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# OUR PRESIDENT & HIS FAMILY

DR. LESLIE MCLEAN, WIFE DIANA, SON IAN AND DAUGHTER CAITLIN



Dr. Leslie Hobert McLean, simply “Les” or “Doc” to those close to him, was born in the Carolina Blue Ridge and grew up in Jacksonville, Florida. He earned his Bachelor of Arts at the University of the South, his Master of Science degrees in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics at Union College (NY), and his doctorate at Vanderbilt University. Les spent most of his career in independent school education. As the first teacher hired at Episcopal High School, Les held essentially every administrative role from dorm master to development director before becoming Headmaster of four independent schools. Les also taught in college and graduate school while chairing accreditation visiting teams. He authored many articles and co-authored books. His contribution to education over his career has garnered several awards and honors. Les has consulted schools, universities, and organizations, and served as Director/Commissioner on several state and regional school organizations. Not retired, Les is currently teaching AP Physics and Honors Biology at a local public high school in Wilmington, Delaware where he is also a union representative, Next Generation Science Standards Lead Teacher and the Lead Mentor.

Outside of his career in education, Les was President of the Real Estate Institute in Miami, where he still holds a Florida Brokers License. He directed the Urban Youth Program for New York, for which he received the Governor’s commendation. Les was Secretary of the Florida State Soccer Association and President of College Soccer Officials (NISOA) in South Florida; additionally, he managed the

field for a professional NASL soccer team. He was one of the Founding Directors and a President-elect of a Rotary in Sunriver, Oregon, and served as Secretary for the Sunriver Music Festival in Oregon.

Les McLean is passionate about his family, soccer, ocean racing (sailing), skiing, the outdoors, and everything Scottish. Diana, his beautiful bride of 40 years, is a retired clinical social worker. Ian, his son, is a software developer/entrepreneur; and Caitlin, his daughter, is studying biology at the University of Delaware. Caitlin is also an accomplished Highland Dancer; she was North American Champion, and a finalist in the World Championships, with over 300 medals and trophies.

In the summer of 2003, while Les McLean and his family were camping along the Appalachian Trail, they discovered and attended the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. While Caitlin was becoming enthralled by the Highland dancing, Les McLean noticed a large Saint Andrews flag flying over the camping area, with a large crowd of merrymakers and a Clan Maclean banner below. Les walked over, only to be stopped at the perimeter by a large noble-looking gentleman with a staff in one hand and a quach in the other. Les McLean asked, “What is this?” The gentleman, sternly replied, “This is a private party,” then, after a pregnant pause, smiled and said, “and you have just been invited.” The gentleman, Clarence Greek, was then President of Clan Maclean. Caitlin became a highland dancer, Les joined the Clan Maclean, and we all have been family since. Les McLean became President of Clan Maclean Association in the United States on January 1, 2018.

Please join me in welcoming Les, Diana, Ian and Caitlin. Taking on a volunteer position of this nature requires sacrifices not only from Les but also from his family. When I think of our volunteers I think of time and values they display. In our lives, one thing we cannot create, or even borrow is time. We have a limited amount of time for sleep, work, and family. Therefore, our time is a very precious commodity.

When someone like Les commits themselves to job of this magnitude, he has chosen to give up his own time and his families to benefit others. This brings me to values. Some of the strongest values, service, and sacrifice are shown when one places the needs of another above their own. The true volunteer chooses to give up their personal time and energy and expend it to help others. Thank you Les, Diana, Ian and Caitlin for your commitment and support.



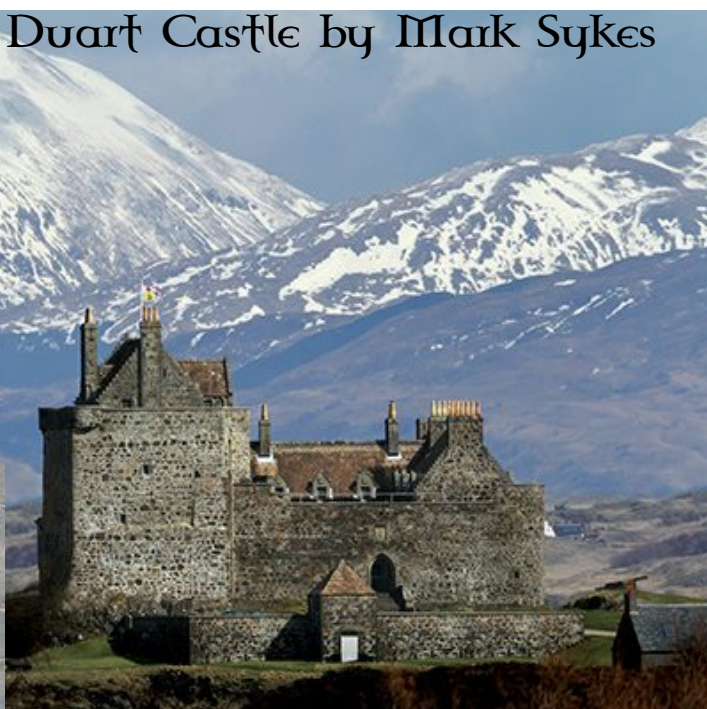
## A visit to Duart Castle by Mark Sykes

From time to time I receive stories from our Clan Maclean members that have visited our ancestral home Duart Castle. I have recently enjoyed two such stories and wanted to share them with you. The first story is “A Visit to Duart Castle”, by Mark Sykes, a member of Clan Maclean Pacific Northwest and a Duart Castle Life Guardian. The second story is by our own member and new Dunedin, Florida Convener Janet Rabin. Janet and her two granddaughters are also Life Guardians of Duart Castle.

The first story was contributed by Clan Maclean Pacific Northwest Newsletter “Another For Hector”. The newsletter is written by Jim & Pat McClean. Jim is President of Clan Maclean Pacific Northwest, and Pat his beautiful wife of more than 50 years. I had the privilege of meeting Jim & Pat, a few years ago when they came as mentors to our games in Estes Park. They helped Fred and I get started on this journey 5 years ago, and I can never thank them enough.

Mark Sykes, Brian Sykes, Julie Bates, and Diana Bates, recently spent time with Sir Lachlan at Duart Castle, and when they returned home Mark shared this story. He entitled it “A Visit to Duart Castle”.

In the course of an extended vacation in Scotland in late November, we made a special journey to visit Duart Castle on the Isle of Mull. We were greeted by Sir Lachlan Maclean, who graciously gave us a tour and shared his recollections and stories of this remarkable place. This 13th-century castle commands the strategic junction of the Sound of Mull and Loch Linnhe, and has dramatic views from the seaside cliff on which it was built. It is indeed a stronghold, built to defend against attack. On the seaward side, from which attack is difficult, the walls are only six feet thick. On the landward side, they are 29 feet thick, to withstand cannon fire. The



stairwells spiral upward clockwise. Thus, a right-handed

attacker moving up the staircase would have his sword arm pinned by the inside axis of the stairwell, whereas a descending defender would be able to move freely, swinging his sword. A second-floor safehold was reachable only by ladders from the interior courtyard, which could be easily tossed down. This was not an airy palace for courtly entertainment that we expect to see in the movies; it was a fortress suited to the numerous battles of the times. It was also a home. Sir Lachlan showed us the Laird's quarters above the Great Hall and an area above that which contained several rooms, but is now opened up into an exhibition hall for the public. In a bedroom, we were impressed by a massive wardrobe from France (how it was brought into the castle is another question). Sir Lachlan's father would tell people that while in France in the summer, it would sit in a field as the bedroom for a family, where the adults slept on the bottom shelf and children on the upper shelf. People believed him.

When the castle was acquired by Sir Lachlan's great-grandfather, Sir Fitzroy Maclean, the 26th Chief, in 1910, it was in a ruinous state. The task of restoring, repairing and upgrading this ancient building was huge. Today much has been accomplished in order to reduce damaging water leakage, repair the roof, restore exterior walls, and improve access within the castle. Since attack is less imminent, the Great Hall has been expanded by digging into a portion of the 29-foot thick wall. Plumbing and wiring have been installed. Much work has been done to understand and reproduce the original mortar used in constructing the castle. We saw the castle surrounded on three sides by scaffolding, with expert stonemasons extending repairs and stabilizing walls. It was heartening to see, but there is still an enormous amount of work to be done. We were all impressed with Sir Lachlan's strong commitment to making Duart Castle a legacy for future generations of our Clan around the world. We hope that all of our Members and friends as well will contribute to the Duart Castle Restoration Appeal. It is an inspiring part of our heritage. Please visit [duartappeal.org](http://duartappeal.org) to give.

# DISNEY PRINCESSES VISIT DUART CASTLE

By Janet McLean Rabin, Florida Convener

Two years ago at Hogmanay, feeling lonely for all things Scots, I decided that 2016 would be the year to take our two Florida Disney influenced princesses to their ancestral home, Duart Castle. Imagine the excitement that encircled the girls as they found that they had a REAL castle! As their double dipping, Clan Grant and Clan McLean, grandmother, a first generation American, I wanted to share the heritage that had been so important to me while growing up. Yes, my grandparents called me "Hen" and my great aunt taught me how to bake, a necessary Scottish female skill. My dad referred to me as his bonnie wee lassie. I was surrounded by a mini Scottish village of supporters who had made the move to the industrial river towns of Western Pennsylvania where Scots formed fraternal clan groups and Women proudly served as "Daughters of Scotia."

Online, I began the plans for our August trip. It's a good thing that I began so early, as I found that Scotland in the summer fills fast. Scots are big tourers, both at home and across the continent. As members of EU, news of the beauty of our native land and the hospitality of our people has gained great momentum and early reservations were, indeed, necessary. That is not to say that you feel crowded outside of the big cities. The peace of the Highlands truly brings the feeling of thoughtful memories and a sense of, most definitely, belonging to the land.

We began our trip at the Orlando airport, MCO, flew to Newark where we had a two hour layover, which gave us all time to stretch legs before we began the overnight trip across the Atlantic. We landed past daybreak in Edinburgh, rented our van and my scooter, and headed for an overnight at a dear cousin's home. In the morning, we departed for Oban, the center for Caledonian-McBrayne Ferries, where a reserved spot the next day would sail, van, and scooter us to the isle of Mull. We hung over the rails of the boat and felt the thrill of spying Duart Castle on the horizon. Just a few minutes after landing, we were in the parking lot of the Castle and noted that there was a jitney that transported from the ferry landing. Our girls ran up the hillside to the Castle on that drizzling, gray day but to us, it was glorious. We had come home!

Heading to the Cafe for a warming cup of tea, we found that the Chief had gone into the village to the bank and would be soon returning. As we enjoyed our homemade soup and cakes, we were greeted by Sir Lachlan, hereditary Chief of the MacLeans. His hospitality is renowned, and was encouraging to all of us. While touring our girls from the dungeons to the attics, he patiently explained history of the Castle and answered their

questions while sharing a true sense of Clan connection with them. We had prepared donations to the "Restore Duart Castle Fund" and the girls may now wear "Guardian of the Castle" badges. Watch for them at the Duneidin Games on April 7 in Florida. Of course, their grandmother, Janet Elizabeth McLean Rabin, (that's me) hopes that they will return someday to Mull to hold their weddings on Castle grounds.

We spent the next two weeks traveling through Scotland, visiting cousins, taking in a distillery, stopping at Loch Ness, having high tea at Glen Eagles, and finishing at the rousing Edinburgh Tattoo. We asked our girls what they had liked best and they agreed, "Duart Castle". My dear Aunt Lizzie used to say, "East-West, Hame's best". She was right. Duart Castle is our home and we all declared it best!

By Janet Rabin, Duart Castle Life Guardian and Florida Convener.

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# THE BATTLE OF KILLIECRANKIE

A HISTORY OF THE CLAN MACLEAN, FROM ITS FIRST SETTLEMENT AT DUARD CASTLE, IN THE ISLE OF MULL, TO THE PRESENT PERIOD

By J.P. MacLean

Story presented in this form by John Miles



Almost immediately after the accession of James II (pictured left) in 1685, he violated the fundamental laws of the English constitution, and soon after was at war with his parliament. The breach widened, until at last, in 1688, seven of the leading politicians dispatched an invitation to Prince William, of Orange, to come, and occupy the English throne. Finding himself

deserted by the army and other classes, James retired to France, but the following year came to Ireland with a small force, was defeated at the Boyne, July 1, 1690. The affairs of the dethroned monarch were ably upheld by James Graham, Viscount Dundee, in Scotland, who rallied the Highland clans and resisted the government of William and Mary.

Dundee possessed the confidence of the Highland clans, and he looked to them for support in his attempt to

restore the exiled monarch. There are others who believed that the clans were not jealous of James, but were actuated largely by their hatred toward the house of Argyle (Clan Campbell). There was at that time in Scotland a deep schism between the western clans and the House of Argyle. The Lord of the Isles (Clan MacDonald) had been the powerhouse in the Highlands for hundreds of years. Most of the western clans were still allied with them. Clan Campbell adhered to the central government in London and its drive to modernize Scotland. Since Clan Campbell possessed loyalty to William, by default, the western clans were going to be for the deposed King James II.

Early in 1689, John set out for the Highlands, and around his standard, gathered the Camerons of Lochiel,

Stewarts of Appin, MacDonalds of Glengarry and Glencoe, and the Clan Ranald, MacDonalds of Keppock, and the MacLeans. In obedience to the summons, Sir John MacLean, immediately sent Hector MacLean of Lochbuie as his lieutenant-colonel, along with three hundred men, to join Dundee. On his march, Hector was attacked by five troops on horseback, sent by the enemy to intercept him, under command of the major of MacKay's army. When the MacLeans saw the enemy was upon them, they threw aside their loose garments and took position upon a ridge, called Knockbreck, in Badenoch and after a severe conflict, Lochbuie put the horse to flight and killed the commander, with the loss on the side of the MacLeans' of only one ensign and a few private soldiers. The action happened about daylight, and Lochbuie's force was partly concealed by a highland fog. Dundee, alarmed by the furious firing to the northward of him, which was greatly increased by the



echo of the mountains, gave a warning order to the rest of the clans to prepare to march to reinforce the MacLeans. While they were preparing to march, Hector of Lochbuie at the head of his Maclean soldiers was seen exiting the hills and approaching the camp, driving before him a considerable number of prisoners, and laden with the spoil of war

trophies. At the battle of Knockbreck, the first blood in Scotland was won for King James II by the Macleans.

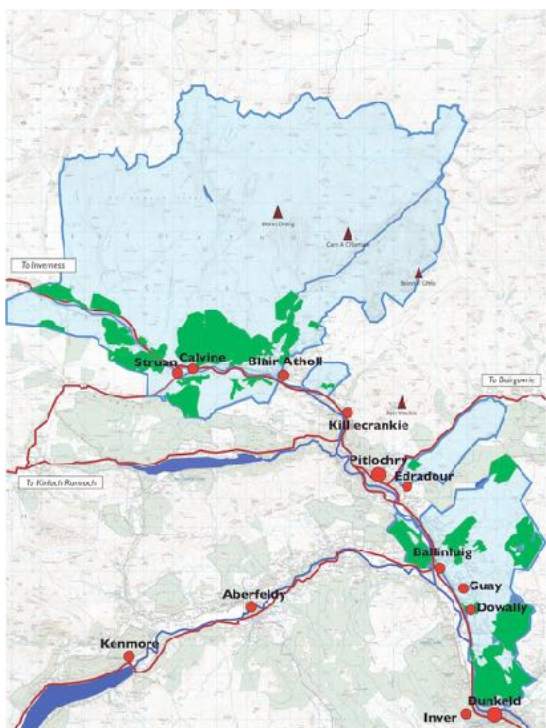
Sir John MacLean continued to make preparations to join Dundee at the head of his clan, during which time he received intelligence that his friend MacNeill of Calcechilly was surrounded in the Island of Gigha by English ships of war. He dispatched Sir Alexander MacLean of Otter to his assistance, who relieved MacNeill, with the loss of but one man. His preparations having been completed, Sir John marched to join Dundee, leaving the castle Duart well garrisoned, which was furiously assaulted during his absence by Sir George Rooke and the men-of-war under his command, which, without effect, withstood the cannonading for several days.

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# THE BATTLE OF KILLIECRANKIE 1689

THE FIRST JACOBITE UPRISING  
Story presented in this form by John Miles

Circumstances conspired to make the Athol the seat of war, and around Blair Castle was where the first and last grand struggle of Dundee on behalf of James II was to be waged. Dundee had been eagerly awaiting a contingent of reinforcements from Ireland.



There reinforcements arrived, but unfortunately, they proved to be only three hundred ill-fed, ill-armed, and ill-disciplined men under Colonel Cannon. A disappointed

Dundee saw that his sole reliance was on his faithful Highlanders, who amounted to but little more than three thousand men, five hundred of whom were MacLeans under Sir John. The continued possession of Blair Castle was a matter of great importance to Dundee, and as it was in danger of being assaulted by Lord Murray, a light party of Highlanders under Sir Alexander MacLean was sent to help defend it.



Soon after it was ascertained that Government troops under MacKay were marching to Blair, this action made it necessary for Dundee to direct all his strength to that point. While at Blair castle, Dundee learned that MacKay's army had taken possession of the pass of Killiecrankie. He immediately dispatched Sir John MacLean, with a party of four hundred men, to reconnoiter; but being informed that the enemy was there in full force, he found it necessary to

strengthen the MacLeans with all the forces he had with him. Before engaging the enemy, he inquired fully into the nature of the ground and from the hill of Shierglas took a distance view of the foe. The two armies did not come together until the evening on July 27, 1689. The army of Dundee, about eighteen hundred strong, occupied the high grounds about Wizard house; MacKay's, numbering about thirty-five hundred, stood upon a lower platform in the same range of hills. The right of Dundee was commanded by Sir John MacLean, composed of his clan and those of subordinate chieftains, divided into two battalions because confronted by two of MacKay's regiments.

On the left was Sir Donald MacDonald's regiment, commanded by his son and Sir Alexander MacLean. The main body was composed of the Clans of Lochiel, Glengarry, and Clan Ranald, with the Irish auxiliaries and a troop of horses commanded by Sir William Wallace. It was about eight o'clock when the clans made the infamous downhill charge. For the sake of lightness, they stripped almost to the kilt, stooped low, and holding their targes before their heads, they rushed swiftly upon the enemy, who were partially entrenched. When they were approximately 50 yards from the foe, they stopped a moment, fired, threw away their guns, and then flew headlong upon the enemy, using their claymores and

Lochaber axes. Dundee seemed to be everywhere. He rode from clan to clan and animated them to action. MacKay's army, by the sudden onslaught, was pierced in every part toward the left of its center. Within seven minutes, that wing was shattered and driven off by the

MacLeans, who chased some of them into the coils of Killiecrankie Pass, and others across the River Garry, where the greater part was slain. The left of the Highland army was not quite so successful; for the enemy, after sustaining the fury of the first attack forced the MacDonalds to retreat. The majority of the MacLeans were now wholly engrossed in the pursuit and its concomitant attendants.

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# THE BATTLE OF KILLIECRANKIE

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The chief, however, who seems to have been an uncommonly brave man, with a few gentlemen of his clan, made a wheel to the left; and joining with Sir Ewen



Cameron of Lochiel, they advanced briskly along the verge of the valley, and attacked the regiment in the flank. This movement of the Camerons and MacLeans gave the MacDonal

s time to rally, and that wing of the enemy, now attacked both in front and flank, was forced to retire. Few of the enemy who fled first made their escape, for those not cut down by the claymores of the MacLeans were waylaid in the pass of Killiecrankie by the Athol men. The army of MacKay was almost annihilated; the wreck, consisting of about four hundred, reached Stirling the next day. The Highlanders' loss was about eight hundred, including Dundee, their great commander.

The victory at Killiecrankie aroused the apathetic, who hastened to swell the ranks of the victorious army. But the death of Dundee was greater than a defeat in battle. The command now went to General Cannon, an old, inactive, and inexperienced man, who spoke no Gaelic. Cannon proved wholly unsuited in almost every respect and led the army from one disaster to another until it was totally ruined. He marched the army into Perth, and then to Aberdeen. Government forces had taken up a position at Dunkeld. Cannon tried to besiege it, although he lacked heavy siege equipment. The effort failed entirely, and in this action, Hector MacLean of Torrestan, of the family of Coll, and Hector MacLean, son of Kingerloch, were slain, and Sir Alexander MacLean had his leg broken. Several private soldiers with the name of MacLean were also killed and wounded.

This effectively ended the first Jacobite rising. A rising that had started out so promising with the MacLean victory at Knockbreck. That was followed by the overwhelming Jacobite victory at Killiecrankie. Rarely is the loss of one individual so cataclysmic to an organization that it almost completely loses its effectiveness. This was one of those times. If Dundee had not been killed in action, the loss of several dozen MacLeans during the first Jacobite rising

quite possibly would not have been in vain and the House of Stuart might still rule Great Britain.

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I strongly encourage anyone who is of the Clan to download a copy.

Fear Eile Airson Hector,  
John Miles

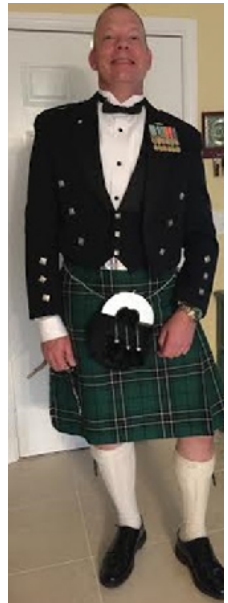
John Miles is a retired US Marine Corps Officer and former college professor that now delivers lectures on Scottish history and other historical topics to groups. His paternal grandmother's maiden name was Lucy Gillean. John has presented lectures to multiple Scottish Highland Games and Celtic Festivals throughout the Southeast.

He holds or has held membership in the following organizations; Clan Maclean in the United States, Clan Donnachaidh USA, The Scottish American Military Society (SAMS), Scottish American Society Palm Beach, FL, the St. Andrew's Society of Albany, NY, and the Scottish American Society of Tidewater, VA.

John volunteered as a guest history lecturer at the Vermont Veterans' Home. He served as the 2014 guest speaker at the Wounded Military Heroes Ski Weekend with the adaptive ski program at the Bart Center at Bromley Mountain Ski Resort and spoke to the Vermont Governor's Veterans Education Committee (GVEC). John also gives historical presentations at multiple Assisted and Independent Living Facilities and libraries in South Carolina.

He received his MA's degree in Military Studies from American Military University and his BA's degree in Anthropology with a minor in History from Texas A&M University.

John is a six-time published author in Marine Corps Gazette, the professional journal of the Marine Corps. His article on "Highland Regiment's service in North America" was published by Scot's Heritage Magazine in its spring 2017 edition and his article on "Martial Bagpiping" was published by Pipes & Drums in its July 2017 issue. The magazine History Scotland published his article on "Scottish songs of World War I" in its November 2017 webpage. Additionally, the magazine American Frontiersman has accepted his article on the "Revolutionary War Battle of Kings Mountain" for publication in an upcoming issue.





## Clan Maclean Honored Clan at the Northeast Florida Games

Northeast Florida Scottish Games are bringing a "Wee Bit o Scotland" to the Northeast Florida area along with a large group of the Clan Maclean family. This year they will honor Clan Maclean.

The Games continue to grow and reflect the deep connections and effects the Scots and their descendants have had on the United States, as well as Northeast Florida in particular.

Join our Florida Conveners & hosts Jan & Margi MacLean  
Clay County Fairgrounds

2497 State Road 16 West, Green Cove Springs, FL  
Saturday, February 24, 2018

The festival will begin at 9 AM and run until 10PM



The history of the Highland Games can be traced back for well over a thousand years. Those early gatherings were those of the military where the commanding officers, like the Clan Chiefs of old, saw the advantages of encouraging sports and pastimes which kept their men fit, agile, and strong for war. Piping and dancing in particular were practiced as a form of relaxation wherever the regiments went. To this day some of the best pipe bands can be found in the armed forces.



2018 marks the 20th anniversary of the annual Tartan Day Parade in New York as part of Scotland Week. March with Clan Maclean in this historic parade.

The Parade takes place on 6th Avenue on Saturday, April 7th, and will be led by a Grand Marshal still to be announced. The parade will bring together pipers and drummers from all over the world in a celebration of the contribution made to the USA by the Scots. Past marshals have include Sir Sean Connery, Scots-born actors Brian Cox, Kevin McKidd, Alan Cumming and Sam Heughan, and former New York City Mayor, Michael Bloomberg. Last year's Grand Marshal was acclaimed actor Tommy Flanagan.

Tartan Day has been celebrated on the 6th of April since 1998. Over the years, this event has expanded into a week-long program promoting Scotland in North America.

The official parade tartan has been designed by the Scottish Tartans Authority, funded by the Scottish Registers of Tartan and its registration donated by the National Records of Scotland. Its colors and pattern represent aspects of Scottish and American culture such as the blue and white of the Saltire, and the green of the trees bordering 6th Avenue where the parade takes place.

RSVP to Les & Diana McLean, our hosts for the event at [les8445@aol.com](mailto:les8445@aol.com). They will be able to help with lodging ideas, transportation options and where we will meet. Join us for this historic parade as Macleans come to town!





# SCOTTISH AMERICAN MILITARY SOCIETY (SAMS)

## Honoring our Veterans



### 2017 Wreaths Across America Ceremonies

This is the 12th year of Wreaths Across America, which distributes holiday wreaths as a tribute to Veterans laid to rest at VA national and state Veterans cemeteries throughout the United States. The goal of Wreaths Across America is to remind the public to remember the Veterans, honor their service, and teach children the value of freedom.

Over 1 million wreaths were laid this year at Veteran Cemeteries throughout the United States. 18,000 of those, were placed at Fort Logan National Cemetery in Colorado. The Scottish American Military Society (SAMS) who also have members of Clan Maclean in the United States (CMAUS), participated again this year. SAMS & Clan Maclean



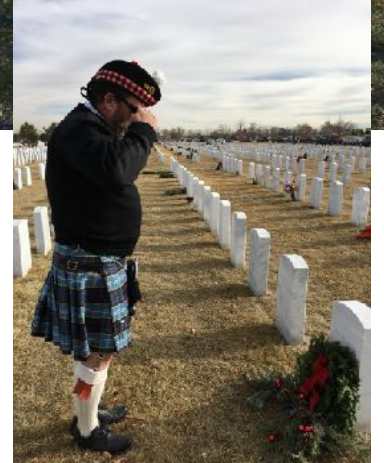
members who participated from Post 1806 were Fred Frandsen, Navy (pictured bottom right), Chris Boughn, Air Force (pictured upper right), and Gary Mitchell (pictured upper left), Marines. SAMS members (pictured upper left) were the honor guard for the event. After a brief ceremony of honor, over 2,000 volunteers joined them to place the nearly 18,000 wreaths.

Volunteers at Arlington National Cemetery, included Kane and Amy McLean, Amy's nephew Matthew Wilson, shown here kneeling at Amy's sisters resting place.

Families are encouraged to participate, as one of their goals is to teach children the value of freedom. Our granddaughters asked if they could join us this year. Kaley 11, and Katelyn 10, (pictured bottom right) whose father is active duty Air Force, felt a strong desire to say "thank

you" to those that have given the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

After a short ceremony, they gave all the volunteers instruction, on how they would like the wreath distribution performed.



They asked that each volunteer take at least 4 wreaths, place the wreath in front of the headstone, stand-back and with a salute, say the persons name. At that time, we chose to thank them for their service to our country. It's a small act that goes a long way toward keeping the memory of our veterans alive. Executive Director of Wreaths Across America said, "We are not here to decorate graves. We're here to remember not their deaths,

but their lives."

I met the wife of a special forces soldier who had been killed in action this past year. She said, "It was a very hard day, but look how many people are here for us! It feels so good to know all these people care."

Wreaths Across America is scheduled for December 15, 2018. Please go online, donate a wreath, or head to your local Veteran's Cemetery next year and help us honor these special men and women. Visit [wreathscrossamerica.org](http://wreathscrossamerica.org) for more information.







For the 47th consecutive year, The Campagna Center's Scottish Christmas Walk Parade was held in Alexandria, Virginia. Joining the parade this year were Kane and

Amy McLean, along with Joe and Carolyn Backus marching for Clan Maclean. Everyone who attended enjoyed marching units filled with the magnificent tartans of Scottish Clans, the stirring sound of Scottish bagpipes and drums, Scottish dancers, reenactment groups, Scottie dogs, dignitaries, classic cars, Santa Claus, and much more. Each year the parade begins at St. Asaph and Wolfe Streets and concludes at Market Square with a massed band concert. Mark your calendars and join Amy and Kane next year on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 11am in Old Town Alexandria. Visit [campagnacenter.org/scottishwalkweekend/parade](http://campagnacenter.org/scottishwalkweekend/parade) for more information.



### Central Florida Scottish Highland Games

For the first time in many years, Clan Maclean hosted a tent at the Central Florida Scottish Games. Robert

and Nancy McKean Conner, one of several new Florida Conveners, welcomed Macleans from the Central Florida area. This year's event was held on Saturday, January 13, 2017 from 8am to 8pm at the Central Winds Park in Winter Springs, Florida. Mark your calendars for next year and join Robert and Nancy on January 13-14, 2018.

## Upcoming Maclean Hosted Events

For a complete schedule visit [maclean.us.org](http://maclean.us.org)

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| Feb. 24 Northeast Florida Games, Green Cove Springs, FL HONORED CLAN   | Jan & Marjorie McLean               |
| March 22-25 Tartan Day South, Cayce, SC  | Doug, Mary Sue & Adam Wyatt         |
| April 7 Dunedin Highland Games, Dunedin, FL  | Janet Rabin, New Convener           |
| April 7 New York City Tartan Day Parade, New York City, NY   | Les, Diana & Caitlin McLean         |
| Clan Maclean will be marching in the Tartan Day Parade. Everyone is welcome to march with us. RSVP to Les McLean |                                     |
| April 14-15 Colorado Tartan Day Festival, Longmont, CO   | Fred & Trish MacLean-Frandsen       |
| April 20-22 Loch Norman Highland games, Huntersville, NC   | Betsy McLean & Connie McLean Sutton |
| April 28 Southern Maryland Celtic Festival, Prince Frederick, MD   | Les McLean                          |
| May 5 Bethabara Park Highland Games, Winston-Salem, NC   | Betsy McLean & Connie McLean Sutton |
| May 5 Savannah Scottish Games, Savannah, GA  | Doug, Mary Sue & Adam Wyatt         |
| May 19 Fair Hill Scottish Games, Elkton, MD  | Les McLean                          |
| May 25-26 Greenville Scottish Games, Greenville, SC  | Doug, Mary Sue & Adam Wyatt         |
| May 26-27 Alma Highland Festival, Alma, MI   | Pat Jackson                         |





# THE CHIEF'S PIPER

## Calum MacLean



In the next few editions of the Pipings Newsletter, I will introduce you to a few Clan Maclean Pipers who are dedicated to learning and playing this ancestral instrument. If you would like to be included, send a photograph and your contact information to [editor@maclean.us.org](mailto:editor@maclean.us.org).

Our first highlighted Piper is Calum MacLean. He is the Chief's Piper. We met him this past summer during the 2017 Annual Gathering. We asked him to tell us a little about himself, and he shared the following:

I was born on January 16, 1976, and have lived in Tobermory all my life. I started playing pipes at the age of 12. My first piping teacher was Alistair Currie who was from Islay, but lived on Mull for a time. After a few years, I stopped playing and did not take it up again until Arthur Gillies from Kilchreanan came to Mull to do lessons in the early 1990s. I continued lessons with Arthur for some years until his death in 2003. I then had lessons with Angus MacColl from Benderloch. I played with the Oban pipe band for 12 years, until I started the Tobermory High School Pipe Band in 2015. This was to tie in with my new job as piping instructor for the schools on Mull and Iona, which I started in 2013.

There has been music in my family on both my Father and Mother's side. My Dad played the accordion and won the Coupe de Europe, in 1970 as well as other competitions. He played on television and radio, as well as having his own Scottish dance band which played on a number of occasions at the Clan Maclean Gatherings from 1986 - 2007.

My mother's grandfather played the pipes as well, and I still have medals he won at Mull games in 1913. He descended from the last piper and poet to Maclaine of Lochbuie.

When I played with The Oban Pipe Band, I won the 3A World and Scottish Championships in 2011, and was

promoted to Grade 2, where we were prize winners for the next two years.

Today, I compete in solo piping competitions, and continue to do so hoping for success, which happens sometimes.

The Tobermory High School Pipe Band has had success in it's first years of competing, and has won prizes at the Cowal gathering and The Scottish Schools pipe band Championships.

A lot of my time is now spent teaching the young people of Mull to play the pipes, so that there will always be pipers on Mull in the future.

Regards Calum



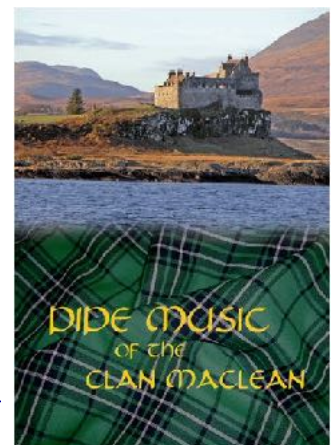
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There is an important historical review of the Rankins, who were the traditional pipers to the Clan Maclean and ran a College of Piping at Kilbrennan on Mull until the late 18th Century. In their day, the Rankins were significant in piping circles and had strong connections with the MacCrimmons and their College on Skye. In modern times, they have not received the wider public recognition that other piping families have received, such as the Cummings, Mackays, MacCrimmons, MacArthurs and the MacIntyres. It is hoped that this book will help to restore the Rankins to their rightful place in the history of piping.

Even for non-pipers, this book appeals to anyone with an interest in the history, culture and traditions of the Clan Maclean and its septs. For pipers, both in Clan Maclean and among the wider piping community, this book is an essential addition to their music collections. Available for £20, plus postage at; [maclean.org/heritage-trust/bookshop.php](http://maclean.org/heritage-trust/bookshop.php)



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