



Florida Military School

Alumni Association



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Hail and Farewell!



From the President's Pen -

Max Elliott '58

This will be my farewell and final President's Pen column. The new President of FMSA, Harry Silvis (installed at the last Annual Meeting), will also have his hail and first column in this issue.

The 7th Annual meeting was held at the Nash Hanger on 3 October from 1300 to 1400 hours. Reports were given by Sue Elliott, Thornton Ridinger, and Harry Silvis, the revised FMSA By-Laws were approved, and the newly elected board was installed. The tradition of a cookout following the meeting was continued, but with a twist. A motion was made, seconded and carried to allow FMSA to purchase the meat and vegetables for the cookout.

It has been a pleasure to help design and build, from the ground up, FMSA. I think the thing that has provided me the most satisfaction throughout was the personal contact in locating prior cadets, faculty, staff, and friends of FMS. The most common response was that they had not heard anything about FMS since they left.

We, as an association, have developed into a group that really enjoys associating with each other on a frequent basis. I really enjoy seeing the smiles on your faces as you greet one another. I have certainly enjoyed meeting each and every one of you – again and again!

And it is with a smile on my face that I bid you farewell as the FMSA President and hello as a fellow member and FMSer. God Bless!

From the President's Keyboard

Harry C. Silvis '65
FMSA PRESIDENT

We are off to a new year in FMSA. Max has left us in good shape with \$8,000. in the bank and no debt. My thanks to Ron Wiborg 66' for his note after the "Return of the Knights" reunion, decrying that three years was far too long a time for the Corps not to have a formation. We polled the Corps and we heard from 50+ cadets, that two years was more to their liking. We have already signed the contract with Holiday Inn International for the reunion to be held July 28-31, 2011 in Daytona Beach. Please mark your calendars NOW, so you will attend. The site and dates were approved at the annual meeting, as no other site was presented from the floor.

The association's biggest yearly expense is, the cost of postage. We spend \$1200.+ per year on postage which represents 60% of our annual budget. As we all know, postage will only continue to rise on a yearly basis. In a separate article I have outlined a way if you choose, you can receive the alumni newsletter via the internet. For each of you that "opts in" on this, the association will save \$2.00 per year in postage. This is very easy for me to do with the address program, now that I have studied it.

The FMS Sign and the lights that were on the sign will soon be united in a new home. With the property for sale where the sign is, Steve Nash 65' is going to acquire the center section of the sign and has offered to visit Col Ward to get the lights and store all of them for the time being in his hanger.

The By-laws were discussed at length at the annual meeting and the ones we passed can be found on

the web-site. There is an article in the newsletter on the FMS cruise to Alaska next May. Have a look, it might be a great trip for you to take. Still time to get the "Florida Military School - The History", 2 disc set of the reunion and a 2010 FMS calendar for only \$55.00. Make sure you give your children a copy for Christmas! Send checks to Sue please, made out to FMSA.

I can be reached at 770 421-1415 or at kennesawgraphics@bellsouth.net.

Happy Thanksgiving
Merry Christmas
Happy New Year !!

FMSA Official Website:
www.fms-assn.org

FMSA Mailing address will continue to be:
FMSA c/o Elliott
PO Box 5
Pierson, FL 32180

FMSA ELECTIONS

The nominating Committee presented the new slate of officers for a vote of approval at the Business Meeting. The slate presented was:

Florida Military School Association, Inc. GOVERNING BOARD

President - Harry Silvis
Vice President – Rex Riley
Secretary/Treasurer - Sue Elliott
Member-at-Large - Jerry Alleyne
Member-at-Large - Dennis Eyre
Member-at-Large - Lee Hansen
Member-at-Large - Asa Dean
***Past President – Max Elliott**

This slate was installed at the Annual meeting following the vote on the By-Laws changes.



AND THE WINNING YEAR FOR THE REUNION IS 2011

After the "Return of the Knights" reunion that was held in Daytona Beach in July, there has been a steady stream of requests from the members to have the next reunion in 2011 instead of 2012. We polled the members via the newsletter and an email to those we have current email addresses, as to when they wanted the next reunion. The overwhelming vote was to hold the next reunion in 2011. At the annual meeting on October 3rd, 2011 was approved by the members, and Daytona Beach was picked, as to where to have it, as no other location was presented. The contract with Holiday Inn Express International Speedway has been signed, for the reunion to be held from **July 28th to July 31st 2011**

HOLIDAY GIFT SPECIAL Coffee Table Book "FMS – The History" PLUS

The Reunion DVD PLUS The 2010 FMSA Calendar

For a limited time only, you can order all three of these recent editions in a special bundle, just in time for Holiday Giving. This bundle is being offered for a brief time at a special price of **\$55**, including shipping. Our supply is limited, so order your gifts today. An order form is included elsewhere in this issue.

FMS SIGN & LITES

The property where the original FMS sign is presently located is up for sale as Davis Trucking is no longer there. Steve Nash 65' is going to remove the center portion of the sign and hang it in his hanger, until we come up with a permanent place to display it. Jeff Fawsett 60' shared with us that he and Col. Ward have been talking about him giving FMSA the lights that had been on the sign. Steve Nash 65' volunteered to get them from Col. Ward later this year, when he visits the mid-Atlantic states. He will also store them in his hanger for safekeeping. (Maybe we can put them on the columns without electricity? - Harry Silvis)

GET YOUR NEWSLETTER DELIVERED VIA THE INTERNET

There have been a number of requests that the FMSA newsletter be delivered electronically, thus saving the association around \$2.00 per cadet, per year, using this delivery method.

Here is how it will work:

1. You send me an email requesting electronic newsletters
2. When newsletter is ready, Asa will post it on FMSA web-site
3. Then you will be send an email with the link to the FMSA web-site newsletter so you can view it there or down load and print it if you choose
4. IF your email is returned as undeliverable for any reason, you will be removed from the email delivery, and snail mailed the newsletter
5. You will then have to reapply by an email to be put back on the list

Email requests to
kennesawgraphics@bellsouth.net

This method is not labor intensive and will only require that we remove the labels from those printed for the newsletter mailing. **Be aware**, we will only use "Bcc" Blind carbon copy to keep your email address private.

BY-LAWS UPDATED

At the annual meeting held in DeLand on October 3rd we up-dated the alumni association by-laws. Please visit the web site or see below the revised by-laws as there were changes that were proposed and ratified from the floor.

BY-LAWS

of the
FLORIDA MILITARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION, Inc.

Effective Date : October 3, 2009

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 among members.
2. Hold an all class reunion every two or three years.
3. Maintain communications among members via periodic newsletter and web site.
4. Maintain a self-sustaining organization and structure to assure perpetual association.
5. 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 with a majority vote.

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 four Members at Large. The Past President will also serve on the board as a voting member for one term. The first President of FMSA shall be "President Emeritus" and shall serve on the Board as a voting member for life.
- 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 the time period between the all class reunions. 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.

- 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.
- 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**

- 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.
- 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.
- 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**

- 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.
- 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**

- 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.
- The secretary shall issue all other authorized notices of the Association.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- The Secretary shall receive all monies paid into the Association and shall deposit such monies into the appropriate bank account(s) providing the Treasurer with the receipts therefore.

Section 4: **Treasurer**

- The Association Treasurer 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.
- 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.
- The Treasurer shall prepare and submit quarterly Finance Reports to the Executive Board.
- The Treasurer shall provide the Annual Financial Report at the end of each fiscal year.
- 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.
- The out-going treasurer shall provide the necessary assistance to the incoming Association treasurer.

Section 5: **Members-at-Large**

- The membership shall elect 4 members in good standing to serve on the Executive Board.
- Members-at-Large shall attend and have voting rights at the Executive Board meetings.
- Members-at-Large shall provide advice/feedback to the Executive Board as general membership representatives.

ARTICLE X

COMMITTEES

- 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.
- The Association president is an ex-officio member of each committee
- Committees may conduct appropriate business meetings by telephone or e-mail without physically meeting.
- STANDING COMMITTEES:** Committees that are essential to provide on-going functions of the Association from year to year.
 - 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.
 - NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE:** shall consist of at least three members in good standing appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Board.
 - 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.
 - 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 30th.

**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 any donations received.

**ANNUAL MEETING
Treasurer's Report
10/1/2008 – 9/30/2009**

Income/Expenses

Income

Donations	\$11,721.00
Registrations	8,100.00
Sales	<u>2,541.00</u>

Total Income \$ 22,362.00

Expenses

Newsletter	\$ 1,685.78
Services	6,992.72
Supplies	8,410.44
Taxes	<u>61.25</u>

Total Expenses \$ 17,150.19

Total Income/Expenses \$ **5,211.81**

Balance Sheet - as of 9/30/09

Assets

Cash & Bank Accounts FMSA \$8,149.72

Total Assets

\$8,149.72

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities 0.00
Equity \$8,149.72

Total Liabilities & Equity

\$8,149.72

Report submitted at Annual Meeting by:
Thornton Ridinger, Treasurer

FMSA CRUISE



Diamond Princess

Diamond Princess is a luxury destination in itself. Wake each morning in anticipation of a new horizon. Take in the view from one of nearly 740 balcony staterooms. Indulge in a hot stone massage at the renowned Lotus Spa, enjoy fine dining in a formal or relaxed atmosphere and make it a cruise to remember.

After much research and discussions with a cruise agent, the **Diamond Princess** sailing from Whittier, Alaska on **May 29th**, was selected as an FMSA cruise. The southbound trip will cover 7 days and has the following itinerary:

**Princess Diamond Princess
May 29, 2010**

7-night Southbound from Whittier to Vancouver

Cruise ONLY

Accommodations and Rates:

Category J, inside stateroom, \$674.40 per person

Category EE, ocean view stateroom \$1325.40 per person

Category BC, balcony stateroom, \$1464.90 per person

Ground transfers, \$78 per person

The interesting part of these arrangements is that several options are available for land tours prior to meeting the ship in Whittier. Our agent informs us that we will not qualify for some of the group benefits as most all "group space" is already sold out for 2010. Tracy Speller is our agent and she informs us that when we book through her she will link all our reservations together so we will be an unofficial group, even though all reservations will have to be individual. This does have one distinct advantage though. Each individual can choose the land portion tour that best suits their needs rather than being forced into accepting only one choice.

Depending on how long you want to tour and how much you are willing to spend, here are some of the options for land tours. (Realize that the cost increases as the number of days increases as well)

Look over the choices. Many of the cruise lines are cutting back on the number of cruises they are offering for 2010 so we will need to make our selections quickly so you do not get closed out of a cabin choice or a land tour.

Tracy Speller, the agent we worked with on our previous cruise, has quoted us some sample cruise tours prices. The Prices vary with your choice of number of total days and type of shipboard accommodation selected. Since Princess offers Anytime Dining, the group can decide among themselves as to when they wish to eat. We can also plan other shipboard group gatherings.

Look over the suggestions she sent (there are others) and then contact Tracy Speller at 800-668-6414 ext. 136 or at tspeller@cruisedeals.com as soon as possible. Mention "FMSA CRUISE" when booking. All reservations should be started by mid December to avoid getting closed out.

If you plan to make reservations please also let Sue Elliott know or email her at:

sgcourtney@att.net

so we can keep tabs on how many will be in the group.



Here's one tour Tracy did not quote:

Direct to the Wilderness – Tour AB3

3-night Land Tour featuring 1-night Anchorage, 1-night Mt. McKinley Princess Lodge, 1-night Denali Princess Lodge and a 7-night Voyage of the Glaciers Cruise.

Travel Sequence: Tour first, then Cruise

Ship: Diamond Princess

Voyage Departure Port: Anchorage (Whittier), Alaska

Number of Days: 10 (7 cruise, 3 tour)
Departs Wed. May 26th



On the following page you will find the side-by-side comparison of the cruise tours available

and the quotes Tracy was able to give us. You may also contact her for other offerings.

11-night - Tour BB4

Accommodations and Rates:

Category M, inside stateroom, \$1849.37 per person

Category EE-BF, ocean view upgraded to balcony stateroom
\$2267.87 per person

(Rates include all ground transfers)

Direct to the Wilderness - Tour BB4

4-night Land Tour featuring 2-nights Fairbanks, 1-night Denali Princess Lodge, 1-night Mt. McKinley Princess Lodge and a 7-night Voyage of the Glaciers Cruise.

Travel Sequence: Tour first, then Cruise

Ship: Diamond Princess

Number of Days: 11 (7 cruise, 4 tour)

Departure Date: Tues. May 25th

11-night - Tour CB4

Accommodations and Rates:

Category M, inside stateroom, \$1849.37 per person

Category EE-BF, ocean view upgraded to balcony stateroom
\$2267.87 per person

(Rates include all ground transfers)

Direct to the Wilderness - Tour CB4

4-night Land Tour featuring 2-nights Fairbanks, 2-nights Denali Princess Lodge and a 7-night Voyage of the Glaciers Cruise.

Travel Sequence: Tour first, then Cruise

Ship: Diamond Princess

Number of Days: 11 (7 cruise, 4 tour)

Departure Date Tues. May 25th

12-night - Tour FB5

Accommodations and Rates:

Category M, inside stateroom, \$2019.61 per person

Category EE-BF, ocean view upgraded to balcony stateroom
\$2438.11 per person

(Rates include all ground transfers)

Direct to the Wilderness - Tour FB5

5-night Land Tour featuring 2-nights Fairbanks, 2-nights Denali Princess Lodge, 1-night Mt. McKinley Princess Lodge and a 7-night Voyage of the Glaciers Cruise.

Travel Sequence: Tour first, then Cruise

Ship: Diamond Princess

Number of Days: 12 (7 cruise, 5 tour)

Departure Date: Mon. May 24th

13-night - Tour GB6

Accommodations and Rates:

Category M, inside stateroom, \$2188.20 per person

Category EE-BF, ocean view upgraded to balcony stateroom
\$2606.70 per person

(Rates include all ground transfers)

Direct to the Wilderness - Tour GB6

6-night Land Tour featuring 2-nights Fairbanks, 2-nights Denali Princess Lodge, 2-nights Mt. McKinley Princess Lodge and a 7-night Voyage of the Glaciers Cruise.

Travel Sequence: Tour first, then Cruise

Ship: Diamond Princess

Number of Days: 13 (7 cruise, 6 tour)

Departure Date: Sun. May 23rd

Additional expenses include your airfare between home and tour departure place and return to your home from Vancouver.

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C/O Max Elliott
P.O. Box 5
Pierson, Florida 32180

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NAME _____ CITY _____

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copies _____ **BOOK @ \$50. each**

copies _____ **2009 DIRECTORY @ \$10**

copies _____ **" Return of the Knights" 2 DVD set**

Total amount _____ (all prices include shipping)

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