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Chairman's Message:

Welcome to the first edition of *The Chanter*, the newsletter of our Tattoo!

We are excited to announce that our 17th annual production—A Salute to the Royal 22e Régiment and a Celebration of the 400th Anniversary of the Founding of Quebec—will feature bands and performers from la belle province, the United Kingdom and across Ontario. We are especially proud to present the demonstration team and guard of honour from the Third Battalion of the famed Vandoos, recently returned from active service in Afghanistan.

The Tattoo offers rousing good fun, spectacular pageantry, music and dance. No other community in Ontario mounts such stirring family entertainment with a higher purpose. It provides a unique opportunity for our local units to showcase their talents and history. It enhances the connection of the units to the broader community; it honours the virtues of military service in general and the sacrifice of Hamiltonians who have fallen in Canada's wars. It reminds viewers of the high cost of citizenship and what it may mean to belong to this community. It is a tradition that represents the highest accountability of a citizen to their community and of their commitment to what this community represents at home and across the world – yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

Of course, it would be impossible to present the Tattoo without the generosity of our corporate sponsors, individual donors and volunteers. We are most grateful for their support.

We hope you enjoy *The Chanter*, and look forward to seeing you at this year's performance.

LCol Rick D. Kennedy, Chairman of the Board

2008 Tattoo Talented Line-up of Performers

Tattoo 2008 is taking place in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada on June 14 at 7:30 p.m. and June 15 at 2:30 p.m. An exciting line-up of entertainment have been assembled for your enjoyment. Our 2008 roster includes such acts as: The Fusiliers' Association (Lancashire) Band and Corps of Drums from England, Mackinaw Folklorique Ensemble from Québec, plus more than 500 performers such as ...

(2008 Roster Continued Over)



Guest Artists



FUSILIERS FROM THE U.K. MARCH TO TATTOO 2008

The Fusiliers' Association (Lancashire) Band and Corps of Drums, a precision British military band, is set to march at the Tattoo's 17th annual shows.

MACKINAW FOLKLORIQUE ENSEMBLE – QUEBEC

Mackinaw, a company of passionate artists that share the love of dance and traditions, that will make you vibrate from the first accord of violin to the last step of the *gigue* (lively baroque dance).



2008 Roster of Performers

The Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders of Canada Pipes and Drums, Dundas Pipes and Drums, Hamilton Police Pipes and Drums, Lorne Scots Pipes and Drums, The Regimental Band of the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry, The Windsor Regiment Band, The Hamilton Tattoo Dancers (The Schiehallion Dancers, The MacLeod of Lewis Celtic Dancers, The Carol MacCrimmon Highland Dancers). Be sure to catch 9-year-old Liam McGlashon, Hamilton's fiddle prodigy, playing in the lobby of Copps Coliseum 30 minutes before each show.



Calling All Veterans

In recognition of our veterans' service, the Tattoo is pleased to offer you **two tickets for the price of one** or \$12.50 per ticket. Simply identify yourself when you order your tickets through the Tattoo office, 905-523-1753. Please wear your blazer and medals. All veterans will be asked to stand for recognition during the show.



Father's Day Buffet Luncheon

If you order your tickets for the Sunday afternoon show, consider taking your favourite Dad to the Tattoo buffet lunch at the Hamilton Convention Centre, located across from the Sheraton Hamilton Hotel. Join other keen *Tattooers* for a hot lunch and be piped over to the show in time to find your seats.

Friends of the Tattoo

Friends of the Tattoo believe in the importance of educating our children, and future generations, about the role of Canada's military throughout history. Call today! Contact information below.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Q What act in the shows do the attendees like the best?
A *The opportunity to show their appreciation to members of our Canadian Forces presently serving around the world.*
- Q How can I become part of the Canadian International Military Tattoo?
A *Call (905) 523-1753 and offer to volunteer during June 13-15.*
- Q How I do to get on the mailing list to receive *The Chanter* publication?
A *Become a Friend of the Tattoo (see enclosed membership form).*