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Alumni Association



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From the President's Keyboard

Terry Hollinsworth '66
FMSA PRESIDENT

Hello to all.

Well, the results are in regarding our appeal in the last Newsletter for the Cadet Corps' vote on whether to continue with the formal Biennial Reunions. The silence of the vast majority of Cadets on the subject has resulted in a resounding NO to the question.

The votes we received were as follows:

Total responding Cadets - 13 (out of hundreds).

Sue Elliot received 2 YES and 6 NO votes.

I received 3 YES and 2 NO votes.

Total - 5 YES and 8 NO votes.

But, to those of us who still have a desire to see old friends and make new ones at future get togethers - take heart - we will still be getting together, Lord willing - just informally from now on. Please read what Sue has to tell us on this subject, and more, below.

Our next, and last, formal Reunion will take place Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 26, 27 & 28. We will be severing our ties, responsibilities and associated expenses to the State of Florida regarding our 501C corporation thereafter.

We all owe Sue Elliot a great debt of gratitude for all her hard work and the countless hours she has labored to make ALL the past Reunions, and this last one, possible and enjoyable. Most of us have no idea how much planning and work it takes to make our Reunions happen. These Reunions have been a labor of love for Sue since the beginning and she has always done an outstanding job at making our

Reunions memorable for all of us who have attended them. Many thanks Sue.

I know you all will be pleased to know that I have been in contact with our beloved Miss Earp in the last month or so. As you will remember, Miss Earp has faithfully supported our group from the beginning by attending all possible functions, reunions and annual meetings. She has only missed a few of our functions as a result of health issues. Miss Earp to this day still thinks of, and refers to the Cadet Corp. as, "Her Boys". I have had the pleasure of talking to Miss Earp numerous times lately and have told her, for all of us, that we will always remain "Her Boys". Miss Earp voted YES to future Reunions - she stated that this was not just for herself - but for US. She wishes that for OUR sakes we would continue to fellowship with one another.

Miss Earp is now 95 years old. She still lives in her own home and drives her car wherever she needs to go, including Church. Miss Earp is not in the best of health right now as she suffers from a condition called Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS) that could possibly lead to leukemia. She has had this condition for five years now. She said that some days are better than others, but the Lord continues to Bless her mightily. Update - Miss Earp called and informed me that the "E" in Earp is silent - her name is pronounced "ARP" - I never knew that till now. She laughed and said that she is accustomed to answering to either pronunciation. Miss Earp taught at FMS from 1957 thru 1963 and then as a substitute teacher there as needed after that. Miss Earp taught English, Social Studies and other subjects as needed. Miss Earp reminded me that whenever she addressed us at school, she always referred to us as "Gentlemen" - not Cadets - because we were gentlemen and she says we still are.

Miss Earp has made plans to attend our Reunion in July, her health permitting. She will be accompanied by her longtime friend and Caregiver Ms. Vivian Edwards. Miss Earp was deeply touched when I told her how much we all want her to be with us at the

Reunion. She told me that was the most uplifting news she has had in a long time. Miss Earp also told me that it has given her something to look forward to and plan for with a positive attitude. She was very pleased to know that we care as much about her as she does about us. I hope that each and every person who reads this will join me in praying for Miss Earp. Please pray that God will give her good health, spirits and strength so that she can be with "Her Boys" at the Reunion - and continued good health.

I sincerely encourage all former Faculty and Staff of FMS&C to make every effort to attend this last Formal Reunion and be with us who hold you all in such high esteem. You all made a very positive and lasting impression on all our lives.

I also encourage all former Cadets to attend the Reunion if you possibly can. Remember - funds have been set aside for any Cadet, Faculty or Staff who needs assistance with any or all expenses associated with attending the Reunion. If you need anything at all please contact myself or Sue Elliot.

God Bless you all,

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NEW FMSA WEBSITE

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



“KNIGHTS RE-UNITED”

REUNION 2019

July 26 – July 28, 2019

At

BEST WESTERN

Daytona Beach, FL

The Best Western 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

We are completing the planning. But, we are still soliciting helpers to assist in the execution various portions of this reunion. **This reunion will be a shared labor, and not left to only one or two to carry the load.**

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

AGENDA

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 at The
Daytona ALE HOUSE next door.

SATURDAY – July 27th

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

ANNUAL MEETING of FMSA –9 :30 am Indigo Room

REMINSCEING 7 POSTULATING (The Cadets) – 10:30
am ON THE PATIO OR IN THE Lobby

LADIES RECEPTION & COFFEE – 10:30 am Hospitality
Room

MUSEUM ROOM TOURS – 1:00 pm – 3:00 p m (on your
own)

COCKTAILS – 6:00 pm By the Pool Cash Bar

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

SUNDAY – July 28th

MEMORIAL SERVICE - 9:30 am Indigo Room

COFFEE & FAREWELL - Immediately following in the
Indigo Room

The KNIGHTS RE-UNITED Reunion 2019

We are attempting to make this a special gathering, more like the ones we had in the earlier years. There is the core of cadets who have made it to all or most of our gatherings but there are still those who have not made it to a reunion to date. This is your last chance to attend a BIG all-class reunion for Florida Military School. The majority have spoken and we are sadly bringing our formal reunions to a close. There will still be informal ones and groups of new friends will still meet periodically, but the big formal reunions are gone. Our group is growing smaller every year, and that is a natural progression. Many cadets offered the statements that they wanted to attend a reunion and they have and now for reasons of their own, they either cannot travel or will probably not attend any more. But the memories are still there and the opportunity for a 50th was presented to all.

Unlike other schools that continue to exist, our school itself is a memory and there is no more fresh “life blood” is being fed into the association.

But FMSA will not be going away entirely. Only the formal, state recognized organization will dissolve. The official website,

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

will continue for the foreseeable future or at least for several years. The yearbooks and photos will remain and news will be updated at least twice a year in the form of an online newsletter. If other news is received in between these postings, it will also be posted immediately so if groups plan to get together for lunch or for a weekend or for a cruise, the invitation can be posted for all. For postings contact Sue Elliott, sgcourtney@att.net.

An updated Directory will be printed for this reunion and will also be made available to those not attending for the cost of the postage. This will be a “lifeline” to others. If we have any emails that are current, we will also include them in the directory. It has been an impossible task to try to maintain an email file so if you wish to have your email included you should send a note to sgcourtney@att.net immediately. We will be printing that last directory in late June. We plan to post an access to the directory on the website. Understandably some may not want their information posted in a public forum. If you wish to have your information excluded from that public forum, please let us know so we can exclude it.

The registration for the reunion is now available and we hope to have a great turn out. Let's send FMSA off with a bang, not a whimper.

"First let me commend you on dealing with this issue directly and not beating around the bush.

In responding you have to understand my response in the context of my age. As a 1960 graduate I'm now 76 and frankly a number of friends and classmates have passed. I have attended a some of the reunions and was most impressed with the efforts of the volunteers that made the reunions possible. Getting together, swapping lies, drinking beers was fun. For whatever reason the passing of Col. Ward was the point at which my interest waned. I did attend the reunion in which his sons participated in his memorial. Attending the Colonel's memorial was both a duty and an honor. It was the volunteers that made memorial service possible and I thank them from the bottom of my heart.

I owe a great deal to FMS. Interestingly my wife feels my time at FMS was one of the major determinants in helping me in dealing with life's issues. While the decision is painful, I've decided I will not be attending FMS reunions. Age, lack of participation by friends and classmates lead me to this conclusion. It is entirely possible that post 1960 graduates will feel different; however, I suggest if reunions are to continue they be held every other year."

James J (Joe) Casey - Class of "60"

It's probably time to just let it go. I am a member of the FMS class of 1967. All of my former classmates with whom I am in contact will most likely not attend another reunion, for various reasons. And there are many. If you want me to go into some detail, I will, but perhaps it's just time to let it go. You and a few others have made a Herculean effort at breathing life into the organization, but I fear reunions are doomed at this point.

I do hope the organization can continue to exist and be a hub where we can find contact information for each other and keep our contacts alive. That seems like a very inexpensive thing to do, and I think most of us would support that effort. Several of my FMS artifacts are on display in DeLand at the museum, and I will continue to support the museum. Perhaps the FMS Alumni Association can, too.

... most of us have mixed emotions about FMS, even those of us (including me) who wanted, even begged to go away to school. And that may be a significant part of why the reunion attendance is down—people go to one but don't go

to another one because they are starting to remember what they didn't like about FMS, the headmaster, etc. It's just reality. Also, there really aren't that many of us compared to a "real" school.

Unless something changes, I will not be attending the reunion this year, even though I had thought I might."

Carl Volecker '67

I agree with you that you have reached the end of trying to save the Titanic! We have a reunion every other year, who does that in any institution?? I say make this one the last one and call a halt to you having to do so much. The reunion's have been going on for years, something that you and Max actually started, and we are grateful for that and have a ton of memories.

The rank and file is fading and that's okay but the overall interest has long been in hibernation. Not a lot of folks to step up and carry the ball and us old guys just don't have the desire to put into the projects as you and Max do. Great Job by the way..

I say "Call in the Dogs" and let this one be the "coup de grace"..

Steve Nash '65

FLORIDA MILITARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance- 10/04/2018 - **\$3720.91**
INCOME

Deposit - 4/2/19 –donations & registrations **\$360.00**
Deposit – 4/22/19 – reunion & memorial Dubberly **\$260.00**

TOTAL INCOME – **\$620.00**

EXPENSES

3/08/19 – March newsletter & postage **\$652.50**

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$ 652.50

(Income - expenses = difference) \$620.00 – 652.50 =
-\$32.50)

(Beginning balance + difference = ending balance)
3720.91 – 32.50 = \$3627.16

Ending Balance

Cash/Bank Account BB& T - **\$3688.41** 5/01/2019

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Elliott, Treasurer



In Memoriam -

DUBBERLY, William Manning '60



September 7, 1942 – February 16, 2019

Bill Dubberly, 76, lived a quiet, unassuming life as a husband, father and community member. He 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 & Judy raised two outstanding sons and instilled the same values of "Honor, Wisdom and Self-Discipline" to them. At one point Bill and Judy even had a farm in Barberville, FL and raised pigs among other things.

Bill was always very active in his church, serving as Deacon. Since his 20's, he led the singing at services at the Baptist Church in Barberville. He stood firm in his beliefs and encouraged others to come and share in his church family. Besides his sons and grandchildren, Bill is fondly remembered by his friends and neighbors in his community and his church.

KENRICK, John William '65



John William Kendrick, 72, passed away March 28th, 2019, after a long battle with cancer. He was born March 14th, 1947, in Daytona Beach, Florida. His parents were the late William E. And Mary Bush Kendrick.

John is survived by his wife, Delores "Dee" Kendrick, one daughter, Melissa Kendrick DeJong, her husband Nicholas "Nic" DeJong and their two children, Falcon and Emma. He is also survived by three brothers; David (Dawn) Lokey and Thomas (Marilyn) Lokey, Virgil Kendrick, one sister, Frances K. Duke, and several nieces and nephews.

John was a graduate of Florida Military School in Deland, Florida in 1965 where he lettered in swimming. He served in the United States Air Force from December 02, 1965 until April 2, 1969. He retired from the UPS after thirty years with a Safety Work Record. For twelve years, John coached church and county league soft ball for girls. John was a Boy Scout leader for eight years. His hobbies were golfing and gardening. He was a friend to all and a member of West Cobb YMCA where he made many friends. John

was active in his church, Powder Springs FMUC and was a faithful worker in the Car Care Ministry. A celebration of John's life was held at Powder Springs FUMC on April 13, 2019 at 3:00 PM. A graveside service, for family only, was held on April 14, at 1:00 PM at Mountain View Park Cemetery, Marietta, Georgia.

DELK, Edmond '65



Colonel Lucious Edmond "Ed" Delk, 72, of Birmingham, AL passed away peacefully on April 12, 2019.

Col. Delk was born on October 19, 1946 in Waycross, GA. He joined the Army in September 1966 and retired June 1994. His US Army military education and qualifications include Airborne (October 1968), Special Forces (June 1969), Ranger (March 1972), Infantry Officer Advanced Course (September 1972), Command and General Staff College (May 1978) and US Army War College (May 1986). His military decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Bronze Star with Valor, Purple Heart, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal and many others. Col. Delk's commands include the 709th Military Police Battalion and the 18th Military Police Brigade. He retired as the Assistant Commandant of the US Army Military Police School. Col. Delk served two tours in Vietnam, one tour in Operation Provide Comfort and seven years as a paramilitary civilian executive in East Timor and Iraq with Dyncorp international.

Ed Delk was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle. He was preceded in death by Sue, his beloved wife of 47 years and his daughter Elizabeth Carly. He is survived by his son Jonathan (Britt) Delk of Birmingham, Alabama; grandchildren, Holden, Eloise and Henry Delk; sister, Sally McDonald of Willacoochee, GA; brother, W.L. Delk of Opp, AL and numerous nieces and nephews.

His services will be held at Kramer & Lum Funeral Home in Jonestown, PA and Ft. Indiantown Gap National Cemetery on May 31, 2019. Visitation will begin at 10:30 AM, the Memorial Service will follow at 11:30 AM and the Procession to Indiantown Gap will begin at 1:00 PM.



Ron Brinkerhoff '59, organized a lunch group in Merritt Island, FL on Friday, May 3rd. The seven guys who made it had a great visit. In attendance were - Dennis Eyre '59, Thornton Ridinger '59, Earl Lamar '63 and wife Suzanne, Ron Brinkerhoff '59, Jeff Fawsett '60, Jim Turner '59 and Terry Hollinsworth '66.

We had good lunch and a great time was enjoyed by all.

We hope there will be more of these organized and shared.

Reminder –

Hotel reservations are separate from your reunion registration. Forms are attached for your convenience to register for the reunion. When you make your reservations with the hotel, mention that you are with FMSA

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)



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