



Florida Military School

Alumni Association



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From the President's Keyboard

Our final move to Florida and the reunion are over! Both were a big success!

Zora Mae and I ended up returning to Florida much later than planned. We were able to sell the home there quickly, as there currently is only a 14 day supply of homes for sale. The situation is very different than when we left in October of last year.

We went through everything and came up with the second truck to drive south. After the last trip, we were smart enough to find a neighbor to drive the truck down, as well as load and unload it for us. We loaded the truck on Monday, July 15th, drove the car down on Tuesday. The truck arrived at 9 AM on Wednesday the 17th and it was unloaded in 2 hours by the youth from the church. Of course, we now have a garage full of loaded banana boxes!

With the reunion fast approaching, we had to switch gears and prepare for that. Time enough to deal with all the boxes later.

That last trip from Atlanta was the best trip we have ever done, as we got through Atlanta during rush hour, without slowing down, and the trip took us 8.5 hours door to door.

For those of you that received the 2013 Directories at the reunion, you may have discovered that you are missing two pages. Some of you had then inserted there at the reunion, but if not, you will receive the two missing pages with your DVD in the near future. I remember, checking it back in May, when I printed the pages but somehow I must have been a senior moment !!! They were there but then they weren't! When you receive the pages it is fairly

simple to unbind the book and insert them. To unbind the book, hold the pages tight at the top by the spine, and gently pull the spine off. Put the pages in and then thread the spines through the holes one at a time.

My time as FMSA president is ending and Rex Riley 70' is taking over. I leave the organization in very good shape, with 625 active cadets and over \$6,000 in the bank. Elsewhere you will find the restatement of the mission, and values of the organization. These are so very important for you to read and understand, in that we remain a very unique organization.

Now off to build a shed and then add on a very large Florida room to our home. We are still emptying a couple boxes everyday and putting the contents away! Hope to see a lot of you at the Annual Meeting in October.

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BTW- Banana boxes are the best thing to use to move. They are well constructed and have handles to pick up, easy to stack, and very stable when they are full !!!!

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ANNUAL MEETING 2014

The annual meeting will be held on:

October 19th

**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 an 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.

FMS Reunion 2013

“The Triumph of the Knights”

Our 6th Crusade

The “*Triumph of the Knights*” was a big success !! There were 47 cadets/faculty registered and a total of 76 in attendance. That was 25% more than we had budgeted for using previous reunion numbers.

The registration went very smoothly at both the hotel and for the reunion. The festivities officially began on Friday evening with a great evening celebration for the 50th Anniversary classes at the Vince Carter Restaurant. In spite of the fact that we had told the restaurant we would have approximately 30-40 people, they easily accommodated the 55+ folks who attended, and a relaxed evening of delicious food and more fellowship was enjoyed by all. Jerry Alleyne, the



first cadet to graduate from FMS in 1957, and Col. Ward assisted Harry in the presentation of 50

year diplomas to the 15 cadets present from those classes.

As requested, most of the day on Saturday was left “unstructured” so that everyone could do their own thing. Saturday morning, started as every day at the hotel, with the wonderful breakfast buffet. The balance of the day was again free time, to visit with other cadets or enjoy the sites or shopping that Daytona Beach affords. We all gathered briefly for box lunches of delicious, homemade “wraps” before heading back to the pool, hospitality room, shopping or maybe a quick nap.

The annual Duck Race brought us all together at the pool and the exciting event was again won by a duck owned by Darby Sanford. When you own over a dozen ducks it helps! But this fun event not only pays the winner, it also helps the FMSA coffers.



The group reconvened Saturday evening starting at 6:00 pm with the cocktail hour. We also had the opportunity to taste some of the wines from the Elliott's Vineyard in Pierson. The homemade Lasagna was very good and very filling. In keeping with the feedback from the past, we eliminated the auction. A program of music of the 50's and 60's compiled by Rex Riley provided background music and maybe even stimulated some memories.

Harry Silvis presented framed pictures of the FMS NASCAR & The FMS Semi along with a commemorative plate to each of the Schaefer brothers, for their donations to FMSA.



Memorial Service led by Loren

After a brief, wakeup rain shower during the morning breakfast buffet, Sunday

morning began on a more serious note with our





King, '67. Loren was assisted by Thornton Ridinger, '59, Gary Aitken, '60 and Jim Turner, '59 who read scriptures and



the Roll Call. Rex Riley provided a slideshow of all the departed. Loren provided a slightly more "non-traditional" approach to the service with music by Randy Travis, Toby Keith and David Huntsinger. After a message by Loren and the Roll Call, a moving benediction was given by Terry Hollinsworth, '66.

Terry Hollinsworth was drafted at the last minute to offer the benediction at the Memorial Service and he so aptly summed up everything about FMSA that we are publishing it in its entirety here.



We thank you Heavenly Father for making it possible for us to come together for another reunion and visit with old friends, and make new ones among ourselves. We thank you for YOUR man, our own Col. Carl Ward, whom YOU placed in front of us those many years ago. We thank you also for all the faculty and staff that you provided for Col. Ward, to help him in his endeavor to educate us. We thank you for the Godly and positive influence they all had upon us. We thank you for the outstanding education we received at Florida Military School, where we learned not only academics, but how young men and women ought to conduct themselves, with honor and integrity, in a civil society. We thank you Father for the sacrifices our parents made to obtain this academic and moral education for us. Please continue to help us all as we apply the things we learned there at Florida Military School to our daily lives. Please see us all safely home to our loved ones. In Jesus precious name, Amen.

After the break to allow for a group photo, the last item on the weekend agenda was the business meeting. The new slate of Directors/Officers was presented and voted on. Sue Elliott, presented reports from the Secretary & Treasurer.

There was a bit of irony, in that the "Purple Pumpkin Lady", Trudy Bulat, won the drawing for the two night stay in St Augustine Beach. It is a fitting reward for all the hard work she has done over the years making us part with our cash to "buy a ticket".



The Seventh Crusade, date was announced to be on July 30th to August 2nd, 2015 at the hotel and the contract was signed to keep the room rates at \$59.00 a night.

Harry Silvis presented Rex Riley 70' with a plaque, thanking him for all his work for FMSA.



The last thing was the presentation of the much anticipated President's Award to James Turner, '59.

The meeting was adjourned, and the "Crusade" ended on a high note, after 76 folks enjoyed three days of beautiful weather and fellowship. After a really wet summer it was amazing that we had such beautiful weather with only one brief shower early Sunday morning. All departed, to return again in two years for the 7th Crusade.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

The winner of the President's award is based on the cadet's life after FMS, and has nothing to do with their work in FMSA. It is 100% the decision of the president, who does not use FMSA resources to make it. The winner must be attending the reunion. The cadet must have had service to their country, displays family values and the cadet must have given substantial volunteer service to the community, in which they live.



This year's president's award was presented to a much deserving cadet, Jim Turner, '60



President's Award

Presented To

James F. Turner

After FMS, Jim enlisted for 4 years in the US Air Force. He met and married his wife of 51 years, Wanda while stationed in Amarillo, Texas. They have 4 children (Bill, Cindy, Tammy, and Stacy), seven grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Jim was an independent businessman in Oklahoma and Florida, operating his own businesses for over 35 years. After that, Jim went to work with Bosch and Lomb Laboratories and retired from there in 2011.

Wanda brought Jim to Christ and he became very active in the mission work of his church. Jim is known throughout the area for his Christian love and support for the elderly, the sick, and others in need. He serves as the Chaplain of the Brandon High School football team and counsels the youth who have problems. He weekly visits those in the hospital, visits people in nursing homes, drives people to their appointments and when time permits ministers to prisoners.

After his years at FMS, Jim went on to live his life by the school's motto of "Honor, Wisdom and Self-Discipline". He has led an exemplary life.

THE CORPS OF CADETS SALUTE YOU

Jim is also known as "Mr. Hospitality" at our reunions. We were able to bring Jim's family in without his knowledge and they were present when Harry made the presentation. This was certainly one time that Jim was totally speechless. When a group of people are gathered, you can usually hear Jim's hearty laugh. Congratulations Jim.



The 7th Crusade

Mark your calendar and plan your budget. Make this your big vacation for **2015**. The contract is signed and the deposit has been paid. We have a fantastic deal again at the **Best Western Plus** for **July 31 – August 2** at the very same rates. So you have plenty of time to plan and save and we will make this the biggest reunion ever.

Yes, the reunion is two years away but it is NOT too soon to begin to plan. We need your input now about the things you want included or changed or eliminated. Once the plans are finalized, we cannot add things at the last minute so now is the time for your input.

A reunion cannot be a "two man" job. It takes many hands and much planning to have a successful reunion. The preliminary steps have been taken and now we need to fill in the details. Your feedback is requested. Yes, we have done it several times and it does get easier each time but we still need others to assist.

Now is the time to plan if you would like to include something in the gift bags (ie; the flag pins included by the Elliotts this year). This is a great time to promote your business as well.

The Outgoing President's Plaque

The plaque was presented to our outgoing President at the Sunday morning business

meeting by our incoming President read as follows:



Florida Military School Alumni

Recognizes

Harry C. Silvis

For your tireless and unheralded efforts in support of the alumni association of a school that has been closed for 42 years. Your resourcefulness and ingenuity as official vendor has enabled many cadets to have lasting memorabilia of their cadet days. You have contributed tireless hours in publishing newsletters and directories, and accomplished the publication of the book, "The History", that chronicles the complete history of the school. As a two term president of the association, you have overseen two successful reunions.

THE CORPS OF CADETS SALUTE YOU

TREASURER'S REPORT -

6/6/2013 – 8/28/2013

Beginning Balance – 6/6/2013	\$5750.07
<u>INCOME -</u>	
6/7/2013 -	\$100.00
6/7/2013-	\$100.00
6/17/2013-	\$350.00
6/17/2013-	\$370.00
6/20/2013-	\$480.00
6/21/2013-	\$ 60.00
6/27/2013-	\$100.00
6/28/2013-	\$1300.00
7/1/2013 -	\$160.00
7/1/2013 -	\$160.00
7/3/2013 -	\$160.00
7/5/2013 -	\$140.00
7/11/2013-	\$160.00
7/12/2013-	\$480.00
7/15/2013-	\$100.00
7/19/2013-	\$ 60.00
7/29/2013 -	\$825.00
<u>Total income -</u>	\$5105.00

Expenses –

6/7/2013 - Newsletter printing & postage	\$437.50
6/20/2013 - Web Hosting 36 mos.	\$113.40
7/8/2013 - Misc. Reunion expenses	\$203.33

7/16/2013 - Plaque	\$ 42.55
7/23/2013 - Memorial Programs	\$ 61.79
7/23/2013 - Directories, certificates, fans	\$300.00
7/21/2013 – Coolers	\$452.63
7/29/2013 - Martinez Videography	\$450.00
7/30/2013 – Best Western Plus	\$2055.85
7/30/2013 – Best Western Plus	\$500.00
8/9/2013 – Trophy Factory	\$ 34.03
8/18/2013 – Sue Elliott Hospitality	\$188.40

TOTAL EXPENSES - **\$4839.48**

Income – expenses + beginning balance = ending balance

(\$5105.0 - \$4839.48 + \$5750.07 = \$6015.59

TOTAL ASSETS – 8/28/2013

Cash/Bank Account BB&T

\$6015.59

Respectfully submitted:

Sue Elliott, Treasurer

2013 Reunion Financial Overview

Total registrations - \$3550.00

Total donations - \$2135.00

TOTAL INCOME - \$5785.00

Minus

Total Expenses - \$4424.22*

BALANCE \$1360.78

*There will still be expenses to be deducted for copying and mailing the DVDs to all attendees. Once all expenses have been paid, the remainder will be applied to the General Fund toward future newsletters and other expenses.

FMSA LADIES

This year the ladies got creative at their coffee and designed the table decorations for the evening's banquet. Although the decorations were "variations on a theme" they were all quite unique. Thank you ladies.



50th Reunion Classes

At the 2015 reunion, we will be spotlighting the classes of **1965, through 1971** as they observe their 50th anniversary of their graduation.

We are now 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.

The classes have plenty of lead time to contact their classmates and encourage them to attend the reunion so that they can receive their 50th anniversary diploma.

REUNION DVD

As in previous years, Carl Schaefer donated funds so that the activities for the weekend could be memorialized on a DVD.

All the activities of the weekend were again captured by our videographer, Jerry Martinez and his wife Diana. Jerry and Rex will make a DVD available of the weekend.



Attendees of the reunion will receive a copy in the mail at a future date. Those unable to attend who wish to purchase a DVD will also be given that opportunity. More information will be available in our next newsletter and on the website.

Florida Military School Association Mission Statement

When the Florida Military School association was originally founded, the board of directors developed a mission statement. This document has never formally been adopted, but we would like to put it up for adoption at the annual meeting.

MISSION

To promote fellowship among FMS alumni, friends and associates by providing means and opportunities for communications and association.

VISION

To be an exemplary association that can be a respected model for others.

VALUES

The Florida Military School Association embraces the following core values. We incorporate these values in our activities, in relationships with others in our communities and with each other.

We believe:

- All individuals will be treated equally and with respect regardless of their life situation.
- Our Board of Directors (and general membership) should exemplify the highest level of integrity and professionalism.
- We will be accountable in all matters, both financial and otherwise.
- We will tolerate others and their beliefs and treat each other with respect and dignity..
- That teamwork and collaboration are our means of developing an organization held in highest esteem.
- Our members will strive to live up to the FMS motto of "Honor, Wisdom and Self-Discipline" at all times.
- That these core values can be accomplished by:
 - 1. Facilitating gatherings among members
 - 2. Holding all-class reunions every two to three years
 - 3. Maintaining communication among members via periodic newsletters and a website
 - 4. Maintaining a self-sustaining organization and structure to assure perpetual association
 - 5. Coordinating the continuing search for FMS alumni

The New Executive Board of FMSA

Rex Riley	70	President
Pete Bulat	66	Vice President
Sue Elliott	60	(honorary) Secretary/ Treasurer
Bill Friend	61	Member-at-Large
Richard King	65/C	Member-at-Large
Steve Nash	65	Member-at-Large
Jim Turner	59	Member-at-Large
Harry Silvis	65	Past President (ex officio)
Max Elliott	58	President Emeritus (ex officio)
Loren King	67	Chaplain

These folks will take office at the Annual Meeting in October.



Robin Robertson 65' called from "McMurdo Station in Antarctic where he is "wintering over this year"



We tried to settled the world's affairs.

REUNION VIEWS

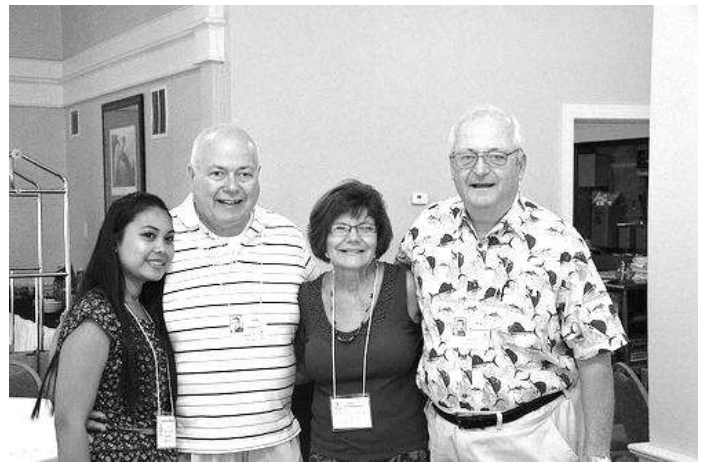
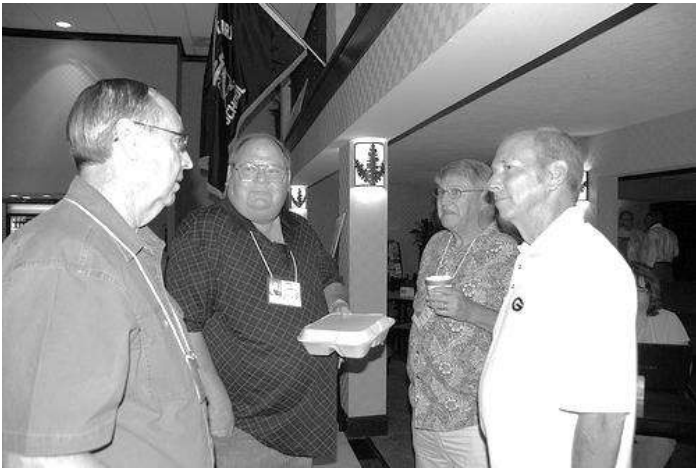
Some of the 60's classes gather to eat.



Rex's perpetual slide show of pictures kept our attention.



One of many gab sessions...who knew we had so much to talk about.



Carl Schaefer & Ron Brinkerhoff show off their ladies!



The race is on!

Lots of laughs!



The Creations!

Eating again – Saturday night banquet





**The Evans Family Reunion
Gather with Col. Ward**



**An evening at
Vince's- a class act
for the 50th.**



The Saturday Night Banquet



Max Elliott
Post Office Box 5
Pierson, FL 32180

Address Correction Requested

FYI –

to avoid any future problems:

WHAT IS A 501 (C) (3) ORGANIZATION

To be tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, an organization must be organized and operated exclusively for exempt purposes set forth in section 501(c)(3), and none of its earnings may inure to any private shareholder or individual. In addition, it **may not be an action organization i.e., it may not attempt to influence legislation as a substantial part of its activities and it may not participate in any campaign activity for or against political candidates.**

Organizations described in section 501(c)(3) are commonly referred to as *charitable organizations*. Organizations described in section 501(c)(3),

Other than testing for public safety organizations, are eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions in accordance with Code section 170.

The organization must not be organized or operated for the benefit of private interests, and no part of a section 501(c)(3) organization's net earnings may inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual. If the organization engages in an excess benefit transaction with a person having substantial influence over the organization, an excise tax may be imposed on person and any organization managers agreeing to the transaction.
