



# Florida Military School

## Alumni Association



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### **“Return of the Knights” Reunion**

*A wonderful memory!!!*

#### **From the President’s Pen -**

Max Elliott '58

*Oh my goodness!* The reunion was held and what a time was had by all. This newsletter will summarize most of the activities, but, I’m going to tell you that words, or even pictures, are inadequate to convey the rush of emotions that filled the nooks and crannies of this event! The gestalt was truly impressive and the zeitgeist was perfect for **The Return of the Knights!**

How great it was to once again see familiar faces and to enjoy the experience of seeing and greeting new ones. Participants ran the gamut from Faculty, Staff, and Cadets to family and friends.

Of course, the 50<sup>th</sup> classes, who called themselves The Founders, had a grand time at Gene’s with the Headmaster and all the supporters present. The celebration diplomas, provided by Harry, turned out to be a most appreciated classic. Later classes raved about their events held Friday night at Buca Di Beppo.

I could go on and on about the facilities of the Holiday Inn Express, suffice it to say that the activity rooms were professionally arranged to fit our needs, the pool was great, and the breakfast room was a great place to meet in the mornings. And Lillian and Chris worked hard to grant our every wish!

Jim Turner was the most gracious host throughout, the book and directory were handed out at registration, plenty of pictures were taken by Rex Riley and John Hartman, a video record was compiled by Goldrush Productions (thanks to Richard and Carl Schaefer), the Saturday supper hosted by the Inn, Trudy Bulat did the raffles, Lee Hansen and Steve Marsh ran the auction, Asa Dean conducted a live webcast (WiFi) of the event, and Thornton Ridinger conducted the Memorial. I know that is not an exhaustive nor adequate listing. So many contributed so much throughout the reunion and I’m including each and every individual participant in their overall synergy.

And the business of FMSA continued on. A new slate for the Board of Directors was presented and voted in at the meeting. A change of By Laws was proposed and will be included in this newsletter. The Board will be installed at the next Annual Meeting.

As a post script, although we discussed plans to hold the next reunion in three years, there has been a post-reunion clamor not to wait so long, but to hold the next one in two years!

**FMSA Official Website:**  
[www.fms-assn.org](http://www.fms-assn.org)

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# FMS Reunion 2009

## “The Return of the Knights”

July 30, 31, August 1, 2

It is but a memory now, but such a wonderful one! If you missed it, you really missed a good one. The Knights gathered in a true island paradise and spent four days reliving all those times at FMS. It is amazing to outsiders how so many people from so many classes can bond in such a way. “It is as if they had been best friends for life” commented one. That common thread that all cadets share – their years at FMS – does make this possible.



The “Founders” as they have chosen to call themselves – the “old guys” – arrived on Thursday for their BIG night at Gene’s Steak House. Word had

gotten out about the wonderful evening planned, so the modest group of 50+ soon grew to close to 70 as other class members chose to join in. Gene’s did a wonderful job of handling all the unexpected “extras.” The food was good but the company was better.



The highlight of the evening was the conferring of **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary diplomas** by Col. Ward. It proved to be an emotional moment for some. The 50<sup>th</sup> diplomas were crafted by Harry Silvis.



The evening ran late as so many didn’t want to leave. Some of the “old-timers” were only able to make it for this evening so they really wanted to linger and talk. Who says you can only celebrate your 50<sup>th</sup> once?



On Friday, as other classes began to arrive, Asa Dean set up his webcast in the lobby to catch the arrivals and also the morning chatter at breakfast.

Mid-morning, Thorton Ridinger rounded up his **cruise** passengers and they were off to the pier for their trip on the Halifax River on the Starlight Princess Cruise Line.. It was a beautiful day and an enjoyable trip.





Harry Silvis, and his lovely wife, Zora, had a wonderful **sales room** of their very own this time, located right next to the Hospitality Room. People were able to move easily back and forth and order their photos or have their diplomas laminated on a plaque, or buy some other item for memories.

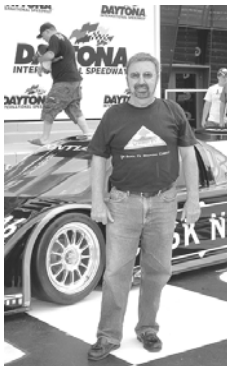
After lunch a caravan headed off to the Some had made previous visits but for many this was a first, especially in our new room. All came away quite impressed.



Meanwhile, some were back at the Inn enjoying the beautiful pool or hanging out in the expansive, and well stocked, **hospitality room**. This soon became one of the favorite gathering places and people usually had to be gently told to vacate and "Go to Bed" each night.



Some others took time to visit the Daytona Experience at the International Speedway which was just down the road.



The **Hall of Memories** was a separate room this time with plenty of quiet space for cadets to take the "Ghost Tour" and contemplate and remember. Rex Riley had also kindly set up a perpetual slide show of all the photos he has taken for FMSA over the years and that was also running in the room.



The final arrivals showed up on Saturday, most in time for the **Ladies Coffee** or the Memorial Service.

The former proved to be a good opportunity for the Ladies to escape from the "war stories" briefly and relax and visit with other ladies.



The **Friday night gatherings** were in the form of class dinners, and if you were not a member of those classes, you were still welcome to join them for the evening. As it turned out, both the **Classes of 65-66** and the **Class of 60** chose to have their dinner at the Buca Di Beppo, which made it easy for those "class hoppers" to pop back and forth. This proved to be a fun night.



The **Memorial Service** was again a moving experience. Unfortunately our number of deceased has continued to increase since our first reunion, and so it will as we go on. Thornton Ridinger planned the service with great dignity and respect and he was assisted in the reading of the names and other parts of the service by members of several classes.







Following the Memorial Service, a **group photo** was taken in the lobby.



After a break for lunch, the fun began. The Holiday Inn Express has a beautiful, oversized swimming **pool** and with the addition of an outdoor

bar serving frozen tropical drinks, most of the afternoon activity centered around or in the pool.



As well as a picture of wives, and children that attended.



As the afternoon began to wane, the infamous **FMSA Duck Race** took place. The size of the pool, the increased number of ducks purchased and the fluctuating breezes made the race a true challenge. After much suspense we finally had a winner and a runner-up. The owner of the winning duck, Harlow Landphair, became \$100 richer (however, he did donate the money back to FMSA) and the runner-up received \$50.



Most were ready for a short snooze and a shower before the **cocktail hour** began at 6:30 and when the **buffet line** opened at 7, most were ready and waiting. Participants all received a lei as they entered the buffet line to add to the Tropical atmosphere.



Yes, even Max and Sue got to sit and eat this time.



When we were finished eating, in the Indigo Lakes Room, the spirited **FMSA Auction** was held. There were some rare and unusual items this year and the procedure was in the capable hands of Lee Hansen and Steve Marsh.



Once the dust had settled and the dollars collected to keep us afloat for another two to three years, the D.J. took over and the dancing began. Col. Ward led the group out onto the floor, and he certainly has not lost his style.



One of the highlights of the day was the presence of a **videographer** who not only recorded all the day's activities, but also did interviews with as many people who would talk to him. He left that night with so much "good stuff" and

was excited about how he was going to put it all together for us. He said there was no way it could all go on one DVD so we will be offering a 2 DVD set for purchase. So, if you couldn't make it to the reunion, here's your chance to be there vicariously, and if you were there, here's the opportunity to hear what you said and re-live the fun.



Sadly, all good things must finally end and Sunday morning brought us closer to the end. The big function of the morning was the Business meeting. Following a welcome by President Max, the main item of business was the presentation of the new slate of officers by Harry Silvis and the election. These officers will take over the helm of FMSA at the Annual Meeting in October.



Harry Silvis made several **presentations** on behalf of the cadet corps.



Besides recognizing our own, we also recognized the outstanding service provided to us by both Lillian Hess and Chris Sheridan of the Holiday Inn Express.



A **Farewell Coffee** followed the meeting and soon everyone was heading out. A few remained behind for an extended vacation and they reported that after we all departed for home the hotel sure seemed empty. FMSA is still making its' presence known and felt.



## INDISPENSABLE – VOLUNTEERS

These are only a few of the outstanding volunteers who helped at the reunion.

### OUR OFFICIAL HOST



Jim Turner graciously agreed to be our official host to welcome all to the reunion, and he did an outstanding job. Jim takes a job seriously and he made sure everyone felt a warm welcome when they arrived. You could always hear Jim's hearty laugh as he "worked the crowd".



### PURPLE PUMPKIN LADY

Yes, Trudy Bulat and her purple pumpkin were there again and she did an outstanding job with the daily 50/50 drawings, and the raffles. Somehow, it would not seem the same without Trudy talking everyone out of their last dollar. How can anyone resist her?



Trudy took her job so seriously that when she discovered that they had arrived at the hotel minus their clothes (in their bags, of course) she couldn't take time out from her sales duties to drive home to retrieve them. Never fear, new clothes were the order of the weekend.

## FMS PHOTOGRAPHERS

Rex Riley and John Hartman were busy throughout the weekend taking hundreds of wonderful shots of all the fun. They are both talented photographers and joined forces to record everything. They even arranged for us to get a "group shot" after the Memorial Service. Many of their photos appear in this issue and others are soon to be on the website.

### WI-FI FMSA aka. Asa Dean

Ada and his lovely wife, Cheryl, travelled all the way from Arizona in their camper so that he could bring all his technology with him to provide a live-feed webcast of some of the reunion.



There were a few areas of the hotel that would not pick up the feed but Asa was busy the whole weekend putting FMSA out there.



## AUCTIONEERS



Lee Hansen and Steve Marsh worked tirelessly to get the crowd to open their wallets, and were very successful.





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## **FMSA ELECTIONS**

The nominating Committee presented the new slate of officers for a vote of approval at the Business Meeting. The slate presented was:

**Florida Military School  
Association, Inc.**

**GOVERNING BOARD**

**President - Harry Silvis**

**Vice President – Rex Riley**

**Secretary/Treasurer - Sue Elliott**

**Member-at-Large - Jerry Alleyne**

**Member-at-Large - Dennis Eyre**

**Member-at-Large - Lee Hansen**

**Member-at-Large - Asa Dean**

**\*Past President – Max Elliott**

\* Pending approval of By-Laws revisions and amendments at the October Annual Meeting

The slate received a vote of approval.

Harry Silvis then presented plaques of recognition to the out-going President and Treasurer for their service.

For Max, it was for almost 10 years of service as the founder and first president of the Association.



Although Thornton has been on the Governing Board for the same length of time, he served as the second Treasurer, following Andy Staley who served as the first treasurer of the association.



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## **Coffee Table Book** *“FMS – The History”*

The long awaited, and much anticipated volume is a reality. A copy of this book was included with each cadet reunion registration. We were especially pleased with the finished product and feel cadets can be proud to share that part of their early lives with their family and friends. As editor and author, Sue Elliott was especially happy to see it completed so she can move on to new fields of endeavor.

If you were unable to attend the reunion, or if you would like an additional copy of the book, it is still available for purchase, however, we do have a limited number of copies. For your convenience, an order blank is included in this newsletter. The cost of each additional book is **\$50**, and this price includes shipping.

Additional copies of the **2009 Directory** are also available for \$10, including the shipping.

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## **A Message from Your Colonel:**

Dear FMS Cadets,

I am writing to again thank you sincerely for "Return of the Knights" program.

Once again you presented a wonderful program which brought back so many good memories.

All of the hugs, handshakes and sincere comments mean a great deal to me.

I wish to especially commend Max and Sue Elliott, Harry Silvis and Thornton Ridinger for their tremendous efforts in putting on such a great program. But I thank everyone who played a role in making the program such a success.

The memorial service was special. It was moving to hear such kind words for Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Evans. They would have thoroughly enjoyed being with you.

Unfortunately I am no longer able to recall several hundred boys by name. But it was a pleasure to speak to so many men whose lives were positively affected by the Florida Military School.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the next reunion in 2012.

Col. Carl Ward

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## **MS. ALDA EARP -**

**Our Ever Faithful Faculty Member**

**Ms. Earp has attended all our reunions and Annual Meetings.**



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**Thank-You -**

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**THANK-YOU!!**

To begin to list the names of all the people who assisted at the reunion, donated financially to it or to the book project, or donated items for the Hospitality Room or functions would take up the entire newsletter. So please, pat yourself on the back and accept our sincere Thank-you. We couldn't have done it without you. To be honest, to write and mail all the thank you notes would probably deplete the funds so much we would not be able to continue to send you all the newsletters. **Thank-you again.**

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## PLENTY OF SOCIALIZING – ENJOYED BY ALL!!

The lobby provided plenty of gathering spaces for small groups to sit and visit.



Things haven't changed that much in all these years. Cadets, and their guests, were still ready and anxious for the serving lines to open. The only difference was the lack of military bearing and with a far more relaxed atmosphere.



The large campus of the Holiday Inn Express gave us plenty of space to gather, but it also kept us in shape a bit with the walking back and forth to the various venues.

Of course, the pool was a big hit with most. It was so large that groups could even gather in the water to continue their conversations and still not crowd the others who wished to be more active.





Al wins the recognition as the one who came the farthest...all the way from Spain. His coming was kept secret until his arrival and it was a nice surprise for his classmates and for Col. Ward

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## **CADETS CAME FROM FAR AND NEAR**

As usual, cadets came from far and near to be part of the reunion. California and Arizona, and Canada all seemed like faraway places and sure to win the title of "having come the farthest" but that was not to be.



About a week before the reunion, a long lost cadet surfaced after seeing our website and then calling Max. He was one we had been searching diligently for, for almost ten years. Al Reithinger, one of the charter cadets who came with Col. Ward in 1956 to begin the school, and who later returned in 1961 and 1962 to be the College Company Commander.

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## **ONE ON ONE** **with COL. WARD**



Some conversations were serious and others were humorous, but something many cadets wanted was some "private" time alone with Col. Ward. This was possible in so many places, and all seemed to enjoy it.

Several cadets commented that having Col. Ward present them with their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary diploma was a moving experience for them. The original presentation was but a memory...now with maturity, this had much more meaning.





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Old friends reunite and reminisce.



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**HELP** --- Yes, we still need help. There was a technical glitch at the Business Meeting when we were taking orders for the 2 DVD set of the reunion. Several of the receipts did not print in duplicate so some names were lost. We DO want you to get your copy of the set so if you ordered one at that meeting and your name is not listed below, **please let us know**. We think we are missing three names.

(Riley, Lamar, Dean, Ridinger, Casey, Schaefer, Metzdorf, Ivey, Kozak, Seitz, Brinkerhoff, Bulat, Wylie, Norman, Peck, Cleveland, Aitken, Hartman, Purucker)

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

The bills are all paid and the deposits are all made!

Basically, we are still solvent but until the dust all settles and all the books, DVDs and Directories are sold, we will not have a final accounting.

Meanwhile, our Treasurer is off to see his daughter married, and we will have a detailed report by the Annual Meeting and in the next newsletter.

Thanks to all who supported the Duck Race, 50/50 drawings, Raffles and Auction, we are able to say that it appears that we came out of the reunion in good financial standing. We are the very life blood of this organization, so pat yourselves on the back and look ahead to our next gathering.

The **DVD sets** are now ready and we will soon be mailing them out. One disk covers the reunion activities and the other concentrates on the memories and interviews with the various cadets. When previewing the set we found ourselves back at the reunion again. For those unable to attend, you may still find them very interesting. Not only are many people interviewed, but they also identify themselves so you can see how your old buddies look today.

Our thanks to Carl and Richard Schaefer for making the videographing possible.

The two disk set is **\$15** which includes mailing. There are only 100 sets so if you would like to secure a set, please complete the form included and return it quickly.

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## **ANNUAL MEETING**

**The 2009 Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> in DeLand. The new slate of officers will be installed at this time and a vote will be taken on the By-Laws revisions.**

**Other business to be discussed will be the decision as to the year of the next reunion, and whether or not FMSA will plan a cruise.**

**The treasurer will also have a complete accounting of the reunion expenses and our financial state.**

**Mark your calendar and plan to attend.**



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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## **BY-LAWS REVISION -**

The By-Laws revision committee has reviewed our present by-laws and has made some suggested changes.

“The highlights are: Secretary/Treasurer duties combined, Ex-President remains as board member and length of appointment changed to three years to be from reunion to reunion. Other changes are just cleaning up the by-laws, which we found to be very well written.”

Words in the by-laws that are ~~crossed through~~ are removed, while lines that are added are underlined.



**BY-LAWS**  
of the  
**FLORIDA MILITARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION, Inc.**  
Effective Date October 3, 2009

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME**

The name of the Corporation shall be Florida Military School Association, Inc. (FMSA). It shall be located in Volusia County, Florida and incorporated under the laws of the state of Florida as a non-profit corporation.

**ARTICLE II**

**PURPOSE & OBJECTIVES**

The general purpose of the FMSA is to promote fellowship among FMS alumni, faculty, staff friends and associates by providing means and opportunities for communication and association. This will be accomplished by the following objectives:

1. Facilitate gatherings ~~and reunions~~ among members.
2. Hold an all class reunion every three years.
3. Maintain communications among members via periodic newsletter and web site.
4. Maintain a self-sustaining organization and structure to assure perpetual association.
5. Coordinate the continuing search for FMS Alumni.

**ARTICLE III**  
**MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in the Association shall be open to former students, faculty, staff and friends of Florida Military School and others interested in the support of such an Association.

**ARTICLE IV**  
**GOVERNMENT**

- A. This association shall be governed by the Articles of Incorporation of the Association and the By-Laws.
- B. An Executive Board shall be elected through the ballot process by the members in good standing (~~dues paid~~) with a majority vote.

**ARTICLE V**  
**BY-LAWS REVISIONS**

- A. The By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the members present at any meeting called for that provided written notice of the proposal action has been given or mailed to the members at their last known address not less than ten (10) days prior hereto, or voting in a mail-out ballot sent to members at their last known address. E-mail may be used when applicable.

**ARTICLE VI**  
**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

- A. The Executive Board shall consist of a President; Vice President; Secretary, Treasurer, and ~~one to three~~ Members at Large. The Past President will also serve on the board as a voting member.
- B. Vacancies among officer positions occurring before the expiration of an officer's term shall be filled by election of the Board. Such electees shall serve the duration of the unexpired term and then be eligible for further nomination.
- C. The Executive Board shall develop association policies that will enhance the objectives/goals of the Association.
- D. The Executive Board shall conduct periodic meetings with the general membership invited for business in accordance with these By-Laws.

- E. No board member shall receive or be lawfully entitled to receive any salary or any other remuneration for services in connection with the administration of the affairs of this corporation, but may be reimbursed for actual expenditures incurred for authorized services other than as a board member.
- F. All officers shall be elected by ballot of the general membership, and shall serve for a three year term. All officers shall take office on October 1<sup>st</sup> following their election.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**MEETINGS**

1. Business Meetings shall be held when needed, or as required, with an annual meeting in October.
2. Special meetings of the Executive Board may be called by the President or by the Secretary at the verbal request of two (2) members of the Board. Board members shall have written or verbal notification at least two (2) weeks prior to any special meeting.
3. Emergency meetings may be called by the Chairman/ President by telephone upon two (2) days advance notice. Meetings may be held telephonically or on-line.
4. Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of the meetings of the Association.

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**QUORUM**

A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of the board. If a quorum is not present, the meeting may continue but without official motions passed. Ratifications of such matters must be obtained from 50% of the Board members to make actions official. Minutes will be recorded and distributed with record of such action at the next Board meeting.

**ARTICLE IX**  
**DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

Section 1: **President**

1. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association, and shall preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Executive Board, and shall be ex-officio member of all Committees of the Association.
2. The President shall represent the Association in all matters involving meetings or contacts with other local, regional or national groups, or shall appoint an alternate.
3. In the absence of the Association treasurer, the Association President shall sign any duly authorized checks or other drafts upon the funds of the Association.

Section 2: **Vice President**

1. In the absence of the Association President, the vice-president shall perform all duties and shall be vested with the power of the Association President.
2. The Vice president shall assist in developing short-range plans for the next fiscal year and develop the organization to implement this plan.

### Section 3: Secretary/Treasurer

1. The Association secretary/Treasurer shall give notice of all meetings of the Association and of the Association Executive Board meetings, keep a true and complete record of the proceedings at all meetings, and maintain accurate attendance records of all meetings.
2. The secretary/Treasurer shall issue all other authorized notices of the Association.
3. The secretary/treasurer shall coordinate with the Membership committee to maintain a complete and accurate roster of the names and addresses of all members of the Association.(List to be used for mailing notices, ballots, newsletters and not to be sent to any businesses for profit. The membership directory remains the sole property of the Association.
4. The Association secretary/treasurer shall prepare and submit minutes of each Executive Board Meeting. The secretary/treasurer shall assist with such work as requested or delegated by the President or officers, and shall keep files of all correspondence and reports of committees and shall send any correspondence deemed necessary for Board business.
5. The Association secretary/treasurer shall mail out, receive, count and retain election ballots and submit results to the Executive Board for certification and approval. Once the election results have been approved, the ballots may be destroyed.

### Section 4: Treasurer

6. The Association Secretary/Treasurer shall receive all monies for bank deposit and pay all expenses through the checking system approved by the Executive Board. Donations and gifts of value shall be accounted for by the Secretary/Treasurer. Primary signatures on the Association account shall be the President and the Secretary/Treasurer, however only one of these will be required.

7. The Association Secretary/treasurer shall keep an accurate and complete record of all receipts and disbursements, and shall make all books and all supporting papers available upon request by the president of the Association or the Audit Committee.

8. The Secretary/Treasurer shall prepare and submit quarterly

Finance Reports to the Executive Board.

9. The Secretary/Treasurer shall provide the Annual Financial Report at the end of each fiscal year.
10. The Secretary/Treasurer shall collect membership dues (rates to be established by the Executive Board), and coordinate who paid with the Membership committee and the Association secretary for the Annual Membership Roster.
11. The out-going Secretary/treasurer shall provide the necessary assistance to the incoming Association treasurer.

### Section 5: Members-at-Large/Ex-President

1. The membership shall elect 4-3 members in good standing to serve on the Executive Board.
2. Members-at-Large/Ex-President shall attend and have voting rights at the Executive Board meetings.
3. Members-at-Large/Ex-President shall provide advice /feed back to the Executive Board as general membership representatives.

### **ARTICLE X COMMITTEES**

- a. Committees shall be formed by the Executive Board. The committee chairman shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Board. There are two types of committees; standing and special committees. Each committee shall consist of a chairman and others necessary to adequately function. The committee

chairman or designee may attend and shall report to the Executive Board at their scheduled meetings.

- b. The Association president is an ex-officio member of each committee
- c. Committees may conduct appropriate business meetings by telephone or e-mail without physically meeting.
- d. **STANDING COMMITTEES:** Committees that are essential to provide on-going functions of the Association from year to year.
  - a. **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:** shall promote membership, maintain the membership roster in coordination with the Association secretary, and promote Association membership drives. This committee shall continue the endeavor of locating former FMS cadets.
  - b. **NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE:** shall consist of at least three members in good standing appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Board.
  - c. **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:** Shall provide public relations activities for the Association, between the Executive Board, the membership, the communities and the media, through a periodic Association newsletter and other correspondence as approved by the Board.
  - d. **AUDIT COMMITTEE:** Shall receive the Treasurer's finance records for the completed fiscal year. The committee shall review the records for accuracy, completeness and accountability and report to the Executive Board with their findings and recommendations, within 60 days after the end of the fiscal year.
  - e. **LEGAL COMMITTEE:** Shall assist as necessary to assure the Association practices are in compliance with applicable laws (State and Federal).
  - f. **INTERNET/WEBSITE COMMITTEE:** shall coordinate with the Executive Board and the Publicity/Newsletter committee to keep the Association website updated with the latest information.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES:** Shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Board from the Association membership for special purposes.

1. **REUNIONS COMMITTEE:** Shall plan and coordinate reunions, both regional and central for the Association. (As required).

### **ARTICLE XI FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year of the Association shall be from October 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **ARTICLE XII FINANCES**

1. The Association shall be operated as a NON-PROFIT corporation under the laws of the State of Florida.
2. The Treasurer shall be responsible for accounting for all money and gifts of value received or spent.
3. An annual independent audit shall be conducted by an Audit Committee at the end of each fiscal year within 60 days. The Audit Committee shall consist of a minimum of 2 members appointed by the President. The Association shall operate from the income ~~from annual membership fees, to be determined annually by the Board, and from any donations received.~~

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## **CRUISE, anyone ????**

A topic of discussion that was popular at the reunion was "Let's do another cruise!" The group that went on the first FMS cruise several years ago still have fond memories of it.

Now they are ready to go again. A new venue was suggested. How about a cruise to Alaska? And include a few days extra to see the interior as well? Other than an Alaska trip, there is also the option of another trip to the Caribbean. Most are 7 days but there are also some nice ones for 10 days.

Before we do any preliminary planning, we need more feed-back from you. The suggested time for a 10 day trip was late in May before the crowds and while the wildlife is still in view.

Max & Sue Elliott did a trip to Alaska two years ago and are more than ready to repeat it. Their comment was, "It is so beautiful that you just can't take it all in at one time!"

Let us know if you have any thoughts or interest and then we will work up the costs, dates, and other details. This can be a discussion topic for the Annual Meeting so please get your comments to us before then.



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## **REUNION 2012 ?**

### **Or Will it be 2011?**

Before Harry and Zora Silvis left the Holiday Inn Express on Monday following the close of this reunion, they met with Lillian Hess, the Director of Sales, and our loyal supporter. A tentative agreement has been secured for a repeat of this reunion in a few years. Harry and Lillian were also able to negotiate a favorable room rate, which will only be \$10 more. More than reasonable for such a wonderful setting.

When they met, they were discussing the year 2012., but once Harry got home, comments and suggestions began to come in. It seems some of the Corps want a reunion sooner...not later. This is a decision that will be discussed at the October Annual meeting. In the meantime, we need to hear from you. Do you want to meet again in 2011 or 2012? Make your voices heard so that an informed decision can be made.

