



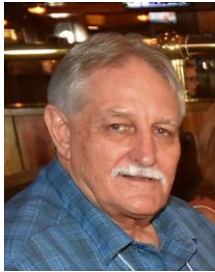
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## *From the President's Keyboard*

Terry Hollinsworth '66  
FMSA PRESIDENT

Greetings to all.

I hope this newsletter finds you and yours happy and healthy.

Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2018. Everyone is welcome and I earnestly encourage all of you who are able to attend to do so. Bring your spouses if you can and enjoy good fellowship, good food and participate in your Association as we conduct current business and plan for the future. The Annual Meeting will be held at 1:00 pm at the DeLand Memorial Hospital and Veterans Museum located at 137 W. Michigan Ave., DeLand, Fl. 32720 - This is where our Florida Military School Museum is also located, so if you haven't seen it yet please come. Also, if anyone has any new or different items to donate to our Museum please contact Sue Elliott or myself.

Our By-laws require that we hold an annual meeting - at this meeting we:

- Provide an internally audited financial report to the membership.
- Create and approve a budget and spending for the next fiscal year.
- > And when necessary make and approve a budget for an upcoming Reunion and make plans for same.

If you have any ideas or suggestions please send them to me in advance if you can't make it - or attend the meeting and be heard.

Just prior to the Annual Meeting we are going to enjoy our usual group luncheon at 11:00 am at *The Airport Restaurant and Gin Mill* located at 1120 Airport Terminal Dr. DeLand, Fl. 32724 - (386) 734-9755 - this is in the same neighborhood as the old FMS campus. The food is good and there is plenty of

seating for us as a group. We will leave there after lunch and travel the short distance to our meeting place.

At this year's Annual Meeting we are going to begin planning for our 2019 Reunion. We will seek volunteers to head up and serve on the committees for the various planned activities we have enjoyed over the years. Suggestions for new or different activities will be welcomed from everyone as well. If there is something that you would like to volunteer to do, it is never too soon.

I have been thinking lately that there are many Cadets who have never attended any of our Reunions and there are others who only attend sporadically. Each year that goes by brings us news of the passing of more Cadets from our ranks. Some who have passed I have regretted not having had the opportunity to see since leaving FMS. Others I have had the pleasure of seeing and getting to know better at the Reunions. I have also made many friends among Cadets in other classes that I didn't know at FMS. I'm sure this sentiment is shared by all Cadets who have attended the Reunions.

I encourage each and every one of us to reach out to old FMS friends and tell them of our desire to see and fellowship with them at the 2019 Reunion. Time is getting short for all of us and if you wish to see these friends with whom you share a strong common bond the time is NOW to do so. We should also reach out to all Faculty and Staff of FMS and encourage them to attend and give us the pleasure of their company. What a great thing it would be to see our Reunion double in size. I believe it can happen if we want it to.

If anyone reading this newsletter, or anyone you may contact, isn't aware of it - ANY Cadet or Faculty who does not have the funds to attend any of our Reunions - there are measures in place whereby other Cadets have volunteered to gladly fill these gaps for their fellow Cadets or Faculty in need. This would also include gasoline, meals, hotel, registration and any other expenses a Cadet would incur by attending

a Reunion. Any Cadet who requests this assistance will remain Anonymous as having received it. If you need assistance for Reunion expenses please do not hesitate to contact Sue or myself - WE ALL WANT YOU WITH US!!

I would like to add that the funds to assist those in need as mentioned above have nothing to do with FMSA funds or the General Budget - these funds are donated directly by Cadets who are blessed to have the ability to do it - and they do it gladly. Anyone who would like to contribute to this fund please do so and earmark the funds to be used accordingly. If all the funds earmarked for this purpose are not needed they will be carried forward to the next reunion or added to the General Fund as you dictate.

If I may be of assistance to any of you please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards To All,

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# **ANNUAL MEETING 2019**

The Annual Meeting for FMSA will be held on **Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m.** at the Deland Hospital and Military Museum on Stone Street. The Historical Society and the City of Deland have graciously made the conference room available to us for the meeting.

As in the past, folks will gather for lunch together prior to the meeting. This year we will meet at the Gin Mill at the Airport, which is a favorite spot.

As was decided last year, a postcard announcement will be mailed prior to the meeting. This extra mailing is being funded by the voluntary \$10 per year newsletter fee.

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**FEATURE NEWS –**

## **“LIVING WITH PELE”**

By Rose Riley

Many of you know Rex and I moved to Hawaii several years ago, a dream I held for many years. We love living on the Big Island, the nickname for the largest island of the Hawaii chain, which is also named Hawaii. Life on this island was much like living anywhere else, even with an active flowing volcano. We did most of the things we did in Florida and added a lot of activities we didn't have available to us there. Swimming in salt water ponds heated by the earth, hiking to see active lava flows, and watching sunsets with lava entry into the ocean is/was amazing. The lava flow in the Kalapana area (last few years) was 17 miles from our home and Pele slowly came down the mountain and gracefully made her way to the ocean. Pele had covered this area many times and in places the lava is 75 feet deep. The homes in her Kalapana path were destroyed years ago and are currently being rebuilt just up the road.

The only two islands in Hawaii that have volcanos capable of eruption are Maui, which has an inactive Haleakala volcano and Big Island which has three that

are considered active, Kīlauea (currently erupting), Mauna Loa which is in active status and Hualalai which is inactive. The volcano Goddess, Pele, makes her home on the Big Island, at the top of Kīlauea mountain in the Halema'uma'u Crater. Kīlauea is one of, if not the most active volcanos in the world and is currently in its most voluminous eruption for over 100 years.

Pu'u O'O, a volcanic vent, sits on the east flank of Kīlauea and has been continuously erupting since 1983, the longest continuing volcanic eruption on record. The eruptions have been up mountain previously and although continuous, took weeks to get down the mountain, dispersing the poisonous gases and giving ample time to make preparations to get out of her way. This all changed April 30, 2018.

Mid April geologist made us aware of increasing activity and stated we may have a major eruption at any time. At the end of April ground cracks started appearing in the Leilani Estates neighborhood located a few miles from us. We started having ground tremors and a few days later a 6.9 earthquake caused a major shift in the vents. Pu'u O'o drained almost overnight into the lava tube system underground headed to the ocean, at the same time Halema'uma'u also started draining at an alarming rate, it eventually fell more than 4000 feet and continues to drop. Pele had begun her dance once again. She made her appearance in the middle of a quiet, well established neighborhood. Leilani Estates became ground zero on May 3rd.

In the beginning we were very nervous as to which direction Pele would take, she eventually settled into Leilani and we cautiously took a breath. The lava flows were at closest 3.5 miles from our home. By day 2 of the eruption we had gathered emergency supplies and were prepared to take our pets and evacuate within moments. Over the next few weeks we watched as 24 fissures opened and closed and reopened again. Fountains of lava began to shoot hundreds of feet into the air, and lava rivers formed which began to eat the neighborhood street after street. It eventually spread to Lanipuna Gardens, a very small community that is now almost completely under lava. Pele moved on to the geothermal plant, this was and continues to be a major concern for

us. Puna Geothermal Venture drilled up to 8,000 feet into the ground to capture gasses and steam to be used to turn turbines creating energy. There has never been a geothermal plant covered by lava, plant and government officials tell us we are safe. The plant has been shut down and precautions taken, we just hope they are the right precautions.



The earthquakes became almost continuous in the area surrounding the flow zone as the lava forced its way into the area. The quakes became less and eventually almost stopped once the flows surfaced. A week after the active lava flows started, the summit crater Halema'uma'u started having explosions sending debris and ash into the air as high as 30,000 feet which is falling downwind with the exception of one day, it fell in our area. Earthquakes increased in the summit area up to 300 per day. The earthquakes and explosions continue today, but this is happening 25 miles from our home. We experience eye irritation and minor respiratory issues some days, but most of the time we don't know it's exploded until the civil defense warning is issued.

As of this morning there are 24 fissures, about 8 of them are active, they open and close with no notice. Fissure 8 which is in the heart of the Leilani neighborhood is pumping lava 260 feet into the air tonight and continues to make progress to the ocean in 3 new locations, there are already 3 ocean entry sites which will make 6 total if all flows make it to the ocean. All fissures together are producing 12 million cubic feet of volume every hour.

Now that I have you properly scared I will share our daily reality. We are too close for comfort, but 95% of



the time we do not have any indication of the destruction just a few miles away other than the beautiful sky at night and the occasional smell of sulfur. We had a few days and nights at the beginning of the flow that were stressful. Although the flow was miles away the noise from the fissures opening and the escaping gasses made it feel as if we were living in



a war zone. The ground opening sounded like the loudest thunder we ever experienced, and it would continue for minutes before subsiding

as starting again. The gas escaping was comparable to jet engines revving. This all stopped after a few days when the fissures were open and flowing. The beautiful red skies have not subsided, some nights are more vibrant than others but it is always an amazing sight.

We go about our daily chores and activities as we did before with one exception. Rex and I are members of our Community Emergency Response Team under the local Civil Defense. He is often busy helping people evacuate their homes while I spend my days working in the evacuee information center. We spent the early days of this event working with our CERT team going door to door warning residents they were in imminent danger. This eventually became too dangerous for civilians and was handed off to the National Guard and first responders.

I overheard someone say "Pele is the most beautiful and amazing experience of death and birth in the same instant." This statement captures Pele. While she brings great destruction to areas we have developed, she is incredibly beautiful to watch as she dances to the ocean creating new land.

The Big Island is a large island, bigger than many states. The area affected by this disaster is less than 5% of the island. The remaining part of the island and all of the other islands are business as usual. This island is a beautiful place, warm in both climate and residents. The people who make Hawai'i their home are kind, gentle and loving. It is a wonderful place to visit and make memories for a lifetime.

Many of our family and friends are asking why we are still there? They are telling us to come home where we would be safe. Our answer is, this is our home. If we need to evacuate, we will, as of now it is not necessary. We get updates from civil defense on a regular basis and are ready to leave within 5 minutes should we get an evacuation notice.

Our island is changing and our experience here is changing, many of our favorite places are in danger of lava inundation which is sad. With that being said, we still love living here and have no plans to return to the mainland other than vacations. We invite all of you to visit and experience this truly amazing place.

As long as this eruption continues I will put out a nightly update as to what conditions are and what occurred during the last 24 hours on my Facebook page.

A Hui Hou (until we meet again) and Aloha,

Rose Riley (written early June)

June 17 at 3:44 AM ·

### Update

There has been almost no change with the eruption in the last 10 days. The only change of note is the speed at which the lava is moving. At the area around of the fissure the lava is flowing at speeds up to 50mph, it slows to around 25mph at the elbow where it turns south toward Kapoho.

The high speed flow is creating very large LAZE cloud at ocean entry which has been moving onshore for the last 36 hours. We spent part of our day in Hilo, if we looked north it was a beautiful, clear blue sky but southwest was dark and ominous from the clouds created by the lava flow.

Tonight as we walk the dog we notice the sky is clearer and the haze between us and the ocean is almost nonexistent.

Fissure 8 continues to fountain up to 220 ft into the air, the cinder cone also continues to climb higher, it stands at over 170 feet tonight. The flow is mainly staying within the channels with slight spill overs along the way. The amazing thing is with the speed and volume it's traveling it hasn't breached at the turn at Four Corner and Hwy 132.

Halema'uma'u continues in a self - destructive circle. Earthquake causes the walls to slump in and rock falls which clog the vent, pressure builds which causes an explosion and earthquakes and the cycle continues. The earthquakes at the summit are not traditional earthquakes caused by plates bumping and grinding against each other. The quakes occurring today are caused by the collapsing of the crater due to its weight. When the magma left the crater at the end of April, it simply could not hold itself up over the void created below. Thus the destructive cycle continues today. Today was a light earthquake day, less than 300. It feels very odd saying less than 300 earthquakes constitute a light day.

June 26 at 9:03 PM ·

Update. [Rose Riley](#) is with [Rex Riley](#)

The official home count today is at 655, only permitted homes are included in the count. The real count is closer to 800. This also does not count the many homes that are totally inaccessible due to being surrounded by lava, or the families that cannot live in their homes due to poor air quality.

The lava is on the move again. The Kapoho area continues to be the focus of fissure 8. After an 8 mile trip thru the channel flow it opens up onto the flat area where it took out over 300 homes and pushed lava the ocean. It turned south and continued to chew thru neighborhoods, forests, farms and created new land. It has continued its southward direction for approximately 3 weeks, it stopped its northerly path leaving several homes untouched but inaccessible. Today the flow started its northward trek again, it did not travel a great distance but it has endangered several homes again. She is also still on her southern track and will overcome Ahalanui Park, better known as warm ponds, possibly within a week if the flow continues at the same flow rate.

Fissure 8 was very noisy this morning almost screaming at times. Later in the day the flow increased in speed as she headed out to the ocean. Fissure 22 is still weakly active, all other fissures are quiet at the moment. We are in our 8th week of this disaster, Pele has been channeled for the most part for over two weeks with no new homes taken. I hope we do not become complacent and forget just how dangerous this eruption is.

We assisted with the civil defense escort again today, it makes you feel good to be able help someone either reclaim precious belongings or say goodbye to their home. I have learned closure is very important to the people who lost their homes to Pele. I hope she doesn't feel the need to devour more.

At the end of the day we did the ride thru the evacuation zone to make sure everyone was out, this allowed us to get a better view, but we were still half a mile from each site.

July 1 at 7:53 PM ·

Update [Rose Riley](#) is with [Rex Riley](#)

And life goes on. Every day I continue to be surprised by the resilience of the people of Lower Puna. For the past two weeks Rex and I have been assisting with the escort of residents back to the mandatory evacuation zone. I see people who are struggling with all the issues any disaster brings, insurance, FEMA, relocation to a new home possibly in a new neighborhood where nothing is familiar. I see these same people pack their belongings and go next door to help their neighbors finish packing and loading their vehicles as well. If their homes are still standing, and many of them are, they come back and care for their homes, mowing, weeding and doing general maintenance. Can you imagine for one moment waking up tomorrow, you are not in your home because you are evacuated? You have no idea if you will ever be able to go home, you still have a home, and you just can't live there. Your home has no utilities; they have all been disconnected for safety reasons. Insurance won't pay because the house is still standing, but your mortgage payment still comes due very month. You still have to go to work and actually function. You have to care for your family, if you have one, along with everything else that went with your old life, pre-volcano eruption.

In most disasters you get to go back, repair, rebuild, insurance pays and you start over. The families who lost their homes to the volcano don't get to go back. Ever. They can't repair, they can't rebuild and in a lot of cases insurance won't pay. But their lives go on.

Fissure 8, a beautiful, destructive and a never ending flow of lava. She destroys and creates simultaneously. She is still racing to the coast, still chewing up land and homes in her path. Fissure 22 is active again with a small flow, but this isn't stealing any of the energy from 8.

Rex took some new videos today I will share at the end. Just a note, all of the videos we take are from a safe distance, we have a very healthy respect for the lava.

This will be last post for a week, Rex and I are going to Oahu tomorrow to celebrate our nephew's wedding at the end of the week. My house/dog sitter will be busy, lots of Koa walks and chihuahua kisses in her future.

<https://www.facebook.com/roselynriley/videos/10216461306707316/?t=0>

June 30 at 9:32 PM ·

Update:

.....It breaks my heart we are still pulling animals out of this neighborhood 8 weeks later. I understand some animals were frightened and ran away, and some people were at work and couldn't get back in. But many were just abandoned, for those people I hope Karma bites them in the ass.

The Humane Society sets traps every morning and afternoon for the cats, we think all of the dogs have been rescued. The mongoose, chickens and pigs seem to be doing ok, and some of us feed them every day. Humane society is taking out the chickens they can catch and putting them up for adoption as well. The pigs and mongoose are on their own.

Pele took another two homes in the last 24 hours in Kapoho area. Over 6400 acres have been covered by lava, and there is no end in sight. Fissure 8 is still pumping incredible amounts of lava that is flowing the 8 miles to the ocean. Huge chunks break off and float down the flow, some several tons in size. Fissure 22 is putting out a small flow as well, this fissure is up close to the geothermal plant.

We spent the day escorting, Rex managed some incredible footage of fissure 8. We could see the lava river but cannot get close enough to safely take photos.

Until tomorrow, Aloha

<https://www.facebook.com/roselynriley/videos/10216453036780573/?t=22>

**Visit Rose on Facebook to get more up to date reports and keep the folks in Hawaii in your prayers. Check the links to see the photos in color and get the true picture.**

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### From the Editor

As a follow up to the feature article, it is very difficult to put out an interesting newsletter if I do not receive news from the ranks. This is not my full-time job and I enjoy doing the job, but I do need to know what is going on. Please send me news, photos or comments and suggestions. Thank you Rose and Rex for giving us some interesting news. Let's hear from some of the rest of you.

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### Treasurer's Report Update

7/7/2018



<b>Balance on Hand</b>	<b>3/28/2018</b>	
<b>\$4188.96</b>		
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>		
4/27/2018 – donation - newsletter		\$210.10
4/30/2018 – donation - newsletter		\$180.00
5/4/2018 – donation - newsletter		\$ 20.00
5/11/2018 – donation – newsletter		\$200.00
<b><u>TOTAL INCOME –</u></b>		<b>\$610.10</b>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>		
3/29/2018 - Dept. of State filing		\$ 61.25
3/30/2018 – April newsletter & postage		\$582.50
<b><u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u></b>		<b>\$ 643.75</b>
<b>Difference =</b>		<b>- \$33.65</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>\$4155.31</b>
<b>Cash/Bank Account BB&amp; T</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$4155.31</b>

Respectfully submitted: Sue Elliott, Treasurer



## **“KNIGHTS REUNITED”**

# **REUNION 2019**

**July 28 – July 30, 2019**

**At**

**BEST WESTERN PLUS**

**Daytona Beach, FL**

The Best Western Plus is completing a total refurbishing now and will be ready for us in 2019. Even with the rising prices, they have promised to keep our rates the same as they have been since 2002 with both double and king at \$69.



The registration rates for the reunion will also remain the same as they have been for all previous reunions. The underlying factor is affordability so that the reunion is affordable for every cadet. As in the past, those with extreme financial situations can also enlist help from the Board, especially if the cadet has never had the opportunity to attend a reunion. Some of our members have generously contributed to meeting the needs of these less fortunate cadets in the past.

**Cadet alone = \$60.00**

**Cadet and spouse = \$100.00**

**Guests = \$40.00 each**

No, it is not too soon to start our planning. We are soliciting helpers to plan and execute various

portions of this reunion. **This reunion will be a shared labor, and not left to only one or two to carry the load.**

In 2017, your Board members stepped up to coordinate or sponsor the various activities but there are many other able bodied folks out there who we need to help. **This is not just a Board activity. We need you to step forward** to cover registration, the Hospitality room and the Ladies activity, and the DUCK RACE and the Raffles. Hosts and/or hostess are needed for the Friday evening Fellowship Dinner, and for the Saturday night buffet dinner. A coordinator and volunteers are needed to take part in the Memorial Service.

There is a place for everyone and as the saying goes, **“Many hands make light work”**. Let’s start planning the best reunion ever.

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[July 12 at 8:14 PM](#) Update excerpts from Rose Riley

...The Halemau’mau’ crater continues to cave as the lava recedes under it, which creates earthquakes. The earthquakes then create a pressure pulse in the open fissure in Leilani Estates. While we were away the lava flow destroyed the remaining small cluster homes in the northern tip of Kapoho Beach Lots. She is expanding her boundaries both north and south along the coastal region.

In the last few days the lava river has had small breeches in several areas, the turn from toward the coast to the south along the coastline is one area. The overflow didn’t last long but put a dear friend’s house in danger. The area close to fissure 8 had a more significant breach, it took out 3 more homes. It also created a large lava push that finally took out a school and our very special warm ponds. The ponds held out weeks longer than anyone hoped, but it finally lost the battle with Pele.

Fissure 8 has created a small microclimate, it’s creating torrential rain in the lava zone. The heat from the fissure is pulling in the ocean water and releasing it over land.



Background is what is left of Halemau’mau’ crater, the foreground show damage outside the crater due to the continuous cave-ins.



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**OCTOBER 6th**

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