



Greetings to all Pipe Bands from the Okanagan Military Tattoo

This year we are adding a one day Drum Major Seminar to the OMT program. It will be held on the Friday July 26th, 2019 from 0800 to 1700 Hrs in the venue at Kal Tire Place in Vernon.

We are looking for any candidates that are already playing the role of Drum Major in your band or any one of your members that might be interested. The instructor, Bill O'Donnell, is compressing a three day course into an introductory one day seminar this year. We will gauge the success of the seminar and may offer the three day course in the future.

We would also like your bands to dress your Drum Majors, if you have one, for the Tattoo so that they will be included in the show. Bill O'Donnell will be the Head Drum Major of the 2019 Okanagan Military Tattoo.

There will be no fee this year as an introduction to the program.

Drum Major Bill O'Donnell has a Military background having served with the Ist. Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in Scotland. He was also involved with the Army Cadet Force as a Detachment Commander with the Black Watch ACF in Fife.

Bill has completed many military training courses which include Adult Instructors Course at Frimley Park in England and also in Aberdeen, Scotland. He has a wealth of experience in Drill training with Adults and Juveniles alike.

Here in Canada he has completed the CAF/ RCMP Drum Major Course in Ottawa in 2017.

Drum Major O'Donnell has held positions as D/M with both the Delta Police Pipe Band and the Surrey Fire Fighters Pipes and Drums.

Last year he ran a Regimental Drum Major course in Victoria British Columbia. He is running that course again on May 15th, 16th and 17th. His course candidates will take part in the Victoria Highland Games on the weekend of May 18th and 19th. .

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This will be a very interesting and informative day with that added bonus of applying the new skills learned in a show on the same weekend. The opening and closing ceremony rehearsals will take place on the evening of the seminar. Please reply to me as soon as possible so we can gauge interest in this program.

I can be reached at this email address or on my cell at 250 307 6582

I look forward to hearing from you,

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