



# Florida Military School

Alumni Association



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*From the  
President's  
Keyboard*

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Greetings Fellow Cadets,

365 days and counting! Yes, folks, as I type this letter our 2017 Reunion is exactly 1 year away. Rest assured, your Board of Directors is already working diligently to make it our best reunion yet. Your Board has agreed on a theme of "Knights United" and the dates are July 28 – 30. In order to keep the reunion affordable for everyone, your Board decided to keep the same location, the "Best Western Plus International Speedway Hotel" in Daytona. The hotel has once again agreed to honor the same discounted rate we have had in the past and my thanks to our Secretary/Treasurer, Sue Elliott, for her negotiations with the hotel to make this happen. Of course, you will receive updated information as we have it, but for now, please mark the dates on your calendars. Plan to join us for some great fellowship and a fun weekend, and if you wish to volunteer, please contact myself or Sue Elliott. We'll be sure to find a good "job" for you!

Our Annual Meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 8 to be held at DeLand's Memorial Hospital and Military Museum. Please note the change in location for this year's Annual Meeting. You will recall we previously held our Annual Meetings at Steve Nash's airplane hangar in DeLand. However, Steve has now sold his hangar and thus, the need for a new venue. I know everyone joins me in saying, "thank you" to Steve for graciously allowing us to use his facility. We expect to receive the same hospitality from the Hospital and Military Museum. Please

calendar the Annual Meeting and make plans to join us. We will meet for lunch prior to the  
**September 2016**

meeting at a local restaurant in DeLand. Please e-mail me if you have any restaurant suggestions.

While it's hard to believe, the Holidays are fast approaching and Christmas will be upon us in just 4 short months. Plans for our FMS Christmas Party are in the works. Thank you to John and Margaret Hartman who have once again graciously offered to host this party. Additional details, including a date and time certain, will be provided as the event draws nearer, but for now, plan on joining us at the Hartman's residence in Jacksonville for this festive event.

In other news, the Class of '66 held an event May 13-15 at the La Playa in Daytona Beach. Fellow Board member, Thornton Ridinger, and I attended and had an enjoyable time visiting with those in attendance. I encourage other classes of FMS to plan similar activities, and if you do, please notify myself or another Board member so we can notify all cadets.

Your Board of Directors met on July 16 and voted to return to sending out the newsletters via regular mail delivery. You will recall the Board decided earlier in the year to send out the newsletters via e-mail in an effort to save expense. However, we were reminded that saving a few dollars is not always the best solution as we did experience some "kinks" with an e-mail only system. Relying solely on an e-mail distributed newsletter, we found this method did not prove to be as beneficial as expected. We, therefore, agreed to return to mailing out the newsletters, and further review of our budget will support this effort.

The website is receiving a "facelift." New contact information and web address will be provided to all once we have more information.

I continue to encourage each of you to be as active in FMS as you can. Fellowship is good for the soul! Please continue to share your comments and suggestions. My e-mail address is [thomasr111@bellsouth.net](mailto:thomasr111@bellsouth.net). Please include your name and contact information for follow-up purposes.

As always, God's continued blessings upon you and yours, upon FMS, and most especially upon this wonderful country we are so blessed to call home.

Loyally in FMS,

Tommy

*Thought for the Day:*

*"Nothing is impossible. The word itself says, I'm Possible." – Audrey Hepburn*

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***THE FMSA OFFICIAL WEBSITE:***

[www.fms-assn.org](http://www.fms-assn.org)

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## **FMSA NEWSLETTERS**

After much consideration, the Board voted to return to printed newsletters, using snail mail. One of the main deciding factors was that we were no longer receiving updated addresses from the post office for cadets who had moved and neglected to notify us. Nor were we receiving notifications of deceased cadets by their relatives who received their newsletter. It is an expense to print and mail these but too many cadets were unhappy with the change.

The board thoroughly reviewed budget options and by cutting the number of issues and mailing only at strategic times, we found that we could manage three issues to carry us through to the next reunion. This issue will focus on dates for the Annual Meeting, Holiday Party, and next Reunion, as well as introduce the revamped official FMSA website. The next issue will come out in March to update cadets with details from the Annual Meeting and more information regarding the upcoming July reunion. The third issue will come in June to further encourage participation in the July 28-30<sup>th</sup> Reunion and to announce the slate of officers with their bios to be voted on at the Membership Meeting at the Reunion.

Any cadet who wishes **to OPT OUT** of receiving a printed version of the newsletters may do so by notifying Sue Elliott ([sgcourtney@att.net](mailto:sgcourtney@att.net)) or Tommy Register ([thomasr111@bellsouth.net](mailto:thomasr111@bellsouth.net)).

Additionally, cadets are urged to send us their updated addresses should they move.

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## **YOUR FMSA**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

President - Tommy Register '61  
Vice President - Dennis Eyre '59  
Sec./Treas. - Sue Elliott - Honorary Cadet  
Member-at-large - Terry Hollingsworth '66  
Member-at-large - Steve Nash '65  
Member-at-large - Thornton Ridinger '59  
Member-at-large - Brownie Ramsey – '61  
Past President - Rex Riley '70  
President Emeritus - Max Elliott '58

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### **FMSA MUSEUM ROOM NEWS -**

The West Volusia Historical Society recently notified us that the former Deland Hospital Museum has been renamed the Deland Hospital and Military Museum and that our room is an integral part of the tours that are offered there.

Our room is in good hands and your children and grandchildren will always be able to visit it and see that important part of your life. We will no

longer be sending the annual fee for the support because of the donation we gave the WVHS when we turned the room over to their care.

We will be holding the Annual Meeting at that location so any who have not visited our museum may do so that day. There are many other fascinating new exhibits open in that building as well. We will also request that access be made available during our 2017 Reunion.

Any new articles for inclusion in our museum are collected by Sue Elliott or our President Tommy Register, and will be given to the WVHS. So if you run across something interesting, please let us know and we will work with the WVHS to see that they get it.

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## 2016 ANNUAL MEETING

The 2016 Annual Meeting of the FMSA will have a new home this year. Steve Nash has sold his plane and no longer has his hanger at the Deland Airport. We have approached the Deland Parks and Recreation Department that operate the Deland Hospital and Military Museum in conjunction with the West Volusia Historical Society and have asked them to allow us to meet at that site.

As in previous years, we will convene the meeting at 1 pm. We know many enjoyed meeting for lunch prior to the meeting and a suitable place to meet will be located. There are many new options now available in Deland so we will attempt to locate one that can accommodate our group. We will post the location and time, (probably 11 a.m.) on the FMSA website in the near future.

Any suggestions for a restaurant are more than welcome, so let us know.

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## TRY OUR OFFICIAL NEW FMSA WEBSITE

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

The FMSA Board decided to find a professional web designer to take over our FMSA website and redesign it. Rex Riley is presently working with Kris Chislett to transfer all our material over to a new, professional site. The Board realizes that the website is probably the first impression that new people get of our organization and are interested in having it look worthy and professional.

One of the factors involved in updating the website was our decision to post our newsletters online for those cadets and friends who visit the site. It is important that all material on the website be current and up to date to avoid confusion.

All information to be posted on the website will be approved by the Board or the President before posting. If anyone has news to post, it should be sent to the Board for approval. We will continue to post the Year Books, Reunions, School History, Newsletters, Association History, Then and Now, and Memory Lane as well as some other new features.

Try it out and we hope you will be pleased.

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## FMSA REUNION 2017



*"KNOW YOUR UNIFORM"*

The next FMSA Reunion is being planned for July 28, 29 and 30, 2017. We decided to renew our contract with the Best Western Plus because they continue to offer us the best rates and use of all facilities. Mr. Patel has kept our room rates the same since our first reunion so we are able to keep the reunions affordable for **everyone**.



The Best Western Plus is undergoing a total refurbishing now and will be ready for us in 2017. They have promised to keep our rates the same 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 soliciting helpers to plan and execute various portions of this reunion in the coming months so this reunion will be a shared labor, and not left to only one or two to carry the load. So far, several cadets have stepped forward to cover registration, the hospitality room and the Ladies activity but there are still many activities that need your help. By popular demand, the DUCK RACE will return. So if you don't mind getting a bit wet, maybe you would like to help organize this activity. Hosts and/or hostess are needed for the Friday evening Fellowship Dinner, and for the Saturday night buffet dinner. Volunteers to take part in the Memorial Service are needed. If there is something special you would like to volunteer to do, it is never too soon. Just let us know.

Meanwhile, mark your calendars for 2017 and other than the 2016 Annual Meeting, this is the next official FMSA activity that is being planned.

**JOIN US**  
**July 28 – July 30, 2017**  
**At**  
**BEST WESTERN PLUS –**  
**Daytona Beach, FL**  
**2620 International Speedway Blvd.**  
**(I-95 exit 261A south or exit 261 north)**

# “KNIGHTS UNITED”




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## FLORIDA MILITARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION **TREASURER'S REPORT** July 16, 2016

Beginning Balance- 1/19/2016 \$ 2492.23

### INCOME

3/18/2016 - 2 Donations - \$250.00

**TOTAL INCOME - \$250.00**

### EXPENSES

2/01/2016- Newsletter print/mail (Harry Silvis)  
\$ 584.20

3/28/2016 - Annual Report State of FL  
\$ 61.25

**TOTAL EXPENSES - \$645.45**

**Beginning balance 1/19/2016 \$2492.23**

**Ending Balance 7/16/2016 \$2096.78**

### **TOTAL ASSETS 7/16//2016**

Cash/Bank Account BB& T \$ 2096.78\*

Respectfully submitted: Sue Elliott, Treasurer

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### **Budget Projection** **for 2016 Remainder TO 2017 Reunion** (approved by the Board 7/16/2016)

3 newsletters (\$300.00 ea. printing)  
\$900.00

(Sept) ( March) (June)

Postage for 3 newsletters - (\$294.00 ea.)  
\$882.00

Corporation fee  
\$ 61.25



**Total of Committed Funds**

**\$1843.25**

**Balance on hand 7/15/2016 \$2096.78**

**Less Committed \$1843.25**

**Remainder of Funds - \$253.53**

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**Additional possible expenses - (Not reflected above)**

- Misc. postage, office supplies
- Annual meeting calendars
- Board meeting costs
- Website fees

Also we could eliminate the annual meeting calendars, and there probably does not need to be any Board Meeting costs.

With the above proposed budget, we can go back to our mail-out newsletter, thus getting the much needed feedback of address changes and deceased. We could also offer the option of cadets "OPTING OUT" of the mailings thus saving some funds as well. The Opt-In option for cadets wishing to get paper newsletter really was not successful. The OPTING-OUT would be more accurate.



**REUNION BUDGET 2017**

(as approved by the Board 7/16/2016)

Our 2015 budget was based on the total attendance of 70 people. Our registered attendees was 61 plus we had some extras that registered late at the reunion for some meals, etc.

**REGISTRATIONS**

40 cadets @ \$60 = \$2400

30 guests @ \$40 = \$1200

**TOTAL INCOME -**

**\$3600.00**

**MEALS -**

70 Dinners @ \$21.73 pp =

\$1521.10 (approximate)

**HOSPITALITY ROOM-**

\$125.00

**ROOM RENTAL FEES -**

\$300.00

**MEMORIAL SERVICE -**

\$40.00

**DIRECTORY -**

\$375.00

**PAPER GOODS, MISC.-**

\$100.00

**FAVORS & NAMETAGS -**

\$500.00\*

**LADIES GATHERING**

\$150.00

**TOTAL EXPENSES**

**\$3111.10**

Remainder

**\$488.90**

\* If we either eliminate the favors or cut them way back to a token item, we save about \$400 that could be applied to keeping the Assoc. going, plus do 50/50 and /or Raffles to raise extra funds as we have done in previous years.

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The above budget was approved by the Board, however, several cadets stepped forward to donate the food and drinks for the Hospitality Room, thus freeing \$125.00. Also The Board felt strongly that some memento of the Reunion should be part of the registration so the favors will not be eliminated but will be cut back in cost. Since then, another cadet has come forward to donate \$100.00 toward the favors.

As a result of the above donations, a total of \$225 can be added to the remainder of \$488.90 to give us \$713.90 toward the operating funds for 2017-2019. If the Raffles and Duck Race and 50/50 fundraisers are successful, we should have the funds to carry the Association through to 2019.

Just a reminder – Reunions are totally self-funding and do not receive any funding from the Association Treasury, however any money left from a reunion provides the funding to carry the Association through until the next reunion, two years hence.

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## The SEARCH IS ON-



Denise Robinson, wife of cadet Stewart Robinson '63, has volunteered to take up the project that Sue and Max started in 1999. Sue passed on all the boxes of research and leads that they had on previous cadets and Denise is trying again to locate as many as possible. This is a tireless job but we will follow up on any leads she can get so that as many former cadets as possible can be part of the Association and possibly attend our next reunion.

If you have any leads, please pass them along to us so we can follow up. Denise has some databases that are a big help. The more information you can give us the better the chance that we can locate your former roommate or friend before the next reunion. No tidbit of information is too insignificant. Even a former address or relative or employment can point us in the right direction.

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## Class of '66 Has a Party



The group shown gathered at the LaPlaya Hotel in Daytona Beach on May 14, 2016, for a weekend of fellowship. It was a small but enthusiastic group.

(Note: these are the types of mini gatherings that the Board is encouraging in the years between our reunions)

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## In Memory of -

### Constance Sue Delk

Wife of Eddie Delk '65

Message from Eddie Delk:

I haven't the words to express the pain in my heart this night. I lost my Dearest One today. Mama (Constance Sue (Susty) Delk), born April 5, 1948, my beautiful brunette, my deeply, loving, devoted wife of 46 years, my partner, my buddy, the mother of my children passed into Heaven at 1:40 p.m. this afternoon. Mama fought a most gallant battle against an insidious brain tumor for four years and fourteen days. She beat all the odds and outlived all hospice projections, until today. Please know Mama was a dignified, gracious lady to the very end. While she could still speak, she never uttered a complaint, even knowing the fate before her. Mama drifted into a coma eleven days ago, and, throughout this critical period, she never experienced a moment of pain or discomfort. When the time came, Mama simply stopped breathing, no sounds, no struggling. And then she was gone.

Mama's memorial service is scheduled for 2:00 p.m., Saturday, March 12, 2016, at the Currie-Jefferson Funeral Home, 2701 John Hawkins Parkway (Highway 150), Hoover, Alabama 35244. A number of hotels/motels are available within two miles of the funeral home. I have received a number of messages in response to an earlier post by CSM Armour. I do appreciate your kind wishes and words. If I do not respond to each, please believe it is not because I don't care. My life has now changed forever. Mama's passing has left a void in my heart impossible to fill.

Most sincerely,  
Ed (Eddie) Delk



Following the Funeral for Sue Delk this picture was taken. From the left are Bucky Drake, Jeff Abicht, Eddie Delk, Bobby Hart, and Steve Nash.

# Joe Rodney Younce '68

May 16, 1949 - March 6, 2016

Joe Rodney Younce, 66, of Webster, Texas passed away March 6, 2016. Joe was born May 16, 1949 in Kermit, Texas to Joseph E. Younce and Melba Younce. Jose was in the United States Army for many years and proudly served our country. His passion was his family and listening to country music. Joe is survived by his loving mother Melba Younce, daughter Jodi Anne Powers, sons Joe Rodney Younce Jr., Markus Younce, sister Jane Ann McLain and husband Steve, **brothers Robert "Bobby" Edward Younce '64** and wife Nora and Frank Kelton Younce, grandchildren Dallas Hayden Crass, Kylene Clifton Powers, Zoie Anne Powers, and one great grandson Joseph Hayden Lee Crass. He is preceded in death by his father Joseph E. Younce, and granddaughter Ceirra Gabrielle Crass.

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## ALHOLA From Hawaii -

**Aloha!** We are enjoying our new life on the Big Island. We are having so much fun exploring and discovering new places. After having visited for over 15 years, we discovered we haven't even begun to see and experience the island.

Our first challenge was to tame our rain forest jungle and take back the yard.

As you can see in the before and after photos of the front yard, we had a lot of work to do.



We have removed over 50 trees from the lot. One of the species grows over 20 feet per year and stand over 150 feet tall. As beautiful as they are the state of Hawaii classifies them as a severe nuisance and request they be removed where ever possible. For us it was a safety issue as many of them were close to and towered over our home.

We recently experienced our first tropical storm on the island. It ended up being a non-event for us but other areas of the island were not so lucky. As Floridians, we knew how to prepare and were ready, we were without power for 12 hours due to trees falling (yes the same type of trees we cleared on our property took our power lines down the street), but we suffered no damage. The

storm created amazing surf at the end of the street which was beautiful to watch.

We have included a few photos of the area but photos cannot tell the story of the beauty and majesty of this island.



are of the coast line at the end of our street.



having a very large community Jacuzzi.

is a park located about 15 minutes from our home. It is a large pond heated by geothermal energy from the volcano, it is like



This is the surf just outside the thermal pond.

About 15 miles north of us is Hilo, just outside city center is Rainbow Falls. After a good rain the water will spill all the way across the rock face, creating a mist that will soak you from 100 feet away.



The same park is home to some incredible Banyan trees.

If you travel south of us 15 miles you will find yourself at an active lava flow.



It rolled across the road and into the ocean recently. Rose and I made an adventurous bike trip to go see the lava, 8.5 miles round trip. You can see from the photos it is worth the trip.



The final photo is of the gorgeous Hawaiian sunset. We hope you visit these beautiful islands sometime and we hope to

see you then.

Rex and Rose Riley '70



"KAGGHS  
MAIL"

**July 28-30, 2017**

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