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Editor's Corner/Coin du rédacteur

Just a few odds and ends this month, primarily associated with the reunion. But first, and more important is a belated health update provided by **Ed Sanford** - kind of a good news, bad news story, but one, given Ed's strength of character that will certainly end well. Stick to it Ed, our thoughts are with you.

Sitrep by 6568 Ed Sanford

Well, wonder of wonders!! Oncologist said I was in remission and to bugger off and see her again in three months. Yahoo!

Unfortunately there is still another small problem, along with losing my driver's license, which I hopefully will get back within the next year. Apparently, last August I took some sort of test and my heart efficiency was 52%. Of course nobody told me! Now the cardiologist tells me they did the same test recently and the efficiency is currently 35%. Jesus Christ, what next? I think somebody is trying to bump me off!

I rented a big cottage on the Ottawa River next week and the kids and their families are going to join me. Leave this Sun and will come back next Sun Jul 26th. Then they're going to put a heart monitor on me for a couple of days, kill me for a while, then electrocute me to restart the heart. Sounds like great fun! Maybe I'll see the famous bright light, have an out-of-body experience or see JC and the boys for a while. Don't what the hell that all has to do with making my heart more efficient but I suppose somebody knows what they're doing. Wish me luck.

Hope to see you again soon before I croak.



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Reunion Dress Guidelines - 6439 Hugh Spence

Ed Note: Several classmates have asked about the dress guidelines for certain events at the upcoming Reunion. Our Class Secretary and irrefutable source on all such matters has provided the following unexpurgated explanation.

If you've missed all the previous notices about suggested dress in September, (or just feckin' forgotten,) then you should sit up and pay attention to the following:

Dress guidelines

Class-specific functions: The Friday Meet & Greet is a casual cocktail party, so wear whatever you feel comfortable in, realizing the venue is an Officers' Mess, not a gymnasium. There is no formal dress requirement for the Saturday post-parade lunch (in the same Mess), but one would expect the men would be wearing the normal Saturday morning parade audience dress for Old Brigaders like us: blazer with medals and "flannels", Old Brigade tie, and beret (not worn indoors of course.) If you don't have any of these sartorial bits, they won't kick you off the parade square (or out of the Mess), but you might have to park your bum in the bleachers as opposed to the Olde Fartes comfy armchairs in the front rows. Clue: sit in the shadow of a classmate who's wearing the appropriate rig of the day.

Other ex-cadet events: The Legacy Dinner Thursday night and the Old Brigade Dinner on Saturday night urge black tie (tux/mess kit) for men, with medal miniatures, except anyone with a blazer and Old Brigade tie is quite welcome at these or indeed any event sponsored by the Club. There are no special dress requirements for any other Club functions, and a blazer with OB tie will get you into anything.

We have nobody in the Class left in active service, but any Honorary Colonels and the like would greatly honour us if they came in uniform, mess kit, parade or ceremonial, as appropriate.



We all are members of the Old Brigade, so as we swan about the campus, we should at least wear the beret (don't forget the Class badge), and the OB tie. These items plus a blue or black blazer (badged or not) with medals are de rigeur for attending the Saturday wing parade and the Sunday parade to the Arch. It is important for the latter event that we all appear "uniform", but if it's a bit "damp" there may be a variety of coloured raincoats in evidence and so the tie and beret are the only important duds.

FYI: the 2010 "65" beret badge (seen here worn by Jacques Marcotte) was difficult to keep attached to the cap, so a Mark I Mod II is in the works. Please see me on campus or at the Delta anytime from Friday on if you'd like a new one.



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A Final Plea by 6533 Gord Forbes

Okay, let's try this one more time (the last, I promise). So far I have got generally positive feedback to my suggestion for a book about our class's experience over the last fifty years in the context of world events. However, I have not heard from nearly enough classmates to come anywhere near critical mass, which I have defined as at least 40 contributors. There are currently 15.

I have said that I would publish a questionnaire identifying the kind of things I would like your contribution to reflect, and here is a first cut at such a questionnaire.

Background

Where from, military brat, why military, why RMC?

MilCol experience

First impressions, activities, most memorable moment, personalities, memorable professors, courses and degree?

After graduation

First posting, post graduate, early years in military or civilian life, foreign postings (civilian or military), most memorable posting/job, dream job/posting you never got, best job you ever had

You and History (most important part)

Where were you when – Expo 67, Montreal Olympics, Calgary Winter Olympics, Vancouver Winter Olympics, Viet Nam, Quebec crisis, fall of USSR, Berlin Wall, 1st Gulf War, Iraq, Balkan Wars, Afghanistan, any other Canadian/world event of the past 50 years

What was your part in any of the above events?

Post military

When did you leave military, civilian jobs, what are you doing now, hobbies/interests.

Etc.

Any other experience or story you think would be a good addition to this book.

There you have the outline of what I think we can accomplish. If you are interested in contributing to the book, please let me know. Things that you may take for granted or think is not important enough can often turn out to add a significant amount when put in writing within a larger context, so don't be hesitant or afraid to take part. I will take contributions verbally (phone or live interview if I can get to you in/from Ottawa) or in writing (e-mail, letter, attachment).

Right now, I just need to know if you are interested in taking part. You can contact me at the e-mail address hmskootenay@gail.com or by phone at 613 830-1960. A final decision on the book will be made at Ex-cadet Weekend.



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In a Class of its Own by M0572 Barbara Maisonneuve

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[This is a tongue-in-cheek article about the Class of '65. The author would like to go on record saying that she has the utmost respect and admiration for all its members.]

What makes the Class of '65 so special?

Every class has its superstars and almost all have everyday heroes. Among the movers and shakers of this country, you needn't look far to find alumni of our military colleges: generals and astronauts, business leaders and politicians, we have them all.

But the Class of '65 ... well, they're different. They seem hell bent on taking over the world.

This year they will celebrate the 50th anniversary of their graduation from RMCC. They show little sign of slowing down as they approach this milestone; on the contrary, three of their members now hold the top positions in the three institutions that most influence today's military colleges.

RMC Foundation President, 6604 Jim Carruthers: More scoundrel than statesman. Before Kennedy was shot or the Beatles came across the pond, Jim began his illustrious career at Royal Roads Military College and his heart has been made of oak ever since. After a successful career in the navy, he was CEO of Norpak Corporation and a true pioneer of Combat Systems development. One of the biggest individual donors to the RMC Foundation, he has provided scholarships for kids from his hometown of Drumheller, Alberta, and ensured that all naval cadets who pass through RMCC are well schooled on what it means to sail the high seas. As President of the Foundation, his mission is definitely not to make life easy for the commandants and principals of our two military colleges. He keeps everyone on their toes as he secures funds, and cajoles classes into contributing to the enhancement of excellence.

RMC Club President 6440 Tony Goode: Arriving from Toronto at Collège militaire royal, young Tony Goode wasn't prepared for the culture shock. Here, it wasn't Cuba and the civil rights movement making headlines. Québec's *Révolution tranquille* had begun and the terrorists known as the FLQ "were blowing things up and killing people." A baptism by fire for these young cadets.

Another sailor, Tony served for more than 30 years and commanded four ships: Training Group Pacific, a Destroyer Squadron and, most notably, Royal Roads Military College. Now he is President of the Royal Military Colleges Club of Canada, whose history dates back to 1884 and whose mandate has changed very little: to bring together members for mutual benefit and support; to encourage and maintain that camaraderie which has always existed at the colleges; and to advance the welfare of its members, the cadets, and the Canadian military colleges.

Finally, and with a much needed breath of light blue air: 6014 Fred Sutherland, Chairman of the ever-present and all-powerful Board of Governors for the Royal Military College of Canada. The *raison d'être* of this organization is to, among other things, provide advice to the Minister of National Defence on matters relating to RMCC, and approve the academic program on behalf of the Minister. The Board also reviews and assists in the development of the strategic direction of RMCC; a significant and influential body to be sure. Fred's military career also began in *la belle province*, where he took his time mastering organic chemistry at CMR before



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moving onto RMC in Kingston. His time in the RCAF spanned several decades and included 3,500 hours of flying time in jet trainers and fighters, command of Canada's Air Force, and his final appointment as Vice Chief of the Defence Staff.

These three are merely the tip of the iceberg in terms of successful and influential members of this Class of '65. There is no more room to tout individual accomplishments here but their successes are legendary: Past President of CDAI, creator of the Pension Revolution and of Canadian ShareOwner Investments, Inc., directors of the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires and the RMC Saint-Jean Board of Governors. The Class produced an ambassador, at least two published authors, commandants of all three military colleges, and the only person to have ever commanded two different military colleges.

Individual achievements rank second only to the generosity of this super class. They rank second in overall lifetime giving to the RMC Foundation. Their gifts focus on learning and teaching excellence. Plans for the future Class of '65 Centre for Innovation in Teaching and Learning are well underway and you can bet on another huge success.

The Class of '65 has raised the bar extremely high, but it's time for another class to challenge this pre-eminent group. Who will it be? The Classes of the '70s — next up for entry into the Old Brigade — are you ready to pick up the gauntlet? How about a class from the '80s? You sent one of yours into space, surely you could manage a counter-offensive to this rogues gallery from '65? Perhaps my own Class of '90 — celebrating 25 years in September — it's never too early to plan. After all, we have among our ranks a top gun, an Olympic athlete, the first female commandant of a military college, and the best brewmaster in the Muskokas....

Beware, Class of '65, somebody's comin' for you....

[Ce qui suit est un article amusant sur la promotion de 1965. L'auteure désire préciser qu'elle a le plus grand respect et admiration pour tous les membres de cette promotion.]

Qu'est-ce qui rend la promotion de 1965 si spéciale?

Toutes les promotions ont leurs étoiles filantes, et presque toutes ont aussi des héros de tous les jours. Il n'est pas nécessaire de chercher très loin pour trouver des anciens des collèges militaires : des généraux, des astronautes, des chefs d'entreprise et des politiciens, on trouve de tout.

Mais la promotion de 1965 se démarque des autres : elle semble avoir pour but de dominer le monde entier.

Cette année, les membres de cette promotion célébreront le 50^e anniversaire de leur remise des diplômes du CMRC. Ils ne semblent pas vouloir ralentir à l'approche de ce jalon; au contraire, trois membres de cette promotion sont aujourd'hui à la tête des trois plus influentes institutions des collèges militaires actuels.



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Une Promotion Spéciale (continué)

Le président de la Fondation des CMR, 6604 Jim Carruthers – Un chenapan plutôt qu’homme d’État. Avant la mort de Kennedy et avant que les Beatles ne donnent un spectacle en sol américain, Jim a entamé son illustre carrière au collège militaire de Royal Roads et son cœur n’a cessé d’appartenir à la marine depuis lors. Après une belle carrière dans la Marine royale canadienne, il est devenu PDG de Norpak Corporation et un véritable pionnier du développement des systèmes de combat intégrés de la Marine. Jim est l’un des plus généreux donateurs particuliers de la Fondation des CMR; il fournit des bourses aux jeunes de sa ville natale de Drumheller, en Alberta, et s’assure que tous les élofs du CMRC reçoivent une bonne éducation sur les tenants et aboutissants de la Marine. En tant que président de la Fondation, sa mission n’est sûrement pas de faciliter la vie des commandants et recteurs des deux collèges militaires. Il tient tout le monde sur le qui-vive alors qu’il recueille des fonds et persuade les différentes promotions d’anciens de contribuer à enrichir l’excellence.

Le Président du Club des CMR, 6440 Tony Goode – Venant de Toronto, le jeune Tony n’était pas prêt à encaisser le choc culturel lors de son arrivée au Collège militaire royal de Saint-Jean : ce n’était ni Cuba ni le mouvement pour les droits civiques qui faisaient la manchette des journaux. Au Québec, la révolution tranquille avait commencé, et les membres du FLQ, agissant comme des terroristes, posaient des explosifs et tuaient des gens. C’était un vrai baptême de feu pour les jeunes élofs.

Marin lui aussi, Tony a porté l’uniforme de la MRC pendant 30 ans et commandé quatre « navires » : le groupe d’instruction du Pacifique, un escadron de contre-torpilleurs et, tout particulièrement, le collège militaire de Royal Roads. Il est actuellement président du Club des CMR, qui a été fondé en 1884 et dont le mandat a très peu évolué : rallier les membres du Club afin d’accroître le soutien et les avantages mutuels; favoriser et maintenir la camaraderie propre aux collèges; et promouvoir les intérêts des membres, des élèves-officiers et des collèges militaires du Canada

Enfin, ajoutant un peu de bleu pâle à tout ce bleu marine, mentionnons 6014 Fred Sutherland, le président du puissant et omniprésent Conseil des gouverneurs du Collège militaire royal du Canada. Le Conseil a notamment pour raison d’être de conseiller le ministre de la Défense nationale sur les questions touchant le CMRC et d’approuver les programmes d’études au nom du ministre. En outre, il examine et appuie le développement de l’orientation stratégique du CMRC; il est donc très influent. La carrière militaire de Fred a elle aussi débuté dans la « belle province », et il a pris le temps de bien maîtriser la chimie organique au CMR Saint-Jean avant de finir ses études au RMC à Kingston. Il a passé plusieurs dizaines d’années au sein de l’Aviation royale canadienne, accumulant plus de 3 500 heures de vol en chasseurs et avions d’entraînement à réaction et occupant le poste de commandement de la Force aérienne du Canada et finalement celui de vice-chef d’état-major de la Défense.

Ces trois noms n’illustrent qu’une petite partie des réussites enregistrées par les membres de la promotion de 1965. Faute d’espace, on ne peut tous les décrire ici, mais les succès sont évidents : ancien président de l’Institut de la CAD, créateur de la révolution des pensions et fondateur de Canadian ShareOwner Investments, Inc., directeurs du Corps canadien des Commissionnaires et du Conseil des gouverneurs du CMR Saint-Jean. La promotion de 1965 compte en outre un ambassadeur, au moins deux auteurs, des commandants des trois collèges militaires, et la seule personne ayant été le commandant de deux collèges militaires différents.

Les succès personnels sont cependant surclassés par la générosité de cette « super-promotion » qui se classe



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au deuxième rang pour ce qui est des dons cumulatifs à la Fondation des CMR. Ces dons visent l'excellence en enseignement et en apprentissage. Les plans du futur « Centre d'innovation en enseignement et apprentissage de la Promotion de 1965 » sont bien amorcés et seront sans aucun doute couronnés d'un immense succès.

La promotion de 1965 a mis la barre très haut, mais il est temps qu'une autre promotion les défie. Laquelle? Les promotions des années 1970 sont les prochaines à rejoindre la Vieille Brigade; sont-elles prêtes à relever le défi? Ou alors une promotion des années 1980? Un des membres a conquis l'espace; une des promotions pourrait sans doute défier ces vieux de 1965? Et pourquoi pas ma propre promotion de 1990, qui célébrera 25 ans en septembre? Il n'est jamais trop tôt pour planifier. Après tout, nous comptons un haut gradé, une athlète olympique, la première femme commandant d'un collège militaire, et le meilleur brasseur de bière des Muskokas...

Attention à vous, promotion de 1965, quelqu'un va chercher à vous battre...

6513 John Bart & 7076 John van Haastrecht Memorial Golf Tournament

Ed Note: The following is a summary of the official invitation that most of you will have already seen.

This tournament, a reinvigoration of the RMC Toronto Golf Tournament that recognises two fallen comrades who gave generously to the RMC Foundation will be held on Monday, 24 August at The Country Club, 20 Lloyd Street, Woodbridge, Ontario, L4L 2B9 with Registration starting at 0730 and a shotgun start at 0830.

Registration fee is a suggested donation of \$200 to be split evenly between the RMC Foundation and the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre for Cancer Research. The fee will include golf, lunch and prizes. Please note that the Registration Date has been extended to 19 August. Those who have not yet registered but who are interested in doing so, should contact 22350 Nick Desjardins at NDesjardins@cansofunds.com.

Ottawa Area Class Lunch

A good crowd of Ottawa-area classmates gathered on July 27th for lunch at D'Arcy McGee's Restaurant in Kanata. In attendance were **Jim Carruthers, John Hilton, Vil Auns, Hugh Spence, Gord Diamond, John Adams, Mike Houghton, Wayne McQuinn, Alain Pellerin, Cordell Lukey, Quiller Graham, Ernie Cable and Jim Humphry.**



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Réunion des Anciens CMR St-Jean Septembre 2015/
Ex-cadets Reunion CMR St-Jean September 2015

Cher membre de la classe de CMR60,

Vous êtes cordialement invité à célébrer le 55^{ième} anniversaire de l'entrée de la classe de 1960 au CMR de Saint-Jean. Les activités planifiées pour la Réunion des Anciens nous offrent une occasion de plus pour maintenir et renouer les liens d'amitiés qui se sont tissés au Collège à l'époque et depuis.

Les activités régulières de la Fin de semaine des retrouvailles auront lieu les 11 et 12 septembre 2015. Vous êtes donc invité à rencontrer informellement vos confrères de notre classe entrée au CMR en 1960, pour le DMCV le vendredi, 11 septembre 2015 (16h30 à 22h00) au Pavillon Dextraze du CMR Saint-Jean et, nous le souhaitons, soit comme participant ou spectateur, à participer à la parade des membres de la "Vielle Brigade" qui aura lieu le samedi, 12 septembre à 9h30 suivie d'un léger gouter à 12h00.

Voici la [liste d'activités](#) de la fin de semaine des retrouvailles 2015. [Enregistrez-vous](#) dès maintenant.

Au plaisir de vous revoir,

Charlie Emond

Dear CMR60 classmate,

You are cordially invited to celebrate the 55th anniversary of the class of 1960's entry to CMR Saint-Jean. The activities planned for the Ex-cadet weekend at CMR St-Jean offer yet one more opportunity to maintain and renew the links forged during our years at the College and since.

The normal 2015 Ex-cadet activities will take place on September 11 and 12. You can join other members of our Entry Class, CMR60, at the TGIF on Friday, 11 September 2015 from 4:30 pm to 10:00 pm at the Dextraze Pavilion, CMR Saint-Jean, where many traditionally meet informally, and, we hope you will be interested in attending, either as a participant or a spectator, the parading of the "Old Brigade" to be held on Saturday, 12 September 2015 at 9:30 am, followed by a light lunch at noon.

For more details, please visit our [activities list](#) that includes the Obstacle Course, Happy Hour and the Ex-Cadet Parade.

[Register now](#) and be there with your classmates.

Hoping to see you there,

Charlie Emond



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Another Lost Soul Found

The following was received from **6574 Wally Stone**:

Greetings from a lost soul...so lost that I haven't even made your list as 'lost'! Fras Holman has kindly tracked me down through other mutual contacts to inform me of my lost status (Georges Wilson tracked me down two days later); notwithstanding the fact that I graduated a year late (the foolishness of youth) and am considered at least to that extent to be part of '66, my College roots are firmly with the gang that entered RMC in '61 and I would most certainly like to be included on the class list for '65.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the 2015 reunion this fall; I have already committed to the Snowbirds 45th reunion 2 weeks later and a trip to Hamilton for three weeks shortly after that. I will work on a succinct bio for your records and forward same soon. Kind regards to you all. Wally

Military Wisdom provided by 6386 Laurent Lord

The following is particularly pertinent to those CF aircrew currently engaged in bombing ISIS, *"It is generally inadvisable to eject directly over the area you just bombed."* - US Air Force Manual

Closing Notes

Looking forward to recording large Class of 65 turn-outs at next month's Reunions and also hope that the gatherings will stimulate some remembrances and other thoughts as grist for future Newsletters—the bank is now officially empty!