



November 2013

Letter to Classes 1973 to 1993 on The Wall of Honour Transition

Dear Fellow Ex-Cadets,

From the Class President - As you are may be aware, on the occasion of its entry into the Old Brigade in 2009, the Class of 1963 created and donated to the College the RMC Wall of Honour. The MOU agreed to at that time between the then Commandant General Tom Lawson, the Foundation and the Class of '63 stated this vision "To recognize ex-cadets of the Royal Military Colleges (RMC, RRMC, CMR), and others with College numbers, for outstanding achievements and contributions to Canada or the World, and to inspire cadets thereby".

The MOU also envisaged among other things that while the ownership of the Wall would be transferred to the College at the time of its unveiling in September 2009 that the Class would retain overall responsibility for leadership, maintaining the vision and managing the project for up to ten years. The MOU also states that "within ten years the Class (of '63) will have identified another class or classes to assume the leadership and management of the Wall..."

We are now approximately half way through that ten year period and are commencing our search for a class interested in taking on that challenge. In our view it is possible to build on what we believe is a strong foundation to enhance the Wall in many ways. We have had preliminary discussions with the Commandant

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From the RMCC Commandant - For many years, it has been a tradition of each ex-cadet class, at a particular point in time, to find a way to weave themselves into the tapestry of the College, often through a key project or gift. As you wander the College grounds, you can lay eyes on some of these projects and are reminded of the significant efforts of the classes they represent. They are all meaningful and poignant for many different reasons.

As I mentioned during my recent Change of Command address, I cannot begin to describe to you the memories that flooded back to me during my initial days here as I laid eyes on so many magnificent symbols of the College's rich history. Of course, having never laid eyes on the Wall of Honour, I was immediately struck by the beauty and grandeur of this amazing structure.

The Class of 1963 has provided us one of the most distinct and unique class projects of modern time. As highlighted by the Class of 63 President, the Wall of Honour was a gift to the College in 2009 on the anniversary of the Class of 63's entry into the venerable Old Brigade. The Wall of Honour, in many respects, is the ultimate validation of what RMCC is striving to accomplish – training and educating great leaders for future service to the Canadian Armed Forces and to the nation.

on some alternatives and would be happy to share those. However, it would be the vision, decision and responsibility of whichever class is prepared to take on the challenge as to what those enhancements will be.

The Class of '63 was successful in raising sufficient funds to design, build, operate and maintain the Wall for a period of ten years. We plan to have funds left over after that ten year period which we are prepared to turn over to our successor Class for use in capital expenditures towards enhancement of the Wall.

We are not however looking simply to turn our funds over for someone else to spend. Rather they should be considered "seed money" as a start for your fundraising initiative to fund your vision of the next stage of development of RMC's Wall of Honour.

We ask that interested classes please contact the Chair of The Wall of Honour Governance Committee, 5846 Peter Watson, at peter@peterdwatson.ca or (780) 421-9455 or the President of the Class of '63, 5758 Mike Morres at mfmorres@shaw.ca or (250) 592-8897 for further information. It is requested that expressions of interest be conveyed no later than 30 September 2014.



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