

Welcome to the  newsletter of



34 (Seringapatam) Battery, 14 Regiment Royal Artillery, personnel firing the Royal Gun Salute.



EMPLOYERS ENJOY ROYAL GUN SALUTE

Her Majesty The Queen's 96th birthday was celebrated in style with a 21-gun Salute at a sunny Stirling Castle on 21 April.

The event was hosted by Highland RFCA, with principal guest Mr Alan Simpson OBE, Lord-Lieutenant of Stirling and Falkirk, the Reviewing Officer.

General Officer Scotland (GOS), General Bill Wright CBE, was the senior military host. Prior to the Salute, he presented a Defence Employer Recognition Scheme (ERS) Silver Award to NHS Forth Valley.

The Salute was fired at midday, with the pre-Salute reception and subsequent buffet lunch taking place in the newly-refurbished Regimental Museum of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

The combined band of 6th and 7th Battalion The Royal Regiment of Scotland provided music.

Guests came from a broad range of local organisations, including: Amazon, NHS Forth Valley, Falkirk Council, Progressive Pathways Ltd, Stirling Distillery, Clackmannanshire Council, Trossachs Search and Rescue Team, and G.H.Q. Spirits.

Thanks go from Highland RFCA to all our military hosts from the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Army and Royal Air Force for supporting this event.

For the full story and images, click [HERE](#).

MAY 2022

Newsletter highlights



'Friendship, Adventure and New Challenges: Women in the Armed Forces'



Shetland Cadets enjoy nine-day camp



Knockhill Racing Circuit employer visit





Female tri-service representatives in front of the battlefield ambulance (from left): LCpl Kayleigh Holden, AB1 Louise Dorsett, Maj Chloe Tisshaw and Sgt Sandy Neill.

SHETLAND CADETS EASTER CAMP

During the Easter holidays, cadets from 1st Battalion The Highlanders' Orkney & Shetland Battery progressed with their cadet training during a camp.

The cadets spent nine days at Fort Charlotte between 2-10 April. Training was organised at their various star levels and included foot drill, training to use air rifles, first aid, fieldcraft, navigation using maps as well as learning some military history.

Some of the cadets were involved in planting trees as part of the Queen's Green Canopy, a nationwide project to plant thousands of trees across the UK during the Platinum Jubilee year.

The training finished on the Sunday with families and friends invited along to watch the presentation of badges earned during the week and trophies for achievements in 2021.

For the full story, click [HERE](#).



Women in the Armed Forces

As part of the Dundee Women's Festival (DWF), Highland RFCA joined forces with Dundee International Women's Centre (DIWC) for an event called 'Friendship, Adventure and New Challenges: Women in the Armed Forces'.

Four female Armed Forces personnel visited DIWC on March 10. It was a great opportunity for local women and children to find out more about the Armed Forces and Cadet organisations. The event's emphasis was on female opportunities and achievements, with the women coming together to support each other and gain more insight. It also highlighted career opportunities for women and girls in STEM, showcasing the diversity and inclusion of the Armed Forces and Cadet movement.

The female tri-service team consisted of Commando Training Centre Royal Marines Support Wing Clerk Able Seaman First Class Louise Dorsett, 225 (Scottish) Medical Regiment Ambulance Driver and Reservist Lance Corporal Kayleigh Holden, Royal Air Force Community Engagement Team Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Sergeant Sandy Neill and Headquarters 51st Infantry Brigade & Headquarters Scotland Staff Officer Second Class Engagement Operations Major Chloe Tisshaw.

The tri-service team brought along ration packs, military equipment and a battlefield ambulance to show to the visitors at DIWC.

Highland RFCA was one of the sponsors for the DWF this year.

Defence Employer Recognition Scheme Silver Award holder, University of Dundee, also sponsored the events.

To find out more about Dundee International Women's Centre, click [HERE](#).

To find out more about Dundee Women's Festival, click [HERE](#).

For the full story and images, click [HERE](#).



Employers enjoy high-octane day out

HRFCA Regional Employer Engagement Directors Roy McLellan and Ray Watt welcomed employers to Knockhill Racing Circuit in Fife on 10 April.

Guests included a wide range of employers: Global Voices, Fife College, Bespoke Resourcing Solutions Ltd, Meldrum Joinery and Building, Abertay University, Fife Council, and Royal Dornoch Golf Club.

The event took place during the Scottish Motor Racing Club race meeting with classes for Classics, Fiesta ST, Formula Ford, Junior, Mini, R53 and C1.

The car of Formula Ford driver Michael Gray, who finished P1 in the Scottish National Championship, looked resplendent with its Highland RFCA badge on the side of the cockpit.

During a break in a packed day of racing, guests had the opportunity to be driven round the circuit in a Honda Civic Type-R – a thrilling and not-to-be-forgotten experience!

Knockhill is an Armed Forces Covenant signatory and holder of the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme (ERS) Gold Award. The MOD's Gold Awards represent the highest badge of honour available to those that employ and support those who serve, veterans, and their families.

To find out more about the ERS Scheme contact Roy McLellan at hi-reed@rfca.mod.uk, or Ray Watt at hi-reed2@rfca.mod.uk.

For the full story, click [HERE](#).

