

LOYALIST DAY IN KINGSTON

June 12, 2016



As usual, a fife and drum unit from the Fort Henry Guard were on hand to add sound and colour to the flag-raising.

Left to right: Lance Corporal MacNiven; Pvt. Jeff Cato; Pvt. Pacheco
Nicolas photo: Nancy Cutway

Some of us arrived in 1776-era attire.
Donald Roy made his own shirt and the
costume for his wife Lorelee Martin.

Nancy Cutway wove her linsey-woolsey
overdress in 1984 and made the rest to
accompany it.



L-R: Donald Roy, Lorelee Martin, Nancy Cutway

The Guardsmen led the assembled Loyalists and Deputy Mayor Richard Allen across Ontario Street to the City flagpole in Confederation Park. The City of Kingston flag was removed for the day, and the Loyalist flag (George III flag) was raised.



[right]
Branch President Peter Milliken UE
reads the official Proclamation of
Loyalist Day in Kingston



[left]
The Loyalist flag begins to rise.
It lacks the diagonal red stripe found
on today's Union Jack, as Ireland
was not part of the United Kingdom
back in 1776.



The flag reached the top of the pole just as the first drops of rain began to fall from the dark cloud overhead.

Despite the raindrops on the camera, Deputy Mayor Richard Allen brought greetings from the City and acknowledged the contributions of the Loyalists in the founding of this city.

Councillor Allen said he believes he too is descended from a United Empire Loyalist, as are about 10% of the Canadian population.





Some paused for a group photo after the ceremony.

L-R: Terry Hicks UE, Anne Redish UE, Lorelee Martin UE, Donald Roy, Pvt. Pacheco Nicolas, Pvt. Jeff Cato, Lance Corporal MacNiven, Nancy Cutway UE, Deputy Mayor Richard Allen, Peter Milliken UE, Carol Davy UE.

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