

Class of 65 Newsletter

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Editor's Corner/Coin du rédacteur

My apologies for the hiatus between editions—no reason other than extreme laziness. Anyway, the break has allowed for the accumulation of a number of articles, so, instead of enumerating them all at the start, I will launch right in. First of all, it is my sad duty to note the passing of three classmates: **6657 Dave McCartney**, **6383 Bob Mulvihill** and **6478 Jay Demiany**.

The following updated obituary was posted for Dave:
David McCartney 20 October 1943 - 16 April 2018

Suddenly and surrounded with the love of his family David passed away on Monday April 16th 2018 at the age of 74. Loving husband of Yvonne. Caring and beloved father of Kathleen (Piotr) Krypel. Proud Grampy to his grandsons; Stan and Howie. Remembered and loved by his sister Martha McCartney of Comox, British Columbia and his Brother Stafford (Teresa) McCartney of Nobel Ontario.

There was a Service in Memory of David at Bells Corners United Church (3955 Old Richmond Road, Ottawa) on Wednesday, April 25th at 11am. A reception followed at the Church.

Bob Mulvihill: In Edition 112, we published an encouraging update provided by Bob on his health. Sadly, shortly after providing that welcome news, he lost his battle to cancer and succumbed.

Jay Demiany: In responding to Jim Carruthers' invitation to a class BBQ, Susan Demiany provided the following sad response—*I wanted to let you know that Jay passed away in January. He had been quite ill, but like a true hero, never complained and always tried to make my life easier! Thank you for keeping Jay in the loop all these years - I had always hoped that we could make it up north for one of your parties - I would have loved to meet you all!*

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the families and loved ones of our three departed comrades.



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News About Class of 1965 Gifting and Our Endowment Fund

The following report has been provided by our Class Gifting Committee comprised of **Keith Ambachtsheer, John Adams, Steve Arnold, Charlie Emond, and Mike Houghton.**

Earlier this year, Jim Carruthers informed the Class of 1965 Gifting Committee that he had some very specific gifting ideas. He wanted to act on them quickly and requested that part of the money he had donated to the Class Endowment Fund (plus interest thereon) be shifted to the Carruthers Endowment Fund. Both Funds are managed by the RMC Foundation. Jim left a generous amount of his original contribution to help sustain the Class of 1965 Teaching Excellence Awards and the Class of 1965 Professorship in Leadership, but not any future Class gifting initiatives. After some discussion with Jim, your Gifting Committee decided to support Jim's request and sent the letter below to the Executive Vice President of the Foundation:

*Ms. Nancy Marr
EVP
RMC Foundation*

Dear Nancy,

Classmate Jim Carruthers has requested that a portion of the monies he has over the years contributed to the Class of 1965 Endowment Fund plus the interest thereon be transferred to the Carruthers Endowment Fund. Given the Foundation has no rules covering this kind of request, the Class of 1965 Gifting Committee has discussed how to respond to Jim's request, including the amount to be transferred. A number of factors were discussed, including the size of Jim's contribution to the Class Fund, the need to retain sufficient funds to support the Class of 1965 Teaching Excellence Awards at RMC and CMR and the Class of 1965 Professorship at RMC. Based on these considerations, on behalf of the Class of 1965 Gifting Committee, I request that \$329,000 be transferred from the Class of 1965 Endowment Fund to the Carruthers Fund.

Yours truly,

*6584 Keith Ambachtsheer
Class Representative, Class of 1965*

This transfer reduced the size of the Class of 1965 Endowment Fund from about \$1.25M to about \$925K. As noted in the letter to the Foundation, the remaining monies are sufficient to continue to support the Class of 1965 Teaching Excellence Awards at RMC and CMR and the Class of 1965 Professorship in Leadership in perpetuity. However, the implication is that any third focus for Class of 1965 support for the Colleges would require raising new money. Your Gifting Committee plans to meet at RMC on September 19 to (a) review if the \$amounts of the TEAs should be increased, (b) meet the newly appointed Class of 1965 Professor of Leadership Christian Leuprecht and see how the Class can best support him in the coming years, and (c) to discuss possible third focus areas the Class might want to support, with funding in place by the next Class Reunion in 2020. To that end, we also expect to meet with the Commandant and with the Principal. We will report back to you after our September meeting. Meanwhile, we would be happy to receive any thoughts/suggestions you may have for us.



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Carruthers' Gifting Initiatives

In light of the previous article, **Jim Carruthers** wanted to make it clear that he remained committed to the support of the College and more specifically to RMC cadets both through the Class Endowment Fund and through his own personal fund. Examples of the latter were reported recently in e-veritas and are repeated below.

H6604 Jim Carruthers generous above & beyond

Article by: Peter Reimer – Sports Information Co-ordinator

Thanks to another generous donation from Capt(N) (Ret'd) Jim Carruthers to the RMC Foundation, the RMC rowing club will be hitting the water in some new equipment next season. Three brand new boats were unveiled at a boat christening on Sunday afternoon.

Jim's most recent donation supplied new boats, which have been named in honour of his daughters: Sharon Carruthers, Kerry Carruthers, and the late Kim Carruthers. The Sharon is an 8-person boat, while the Kerry is a 4-person built for sweeping or sculling, and the Kim is for single sculls. Sharon and Kerry were on hand to christen the boats that carry their names, while Jim's grandchildren christened the Kim.

"I see there is boat named after Jim from a donation made a few years ago, and now we have the whole family here," said BGen Sebastien Bouchard, who thanked Jim on behalf of the college. "And since I'm always recruiting, hopefully one of Jim's grandsons or granddaughter will one day come to RMC and row in one of these boats."

In addition to the means for now four boats, Jim's prior donations to the RMC Foundation have also included the money for the rowing club boat trailer.

"We are very thankful to the Carruthers family for their massive support," said OCdt Drew Spinney, outgoing RMC rowing club president. "It has allowed us to compete at the highest level."

For his continued generosity, Rec and IM Manager Elizabeth Gibson and Recreation Coordinator Samantha Linton presented Jim with a plaque on behalf of the RMC Athletic Department.

Notable guests at the christening included current RMC Commandant BGen Bouchard as well as former Commandant Cmdre (Ret'd) Edward Murray.

An alumnus of RMC and Royal Roads, Jim served in the Navy until 1982, when he moved into the private sector as the CEO of the Norpak Corporation—a position he held until retirement in 2006. Jim has held numerous positions of note, including President of the Naval Association of Canada; Director of the RMC Foundation; and President of the RMC Foundation.

Thank you to Jim and the entire Carruthers family for their generosity to RMC, and thank you to the RMC Foundation for the work they do to support the OCdts.



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Carruthers Gifting (Concluded)

Cadets feted @ BoA Gala Dinner

Article by: NCdt Isaac Main 27749

On Thursday 3 May 29 RMC Naval Cadets were provided with the opportunity to attend the BOA GALA held at the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa. The GALA commemorates the Battle of the Atlantic, a WWII naval battle that lasted from September of 1939 to May of 1945.

The longest and arguably most strategic battle of WWII the Battle of the Atlantic saw Allied convoys in a desperate struggle against German U-boats in an attempt to keep Allied supply lines open. Throughout the Battle, 24 Canadian warships were lost with over 2000 sailors, as well as over 70 Canadian merchant vessels with over 1600 merchant mariners. In addition, 752 RCAF airmen were lost.

The BOA GALA is an opportunity to honour those who served in the RCN during the Battle of the Atlantic, as well as those who served during the Korean War. This year, each RMC Naval Cadet was assigned a veteran from one of these two wars to escort for the evening. We had the opportunity to hear their stories, as well as give back to them in some small way. During the dinner, we presented these veterans with specially cast coins as a way to show our appreciation for their sacrifice.

Going to this GALA was a great experience for us all. We were able to meet and speak with many Canadian veterans, as well as with other RCN officers of all ranks. These encounters let us learn not only about our history, but also what we might be doing in the coming years. It was an enriching experience from which we all benefitted greatly. We'd like to thank the Naval Association of Canada for hosting the event and accommodating us, as well as **H6604 Jim Carruthers** for sponsoring our attendance.

H6604 Jim Carruthers, through the RMC Foundation, also generously supports RMC Naval Cadets representation at the Naval Association of Canada Conference and Dinner, presentation of the Carruthers Naval Operations and Technical Officer swords, and by providing funding for equipment purchases for the RMC Rowing Club.



PS: At the same dinner, and in recognition for his long and devoted support to the Royal Canadian Navy as National President of the Naval Association of Canada, Jim was presented with the Admiral's Medal.

BZ Jim.



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Class of 65 Professorship in Leadership

From the *Queen's Alumni Review*, Issue 2, 2018, p.47:

Christian Leuprecht, PhD'03 (Political Studies), has been named to the Royal Military College's Class of 1965 Professorship in Leadership for a period of three years starting in July. He is a professor of political science at RMC and a fellow of the Institute of Intergovernmental Relations and the Centre for International and Defence Policy, both at Queen's.

The following biography extract of Dr. Leuprecht is taken from the Queen's web site.

Christian Leuprecht (Ph.D, Queen's) is Class of 1965 Professor in Leadership, Department of Political Science, Royal Military College, on leave as Matthew Flinders Fellow at Flinders University in South Australia. He is a recipient of RMC's Cowan Prize for Excellence in Research an elected member of the College of New Scholars of the Royal Society of Canada. He is president of the International Sociological Association's Research Committee 01: Armed Forces and Conflict Resolution, Munk Senior Fellow at the Macdonald Laurier Institute and cross-appointed to the Department of Political Studies and the School of Policy Studies at Queen's University where he is also a fellow of the Institute of Intergovernmental Relations and the Queen's Centre for International and Defence Policy. An expert on security and defence, political demography, and comparative federalism and multilevel governance, he is regularly called as an expert witness to testify before committees of Parliament.

His publications have appeared in English, German, French, and Spanish and include nine books and scores of articles that have appeared in *Government Information Quarterly* (2016), *Armed Forces and Society* (2015), *Global Crime* (2015, 2013), the *Canadian Foreign Policy Journal* (2014, Maureen Molot Prize for Best Article), *Canadian Public Administration* (2014), the *Canadian Journal of Political Science* (2018, 2012, 2003), *Regional and Federal Studies* (2012), and *Terrorism and Political Violence* (2018, 2016, 2011). His editorials appear regularly across Canada's national newspapers and he is a frequent commentator in domestic and international media.

From 2015-2018 he held a Governor-in-Council appointment to the governing Council of the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada where he also served on the Executive Committee and as Chair of the Committee on Discovery Research. Since joining RMCC in 2005, he has served as Associate Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Deputy Head of the Department of Political Science and Economics. He is the recipient of the RMCC Commandant's Commendation for Excellence in Service. A long-time proponent of experiential learning, Leuprecht has also been a finalist for RMCC's Teaching Excellence Award and has received honourable mention for the Queen's University Undergraduate Research Mentorship Award (2017).





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Think for Yourself

6632 Don Hansen forwarded the following Staff Message from Carbon High School Yearbook of 1960 written by Vice Principal Bernard T. Fossen—an appropriate message as our grandchildren are all in the process of graduating at some level of school or life.

This message in your Year Book is directed to all students, but on the eve of graduation our thoughts are turned more to those who will not be among us next year. How well have we fitted you for the years ahead? You have been besieged with facts, figures, and formulae for years, but those alone will not suffice for the trials and decisions of the future. Mr. Herbert Morrison had the following notice posted in all the classrooms in the schools of London, England, "The teacher could be wrong, think for yourself." That sums up very nicely what should be the aim of all educational institutions in our way of life. For those who will be leaving home it has a special significance. Future decisions will have to be their own.

We are never entirely free from teachers, though those with whom we come in contact may not think of themselves as such. More and more you will have to "think for yourself." With so many conflicting ideas, ideals, and 'isms' being tossed around today it may be very difficult for you to choose. But consider, you have reached your present place in life through the influence of a certain way of life. That way of life, no doubt, has its imperfections, it is a growing way, it was not dreamed up over night and thrust upon you. The opportunity to assist and improve its growth is yours. Weigh carefully the alternatives offered by others before you throw it overboard. Be not swayed by smooth words and faraway fields - "Think for yourself.".... B.
'Fossen - Vice - Principal. Carbon School

Letters

The following note was sent to **Georges Wilson** by **6411 Raymond Martin**: *Georges: Yes, a reunion would be nice but probably not feasible for "us" Texans. We live literally hundreds of miles apart—Texas is like Canada—BIG !!! If I get down to either place soon, I will contact Jay and Bob. Nice to know that there are now 3 of us here. I had known of Jay many years ago as we met in Houston.*

Thanks for all your hard work. I will be on Kahshe Lake for the summer (near Gravenhurst Ontario). If anyone is near I would like to hear from them. If by chance, I get to Ottawa I will contact Mike Braham.

(Ed Note: Sadly, the meeting with Jay Demiany will no longer be possible. Our class representation in Texas has been reduced to two.)



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Letters (Concluded)

The following is a note sent from **6343 Ian Wilson** to **6339 Phil Bury**.

Dear Phil and colleagues

Good morning and greetings from the distant past! You may recall me in Cartier Squadron for prep and first year before I opted out and went to study history at Queen's, followed by a career in archives and libraries. Ken (Eyre) of course stayed in to graduate and then went on to do a graduate degree also in history. We shared common interests back then and when I married in 1964 he was my best man. We lost touch but I remember him with appreciation and great respect for his academic abilities and his commitment to Canada.

This initiative strikes me as highly appropriate. The decision to donate Ken's books for continued use at the Cdn Forces Quality Engineering Test Establishment is inspired. I would very much like to be there for the event on 15 May but I am still gainfully employed at considerable distance from Gatineau. I would, though, like to be part of this initiative. I note the plan to place a suitable plaque. I am not sure what format you have in mind but if some additional funds would enhance it, with a photo of Ken and a brief biographical sketch, I would be glad to contribute. Or, is there some special reference book that the staff of the small arms lab would like to have conveniently at hand that would supplement Ken's library? I would be willing to see if we could locate a copy and donate it in memory of Ken on behalf of his classmates at CMR. We cannot do this by the 15th but it can follow if the staff at the lab have any advice as I do not know what is available in this

5th Annual Bridging Lunch

The 5th Annual "Bridging" Lunch, bringing together classmates from the Montreal and Ottawa areas was held on Thursday, 14 June at Stephanie's Restaurant in Hawkesbury, ON. As usual there was a good turnout, good food, and an excellent exchange of information in three languages—French, English and Franglais. Representing the Ottawa team were, **6364 Mike Braham, 6339 Phil Bury, 6602 Jim Cale, 6604 Jim Carruthers, 6523 Terry Colfer, 6612 Bruce Corbett, 6350 Bob Doak, 6446 Charlie Emond, 6540 John Hilton, 6362 Peter Jackson, 6385 Andre Maheu, 6719 Michel Matte, 6349 Alain Pellerin (and spouse), 6488 Terry Pyne, and 6469 Don Stephenson**. Making the trek from the Montreal region were, **6490 Ben Besner, 6402 Jean Bigaouette, 6370 Jean-Louis Bolduc, 6340 Larry Curran, 6716 Lionel Hervieux, 6486 Ed Kingsbury, 6381 Marius Lavoie, 6399 Gerald Raby, 6417 Barry Thompson, and 6345 Georges Wilson**.

Hope this mini-tradition carries on next year and that more classmates from the two regions choose to join us. On the next page are a couple of photos taken at the event.



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Bridging Lunch—Photos



Closing Note

That's it for now. Hope everyone has a good summer. Happy Canada Day!