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The Glens' Association Newsletter—March 2021



"Living History" Day Cornwall Armoury

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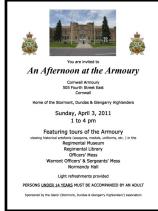
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The Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry Highlanders

The Cornwall Armoury was constructed in 1938 – 1939. The armoury features Tudor Revival historical style. The main façade has a dominant crenellated frontispiece, centred on the two storey brick and stone façade. It is one of 12 constructed between the First and Second World Wars.



Fundraising at Battle of Crysler's Farm Re-enactment, July 2016 Upper Canada Village for Wounded Warriors Canada



CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY

There is something incredibly special at 505 Fourth Street East in Cornwall. It is a recognized heritage building. Inside are treasures that tell the heritage of our Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry Highlanders. We have and still need to share that heritage with the community.

In the last issue of The Raven & The Rock, an association was defined as group of people organized for some common purpose. It mentioned that the Glens' Association undertook projects to connect others to our regimental heritage. On this page you can see information about three of those projects. Sorry about the small print on the left.

The 1st (Active) Battalion, Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry Highlanders was welcomed back to Cornwall in 1945 as "The Counties' Own Regiment". The 2nd (Reserve) Battalion had platoons through out the area. There were affiliated cadet corps at the local high schools. But that is history. Also, a history could be written about the Cornwall Armoury's role supporting community groups.

Why are projects like the ones shown here important? The future of the Reserves and their armouries changed after the Second World War. Government commissions for reorganizing the Reserves began in 1953 that caused the disbanding of units, amalgamating of units, and the closing of armouries. The Alexandria Armoury was closed in 1964. Many members of D Company in Alexandria left. A medical unit that shared the Cornwall Armoury was disbanded. Some members of 9th Medical Company came over to the Glens. The biggest threat to our future came in 1995 when the Federal Government had plans to close the Cornwall Armoury.

In 1993, the late LCol Robert Brooks CD, commanding officer at the time, promoted the creation of a Regimental Foundation as an incorporated registered charity to ensure the preservation of the regimental history and legacy of the Regiment. It was just in time. An early project was the possible purchase of the Cornwall Armoury if it was to be closed. But the Armoury was saved. Not through the purchase of the Armoury by the Regimental Foundation, but by local support.

It was not over in 1995. The amalgamation of units and the closure of armouries continued across Canada. In 2005, there was a plan to create a River Regiment combining the units in Kingston, Brockville, and Cornwall. At the same time, there was a plan to disband our Pipes and Drums. Fortunately, strong local support came through again. Amalgamation or disbandment has not happened for the Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry Highlanders yet, and there is still a band.

Our regimental heritage has had a long connection with the community. Our Association has played a role in providing that connection. When the restrictions of the coronavirus are lifted, we will be able to serve as we have in the past.

Dileas Gu Bas—Faithful Until Death

Up The Glens!