

Scottish American Military Society Honors Prince Edward

His Royal Highness (HRH) Prince Edward, the Earl of Wessex, Royal Knight Companion of the Most Noble Order of the Garter (KG), Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order (KCVO) and Honorary Colonel of the Royal Wessex Yeomanry, gave his consent to become an honorary member of the Scottish American Military Society (SAMS) at the Greenville, SC, Highland Games on May 29, 2010. The prince, who is the son of HM Queen Elizabeth II, honored SAMS when he accepted the Certificate of Membership from Council Chair and National Commander Emeritus Al Ankrum. Post 1775 Commander Ed Toney and members of the Post's Color Party were in attendance, along with the games' Honored Guest, Mel Sinclair, President of Clan Sinclair USA.

In presenting the certificate to the prince, Al Ankrum read the following statement: "Sir, I have the honor to invest you as a member of the Scottish American Military Society, which is composed of members and



Prince Edward holds his Certificate Of Membership in the Scottish American Military Society while (left to right) Post 1775 Commander Ed Toney, Clan Chieftain Mel Sinclair and SAMS Comptroller Al Ankrum look on.

veterans of the Commonwealth and American Armed Forces, by virtue of your rank as colonel of the Royal Wessex Yeomanry. The certificate I present you was specially done for you by Andrew Jamison, one of the

leading heraldic artists in the United Kingdom. We are delighted to have you as a member of SAMS."

The prince, who was attending the games as a special honored guest, had given his consent to become an honorary member of SAMS while still in England. Much is owed by SAMS to member William (Bill) Boswell for facilitating the prince's consent to become a member. In addition to being the Honorary Colonel of the Wessex Yeomanry, the prince holds additional United Kingdom military appointments of Royal Colonel of the 2nd Battalion, the Rifles; Honorary Air Commodore The Royal Air Force Waddington; and Commodore-in-Chief of the Royal Fleet Auxiliary. His honorary military appointments in Canada are Colonel-in-Chief of the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment; Colonel-in-Chief of the Prince Edward Island Regiment; Colonel-in-Chief of the Saskatchewan Dragoons; and Honorary Deputy Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Original Burns Manuscripts Returned To Alloway

More than 200 original Burns manuscripts have been returned home to Alloway, Ayrshire, after being housed in the National Library of Scotland in Edinburgh for safekeeping. The manuscripts, which were removed from Alloway 22 years ago after concerns were raised about damaging light and humidity levels, include *Auld Lang Syne*, *Tam o' Shanter*, *Scots Wha Hae* and *Letters To Clarinda*. The "homecoming" of the 205 manuscripts marks a significant milestone in the

creation of the new £21 million Robert Burns Birthplace Museum in Alloway, which is now officially open. "The manuscripts are the crown jewels of Scottish literature," said Burns expert and scholar, Professor Robert Crawford of St. Andrew's University. The state-of-the-art museum, which features a unique sedum grass roof, houses the most significant Burns collection of its kind, including 5,000 historic artifacts, manuscripts and memorabilia of the bard.