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Editor's Corner/Coin du rédacteur

I know this is coming hard on the heels of #115, but I am going to be away for much of December so thought I would cram in another edition to wish a premature Happy Holiday to all, and safe journey to all the snowbirds who are starting to think about fleeing south.

I am also prompted by the latest update of the Class list prepared by our webmaster **6660 Waine McQuinn**. I noticed quite a few new names on the list of classmates who have stepped forward to be identified or who have been fingered by our diligent search team.

To all those who are receiving this for the first time—Welcome. The Newsletter has now been running on an almost monthly basis for about ten years and it has served to inform classmates of upcoming and past events of mutual interest; of the comings and goings of classmates since we all headed off in different directions in the mid-1960s; and, of a variety of topics of general interest. There is really little that I won't publish as long as it has some tenuous relationship to the Class of 65.

I hope, therefore, that some of you newcomers will be tempted to write articles—brief bios that let everyone know what you have been up to are always of interest. Although the Newsletter is largely produced in English, I am pleased to reproduce articles written in French. Regrettably, the small size of the editorial staff (me) and my linguistic limitations do not permit a bilingual publication.

For those that are interested, you can find back copies of the Newsletter on the Class Web Site at <http://www.rmc65.ca/>

Some of you may prefer not to be bombarded by more electronic verbiage and therefore, to not receive the Newsletter. In that case a quick e-mail to me at jinglemike@rogers.com will suffice to have you dropped from my mailing list.

Hope you enjoy this periodical and find it, as I have, a useful means of re-connecting with long forgotten classmates.



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Editor's Corner (Concluded)

Responding to the sad news of Steve Crutcher's passing, **6559 Gerry Mueller** noted the following coincidence, *"I ... never crossed paths with Stephen, but my wife, June Longworth, remembers him well. ... June worked as an Air Canada Purser for 38 years, and in her last 10 – 15 years of flying concentrated on doing "long-haul" routes. She thus spent a lot of time working 747s and 767s, and remembers Stephen from the former.*

I've given her that part of the Newsletter, and she will pass it on to her Air Canada retiree community chain, many of whom will also remember Stephen."

This edition features two biographies, the first an update by frequent contributor, **6349 Alain Pellerin**, and the other, by a classmate most of us have not heard from for a while, **6516 John Bardsley**. Welcome back into the fold John.

Sadly, we must also report the passing of another classmate, **6700 Robert (Bob) Walker**. A tribute to Bob appears later in this edition.

But first, a brief report on the Class attendance at the National Remembrance Day Ceremony in Ottawa this year. I watched the ceremony, on a nice clear, but cold day in the comfort of my living room, but at least three members of the class braved the cold to pay homage to the sacrifice of Canadians on battlefield around the world. I am sure I saw **6508 John Adams**, recognised **6523 Terry Colfer** by his distinctive Class beret pin (see picture below), and heard from Terry that he saw **6602 Jim Cale**. Bravo Zulu to all three and to anyone else who was there unnoticed.





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Bio—6349 Alain Pellerin



Colonel (Ret'd) Alain Pellerin is a former Senior Executive in the Canadian Armed Forces with an impressive 36-year military career. He has extensive experience in public policy, diplomacy, and problem solving, not only in Canada but also in numerous European countries.

His career with the Department of National Defence included his appointment with 22ieme Regiment and the Royal Welch Fusiliers (UK), and Command and Staff Appointments in Canada, the UK, Germany, Belgium and Italy. He also served as a Faculty Advisor-Facilitator at the Canadian Forces Staff School, Policy Advisor Peacekeeping at the Directorate of International Policy, Senior Staff Officer Canadian Military Representative to NATO in Brussels, and Director of Nuclear and Arms Control Policy.

An excellent bilingual communicator and writer with a proven track record as a mediator. In 1993, he became Chief of Staff at the NATO Defense College and retired in 1996. Following his Military career, he was appointed Executive Director for the Conference of Defence Associations (CDA) and Conference of Defence Institute (CDAI) in 1998, where he remained until his retirement in 2014. He currently serves as an ambassador for the Never Forgotten National Memorial Foundation. In 2015 he was appointed to the Board of Governors of the Royal Military College St-Jean.

He earned an MA, Summa Cum Laude in International Relations at Boston University; BA, Honours in Economics/Political Science, at the Royal Military College of Canada; a Diploma in Political/Economic/Social/Military Aspects of Collective Security and Defense, at the NATO Defense College; and Executive-level Leadership and Conflict Management one year Course at the Canadian Forces Command and Staff College.

Colonel (Ret'd) Pellerin was appointed Officer to the Order of Military Merit (O.M.M.) in February 1995. In 2010, he was awarded the Brigadier-General George G. Bell Strategic Leadership Shield Award for Strategic Excellence by the Canadian International Council, in recognition of his exceptional contributions to promoting research in and public awareness of Canada's defence and security interests, and his dedication to this cause through his outstanding leadership and management of the Conference of Defence associations and its Institute. He was invested into the Order of St. George in 2014.



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Bio: 6516 John Bardsley

I was born in St. Catharines, Ontario, July 27th, 1942. My wife, Anne, a retired military Nursing Officer and Flight Nurse, and I live in Sidney, BC. I am the proud father of two sons, Jeff (and wife Angela) in Ottawa, and Paul who has two sons, Jordan and Tye, living in Brisbane, Australia.

My early education took place in St. Catharines ending with grade 13 at the Collegiate in 1961. During high school I was active in the Army Cadets from 1956 to 1961 and was a member of the rifle team shooting under DCRA rules. In 1960 I did summer training with the Lincoln and Welland Regiment. After graduation from Grade 13 I attended RMC from 1961 to 1963.

After leaving RMC in 1963 I was posted to the RCASC School in Camp Borden and was the Physical Education Officer before finishing my officer training with the OCP programme. I was then posted to the Experimental Brigade Service Battalion in Camp Gagetown, NB where I took my Lt. to Capt exams. Subsequently I was posted to 4 Transport Company in Montreal.

I left the Service in 1966 and enrolled at Queen's University in Kingston and while there belonged to the Prince of Wales's Own Regiment from 1967 to 1971. My original plan was to become a high school physical education teacher, but in order to do so I had to take biology, and was smitten. As a result my BA in 1967 led to a MSc in biology in 1969, and a PhD in parasitology. Half way through the latter I was encouraged to go into Medicine by the Medical Officer of the PWOR, Dr. Dawson Einarson, who was also the Admission's Officer of the Queen's Medical School. Due to overlapping courses between my graduate studies and medicine I was admitted to second year medicine in 1971 and applied for MOTP and was accepted. I obtained a MD in 1974. (During my medical studies I managed to finish my PhD in 1972. The challenge of juggling graduate studies, medical school and being a father proved to be one of the busiest, yet most enjoyable and rewarding times of my life). I finished my initial medical training with an Internship at KGH and the Hotel Dieu in 1974-75.

After finishing a straight surgical internship in 1975 I was posted to CFB Cold Lake as a MO. While there I did Flight Surgeon training at DCIEM in Downsview. While at Cold Lake I completed my Private Pilot's Licence. After Cold Lake I was posted to the Directorate of Preventive Medicine in Ottawa as the Co-ordinating Officer of the Life Quality Improvement Programme. While there I took the governmental French training and was certified bilingual. After DPM I was posted as the Base Medical Officer to CFB Comox. After 2 years in Comox I was selected for specialty training in Public Health and Occupational Medicine at UBC, graduating with a MSc in Health Administration and, after exams, qualifying for Fellowship in the Royal College of Physicians of Canada. Following that I was posted for a second tour in DPM as Staff Officer responsible for the CF Drug and Alcohol Programme. I attended summer school at Rutgers University and received a certificate in Addictions. My final posting was to NDMC as the Staff Physician and Director of both the Emergency Room and Outpatients' Departments.





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Bardsley Bio (Concluded)

After retirement I applied for, and accepted a position as a Medical Health Officer with the Vancouver Health Department. At that time I enrolled in the naval reserve serving as a MO with HMCS Discovery in Vancouver. While with the City, the Workers' Compensation Board (now, Work Safe BC) recruited me as the Director of the Rehabilitation Centre at WCB headquarters in Richmond. I served as the Director for two years and took an opening as a Medical Advisor at the branch office in Victoria where Anne and I wished to retire. We bought a house in North Saanich and eventually ended up in Sidney where we still live. We are both happily retired since the turn of the century.

My pastimes include target shooting with the North Saanich Rod and Gun Club, collecting militaria, keeping abreast of local, national and international politics, and staying as fit and healthy as possible. I am a Life Member of the BC Aviation Museum and the RMC Club. My wife and I are Rotarians and are very active in other charitable causes.



1964/65 Jazz Band