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## First Clan Gunn Chief since 1785. Congratulations!

Congratulations to Iain Gunn of Banniskirk, who has been recognised as Chief of Clan Gunn. The first Chief of Clan Gunn since 1785 – a truly historic event.

On September 25, 2015, the Lord Lyon King of Arms for Scotland, Dr Joseph Morrow, issued an interlocutor recognizing Iain Alexander Gunn of Banniskirk as Chief of Clan Gunn. This recognises Iain as Representor of the House and Family of Gunn, Chief of the Clan Gunn, and that he is entitled to the additaments of Chief to his Ensigns Armorial, the form of such Ensigns Armorial to be determined by Lord Lyon at a later date.

Iain had previously served as Commander of Clan Gunn for over forty-three years.

Thanks to Clan Gunn for the article and picture.

### Message from The Chief

The Clan Gunn is one of the oldest Scottish Clans descended from the Norse Jarls of Orkney and the Pictish Mormaers of Caithness.

Today there are members of the Clan in the UK, France, the Netherlands, South Africa, USA, Canada, New Zealand and Australia. The Clan was originally based on the east coast of Caithness, but from the fifteenth century the senior line settled in the Strath of Kildonan in north east Sutherland; the Robson Gunns had their seat in Braemore in south east Caithness and the third main family established themselves in Cattaig and Dalemore on the upper reaches of the River Thurso.

There are thriving Clan Gunn Societies in the UK, New Zealand, Nova Scotia and North America. I have appointed two personal Commissioners to represent me



abroad – Rob Kamp-Gunn, a former president of the Clan Gunn Society who is my representative in the Netherlands and Rich Gunn, president of the Clan Gunn Society of North America, who is my representative in North America.

We are proud of our Clan Heritage Centre at Latheron in Caithness based in the old Parish Church of Latheron which has provided a focal point for the Clan since it opened in 1985.

Our clan archive is one of the most comprehensive, thanks to the work of the late Dr. Colin Gunn, Sandy Gunn and our current clan genealogist Abb Gunn of Alpharetta, Georgia, USA.

I am delighted to see that our Clan Societies overseas continue to thrive. I am grateful to Sam Johnson for leading the Clan Gunn Society of North America over the past three years and welcome Rich Gunn on his return to the Presidency and the other new office-bearers and wish them well for the next three years.

I send you all my best wishes for 2016.

Iain Gunn of Banniskirk, Chief, Clan Gunn

Stone Mountain 2015 Scottish Games photos pages 22-27 this section!

# Clan MacCord Society

Invites for membership all spelling variations and descendants of McCord (a)(e)(y).

Also McCourt, McChord, McCoard, Cord(e), McCart, McCort, Cort(e)(s) and Flynn, McFettridge and Kane.

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# Clan Home Society (International)



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Clan Home Society (Int.) Stone Mountain 2015

# ROOTS IN WALLS?

**Jane Harris** MA DipLib PG Dip Genealogical Studies

Not talking about family tree roots that hit brick walls! Instead it's the parish of Walls, Orkney, Scotland.

Do you have any family roots there? Not to be confused with the parish of Walls in Shetland.

Walls, or Walls and Flotta to give it its full name, includes four islands and part of the island of Hoy. It is bounded by Scapa Flow, famous as a naval base in two world wars, on one side, and the notoriously rough Pentland Firth on the other.

I run a small but growing one place study for part of the parish, North Walls and Brims. My site includes an index to Kirk Session Minutes, 1837-65, and a study of the population in 1861. You can



find it here: <http://www.janealogy.co.uk/north-walls-and-brims/>

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## Stone Mountain Highland Games 2015

On pages 22-27 in this section, you'll find photographs of the 2015 Stone Mountain Highland Games, mostly the Parade of Tartans.

If your clan attended these games and you can't find a photo, please email me at [bethscribble@aol.com](mailto:bethscribble@aol.com). If I have a photo of your clan, I'll send you what I have. No charge.

If you see a photo of your clan, email me and I'll be glad to send it to you as a jpeg file. No charge.

I have many more photos and am glad to share at no charge.

You're welcome to use the photos as you wish. No charge.

## Diana Gabaldon presents *The Outlandish Companion, Volume Two*

The new *Outlandish Companion, Vol. Two*, is now on sale at Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Books-A-Million, Indiebound, IBooks and Powells.

Since the publication of Volume One, there have been four more Outlander novels, a side series, assorted novellas and one smash-hit Starz original television series. *The Outlandish Companion, Volume Two* is an all-new guide to the latest books in the series.

*The Outlandish Companion* - in which more is revealed regarding *The Fiery Cross*, *A Breath of Snow and Ashes*, *An Echo in the Bone* and *Written in My Own Heart's Blood*, including detailed synopses, maps, medical procedures, chronologies and highly opinionated essays by the author.

At the same time, *The Official Outlander Coloring Book* is on sale now at the sources listed above except IBooks.

Featuring gorgeous natural landscapes, detailed drawings of Claire's medicinal herbs, depictions of the books' fascinating scenes and characters - and much more. There is something there that all fans will enjoy.

# THE CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY

*'S Rioghal Mo Dhream!*

**Royal is my Race!**

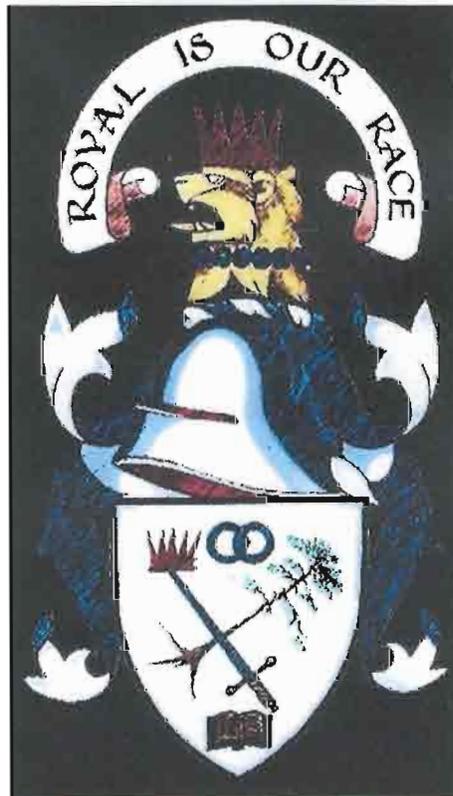
Fàilte! The Clan Gregor Society is a growing organisation with membership throughout the world. It's most active objectives are to extend the links of kinship and friendship between MacGregors, wherever they may be, and to provide a focal point for all members of the Clan and interested visitors who wish to learn more of our noble past.

**Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor**

7th Baronet of Lanrick and Balquidder

**24th Chief of Clan Gregor**

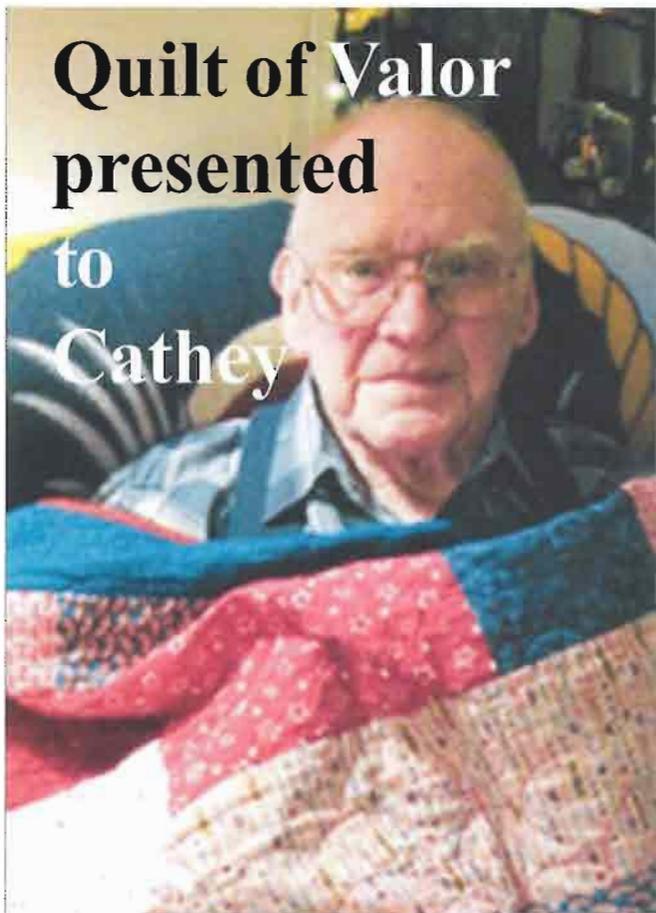
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**Cathey Receives Quilt Of Valor.** December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from *The Panhandle Herald*, Panhandle, TX

On Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2014, **Darrel Cathey**, age 85, was presented with a Quilt of Valor.

Linda Robertson and Becky Odell of the White Deer Stitchers went to Mr. Cathey's home to give the quilt to him. The quilt will be registered through the Quilts of Valor Foundation. White Deer, TX.

The mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.

Total quilts awarded so far: 125,726. To learn more about the Quilts of Valor Foundation, visit <http://www.govf.org/>

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This will insure your clan is represented on these pages with your news, Flowers of the Forest, honors, etc.



## 2015 Col. Neil Ramsay Piping Trophy won by Sean Patrick Regan

Years ago, the founders of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, Mrs. Agnes Morton and Bobby and Cornelia Groves, wanted to honor two people who were instrumental to the standard of piping that was being brought to the GMHG.

One of those to be recognized was Col. Neil Ramsay, a piper and piping judge.

It was decided that Col. Ramsay would be honored with a piping trophy awarded to the best amateur piper of the day. It was further decided that the games would provide this trophy so it would never go without sponsorship.

Over the years, the awarding of the trophy fell by the wayside. In 2011, however, the Clan Ramsay Association of North America Board of Directors voted to reinstate the Neil Ramsay Piping Award and to purchase the trophy for the piper.

Sean Patrick Regan was awarded the Neil Ramsay Piping Trophy on Saturday, July 11, 2015 at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games held in Linville, NC.

Sean is the Director of Music and Instructor of Piping and Drumming at Massanutten Military Academy located in Woodstock, Virginia.

Sean begins the third generation in a family of pipers and he also teaches Scottish snar, tenor and bass drum. He writes drum scores for bands in Grades V and IV.

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# The Families of Clan MacTavish Welcome You to Discover Your Scottish Heritage!



Chief Steven  
MacTavish

Family names associated with Clan MacTavish:  
*Cash, Kash, MacCamish, MacCash, MacCavish,  
MacComb, MacCombie, MacComich, MacComish,  
MaComie, Macomie, MacCosh, MaClaws,  
MacElhose, MacLehose, MacTavish, McTavish,  
Mactavish, Mactavis, M'Tavish, MacThomas,  
Stephens, Stephenson, Stevens, Stevenson, Tavlish,  
Tawesson, Thom, Thomas, Thomason, Thomasson,  
Thompson, Thomson, Tod, and Todd, and all variant  
spellings.*

## We Are Clan MacTavish!



For information about joining us email: [clanmactavishUSA@gmail.com](mailto:clanmactavishUSA@gmail.com)

# Van T. Barfoot died

Remember the guy who wouldn't take the flag pole down on his Virginia property a while back?

You might remember the news story several months ago about a crotchety old man in Virginia who defied his local Homeowners Association, and refused to take down the flag pole on his property along with the large American flag he flew on it.

Now we learn who that old man was. On June 15, 1919, Van T. Barfoot was born in Edinburg, Texas.

Twenty-five years later, on May 23, 1944, near Carano, Italy, that same Van T. Barfoot, who had in 1940 enlisted in the U.S. Army, set out alone to flank German machine gun positions from which gunfire was raining down on his fellow soldiers.

His advance took him through a minefield but having done so, he proceeded to single-handedly take out three enemy machine gun positions, returning with 17 prisoners of war.

That probably didn't make much news, given the scope of the war, but it did earn Van T. Barfoot, who retired as a Colonel after also serving in Korea and Vietnam, a well deserved Congressional Medal of Honor.

And if that weren't enough for a day's work, he later took on and destroyed three German tanks sent to retake the machine gun positions.

Years later, Van T. Barfoot's Neighborhood Association's quibbled with how the then 90-year-old



veteran chose to fly the American flag outside his suburban Virginia home.

Seems the HOA rules said it was OK to fly a flag on a house-mounted bracket, but, for decorum, items such as Barfoot's 21-foot flagpole were "unsuitable".



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## Sean Patrick Regan, *continued from page 5*

Sean Patrick Regan began performing professionally at age 12. He won his first major championship at 14 and placed in professional competition in Scotland at 17. He currently competes with Peel Regional Police Pipe Band, Grade 1 in Mississauga, Ontario, Canada.

Mr. Regan won the Grade 1 overall at this year's United States Piping Foundation event. He has been invited to compete at the George Sherriff Memorial Competition in Ontario, in part because of the season standings points that he earned at GMHG. He is currently the number one Grade 1 piper in the EUSPBA.

You may follow Mr. Regan at <https://www.facebook.com/sean.p.regan.5> or visit SPRbagpiper on YouTube.

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# NEW GAMES March 19, 2016



## MYRTLE BEACH HIGHLAND GAMES AND HERITAGE FESTIVAL

The Myrtle Beach Highland Games & Heritage Festival, celebrating this Inaugural event March 18-19, 2016 is pleased to announce the Games are coming to Grand Park at Market Common. The Highland Games are popular throughout the Carolinas and are renowned for its outstanding entertainment, top Scottish musicians, professional athletes, and champion Bagpipe & Drum Bands from all over the Southeast. An exciting array of authentic food, merchandise, souvenirs, and beverages from Scotland and Great Britain will be available for purchase.

This event is being presented by ABC 15 and The Myrtle Beach Regional Pipe Band.

**Opening Ceremony!** Opening Ceremonies will feature a Mass Pipe Band Performance, a Parade of Tartans, the March of the Clans and Societies, as well as National Anthems performed from Scotland, Ireland, Canada and the



**Music! Music! Music!** The appearance of the featured high-energy Celtic rock group ‘Tuatha Dea’ will delight audiences along with the band SYR (sire) from Columbia, South Carolina. The event will feature the Ripley’s Aquarium Drum Corps along with the Myrtle Beach Regional Pipe Band, the Charleston Pipe Band, the Jamestown Pipe Band and the St. Andrews College Pipe Band.

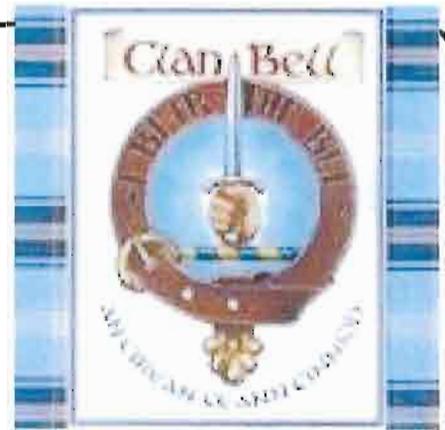
**“Can’t Miss” Events** Professional “Heavy” athletics, The Patron Games, Ripley’s Kids Glen games & activities, Educational Clan Booths, Scotch, Irish and American whisky tasting and seminars, Border Collie demonstrations, a featured Céilídh (pronounced kay-lee), and much, much more.

**How big is it?** The festival has seven large entertainment areas.

1. The Heavy Athletics (Professional Men & Women Athletes)
2. The Patron Games (a Heavy Athletics for the spectators)
3. The Celtic Marketplace (authentic and local vendors)

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# Clan Bell North America, Inc.



This old West Marche Riding Clan, one of the Border Clans from the early 1100s, were retainers of Clan Douglas and also allied with the best Border families through blood and friendship. Their land holdings were extensive. To survive on the often invaded Borders, they engaged in the "rieving" of the period and participated in many battles against the English.



Declared "unruly" by the Scottish Parliament, many of the Clan were "encouraged" to emigrate to the Ulster Plantation in Northern Ireland after 1610.

After William Bell, called "Redcloak" and Chief of the Clan died in 1627, the chiefship became dormant. Without leadership, the Bells ceased to exist as a viable clan.

Clan Bell North America is a charitable organization of Scottish descendants and friends of Family/Clan Bell dedicated to the study of Bell Genealogy and Scottish history and the perpetuation of family tradition.

CBNA cordially invites membership inquiries from persons named Bell (all spellings), their descendants and friends. A quarterly newsletter is published. Tents are hosted at major Scottish festivals from coast to coast in the USA.

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**clanbell.org**





# Flowers of the Forest

The Arizona Irish Cultural Center and Irish community was saddened to hear of the passing of **Kyle Harris**.

Kyle had worked for years as the main sound coordinator for all Irish music events. He handled the sound for many concerts at the ICC as well as working at the St. Patrick's Day Faire and Arizona Irish Festival.

He also worked at Celtic events outside of the Valley.

Kyle made everyone sound great and was a real pleasure to be around. He had one of the most engaging personalities that anyone could have.

There was a Celebration of Kyle's life on Tuesday, October 20th. We want to extend our deepest sympathy to Kyle's wife, Sue and his family.

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**Joseph Andrew Melville**, Nov. 1, 1928 - Aug 28, 2015

An opera lover, father & grandfather, Scotsman, expert in Military protocol, daily reader of the New York Times, and proud alumnus of Norwich University – Andy Melville touched many people with his wit, wisdom, and unflinching commitment to excellence.

Known to business associates as “Joe” but as “Andy” by friends and family, Joseph Andrew Melville grew up along the east coast with his mother Dorothy Sutherland and his younger brother Royall Tyler; traveling from Black Mountain, NC, to Washington, DC, to Hanover, NH; before settling for more than 50 years in Hampton Falls, NH.

After graduating from Norwich University in 1951 with a BS in Engineering, he traveled to Korea as a 1st Lieutenant and was assigned to the 3rd Division, 64th Battalion Tank Division as an Assistant Operations and Liaison Officer. Later he continued to serve in the Army Reserve for 27 years, reaching the rank of Lt. Colonel.

After Korea he was employed by the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine as a Marine Engineer for 30 years. He proudly spoke of being part of the team who built the Albacore submarine and later enjoyed giving his grandsons a personal-behind-the-scenes tour.

He met Margery Weis in Washington, DC and they married in 1956. They purchased a colonial home in Hampton Falls and converted the barn into an art studio, where Midge taught classes and created art for 40 years. Together they raised their daughter Andrea. Andy was always proud of his “lovely most-of-the-time daughter” and her theatrical and television “exploits”, his son-in-law Bill Marcinkowski’s love of model trains and most especially proud of his grandsons Adam and Dylan who dance, rock climb and attend Waldorf schools, just like he did in North Carolina for kindergarten.

Over the years Andy and Midge loved to travel to Bermuda, England and Scotland.

Calling upon his Scottish heritage, Andy became a founding member and later President of the Board of Directors of the NH Highland Games & Festival at Loon Mountain, and was associated with the organization for over 25 years.

In 1996 he was honored as the “Chieftain O’ the Games” and was the first to be given the Chieftain’s Cromach, or walking stick, which was introduced that year.

Andy and Midge also organized some of the first Robert Burns Night Dinners in the Seacoast and enjoyed visiting various Scottish Games around the east.

But Andy will best be remembered as an avid reader and lover of history, especially the American Revolution. He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and would always proudly say that he had a relative that fought in the “original and only” Tea Party.

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# clankeith-usa.org

Official website of The Clan Keith Society USA, Inc

If you have genealogical ties to the surname Keith (including alternate spellings such as Keeth) or any of Clan Keith's Sept family names, you were born into the Clan Keith!

Septs and spellings include: Achindachy - Astine - Aston - Austen - Austin - Cate(s) - Dick - Dickson - Dicson - Dixon - Dixson - Falconer - Faulkner - Harvey - Harvie - Hackston - Haxton - Hervie - Hervey - Hurrie - Hurry - Keath - Keech - Keeth - Keith - Keyth - Kite - Lum - Lumgair - MacAustin - MacDick - MacDicken - MacDickie - MacDeetch - MacKeeth - MacKeitch - MacKeith - Marshall - Urie - Urry

The Clan Keith Society would be delighted for you to join us as a member. For more information, please email [membershipclankeith@mindspring.com](mailto:membershipclankeith@mindspring.com) or call 404-539-5222.



Dunnottar Castle, stronghold of the Keiths (near Stonehaven)

Please plan to attend your local Highland Games and, if you see our tent, please come by for a visit. The tent convener will have information about Clan Keith's fascinating history as well as membership information. Membership in the Clan is not expensive but one of the finest investments that you will every make. Hope to see you soon!

**Flowers of the Forest**, *continued from page 11*

This love of early New England and American History lead him to become an interpretative guide with the Moffatt-Ladd House & Gardens in Portsmouth, NH for over ten years, where he enjoyed researching and delving into the deep history of the house, quizzing guests about American history, and especially took pleasure in being the only male staff member.

He was one of the founders of the Scottish games at Loon Mountain and was the original New England Commissioner for Clan Sutherland.

He loved playing military band records on Saturday mornings and “conducting” to imaginary musicians, quoting lines and acting out scenes from *The Honeymooners*, family camping with their golden retriever, Chester, and always enjoying the “fine dining establishments” on the sea-coast.

His family is greatly appreciative and wishes to thank the staff of the Vermont Veterans Home where he happily “ran the show” for the past two years.

A memorial service with Military Honors was held at the Vermont Veteran’s Home in Bennington, Vermont, on September 12th and a Celebration of his Life was held at the Moffatt-Ladd House & Gardens in Portsmouth, NH, October 10th.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested contributions be sent to the Vermont Veteran’s Home or the Moffatt-Ladd House & Gardens in his name.

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**Roxie Maxine Sutherland Weitzen**, 96, of Seaford, died on October 31, 2013. Roxie was born in Mullins, West Virginia on Oct. 12, 1917, the daughter of the late Richard and Aily Sutherland of Clintwood, VA.

Roxie was a retired school teacher and librarian from the Alexandria, VA School District.

She was a long time member of Clan Sutherland.

A graduate of George Mason College in Fairfax, VA, she was a long-time member of the Second Presbyterian Church in Alexandria, VA and the Seaford Presbyterian Church in Seaford, DE.

Roxie moved to the Methodist Manor House in

Seaford in 1996 with her husband.

Roxie was a gentle southern lady of refined and im-peccable manners. Her selfless devotion to her family and others and her deep and abiding faith in our Lord deeply affected and inspired all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Her husband, Harold C. Weitzen passed away in 1998.

She is survived by a daughter Jessica Handy and her husband Allen of Seaford, two grandsons, AJ Handy and his wife Jennifer of Belgrade, Montana and Ryan Handy of Seaford, a great-granddaughter, Penelope Adalee Handy of Belgrade, Montana and two sisters, Betty Mowery of Huntsville, Alabama and Jean Munal of Kingsport, Tennessee.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations may be made to the Benevolence Fund at the Methodist Manor House, 1001 Middleford Rd, Seaford, DE 19973.



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**Van T. Barfoot**,

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Then the HOA story made national TV, and the Neighborhood Association rethought its position and agreed to indulge this aging hero who dwelt among them.

Van Barfoot had been denied a permit for the pole, but erected it anyway and was facing court action unless he agreed to take it down.

“In the time I have left”, he said to the Associated Press, “I plan to continue to fly the American flag without interference.”

As well he should.

And if any of his neighbors had taken a notion to contest him further, they might have done well to read his Medal of Honor citation first. Seems it indicates Mr. Van Barfoot wasn’t particularly good at backing down.

*With thanks to George Murdoch.*

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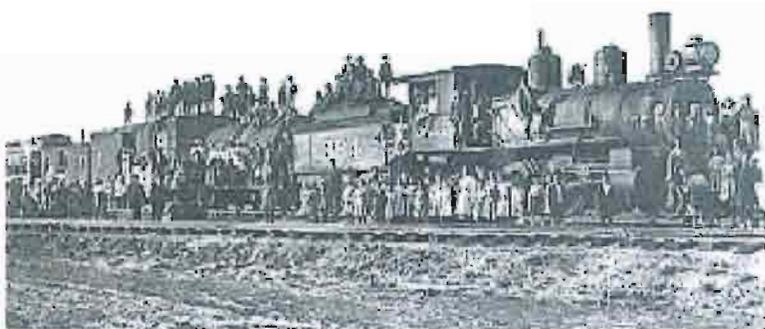
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## Do you descend from an Orphan Train rider?

**Bryan Mulcahy, MLS**

Children who grew up homeless, abused, unloved, and were forced to steal to survive never forget these experiences, especially if they had the misfortune to be raised in this manner in big cities on the eastern seaboard such as New York, Philadelphia, and Boston in the 1800s and early 1900s. Many would eventually end up on Orphan Trains.

In 1854, the *Children's Aid Society* (CAS) was founded on the belief that the longer a child was housed in an asylum, the chances for success would be slim in the outside world. By 1855, the CAS began sending trainloads of children out to the Midwest to find adoptive homes. These Orphan Trains departed from the Foundling Home in New York City, transporting close to 200,000 children to the Midwest and into Western states as America expanded. The effort was terminated around 1929.

For some children, the change in scenery was beneficial enough to overcome the memories. For others, the memories never went away and impacted future relationships with their new families. Farming families tended to be the primary sponsors of the majority of orphan children. The quality of treatment varied. For those who made the adjustment, the bonding process often went fairly well. Those who did not adjust usually moved from one family to another in circumstances similar to our current foster care system. Children in this latter category were often chosen by their prospective family strictly based on the perceived value as laborers.

During the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, there were many deadly epidemics and communicable diseases,

which were often fatal for large numbers of children, especially in the Midwest and West. This was a major reason for the appeal of orphan children.

People called *Placing Agents* served as escorts on the four to five day train ride with the children. Groups of well-known citizens would often act as a local committee to aid the children's agent. Applications, completed by the agent on each child, were reviewed by the committee. When the train arrived and blew the whistle at the small town depot, the children were herded to a stage, often at a local church, and placed in a row for all to see. Information about their education, personality, and character was then announced to the crowd by the orphan's agent. Sometimes, in their efforts to find a home, the children would even perform.

If your missing ancestor was born between 1850 and 1926 in Boston, New York, or Philadelphia, and grew up west of the Mississippi River with a family of a different name, he or she could have traveled on an orphan train. The Orphan Train Heritage Society of America, now called the National Orphan Train Complex, is considered the best beginning point for anyone involved in this type of research. The link is <http://orphantraindepot.org/>. Another good link is Cyndi's List – Orphans and Orphan Trains at <http://www.cyndislist.com/orphans/orphan-trains/>.

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## Elliot Clan Society, USA Membership Information 2014

The Elliot Clan Society is a worldwide organization, with active branches in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United States. In accordance with Scottish Clan Law, Clan membership includes all Elliots, Elliots, Elliotts, those of whose mother or grandmother was so named and their spouses. This also applies to Elliotts of known Scottish descent.

If you are a person of Scottish ancestry bearing the name Elliot, Elliott or Eliott (Including the spouse or descendant of such person) and wish to join the Elliot Clan Society, please fill out the membership form. Those forms may be found on the "Official ECS Website" at:

[www.elliotclan.com](http://www.elliotclan.com)

For US residents, please make sure that you send your completed ECS USA membership forms to the Membership/Treasurer. Once you join the Society, you will receive periodic newsletters from the ECS USA and our Parent Society in Scotland. The newsletters will inform you of Scottish festivals in your area and other announcements of importance to our Clan. Membership allows you to meet other Elliots with similar interests who share our Scottish heritage.

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# New joint Police & Fire Emerald Society Pipe & Drum band being formed in Arizona!



A group of like minded individuals from the Arizona Law Enforcement Emerald Society and the Phoenix Fire Fighters Emerald Society are interested in forming a joint Police and Fire Emerald Society pipe and drum band.

Band membership will be open to all active, associate, and honorary members of the societies.

The band's mission will be to support fraternity and brotherhood between the law enforcement and fire fighters Emerald Societies, to support all community police

and fire departments throughout the valley, to support the activities of the Phoenix Irish Cultural Center, and to support our community as a whole.

The Band will be a non-competition band, wear the Irish solid green kilt, and play predominately Irish pipe tunes.

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**Jan 10th, 2016** Barn Dance

**Feb 2nd, 2016** Dr. Nicholas Allen  
Lecture on the 1916 Rising

**Feb 27th, 2016** Smiling Irishman

**Mar 12th, 2016** St. Patrick's Day  
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Committee

**Mar 17th, 2016** St Patrick's Day  
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**Mar 26th, 2016** 100 year Easter  
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**May 14th, 2016** AZ Celtic Women

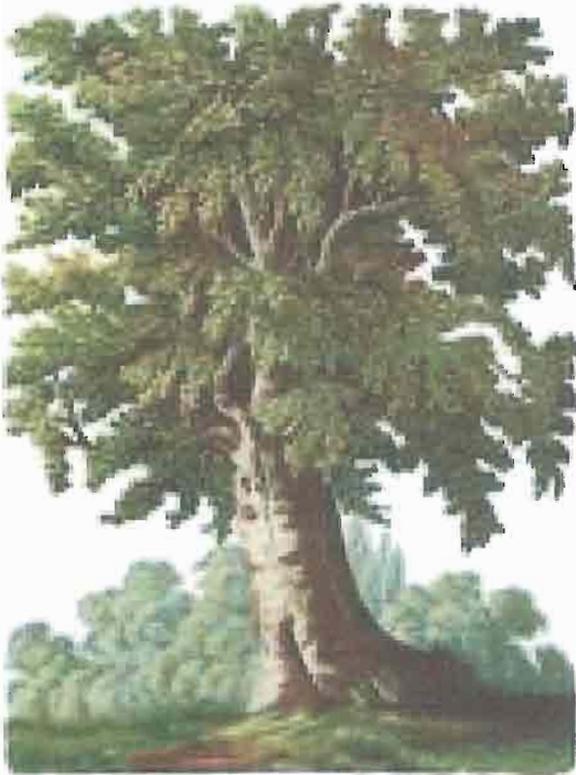


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Several pilots said they weren't going to try it but would help Shane get launched.



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It was a very exciting 20 minutes to launch



There were 10 guys hanging on to the basket and Shane said all hands off...



And we were up... and after all that excitement it was perfectly quiet and calm... it was amazing... what an incredible experience...



About half of the balloons launched...



## Keets' Balloon Adventure

*It was soo much fun... thank you doesn't even begin to thank you enough... Much much love to Holly, David and Savannah McDonald, Sherrie McLamb and Sherrie Lynn Hardman, Leandra Slate and Greg Culpepper, Ann McNutt, Carol Neill, Richard and Elizabeth and my cousins; Gail Plathe, Sue Kater, and Melba Hensel.*

*Keets*

**Carolina BalloonFest  
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I saw a Monarch butterfly up there... they said it was rare to see a butterfly so high... the flight lasted about a hour...

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## The Vice Presidency of Clan Sutherland Society, NA changes

The Clan Sutherland Society was saddened last month with the news of the passing of Alonzo Robert Sutherland, who was serving the Society in the position of Vice President. Bob performed admirably as vice president and his council and energy will be missed.

With the exception of the office of President, the Bylaws of Clan Sutherland Society of North America state: "In the event of a vacancy in any other office, for any reason, the president shall appoint an active member or life member to fill each vacancy for the unexpired term."

Gene Sutherland has accepted an appointment to serve as Vice President of CSSNA. Gene has been serving the Society as Northwest Regional Commissioner since 2001 and we can all be confident that he will bring the same excellent performance to his new position. On behalf of all our members I welcome Gene to his new position.

*Robert F. Sutherland Jr.*

### Myrtle Beach Highland Games, *continued from page 9*

4. The Clan Village (Clans & Societies Information)

5. The Kids Glen (Tons of Kids Games)

6. The Food Court (Authentic and Local Favorite Foods)

7. The Entertainment & Cultural Center (Celtic Bands & History Demonstrations)

More than 25 colorful tents will represent various Scottish Clans and families from South Carolina, North Carolina and beyond.

**Food** Scottish foods & ales including: haggis, fish & chips, meat pies, and bangers will be available as well as American festival foods.

**Stuff to buy** Vendors with a wide variety of merchandise from Scotland & Great Britain will be displaying their inventory of authentic tartan wear, kilts for the gentlemen and ladies, crafts, books, and gift items. Also find unique Celtic designed crafts, jewelry, and art.

Todd Cartner, the festival's Event Director says, "This is something Myrtle Beach has yet to experience. There are so many ways for people to participate in this festival; through sponsorship, advertising, performing, volunteering or just attending - everyone has an opportunity to take part in the festival's success while having a great time."

**Event Details** The Festival and Games are open to the general public and is an event for the entire family, with most activities scheduled continuously throughout the day. Musical entertainment is held in several areas, including the large Pub Garden. An attendance in excess of 10,000 is expected for the two day event.

Tentative plans for the inaugural Myrtle Beach festival include: • Highland Games sanctioned and judged by the Southeastern Highland Athletics Group and the Highland Games League. • an Irish Céilidh ('kay-lee' or community welcome party) on Friday Night from 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM • a Kilted Fun Run for the Kids • a Celtic March of the Tartan's • Live performances of traditional and modern Celtic music • Live performances of Pipe and Drum corps • Live entertainment of Border Collie demonstrations • Celtic themed arts and crafts, food, beverage and business vendors • Heritage displays featuring family history and genealogy of the clans • Audience participation events for both adults and children

#### Event Details

Date: March 18-19, 2016 Time: The Ceilidh Welcome Party - Friday – 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM \* The Highland Games & Heritage Festival - Saturday - 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

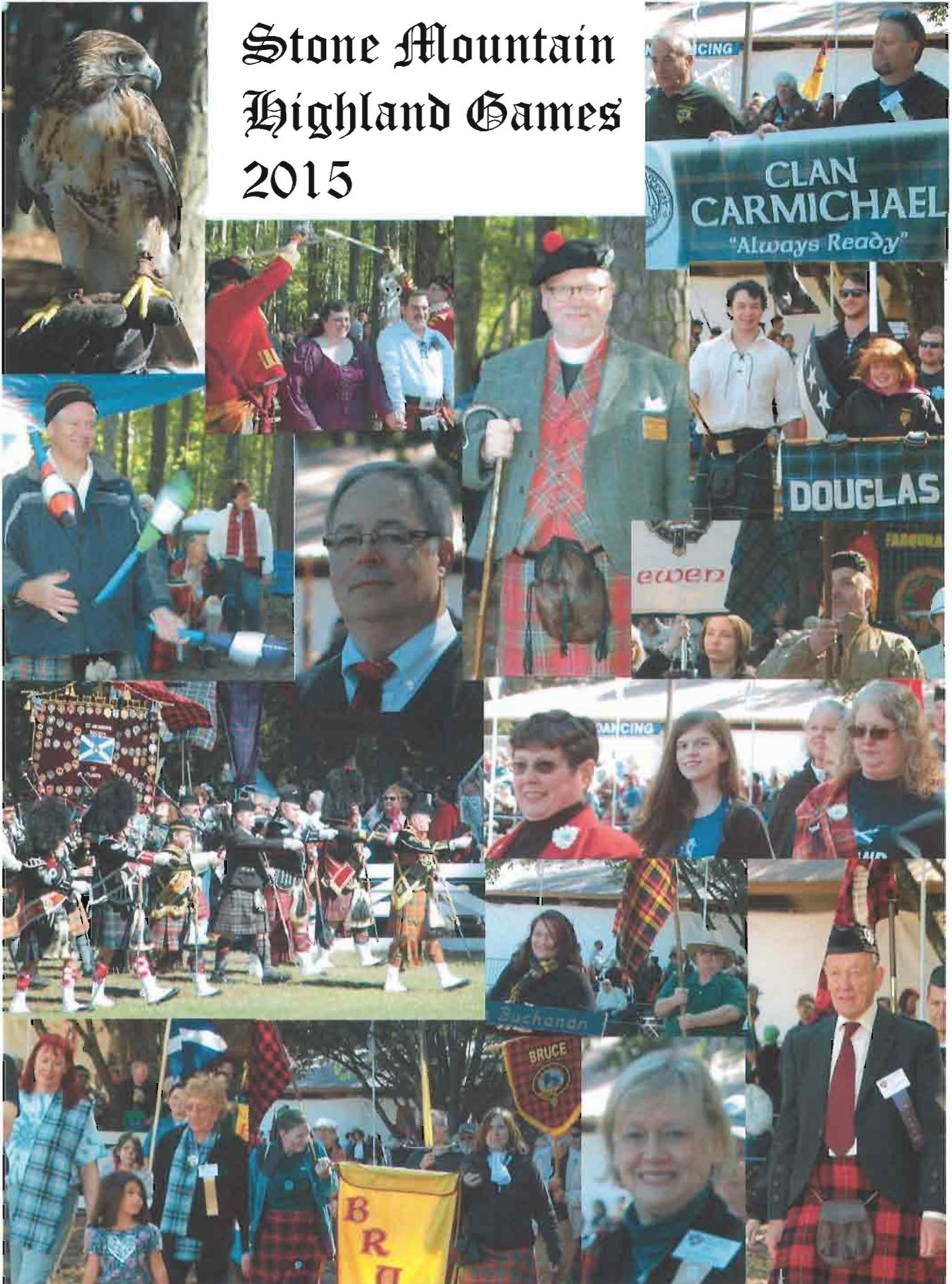
Location: Grand Park at Market Common 1004 Crabtree Lane Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

Tickets: ON SALE NOW on the website [www.myrtlebeachhighlandgames.com/tickets](http://www.myrtlebeachhighlandgames.com/tickets) **Friday Night Céilidh – Live Music Festival** Adult (18+) Presale: \$5.00 Gate: \$7.00 Children (17 and under) FREE **Saturday Highland Games & Heritage Festival** Adult (13+) Presale: \$10 Gate: \$12 Children (6-12) Presale: \$5 Gate: \$6 Children (5 and under) FREE Seniors (65+) Presale: \$5 Gate: \$6

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Contact: Todd Cartner, Director 843-492-0515

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# TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 Thursday 28th April  
Depart USA for overnight flight to Edinburgh Scotland  
Day 2 Friday 29th April  
Arrive Edinburgh Airport transfer to Premier Inn, Haymarket Hotel in Edinburgh City Center, for two nights;

Afternoon visit to National Museum of Scotland and the Scottish Parliament, or free afternoon for relaxation and shopping;

7.00 p.m..... Evening Welcome Dinner at the Royal Overseas League.

Day 3 Saturday 30th May

After Breakfast, drive to Leith Docks and the Ocean Terminal to board the Royal Yacht Britannia for a tour and morning coffee/tea in the Royal Tea Room, on board this famous ship.

In the afternoon, we will meet Ian Robertson, a Leading Historian for a special talk and visit to Rosslyn Chapel, this evening, we will be entertained by Colin Grant-Adams when we have Whiskey Tasting and Dinner in the Royal Overseas Club overlooking the Edinburgh Castle and Princess Street Gardens and return for a second night in the Haymarket Hotel, Edinburgh City Center.

Day 4 Sunday 1st May

After Breakfast and Check-Out we will board our coach for a morning drive to Stirling, with a stop to view the Kelpies Statues and the Falkirk Wheel, on the Forth Canal. We will visit the Wallace monument built by public subscription to honour Scotland's National Hero William Wallace. In the afternoon, following lunch, our tour will take us to Stirling Castle where we will meet in character costumed guides, for an in depth visit to the restored Great Hall; dinner/overnight at the Dunblane Hydro Hilton Hotel.

Day 5 Monday 2nd May

Today we will visit the Battle of Bannockburn Center, the site of King Robert the Bruce's 1314 Victory for an independent Scotland. leaving Stirlingshire, we will drive to the Highlands to Fort William via Glencoe, where we will stop for a discussion of the infamous deeds perpetrated by the Campbells against the MacDonalds of Glencoe, in the afternoon, we will drive into Fort William for the next two nights at the Premier Inn, Evening opportunity to explore Dinner options on your own, this evening, in Fort William.

Day 6 Tuesday 3 May

This morning, we will have an early breakfast and meet our Highland guide, who will be with us for the next two days and will regale us with all the local folklore; We will travel, by a series of three ferries, from the mainland to the Island of Mull then down to the far end of Mull, for the passenger ferry to Iona, you will have lunch, on your own, at the Iona St, Columba Hotel and then visit Iona Abbey, for a guided tour; overnight at Fort William Premier Inn.  
Day 7 Wednesday 4th May  
After breakfast and check-out of our Fort William hotel, we will drive to the Isle of Sky, to visit the Museum of Island Life and then Flora Macdonald's grave, of Bonnie Prince Charlie fame, before arriving at Dunvegan Castle, the seat of Clan MacLeod. This evening we will drive to Inverness, for dinner, and stay overnight at the Thistle Hotel in the Capital of the Highlands, if not too tired you can take a cab to Hootenanny's pub for live entertainment.  
Day 8 Thursday 5th May  
Short drive, this morning, to Clava Cairns, of "Outlander" fame and then onto Culloeden Visitor center, to tour its collections and the Battlefield. This is the site of the last battle fought on British soil and the last Clan battle, marking the end of the Jacobite cause and Bonnie Prince Charlie's ultimate defeat. Dinner and overnight at Dunblane Hilton Hydro Hotel.  
Day 9 Friday 6th May  
This morning we will drive to the Kingdom of Fife to St Andrews the home of golf. We will visit the Castle Ruins and have time to shop before leaving this famous town and travelling to Balgonie Castle at Markinch. Fife, We will arrive at Balgonie Castle where we are guests of the Castles, owner the Laird of Balgonie and his family.  
We will have our Farewell Luncheon Banquet in the candle-lit Great Hall, and learn about the historical castle and its modern day role as a film set for the "Outlander" television series, The Great Hall in this magnificent Castle where we will have Dinner with the Laird of Balgonie, which has also been featured in the "Game of Thrones" at the end of the evening, we will drive to the Premier Inn Edinburgh Airport for an overnight stay until the next mornings' flights to the U.S.A.  
Day 10 Saturday 7 May  
After Breakfast you will transfer to Edinburgh Airport for return flights home to the U.S.A.

Wishing you safe travels and we look forward to seeing you again.

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