

A Message from The Colonel

As the Armoured Infantry of the Guards Division, Scots Guardsmen today are among the Army's first soldiers of choice on combat operations. They are therefore likely to see active service regularly and often. We need to be prepared as a regiment to shoulder responsibility for a larger number of long-term casualties than we have experienced for a very long time. If we are to be prepared for that challenge we must make provision for it now by raising funds.

In urging you to support this appeal to the wider regimental family, I am reminded of the words that appear month by month on the cover of the Association Newsletter: "That some of us no longer serve with the colours does not matter. What does matter is that we are all of us Scots Guardsmen, bound together in The Queen's service until we die by a chain, the links of which are invisible but which are as strong as steel".

The Regiment needs your support.



The Colonel's Fund Scots Guards

Immediate and short term duty of care for wounded soldiers lies with the Ministry of Defence, and thereafter with appropriate Government Departments such as Health, Social security and Employment. There are also a number of charities such as SSAFA, the Army Benevolent Fund and Help-for-Heroes which do much to support wounded soldiers and the families of soldiers killed on operations.

But some of the necessary welfare support, both immediate and long-term, has always had to be provided from our Regimental charitable funds. The intensity of current and likely-future operations, and the frequency with which the Scots Guards are likely to be deployed, will place significantly greater demands on these funds – more, probably much more, than the Regiment will be able to provide.

As a family regiment, the Scots Guards is determined to be in a position to provide the necessary support for members of the Regimental family – in particular, for the Scots Guardsmen of the future who are wounded on operations, and for the families of those who are killed.

In order to do so, the Regiment needs now to raise a substantial sum of money. To this end, a new fund, The Colonel's Fund Scots Guards, has been created, and a major fund-raising appeal launched.

What will the Fund Provide?

The fund will enable the Regiment to provide:

- Support to the families of those killed in action by responding promptly to problems of bereavement and hardship.
- Support to those wounded on operations, particularly those who have had to leave the Army; to assist in finding them new employment and to help them become active family and community members.
- Support to the families of those seriously wounded or injured in prolonged recovery situations.

The Trustees will have wide discretion to use the funds to enhance the welfare of Scots Guardsmen on operations and that of their families at home. Furthermore, they will be able to use capital as well as income if they deem it necessary.

The Colonel's Fund Scots Guards is a sub-fund of the Regimental and Battalion Charities of the Scots Guards. Registered Charity no. 249900

How to give

Either: Send a cheque to Regimental Headquarters made out to SGCF The Colonel's Fund.

Or: Transfer your donation directly into our bank account. Account name: SGCF The Colonel's Fund, Sort Code: 30 11 75, Account number: 07725770.

Or: By credit or debit card. Donate on line at www.bmycharity.com/scotsguardscf. If you are a UK Tax payer, make sure you tick the Gift Aid box in order for the Fund to receive the tax relief.

Or: To set up a **Standing Order**, you can find a form on: www.scotsguardscolonelsfund.com.

Or: **Payroll Giving Schemes** are in place with many employers. If you would like to utilise such a scheme, a form is on: www.scotsguardscolonelsfund.com.

There are many other ways of supporting this appeal, many of which may have significant tax advantages. Some are listed on the reverse of this leaflet, others may be found on our website or by contacting the Project Officer:

appeal@scotsguardscolonelsfund.com or 0845 4749528.

Whatever you choose to do, please keep us informed by filling in the attached slip and returning it in the pre paid envelope to:

Freepost Plus RRYT-CZAS-RTAG
The Project Officer (The Colonel's Fund)
RHQ Scots Guards, Wellington Barracks
Birdcage Walk, London SW1E 6HQ



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Title:	Initials:	Home Address:
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Please accept my donation of £ _____
 I enclose a cheque payable to The Colonel's Fund Scots Guards

I have transferred the above amount directly to the Fund's bank account

I have donated the above amount to the Fund through www.bmycharity.com/scotsguardscf

I have arranged a Standing Order

I have utilised a Payroll Giving Scheme

Please note you can increase the value of your gift by up to 28% if you pay tax at least equal to the tax the Fund reclaims on your donation.

[] I wish the charity to treat this donation as Gift Aid and to treat similarly all future donations that I make to the charity. I have paid or will pay sufficient UK income tax and/or capital gains tax in the relevant tax year at least to equal the tax that the charity is or will be able to claim on my donation(s) under Gift Aid. I will advise the charity should my circumstances change to affect the charity's Gift Aid claims.

For corporate givers, please let us know what arrangements you have made in order that we can acknowledge them when funds are received.

Regimental Bank Details:

Lloyds TSB, Cox and Kings Branch,
7 Pall Mall, London SW1 Y 5NA
Account name: SGCF The Colonel's Fund
Sort Code: 30 11 75
Account number: 07725770

Other ways of giving

Easyfundraising

www.easyfundraising.org.uk is a FREE service where you can shop with your favourite online stores and at no extra cost raise funds for the Colonel's Fund Scots Guards. You still shop directly with each retailer as you would normally, but simply by using the links from this site first, each purchase you make will generate a cashback donation to our charity.

For example, spend £25 with WH Smith and 3.5% will be donated. You will have raised £0.88, at no extra cost to your purchase. Make any purchase from Amazon and 2.5% will be donated. Insure your car with Direct Line and raise £30.00, or purchase a mobile phone from O2 and earn £17.50, and so on. You can shop with 600+ Brand Name retailers and to raise funds you just use the links from our site first - it's that simple! If you ALREADY shop online, why not help us at no extra cost from purchases you would make anyway.

Everyclick (www.everyclick.com) lets you search the web and raise money for us for FREE.

- There is no cost to you or to us
- You can search Web, UK only, Images, News and Local Classified results
- Support your friends' appeals with your Everyclick searches
- Raise money while you search the net!

Raising money for the Fund by charity auction on eBay

'The Scots Guards Regimental and Battalion Relief Charity' is registered as a charity on eBay.

On the selling page, enter it in *select charity* and then register with MissionFish. Now select the *percentage* of your final sale price you wish to donate to The Colonel's Fund.

After your item sells, your donation is paid into the Fund's bank account, along with Gift Aid (if you've ticked the box).

Corporate Giving

Sole traders or members of partnerships

If you are a sole trader (an individual running an unincorporated business) or a member of a partnership, tax relief for gifts to charity are available to you as an individual and can be claimed on your Self-Assessment return.

Gifts from businesses run as partnerships are treated as donations of an equal amount from each partner, unless partners specify something different.

Companies

Gifts of money to UK Charities by companies are made

before tax is deducted i.e. out of gross income or profits, and can be claimed against corporation tax as a charge against income.

Tax relief can only be claimed for the accounting period during which the gift is made.

Relief is restricted to the amount of corporation tax profit for that accounting period.

A donation to a UK charity cannot be used to create a loss for corporation tax purposes.

Giftng shares to the Fund

The Chancellor announced changes in the March 2000 budget that mean by making a gift of shares to the Fund it is possible to make a substantial tax saving not only on Capital Gains Tax but also on Income Tax as well.

Income Tax Relief

The relief from Income Tax is available for the full market value of the shares on the date of disposal. In other words, you will not pay income tax on the equivalent amount of your annual income in the tax year the gift is made. This means that a higher rate taxpayer, making a gift of £10,000 worth of shares to the Fund will receive income tax relief of 40% of the full value i.e. £4,000.

In order to qualify for the relief, the shares or securities

must either be: Listed or dealt on a recognised stock exchange in the UK or elsewhere; *or* UK Authorised Unit trust; *or* UK open-ended investment company shares; *or* Certain foreign collective investment scheme holdings.

Capital Gains Tax relief

In addition to Income Tax relief, there is also full relief from Capital Gains Tax, which means that in the hands of the Regimental Charity the gift is worth more than if you had sold the shares yourself. Your capital gains will be exempt from Capital Gains Tax and the Regimental Charity will pay no tax on the sale of the shares.

Practicalities

Gifts of shares are best transferred to the Fund by instructing your stockbroker.

You will need to arrange copies of the share transfer documents for any gift of shares to support your claim for tax relief.

Please consult your financial and/or legal adviser before gifting shares or any other assets to the Regiment.



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Fund Raising Appeal

