



# Florida Military School

Alumni Association

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## From the President's Keyboard

Harry C. Silvis '65  
FMSA PRESIDENT

### WE ARE LESS THAN 3 MONTHS TO THE 2011 REUNION "Knights of the Renaissance",

The severe winter quickly turned into a very early and warm spring in Atlanta. My outdoor projects are coming along nicely. My taking advantage of a local Starbucks that gives me a cubic foot of coffee grinds a day and a local plant nursery that gives me wood chips and soil w/grass in it, thus making us 9 cu yards of very rich compost. The coffee grounds are so rich in nitrogen, that a new pile will reach 120 degrees in less than 5 days. So far 24 stalks of Bamboo "Giganticus" have emerged on the other side of the bamboo barrier. They are growing OVER a foot a day vertically. My neighbor behind me, has all my redirected running bamboo sprouting everywhere in his yard.

At this time we stand @ 12 cadets registered for the reunion. While we have had a lot of people commit to coming to the reunion, registrations are lacking. Lets get registered so we can do some planning for additional things to do at the reunion.

We still need someone to take over the "Remembrance" program to those who have passed on. Thornton Ridinger 59' will be happy to pass everything on. I plan to remember the seven cadets that gave their lives in the RVN at that time and to continue remembering them on our web site.

Thus far, only 65'-66' have made concrete plans for their dinner on Friday nite. Postcards were sent out to the 94 members of these two classes by the association. The only cost was for the postage as I printed/labeled & mailed them. I would be happy do the same for other groups.

I have challenged Jeffery Fawsett 60' to research the members of his graduating class that are "missing" and to help him locate them. Thus far he has located one additional cadet from his class. We will assist others that want to do the same, as graduates are the majority of our association.

Good talking to Rick Van Loon 65' and Jeff Waterman 65' and can not wait to see you in July. Jeff your help with finding a realtor in the Ft. Myers area has been very helpful and we may become winter residents in that area.

Steve and Sydney Nash 65' went on a short trip to Avon Park, FL to knock on the door of Peter Layzell 65'. Pete was my roommate the second half of our freshman year when he arrived at the school. Pete is among the 40% to 60% of the cadets that do not have Internet access.

A special thanks to Ron Wiborg 66' for sharing with us his message from Robert & Babbs Hart 66' over in Alabama after the horrible tornadoes they endured. You will find a message from Robert elsewhere in the newsletter.

If you emailed me an address change and I did not get it changed please do it again. I believe that I accidentally deleted one cadet's change from the March newsletter.

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or **kennesawgraphics@comcast.net**

REMEMBER it takes **two** things to register for the 2011 reunion, **BOOK** your room @ the Holiday Inn in Daytona Beach (386-258-6333 Theresa Graves & mention it is for FMSA) and **register with FMSA** with Sue Elliott!

*Registration with FMSA is what gets you the greatly reduced room rate at the Holiday Inn.*

AFTER reading the whole newsletter, if you have any questions please call me at 678 622-6248 or email me at one of my addresses. You can also call Sue Elliott with your questions at 386-749-4031. We will be happy to answer your questions.

*Fuel prices again have gone through the roof and are currently in the \$4.00 gallon area. Zora Mae has discovered that Publix runs a special about every six weeks or so. If you purchase \$25.00 in groceries, you can then purchase a Shell or CITCO gas card of \$50.00 for \$40.00. (Could be different in your area) If you also shop at Kroger and get their \$.10 off gas, for each \$100. purchased you can use it with the gas card from Publix at Shell. This we have done in the past. Not as much work as it sounds for a 20%+ savings on \$50.00. in fuel!*

Visit the FMSA web site and look at the ARTICLES heading from time to time. Asa Dean 60' has been putting in information submitted about cadets for you to read.

FMSA purpose is to give opportunities for former cadets from the school to from time to time gather and again enjoy each other's company in a relaxed atmosphere and remember our time together.

P.S. STILL A FEW **FMS THE HISTORY** BOOKS AVAILABLE, CONTACT SUE ELLIOTT TO PURCHASE THEM.

**THE FMSA OFFICIAL WEBSITE:**  
**www.fmsa-assn.org**

**MAILING ADDRESS:** FMSA c/o Max Elliott  
P.O. Box 5 Pierson, FL 32180

## NEWS FROM THE CORPS –

We recently received a letter from James Purucker '59, with a donation toward the D.J. He said that due to his disabilities, he had not been able to attend our previous reunions but that he was anticipating this one. He also enclosed the following picture.



Granddaughter Jordan, boyfriend Kyle Higgins, James F. Purucker, wife Linda (of 41 yrs), son James M, his wife Tracey (of 21 yrs), his daughter Emily (14 yrs), Mark Collier husband of daughter Cammi, Cammi, their daughter Keelan.

This is his family on his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. Jim's daughter had the FMS t-shirts make up for the party they held on the lake there in Arizona.

(In case, you do not know who Jim is, you can find his cadet picture on page 9 of *The History of FMS* book.)

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## TORNADO & FMSA

Following the recent tornadoes that tore through Tuscaloosa, Ron Wiborg '66 was finally able to contact Robert Hart '66 who lives in Tuscaloosa. The following is the email Robert sent to Ron...in its entirety, in answer to inquiries made about his welfare. It does give quite a perspective of the devastation.

"Dear friends,

Pardon the generic nature of this note. but this is the first chance I have had to respond to the many attempts, on your part, to communicate with us. Our power just came back on and then the Internet service today. Thanks for the inquiries of concern...phone service has been almost nonexistent but today that is getting better also.. thank you for the calls...an update...I have been through two big hurricanes..but have never been in this kind of destruction...what I have seen today, on TV, that ya'll have been seeing regarding this event is 5% of the story...my family, home, office, vehicles are fine...our side of the river was untouched...it is a beautiful spring day here...across the river it looks

like sections have been carpet bombed...2 miles away a elementary school is gone...all garbage trucks destroyed....it missed a packed regional hospital by 200 yards...the University is untouched...not a tree down...a friend in an affluent area found three black kids dead in her back yard...with no idea of where they were carried from..or to whom they belong...the horror stories will fill a book someday...it's Hollywood stuff...a policeman yesterday was directing me to some condos we own...I inquired about him and he broke down telling me the cadaver dogs had just been brought in to his area...some looting is going on..8pm to 6:30 am curfew is in effect..many government offices have relocated to Bryant-Denny football stadium on campus...most all of the student athletes and all of the football team were out serving the next day...Coach Saben was driving around in his pickup giving out water and hugs..it is just heartbreaking...I tried to tell Babs about it...she was in B'ham when it hit here...but when I took her out yesterday for her to actually see the area she was blowing away by the utter devastation...at times she couldn't figure where she was because so much is gone. Those of you who know Tusc...one can stand on the corner of 15th and McFarland and see Bryant - Denny and the Coliseum...because so much is gone between the two locations..two schools have power the rest do not...two schools...gone! The Bama kids have been sent home..being told they can keep the grade they have now or contact their professor for a final sometime in the future...Our prayer is that our sovereign God will honor Himself in this...giving us words that heal, compassion that is real and a sensitivity to the Holy Spirit on where to serve (one feels like there is so much to do..in every direction...so much incredible need where do you start that will actually make a difference) and whom to pray for and share the Gospel with...Babs and I were to be at a social event in NC (Ashville) area for a week leaving tomorrow..its paid for and yet we just don't have peace about going...if you want to send money to help folks here are some suggestions ...we are buying a bunch of \$ 25.00 cards from Wal-Mart, etc, to give out to the most needy..you can send \$ to us and we will put it with ours.(no deduction)..or the Salvation Army (their new building is gone)..or the Red Cross or go one line and get the address for Church of the Highlands (and get a deduction) designate for Tusc., because B'ham, Cullman and a 100 little towns or spots in the road, etc, have been hammered as well...please pray for our area...for restoration...physical, emotional and spiritual healing...wisdom for our officials and an open door for us to make a difference...in Jesus name...

thanks.. Robert Hart '66"

## FMSA ELECTIONS 2011

In accordance with the FMSA By-Laws, it is time again for the election of the Officers and Board members. President Harry C. Silvis, appointed Thornton Ridinger 59' to head the committee and to report back with the slate at the annual meeting.

Anyone wishing to nominate another slate please contact Thornton Ridinger on or before noon EST on July 10<sup>th</sup> 2011 in writing with the names of the slate you wish to nominate (in accordance with the FMSA By-Laws.) The nominator must certify that each person on the slate has been contacted and has agreed to be on the slate and is able and willing to perform the duties required of them. The committee will then evaluate the slates submitted to make sure all nominees are members of FMSA and wish to serve. The membership will then be notified at the 2011 Reunion as to the slates presented and the election will be held at the business meeting and the new Officers & Directors will take office at the annual meeting in October. Slates should be sent to Thornton at: 1 Tomoka Oaks Blvd, #104 Ormond Beach, FL 32174 or emailed to trindger@earthlink.net.

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## FMS Reunion 2011

*“Knights of The Renaissance”*

**July 29, 30, 31,  
(Fri. – Sunday)**

### Reunion Registration fee:

**\$60\*** per cadet and **\$40** for guests and spouses

We have not increased the registration fee since our first reunion in an attempt to keep the reunion affordable to all. The \$60 per cadet includes a tote bag complete with a copy of the current Cadet Directory, program and tickets for lunch and the buffet Saturday night. The \$40 spouse or friend fee does not include the bag. Each attendee will receive a reunion nametag.

**MAILING ADDRESS:** FMSA c/o Sue Elliott  
P.O. Box 5 Pierson, FL 32180

## HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Please do not confuse your hotel reservation with your reunion registration. They are not the same thing. You must make your hotel reservations directly with the hotel, but your reunion registration needs to be made with FMSA. A registration form is included for your convenience. We have already received several and the hotel reports that many have called in for their hotel reservations. Don't delay in making your reservations so that you do not get closed out.

**Holiday Inn Express –  
Daytona Beach, FL  
2620 International Speedway Blvd.  
(I-95 exit 261A south or exit 261 north)**



### Room Rates:

**Double:** \$69 per night plus tax  
**King:** \$69 per night plus tax  
**Suite:** \$99 per night plus tax

A block of rooms is reserved for FMSA so be sure to mention FMS when making your reservations. Holiday Inn Express will honor the rates for three days prior and three days after the scheduled reunion if you would like to make it an extended vacation.

**Director of Sales: Theresa Graves**

Phone: 386-258-6333, or

[doshiexpress@elitehospitality.com](mailto:doshiexpress@elitehospitality.com)

Amenities include: Complimentary Full Breakfast Buffet daily, Business Center, Olympic Swimming Pool, 6 Lighted Tennis courts and fitness room. In room coffee-maker, ironing board, hair dryer, complimentary wireless high speed access, and private balcony. A **Free shuttle** is available from nearby Daytona International Airport.

# HELP WANTED – OPPORTUNITIES

## Will YOU volunteer?

In these trying times, that is a sign that gets attention more than ever. And we are hoping that it will get yours. Seriously, we do need help. This reunion can not be a “two man” job. Yes, we have done it several times and it does get easier each time but we still need others to assist.

There are so many areas that we can use your assistance. Some people have stepped forward already to volunteer but there are still jobs that need you.

- Registration –
- Greeters -
- Raffle –
- Duck Race
- Ghost Tour –
- Hospitality -
- Memorial Service
- Ladies Coffee Hour
- Games Coordinator . –.
- Goodie Bags .- also items needed
- Auctioneer –
- Auction – items needed

After much discussion, it has been decided that another sword will be made available as a Raffle item. So for those of you that missed out last time, you now will have another opportunity to possess your very own sword.

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**FMS GOODIES !!!** Zora Mae & Harry will have there assorted FMS mementoes FOR SALE as usual at the reunion, but will only be open at certain times that will be shared with you on check-in and posted on the door of the SUPPLY ROOM.

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**Editor’s Note:** Max & I will be traveling from the 18<sup>th</sup> of May until June 6<sup>th</sup> and we would love to find our mailbox stuffed to capacity with your registrations when we return. I will post your checks immediately on our return so don’t wait to send in your registration.

**Register NOW and avoid the \$20 late fee.**

**Don’t forget to make your hotel reservations as well!**

## Treasurer’s Report

3/4/2011 – 5/11/2011

Beginning Balance – 3/4/2011 **\$7326.25**

### INCOME

Donations **\$250.00**  
Registrations **\$960.00**

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**TOTAL INCOME - \$1210.00**

### EXPENSES

3/09/2011 – WVHS patron **\$150.00**  
3/09/2011 – Annual report FL D of State **\$ 61.25**  
3/15/2011 - Newsletter postage **\$ 286.00**  
3/16/2011 - Newsletter printing **\$ 150.00**

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**TOTAL EXPENSES - \$ 647.25**

**(Income – expenses = \$562.75 gain)**

### TOTAL ASSETS – 5/11/2011

Cash/Bank Account BB&T **\$7889.00**

*Sue Elliott, Treasurer*

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### **The Friday Nite Dinner**

For

Classes of 1965 – 1966

And Other Friends

**5:30 pm on Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>**

### **BJ’s Restaurant & Brew House**

2514 W. International Blvd.

At site of former

Buca di Beppo Restaurant

Extensive menu as well as pricing

Check FMSA web site for full menu

R.S.V.P. Harry C. Silvis

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Call 678 622-6248

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# REUNION

## REGISTRATION

## 2011 FMSA DIRECTORY

We are preparing an updated version of the FMSA Directory for this reunion. Please check your personal information that we currently have on file for you (on the insert below) and if there are any changes please send those corrections as soon as possible to:

Max Elliott  
P.O. Box 5  
Pierson, FL 32180

A downloadable form is available on the FMSA website, or you may use the one included in this newsletter. All registrations must be received **by June 30<sup>th</sup> 2011**. **Late registrations after June 30<sup>th</sup>, will include a \$20 late fee.** **Make your reservations EARLY!!!! No refunds available after July 15<sup>th</sup>.**

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### REUNION 2011 REGISTRATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Guests Names: \_\_\_\_\_  
(as you want them to appear on nametags)

Registration fee: (\$60 per FMS cadet and \$40 for each guest prior to June 30th, 2011.) ( Late fee of \$20 after June 30th) (Each cadet registration includes a copy of the 2011 FMSA Directory)  
\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$60 \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$40 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ included

\$20 Deposit per person reserves your places.

Final payment due by July 1, 2011. No refunds after July 15th.

TOTAL DUE = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Due by June 30th = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: Florida Military School Assoc.

Send to: **FMSA c/o Max Elliott, PO Box 5, Pierson, FL 32180**

I would like to volunteer to help with \_\_\_\_\_

I have made a donation of \_\_\_\_\_ to be used to enhance the reunion for everyone

Max Elliott  
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Pierson, FL 32180

Address Correction Requested



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JULY 28TH-31ST



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