

# Class of 65 Newsletter

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### **Editor's Corner/Coin du rédacteur**

We seem to have collected a number of interesting and varied topics for this edition so I have decided to skip my usual superfluous introduction and to dig right in.

### **On the Road Again, Part 2**

In # 122 we reported on Terry and Lynn Colfer's cross-country trek to Vancouver. The following is a photo of a posh resort they stayed at somewhere in the Prairies.





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### Remembering Paul Kervin

**6706 Dick Wright** wrote in the following, *“The article about motorcycles reminds me of our classmate 6365 Paul Kervin. We got to know him very well in 1967 when there was a Military Tattoo, and a show was performed in Ottawa that year. Paul was a star and drove his motorcycle through a ring of fire, to a lot of acclaim. He was a good friend and quite a guy who died in a tragic automobile accident in Halifax in 1968. We remember him well.”*

### Kudos to a Classmate

The following is an extract from an article by Kathy Kenny Y. Ngo in the 10 September 2019 edition of Vanguard magazine,

*“Back in February of this year, Lockheed Martin Canada was awarded the contract for the design of Canada’s future warships and to provide the combat management system for the Canadian Surface Combatant (CSC.) A naval success story for a company that is 30 years in the making.*

*In 1983, Lockheed Martin Canada was contracted as the combat system integrator for the [Halifax-class frigates](#), with pioneering technology that would give operators an unprecedented situational awareness of the tactical environment and control to maximize warfighting effectiveness. The foundation of this revolutionary concept was spearheaded by **Dr. Jim Carruthers**, a young naval officer.*

*Carruthers created a serial data bus that connected and operated a set of nodes that opened doors to bring multiple capabilities together as one cohesive system. This became the foundation of the system that would place Canadian ships amongst the best in their class at that time. This legacy system served the RCN well for over two decades.”*

BZ Jim



HMCS Calgary



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### Two Generations at RMC by 6602 Jim Cale

On the weekend of 13 and 14 September I had the pleasure of watching my Grandson complete the Obstacle Course and become a member of the Cadet Wing after the Badging Ceremony.



**6602 Jim Cale, Class of 1965 and 29274 Zachary Cale, Class of 2023**

I don't know if other class members have had a child or grandchild enter the college, but for me it was a very proud moment. I would have been happy no matter where Zachary went but was definitely pleased that he chose RMC of his own accord. I had hoped and planned to badge Zach, but unfortunately "logistics" got in the way and I was not able to be the one to present him with his RMC Badge. As well as being my Grandson, Zach has a further connection with our class, being the recipient of the Captain John Bart Leadership Award. The great thing about this award is that it is determined by a vote of his peers after the Obstacle Course.

Zach is studying Civil Engineering. He wanted to go into the Infantry but instead was assigned to the Royal Canadian Artillery. His choice of Army breaks a run of 3 generations of family background in three different Navies. My father was a signalman in the Royal Navy before the war, I was in the Royal Canadian Navy and my son (Zach's Dad) was an Airframe Technician in the United States Navy. Nevertheless we all hope that Zach will have a great future at RMC and in the Artillery and look forward to seeing him from time to time in Kingston over the next four years.



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### Two Generations at RMC (Concluded)

The two days that I spent there with Zach and the rest of my immediate family, meeting old friends and shipmates, some of our seniors and of course Copious who was busy selling our Royal Roads story was quite memorable. It seems easy to look back over 50+ years to when we completed the Obstacle Course, but Gerry Stowe put it in perspective in his remarks at the parade that the new class of cadets will be presenting badges to recruits in 2069!

I am definitely looking forward to our 55<sup>th</sup> next year and hope to see all of you there.

*In a nice postscript to this story, Zachary was also this year's recipient of the John Bart Leadership Award as the First Year cadet demonstrating the highest level of leadership during the annual obstacle race. He is seen here receiving the award from John's widow, Mary with the Commandant looking on.*



Congratulations Zachary and best of luck in the future!



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### 2019 TEA Presentation

This year's winner of the Class of 65 Teaching Excellence Award is Dr. Jing Gai, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science. The title of the acceptance presentation is "Math is Fun. Sometimes". It will be held in Currie Hall at 1900 on Monday 28 October 2019. Members of the Class of 65 are encouraged to attend if possible.

### Class of 65 Professorship in Leadership: Preliminary Annual Report

Dr Christian Leuprecht provided the following preliminary outline of his recent activities in fulfilment of his responsibilities of the professorship:

23-24 Oct I'll be in Ottawa for <https://www.serene-risc.ca/en/events/workshops/2019-serene-risc-workshop> where I'll be organizing a panel. I could probably find time for lunch 22 Oct, if that were of interest.

You saw my recent OpEd in the G&M? <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/article-if-jihadi-jack-comes-home-canada-only-has-itself-to-blame/> There's another one forthcoming shortly.

I also made The National a couple of times in August, had a fair bit of media presence on firearms, NORAD, and the reservist in Winnipeg who made the news. I also have a host of publications I could share with you – just to make sure you know that you're getting good value for money. I was also successful at securing a \$1.65 million NSERC (Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada) CREATE grant (with colleagues in comp sci and engineering) to stand up Canada's first graduate program in cybersecurity between Queen's and RMC along with a SSHRC (Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada) Insight Grant (with a colleague in the law school at Queen's) on Money Laundering, and a smaller grant from National Defence for a workshop on the enhanced Forward Presence across the Baltics and Poland.

I also have quite a few publication and/or page proofs of upcoming articles to share with you.

*Ed Note: It would appear that Dr. Leuprecht is taking good advantage of this Class of 65 initiative. Follow-up will be provided when made available.*





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### A Close Call—The Sequel By 6660 Waine McQuinn

In Newsletter #17 in July 2009, I wrote a piece entitled “Close Call” describing how in Jan 1966, myself and my gun crew narrowly escaped an avalanche while on avalanche control duty at Roger’s Pass, BC. Tragically, two Park employees died within fifty metres of us as they were trapped in their machines while clearing away an earlier avalanche.

I concluded the article with the following forecast:

*“This rekindled interest in my Close Call may lead to a trip out west in the next year during which I will stop to research the archives of the Calgary Herald Tribune, to see if there are any ancient reports of the Roger’s Pass avalanche of 1966. I would also like to visit the actual location. My memory of the incident is so vivid that I am certain I could find old rusted parts of my vehicle still clinging to that rock face. The trip may be the material for a future article.”*

Not sure if I have been super busy or am a super procrastinator (a bit of both), but it took 10 years before I was standing this summer on the site of this tragedy.

Roger’s Pass is located in Glacier National Park at the summit of the Trans Canada Highway. Park Headquarters are located there as is the National Parks Avalanche Control Research Headquarters and the artillery’s Avalanche Control centre.

Taking advantage of a visit to our son and his wife who had relocated to Kelowna BC last year, my wife Nellie and I made a ‘day trip’ visit to Rogers Pass. There are numerous YouTube Roger’s Pass videos which clearly show the power and unpredictability of avalanches and the operations of the artillery teams attempting to control them. Nevertheless it was still a bit eerie and emotional intended surface route over Roger’s Pass.

The highlight for me at the Discovery Centre was an excellent video showing the winter operations of the Park’s Canada Avalanche Control Program, prominently featuring live operation of the RCHA artillery’s avalanche shooting operations. The video was shot a few years after my time at Roger’s Pass so I missed the chance to be a star. The video also included reports on some of the fatal avalanches in Roger’s Pass. Unfortunately the death of the two machine operators in January 1966 was not included. More disturbing was the fact that the historical interpreter at the museum had no knowledge of the tragedy which took place a few hundred metres from where we were standing. Fortunately I have discovered a technical and sterile National Research Council report on the Jan 1966 avalanche.

With regard to finding remnants of my ‘deuce and a half’ destroyed by the avalanche, I naively forgot what 50 yrs of reforestation could do to my plans. I would have to ‘clear cut’ an acre or two of new forest to achieve my objective. Needless to say, that plan is no more.

In 2011 Parks Canada and the Canadian Armed Forces celebrated 50 yrs of cooperation at Roger’s Pass. They established a commemorative site near another commemoration celebrating the construction of the Trans-Canada Highway through Roger’s Pass. The Army’s contribution was a permanent exhibit of a 105mm howitzer which unwittingly is within two hundred metres of the 1966 tragedy.

It was emotional to see the beauty of Roger’s Pass in one direction and then stare at the threatening and deadly slopes of Mount McDonald in the other.



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### The Sequel (Continued)



Thanks to massive investments and brilliant civil engineering, the roads through this mountainous stretch between Revelstoke and Golden BC continue to be widened and modernized. No one should shy from visiting this magnificent part of Canada.

With regard to my quixotic quest to garner some recognition for the two Park employees killed in Jan 1966, I may have discovered a possible ally at the Calgary Herald. With our oldest son, wife and our only grandson recently settled in Regina, we have already scoped out a road trip through Western Canada next summer, naturally including Calgary.

Therefore stay tuned, there may be a sequel to the sequel.

### Military Support to Fisheries Enforcement Has a Long History

By 6158 Jim Astley

Jim Carruthers tweeted a link to "*U.S. Coast Guard Targets Illegal Fishing in International Waters*" at <https://maritime-executive.com/article/u-s-coast-guard-targets-illegal-fishing-in-international-waters> discussing co-operation between the USCG and Fisheries Canada.

That reminded me of an incident I was part of in the '70s.

I was captain of an Argus on patrol in the Atlantic. We were directed to make haste to the Gulf of St Lawrence to investigate reported illegal fishing. We proceeded at max continuous, with the Argus roaring and shaking at 260 knots and arriving about 2 PM.

On arrival we found three Pescamex trawlers with nets in the water. We were told to monitor them while a vessel was dispatched to intercept.

We droned around them for 9 hours. They took no notice of us, continuing to fish. Apparently they did not work out the implications of the continuous presence of a military patrol plane overhead .

A Tribal class destroyer (don't remember which one) was sent from Halifax, and with our vectors was approaching in the dark at over 25 knots. As the Tribal appeared over the radar horizon the fishermen hastily dropped their nets and futilely attempted to flee. We in the Argus had good chuckles over their sudden



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### Fishery Enforcement (Concluded

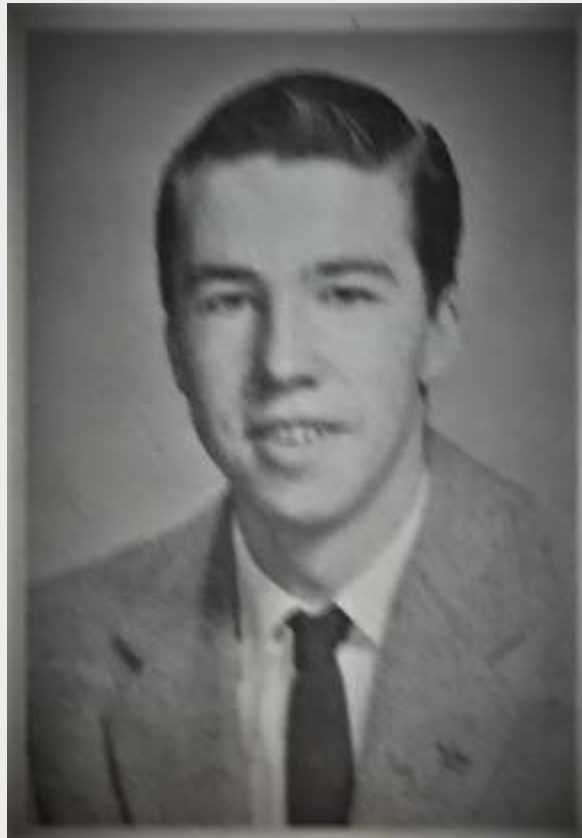
awakening and panic.

We watched as the Tribal forced them to hove to and be boarded.

As we were then running down our fuel (an Argus can patrol for 24 hours or more, but our high speed transit used 4 hours of cruise fuel per hour for a speed increase of only 50%), we departed at that point. My understanding is that the Tribal escorted the Mexican fishermen to port to be arrested.

### Classmate Found and Lost

Our super-sleuth who wishes to remain anonymous has tracked down another long lost Classmate, **6462 Cameron (Cam) Macauley**. Unfortunately, he has discovered that Cam died a few years ago. Cam was from Duncan, BC and was my very first room-mate in 15 Flight Maisonneuve Squadron in Prep Year at CMR. He was not very comfortable in the CMR environment and left early in that initial year.







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### Obituary 6368 Hugh Landerkin

The following obituary of Classmate, Hugh Landerkin appeared in e-veritas 33:



#### **LANDERKIN, Honourable Judge Hugh Fowler, Q.C.**

**August 19, 1943 - September 23, 2019**

The Honourable Judge (retired) Hugh Fowler Landerkin, Q.C. died in North Saanich, B.C. on September 23, 2019 when his long ailing ticker finally gave out.

Hugh was born on August 19, 1943 in Ottawa, Ontario, the son of Bruce and Doris Landerkin. Hugh is survived by his brother Carl Landerkin; niece Tracey Landerkin; sister Leslie Landerkin Bell and his many friends and colleagues around the world.

Hugh was a proud Canadian; avid outdoorsman (sailor, fisherman, skier, hunter, golfer); art collector; traveler; lawyer; judge; teacher; foodie; gardener and talker. Hugh received his education from Glebe Collegiate Institute (Ottawa); Le Collège Militaire Royale de St-Jean (Quebec); Carleton University (BA, Ottawa), and Queen's University (LLB, Kingston).

After university he heeded Horace Greeley's advice of "Go west, young man" and arrived in Calgary in the spring of 1967 where he started the practice of family law, first with Vallance & Company and then as one of four founding partners of Landerkin Dunphy (now Dunphy Best Blocksom LLP). As a family law practitioner, he was a very early adopter of alternative dispute resolution ("ADR"), promoting both mediation and arbitration. In addition to being recognized as an outstanding family law lawyer and an early leader in ADR, he served as an elected benchor for the Law Society of Alberta for three terms; was on the Executive Branch of the Calgary Bar Association, including acting as President; was chair of the Alberta Law Foundation and was the founding President of the Canadian Research Institute for Law and the Family. In 1988, after 20 years of successful family law practice, he was appointed as a Judge to the Calgary Provincial Court of Alberta, Family & Youth Division. In 1997 while serving as a Judge, he earned his Masters of Judicial Studies Degree from the University of Nevada in Reno where his thesis was Judicial Dispute Resolution ("JDR"). He was instrumental in implementing JDR's to help families long before it became an accepted practice across Canada.

After the "big one" in late 1994, his health gradually deteriorated. He eventually retired from judging and in 2000, headed further west to the Saanich Peninsula in B.C., where he remained happily until his passing. It was there that he started his third career in law as a teacher and mentor. He served as a faculty member at Royal Roads University in Victoria and the University of Victoria law school (teaching mediation and conflict resolution "Best Practice Skills"). He also loved teaching ADR internationally in Australia, Thailand, Venezuela, Fiji and Abu Dhabi. In Hugh's own words: "Not bad for a disabled gent, who proved that disabled doesn't mean unable. I got to travel the world! Just very, very slowly".

Hugh was proud of his awards including Queens Counsel in 1980; the 2002 Queen Elizabeth "Golden Jubilee Award in recognition of his Distinguished Contribution to Public Service"; the 2005 Alberta Centennial Medal in "Recognition of his Contribution to the Community and Alberta" and the 2018 Sovereign Medal for Volunteerism from the Governor General of Canada in recognition of his "10 years of dedication, commitment and service to Royal Roads University re: Non-Adversarial Justice Constructs in Canada and Abroad". In March 2019, the Honourable Chief Justice Catherine Fraser wrote to Hugh suggesting that his good deeds were so numerous that "You are going to Heaven for sure!" We know he is there and that heaven is now a "chattier" place.

One of Hugh's favourite quote's from Ralph Waldo Emerson was: "Do not go where the path may lead; go instead where there is no path and leave a trail". To honour Hugh, please make your own trail and think of him. Hugh requested that there be no funeral formalities, but instead a sprinkling of his ashes in a favorite B.C. bay, and a later gathering of family, friends and colleagues in both B.C. and Alberta to imbibe and share an Irish drink. Details of both gatherings will be announced in the future.



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### 2020 Reunion

The 2019 Reunion weekend is now complete and it is time to turn our attention to next year's event, scheduled for 17-20 September 2020. This will be an important milestone for the Class of 65 as we celebrate our 55<sup>th</sup> year since graduation. Realistically, it will likely be the last time that we can expect a large class turn-out at one of these notable gatherings, so it is hoped that it will be a memorable occasion with a good representation from the Class of 65.

I know it is early to be thinking that far ahead, but planning has already started to book appropriate facilities for Class events and to block off accommodations. Details will follow over the next few months .



### EASTERN CANADIAN HARRIERS CHAMPIONS

REAR: Gibbons JG, Williams CN, Pellerin MA, McCreary WP, Ewan JM.  
CENTRE: Hamilton HJ, Chisholm JE, Watson JA, Brown RJ, Aikman WR.  
FRONT: Sgt AJ Vondette (Coach), Mogan BR, A/C LJ Birehall (Commandant), Carswell JG (Captain), Dr. J McAdam (Chairman).  
ABSENT: Tyrrell CJ, Keefer BG.