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From the President's Keyboard

Zora Mae and I want to thank all of you for your support over our loss of our only birth child Kevin. We are hoping to have it all finished by the annual meeting on October 23rd. More information is elsewhere in the newsletter about the annual meeting, where we will work on the reunion. As has been the custom, it is the bye date for U of F football. This late date helps Zora Mae and I as the preliminary hearing for the girl that killed Kevin is September 17th, two days before his birthday. The trial should then be held within a couple of weeks, as she did not take the plea deal offered by the County Attorney.

Elsewhere, you will find information about Teresa Graves, the new Director of Sales at the Holiday Inn. She has replaced Lillian Hess, and was working at the hotel during our last reunion. She is a lifelong resident of Daytona Beach area.

Buca Di Beppo the great Italian restaurant, just a short walk from the hotel, has closed, was torn down and a sports bar built in its place. Also, the Sonny's BBQ up the street has closed. The good news is the Daytona Ale House & Raw Bar is still in business, just out the side door of the hotel. Let us hope we still get the 10% off when we show them our hotel key again.

Room rates will rise \$10.00 per night for each room category over what we have paid for the first three reunions. At this time the cost of the reunion for the cadets of \$60. & guests are \$40.each looks like it will stay the same. I am currently working on the budget, which we will finalize, at the annual meeting in October. That is not to say, the Association does not need, nor would we turn down any donations, as we do not charge anything to belong to our Association.

The Holiday Inn is first and foremost a recently remodeled resort facility that is spread over several acres across the street from the Daytona Speedway. Each morning you get a FREE hot

Breakfast Bar that includes eggs, bacon, sausage, fresh fruits, cereal, toast and much more.

Two more cadets have been added to the list of those killed in the Viet Nam War and 1 from our list has been located alive and well. ASA DEAN 59" reported to me that RICHARD MEAD WATERBURY class of 59' that was drafted at the age of 24 and was killed by small arms fire. ALEX NELON 63' pointed out too me that the other cadet that was missed is RONALD KEITH NEAL 63'.

ROBERT CHARLES SCHELL has reported to us that his death was premature and he has been living in Vancleave, MS for the past 30 years. My goof here and I will buy Bob a drink if he attends the reunion next year.

In a later edition of the newsletter Alex Nelon 63' will give us information he has gathered on each of the FMS cadets on the Viet Nam wall. At that time, I will add a little information on LBJ and the Saratoga fire as I joined the White House Communications Agency about six months after the fire and there was quite a bit said about it in the Friday night beer parties in the agency day room. Cadet CHARLES DAVID KIESER class of 64' was killed in this accident.

I can be reached at 770 421-1415, fax 770 421-1745 cell 678-622-6248 or kennesawgraphics@bellsouth.net. Zora Mae will be sharing with you things to do while in Daytona Beach starting with the next Newsletter. We will be publishing newsletters in November, March and June to share more information with you. On my appointed FMSA day, I will also see if I can locate more of the missing cadets. We have located all of the easy ones, so any more we locate are increasingly difficult.

You can still sign up with me at any time to receive the alumni newsletter via the internet. We send it to you in such a way using blind carbon copy, to protect you. Just email me with your request and I will add you to the list and send you a return email to let you know you have been added. We are able to save about \$2.00 per cadet a year not using snail mail. Speaking of the USPS, looks like a first class letter will be going up another \$.02 for a first class letter January 1st when it is approved. That will translate to another \$13.00 per issue cost of the newsletter. We may purchase the forever stamps to realize this small savings.

ASA DEAN is going to be working on a few up-dates to our web site to get it current and will be adding additional information as it becomes available. If you sign up for WHAT'S NEW on the web site, you will automatically receive notice when the site is updated. Please visit the site (www.fms-assn.org) and see for

yourself the fine job that our Web Master is doing for us! Again and always, many thanks, Asa!

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www.fms-assn.org
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MEET OUR NEW HOLIDAY INN CONTACT

My name is Teresa Graves, and I am one of those rare locals, born and raised in Daytona Beach. I graduated from Spruce Creek High School in the class of 1995. I have three older sisters that now live out of the area.

My husband and I have been married for six years. We were married in Jamaica on September 20, 2004. We have a two-year-old daughter named Lola. She is my first child and is my little sunshine.

I have worked at the Holiday Inn Express since 1999. I first worked at the front desk and then in the sales office. I have been in the hospitality business for 15 years.

The Holiday Inn Express looks forward to having the Florida Military School Alumni with us again and will make it a great reunion for you.

Florida Military School Association, Inc.

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AND THE WINNER OF THE REUNION IS 2011

After the "Return of the Knights" reunion that was held in Daytona Beach in July, there has been a steady stream of requests from the members to have the next reunion in 2011 instead of 2012.. The overwhelming vote was to hold the next reunion in 2011. At the annual meeting on October 3rd, 2011 was approved by the members, and Daytona Beach was picked, as to where to have it, as no other location was presented. The contract with Holiday Inn Express International Speedway has

been signed, for the reunion to be held from **July 28th to July 31st 2011**

A replay of 2009. There are changes though. Lillian Hess, our Holiday Inn hostess will not be there, nor will some of the restaurants we visited. But, the fun and fellowship will still be strong. Mark your calendars now so you don't miss out.

Plans for the various events and the costing, etc. will be worked out at the Annual Meeting in October. So, if you have suggestions or other input, you either need to attend or send your comments and thoughts to us prior to the meeting. Thoughts now are that we will pretty much follow the format of 2009 with some minor adjustments.

Committee chairmen are going to be needed so be prepared to step up and volunteer. If people take the chair for the various events, the burden is not heavy for anyone. Think back and let us know what you would really like to do.

Remember, the 2011 Reunion can be your 2011 resort vacation as well!

Treasurer's Report **10/1/2009 - 7/31/2010**

Income/Expenses

Income

Donation	100.00
Sales	944.00

Total Income

1044.00

Expenses

Newsletters (2)	812.00
Postage	105.25
WVHS patron -1 yr	150.00
State of FL annual report	61.25
Web hosting -1 yr	99.00
Domain name - 3 yrs.	33.00

Total Expenses

1260.50

Total Income/Less Expenses

(- 216.50)

Balance Sheet - as of 7/31/10

Assets

Cash & Bank Accounts	
FMSA	8,049.37

Total Assets

8,049.37

Sue Elliott, Secretary/Treasurer

FMSA CRUISE ALASKA 2010

After much research and discussions, the **Diamond Princess** sailing from Whittier, Alaska on **May 29th**, was selected as an FMSA cruise. And sail it did. Aboard were four couples who decided to join the FMSA cruise. Odd though, two of those couples were not from FMS.



The wildlife viewing was exceptional as well.



John (Pete) & Trudy Bulat and Max & Sue Elliott were the four from FMS. They did the five day land tour prior to sailing and it was an unforgettable experience.



Just kidding! He's not real!

The weather in Alaska was outstanding and crystal clear. SO many people who make the trip never get to see "The Mountain (Denali)" and this group got to see it crystal clear for three whole days! That alone made the trip worthwhile (And the travel pictures don't lie!).



Diamond Princess is a luxury destination in itself. Once aboard, the adventures were not over.



It even made the gold panning and the visit to the pipeline pale.



The trusty group decided to climb the Chilkoot Trail in Skagway. For those who might not be familiar with Alaskan history, this was the treacherous trail that the gold miners had to traverse to reach the gold fields and on which many good men died.



This supposedly "moderately challenging" climb was more than any bargained for. BUT, no chickens in the group, they all encouraged each other up the 5 forty five degree ascents and down the more than challenging descents, to cross the final relatively flat trail to the river where their return trip awaited them.



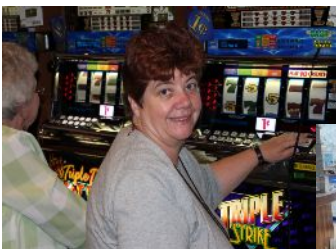
Never did a “float (raft) boat” look so welcome, or so scary.



But after donning the necessary boots, vests, and such, the trip was truly beautiful. Once safely back on dry land, everyone was patting each other on the back for their successful trip. Boy, do those tour booklets lie!



The rest of the cruise was peaceful and fun. Too much food, of course, but that is only to be expected. (You really don't have to eat it all!)



Too soon, the skyline of Vancouver came into view and reality began to set in.

The homebound flights awaited all.



For those who missed this experience, you really missed a good one. Alaska is truly a “must see”. Be sure to put it on your “bucket list” and join us on the future FMSA trips!

ANNUAL MEETING 2010

Saturday, October 23rd

Sky Dive Deland (Steve Nash's hanger)

Gather for lunch around 11:30 am

Business Meeting – at 1 p.m.

**Important Business to be discussed -
The Plans for the 2011 Reunion.**

If you have ideas or suggestions, please either send them to us in advance or come to the meeting and be heard. Volunteers for the chairmanships will be discussed.

We will need chairmen for things like the Hospitality Room, Ladies Coffee, Duck Race, Saturday afternoon Pool Party activities, Saturday night dinner or BBQ, Greeters, Memorial Service, and most of all we need people to contact their class members. It would be ideal if every class year could have its own organizer.

With such a short time to plan and prepare, it would really be helpful if you would step up instead of making the committee contact you. Let us hear from you!

FMS FRIENDS GATHER

Some friends just can't wait for the organized reunions. They just have to plan their own mini-gatherings in between.

That's just what Thornton Ridinger ('59), Jim Turner ('59), Ed Arrington ('59) and Max Elliott ('58) did. They gathered at Gene's Steakhouse in Daytona Beach on June 25th.



Of course, we may never be able to go back to Gene's since we had so much fun and laughed so much.

If any of the other guys have similar gatherings, we would love to hear about them.

The Gathering-

The Lollapalooza -

The Return of the Knights

What will we call the 2011

Reunion?

Send us your suggestions!

REUNION 2011-

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Standard – 2 double beds -- \$69 plus tax

Poolside/Courtyard – 2 double beds - \$69 plus tax

Standard King - 69 plus tax

King or 2 doubles suite - \$99 plus tax

Our booking code is: **FMS**

If you plan to extend your stay in Daytona, you can make that request when you make your reservation. Plan to either come early or stay over and enjoy all the other attractions. A beautiful beach is only a short drive away, and Disney World or the Kennedy Space Center are an easy drive.

SEE YOU IN 2011!!!

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