

RMC Alumni Association Annual 2024 Report

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Message From the Chair

As another year comes to an end, and my term as Chair of the Royal Military Colleges of Canada Alumni Association (RMCAA) comes to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on the privilege it has been to serve this incredible community. Over the past years, I have witnessed firsthand the strength, dedication, and camaraderie that define our alumni network, and I am deeply humbled by the opportunity to have played a part in shaping our future together.

Our shared experiences at the Royal Military College of Canada, Collège militaire royal de Saint-Jean and Royal Roads Military College have always been the foundation of our unique bond. Through all the initiatives, events, and challenges we have faced, the enduring support of this remarkable community of alumni has shone brightly. Whether it was helping our current Officer and Naval Cadets navigate their journeys, supporting our veterans, or building stronger connections between alumni across generations, the collective spirit and commitment of this network have been nothing short of inspiring.

The Canadian Military Colleges are currently undergoing a significant review – a process that’s crucial for their future. The RMCAA is fully engaged in this process, bringing together alumni, experts, and supporters to ensure that we have a meaningful influence on the outcome to ensure that the CMCs are safe and effective for all who attend them today and in the future. This review will not only determine the direction of our Colleges but also determine how the CMCs may continue to shape future leaders for the Canadian Armed Forces and for Canada.

As we look forward and consider the future of the Colleges, we must focus on the current state of the culture within the CMCs. 2024 marked 40 years since the first women gradu-

ated from RMC and RMC Saint-Jean and were permitted to enroll at Royal Roads Military College. Though this milestone reminds us of the progress made, it also reminds us of the important work that still lies ahead. The RMCAA is committed to contributing to this change, ensuring that the CMCs continue to lead not only in professional military education but also in creating an inclusive and supportive environment for all cadets.

I want to extend my deepest gratitude to each of you – for your engagement, your passion, and your unwavering dedication to the values that unite us as graduates of the Royal Military Colleges of Canada. The growth and success of our association would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of so many volunteers, the leadership of our Board, and the support of our broader alumni body.

While this is the end of my time as Chair, I am confident that the RMCAA is in great hands moving forward. We have built a strong foundation and laid the groundwork for continued success. I encourage all of you to stay involved, stay connected, and continue to uphold the traditions and principles that make our alumni network so special.

As I step aside, I leave with immense pride in what we have accomplished together and great anticipation for what lies ahead. It has been an honour to serve as your Chair, and I look forward to continuing to support the RMCAA in the years to come, alongside all of you.

Thank you once again for your trust, your friendship, and your commitment to this remarkable organization.

With deepest appreciation and warmest regards,

George Lundy
Chair of the Board

Message From the CEO

As we look back on the accomplishments of the Royal Military Colleges of Canada Alumni Association (RMCAA) and its dual mission of bringing together alumni for mutual benefit and supporting the development of Canada's future leaders, the first thought that comes to mind is gratitude. We are deeply thankful to our generous donors and supporters, without whom none of our achievements would be possible.

In recent years, the RMCAA has been met with remarkable opportunities, allowing us to provide even greater benefits to the students at the Canadian Military Colleges. These opportunities have not only strengthened our community but also expanded our ability to support the next generation of leaders who will carry forward the values of Truth, Duty, and Valour.

We are incredibly proud to say that, thanks to our members, we are able to honour the Officer and Naval Cadets and alumni who have given everything to serve our country, who have worked tirelessly to advance Canada's defence capabilities, and who have courageously led others in the most challenging times. These Officer and Naval Cadets embody the hard work, perseverance, dedication, and honour that are instilled in every student at the CMCs. In these times of growing resource constraints at RMC and RMC Saint-Jean, the financial contributions of our donors are increasingly important. The camaraderie of our members fosters peer support among alumni serving in the Canadian Armed Forces and in the veteran community.

The RMCAA 2024 Annual Report provides an overview of who we are today. It highlights the generosity of our members, the contributions of our volunteers, the outstanding achievements of the CMC students, and the incredible impact we've been able to have through our efforts to support and empower the CMC community.

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to our mission. Together, we are helping to shape Canada's future military leadership.

Nancy Marr
Chief Executive Officer



Our Mission



Who We Are

The Royal Military Colleges of Canada Alumni Association Inc. is the Alumni Association for anyone who has attended any program (undergraduate, post-graduate or continuing studies) at a Canadian Military College, whether it is the Royal Military College of Canada, Collège militaire royale de Saint-Jean, or Royal Roads Military College (and its predecessors).

The RMCAA is an independent, not-for-profit corporation and registered charity deeply committed to the ongoing advancement and enhancement of the Canadian Military Colleges (CMCs). Supporting the CMCs four pillars (academics, bilingualism, military leadership and physical fitness), our mission is driven by the belief that the CMCs are more than just educational institutions – they are a foundational part of the profession of arms in Canada, the forge for Canada's future leaders in military and industry, who will go on to make significant contributions to our nation in many fields.

Our alumni are spread across the country and around the world, but our connection to the CMCs and to each other remains strong. With more than 72 active classes spanning entry-years from 1952 to 2024, and branches in major cities across Canada fostering close ties among alumni, we believe in the power of this network to enhance the personal and professional lives of our members, whether they are current students, serving members of the Canadian Armed Forces or veterans, while also strengthening the CMCs.

What We Do

At the core of our work are two objectives: bringing together the alumni of the Canadian Military Colleges for mutual support, and a steadfast commitment to advancing education and leadership development at the CMCs to support Canada's future leaders.

We achieve these objectives by bringing together alumni, whether undergraduate, graduate or continuing studies, and other members for their mutual benefit, support, mentorship and camaraderie through our support of branches, classes and other groups of alumni.

We advance education by establishing and maintaining scholarships, bursaries and prizes while also supporting and promoting training and leadership programs to provide funding for initiatives that will help benefit the CMCs to grow and develop Canada's future leaders.

We establish and preserve commemorating monuments and significant heritage sites at the CMCs, enhancing, preserving, and promoting the Colleges' unique experiences, histories, traditions, and cultures.

Our efforts ensure that current and future generations of Officer and Naval Cadets and post-graduate or continuing studies students benefit from the same values – Truth, Duty, Valour – that have shaped so many of Canada's leaders.



Why We Do It

Supporting the CMCs is not just about investing in institutions; it's about investing in the future of Canada. The leaders trained and educated at the CMCs will go on to guide our country through challenges yet to come whether in military service or in civilian life, and we must ensure they are prepared to meet those challenges with courage, integrity, and respect.

The establishment of the Royal Military College of Canada in Kingston, of the Royal Canadian Naval College at Royal Roads (later RRMC) in Victoria, and Collège militaire royale de Saint-Jean in Saint-Jean sur Richelieu were important steps in evolving from the Colonial Period to create the cadre of the professional force for Canada as a nation. Whether individuals remain in the profession of arms or move into other fields, their connection to the CMCs remains strong. The CMCs are more than just a place where Officer and Naval Cadets experience the excitement of post-secondary education; enrollment represents a commitment to serving their country, exemplifying each student's bravery in making that choice.



RMCAA by the Numbers

Since 1876, more than **30,000** alumni have attended the CMCs. CMC alumni are leaders in the Canadian Armed Forces and woven into the fabric of Canada as leaders in business, science and technology, education, and politics. In supporting the CMCs, we are helping to build Canada's future.

RMCAA, created in **2021** through the merger of the RMC Club and RMC Foundation, is governed by a Board of 20 elected and 5 appointed members, overseeing a staff of 8. As of **December 31, 2023**, RMCAA had **\$40 Million** in total assets, of which **\$26 Million** are invested for the long-term needs of the CMCs, through endowments and Class funds.

Unlike public universities or allied service academies, the CMCs are currently restricted by government policy from receiving major capital gifts. While this limits RMCAA's ability to fund much-needed infrastructure upgrades, **RMCAA is a significant contributor to the life of the CMCs.**

So far this year, RMCAA has provided over \$1.5 Million in funding to the Colleges, with more to come.

Year RMCAA
was created

2021

Number of board
members

20

Total Assets
in 2023

40M

Invested
in the long term
needs of CMCs

26M



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Annual General Meeting (AGM) – CEO's Report

After holding the 2022 AGM in Toronto and the 2023 AGM in Kingston, the board selected Ottawa and the Canadian War Museum as the location for the 2024 AGM. A guest speaker, Lieutenant General (retired) Guy Thibault, Chair of the Conference of Defence Associations Institute (CDAI), was invited to speak to the membership about the connections between CDA/CDAI and the Alumni Association, and how we can support our shared advocacy goals of the betterment of the Canadian Armed Forces. The meeting was attended by 35 members in-person and 50 through Zoom. The Alumni Association moved to an electronic voting tool, with 961 electors casting votes out of the 4,576 voting members who received ballots.

All nine resolutions put before the membership were approved by strong majorities, with support ranging from 90.9% to 98.5%. The Board wishes to thank the membership for their active engagement and ongoing support of the RMCAA.

Yearly Financial Highlights

From January 1, 2024, to September 30, 2024, the RMCAA has proudly provided over **\$1.5 Million** in funding to the Colleges.

\$142,000

RMC Italian Mottershead Battlefield Tour

\$80,000

RMC Saint Jean International Travel

\$49,000

RMC Sandhurst

\$33,000

Resilience Plus

\$17,000

RMC Combat Weapons Team

\$87,300

RMC Rowing Shells

\$50,000

Mottershead Battlefield tour and Legacy Video

\$44,000

RMC European Battlefield tour

\$20,000

RMC Sports Parachuting

\$10,000

RMC Saint Jean Remparts Gear



All participants enhanced their understanding of general discourse in NATO committees, refined their communication skills, and established valuable connections, all of which are skills that contribute to the development of Naval/Officer Cadets. We are pleased to bring this national Carleton Model NATO award to RMC and we sincerely thank the Alumni Association for funding this great opportunity.

— Officer Cadet David McKinney (Annual Carleton Model NATO Simulation in Ottawa.)



Naval and Officer Cadet Testimonials

"Highlights of the trip included a visit to the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre, the Château de Versailles, the ceremony for the Unknown Soldier and a visit to ECPAD in Paris. In London, highlights included a visit to the British Museum, Sandhurst Military College, Windsor Castle, the hop-on hop-off bus and the London Eye."

— **Élève-officier Joévin Bourgoin (RMC Saint-Jean Paris London Trip)**

"On behalf of the entire RMC Sport Parachuting Team, I would like to express my most sincere gratitude for the experience you have helped provide us with. Your contributions have significantly impacted the team and have allowed us to continue to grow the sport of parachuting and expose more people to the sport itself. The opportunity you have given us and the experience and connections you have helped us gain, will forever stick with all members of the team."

— **Officer Cadet Mackenzie Nauss (Sport Parachuting Team)**



"The experience gained from participating in the Fallen Comrades Half Marathon will undoubtedly have a lasting impact on each member of our team. It gives not only the satisfaction of having completed the race, but also the will to keep training for future events of that kind. I am proud to say that 8 members from our team finished in the top 15 out of 470 runners. There were 3 cadets who made it on the podium: Matthew Howell (3rd M20-29), Phineas Gaucher (2nd M20-29) and Charles Domingue (1st M20-29). Once again, thank you for your generous support. We look forward to sharing our future accomplishments with you and hope to continue making the RMC Alumni Association proud of our Running Club."

—— **Officer Cadet Charles Domingue (Captain RMC Running Club)**

"As the team coach, I wish to thank the RMC Alumni Association for their generous support to this competition. The combined collaborative efforts enabled us to generate an effective, highly competitive student team. This is now the second year in a row wherein we have progressed into the final round of the Queen's (international) Inter-Collegiate Business Competition, where management schools and programs compete for bragging rights as the "best of the best."

—— **Maj (ret'd) John Karagianis (Assistant Professor Department of Management RMC)**

"I am reaching out to express our profound gratitude for your generous financial support. Your contribution has been instrumental in advancing our objectives and has had a tangible impact on our progress. Thank you once again for your invaluable support. We are incredibly grateful for your generosity and for standing with us."

—— **Officer Cadet Mathieu Trudeau (RMC Sandhurst Team Manager)**

The RMCAA is proud to have pledged support for the following upcoming activities at the Colleges:

\$53,000

RMC Rugby

\$40,00

RMC Saint-Jean Sandhurst

\$33,000

RMC Saint-Jean Indigenous Cultural Trip

\$30,000

RMC Men's Volleyball

\$29,000

RMC Engineering Conferences

\$25,000

RMC Band

\$23,000

RMC Hockey

\$22,000

RMC Leadership Endowment

\$20,000

RMC Rec Club Activities

\$18,000

RMC International Forum on Peace, Security & Prosperity

\$15,000

RMC Expedition Club

\$15,000

RMC USMA Hockey Game

Mottershead Battlefield Tour and Legacy Video

The RMCAA is immensely grateful to Ian and Rosemary Mottershead for their continued support. This year, their generosity has enabled the RMC Italian Mottershead Battlefield Tour and the Mottershead Battlefield Tour and Legacy Video, giving students the opportunity to travel abroad, deepening their understanding of the Royal Military Colleges and the Canadian Military's impact around the world.

Naval and Officer Cadet European Battlefield Tour Testimonials

"Being a part of the Battlefield Tour gave me an experience like no other. I was not sure exactly what to expect, however the magnificent job that our professors did in not only teaching, but truly allowing us to understand, is something I will carry with me for the rest of my life. I believe that among the many things the Alumni Association supports here at the college, the Ian and Rosemary Mottershead Battlefield Tour is one of the most important. Knowing that there is this tremendous support for the Cadets here now, only strengthens my commitment to give back in the future. As many of you may know, there's a popular saying at RMC and that is Truth, Duty, Valour. I only have to thank Ian and Rosemary Mottershead and the Battlefield Tour for redefining what those three words mean to me."

"The Battlefield Tour did not just end with us having a greater appreciation for history. Our daily visits to the cemeteries and memorials, where hundreds of thousands of Canadians laid down their lives is something I will carry with me forever. Seeing the thousands of graves and reading the names of those brave Canadians was moving beyond words. Understanding what those men endured and paying our respects at their final resting places is something I wish for every cadet to experience."

“The tour was a profound emotional experience. Seeing the battlefields gave us an intimate look into the bravery, heroism, tactics, and strategy with which the Canadians fought. As we visited memorials and walked amongst the gravestones of fallen soldiers, sailors, and aviators, we were constantly reminded of the costs of war and the immense human suffering caused by conflict. The Battlefield Tour is extraordinary and an unparalleled academic and professional opportunity for any cadet. After witnessing where young men and women, many of them RMC graduates, stepped up to the challenge of becoming leaders and fought for our nation’s ideals, the meaning of the words “Truth, Duty, Valour” have become even more significant. Without a doubt, this experience has helped us understand the importance of preparing ourselves for the responsibilities that await us as leaders in the Canadian Forces and remind us of the precedent set by those who came before us.”

“No longer would Vimy Ridge simply be a ridge in our minds or Dieppe just another beach that Canadians stormed. No, after the Battlefield tour, we understand that these places are real and not just pictures in a textbook. The trip means a lot to us and the experience is one that we will never forget. While all the Cadets have previously learned about the battles and wars in our studies at RMC, it was not until we actually reached the battlefields that we realized the difficulties that the Allies and more specifically the Canadians would have faced.”

Enabling Research at the CMCs

The RMC Alumni Association’s support of the Canadian Military Colleges goes beyond connecting their alumni and providing financial support for Canada’s future leaders. Since 2005, the Alumni Association (formerly, the RMC Foundation), has fulfilled an essential service for RMC, acting as a trustee by holding and disbursing funds of research grants from the federal granting councils, and other partnership grants, through a Memorandum of Understanding. As of 31 December 2023, the Alumni Association held over \$9M in research funds. In 2023, the Association provided payroll services for approximately 86 research assistants, across RMC’s research groups, centres and institutes in engineering, science, the humanities and defence studies. Over \$2.2M in new grant funds were received from the Government (\$1.8M), other universities (\$150K), and industry (\$144K). Support from the Alumni Association enables research that would not otherwise happen in areas that are critical to Canada’s national security, such as cyber, nuclear science, environmental science, military and veterans’ health, military history, war studies and defence studies, among others. In addition, the Alumni Association continues to hold in trust the research bursary funds for the Principal’s Office.

The tri-council of federal granting agencies: Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR).

“RMC’s growing research enterprise contributes over \$19M in discovery, knowledge creation and applications, the majority of which pertain to Canada’s defence and security needs. In the current complex geopolitical landscape, the fruitful collaboration between the RMCAA and the College is all the more important to support timely, pertinent and innovative research to foster national and global security.”

——— **Dr. Heather Jill Scott**
RMC Principal

“The Royal Military College of Canada cultivates a vital and complex connection between education and research, which is crucial for achieving RMC’s vision of an equitable, diverse, and inclusive environment for work and research. RMC promotes a culture of exploration through research that is both applied and inquiry-based, empowering researchers to create knowledge and make a significant impact for the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF), the Department of National Defence (DND), Canadian society-at-large and international allies. The Alumni Association plays a pivotal role in supporting this research mission, providing essential assistance (even during challenging times such as the pandemic) and contributing to outreach activities that strengthen RMC’s connections within the broader community.”

——— **Dr. Cecile Malardier-Jugroot**
Vice-Principal Research at RMC

“The RMC Alumni Association (RMCAA) has been invaluable in driving research around novel [peacekeeping simulations](#), where the player chooses an avatar who is not a warfighter but a UN peacekeeper. This pioneering tool is now being used for research purposes at Canada’s military colleges and in a half-dozen military training centres around the world. The United Nations is seeking to use it as part of its training materials for peacekeepers. Recent developments include the creation of a Virtual Reality (VR) [version](#), which will be played by officers in the Joint Command and Staff Programme (JCSP) in Fall 2024. Also, a web-based version of the PC version has been developed so downloading is not needed. Future plans include simulations on: Protection of Civilians (POC); monitoring technologies for early warning; and UN police actions, especially to combat gangs. This is truly educational innovation through research.”

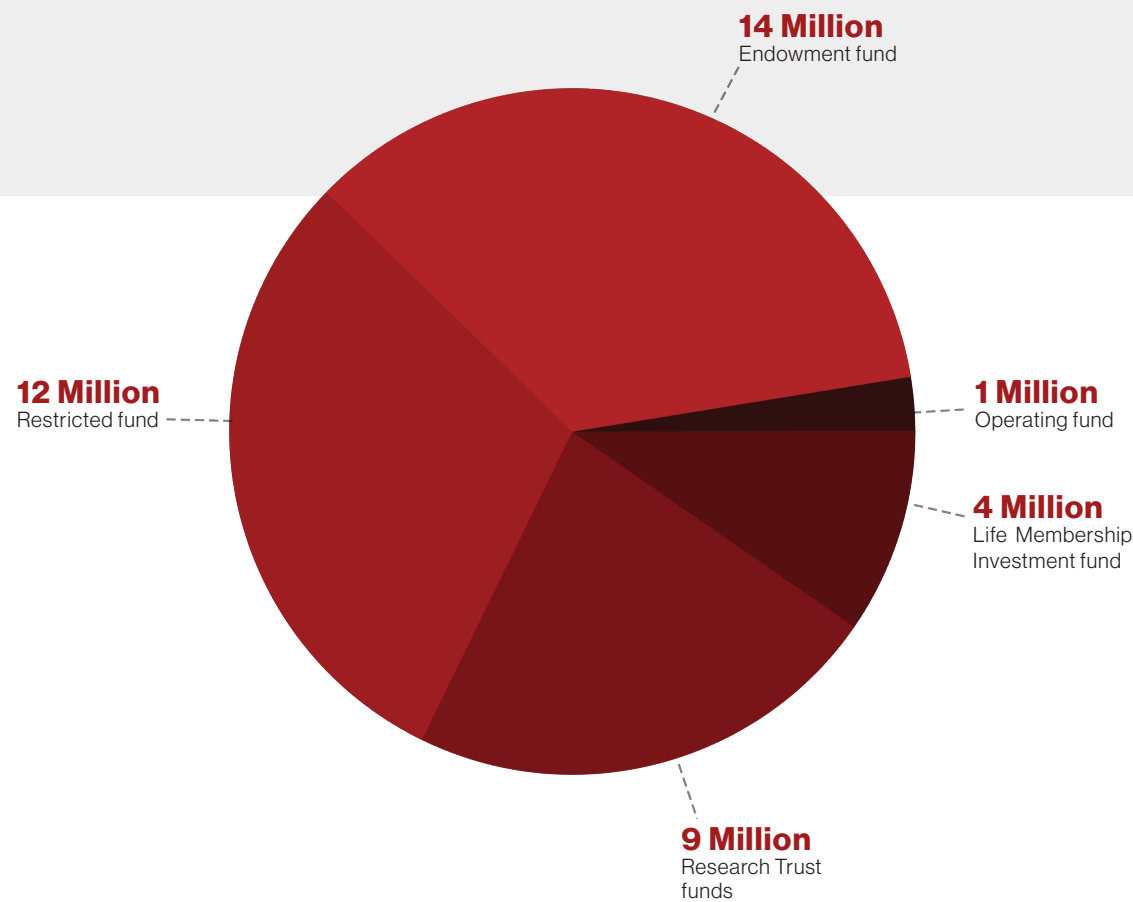
——— **Dr. Walter Dorn**
Professor of Defence Studies at RMC and CFC,
Peace Keeping Simulations (PKS) Director

Summary of Financial Operations

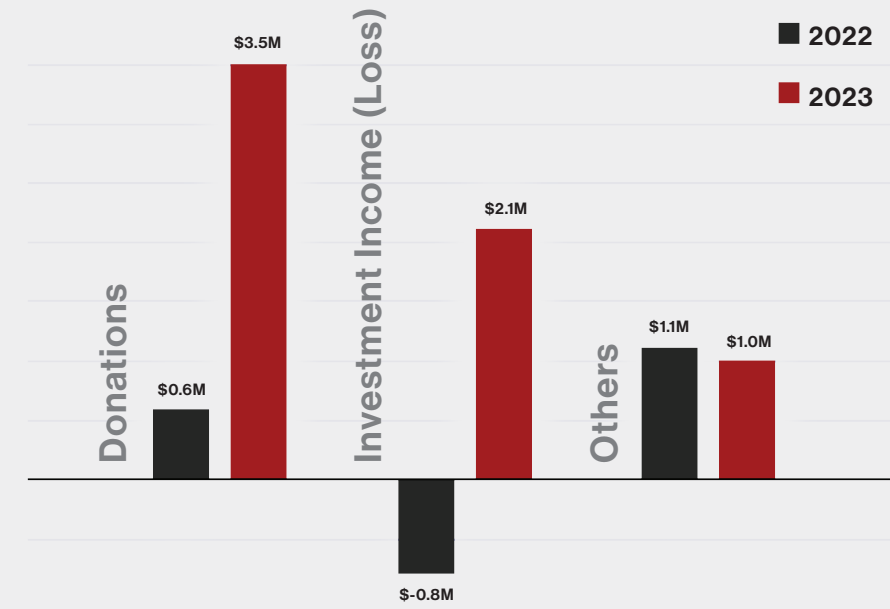
Fiscal year 2023 was characterized by an excess of revenues over expenditures (net income) of \$3.4 million compared to a net loss of \$2 million in 2022, facilitated by increased donations and favourable investment performance. As of December 31, 2023, the RMCAA reported approximately \$40 million in assets, including approximately \$31 million for supporting the activities and mandate of the Association and approximately \$9 million in research funds to support the Colleges' research projects.

The audited financial statements for fiscal year 2023 are available on the Association's website at <https://www.rmcalumni.ca/en/about-us/financial-statements-minutes/>

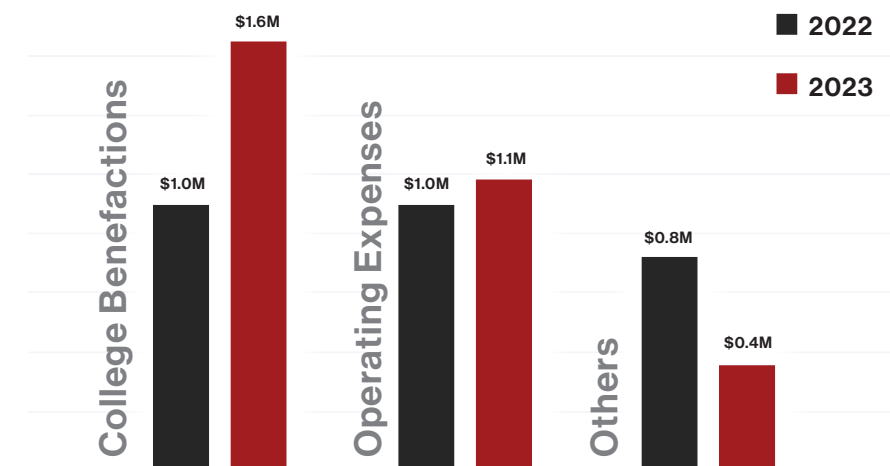
Total Assets of **\$40 Million** as of December 31, 2023



Key Sources of Revenues Fiscal Year 2023



Key Expenditures Fiscal Year 2023



Canadian Military College Review Board (CMCRB) Updates

The Royal Military College Alumni Association represents all persons who have attended a program at the CMCs – including thousands of alumni with lived experience of the Regular Officer Training Program (ROTP). We serve both the alumni – including active-duty CAF members and veterans – as well as the current Officer and Naval Cadets of the Colleges to provide peer support, guidance, mentorship, financial resources, and promotion of the history of the Colleges. Thus, the Alumni Association has a unique perspective to contribute to the work of the CMCRB.

The Alumni Association is a strong supporter of the CMCs. We know their value first-hand. They have served as a vector for professionalism and culture of the Canadian Armed Forces and have contributed many leaders who fought in Canada's wars. Alumni have had (and have) remarkable careers in public service, military, business, academia, law, medicine, and engineering. The CMCs are also a centre of excellence for research on national security topics, such as veterans' health, nuclear power, environmental sciences, and cybersecurity. They offer specialized professional development programs for CAF members and senior Noncommissioned Officers (NCOs).

However, our intent is not to defend the status quo. We acknowledge that systemic failings at the CMCs enabled abuse to occur and persist. This should not have happened. We are inspired by the courage of the survivors who have come out and shared their stories. We share an unwavering commitment to advance cultural and systemic change, so such abuses never happen again. We believe in the evolution of the CMCs to better support the CAF and broader Canadian society. We want the CMCs to be safer and more effective for everyone who attends them today and in the future.

Our intent is to help. We wish to share our unique perspective to assist the Canadian Military Colleges Review Board as they form their recommendations.

The Alumni Association's perspective is rooted in evidence-based research. This submission was developed with the Boston Consulting Group (BCG), the Alumni Association's research and advisory partner, selected through a competitive RFP process. The submission incorporates the guidance of an independent expert Steering Committee, external to the Alumni Association, which was tasked with guiding, directing and challenging the development of recommendations.

Multiple streams of evidence were brought together to inform the study including alumni views garnered through survey responses and class, branch or individual submissions; interviews with experts; and benchmarking against allied Service Academies as well as civilian institutions.

This fact and evidence-based review resulted in seven actionable propositions to drive the Renewal of the Colleges. Each proposition is described in detail in the submission.

The Alumni Association has aimed to represent a wide range of alumni experiences and opinions accurately and fairly. However, we recognize that not every member of the alumni community will agree with our findings and the propositions for renewal in their entirety.

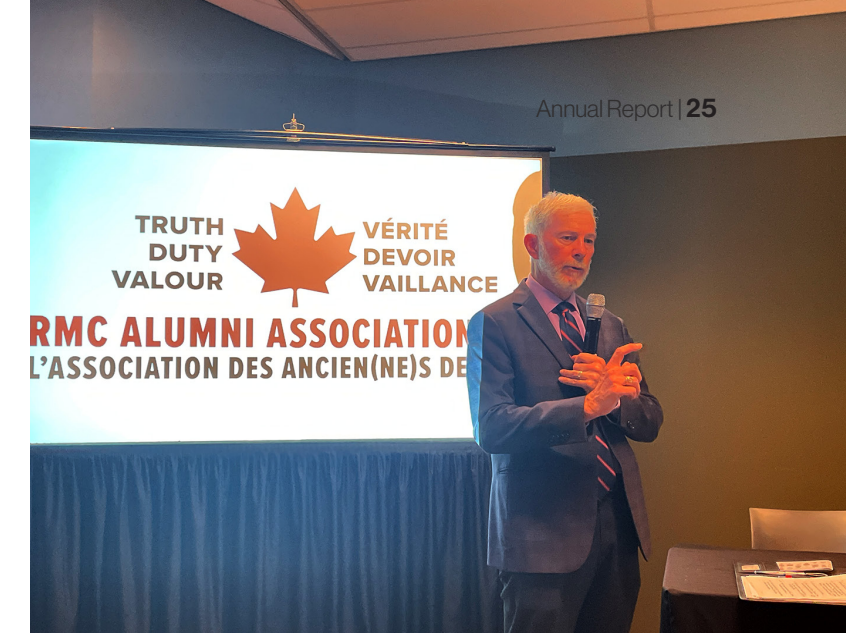
The submission document provides a definitive public record of the comprehensive study completed to develop the Alumni Association's proposed Renewal framework for the CMCs, in response to IECR recommendations 28 and 29. It also provides a record of our engagement with the CMCRB.

AGM CMCRB Presentation

A condensed document concerning the Canadian Military Colleges Review Board that was presented at RMCAA's AGM can be accessed at the following link:

<https://www.rmcalumni.ca/en/rmc-alumni-association-presentation-to-the-cmc-review-board/>

The Canadian Armed Forces matter. Leadership quality in the Forces matters. Upholding our motto of Truth, Duty, Valour, RMCAA wants to help make the CMCs more secure, inclusive, and effective at developing Canada's future military leaders. Necessary adjustments at the CMCs could form the basis for meaningful culture change across the officer cadre in the Canadian Armed Forces.



Member Engagement

The RMCAA's efforts to promote **membership** and **activity**

Ottawa Golf Tournament

The 2024 RMC Alumni Association Ottawa Branch Golf Tournament was a tremendous success, raising an impressive \$25,000. This achievement was made possible by the generosity of participants, sponsors, and our members. The funds that were raised, managed by the RMCAA, will go towards the "Opportunities to Support Excellence" initiative, which enhances leadership training, bilingualism, and cultural experiences at the CMCs.

Toronto Branch donation to Resilience Plus

In 2024, the RMC Alumni Association Toronto Branch raised a total of \$10,000 that was generously donated to the Resilience Plus Program, a unique and evidence-based program that educates and inspires students to build resilience at the Royal Military Colleges. The donation will help drive the organization's mission of "empowering individuals to maximize their productivity and effectiveness through the effective pursuit of personal and professional goals."

Kingston Branch Annual General Meeting

The Kingston Branch held its Annual General Meeting on 4 September 2024. The meeting saw a strong turnout from alumni, reflecting the active engagement of its membership. The RMCAA extends its gratitude to Kingston Branch President, Keith Orton, for laying a wreath on behalf of the RMCAA at the RMC Remembrance Day Ceremony 2024.

Quebec Branch Visit

The Quebec Alumni Branch held a summer luncheon on August 8 at the Cercle de la Garnison. It was a beautiful day in the Old City, and the event, featuring a number of guest speakers including Branch President Denis Faubert, was well-attended by local alumni, Alumni Association Board members Pierre Chevalier and François Bureau, RMC Saint-Jean Old Brigade Adjutant Michel Dagenais, Ottawa Branch President Jacques Gagné, and RMCAA Alumni Engagement Manager, Tyler Forkes.

Vancouver Island Branch

The Vancouver Island Branch kicked off summer by hosting a luncheon in Hatley Castle at Royal Roads on June 22. The guest of honour was Ian Mottershead, whose generous philanthropic support enables dozens of cadets to travel to Italy and Europe each year and tour World War battlefields.

Chapitre Fort Saint-Jean Homecoming

The RMC Saint-Jean Homecoming weekend took place from 23-24 August 2024. Saturday evening was the traditional Old Brigade Dinner. The event was held in the Old Mess and officially welcomed the CMR entry class of 1974 to the Old Brigade. The event was also attended by many other members of the Old Brigade including the CMR entry class of 1964 which celebrated their 60th reunion since graduation. Congratulations to the CMR entry class of 1974 class and all those who have contributed to making this event possible.

Atlantic Branch Alumni Luncheon

The Royal Artillery Officer's Mess in Halifax was the venue for the Atlantic Branch's October luncheon. Branch President Bill Gard, VP Eva Martinez, and Treasurer Brian Palmer hosted a number of local alumni including Alumni Association Vice-Chair Bryn Weadon, Board Directors Pal Mann and François Bureau, as well as RMCAA Alumni Engagement Manager, Tyler Forkes.

London Branch

A mixer for alumni and friends was held at the Old Bank of England Pub in London, England on Saturday September 14. The event was hosted by Brendan Menzies, class of 2005. Attendees shared stories and memories of their time at the military colleges and are already planning for the next get-together in early 2025. With the mixer being held on the same day as Reunion Weekend at RMC Kingston and Homecoming at Royal Roads, it made for a truly international celebration!

The RMCAA made an appeal in 2024 for volunteers to lead the Calgary and Edmonton Branches and is continuing with this search. Please contact us if you are interested.

Promotional activities

Vimy Gala

As a member association in the Conference of Defence Associations Institute (CDAI), and as a proud member of Canada's defence and security community, RMCAA has chosen to sponsor the CDA Institute's Vimy Gala. The Vimy Award recognizes Canadians who have made outstanding contributions to Canada's defence and security. The Gala also promotes a sense of national pride, unity, and gratitude for the contributions and sacrifices of our military personnel. These are values that we share.

RMCAA's participation in the CDAI Vimy Gala is part of our commitment to promoting Canada's defence and security, to preserving and honouring the legacy of our Veterans and to supporting current and future Canadian Armed Forces members, many of whom are our members.

DEFSEC Atlantic

DEFSEC Atlantic is presented by the Atlantic Canada Aerospace & Defence Association and is the second largest event of its kind in Canada. For the second year in a row, the RMCAA has had a presence at the Conference connecting with alumni working in the defence industry and serving the CAF in the Atlantic region. We see this as a pilot project for finding ways to promote the contributions of alumni of the Royal Military Colleges to the defence industry in Canada.

Canadian Association of New York (CANY)

The Canadian Association of New York Alumni Reception welcomes all Canadians, alumni of Canadian universities, and friends of Canada to attend for an evening of celebration, connection, and reminiscence, aimed at strengthening the bonds shared by individuals immersed in Canadian education and culture.

All Canadians, alumni of Canadian universities and friends of Canada are invited to attend this event. While the number of alumni from the Royal Military Colleges in New York is relatively small, the opportunity to foster connection and mutual support within the community was worth the effort.

Toronto Garrison Officers' Ball

The Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) celebrated its centennial in 2024. In honour of this important milestone, the RMCAA sponsored the Toronto Garrison Officers Ball, hosted by 400 Squadron under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Sarah Lemay (RMC 2008). Among the RMCAA's guests at the Ball was the host of Canada's [Women's Mentoring Network](#) (WMN) podcast series, Amanda Kalhous (RMC 1994)

Joint Service Academies Alumni Executive Conference (JSAAEC)

JSAAEC is an informal annual meeting where service college alumni executives and their staff meet to discuss the many aspects of both alumni affairs and foundation operations. The RMCAA staff attended the conference held at USNA and will host in 2027.

Our Corporate and Affinity Partners

Trailblazers

As we celebrate the successes of the RMCAA in 2024, it's important that we acknowledge the invaluable contributions of alumni to the Canadian Armed Forces and as part of the social and economic fabric of Canada. Their professional and volunteer support has been instrumental in making many of our activities possible, and we are incredibly grateful for their dedication. We have been proud to honour some of these trailblazing alumni in the RMCAA's Trailblazers Podcast.

Kate Armstrong

Steven Boychyn

Marc Garneau

France Hébert

Scott Clancy

Micheline Lahaie

Simon Mailloux



ALook Forward



Important Events Calendar

February 1 2025

West Point Hockey Game

TBC February 2025

RMC Saint-Jean Broomball Tournament

March 5 2025

Haycock Lecture

March 14-16 2025

Canadian Military Chess Competition

March 22 2025

Concert in Scarlets

March 27 2025

Athletic Wall of Distinction

April 26 - May 4 2025

Sandhurst Competition

15 May 2025

RMC Convocation and Sunset Ceremony

TBC August 2025

Homecoming Weekend RMC Saint-Jean

11-13 September 2025

RMC Badging and Reunion Weekend

13-14 September 2025

Royal Roads Homecoming

USMA vs RMC Hockey Game

The Royal Military College Hockey Alumni Association and the Royal Military Colleges Alumni Association are looking forward to the West Point Weekend activities at the Royal Military College of Canada, taking place from January 31 to February 2, 2025. The highlight of the weekend will be the 86th historic meeting between the RMC Paladins and the Army Black Knights, hosted at Slush Puppie Centre in downtown Kingston. These two teams first faced off in 1923, and their rivalry has produced numerous memorable games, including RMC's thrilling 3-2 victory in front of 3,000 fans when the game was last held in Kingston in early 2020. Don't miss this exciting weekend celebrating the RMC Hockey program. Join alumni, family, and friends as we cheer on the Paladins and enjoy fantastic university hockey. Wear your Red & White with pride as we come together to support the team and reconnect with the RMC community. We look forward to seeing you there!

How to Donate

Support Canada's future leaders by donating to the **Truth Duty Valour Fund**

Donating by Phone

Call Jennifer Jordan at 613-328-3923 and we will gladly take your details over the phone.

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Make your cheque payable to 'RMC Alumni Association' and mail it to our mailing address below:

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15 Point Frederick Drive
Kingston, ON
K7K 7B4

Donating Online

Donate by class

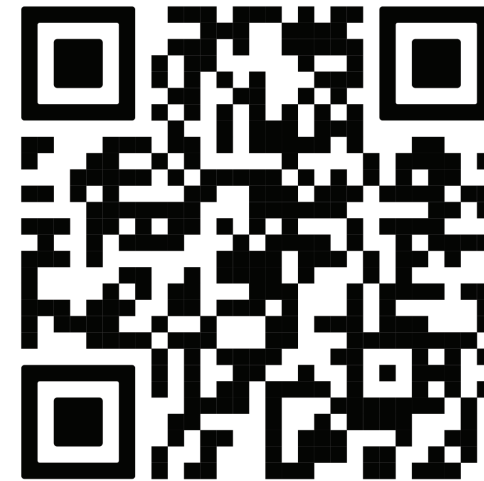
- Give back to your class and the Colleges by [donating today](#)

Donate by program

- Support the College's pillars or other Foundation-funded programs at the Colleges

How to Stay Connected

Update your contact information.



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Truth, Duty, Valour: Closing Remarks

The values of Truth, Duty, and Valour remain at the heart of everything we do. These principles guide us in our mission to support the Canadian Military Colleges and the leaders they produce, while reminding us of the importance of integrity and responsibility as we continue to strive for improvement. May the bonds among alumni members continue to strengthen; and may we continue to strive for an inclusive, safe, and empowering experience for all individuals who attend the CMCs.

Fallen Comrades

The Alumni of the Canadian Military Colleges share a common commitment to serving Canada. The experience of attending a Canadian Military College creates life-long bonds of friendship and camaraderie. The Association aims to honour those bonds by sharing the names of those alumni who have died, or who have been “struck of strength” from the nominal roll of the Canadian Military Colleges in the last year.

These members’ names were read at the Memorial Arch ceremony in September 2024.

Britton Smith, Kingston Branch, Class of 1938
Stanley Hopkins, Ottawa Branch, Class of 1945
Hugh Franklin, Parent Club Branch, Class of 1952
Fred Joyce, Kingston Branch, Class of 1953
Ned Mundell, Parent Club Branch, Class of 1953
James Palmer, Parent Club Branch, Class of 1953
Norman Kerr, Toronto Branch, Class of 1953
Craig Moffatt, Kingston Branch, Class of 1955
Peter Gifford, Hamilton Branch, Class of 1955
Andrew Henning, Hamilton Branch, Class of 1956
Ian Smart, Vancouver Island Branch, Class of 1956
Robert Morrison, Kingston Branch, Class of 1956
Gerald S. Wharton, Ottawa Branch, Class of 1958
Jacques Gauthier, Montreal Branch, Class of 1957
Robert Theakston, Toronto Branch, Class of 1957
Hugh MacNeil, Atlantic Branch, Class of 1957
Ted Taylor, Toronto Branch, Class of 1957
Ed Healey, Ottawa Branch, Class of 1957
William Armstrong, Hamilton Branch, Class of 1957
James Sine, Vancouver Island Branch, Class of 1958
Douglas Yuill, Manitoba Branch, Class of 1958
Gérald Lefebvre, Montreal Branch, Class of 1958
Ian Stewart, Vancouver Branch, Class of 1958
Ian Reid, Vancouver Island Branch, Class of 1958
Duane Sheppard, Kingston Branch, Class of 1958
Jean-Marc Massicotte, Ottawa Branch, Class of 1958
Don Wallace, Parent Club Branch, Class of 1958
Douglas Brown, Toronto Branch, Class of 1958
Peter Harkness, Ottawa Branch, Class of 1959
Robert Burleigh, Parent Club Branch, Class of 1958
David Larrigan, Vancouver Branch, Class of 1959
DG Jaques, Vancouver Island Branch, Class of 1959

Harry Barrett, Kingston Branch, Class of 1960
Wayne Wharton, Kingston Branch, Class of 1960
Robert Douglas, Toronto Branch, Class of 1961
Wallace Jones, Hamilton Branch, Class of 1961
Robert Bird, Ottawa Branch, Class of 1962
Paul Jefferson, Ottawa Branch, Class of 1962
Richard Morrow, Toronto Branch, Class of 1962
Richard Bryant, Vancouver Island Branch, Class of 1963
Robert Spickett, Ottawa Branch, Class of 1962
William Voort, Manitoba Branch, Class of 1962
Gordon Walt, Ottawa Branch, Class of 1962
Frederic Carpenter, Ottawa Branch, Class of 1963
William Bawden, Ottawa Branch, Class of 1963
Kenneth Drolet, Ottawa Branch, Class of 1963
Wayne Hutchinson, Parent Club Branch, Class of 1963
Donn Mills, Vancouver Island Branch, Class of 1963
George Bruce, Kingston Branch, Class of 1964
Hardy Craft, Montreal Branch, Class of 1964
Victor Ashdown, Vancouver Island Branch, Class of 1965
Anthony Halliday, Hamilton Branch, Class of 1965
Hugh Gordon, Vancouver Island Branch, Class of 1965
Douglas Busche, Hamilton Branch, Class of 1965
Donald Gedge, Toronto Branch, Class of 1967
David Primeau, Ottawa Branch, Class of 1967
Donald Welstead, USA East Branch, Class of 1968
Joseph Day, Parent Club Branch, Class of 1968
Micheal Lawrance, Ottawa Branch, Class of 1969
Vaughan Bentley, Kingston Branch, Class of 1969
Yves Faucher, Montreal Branch, Class of 1970
Lars Eif, Ottawa Branch, Class of 1971
Guy Fortin, Quebec Branch, Class of 1972
Mike Wright, Parent Club Branch, Class of 1972
Martin McDonald, Parent Club Branch, Class of 1972
Gary Moore, Calgary Branch, Class of 1972
Dale Carl, Toronto Branch, Class of 1973
Cameron Diggon, Calgary Branch, Class of 1973
Claude Boisvenue, Montreal Branch, Class of 1975
Bradley Hall, Parent Club Branch, Class of 1976
Bob Weisman, Ottawa Branch, Class of 1976
Joseph King, Parent Club Branch, Class of 1976
Karmin McKay, Calgary Branch, Class of 1976
Mike Erdmann, Parent Club Branch, Class of 1976

This list includes fallen alumni of the Royal Military College of Canada, College militaires Royale de Saint-Jean, Royal Roads Military College (and its predecessors), whether they attended under-graduate, post-graduate or continuing studies programs. It only includes those members of whose death the Association has been made aware. The list is only complete up until the date of publication. The name, college, and years of attendance are included. “College numbers” have been excluded because the Alumni Association is conforming with the interpretation of the Department of National Defence which considers the “College number” as a personal identifier covered by the Privacy Act.

Brian Taylor, Vancouver Island Branch, Class of 1976
Marc Drolet, Parent Club Branch, Class of 1981
Mark Mansfeld, Parent Club Branch, Class of 1982
Chris Deere, Parent Club Branch, Class of 1983
Mario Levesque, Parent Club Branch, Class of 1988
Sebastien Barrette, Parent Club Branch, Class of 1991
Steve Richards, Parent Club Branch, Class of 1991
Sean Frankham, Montreal Branch, Class of 2003
Joseph Stewart, Ottawa Branch, Class of 2010
Erik Littlepoplar, Parent Club Branch
John Pickford, Atlantic Branch

These members’ names were not available at the time of the Memorial Arch Service in September 2024.

Hugh MacNeil, Atlantic Branch, Class of 1957
Serge Morin, Quebec Branch, Class of 1957
Ralph Coleman, Ottawa Branch, Class of 1967
Richard Robinson, Calgary Branch, Class of 1967

“At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.”

— **For the Fallen, by Laurence Binyon**

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