



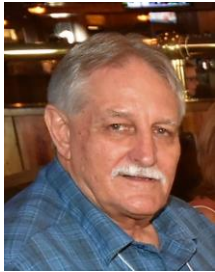
Florida Military School

Alumni Association



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From the President's Keyboard

Terry Hollinsworth '66
FMSA PRESIDENT

Greetings to everyone.

I hope this newsletter finds each and every one of you and all your loved ones happy and healthy. I hope that each of you will be able to attend our 2019 Reunion this July.

The number of attendees has been steadily declining over the years - from a high of 98 Cadets and 51 Guests in 2009 down to 36 Cadets and 21 Guests in 2017. The attendance numbers have become so low that we may be forced, out of financial necessity, to cease having these Reunions in the future. Please see Sue Elliotts' appeal for your response to this issue below. Usually, when an appeal is made of any kind, we receive little if any response at all. If you do not respond this time your silence will be counted as a loud and clear "NO" to future Reunions. Also please see what has been decided about future Newsletters below.

There are currently two websites where Cadets may go and keep abreast of current, future and past events, as well as many archived newsletters, yearbooks, photographs of past reunions, and current contact information on all the Cadets who have given us their information.

The **FMS Alumni Association website** address is –
Fms-assn.org.

The other website is maintained by Tim Tyndall, Class of 1968, and that address is - FMS-Jax.com.

I urge you to visit each of these websites on a regular basis as they both contain excellent information on a variety of subjects. You can find different, interesting information on each site that you cannot find on the other.

If you are interested in our Association having your current, up to date information on both these

websites here is how you do it - no one else can do it for you:

For the FMS Alumni Association - email Max Elliott at - Drmax@bellsouth.net - Give Max your updated information as he alone maintains the cadet information for the **official** FMSA Printed Directory.

To update your information on Tim Tyndal's website he gives you the following instructions.

"Go to FMS-Jax.com and click on the button labeled "Cadet Listings" on the right hand side of the page.

There are 7 items of information about you on the website that all appear at your name.

1. Your Name
2. Your Phone Number
3. The picture of you that comes up when you mouse- over Your name.
4. The eMail Address which is itemized on an email which comes up when you click on your name.
5. Years attended at FMS
6. Did you graduate and Graduation year.
7. Your City and State of current residence.
(I don't need your street address or zip code.)

If any of the above information is incorrect and you would like it corrected, scroll down to where it says "The Web-Master has left the building!" and click on that label. It will engage an email to me (TimT@TtouchWebDesign.com) , and just tell me what information about you needs to be changed, and I will change it , upon receipt of the email." If you have any problems simply call Tim at (904) 859 - 9581 and give him the information over the telephone and he will update it for you.

God bless you all and I hope to see you soon.

Terry Hollinsworth - 66'

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OF DIRECTORS**

President - Terry Hollinsworth '66
Vice President - Glen Norman '70
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Member-at-large – Dennis Eyre '59
Member-at-large – Steve Nash '65
Member-at-large - John Hartman '60
Past President - Tommy Register '61
President Emeritus - Max Elliott '58

**TRY OUR OFFICIAL
NEW FMSA WEBSITE**

<http://www.fms-assn.org>

**ANNUAL MEETING
2018**

The Annual Meeting for FMSA was held on **Saturday, October 6th at 1 p.m.** at the DeLand Hospital and Military Museum on Stone Street. The Historical Society and the City of DeLand graciously made the conference room available to us for the meeting.

As in the past, folks gathered for lunch together prior to the meeting at the Gin Mill at the Airport, which is a favorite spot.

Plans were discussed for the upcoming reunion and a budget discussed. A few committees were formed but it was agreed that more participation was needed from others than those at the meeting.

**FEATURE NEWS – REUNIONS
THROUGH THE YEARS
FMSA – Where did it start?**

2001

In late July in 2001 a reunion committee comprised of Max Elliott, Robert Mouro, Thornton Ridinger, Andy Staley and Tim Tyndall met at Max's house in Ormond

Beach to begin firming up dates for future activities. A date was set for a December 2, 2001 "**A Gathering**". It was quite a roller coaster ride for the committee. First they worried that no one would come and then they got so many registrations that they quickly had to find a bigger space. They got lucky and were able to move to the Tomoka Oaks Country Club in Ormond. The very first true reunion was December 2, 2001 and more than **100 people attended (50 cadets or faculty and spouses)** had a wonderful time renewing old friendships and making new ones.

2002

Encouraged and energized, plans soon began for the first all-class reunion, "**The Lollapalooza**" was held in DeLand October 11-14th 2002, with the help of former faculty members, Tom Sperling and Bill Dreggors. The original reunion costs of \$60 per cadet and \$40 for guests and spouses was set, and as you know 17 years later we still have the same amount.

That first reunion unveiled so many great new things. An FMS area was started at the DeLand Hospital Museum, and included on the itinerary of the historical bus tours. A composite video of the FMS years was begun, and a Ghost Tour of the old campus was set up. That first reunion was a smashing success!! And Col. Ward made his first official appearance since the school's demise. He was hesitant at first but was soon overcome with the emotions of seeing so many of "his boys" again. After a day of fun we all gathered at a hanger at the airport for an evening of entertainment and dancing. Sunday morning we all gathered back at the Holiday Inn for breakfast before heading over to a Dedication ceremony at the pillars on the cold campus. These still stand today as a reminder that FMS was once there. **72 cadets and 126 total people attended.**

2003

Harry Silvis soon became the official vendor of FMS memorabilia and a movement began to make the group more official. On April 10, 2003 a Florida Non-profit organization, Florida Military School Association, Inc. was born. The first slate of officers who were to take over at the October 1 Annual meeting with the termination of the Executive Steering Committee were:

President: Max Elliott
Vice President: Thornton Ridinger
Secretary: Sue Courtney
Treasurer: Andy Staley
Member – at – Large: Rex Riley
Member – at – Large: Jerry Alleyne
Member –at –Large: Dennis Eyre.

Although not really a reunion, The FMSA sponsored a 7 night cruise to the Western Caribbean on December 6th aboard the Carnival Glory. A very enthusiastic group spent some wonderful time together with promising that we need to do it again in the future. The big surprise of the trip was it was a honeymoon trip for Max and Sue who finally decided to get married just before the trip.

The original FMS sign was discovered in the undergrowth near the pillars at the 2002 reunion. The sign and the pillars were given to the school in 1966 by the Class of 1965. Four cadets, Steve Nash, Jim Gibson, John Kendrick and Harry Silvis undertook the job of its restoration in time for the 2006 reunion. Plans were already underway for 50th Anniversary Celebrations. The first was decided to be a commemoration of the beginning of the school which started September 1956. The date was set for August 4-6th, 2006 back at the Holiday Inn in DeLand., and the name was to be "The Golden 50th".

2005

FMSA continued to grow. In October 2004 we had identified approximately 520 former cadets and by October 2005 it had grown to 613 cadets plus many deceased.

2006

August 4,5,6 - **The Golden 50th Reunion** - was held back in DeLand at the Holiday Inn. There were historical tours, A River Cruise on the Beresford Lady, Ghost Tours, a pool party at the hotel and Saturday evening an informal dinner/dance at the hotel. On Sunday morning, we began the tradition of a business meeting and then closing with a Memorial Service for those we have lost. Another tradition we began at this reunion was the Raffle/Auction to raise the money to keep the Association in operation until we meet again at the next reunion. **228 people attended** this event. This was the first appearance of "The Pumpkin Lady" (Trudy Bulat) and of the Duck Race, both fund raising activities. That was also the year of the big sword auction. All of these activities kept us running for the next few years.

In November 2006 - Jeff Fawsett, Steve Nash, Terry Hollinsworth, Lee Hansen, David Scarborough, Dennis Eyre and Pete Bulat ., Bill Parrish and Gary Aiken all pitched in on the project to rebuild the pillar with our memorial plaque on it that had ben destroyed by a wayward truck in July 2005.. Max & Sue Elliott and Sydney & Steve Nash provided housing and nourishment for the worker bees for the two day project.

2008

In May 2008 - Through the efforts of Bill Dreggors, the FMS Museum Room was moved into a new, larger home on the second floor of the Hospital Museum. . "Coming Out Party" was held on September 16th. The big plus was that this room had air conditioning It was opened for the 2009 reunion.

2009

July 30, 31, August 1, 2nd - Anniversary for the classes of 1957- 1958 – 1959 – 1960 - 1961 "The Founders" "**The Return of the Knights**" Banquet held at Gene's Steak House. Banquet planned for Thursday night and a River cruise in Daytona on Friday. First held at the Holiday Inn Express in Daytona. Lillian Hess moved to that hotel and we went with her. " The History of FMS" Book was the favor for each attendee in 2009. The classes of '65.'66 and 67' gathered on Friday evening to receive their 50th Diplomas. The decision was made to move the reunions to every two years instead of three. 98 cadets and a total of 149 people attended. Max Elliott retired as president after 10 years, and became President Emeritus.

2010

The big event was another FMS cruise and this time to Alaska on the Diamond Princess. May 29th.

2011

"**Knights of the Renaissance**" gathered July 28th to July 31st at the Holiday Inn Express in Daytona again. **61 cadets and 40 guests attended** this reunion. The Jacksonville Lunch group had their first Christmas party Dec. 10th

2013

"**The Triumph of the Knights**" , the 6th crusade, found us back at the Daytona location of our previous reunions. It was not the Holiday Inn anymore but had become the Best Western Plus . The 50th Celebration Dinner was moved to Friday night at Vince Carter's 55cadeyts and their guests attended the 50th dinner. The Classes 1961 – 1962 – 1963 – 1964 received their 50th anniversary diplomas. **47 cadets and total of 76 people were in attendance** at this reunion.

2015

July 31 – August 2 - “EXCALIBUR” The 7th Crusade” Reunion was held at the Best Western Plus. Classes of 1965 through 1971 were the anniversary classes that received their 50th Diplomas at Vince Carter’s again. The ladies make wineglass centerpieces this year to decorate the tables at the Saturday night dinner. **63 cadets and 39 spouses** attended this reunion

2016

The Annual Meeting of FMSA was moved to the conference room at the DeLand Military & Hospital Museum. The West Volusia Historical Society became the caretakers of our Museum Room so that it will remain when we are all gone.

2017

The next reunion, - **“Knights United”** , again was held at the Best Western in Daytona. July 28 – 30th . A Friday evening Dutch treat Fellowship dinner was held at the Daytona Ale House next door. This took the place of the anniversary dinners that had been held at this time. The Duck Race made another appearance and also the 50/50 raffle. **36 Cadets and 21 spouses** attended.

2019

July **26 - 28** we will reconvene at the Best Western for **“Knights Re-United”** reunion. Will you be there?

As you can see, our attendance has been dwindling. Don’t miss the opportunity for attending an FMSA reunion.

What WILL the FUTURE BE?

Attendance has been dwindling, and apathy has been showing its face. Without your support and attendance, a reunion is almost not worth the effort involved.

A small core of people have been breathing life into this organization for the past years and the job is becoming harder and harder. “To everything there is a season”. Has FMSA outlived its season?

The reunion is planned and will happen this year. The question is do **YOU** want another reunion in 2021?

Will you support another reunion?

Unless **YOU** tell us that you want the reunions to continue, we will make this a bang up LAST reunion and let it be our last formal reunion.

PLEASE RESPOND, one way or the other, **BY APRIL 1st**, to sgcourtney@att.net

This is **NOT** an April Fool’s joke!

The future of FMSA is in your hands. **Be heard.** Will this be our last?



“KNIGHTS RE-UNITED”

REUNION 2019

July 26 – July 28, 2019

At

BEST WESTERN PLUS

Daytona Beach, FL

The Best Western Plus is currently undergoing a total refurbishing now and will be re-opening 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.

NOTE: date correction



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

We have already started the planning. But, we are still 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, 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 to take part in the Memorial Service are desperately needed.

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

Florida Military School Association

“KNIGHTS RE-UNITED”

**Best Western Hotel Daytona Beach,
 Florida**

FRIDAY – JULY 26th

REGISTRATION – 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Lobby

MUSEUM ROOM TOURS – 10 am – 3 p m (on your own – travel directions available)

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY DINNER – 6 pm TB A

SATURDAY – July 27th

REGISTRATION – 8:00 am – 2:00 pm Lobby

LADIES RECEPTION & COFFEE – 10:00 am Hospitality Room

MUSEUM ROOM TOURS – 10:00 am – 3:00 p m (on your own)

ACTIVITY TBA - (Ideas needed & volunteer wanted)

COCKTAILS – 6:30 pm Indigo Room - Cash Bar

DINNER – 7 pm (*included in registration*) Indigo Room - Tickets needed.

SUNDAY – July 28th

MEMORIAL SERVICE - 9:30 am Indigo Room

ANNUAL MEETING of FMSA – 11:00 am Indigo Room

**FLORIDA MILITARY SCHOOL
 ASSOCIATION
 ANNUAL MEETING 2018
TREASURER'S REPORT**

Beginning Balance- 10/01/2016 \$3859.61

INCOME

Deposit - 10/02/17 –Directory
 \$ 10.00
Deposit – 10/16/17 - Donation
 \$ 250.00
Deposit – 11/02 - Donations at Annual Meeting
 \$ 147.00
Deposit - 4/27/18 –newsletter donations
 \$ 210.10
Deposit – 4/30/18 – newsletter donations
 \$ 180.00
Deposit – 5/04/18 – newsletter donations
 \$ 20.00
Deposit – 5/11/18 - donation
 \$ 200.00
Deposit - 8/24/18 – memorial donation (Arrington)
 \$ 100.00

TOTAL INCOME – _____

\$1117.10

EXPENSES

10/16/2017 – 2017 State of FL renewal & postage
\$ 77.65
3/29/2018 - 2018 State of FL renewal filing
\$ 61.25
4/12/2018 – April newsletter & postage
\$ 582.50
8/14/2018 - September newsletter & postage
\$ 574.40
9/17/2018 – Annual Hosting Fee – Kris Chislett
\$ 210.00

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$ 1505.80

(Income - expenses = difference) \$1117.10 - \$1505.80 =
\$388.20)
(Beginning balance + difference = ending balance)
\$3859.61 - \$388.70 = \$3470.91

Ending Balance

Cash/Bank Account BB& T - **\$3470.91** 10/4/2018

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Elliott, Treasurer

In Memoriam -

GOOD, William '69

- **Ex-Lake Commissioner Bill Good, who defied odds to win as a Democrat, dies while vacationing in Spain**
- (Orlando Sentinel – February 15, 2019)

“Last night my travel partner, favorite guitarist, my husband, and the love of my life had a fatal heart attack just after arriving in Seville, Spain. We had just finished a cruise where I he played for many people making their lives a little brighter

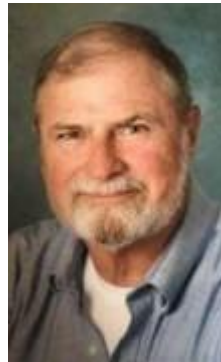


and more fun. The last night he played for a Korean couple on the back deck so they could dance for their anniversary. Bill loved Seville and Tirana with its flamenco music and dance. His beloved guitar will remain here with a flamenco school in Triana. A fitting tribute, if you so choose, would be to go to his site on YouTube, musicvot and listen to some of his beautiful

compositions. ♥” his wife, Sandi Good of Yalaha, FL posted on [Facebook](#).

Bill and Sandi Good traveled frequently in the U.S. and abroad. Bill Good, 67, was an outdoorsman, lover of the sea and a devoted musician who always carried a guitar wherever he went.

ARRINGTON, Edward D. '59



Edward D. Arrington, 77, of Palm Coast, Florida, passed away on August 9, 2018 at his residence. He graduated from Florida Military School in Deland, FL in 1959, he then served in the [United States Navy](#) Reserves from 1963 to 1969. After being honorably discharged he was employed by the Veterans Medical Center in Gainesville, FL

until his retirement after 30 years of service. He spent his retirement years in Palm Coast, Florida where he enjoyed boating, motorcycles and spending time with friends.

DAVIS, Kenneth '66

Kenneth A. “Ken” Davis, 70, of Frostproof, Florida passed away Friday, August 24, 2018 at his residence. He was born on February 2, 1948 in Frostproof, Florida to the late David Miles and Sarah (Martin) Davis and he has been a lifelong resident of this area. He was the Owner/Operator of Davis Citrus Inc. Ken was an avid gator hunter, enjoyed air boating and family times and he served in the National Guard. He was retired deputy chief of the Frostproof Volunteer Fire Department and former Polk County Sheriff Deputy and Frostproof Police Officer. He was a Frostproof City Councilman and also a past Pres. of the Polk County Farm Bureau.



DUBBERLY, William '60

The news of Bill's passing reached us just as we were going to press. He died February 16, 2019 after a long illness. Details will be in the next newsletter.

Newsletters

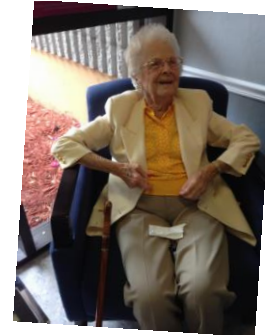
At the Annual Meeting in 2017 we discussed eliminating the “snail mail” newsletter because of costs. But it was decided to try to keep it going because some folks did not use email.

Our financial situation has become tighter these past few years because of the declining attendance at our reunions and thus less money was raised to carry us over. The newsletter is our major expense now that postage has been raised another five cents.

In order to keep the Association afloat for a few more years, we have decided to eliminate the paper newsletter after this next reunion and instead publish it twice a year on the FMSA website. Those who do not have a computer can access the site at their local library or at a friend’s house. With this cost saving measure, we can finance the website and keep the news flowing for many more years.

The news will not go away. You will still be able to log into the website and catch up with others.

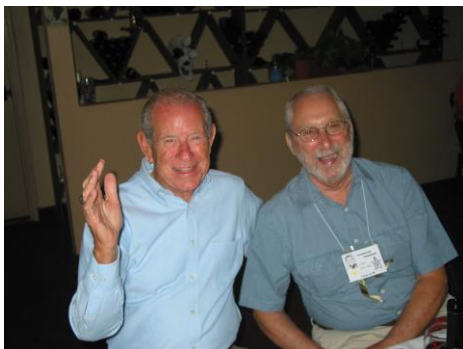
2002



2015



2009



2017





FMSA REUNION 2019

“KNIGHTS RE-UNITED”

JOIN US

July 26 – July 28, 2019

At

BEST WESTERN

Daytona Beach, FL

**2620 International Speedway Blvd.
(I-95 exit 261A south or exit 261 north)**

NOTE: Corrected Date

“KNIGHTS RE-UNITED”

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Address Correction Requested

