul7 1964.

Fife Branch

24248713 LCpl Kenny Lawson Died 25 March 2025. Age 73. Lived. Enlisted 1971 served 2SG Op Motorman and beyond. Served 1SG Aldergrove, Hong Kong, Pirbright. Finally at the Guards Depot Ammunition Compound. Funeral Tuesday 15 April @ 1415hrs, Kirkcaldy Crematorium, Rosemount Avenue, Kirkcaldy, KY2 6HQ.

NON ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

John Halley Died 8 March 2025. Age 89. Served 1952 – 54. Lived Auchtertool, Fife.

James Paul Died 22 February 2025. Age 85. Lived Burntisland, Fife. Served 1958 – 60 1SG BAOR, Gravesend, Also Orderly to HRH The Duke of Gloucester.

LSgt John Clegg Died March 2025. Served 2SG Inc Falkland Islands 1982.

Gdsm Ronald Radcliffe Died 13 March 2025, Served 1SG 1957 – 1958. Lived Spain.

24585953 Dmr Stewart McLean Died 18 March 2025, Lived Knaphill, Surrey. Served 1SG Pirbright / Hohne. Stewart's Funeral will be held at 14:00 hrs on Friday 25th April, at Woking Crematorium GU21 8JT or Livelink Website -: <https://watch2.obitus.com> -: voru6902 Password -: 447838

SSgt Kevin McDowell Died 17 March 2025. Served SG 1988 – 2004 (LSgt). Transferred to Royal Logistic Corps (EOD). Funeral Crematorium, Chantland Avenue, Hull, HU5 4EF Monday 14 April 2025

REGIMENTAL SERGEANT MAJOR GEORGE CAMPBELL

1st BATTALION SCOTS GUARDS



Congratulations to Regimental Sergeant Major, 1st Battalion Scots Guards.

WO1 Campbell has taken over the role of Sergeant Major from WO1 Nigel Heron. As the Battalion welcomes Sergeant Major Campbell into the role we say a huge thank you to WO1 Heron for his time in post.

REFLECTION's
KENNY LAWSON ~ SCOTS GUARDS ASSOCIATION ~ STANDARD BEARER.



Left: At the Opening of Edinburgh Garden of Remembrance ~ Kenny ever present.
Right: The Rabbits Breakfast ~ Briefing Major Iain Dalzel Job on the intricacies of mobile phones.



Left: Fife Armed Forces Day 2023 with Neil Crockett, Rab McIntyre, Ernie Melville, Tam Marshall & Paddy McEnhill.
Centre: Regimental Remembrance Sunday 2024 with young Frank.
Right: Carries the Fife Branch Standard.



Left: Regimental Gathering 2013.
Right: The wreath laying party at the Guards Memorial 2024 including Kenny Lawson (SGA Fife), HRH The Duke of Kent, RQMS James Scott, LSgt Warren (F Company Piper). Rear: CSM James Munro (RQMS Designate), Captain GA Hopkins (Equerry).

ASSOCIATION NEWS

SGA Fife Branch

Following the passing of our long time President Sir Robert Spencer Nairn we announce that Mr MWV Mathewson takes over and we welcome his appointment. Mark Mathewson served as a Pltn Comd Right Flank, 2nd Bn Scots Guards in the Falklands Campaign in 1982.

SGA Highlands & Islands Branch

The Highlands & Islands Branch is planning a rededication of the cairn erected in memory of Gdsm Jim Reynolds DCM on Saturday 14 June 2025. The branch found out in mid-2024 that the cairn had fallen into a state of disrepair - it doesn't appear to have been visited since the 25th anniversary in 2007 - and we worked with the Estate management to correct that situation. We now want to celebrate that success and will ensure the cairn is visited annually from now on.

Jim was killed on Mount Tumbledown on the Falkland Islands on 14th June 1982, and our event is planned for that date this year ie Saturday 14th June 2025. The cairn was erected by Maj Gen Alastair Bruce of Crionaich whose family owned Sallachy Estate at the time and who served in the Falklands with Jim.

Our plans are still being made but so far:

- The lead attendees will be the Branch Falkland veterans, Maxi MacDonald, Paul McLaughlan, Danny Maclean, and Billy Silver.
- Sutherland Lord Lt Maj Gen Patrick Marriott CB CBE and or his local deputy Mrs Sheila Stewart will attend.
- The Association Chairman, Major Sir Macgregor hopes to be available.
- Other members of SGA Highlands & Islands Branch & members of other SGA branches are invited to attend.
- Members of the Tumbledown Veterans & Families Association are invited to attend.
- We will start to gather at 1230hrs for a 1300hrs start. The Sallachy Estate is near Lairg, IV27 4EF - more precise directions will be provided at a later date.
- Maj Gen Bruce is commenting on the King's Birthday on 14th June for Sky, so cannot attend our event, but has given his wholehearted blessing.

Contact Rod Davidson (Secretary) for more details Mob: 07532 089535

Email: roderick.davidson@hotmail.co.uk

SGA Border Branch Dinner Saturday 8 March 2025.

The Border Branch held its Annual Dinner in the Hawick Rugby Club on the 8th March where 28 members and guests had an enjoyable evening, the night was presided over by our President Iain Dalzel Job, after the toasts to the King and the Colonel, Association Secretary, Neil Crockett gave the toast to our fallen comrades when L/Sgt Mark Macrae played the lament. Our guest of honour Andrew Bell gave an interesting talk, followed by Lieutenant James Holman West updating us on the happenings of the regiment, thanks to all those that supported us."



Left: 4x Branch Secretaries Neil Crockett (Fife), Eck Barclay (Borders), Danny Minto (Edinburgh), Iain Bryson (Dundee)



Right: Top Table Maj Willie Nichol RA (2SG FOO Falklands 1982), Maj Andrew Bell, Maj Iain Dalzel Job, Neil Crockett, Lt James Holman -West gives the Regimental update.



Left: LSgt Macrae ~ CSgt Thorley & Leah, Colin & Mrs Brown & guests.



Right: Danny Minto, Mark McKay & Colin Spence

SGA Glasgow Branch ~ Day Trip Saturday 31 May 2025

The Glasgow Branch is organising a day trip to Inveraray on Saturday 31 May, the itinerary will include a tour of Inveraray Castle, visit the Church of Scotland to see where the Battalion Colours are laid up followed by lunch/afternoon tea. Time permitting we will visit Loch Fyne Oyster Bar on the return journey.

Should any Scots Guardsmen in the vicinity of Inveraray wish to join us either in the Church or restaurant you will be made very welcome. Contact Colin Downie (Secretary) for more details Mob: 07956 526283 Email: cdownie1@icloud.com

SGA Durham & Yorkshire Branch ~ Annual Dinner

The dinner will take place on the 28th June 2025 in the Warrant Officers and Sergeants Mess 1st Battalion Scots Guards, Somme Barracks, Catterick.

The mess will open at 1500hrs and the dinner will be served at 1600hrs.

Members from across the Scots Guards Association & all regimental veterans are welcome.

For more details contact Mark Wall (Secretary) Mob: 07535 029061 Email: Markwall442@outlook.com

100th HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

Many Congratulations ~ Malcolm Foster hits the Bullseye with his 100th Birthday on 15 March 2025.

Gdsm Malcolm Foster served as a Drummer / Tank Driver in the 3rd (Tank) Battalion Scots Guards during the Second World War.



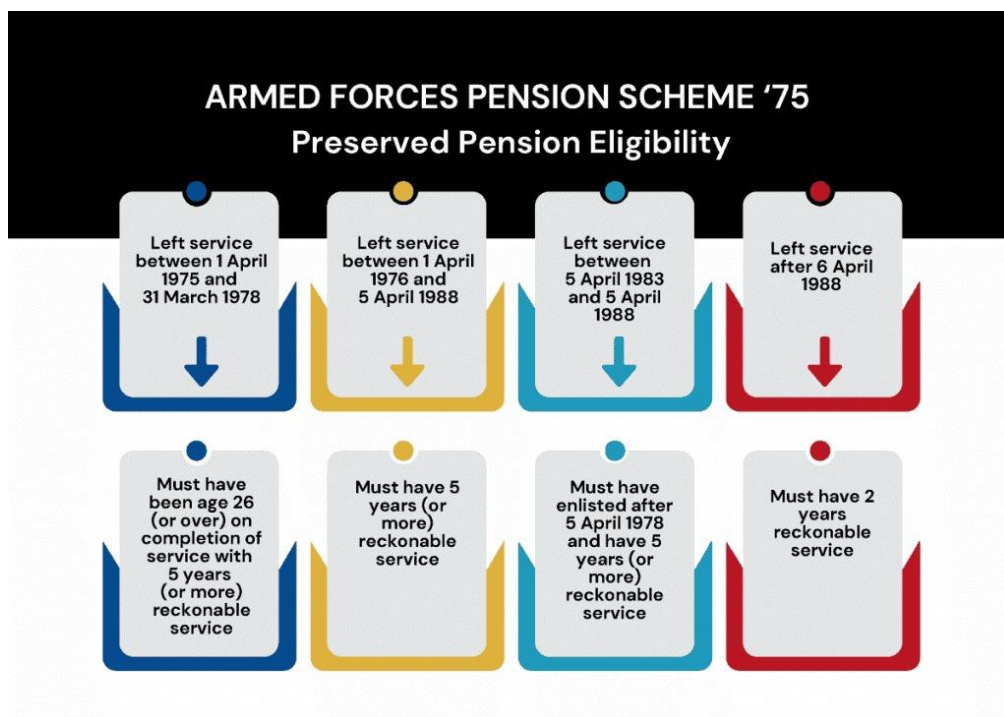
Malcolm received a 100th Birthday Cards from HM The King and from the Scots Guards Association & all members of the Regimental Family.

UNCLAIMED ARMED FORCES PENSIONS

Further to the information posted in the SGA March 2025 Newsletter Major Mark Cape, Regt Welfare & Finance Officer has asked me to share the information below:

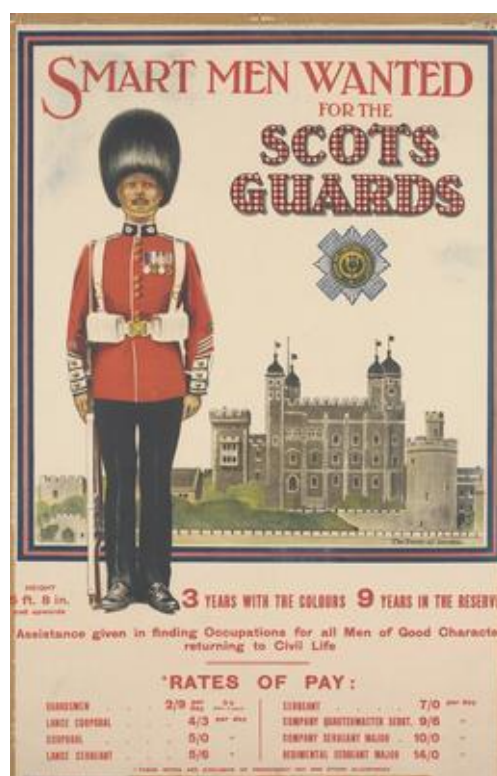
Every year some **2,000** deferred Armed Forces pensions go unclaimed and the sums involved can be significant.

The latest MoD report states at least 14,800 pension benefits remain unclaimed, down from 17,100 in 2023. This is progress but more needs to be done which is why our aim is to raise your awareness and signpost eligible veterans to unite them with their pension benefits:



Are you eligible: YES, Next Step. The pension is **NOT** paid automatically – Scots Guardsmen must apply to Veterans UK using **AFPS Form 8** found using the link <https://forcespensionsociety.org/unclaimedpensions/> or call **0800 085 3600** for further information

Maj (Retd) MA Cape | Regt Welfare & Finance Officer | The Castle | Edinburgh | EH1 2YT | Skype 0300 154 0159 | finance@scotsguards.org |



**2694174 CSM WALTER LUMSDEN DCM MM & BAR 2nd BATTALION SCOTS GUARDS KILLED 6 MARCH 1945
REMEMBERED AT BATHGATE REGAL THEATRE ~ WEST LOTHIAN @ VE DAY 80 COMMEMORATION**
80 years after his death on Thursday 6 March 2025 CSM Lumsden was remembered at his birthplace at Bathgate, West Lothian.

CSgt Thorley, LSgt Macrae, LCpl Grant and a mini Pipe Band from SGA Pipes & Drums (Scotland) led by Piper Major Iain Lowther took part in the commemoration. Relatives of CSM Lumsden also attended.



In April 1932, Walter joined the Scots Guards at Edinburgh. In January 1935 he left to join the City of Glasgow Police.

He was a reservist and in December 1939 he was recalled to 2nd Battalion, Scots Guards then in North Africa.

Walter served with distinction, being awarded the Military Medal and Bar (a second Military Medal) and the Distinguished Conduct Medal.

Military Medal

6 March 1943 at the Battle of Medenine Sgt Lumsden was in command of an anti-tank gun when the Battalion was attacked by enemy tanks. Sgt Lumsden showed great courage and initiative in manhandling his gun under close enemy fire from its dug-in position to one in the open from which he was able to engage two enemy tanks, both of which were hit. Throughout the action Sgt Lumsden's courage and determination were a big factor in repelling the enemy attack.

Distinguished Conduct Medal

10 September 1943 at Salerno, Italy during the day attack on the Tobacco Factory near BATTIPAGLIO. Sergeant Lumsden showed great coolness, gallantry and initiative under enemy fire. At one time he drove off some German grenade throwers with 36 grenades, although outranged by stick grenades.

Shortly after, he personally with a Bren gun knocked out a Spandau post which was inflicting casualties on the platoon, bringing his gun into action under heavy fire. He then saved the life of a tank gunner at great risk to his own by attracting his attention to the correct way of escape, again exposing himself to enemy fire.

Finally, when the position became untenable, he and his platoon Commander had to cross a 6ft spiked gate under fire of about 6 Spandau's. His platoon Commander became suspended from the spikes by his trousers and was unable to cut himself loose. Sgt Lumsden calmly produced a knife, cut his platoon Commander's trousers off him, and both got safely away still under heavy fire. Throughout the battle this Sergeant's courage and daring were an inspiring example to his platoon.

Bar to Military Medal

10 December 1943. 'F' Company was ordered to capture the village of SI NICOLI. At the same time a Company of the Lincolns was advancing astride the road on the right flank. This company was engaged and held up by two machine gun posts.

C.S.M. Lumsden, realising the position, immediately advanced over open ground which was under fire. He engaged one post after the other and silenced both with a Bren Gun and so allowed the Company to advance. When his own Company came under fire from eight Spandau posts, he climbed on to a house-top and engaged them with fire from his Bren.

He was wounded in action on the 11th of December 1943.

In June 1944 2SG returned to UK, it was made up to strength and after retraining on 8 February 1945 2SG joined the Gds Armoured Division as infantry in support of the Gds Tank Bns - for what was to be the final 3 months of the war. On 6 March 1945 2SG passed through the Siegfried Line for its 1st attack on Germany soil. 8 men from F Coy were the first killed in this final 2SG campaign.

CSM Walter Lumsden DCM, MM & Bar was killed on 6 March 1945 exactly 2 years after he had earned a Military Medal at the Battle at Medenine in North Africa. Walter was 32 years of age and was buried at the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Germany. E is also remembered at The Blackburn (West Lothian) War Memorial, The City of Glasgow Police War Memorial and The Scottish National Memorial, Edinburgh Castle. Walter's medals are on display at the Glasgow Police Museum.

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Left: Mortar Pltn Concentration took place at Otterburn.



Right: 6 Nations Rugby at Murrayfield Scotland 35 V 29 Wales. It the presence of HRH The Princess Royal and a bumper crowd. More used to standing on the ramparts of Edinburgh Castle Pipe Major Mitchell found himself as lone piper leading the rendition of Flower of Scotland. On the pitch Pipes & Drums of 1st Bn Scots Guards joined in adding to the atmosphere.



Left: Dmr Trolese successfully completed his class 3 course at the Army School of Bagpipe Music & Highland Drumming. He is a serving member of SGA Highlands & Islands.



Right: CSgt Thorley, Lt Braithwaite, 2nd Lt Thornhill, Neil Crockett. John Rae, CSM Gunning, 2nd Lt Cox (see story below).



A chance for a natter in the Scots Guards Club, Edinburgh when elements of Left Flank, 1st Battalion Scots Guards were in town. While in Scotland the Left Flankers found themselves on top of Arthurs Seat, assisting Regt ACF Detachments in Glasgow and other activities. Included in the photo are Lt Col WHL Tulloch (1SG Comd Off Designate), LSgt Macrae, Danny Minto (Secretary SGA Edinburgh), Ted Middlemass (Chairman SGA Edinburgh), Steve Kendall(TV&FA). Spot the officers & CSM from the photo above. As Secretary SGA Fife & a near neighbour Crockett took the chance to meet to Gdsm Kieran Thompson (Crossford, Nr Dunfermline).

REGIMENTAL SERGEANT MAJOR INSPECTS SCOTS GUARDS ARMY CADETS

WO1 Campbell, the Regimental Sergeant Major of the 1st Battalion Scots Guards inspected the Cadets. Presenting Scots Guards Colonel Coins to Adult Instructors in recognition of their commitment to Cadets.

A presentation was also made to two Cadets from each Detachment, Sgt Gough and Cdt Robertson, selected as Cadets who embody the Values and Standards of the Army Cadet Force.

Captain Boag was presented with a plaque, on behalf of the Battalion, acknowledging the Scots Guards affiliation with the Company.

A fantastic evening where Cadets could speak with the Scots Guards, asking them questions about their experiences and being given pointers and tips on their drill.



SSI E Gough

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**"Do you have a copy of SURVIVE
TO FIGHT by the MOD?
Oh. You do? wonderful"**



Yellow Pages ~ JR Hartley



Trained Soldier @ The Guards Depot

A REAL MYSTERY

Captain Graham Fowler

I received an email from Neil Crockett asking if I could pick up a photo of 1SG officers' mess in 1966, which was found in a carrier bag in Brighton Marina by a security officer on patrol.

The security manager, Stuart Swain, former C Coy 2 Para, had contacted Neil.

How did this photo get to be found in Brighton Marina, and who was the original owner a real mystery

It's a snapshot of the Regiment in the 1960s. 1SG was in Malaysia as part of the 28th Commonwealth Brigade, which was fighting a confrontation with Indonesia. The battalion had a company of IG attached, No. 9 Coy, and later a platoon of Coldstreamers.



Major John Bryden RAPC served for many years as 1SG paymaster, a great character; his son was on Tumbledown as a regimental officer. There are at least three officers who went on to be Major Generals, two of whom were knighted and commanded the Household Division

Four went on to command the Regiment as Lieutenant Colonel Commanding or Regimental Lieutenant Colonel, and two Irish Guard officers became Regimental Lieutenant Colonels.

At least four went on to serve with the Guards Parachute Company G Squadron or 14 Int.

I served with seventeen of the officers in the photo, one of whom I was his CSM in G Coy and one I had the pleasure of being the RSM to the CO 1SG.

PRESENTATION OF THE COLONEL's CERTIFICATES



Rab Ritchie (Vice President & former branch Secretary) and Tam Bates receiving their Colonel's Certificates from Branch Vice President Major Richard Sinclair MBE at the Branch AGM on Thursday 27th March 2025.

Both well deserved and especially good to see Rab looking well.