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**From the
President's
Keyboard**

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Zora Mae and I have finally made the transition into becoming Florida residents. Getting the Florida driver's license is a major hurdle with all the forms of certified identification you have to present, (info for homeland Security dbase) but it is done and these Georgians are now Floridians. The major jobs that occupied my time was the repair of the wooden fence, section by section, and the removal of some overgrown holly shrubs out front so we could put in a patio. As usual, the outside jobs seemed to take precedence over the more boring inside jobs.

We have gradually found our way around the area and are now more familiar with things. My favorite Home Depot is just down the road and so is Lowe's.

The reunion is quickly approaching. The Holiday Inn Express International Speedway has changed its name. Same owners, same staff and same deal, but now they are the **Best Western Plus**. They have just finished upgrades to the property. They plan to roll out the red carpet for us. If you haven't already made your reservations, you need to do it soon as they have a block of rooms for us. Be sure you tell them you are with the FMSA group so you get the special rate. Our block of rooms is only reserved until **JULY 12**, after which you may or may not get a room, as we have experienced in the past!

We are really in need of people to step forward and organize the various committees. In other words, we need YOU to volunteer to assist with some aspect of the reunion. Jim Turner will be the official Greeter again and of course, we couldn't do without our *Purple Pumpkin Lady, Trudy Bulat*.

We have added back into this reunion the celebration of the 50th anniversaries of the attending cadets from 1961, 1962, 1963 and 1964 and present them with a 50th anniversary diploma on Friday night.

I am also soliciting nominations for the "President's Award 2013." I give it to a cadet that has shown Honor-Wisdom-Self Discipline in their adult life. The winner must attend the reunion.

The USPS has become extremely picky so if you have moved to a different apartment in the same complex, or if your town has changed its name, or any other minute change was made (or major change such as a big move) please let us know. We continue to receive a half dozen or so newsletters back from each mailing marked as *undeliverable*. We have tightly budgeted our funds to keep us running from reunion to reunion so every returned newsletter is a waste of good money. Plus, *we do not want to again post you as missing!*

If you want to be on the program on Saturday night or at the meeting on Sunday morning, you need to contact Sue Elliott by June first with the details. We are going to streamline both of these meetings to get you more time to react with the other cadets.

Our new webmaster is Rex Riley '70, and he is in the process of rebuilding our website. He hopes to have it up and running soon. FMSA does have a Facebook page that many are using in the meantime.

THE FMSA OFFICIAL WEBSITE:

temporarily unavailable

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FMS REUNION 2013

“The Triumph of the Knights”

Our 6th Crusade

July 26, 27, 28,

(Fri. – Sunday)

Reunion Registration fee:

\$60* per cadet and **\$40** for guests and spouses

We have not increased the registration fee since our first reunion in an attempt to keep the reunion affordable to all. The \$60 per cadet includes a tote bag complete with a copy of the current Cadet Directory, program and tickets for lunch and the buffet Saturday night. The \$40 spouse or friend fee includes tickets for lunch and the Saturday night buffet but no tote bag and directory. Each attendee will receive a reunion nametag.

Mark your calendar and plan your budget. Make this your big vacation for 2013. We need your reservations so we can plan the numbers for the various activities. Advance reservations should reach us by July 12th. Late reservations will be on a space available basis and a late fee will be charged.

A registration form is included in this newsletter. Please complete it and return it with your check payable to FMSA to: FMSA c/o Sue Elliott PO Box 5 Pierson, FL 32180.

BEST WESTERN PLUS –

Daytona Beach, FL

2620 International Speedway Blvd.

(I-95 exit 261A south or exit 261 north)



Room Rates:

Double: \$69 per night plus tax

Poolside/Courtyard 2 dbl beds: \$69 per night plus tax

StandardKing: \$69 per night plus tax

Suite/ king or 2 dbl beds: \$99 per night plus tax

RESERVATION CUT OFF 7/12/13

A block of rooms is reserved for FMSA so be sure to mention FMSA when making your reservations. Holiday Inn Express will honor the rates for three days prior and three days after the scheduled reunion if you would like to make it an extended vacation.

Director of Sales: Theresa Graves

Phone: 386-258-6333, or

tgraves@elitehospitality.com

Amenities include: Complimentary Full Breakfast Buffet daily, Business Center, Olympic Swimming Pool, 6 Lighted Tennis courts and fitness room. In room coffee-maker, ironing board, hair dryer, complimentary wireless high speed access, and private balcony. A **Free shuttle** is available from nearby Daytona International Airport.

“The Triumph of the Knights”

Our 6th Crusade

What is the significance of the reunion name? For those of you just joining us, we offer a bit of history of our organization.

It all began in 1999 with the casual statement by Max Elliott. “Everybody is celebrating the 50th anniversary of their graduation with a class reunion, but I won’t ever have one because my school is gone.” Thus began a plan. In 1999, we started with the 1958 yearbook and using the various search engines and the names, we began locating former cadets. Max joined forces with Thornton Ridinger (1959) who turned out to be a

neighbor and soon we joined forces with Andy Staley and Tim Tyndall (1968) and Robert Mouro (1966) who were also actively trying to locate others. Andy made the job easier for us by undertaking the Herculean task of scanning every FMS yearbook onto a CD. Using these CDs we attempted to contact each and every Faculty, Staff and cadet listed. The information about those located was entered into a database that we still maintain. (see book. "Florida Military School...The History")

The first gatherings were small but after locating a few, the numbers gradually grew. The first real reunion type gathering was in 2000 at the Tomoka Oaks Country Club in Ormond Beach, Florida. That event was originally planned for a smaller location but interest grew and we had to move to larger quarters at the last minute. We were surprised to have about 100 people in attendance, both former cadets and faculty members and their spouses.

From this gathering a group was formed to write formal By-Laws and plan for a *Lollapalooza* in October 2002 to be held near the old school site in Deland Florida. On April 10, 2003 The Florida Military School Association, Inc., a Florida Non-Profit organization was official.

The time consuming search to locate former cadets continued. From the CD of the yearbook, Sue made a data base of every name to form a master working list. By the time we had our big Reunion in October 2002, our first Directory was in print. That reunion lived up to its name and had a turnout of 284 people. The Ghost Tour was born and cadets could now walk the former grounds of the school with pictorial stops along the tour. A Hanger Dance was the highpoint of the Saturday evening activities. The Memorial Service was held outdoors at the old columns on Sunday morning, complete with bagpiper. A Memorial Plaque was unveiled on the columns commemorating the existence of the school.

In December 2003, 22 cadets and friends sailed for 7 days aboard the Carnival GLORY. This was a mini reunion event.

Demand was such, that another big reunion was planned for 2006 at the same Deland location but it was held during the summer months to

encourage more families to come.. In the interim, more of the remains of the FMS buildings disappeared from their site, so the Ghost Tour and Memorial Service was held inside at the Holiday Inn. This was *the Golden 50th Reunion*.

By 2009, "*The Return of the Knights*" found us changing the location of our reunion to the Holiday Inn Express in Daytona Beach. They had a lovely pool and resort like campus and our contact, Lillian Hess, has relocated to this hotel so we were able to get affordable rates. Again, we had an excellent turnout and instituted 50th anniversary observances for the graduating classes. The reunion was also known as The Founder's Reunion. A special dinner was held on Friday night honoring the first classes, and video interviews were recorded.

Two years later, 2011 found us back at the Daytona location for a repeat performance. This reunion was known as "*Knights of the Renaissance*". Again, the next group of classes were honored on Friday night and more video interviews were recorded. (Thanks to the Schaefers).

That brings us to 2013. This is our 6th reunion and thus our 6th Crusade for the Knights. "*The Triumph of the Knights*" means we have been able to overcome all obstacles and are able to join together again.

Sadly, our ranks continue to decrease with the attrition of age. Those in the earlier classes are at a stage in their lives that it is now time for some of those in the later classes to pick up the mantle and carry on. Our Association is self-limiting and at some point, it will fade away just like the school. Don't wait to attend a reunion or you may find out that you are too late and they are no more. Make your reservation today and join in the camaraderie.

(For a more detailed account of both FMS and FMSA read the book "Florida Military School...The History" or view the recorded videos. All of these items will be available for sale at the 2013 reunion.)

F O R S A L E

We want to sell to a single cadet, the "official vendor" franchise of FMSA. This will include all finished work, supplies and electronic media. We will be taking bids for a CASH sale until May first. We have most of the material in Florida and will get the rest to you before the reunion. FMSA does require that the vendor to also provide products to be auctioned off and in the past we have done this. Please send me your bid, if interested!

Harry C Silvis 65'.

OPPORTUNITIES

Will YOU volunteer?

Yes, the reunion is almost here but it is NOT too soon to begin to plan. Seriously, we do need help. We still need others to assist.

There are so many areas that we can use your assistance.

- Registration -
- Greeters - Jim Turner
- Raffle -
- Ghost Tour (Memorabilia)
- Hospitality -
- Memorial Service
- Ladies Coffee Hour
- Games Coordinator. -.
- Goodie Bags. - also items needed
- Auctioneer -
- Auction - items needed

IT's GETTING CLOSE!!!!

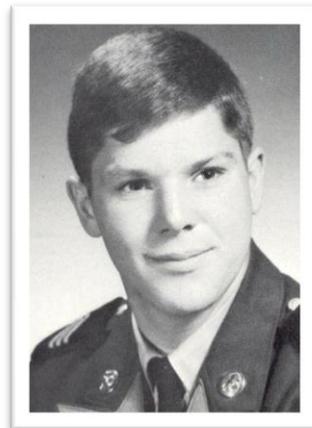
Don't assume that someone else will do the job, because they likely will not. Get involved now.

In Memoriam -

Donald Allen Ebbs '68

Don, aged 61, passed away on September 1, 2011 at the Earl B. Hadlow Center for Caring Hospice in Jacksonville, Florida.

He was born in New York, New York on March 9, 1950 to Hubert C. and Rita (Allen) Ebbs.



Mr. Clark was a veteran of the U.S. Army and served in Viet Nam achieving the rank of Sergeant. He was also a member of the Honor Guard, serving his fallen comrades. He was a member the class of 1968 at Florida Military School.

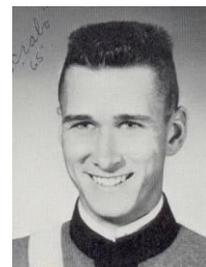
Don was a member of the Blessed Trinity Catholic Church, the National Association of Credit Managers, and he was a big Jaguar fan.

Survivors include, his wife Susan (Bassett) Ebbs; his mother, Mrs. Rita Ebbs; his sister Kathy Mitchell and a number of extended family members; especially his dog, Cody.

(We regret the delay in reporting Don's passing but the information was just forwarded to us.)

David Scarborough, '65

David Scarborough of Diamondhead, MS, passed away suddenly on Thursday, March 8, 2013. He was stricken with a massive heart attack while on the job in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.



While at FMS he was a Lt. Col. and he worked tirelessly on the restoration of our memorial column.

The family will have a memorial service later this month in Lakeland, FL. Fellow classmate Steve Nash 65' will let those interested in attending know the date, time & place when it is available.

Evans "Craig" Allen, Jr. '69

Evans "Craig" Allen, 61, of Panama City Beach, FL, entered into eternal peace Wednesday, January 23, 2013.



Craig was born February 10, 1951 in Tallahassee, FL. He was a loving husband, father, and friend to many. Craig was an ardent genealogist who helped many with their research on their heritage and family trees. He was preceded in death by his father, E. C. Allen, Sr., and his brother, David Allen.

Survivors include his wife, Rosalind; son, Michael Luke and his wife former Michelle Bauer Luke, his daughter, Julie Skillington; his grandchildren, Dustin and Chelsea Luke; a great-granddaughter, Abigail; his mother, Bette Martin; sisters, Donna Allen, Janet Howard and Linda Rinaldo; step-sister, Connie Adkinson; step-sons, Chad and Rhett Gurr; step mother, Tillie Allen; his sister-in-law and best friend, Carla Parker; and his brother-in-law, Tim Parker

(Note: Craig attended FMS for two years, in 1965 and 1966.)

50th Reunion Classes

The classes of **1961, 1962, 1963 and 1964** will be observing the 50th anniversary of their graduation at the 2013 Reunion.

We are presently **seeking organizers** from each of these classes to help in coordinating the activities they would like to have for their classes. We need class volunteers **NOW** so please contact us as soon as possible. If you will volunteer we will assist you. Time is slipping by so quickly so don't delay.

It would also be helpful if several would volunteer to contact the members of each of these classes to encourage their attendance for this event. We have the contact information and can assist you in making the needed contacts. Just let us know that you are willing to assist.

INPUT REQUESTED – But Not received.

Do you remember these from our last newsletter?

Do you have any interest in a Saturday afternoon river cruise? Or any other special activity? What type of special activity would the ladies like?

Do you have any special theme idea? Do you want dancing at the end of the Saturday evening dinner? Or is there any other type of entertainment you would like to have?

This is your chance to help us formulate the plans for this Reunion. Don't wait. Send us your input now.

Well, our response has been practically **nothing**. So, if we don't hear from you very soon, we can't include your ideas and thus you will have to enjoy what we come up with. Talk to us now or please don't complain. Let's hear from you **NOW!!**

Treasurer's Report

10/13//2012 – 3/15/2013

Beginning Balance – 10/13/2012 \$5540.07

INCOME

TOTAL INCOME - **\$ 0**

EXPENSES

1/4/2013 – Postage Newsletters	\$281.25
1/12/2013 – Printing – newsletters	\$150.00
1/15/2013 - West.Vol, Hist. Soc	\$150.00
1/15/2013 – Annual Report Filing	\$61.25

TOTAL EXPENSES - **\$ 642.50**

TOTAL ASSETS 3/15/2013

Cash/Bank Account BB&T **\$4897.57**

Sue Elliott, Treasurer

Last Minute Note: Howard Savage '61 is back in the beaches hospital in Jacksonville, FL. After much testing and prodding, the doctors believe he has a blockage near the heart and the doctors have him scheduled for vein and artery testing with a possible stint in two weeks. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

BACK IN THE DAZS

A number of missing copies of The Lance have surfaced, covering the last few years of the school. The full ones will be available soon on the new web site. I have chosen to "relive" some fishy stories below:

THE LANCE - December 1967 – THE OLD MEN AND THE SEA

A recent Saturday morning starting at 5 a.m. for the cadet officers of FMS for it was at this time our fishing trip began. Though still droopy-eyed from our abbreviated sleep, we were all ready to venture forth toward a day of fun and relaxation on the waters of Lake Beresford.

We arrived at Hontoon Marina, on the St Johns River, around 6 am. By this time, everyone was eager with anticipation of the days catch, though none of us really believed that we would catch much. We had divided into groups of three and picked our boats by numbers, not knowing which boat we had picked. We loaded our boats, and backwards as it may seem, we roared off into the sunrise, some of us a little slower than others. Eventually, though, everyone made it to the lake.

Major Pendarvis had given us tips on how to fish the lake. Being the avid fisherman, he said he, "can sometimes tell where the fish are by the smell." But, as stubborn as some of us are, we had ideas of our own.

Most of the morning went fairly smooth. Several of the boats did pretty good, seeing it was their first time out. Anyway, we all rendezvoused on a peninsular across from the marina around noon. We compared catches with one another and as if it wouldn't figure, Majors Pendarvis and Dinkins had the largest stringer of around 25 fish. We just couldn't figure it out! Some of the boats did not have any, and here they were with 25. The largest catch by any other boat was 11.

The afternoon had good results for some and poor for others. We became a little more relaxed too. If you happened to be a civilian out for a ride on the lake, all you could see from the six boats that I know of, were several cane poles and about three pairs of legs sticking out from the side of each.

Around 4:30, we all decided to return to the peninsula to the marina. We arrived back on campus by 9:00 p.m.

It goes to without saying that we all had a great time and we are all ready to go again, Major Pendarvis. . . by Cadet to tally up our catch and feast on our hard day's work. Major Dinkins was on hand with his

camera to record our day for the rest of history, and, after a brief picture taking session, we divided up into two groups, one to clean the fish and the other to get the fire going and cook. Then came the crowning event, we ate . . . and ate! After the feast came the inevitable, we had to pack up and leave. We cleaned up a bit and went back to the marina. We arrived back on the campus at 9:00pm.

It goes without saying that we all had a great time and we are ready to go again, Major Pendarvis. By Cadet Moroz

NOTE: Nice story, but must wonder what fish were being caught. Must guess that they were bream.

THE LANCE – May 1968 10 POUNDS? SOUNDS FISHY

[Originally published in DeLand Sun] Bill.Pendarvis of the Florida Military School proudly displays this 10.5 pound bass he caught at the Hontoon Marina. He was using a cane pole at the time. He has fished the DeLand area for years and has been an ardent supporter of the St. John's River bass fishing.

The paragraph you have just read was taken from the DeLand Sun in which he was featured on the sports page for his feat.

When I interviewed him he seemed flattered. I asked him, "What did you feel like when you caught it?" He laughed, "I felt like I would have to hold on to Captain Galloway", who was fishing with him at the time." "What are your plans for the bass?" "I am having it mounted," . . .he paused "and hang it next to the deer head!" "What did you catch it with?" "A jigger" he replied smiling, "and a piece of pork rind." Well anyway, this is one fishy story where the fish did not get away. *By Cadet Mike Briggs*

THE LANCE – May 1968 11 POUNDS?

Not about to be outdone by Major Pendarvis, Captain Adams just recently caught an 11 pound bass in the St. Johns River, despite the fact it was so large and caught at night, Captain Adams boated the fish in a matter of minutes. Needless to say, not to be outdone by Major Pendarvis, this fish too, will soon adore Captain Adam's wall.

NOTE: The last two stories did have a pic with each showing the fish each faculty member caught. Neither of these two stories is a fish tale, as they were very nice largemouth bass!

Florida Military School Association

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Registration Form

FULL NAME _____

Graduation Class YR _____ Years attended FMS – 19 _____ to 19 _____

Name for Nametag _____

Home phone _____ Business phone _____

Email _____

Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Guests' name(s) _____

PACKAGE PLAN- A - CADET ONLY

(registration fee, goodie bag, Directory, Sat. lunch, Sat. dinner) # _____ @ \$60 = \$ _____

PACKAGE PLAN -B- CADET AND GUEST(SPOUSE)

(includes all of Plan A plus extra meal ticket(s)) # _____ @ \$100 = \$ _____

PACKAGE PLAN -C- GUESTS

(Registration fee, plus meal tickets Sat lunch & dinner) # _____ @ \$40 = \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED (check payable to FMSA) _____

Mail to: FMSA c/o Sue Elliott PO Box 5 Pierson, FL 32180

Max Elliott
Post Office Box 5
Pierson, FL 32180

Address Correction Requested

SENIOR PRIVILEGES 1970-1971

The senior class of Florida Military School have been granted the following Senior privileges:

- A. **Seniors** are allowed to walk across the parade field.
- B. **Seniors** are allowed to leave their tie out when in the winter uniform.
- C. **Seniors** may leave the bed spreads on their bunks hanging out.
- D. **Seniors** will be allowed to board the town leave buses first.
- E. The sidewalk in front of the dining hall is the **Senior** walk and no under classmen shall be allowed to use it except, when it is raining or the road is flooded.
- F. **Seniors** may stay up 30 minutes after taps in their rooms only.
- G. The one booth in the canteen designated as the **Senior** booth is for **Seniors** only.
- H. There will be town leave on Saturday nights for eligible **Seniors**.
- I. **Seniors** may visit the Stetson campus and library when escorted by a faculty member.
- J. A bus once a month will take **Seniors** and their sponsor to the Holiday Steak House for dinner, providing the seniors pick up their own tab and the time is approved by Col. Ward.
- K. Only **Seniors** may have a pen clipped in their top pocket.

Any under classmen breaking the above Senior privileges will be obligated to run the Senior belt line.