

# Press Release

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**SCOTS "TORCH" SALADO IN NOVEMBER WITH BRIGADIER GENERAL  
LEADING THE PARADE, FAMILY FUN ENSUES**

SALADO, TX, OCTOBER 18, 2010: The Central Texas Area Museum (CTAM) will kick off its 49<sup>th</sup> annual Salado Scottish Clan Gathering and Highland Games with a dramatic, torch-lit "Calling of the Clans" on the historic [College Hill](#) ruins - site of first private college in Texas. CTAM also welcomes back a very special guest serving as Honorary Parade of the Bands Drum Major, Brigadier General P.J. Atkinson. Brigadier General P.J. Atkinson is the current Deputy Commanding General (Canada) for III Armored Corps and Fort Hood - headquartered at Fort Hood in Central Texas. "We are really fired-up about this year's Gathering so we wanted to kick it off in a really dramatic, exciting way with the Scottish Clans making their annual return to Salado by torchlight at the historic College Hill ruins, much as the Scots "gathered" to celebrate or before going into battle," said Central Texas Area Museum

president Susan Slye. The family-friendly fundraiser will kick off on Friday, November 13 at 9 a.m. at the museum with a genealogy workshop hosted by local experts and features a "finger tip social" at 6 p.m. before the "Calling of the Clans." Officially opening at Noon on Saturday with the parade that runs along Main Street, activities start up at 9 a.m. on both Saturday, November 14 and Sunday, November 15 at Salado's Civic Center. Gathering attendees will enjoy the Highland Games (including the famous caber toss and kid's games), Scottish vendors, Highland Dance, and the Pipe and Drum competition hosted by the World-Champion St. Thomas Episcopal School Band, of Houston.

Additionally Scottish clan organizations from across the country and world will help families reconnect with their heritage and a good time will be had by all with entertainers performing on the event grounds and at two special events, a Tartan Ceilidh (pronounced kay-lee) and an evening Texas Tattoo on the historic ruins of Salado College. Tickets for the gathering and games are \$10 Saturday, \$8 Sunday, and children under 12 are \$5 (The Tattoo and Tartan Ceilidh require separate tickets). Salado, Texas is located on Interstate 35, about 8 miles south of Belton and about 50 miles north of Austin. The Central Texas Area Museum and College Hill are behind the Stagecoach Inn to the East of I-35 while the Salado Civic Center, site of the Scottish Gathering

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and Highland Games is just 4 blocks North of the Museum on  
Main Street. The Tattoo will be held on College Hill. More  
information is available on the Central Texas Area Museum  
website at [www.ctam-salado.org](http://www.ctam-salado.org) or call (254) 947-5232.

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