

## HÄME REGIMENT

The Häme Regiment in the Hennala Barracks in Lahti trains the personnel of the Finnish Defence Forces and the Border Guard, as well as conscripts, in logistics, reconnaissance, fitness, military music and military police for peace time and wartime duties. The Commanding Officer is in charge of the training units which are the Häme Cavalry Battalion, the Logistics School, the Military Music School and the Sports School. These are supported by the Headquarters and the Logistics Centre.

The other duties of the Regiment are related to research and development, readiness, attending to conscript issues and upkeep and maintenance of material and real estate. Conscript issues in the Päijät-Häme region are handled by the Regional Office which is part of the Headquarters.

The Häme Regiment is in charge of cooperation with other authorities and maintaining good relationships with civil defence organisations in the Päijät-Häme region.

Häme Regiment in numbers:

- Personnel total over 250 persons
- Courses for personnel approximately 40 pcs annually, which train approximately 500 students - Other training functions 50 - 60 pcs, the total number of students being almost 1 400
- Courses for conscripts annually approximately 20 - 30 pcs, which train 800 - 1000 conscripts
- Refresher courses train 500 - 700 reservists (1 500 - 2 000 refresher training days)
- Through call-ups and special application the Regiment trains approximately 700 conscripts assigned there for the duration of their service



Häme Regiment be located nearly in Lahti Citys

## Häme Cavalry Battalion

The Häme Cavalry Battalion consists of a Headquarters Squadron, a Transportation Squadron, NCO School as well as an office.

The Headquarters and Transportation Squadrons train conscripts for different logistics duties, including provisioning, weapons and ammunition handling and storage, weapons maintenance and materiel handling and storage.

The Headquarters Squadron also trains military police. The Transportation Squadron is also responsible for training conscripts for transportation fields. The driving school of the Transportation Squadron trains military drivers for various vehicle types. The Headquarters and Transportation Squadrons receive a 210-270 recruit contingent in January and July.

The NCO School trains NCOs nationally on logistics, motor transport, armourer, supply and hygiene NCO courses. The school also trains officer candidates in the fields of motor transport, supply and logistics.

The Häme Cavalry Battalion upholds the traditions of Finnish Cavalry.

## Sports School

The Sports School is part of the national coaching system. Sports School promotes and develops successful Finnish elite sports. The Sports School trains Defence Forces personnel, conscripts and reservists and is the Defence Forces coaching centre. Conscripts are chosen based on athletic success and aptitude tests.

The Sports School admits approximately 75 athletes two times a year. Summer sports athletes start their service in October and winter sport athletes in June.

Conscripts serving in the Reconnaissance Companies are trained for rank and file duties (180 days), as reserve NCO's (362 days) or reserve officers (362days) The Sports School facilitates sports training and coaching and attending competitions during national service.

The course and research division trains personnel physical education duties. The Test Station, which a part of the section, conducts physical form measuring and follow-ups on physical performance.



Well know Finnish athletic do it conscript service Sports School in Lahti

## Logistics School

The Logistics School is the Logistics branch school of the Finnish Defence Forces, so the School takes care of training logistic matters to all services. The Logistics School consists of the Commanding Officer, Administrative section, Advanced Education Department, Weapons System Department, Vehicle and Transportation Department, and Research and Development Department. All together the Logistics School consists approximately 65 persons.

The Logistics School provides the logistics training necessary for the Defence Forces wide logistics system as well as research data required for the development of the logistics field. The main task of the Logistics School is the training of personnel to all kinds of logistic duties. The Logistics School provides the training to civilians, warrant officers, junior officers as well as advanced logistic officers. The Logistics School also provides the training to cadets during their studies in the Finnish Defence University.

In reference to conscript training the Logistics School organises refresher training for logistics educated reservists and supports the conscript logistics training in the Häme Regiment. The Logistics School also organises SAP-system training to end users and key users in all services of the Finnish Defence Forces.

The Logistics School is in charge or takes part to research and development studies of military logistic concept in general and especially to Finnish Army logistic system. R&D -projects may concern processes, leadership, management, equipment and information technology.

The Logistics School was founded 1st January 2006. The Logistics School upholds the traditions of the Quartermaster Battalion (1927) and the Armourer School (1919) as well as The traditions of their successors.

## Military Music School

The Military Music School consists of the Course Department and the Conscript Band of the Finnish Defence Forces.

The Course Department plans and executes training for the Personnel serving in the military bands. It includes basic, advanced and further training. The instruction of musical subjects is carried out in cooperation with various music schools.

The Conscript Band of the Finnish Defence Forces offers musicians and music devotees the chance to do their national service or women's voluntary service in a military band. The Conscript Band performs in occasions requiring impressive and distinguished performance both home and abroad. The band specialises in marching display and concert music. In addition, various chamber music and easy listening compositions are formed from the band.

The annual intake of the Conscript Band of the Finnish Defence Forces is approximately 80 musicians. A part of them will also attend NCO School.

The Military Music School upholds the traditions of the Korsholm Military Music Institute, established in 1918.

## Logistics Centre

The Logistics Centre is in charge of providing logistics support for the Häme Regiment and Lahti Garrison, enabling the effective training in units.

The Logistics Office is in charge of acquisitions, payment, real estate functions and agreements concerning the Regiment. The Supply Centre is in charge of distribution, repairs, storage and replenishment of material. The Transportation and Maintenance Centre in charge of transportation, maintenance and storage of vehicles.

## Päijät-Häme Regional Office

The Regional Office is a part of the Häme Regiment Headquarters and its main task is the planning, preparation and management of military national defence as well as communication with the rest of society in Päijät-Häme. In regards to military national defence:

- \* Is in charge of regional and local cooperation between authorities
- \* Is in charge of the mobilisation and leadership, training and placement of personnel of assigned troops and troops in its area

The Regional Office also handles conscript issues in Päijät-Häme. In regards to conscript issues, the Regional Office:

- \* Prepares and carries out call-ups
- \* Orders reservists into service or refresher training
- \* Is responsible for making decisions concerning conscripts
- \* Is a customer service location where the conscript gets the necessary Defence Forces services

In addition the Regional Office is in charge of implementing training and supporting voluntary national defence work as well as communication with the National Defence Training Association, civil defence organisations and the reserves in its area in addition to taking part in the implementation of national defence courses.

## History of Häme Regiment

The Häme Regiment upholds the traditions of the Tampere Regiment that was located in the Hennala Garrison 1919-1939. Its traditions reach as far as the 17th century. The first Häme Regiment was founded by king Gustavus II Adolphus in 1626 and after that the Regiment was operational during the whole Swedish reign taking part in all the wars of Sweden(-Finland). Under Russian rule the troop operated under the names of Hämeenlinna Battalion or Sharpshooter battalion until the year 1902, when the Finnish troops were disbanded.

The Tampere Regiment was founded in 1919 after having taken part in the fighting in the War of Independence under various names. The Regiment was disbanded in 1939 as it headed to the Winter War.

Häme Regiment was founded 1 January 1986 by combining the independent units and departments in Hennala under common leadership. The Regimental color is the old red-white color of the Tampere Regiment. The Honorary March, the Parola March, is also passed of from the Tampere

Regiment. The anniversary in on 3 October when the Ministry of Defence made the decision to found the Regiment.



Picture in Häme Regiment main gate. Garrison be situated in beautiful campus area.