



BREAKING NEWS – See Page 4 about the “FMS CRUISE” Short fuse on this one!

Florida Military School Association: A Reality - Finally!

Max Elliott
FMS Class of 1958

Congratulations everyone! We now have an official Florida Military School Association (FMSA). After many meetings, a Gathering, The Lollapalooza, and much hard work from many capable people, we have now evolved, effective 10 April 2003, into Florida Military School Association, Inc., a Florida Non-Profit organization.

I was at Florida Military School (1956-1958) for my junior and senior high school years. I was there for the opening and was in the second graduating class. Throughout the years since, I have spent a lot of time thinking about my association with Florida Military School (FMS) and the others that I knew there. I would like to share with you a brief history of how I started with FMS and ended up with FMSA.

I was born and raised in New Smyrna Beach, Florida, where more than a few of the local lads were attending Carlisle Military School in Bamberg, South Carolina. After the death of my father in 1954, my mother decided it would be a good idea if I joined the other boys at Carlisle. I attended Carlisle in the 1955-1956 school year, my sophomore high school year.

At Carlisle, Capt. Carl Ward, one of the faculty members, gave haircuts to cadets. I became a regular customer of his. During these frequent shearings, I learned that Capt. Ward used to teach in Daytona Beach and that he planned to return to that area. He told me of his plans to open a military school at the Sky Harbor Station, DeLand, Florida. As DeLand was a lot closer to New Smyrna, I was very interested. My mother talked with Capt. Ward and the deed was done.

Capt. Ward became Col. Ward, the headmaster of Florida Military School and he continued to give me haircuts. The first graduating class of FMS, 1957, had five seniors. As some of you from the later years know, major FMS landmarks were given the names of those original graduates. The second graduating class, my class (1958), contained 21 seniors. As the cadets came from all over to attend FMS, so they went following their tenures. We all scattered with the wind to the four corners.

Following graduation, I went into the Navy and served one hitch, 1958-1962. Then to college, 1962-1965, got a BS and went into the Army, 1965-1968, with a tour in Vietnam with an infantry battalion in the 1st Air Cavalry. I was an enlisted man in the Navy and officer in the Army.

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FMSA ELECTIONS:

New Officers Take the Helm on October 1, 2003

Our plans and goals for the 1 October 2003 installation of the first slate of FMSA Officers were somewhat cost-effectively modified on-the-fly. The sequence of events follows.

The Executive Steering Committee (ESC) issued a Call for Nominations in the last issue of this newsletter. They then planned to prepare several slates of Officers from which the general membership would then be sent a ballot to elect one slate. To this end, we had begun the formation of an Elections Committee which would receive the slates, conduct the membership vote, and publish the results.

After several weeks, a total of seven nominations were received for a planned seven member board of Officers. This resulted in only one slate.

As there was only one slate on which to conduct a vote and that slate would be the one installed on 1 October 2003, it was decided to conserve the money that would have been spent to conduct an election which had only one possible outcome. The resulting slate of officers is presented to you below.

Slate of Officers:

- **President:** Max Elliott
- **Vice President:** Thornton Ridinger
- **Secretary:** Sue Courtney
- **Treasurer:** Andy Staley
- **Member at Large:** Rex Riley
- **Member at Large:** Jerry Alleyne
- **Member at Large:** Dennis Eyre

These officers will assume their duties on October 1 with the termination of the Executive Steering Committee as decided at our business meeting at the Lollapalooza.

ANNUAL MEETING FMSA, Inc.

As provided in the By-Laws (found on page 5-6 of this newsletter) the Annual Meeting of the Florida Military School Association, Inc. will be held in DeLand on Saturday, October --, 2003. This meeting is open to all and everyone is encouraged to attend. The exact location will be announced in the next newsletter but we are currently considering The Perfect Spot at Sky Dive DeLand or the Eagles Clubhouse near our old gates. Plan to attend and make it a mini-reunion.

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After the Army, I attended universities for an MS (Illinois) and Ph.D. (British Columbia). Then I went to work for the US Government, from which I was able to retire at the end of 1991.

During all this time, whenever I returned to New Smyrna, I would contact Col. Ward and, time permitting, would visit with him. FMS closed in 1971 and I eventually lost touch with the school and most everyone connected with it. I did keep in touch with a few others over the years, mainly through my mother in New Smyrna until her death in 1982. I always lamented the fact that there was no organization or association through which I could contact other FMSers.

After my retirement, I moved back to New Smyrna Beach (NSB). I reconnected with some of my childhood friends and I was "adopted" by the NSB class of 1959 and invited to join them for their reunion activities. I really enjoyed the reunion activities and I helped them to locate many of their missing class members. The advances in the Internet and search engines made it possible to locate people that, previously, could not be found.

In 1999, one of my FMS class mates with whom I kept in touch, Jay Seitz (1958), mentioned that Carl Schafer (1959), whose father was one of the early investors in FMS, wanted to start a list of the people that were connected with FMS. I then began to try and see whom all I could locate. I started with my class of 1958. I used my 1958 yearbook for my source of names. Most were listed with their hometowns indicated.

Using the Internet (white pages, search engines, and web sites that specialized in registering classmates), I began actively compiling my list of FMSers. Early in 2001, I joined forces with Thornton Ridinger (1959) who, like me, lived in Ormond Beach. We began a truly systematic search to locate others from all years 1956 to 1971. We found others from the later years that were also trying to locate classmates. We joined forces with Andy Staley and Tim Tyndall, class of 1968, and Robert Mouro (1966) who had banded together and were also actively attempting to locate others. Tim and Andy developed FMS websites. Additionally, Andy accomplished the Herculean task of scanning every FMS yearbook onto a CD. We used those CDs and attempted to contact each and every Faculty, Staff, and Cadet listed within. Sue and I entered the names and addresses of all those located into a database that we still maintain. That database is the one used for the newsletter mailouts.

Following The Lollapalooza, our main reunion held in DeLand, we set out to formalize an FMS Association. Ingo Kozak (1960), our Legal Committee Chairman, led us triumphantly through the bewildering mazes of officialdom to become, officially, FMSA on 04/10/03! And the rest, as they say, is history.

**FLORIDA MILITARY SCHOOL
ASSOCIATION , INC.
April 10, 2003**

FROM THE RANKS.....

AS I RECALL

Jerry Alleyne
FMS Class of 1957

I was an underachiever. My teachers said it. My parents believed it. I got shipped.

First, as a sophomore, to St. Andrews - an Episcopal school atop Mt. Eagle in Tennessee. Then, for reasons still unknown to me, I was sent to Carlisle Military School in Bamberg, S.C. my junior year. I relate this brief academic history because my American History teacher and my basketball coach were the same person . . . Capt. Carl Ward. He was a good coach and a better teacher. He had that special gift that, if he asked you to do something, you believed you could do it.

I played football and started at quarterback. I was so proficient at that position my coach decided to switch to a single-wing midway through the season. But I also played basketball and made the varsity sitting on the bench the first half of the season, then getting some playing time and even starting a game or two toward the end.

Rumor had it that Capt. Ward was going to start a military school somewhere in Florida the following year. He had mentioned it to a few of the other cadets but had not spoken to me about it. "Strange" I thought, because I was from Florida (Jacksonville), a fair student and a budding basketball star. He was going to have a basketball team right away to sort of propel the FMS name around the central part of the state. So why had he not spoken to me?

I had the occasion to ask him about it one day and he said he did not mention it to me because he thought I would want to continue my football career and the school would not be fielding a team for a year or two. A nice thought but I was, for some reason, determined to go to this new school.

I seem to recall that there were two other original investors in the school. I can't recall their names - I think Beeman was one, anyway they pulled out sometime during the year and although as a student I was not privy to such things I have always thought that Carl Schaefer's family came to the rescue. I know I presented a new Ford station wagon to Col. Ward at graduation that was donated by the Schaefer family. I believe they had a fleet of semis. I remember some years later seeing one of the 18 wheelers with the following painted on the side of the trailer: "Florida Military School - Home of Scholarly Gentlemen".

My parents talked to the now "Colonel" Ward and decided to give it a shot. I went down about a month early to help get things going. I think Col. Ward and my parents worked out some kind of financial arrangement for me being on board early. I remember being very surprised upon being named Cadet Major. It had not

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occurred to me that I would be ranked that high. I knew other cadets from Carlisle were coming on board and thought they would receive the higher rankings. In retrospect I think maybe it was because I could type and the Cadet Major was responsible for all the "academia" associated with the corps. Bill Howard from New Smyrna was the Cadet Colonel. Joe Long from Moultrie, GA. was Capt. of Company "B" or "D". Kenny Hewitt, a red head also from Moultrie, was the Band Captain. David Cannon from Aiken, S.C. I think was Capt. of Company "C" or "D".

The first school was located about a quarter mile west of where the campus was finally located. It was a one level building, perhaps a base hospital at one time. I can't remember when we moved, but I think it must have been some time in the early spring. I know we were in the original building through the basketball season.

Mary Ward was an integral part of everything that went on and the Colonel had an old German Shepherd named Dusty that was never far away. Ms. Ward's sister "George" signed on as the manager of the cafeteria. Her main helper was a black man I think named "Willie". Our cafeteria was what most of you knew as the "Canteen". I'm not sure when the new cafeteria was built but it was there when I went back to teach in 1963-64.

George Evans husband, I think his name was Carl also, was the basketball coach. A tall man, thin with wavy dark hair who I don't remember that well, perhaps because we didn't get along. I started for the team and although I was only 6-2 played center. At that time anyone over 6-5 was sort of freakish and usually clumsy and awkward. Our uniforms were something else - black and gold with black knee socks with gold rings and those white Converse canvas basketball shoes. We must have looked like something out of a circus. I remember only one of my teammates, Frank Sica. Frank was a good athlete with thick glasses and a mouth full of wire. A really nice guy. I missed seeing him at the reunion.

We started the "Lancers" right away and I was appointed the drill master. Nothing very complicated but we did alright I suppose. The corps marched in several parades and although the band was a little rough we made it through the Sunday "shows" without any problems to speak of. I noticed with some degree of satisfaction that my boyhood friend Warren Foster was the leader of the Lancers the following year or so.

I am amused now, looking back, on my various encounters with Col. Ward. Even though I was Cadet Major, it did not shield me from discipline. He would hook his finger in your belt loop to keep you from moving and let it rip. I got it several times. Usually it was my foul mouth that got me in trouble. On one occasion I was feeling really bad and had gone to bed early (being a Major I had my own room). Someone had the gall to open my door and turn on the light. "You son of a @*^ turn off the @*\$% light and leave me alone" looking up only to see, much to my astonishment, the Faculty Officer of the Day. That got me ten. And then there was the baseball tryout. All my life I had played 2nd

base. The coach (I think it was Capt. Evans) told me to get behind the plate and catch. I tried to explain I was a 2nd baseman to no avail. While departing for home plate I said "Well Sh-t".

That got me another ten. I remember that it was a thing of great bravado to mouth silently the number of licks you were getting. And the licks were not delivered in private. It was done in front of the entire corps in the mess hall. Looking back on it I now realize why I never considered doing anything like that to my children and during my short tenure as a teacher at FMS not only did I not paddle but had a real problem with some of the faculty members who seemed to enjoy whacking little kids.

I have to laugh when I think of Col. Ward asking me why I had pictures of James Dean and Tony Perkins on my wall and no girls. I just figured that if I modeled myself after those two I would get all the girls I needed. The fact that my two idols turned out to be gay is inconsequential. Who knew? In truth my dealings with women over the years has gotten me into more trouble than I care to talk about.

I guess no reminiscing would be complete without some mention of the "townies". Guys and girls. Some fights with the guys and some really neat experiences with the girls. It was bound to happen. This new school, guys with uniforms. The girls were curious and the town guys were jealous. I only had one fight as I recall and I don't remember what it was over - probably a girl. I remember getting beat on pretty good until a cadet named Bill Causey came to my rescue. He was big and played saxophone in the band. He just stepped in between us and hustled me away. It's a good thing because I was just about to get my rhythm.

I had a couple of girl friends during the year. I can't remember their names but at the time I sure did appreciate their attention.

It wasn't until the reunion, 40 some years after I left FMS that I realized the similarities between Col. Ward's career and my own. We were both educators (History). Both coached. Both were in the military. Both school administrators. Both retired and raising farm stock not 50 miles from each other (although I did not know this until the reunion). I was never aware of Col. Ward having any influence on my life, but

FMS was a unique experience. Unique enough that I went back to teach and, who knows, if Stetson's graduate school had not been so cost prohibitive I might have stayed longer. As with the rest of the corps, FMS, the good and the bad of it, has been, is and will continue to be a part of my life.

FMS Museum Exhibit Continues to Improve

Deland Memorial Hospital Museum

Thornton Ridinger
FMS Class of 1959

The committee continues to work with Tom Sperling and the City of DeLand to provide a more secure and permanent arrangement of the FMS memorabilia. Tom plans to increase

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our exhibit space in a more permanent glass display case. We are still in the market for a mannequin if anyone would like to donate one to the museum.

Don't Be Left Out

Max Elliott
FMS Class of 1958

Max Elliott is keeping the "official" database for the association. Please keep him posted on any changes in your information such as address, phone, and e-mail, etc. Don't assume that your information will be updated if you have told someone else because that is not always so and we don't want to lose you. Max's database will be used for all mailings, and any future directory updates.

If you locate someone who is not already in the database (directory) or if you have a change of information for someone else, please forward that to Max as well. Several new names have been added. There will be lots of things coming up that we don't want you to miss out on.

Note: Max moved across the street so house number is different.

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FMS Plans a Cruise

Sue Courtney, Honorary Cadet
Cruise Coordinator

The old saying, "**Those who snooze, lose**" has never been so true. We found a great cruise for the group but before we could get the information out to everyone, it was closed out. The cruise industry has regained popularity and has also increased their prices, especially for 2004. We searched again and have located another great deal.

There is one big catch....you have to **act quickly**, or you may get closed out. Because of the increased demand, the cruise companies will only guarantee prices until **June 30th**. You must contact Tracy and **reserve your cabin and send in a deposit by that date**. This is a great new ship and offers a wide variety of activities, so everyone should have fun. Let us know when you book so we include you in the goodies, etc.

DATE: December 6, 2003
CRUISE LINE: Carnival
SHIP: The Glory
DEPARTURE: Port Canaveral, FL. (easily accessible from Orlando Airport)
ITINERARY: 7-night Western Caribbean (sails 4pm, Key West, day at sea, Belize, Cozumel, Mexico, Progreso, Mexico, a day at sea, return 7am)

Accommodations and Rates:

Book a Category 4A, **inside** stateroom, and receive a Category 6A **outside** stateroom for **\$529 per person** (includes cruise and port fees), plus \$45.05 tax per person

Book a Category 6A, **outside** stateroom, and receive a Category 8A **Balcony** stateroom for **\$629 per person** (includes cruise and port fees) plus \$45.05 tax

A **deposit of \$250.** per person is due **BY JUNE 30th** reservation. Cabins based on availability at time of reservation. Final payment will be due by September 15th. Cancellation insurance is available at a fee.

Our Cruise Agent is:

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Don't delay.. Act today!!

MONEY \$\$\$ TALKS...

Andy Staley, Treasurer
FMS Class of 1968

For those that do not have access to the Internet and our Florida Military School website (<http://fmsphotosite.tripod.com/index.htm>) you should know that we are in good financial health. We still encourage donations to keep the operating funds at a level that enable us to maintain the Association and the benefits we plan to continue to provide to you, the members

From the Jungle...

What Should Appear...



Persistence pays. Several cadets who remembered the old FMS sign began digging through the jungle like underbrush at the Lollapalooza and lo and behold, there it was....the original sign. A little worse for wear but still proudly standing. It is located on some property presently owned by Mr. Roger Davis,

Mr. Davis indicated that as long as he owned the property our sign would remain. He was not adverse to its restoration. Rex Riley will spearhead a committee to do determine what is needed and the expense. Some paint, new letters, and a bit of landscaping, and it should be good as new. If you are interested in helping with this endeavor, contact Rex Riley.

FMS Memory book

Harry Silvis
Class of 1965

It's slow going but I'm still working on it. The stories and memories are slowly coming in, but we need more. Come on guys...the little incidents you remember are always entertaining for others to read. Those special pictures, those impish escapades... Let's hear from you!

**ARTICLE V
BY-LAWS REVISIONS**

- A. The By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the members present at any meeting called for that provided written notice of the proposal action has been given or mailed to the members at their last known address not less than ten (10) days prior hereto, or voting in a mail-out ballot sent to members at their last known address. E-mail may be used when applicable.

**ARTICLE VI
EXECUTIVE BOARD**

- A. The Executive Board shall consist of a President; Vice President; Secretary, Treasurer, and one to three Members at Large.
- B. Vacancies among officer positions occurring before the expiration of an officer's term shall be filled by election of the Board. Such electees shall serve the duration of the unexpired term and then be eligible for further nomination.
- C. The Executive Board shall develop association policies that will enhance the objectives/goals of the Association.
- D. The Executive Board shall conduct periodic meetings with the general membership invited for business in accordance with these By-Laws.
- E. No board member shall receive or be lawfully entitled to receive any salary or any other remuneration for services in connection with the administration of the affairs of this corporation, but may be reimbursed for actual expenditures incurred for authorized services other than as a board member.
- F. All officers shall be elected by ballot of the general membership, and shall serve for a two year term. All officers shall take office on October 1st following their election.

**ARTICLE VII
MEETINGS**

- 1. Business Meetings shall be held when needed, or as required, with an annual meeting in October)
- 2. Special meetings of the Executive Board may be called by the President or by the Secretary at the verbal request of two (2) members of the Board. Board members shall have written or verbal notification at least two(2) weeks prior to any special meeting.
- 3. Emergency meetings may be called by the Chairman/President by telephone upon two (2) days advance notice. Meetings may be held telephonically or on-line.
- 4. Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of the meetings of the Association.

**ARTICLE VIII
QUORUM**

A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of the board . If a quorum is not present, the meeting may continue but without official motions passed. Ratifications of such matters must be obtained from 50% of the Board members to make actions official. Minutes will be recorded and distributed with record of such action at the next Board meeting.

**ARTICLE IX
DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

Section 1: President

- 1. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association, and shall preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Executive Board, and shall be ex-officio member of all Committees of the Association.
- 2. The President shall represent the Association in all matters involving meetings or contacts with other local, regional or national groups, or shall appoint an alternate.
- 3. In the absence of the Association treasurer, the Association President shall sign any duly authorized checks or other drafts upon the funds of the Association.

Section 2: Vice President

- 1. In the absence of the Association President, the vice-president shall perform all duties and shall be vested with the power of the Association President.

Regional Gatherings

We know not everyone likes to cruise, and some people can't travel long distances, so the logical answer is to have regional activities. To keep the FMS spirit thriving, these informal gatherings are a necessity. They don't have to be anything elaborate. Even a phone call to say "Hey, some FMS guys are having breakfast. Come join us."

Remember the camaraderie of the Lollapalooza? Dig out your directory and get the ball rolling.

50TH Anniversary LOOMS

The Lollapalooza is history now, but before we know it, the 50th anniversary celebrations will begin. The first will be in 2006, to commemorate the opening of the school. And then a class will celebrate their 50th every year thereafter. Will you be part of this? We certainly hope so. It will take the combined efforts of many to make these celebrations a success. It's time to start the planning now. It would be nice if each graduating class would take the task of organizing their own celebration, and would include the other classes.

Since the annual meeting of the Association is to be held in October of each year, these activities could possibly be combined. **Ready, set, start!**

BY-LAWS
of the
FLORIDA MILITARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION, Inc.

Effective Date October 1, 2003

**ARTICLE I
NAME**

The name of the Corporation shall be Florida Military School Association, Inc. (FMSA). It shall be located in Volusia County, Florida and incorporated under the laws of the state of Florida as a non-profit corporation.

**ARTICLE II
PURPOSE & OBJECTIVES**

The general purpose of the FMSA is to promote fellowship among FMS alumni, friends and associates by providing means and opportunities for communication and association. This will be accomplished by the following objectives:

- 1. Facilitate gatherings and reunions among members.
- 2. Maintain communications among members via periodic newsletter.
- 3. Maintain a self-sustaining organization and structure to assure perpetual association.
- 4. Coordinate the continuing search for FMS Alumni.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Association shall be open to former students, faculty and friends of Florida Military School and others interested in the support of such an Association.

**ARTICLE IV
GOVERNMENT**

- A. This association shall be governed by the Articles of Incorporation of the Association and the By-Laws.
- B. An Executive Board shall be elected through the ballot process by the members in good standing (dues paid) with a majority vote.

2. The Vice president shall assist in developing short-range plans for the next fiscal year and develop the organization to implement this plan.

Section 3: Secretary

1. The Association secretary shall give notice of all meetings of the Association and of the Association Executive Board meetings, keep a true and complete record of the proceedings at all meetings, and maintain accurate attendance records of all meetings.
2. The secretary shall issue all other authorized notices of the Association.
3. The secretary shall coordinate with the Membership committee to maintain a complete and accurate roster of the names and addresses of all members of the Association. (List to be used for mailing notices, ballots, newsletters and not to be sent to any businesses for profit. The membership directory remains the sole property of the Association.)
4. The Association secretary shall prepare and submit minutes of each Executive Board Meeting. The secretary shall assist with such work as requested or delegated by the President or officers, and shall keep files of all correspondence and reports of committees and shall send any correspondence deemed necessary for Board business.
5. The Association secretary shall mail out, receive, count and retain election ballots and submit results to the Executive Board for certification and approval. Once the election results have been approved, the ballots may be destroyed.

Section 4: Treasurer

1. The Association Treasurer shall receive all monies for bank deposit and pay all expenses through the checking system approved by the Executive Board. Donations and gifts of value shall be accounted for by the Treasurer. Primary signatures on the Association account shall be the President and the Treasurer, however only one of these will be required.
2. The Association treasurer shall keep an accurate and complete record of all receipts and disbursements, and shall make all books and all supporting papers available upon request by the president of the Association or the Audit Committee.
3. The Treasurer shall prepare and submit quarterly Finance Reports to the Executive Board.
4. The Treasurer shall provide the Annual Financial Report at the end of each fiscal year.
5. The Treasurer shall collect membership dues (rates to be established by the Executive Board), and coordinate who paid with the Membership committee and the Association secretary for the Annual Membership Roster.
6. The out-going treasurer shall provide the necessary assistance to the incoming Association treasurer.

Section 5: Members-at-Large

1. The membership shall elect 1-3 members in good standing to serve on the Executive Board.
2. Members-at-Large shall attend and have voting rights at the Executive Board meetings.
3. Members-at-Large shall provide advice/feedback to the Executive Board as general membership representatives.

**ARTICLE X
COMMITTEES**

- A. Committees shall be formed by the Executive Board. The committee chairman shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Board. There are two types of committees; standing and special committees. Each committee shall consist of a chairman and others necessary to adequately function. The committee chairman or designee may attend and shall report to the Executive Board at their scheduled meetings.
- B. The Association president is an ex-officio member of each committee
- C. Committees may conduct appropriate business meetings by telephone or e-mail without physically meeting.

D. STANDING COMMITTEES:

Committees that are essential to provide on-going functions of the Association from year to year.

1. **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:** shall promote membership, maintain the membership roster in coordination with the Association secretary, and promote Association membership drives. This committee shall continue the endeavor of locating former FMS cadets.
2. **NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE:** shall consist of at least three members in good standing appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Board.
3. **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:** Shall provide public relations activities for the Association, between the Executive Board, the membership, the communities and the media, through a periodic Association newsletter and other correspondence as approved by the Board.
4. **AUDIT COMMITTEE:** Shall receive the Treasurer's finance records for the completed fiscal year. The committee shall review the records for accuracy, completeness and accountability and report to the Executive Board with their findings and recommendations, within 60 days after the end of the fiscal year.
5. **LEGAL COMMITTEE:** Shall assist as necessary to assure the Association practices are in compliance with applicable laws (State and Federal).
6. **INTERNET/WEBSITE COMMITTEE:** shall coordinate with the Executive Board and the Publicity/Newsletter committee to keep the Association website updated with the latest information.

E. SPECIAL COMMITTEES: Shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Board from the Association membership for special purposes.

1. **REUNIONS COMMITTEE:** Shall plan and coordinate reunions, both regional and central for the Association. (As required).

**ARTICLE XI
FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year of the Association shall be from October 1st to September 31st.

**ARTICLE XII
FINANCES**

1. The Association shall be operated as a NON PROFIT corporation under the laws of the State of Florida.
2. The Treasurer shall be responsible for accounting for all money and gifts of value received or spent.
3. An annual independent audit shall be conducted by an Audit Committee at the end of each fiscal year within 60 days. The Audit Committee shall consist of a minimum of 2 members appointed by the President.
4. The Association shall operate from the income from annual membership fees, to be determined annually by the Board, and from any donations received.

Remember the **JUNE 30th** deadline to book a cruise. Call Tracy **today** and join us for a week of fun and relaxation. Don't miss this great opportunity.