



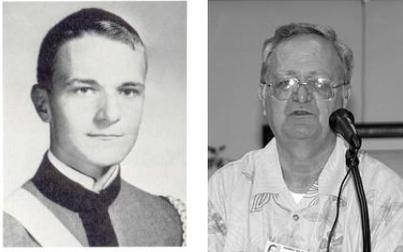
# Florida Military School

## Alumni Association



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**From the  
President's  
Keyboard**

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Zora Mae and I hope we find you and yours in good health. We just experienced the heat in HOT ATLANTA. Four days so far with temperatures of over 100 and heat records too numerous to list. We continue to live in Acworth, as our settling on a Florida home has eluded us, as the deals have fell through for a number of reasons. After 5 months we found out Chase had charged the loan off, bundled it and sold it to one of the creeps that buy them, and hound the people to death to collect. They were not interested in losing money on the loan they just purchased.

Another was the farm in DeLeon Springs that was just perfect until the primary bank discovered there was over \$860,000 in mortgages on it. There were homes in DeLand & Palm Coast that were bidding wars of 30 or more bidders, who were going to pay well above the value of the house and then sink another \$ 25,000 into them. Right now, we have a Deltona home under contract and it is the exact floor plan of the first house, yet it is in move in condition, with a 6 year old roof.

Jeff Fawsett 60' gave us a call back in June as he was coming home from a trip north. We met him and had a nice dinner and conversation.

As the reunion quickly approaches us, we are starting to work on it. First, the Holiday Inn Express International Speedway will be changing its name later this year. Same owners, same staff and same deal. They have just finished upgrades to the property.

We have been made aware that Lillian Hess, formerly of the Holiday Inn DeLand and Holiday Inn International Blvd., has recently become general manager of the Clarion Hotel in DeLand (formerly the Holiday Inn) and wants to make it worth our time to return there in 2015. We will explore this later.

We continue to receive a half dozen or so newsletters back from each mailing marked as *undeliverable*. Please make sure that we have your address after you move, as the post office does not always handle your address change very well. We do not want to again post you as missing!

One thing I will add back into this reunion is the celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of the attending cadets from 1961, 1962, 1963 and 1964 and present them with a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary diploma on Thursday night or Friday night.. In 2009, we did it at Gene's restaurant in DeLand. I will be calling a member of each of these classes to contact it's members to attend. You do not have to be an actual graduate to receive this diploma, just these years were your graduation year..

I am also soliciting nominations for the "President's Award 2013." I give it to a cadet that has shown Honor-Wisdom-Self Discipline in their adult life. The winner must attend the reunion.

We have a wonderful page from Earl and Sue Lamar '63. Please take the time to read it, as they have done something that many of us can only dream about, in they built a sail boat in their backyard and are now sailing it around the world.

Please use [tdpilot2@gmail.com](mailto:tdpilot2@gmail.com) to get a hold of our web Master Sergeant, Asa Dean. All other addresses are now null and void.

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## **ANNUAL MEETING 2012**

The annual meeting will be held on:

**Saturday, October 13, 2012**

**Gather for lunch @ 11:30**

**at Sky Dive DeLand**

**Business Meeting at 1 p.m.**

**Steve Nash's Hanger**

### **Why do we have an annual meeting?**

Our By-Laws require we hold the annual meeting to: Provide audited financial report to the membership, Make and approve spending for the next fiscal year and when necessary make and make/approve budget for upcoming reunion. If you have ideas or suggestions, please send them to us in advance or attend the meeting to be heard.

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## **FMS Reunion 2013**

*"Name ???"*

**July 25, 26, 27, 28,**

**(Thursday – 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. At the 2013 reunion, we will be spotlighting the classes of **1961, 1962, 1963 and 1964** as they observe their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their graduation.

Mark your calendar and plan your budget. Make this your big vacation for 2013.

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## **\*Holiday Inn Express – Daytona Beach, FL**

**2620 International Speedway Blvd.**

**(I-95 exit 261A south or exit 261 north)**

**\*Name to be changed later this year**



### **Room Rates:**

**Double:** \$69 per night plus tax

**Poolside/Courtyard 2 dbl beds:**

\$69 per night plus tax

**Standard King:** \$69 per night plus tax

**Suite/ king or 2 dbl beds:** \$99 per night plus tax

### **RESERVATION CUT OFF 7/12/13**

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**

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**Will we see YOU there???**

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# SAILING, SAILING

**....Off to follow a dream.**

## **Classmates reunite along the way, too.**

(Letter and photos from Earl & Sue Lamar '63)

In 1980, we started building a sail boat. In 1990, we were finally ready to launch it. We spent a few years getting familiar with it and taking trial runs before we were ready to make the great escape.



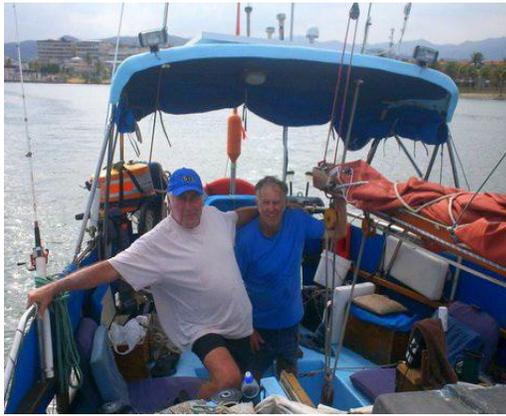
Finally, in October of 1998, we left Florida and sailed around the Caribbean. We arrived back in the states in 2001 and took care of our parents for a while. But the lure of the sea was still calling.

In the meantime, I found some pictures of Thomas Bokor '63, and Richard Bright '63. I located an address for Thomas and mailed him a letter and the pictures. He now lives in Caracas, Venezuela. He wrote back and invited us to stop by if we ever got to Venezuela.



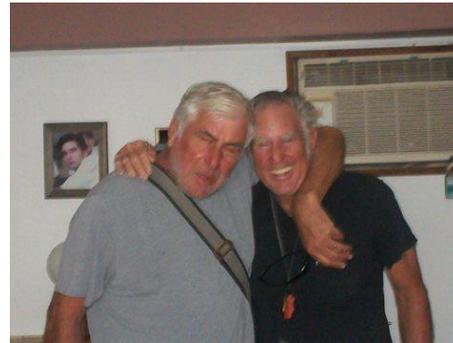
We left the states in Nov 2010. After sailing around the Caribbean and visiting various islands we finally made it to Venezuela in May of 2012.

After arriving in Puerto La Cruz, Thomas caught a bus from Caracas to spend a few days with us and took us sightseeing. One interesting thing was a trip up 300 ft above Caracas in a gondola.



He then sailed with us the eighty miles to Caraneroto his yacht club where he has a condo and his own boat. He is a very good fisherman.

We stayed and visited with him and his family for a couple of weeks and a good time was had by all. His wife's name is Irma and his sons are Anton and Steven.



It has been 50 years since we had seen each other and neither of us has gotten any prettier.

We are at this time in the A-B-C islands (Bonaire) and will be heading west when the weather is right.



Earl and Sue Lamar '63

(Who knows where we will hear from them next time.)

# **OPPORTUNITIES**

## **Will YOU volunteer?**

Yes, the reunion is almost exactly a year away but it is NOT too soon to begin to plan. Seriously, we do need help. This reunion cannot 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.

- **Registration** -
- **Greeters** -
- **Raffle** -
- **Ghost Tour** (Memorabilia)
- **Hospitality** -
- **Memorial Service**
- **Ladies Coffee Hour**
- **Games Coordinator** -.
- **Goodie Bags** - also items needed
- **Auctioneer** -
- **Auction** - items needed

**IT's NOT too soon!!**



## ***In Memoriam -***

My Brother, Don R. Seitz '62 , age 71, passed away on April 7, 1212, at Halifax Hospital in Daytona Beach. He had been ill for some time due to COPD and Lung Cancer. Don was a heavy smoker for years and continued to smoke after he was told of his condition.

Don lived his own life style, which was not conventional. He chose to live on the street or in the woods and would retrieve his food from whatever source available. He made friends the same way, and always had his sense of humor. A steady job was not in his resume. He lived free and only seemed to be concerned with someday making money in the flea market business.

His ashes were interned today (4/27/12) at Oakdale Cemetery in Deland with his Mother and Father and by his sister Mary Jane Boring. Don graduated Florida Military School and attended Daytona Junior College.

Jay Seitz '58

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## ***Treasurer's Report***

***2/23/201- 7/15/2012***

Beginning Balance – 2/23/2012           **\$6462.82**

### **INCOME**

None

**TOTAL INCOME -                                   \$ 000.00**

### **EXPENSES**

2/24/2012- Newsletter postage \$292.50

2/24/2012- Printing newsletters \$150.00

4/4/2012 –Annual Report filing \$ 61.25

**TOTAL EXPENSES -                               \$ 503.75**

**(Income – expenses = \$503.75 loss)**

**TOTAL ASSETS 7/15/2012**

Cash/Bank Account BB&T                   **\$5998.57**

*Sue Elliott, Treasurer*

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## ***FMSA news needed -***

Surely some of you have been doing something interesting? Why not share it with us and share those pictures too. On the non-reunion years I sometimes have to really hunt for news to print. So keep in touch and share it with us.

# 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Classes

At the 2013 reunion, we will be spotlighting the classes of **1961, 1962, 1963 and 1964** as they observe the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their graduation.

We are presently seeking organizers from each of these classes to help in coordinating the activities they would like for their celebration. If any of you in those classes are interested in helping with the planning, we would love to have your assistance.

Several places are being considered for the 50<sup>th</sup> celebration dinner, and it has not been decided if the celebration should be on Thursday night, as it was previously, or if you would prefer to have your dinner on Friday evening. There was also discussion about planning special Friday activities for this group and special souvenirs to commemorate the event.

Obviously, some of these decisions should be made with input from the group involved in the celebration. We are actively seeking your input during this planning stage.

It would also be helpful if several would volunteer to contact the members of each of these classes to encourage their attendance for this event. We have the contact information and can assist you in making the needed contacts. Just let us know that you are willing to assist.

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## **OTHER INPUT REQUESTED**

During this planning stage for the reunion, we are seeking your input of what you would like at the reunion. This is the time to speak up so there is no need for grouching later. All constructive suggestions will be considered.

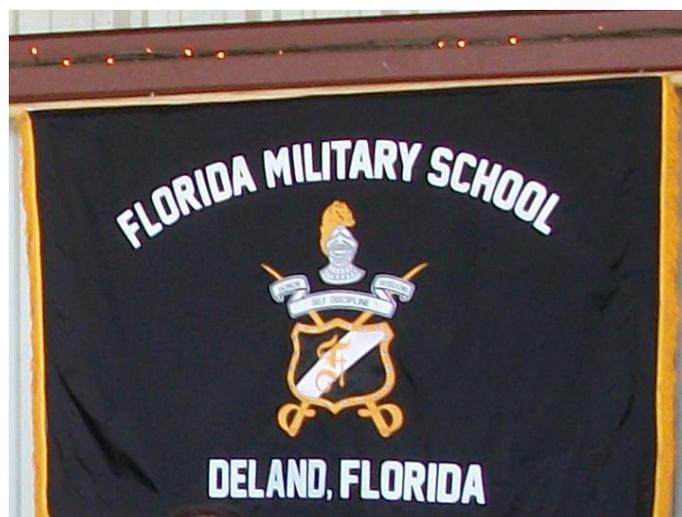
Presently we are starting with the format of the 2011 Reunion, and plan to allow the participants as much unstructured time as possible for visiting and enjoying each others' company. We will have the Saturday box lunch again and the Saturday evening dinner. There will be a Ladies Gathering

and the Memorial Service at the conclusion of the weekend.

Do you have any interest in a Saturday afternoon river cruise? Or any other special activity? What type of special activity would the ladies like?

Do you have any special theme idea? Do you want dancing at the end of the Saturday evening dinner? Or is there any other type of entertainment you would like to have?

This is your chance to help us formulate the plans for this Reunion. Don't wait. Send us your input now.



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**Will YOU be part of this picture in 2013?**



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## **Musings from the President !** Harry C Silvis 65'

We again begin the task of putting on yet another FMS reunion, which remains the main purpose of FMSA! I was surprised by how many of you told me you didn't attend the reunions. I honestly didn't think twice about signing up for it! Now I know there are many of you who want to nay say on reunions because you might hate the people you went to high school with, or it brings back bad memories, or you think no one will talk with you. Well for YOU I made this handy dandy list of **7 reasons you should attend your high school reunion:**

- 1. You have accomplished stuff!** Who cares if you don't have a book deal in the works and haven't starred in a reality TV show! I bet in the past 50 years you have done something pretty amazing.
- 2. You get to reminisce about all the stupid things** you did back when life was so much simpler.
- 3. You're at the legal age to drink!** Believe me the interactions go way smoother once everyone's drank half a bottle of wine.
- 4. Ripple will not be served.** Nor will anything from your parents' liquor cabinet, thankfully.
- 5. You won't see these people again.** So if the week-end all goes to shit, who cares! It's not like you have to sit next to them in algebra class tomorrow morning. Just don't hook up with someone else's mate. That might follow you into the future.
- 6. You get to see all the people you stalk on Facebook.** We all know way too much about each other through Facebook, which you might think eliminates all the fun. But seeing and talking to people *in person* tops any online chat. Remember that.
- 7. You have the smarts to NOT sign up with Glamour Shots anymore.**

Our time on earth is limited and it is coming to a close quickly. A number of you have told me that you are too busy and will make the next one. If you put it off, as some cadets have, you may never cross going to my high school reunion off of your bucket list.