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Garrison Brews Up Special Ale

If you aren't a Haligonian, you might think that the Garrison Brewing Company is just another one of the re-enactors here just for the Changing of the Guard.

"When we started the brewery we wanted to keep with the long tradition in Halifax," owner Brian Titus, who started the company in 1997 after 10 years in the navy, says. "But we also wanted to draw on some new elements"

Titus says that sponsoring an event like Changing of the Guard was "only natural".

"Certainly with the name 'Garrison' it's a very logical fit."

Titus has even a commemorative "Changing of the Guard" Amber Ale with it's own special label just for the event.

As he's a bit of a history buff, we thought we'd test his knowledge by asking if he knew how many shillings it would take for us to get a cold beer.

"If someone can actually tell me the conversion of shillings into Canadian," Titus say. "I'd be happy to give them a beer."

Jen Casey

Something for Everyone!

From reenactments, to concerts, to history and to an all-around good time, the Changing of the Guard has something for everyone. Even if you're the finest of connoisseurs, you will find something at this event to tease your senses. Perhaps you would care to indulge yourself in the authentic Victorian-era themed market.

Over the next five days, the Citadel will play host to period bakers and craftsmen from across Canada. Whether you are craving bread made in a wood fired oven, or your tastes are more for period crafts, you are bound to find exactly what you are looking for this week on Citadel Hill!

Melinda Miller

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Day One...
and what a day it was

I spent the better part of Tuesday afternoon alongside Tim Watkins, a Vancouver-area lawyer and member of the Royal Marine Light Infantry (1863). Tim and his three-person team are in town this week portraying royal marines on their way home to England from the disputed San Juan Island off the coast of British Columbia.

While Tim set up camp, I peppered him with a barrage of questions regarding his uniform, weaponry and, of course, the evening's menu.

"We'll be boiling away period food," Tim informed me. Included on the menu: salt pork, salt beef and, my favourite, puddings.

I will likely spend Wednesday, in a bid to ward off scurvy, scouring the grounds for fresh fruit.

Gareth MacDonald

Who will find himself embedded with a new regiment every day!

The More Things Change, the More They Stay the Same...

In 1775, a Yankee in Halifax recorded these observations about Halifax in a letter back home to Dr. Styles in Boston:

"There are 1,000 houses in the town. We have upwards of 100 licensed (drinking) houses and perhaps as many without license, so the business of half the town is to sell rum and the other half to drink it". (Halifax, Worden of the North, Thomas A. Raddall)

Today, 230 years later, there are literally hundreds of establishments within firing distance of Citadel Hill.

Answering the Call...

They came from near and far, Southern England, United Kingdom; San Diego, California; Lexington, Massachusetts; Woodstock, Vermont; and Halifax, Nova Scotia...to sleep in tents in the dry ditch surrounding Citadel Hill. A full-scale encampment has begun to take shape. A tent city will house close to 1000 re-enactors from more than 30 military groups who will be participating in 18th century military drills and battle re-enactments.

The "By Dand Forever" Gordon Highlanders was once described by Winston Churchill as being "the finest regiment there ever was." Now, this group from San Diego is dedicated to the regiments 200-year history and representing its fine reputation. Every group is dedicated to representing the hundreds of men and officers who served in regiments over 200 years ago.

Shannon Long

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