

Fall/Winter 2023

MACAULAY MATTERS

Bringing Our People Together

WE WILL REMEMBER ...

The month of November in many countries is a time set aside to honour our veterans and those brave men and woman who still serve the citizens of their great nations. Whether your country sets aside a "Veterans Day", "Remembrance Day", "Armed Forces Day" or "Armistice Day" ... we all take this special time to reflect on the blessings veterans and current service members have provided us.

The MacAulay Clan would like to express their thanks for the devotion, loyalty and sacrifice, no matter the extent of service, to our very own members who have and continue to dedicate part of themselves for the betterment of our freedoms.

From the bottom of our hearts, we extend our gratitude to these amazing selfless members.

This issue recognizes our veterans and heroes.

Jennifer McCaulley Cornelius
Membership Engagement

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This is your newsletter. We welcome interesting stories and pictures. No limits to your creativity! It's about sharing everything MacAulay.



DANGER IS SWEET!

2024 CLAN MACAULAY INTERNATIONAL GATHERING

Mark your calendars!

7–10 August 2024

**Inverary Resort
Baddeck, Cape Breton Island
Nova Scotia, Canada**

We welcome MacAulays of all spellings and friends, and friends of friends, to join us at our 2024 International Gathering.

We're excited to have you join your fellow MacAulays and friends on Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, on the shores of Bras D'or Lake, Canada's inland sea. The MacAulays have a large presence and history in Nova Scotia and the Inverary Resort in Baddeck will be our home base for four days as we gather our people together and explore points of interest on Cape Breton.

It will be a weekend filled with food, fun, laughter, games, music, a few wee drams, a few surprises and your opportunity to meet MacAulays and friends from around the world.

Check out our [Schedule of Events!](#)

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR BOTH MEMBERS AND
NON-MEMBERS (reminder, discount for members)!**

Your registration fee will include evening meals Wednesday through Saturday. It also includes the Friday excursion and lunch, entertainment in the evenings, a DNA/genealogy session, an event-themed goodie bag, and fun activities (and prizes!) throughout the 4-day weekend. The registration fee is the same for all attendees regardless of age.

For more info visit [Gatherings!](#)




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RESORT**





THE CHIEF'S CORNER

Joan McAulay

For many of our members, this is a time of remembrance and to honour those who serve and have served. We felt it was appropriate to release this issue on the United Kingdom's Remembrance Sunday.

I'd like to thank Jennifer Cornelius for her unfailing commitment in establishing our [Wall of Honour](#). It will be a lasting tribute to our brave MacAulays. If you serve or have served, or a family member has served, we encourage you to contribute your/their story.

In thinking about this issue and our theme of remembrance, I wanted to highlight John McAulay, a Scotsman who earned the Victoria Cross, one of the highest awards a British soldier can receive. It requires an act of extreme bravery in the presence of the enemy,

Following is his remarkable story, excerpted/edited for length (along with the photos) from firstworldwarglasgow.co.uk.

John McAulay was the only Scottish policeman to gain a Victoria Cross.

McAulay, the son of a miner, had joined up within a month of the start of the war. By the end of 1915, his bravery had seen him promoted three times in one day. He had been mentioned in dispatches, officially listed for his bravery, in December 1916 and, in September 1917, he was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for his actions in the battle of Ypres in 1916. He had taken command of his platoon after his officer had been killed, cleared two strongly-held dugouts and "accounted for several snipers".

On 27 November, 1917, McAulay's platoon was pinned down during the Battle of Cambrai on a sunken road by German machine gunfire. When his commander, Lieutenant A Kinnaird, was wounded, McAulay lifted him
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John McAulay VC



John McAulay on parade, wearing his medals. He was promoted to sergeant in June 1919, shortly after he returned to the police. Credit: Courtesy of The Glasgow Police Museum



In 1964, Isabel S McAulay presented her father's Victoria Cross and other decorations to The Scots Guards in memory of her late father. Credit: Scots Guards Magazine, 1964, p51, Courtesy of the Regimental Headquarters Scots Guards.

THE CHIEF'S CORNER

Joan McAulay

on to his back and carried him to safety amid shells bursting around him. Still carrying the officer, he rallied the men, placed Kinnaird in a shelter and seized a machine gun. He set it up in the road and, as the Germans came over the ridge, completely stopped their attack. He then carried Kinnaird another 500 yards through "a tornado of bullets, killing two Germans who tried to intercept him". Though escaping without a scratch, he is said to have "accounted for 50 of the enemy by himself".

An Aberdeen journalist in the trenches recorded how McAulay learned of his award of the VC in January 1918: "A modest man... he was deafened by the cheers... fellow sergeants almost shook his arm off...the VC was mounted shoulder-high and headed by the piper, marched round and round."

McAulay returned home in February 1918 and was decorated by King George V on 16 March.

He rejoined the Glasgow police in January 1919 and was promoted to sergeant in June that year. He had also married in April, but tragically lost his wife Isabella in childbirth a year later.

The Glasgow Police War Memorial in the city's cathedral was dedicated in 1921 on the anniversary of Armistice Day. McAulay laid a wreath at the ceremony commemorating 173 city police officers who had died. He became an inspector in 1922 and retired in 1946 after 34 years' service. He died aged 67 at his home in Aitkenhead Road in 1956. His daughter, Isabel, presented his VC to the Scots Guards in 1964.

As we share in this time of remembrance and think of heroes, not just in war, but in peace, in our communities, in our families I think of Bob Dylan's words ... "A hero is someone who understands the responsibility that comes with his freedom."

MacAulay Wall of Honour



The Ode of Remembrance from ***For the Fallen***

They shall grow not old, as
we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them.

~ Laurence Binyon



Fritz Macaulay

United Kingdom Royal Marines Commando (1976-1995)
The Cold War.

“‘Per Mare, Per Terram’ = By Sea, By Land.”



Jennifer Cornelius (McCaulley)

United States Air Force, Combat Meteorology. (1998-2002)
Operation Joint Forge (Bosnia/Herzegovina) & War on Terror

“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the
highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them”. -
John F Kennedy

MacAulay Wall of Honour

Valor is stability, not of
legs and arms, but of
courage and the soul.

~ Michel de Montaigne



LCDR Joshua McCauley

United States Navy
14 years and counting
Global War on Terror, Great Power Competition
Operations in support of Korean Defense
"Ex Scientia Tridens (Through Knowledge, Sea Power)
Dulce Periculum
"Thank you to all my comrades in arms!!"



Kristopher Cornelius

United States Army, Army Aviation Apache Helicopter Pilot,
(1987-2017)
Cold War, Gulf War, Albania, Operation Enduring Freedom
(Afghanistan), Operation Iraqi Freedom (Iraq), War on Terror



Lest we forget.

~ Rudyard Kipling

**Dates when
remembrance and
honouring our armed
forces are held:**

November 4
Italy

November 11
Australia
Canada
United States

November 12
United Kingdom

April 25
New Zealand

MacAulay Wall of Honour



Marshall McCalley

United States, Iowa Army National Guard, Combat Medic.

Serving 6 years.

"Anything worth having is worth fighting for".



Michael Hughes

United States Air Force, Strategic Air Command (SAC) (1978 – 1990) Cold War

"Well done, ladies and gentlemen! Thank you for your service and sacrifice."

MacAulay Wall of Honour

How important it is for us
to recognise and
celebrate our heroes and
she-roes!

~ Maya Angelou



Robert "Bob" Louis McCauley

United States Navy, Helicopter Rescue Aircrewman, (1957-1978)
Years active: 22 (1957- 1978) (then 19+ years as Civil Service
supervisor in Naval Aviation Operations, Maintenance and
Logistics support for the Pacific Fleet) - Viet Nam from 1969-72,
NAF Bien Thuy, Cam Ranh Bay, Da Nang.

: Naval Aviation, served overseas ashore in Antarctica, Japan, Philippines. Ashore
in USA, Jacksonville, FL., San Diego, Ca., Key West, Fl., Quonset Point, RI.,
Deployments aboard USS FDR, USS Oriskany, USS Intrepid.



Roderick (Rory) Harry MacLeod

Royal Canadian Navy Logistics Branch, serving 33.5 Years
OPERATION SHARP GUARD (Former Yugoslavia) (Jul - Oct 1993) &
(Dec - Apr 1996)
OPERATION DETERMINATION KUWAIT (Feb - May 1998)
"Ready, Aye, Ready"



Heroism doesn't always
happen in a burst of glory.
Sometimes small triumphs
and large hearts change the
course of history.

~ Mary Roach

MacAulay Wall of Honour



Sean McAuley

United Kingdom, Royal Navy (1981 – 1985)



Iain MacMillan MacAulay

In 1938, Iain joined the medical branch of the RAF. During the Battle of Britain, he was based at Middle Wallop in Hampshire. Iain was sent to Singapore in 1941, arriving just as the city fell.

Iain and a few others escaped, stole a lifeboat, and planned to sail to Australia. In Java, they were captured by the Japanese. Iain was imprisoned for three years, first in Java and then in Sumatra, where he suffered appalling conditions as well as being severely tortured.

On release in 1945, he weighed just 57 pounds and was so ill with infections that he was expected to lose his sight and not live beyond the age of 50. Luckily, he survived and thrived. Iain later led expeditions into the Scottish mountains to teach young servicemen survival skills, for which he was made an MBE. He retired from the RAF in 1966 with the rank of squadron leader.



John McCrae, circa 1914. Photo source, Library and Archives Canada/C-19919

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and
in the sky
The larks still bravely singing fly
Scarce heard amid the guns
below.

We are the dead: Short days ago,
We lived, felt dawn,
saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved:
and now we lie
In Flanders fields!

Take up our quarrel with the foe
To you, from failing hands,
we throw
The torch: be yours to hold it high
If ye break faith with us who die,
We shall not sleep,
though poppies grow
in Flanders fields.

Composed at the battlefield on 3 May 1915
during the Second Battle of Ypres,
Belgium.

In Flanders Fields

Excerpted and edited for length from The Canadian Encyclopedia

One of history's most famous wartime poems, "In Flanders Fields" was written during the First World War by Canadian officer and surgeon John McCrae. It helped popularize the red poppy as a symbol of Remembrance.

Ypres

When he volunteered at age 41 for service in the First World War, McCrae wrote to a friend that "I am really rather afraid, but more afraid to stay at home with my conscience." In April 1915, McCrae and a young friend, Alexis Helmer, joined the 18,000 soldiers of the First Canadian Division in their positions near Ypres, Belgium. The Second Battle of Ypres commenced on 22 April and lasted for six hellish weeks. It was during this battle that the Germans launched the first large-scale poison gas attacks of the war.

A Montréal physician, McCrae served as a major and a surgeon with the Canadian Field Artillery, in the Canadian Expeditionary Force. Ypres was the Force's first major engagement of the war.

On 2 May, Alexis Helmer was killed. Because the brigade chaplain was absent, McCrae — as the brigade doctor — conducted the burial service for his friend. Later, at Helmer's grave, he wrote a few lines of verse that were the beginning of the poem "In Flanders Fields."

Poem Published

A journalist who visited the field hospital where McCrae was serving at the front, took a copy back to Punch magazine. Punch printed it on 8 December 1915. It quickly became the most popular poem of the war. Its powerful use of the symbol of the poppies blooming from the churned earth led to the tradition, to this day, of the poppy as a symbol of remembrance for those killed in service. By 1917, "In Flanders Fields" was known throughout the English-speaking world.

Legacy

Today, McCrae's poem is read by millions in Canada and around the world each Remembrance Day. A history museum in the ancient Cloth Hall in Ypres (now Ieper), Belgium, is named after the poem. The special exhibition gallery in the Canadian War Museum is also named for McCrae.

On January 28, 1918 after an illness of five days, John McCrae died of pneumonia and meningitis. The day he fell ill, he learned he had been appointed consulting physician to the First British Army, the first Canadian so honoured.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

A very special welcome to our newest members!

Adult Memberships:

Alastair Macaulay, London, England, UK
Blythe McColley, Crossville, TN, USA
Carolyn McCauley Morehouse, Redlands, CA, USA
Chris Dudley, Wesley Chapel, FL, USA
Cianna Thompson, Redwater, AB, Canada
David Macaulay, Ammanford, Carmarthenshire, Wales, UK
Dawn McCauley, Holden, MA, USA
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Jan MacAulay, Granville, OH, USA
Jeff Jennings, Buckley, WA, USA
Kathy Weber, Saskatoon, SK, Canada
Keith Ericksen, Upper Coomera, QLD, Australia
Kenny MacAulay, Clackmann, Clackmannshire, Scotland, UK
Marika McCauley Sine, Falls Church, VA, USA
Marina Wigmore, Turua, Waikato, New Zealand
Matt Ralph, Lecanto, FL, USA
Maureen O'Reilly, Dearborn, MI, USA
Misty Jackson, Greenville, SC, USA
Morna Mcaulay, Corsham, Wiltshire, England UK
Mye O'Reilly, Marshall, MI, USA
Parvati Ananda Zook, Atlanta, GA, USA
Sherrill Ward, The Pas, MB, Canada
Tony McAulay, Charleville, QLD, Australia

Family Memberships:

Gregg & Karen Macaulay, New Bern, NC, USA
Ian & Joanne Jeffers, Daniel Island, SC, USA
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Patricia Macaulay & Rodney Podszus, Hartland, WI, USA
Patrick Meischeid & Jessica Markure, Simsbury, CT, USA
Richie & Jamie MacAulay, Roswell, GA, USA
Spencer & Carol Linington, Barrie, ON, Canada
Vick & Dorothy Williams, Boulder, CO, USA

Lifetime Membership:

Annette Rivard, Edina, MN, USA
Cameron Kindy, Elkridge, MD, USA



The Danger is Sweet Membership Contest is complete!
Watch for a website post to learn who the winner is!!

CLAN MACAULAY HERITAGE FUND

Treasurer Verity McAuley

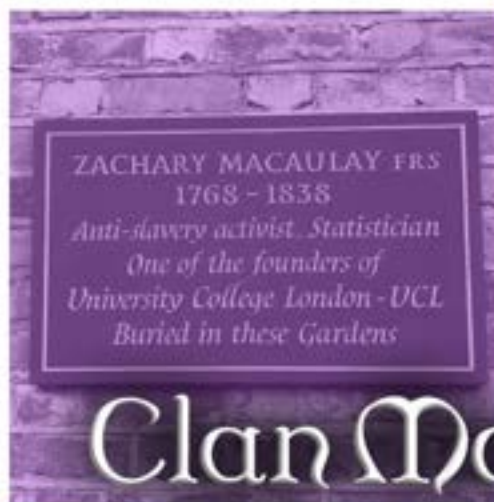
Would making a gift to the Clan Heritage Fund be something that fits with your sense of your family's place in the history and heritage of Scotland, Ireland and its wider diaspora?

The Clan is dedicated to offering support to projects that directly relate to MacAulay heritage and history and maintains a dedicated fund for this purpose. The Zachary MacAulay Memorial and restoration of the Conan Pictish Stone are examples of the projects Clan MacAulay has supported. The fund also supports DNA projects that are dedicated to furthering our knowledge of our MacAulay origins in Antrim and the Western Isles.

Your support could be in the form of a financial donation or perhaps a small legacy gift. Join us in the journey to discover and preserve our MacAulay heritage for today's Clan and our future generations.

To discuss making a gift, please email our Treasurer at clantreasurer@clanmacaulay.org.uk, who looks forward to hearing from you.

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"DANGER IS SWEET"



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Celebrate traditions and connect with your culture, heritage, and history.

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