

RMC Class of '63 Old Brigade Biographies Project (OBBP)

Activities are heating up for our October 2009 reunion when we join the Old Brigade. In preparation for this event, I would like to apprise you of our latest initiative.

In June this year, Fred Carpenter conducted a straw vote on-line to determine if there was interest in having a 50th yearbook along the lines of our 25th reunion yearbook. Positive response has led to the establishment of the Old Brigade Biographies Project (OBBP) to be undertaken by a project Working Group (WG). With help from Jacques Duval and myself as co-editors, and technical support from Art Hunter, Robbie Laird and Jim McNeill, Fred has undertaken to oversee the production of a souvenir book to mark our entry into the Old Brigade and record our Class gift to the College. The working title of the collection is ***The RMC Class of '63 Old Brigade Biographies, a Half-Century of Experience.***

The OBBP concept and guidelines

Based on feedback from classmates, the WG will collect participating classmates' biographies on a dedicated, password protected FTP (file transfer protocol) site so they will be available on-line to all participants two months prior to the Class of '63 Reunion next year. Following the Reunion, the WG will incorporate a Class photo taken at that time, and a feature with photos and text telling the Wall of Honour story. The resulting compendium will be published in soft and hard cover book formats, subject to the subscriber's wish, for distribution by year's end. Biographies will be published in the language submitted. Jacques Duval has offered his assistance to ensure content of a general nature will be provided in both official languages.

The publisher will want an advance to cover the estimated cost before setting up the presses to publish our book. Jim McNeill has kindly offered to provide \$5,000, if need be, with all left over funds to be assigned to the Class Fund.

What you are asked to do

- If you wish to participate, you are invited, by 30 November 2008, to submit your biography with photo(s) to the secure FTP site in conformity with the guidance provided under Annex, item 7. Classmates *without* access to the web are asked to send their input to Fred Carpenter if in English, or to Jacques Duval if partially or completely in French (see below for contact information).
- If you desire a published copy or copies of the ***RMC Class of '63 Old Brigade Biographies***, comprising the biographies, Class photo and Wall of Honour story, you are asked to let Jacques Duval know your preference, whether soft cover or hard cover, not later than 30 November (see Annex, item 12). Firm orders, with payment for the version desired, will be taken at the time of the Class of '63 Reunion, 3-4 October 2009. Classmates who will be unable to attend the Reunion and wish to order a copy must contact Jacques Duval prior to the Reunion weekend.

- If you wish to offer idea(s) for a title, you are asked to submit your suggestion(s) to Fred Carpenter by 30 November 2008.
- If you wish to offer your idea(s) for a cover design for the book, you are asked to submit your ideas/designs to Art Hunter by 30 November 2008.

Contact information for:

- Fred Carpenter: carpenteres@rogers.com or 33 Craig St. Ottawa ON K1S 4B6 Ph (613) 565-9211.
- Jacques Duval: jacduval5629@videotron.ca or 1440 rue Desgagné, app. 306, Sherbrooke, QC, J1J 3V8. Ph: (819) 573-2103
- Tom Gee: tomgee@persona.ca or 12 Wildflower Court, Osoyoos, B.C V0H 1V1. Ph: (250) 495-7803
- Art Hunter: arthunter@gmail.com or 5660 Mahogany Harbour Lane, Manotick, ON, K4M1K9. Ph (613) 692-1848

Your contribution will be about you for your classmates. We suggest that you focus on what you have done and experienced since entering the military college system. You won't be able to capture it all, so select the highlights that you imagine will be of interest to your classmates. Of course, the leavening of humour is seldom amiss. Keep in mind that your leisure activities will be of interest too. Your participation will help make our book a valuable memento of our entry into the Old Brigade not only for us, but for those who follow.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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Class Secretary

Attachments: 1 Annex with 2 Appendices