

Press Release

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STARS, BARS, AND TARTANS MARCH ON SALADO SCOTTISH HOMECOMING LED BY FORT HOOD BRIGADIER GENERAL

SALADO, TX, OCTOBER 12, 2009: The Central Texas Area Museum celebrates its 48th annual Salado Scottish Clan Gathering and Highland Games with 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. "The Parade of the Bands always creates those special moments because everyone can carry a flag and march to the beat of the best bagpipe bands in the world. It's all about celebrating patriotism, family, and heritage so we are honored to have Brigadier General Atkinson serve as Honorary Drum Major for the parade," said Central Texas Area Museum president Scott Fletcher. 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 titled "Discover your Elusive Ancestor." Opening at 9 a.m. on both Saturday, November 14 and Sunday, November 15 at Salado's Pace Park, 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 \$4 (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. 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 Pace Park, site of the Scottish Gathering and Highland Games is just a short stroll on Main St. north of the Central Texas Area Museum. The Tattoo will be held on College Hill. More

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