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Alumni Association



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## From the President's Keyboard

Harry C. Silvis '65  
FMSA PRESIDENT

## "Knights of the Renaissance"

### Goes down as another FMSA Reunion success.

We all arrived some early, others on time and a few late from all over the nation and Canada. We were a little concerned at the numbers coming early on but, we did beat our projection of 60 cadets by 1 and had 40 friends and family also attend. The classes of 59', 65' & 66' were again the largest classes that attended. Col Ward and Miss Earp represented the Administration & faculty.

Friday evening, saw the Friday class dinners with 58' eating at Longhorn Steakhouse, 59' eating at Gene's Steak House, 60' had late dinner at BJ's Restaurant and 65'/66' & friends had early dinner at BJ's Restaurant.

A highlight to this year's reunion was video taping sessions with each of the class groups. During this period the cadets talked about how it was at FMS and what their fondest memories were. These sessions and the weekend videographer were made possible by the generosity of Carl and Richard Schaefer and Tommy Crutchfield. Each cadet in attendance will be receiving a complimentary copy of the 2 DVD set as part of their registration. Additional copies will be made available for purchase as long as the limited supply lasts. (see elsewhere in the newsletter for details).

The entire time we were at the Holiday Inn Express we shared the facilities with teenaged children that were playing in a tennis tournament at the Florida Tennis center just up the street on LPGA Blvd. At certain times in the morning there was a little congestion at the breakfast bar, and there were reports of late night noise, which none of us heard.

Everything for the reunion was inside to keep us all out of the sweltering Florida weather.

Saturday morning got off to a start with the Ladies Coffee. This was a chance for the ladies to talk about something besides FMS or war stories. Meanwhile the cadets were busy with their taping sessions or swapping stories.

During the day, each of the classes was interviewed for the video. Everyone took a break at noon to enjoy box lunches from Heavenly Ham that were included in the registration this year. Most participants however, did elect to eat inside in air conditioning rather than out at the pool. After lunch though, the pool and the hospitality room were the favored places.

After an afternoon of leisure, it was cocktail time and then the dinner. This year we decided to have a buffet rather than the barbeque of past years. The



buffet lines were moved indoors because of the heat as, as much as possible of the reunion functions. The HIE outdid themselves with a delicious chicken picata meal with wild rice and veggies and salad, and cake for dessert. It must have been popular, as it disappeared quickly.

After the dishes were cleared away, we had the evenings' program. Bill Dubberty was presented with the first President's Award for his years of following the school's creed of Honor – Wisdom & Self Discipline. We then had a presentation by Charlie & Kaye Campbell 68' of a beautiful embroidered recreated FMS flag to Col. Ward. A second flag now resides in our museum.

Kay & Jim Campbell present the flag she made to Col. Ward



Jeff Fawsett 60' then made a presentation to Col. Ward of a recreation of the plaque that is on the school columns, that he had made. There was also a second cast in aluminum that was auctioned off later in the evening. We then moved on to the auction that was conducted by Lee Hansen 64' with the assistance of Trudy Bulat, the Purple Pumpkin Lady. The purpose of the auction and raffles are to raise money for the continued operation of the association. Then, on to the dancing.

Sunday morning began with the memorial service conducted Gerald Metzdorf 59'.

Special mention was given to ten cadets and two faculty we confirmed as deceased since our last reunion. With Rex Riley's 70' wonderful graphics, I remembered the seven cadets that gave their lives in the Vietnam War. As always, we ended the ceremony with Gary Aitken 60' reading the entire list of members that have passed on.



Our last piece of business was the business meeting. There were other members of FMSA that we recognized with plaques for their many contributions to the Reunions: James F. Turner,(greeter), Trudy Bulat,(Purple Pumpkin Lady), Judy Dubberly,(decorations at all reunions), Gary Aitken, (reading departed names & poem) and Gerald Metzdorf, (Memorial Service).

We accepted a report from Thornton Ridinger 59' on the slate for the new FMSA Officers & Board of Directors, which was approved by the membership.

They are: Dennis Eyre, Lee Hansen, Asa Dean, Harry C. Silvis, Rex Riley, Jerry Alleyne, Pete Bulat, Sue Elliott, and Max Elliott. The new Board will begin office at the October annual meeting and will serve until the next reunion which is scheduled on July 2013.

The preliminary treasurer's report showed that the reunion, as promised, paid for itself with the registrations and the donations. There are more figures elsewhere in this newsletter. We then broke ranks and returned to our lives of today, until the next reunion in 2013.

### **THE FMSA OFFICIAL WEBSITE:**

**[www.fms-assn.org](http://www.fms-assn.org)**

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## **President's Award 2011**

As I worked down in the "Men's Dungeon" preparing for the reunion, there was a single plaque left after I made all of the awards and everything else. It sat there a couple of days and then it came to me to give a President's Award to a cadet that showed Honor – Wisdom – Self Discipline in their adult life. The next criteria was the winner had to be at the reunion. It very quickly was evident that there was but one winner this year:

### **Bill Dubberly**



He has lived a quiet, unassuming life as husband, father and community member. Bill owned his own businesses for years from the time he was in his early 20's. He owned and operated a service station, then an auto repair shop and finally his own florist supply route that took him throughout lower Georgia and Florida. His wife Judy accompanied

him on this route for many years prior to their retirement.

Bill and Judy raised two upstanding sons, and instilled the same values of "Honor, Wisdom and Self-Discipline" to them. Although, he was busy as a self-employed businessman, he supported the boys through their school and sports activities. As Judy put it, "We hauled ourselves to games and activities far and near." At one point, they had a farm in Barberville, FL and raised pigs as well as other things.

Bill has always been very active in his church, serving as Deacon. Since his 20's, he has led the singing at services at the Baptist Church in Barberville. He stands firm in his beliefs and encourages others to come and share in his church family.

Bill retired due to a bout of failing health, but he seems to be doing better now. He votes regularly, and is well thought of by his friends and neighbors in the community.

Judy says this quiet, unassuming man "never did anything great but, (she) never has had to bail him out



of jail or see him fall off a bar stool." After his years at FMS, Bill went on to live his life by the school's motto of "Honor, Wisdom and Self-Discipline. He has led an exemplary life.

## **Reunion Financial Report**

Our projected budget for this year's reunion turned out to be right on the mark. We had projected a registration of 60 cadets and 40 guests with a total income of \$5200. In actuality, we had 59 cadets and 45 guests and a total income of \$5220.

The projected expenses were also on the mark. Expenses included meals (Saturday lunch and dinner) for all registrants, a gift bag for each cadet, and materials for the Memorial Service and the Hospitality Room.



Three major donations from Carl Schaefer, Richard Schaefer and Tommy Crutchfield.

We received some very generous donations prior to the reunion to aid in presenting the reunion and to include both the DJ and the videographing of the weekend events. The videographer was funded by

Because of these cadets, we are able to video the class interviews and cover all weekend events and mail a copy to each cadet attendee. The remainder of the donations was used to cover the DJ and other expenses. The remainder of the donations totaled \$1565.00. The cost of the DJ was \$600, leaving us a remainder of \$965.

The total of the general expenses was: \$1482.88 plus the meals, deposit and room fee to HIE of \$4489, gave us a total for expenses of \$5971.88. Total income from registrations was \$5220. This money plus the remainder of the donations = \$6185.

Total income – total expenses (\$6185-\$5971.88) gives us a remainder of \$213.12.



Thornton & Sue hang the new flag at registration



Trudy Bulat, A.K.A. *THE PURPLE PUMPKIN LADY* ran the again successful 50/50 drawing as well as the raffle!

Additionally, the auction and raffles also brought us an income of \$1629. This plus the remainder from the reunion will be used toward funding the annual operational expenses of the Association which average \$2034.25. This annual figure includes the publication of 4 newsletters a year. Should we only send out three newsletters per year, it would be a savings of \$406 or the total yearly expense of \$1628.25. This item will be discussed at the Annual Meeting.

## 2011 Reunion VIDEO

This two DVD set is being mailed to all cadet attendees. It includes a sampling from the weekend activities as well as the interviews with each of the cadet classes. Originally we contracted for a single DVD but because the material proved to be so interesting, we found ourselves with a total of 6 hours of tape that we had to edit to a total of four hours.

For those who were unable to attend, we have a limited number of sets available for purchase. The set including mailing is \$15, and available as long as supply lasts.

Send your request with a check for \$15 made out to Florida Military School Assoc. to Sue Elliott PO Box 5, Pierson, FL 32180.

Diana & Jerry,  
our  
videographers



## TREASURER'S REPORT

**5/11/2011- 8/13/2011**

Beginning Balance – 5/11/2011

### INCOME

Donations	\$3815.00
Registrations	\$3980.00
Misc. income	\$1480.00

**TOTAL INCOME - \$9275.00**

### EXPENSES

5/15/2011 - Newsletter postage	\$ 286.00
5/16/2011 - Newsletter printing	\$ 150.00
5/17/2011 - Postage (Secretary)	\$ 13.75
6/30/2011- Playing cards	\$ 440.00
7/1/2011 - Newsletter Postage	\$ 286.00
7/1/2011 - Newsletter printing	\$ 150.00
7/9/2011 - Directory printing	\$ 375.00
7/11/2011 – Goldrush Production –deposit	\$ 600.00
7/18/2011 - Koosies	\$ 237.00
7/18/2011 – Reunion expenses	\$ 223.60
7/27/2011 – Judy Dubberly – decorations	\$ 39.00
7/27/2011 – Donor gifts	\$ 37.23
7/28/2011 – Goldrush Productions	\$1717.50
7/30/2011 – Extra video time	\$100.00
7/31/2011 - Holiday Inn Express	\$3935.90
8/1/2011 - Hospitality Room food	\$ 293.86
8/4/2011 – HIE – deposit 2013	\$ 500.00
8/12/2011 - Goldrush Prod. – extra DVD	\$ 426.00
8/14/2011 - Sue Elliott – office supplies	\$ 53.97

**TOTAL EXPENSES - \$ 9864.81**

**\_Income – expenses = (- \$589.81)**

### TOTAL ASSETS – 8/13/2011

(Beginning balance – deficit = ending bank balance)

Cash/Bank Account BB&T **\$7299.19**

*Sue Elliott, Treasurer*



## *For Memory's Sake*

Gary Aitken '60

*When bugle calls ruled the day  
Drums beat a stirring cadence sound  
The band would rousing marches play  
As we strode in step across the ground,  
All now silent.*

*Under fair Florida's sweltering sun  
In blue wool and white webbing clad  
Polished, shining, sharp-creased as one  
Uniformly displaying the pride we had,  
A memory.*

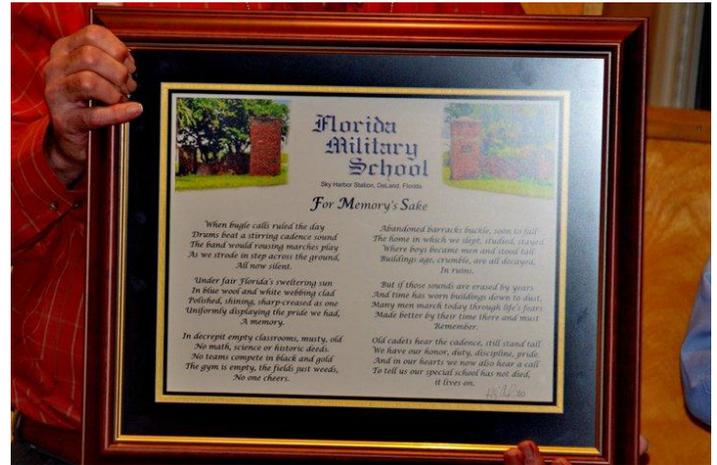
*In decrepit empty classrooms, musty, old  
No math, science or historic deeds.  
No teams compete in black and gold  
The gym is empty, the fields just weeds,  
No one cheers.*

*Abandoned barracks buckle, soon to fall  
The home in which we slept, studied, stayed  
Where boys became men and stood tall  
Buildings age, crumble, are all decayed,  
In ruins.*

*But if those sounds are erased by years  
And time has worn buildings down to dust,  
Many men march today through life's fears  
Made better by their time there and must  
Remember.*

*Old cadets hear the cadence, still stand tall  
We have our honor, duty, discipline, pride  
And in our hearts we now also hear a call  
To tell us our special school has not died, it  
Lives on.*

***This about sums it up...the memories do live on...not in wood and stone but in our very hearts. The school is not dead, as long as a cadet remains to have the memories.***



**Copy of poem signed and presented to Col. Ward at the reunion.**

## **Memories For Purchase.....**

Limited copies of the <b>2011 DVD set..</b> (price included mailing costs)	\$15.00
<b>DVD set from 2009 reunion Closeout</b> (price includes shipping)	\$10.00
<b>2011 Directory</b> (current addresses)	\$5.00
8.5 x 11 copy of " <b>For Memory Sake</b> " (suitable for framing)	\$5.00
<b>FMSA Golf Umbrella</b> w imprint (very limited edition only 5 left)	\$25.00 + shipping
<b>FMS Playing cards</b> – black & gold (very limited supply)	\$5.00
Package of 6 <b>FMS Informals</b> -	\$2.50
Decorative <b>Birdhouses</b> with FMS License plate Roof	\$20.00 + Shipping
<b>2011 FMS Lapel pins</b>	\$5.00
<b>FMS Wall Clock</b>	\$20.00 + Shipping
<b>FMS DVD</b> – (16mm Film from 1965 – VHS of cadet life 1963 – Dress reviews 1958-1959 )	\$15.00 + Shipping
<b>FMS POSTAGE STAMPS</b> – Real USPS stamps commemorating the school matted & Framed	\$10.00 + Shipping

### **Send your order requests to:**

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**ANNOUNCING-**



***Annual Meeting of FMSA - Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>  
1 pm DeLand Airport – Steve Nash’s Hanger***

***FMSA REUNION 2013 - AUGUST 26-28, 2013  
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS – Daytona Beach, FL  
Mark your calendars now so you can attend.***