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From the President's Keyboard

Harry C. Silvis '65
FMSA PRESIDENT

WE ARE LESS THAN A MONTH TO THE 2011 REUNION "Knights of the Renaissance",

Summer has hit us with very dry and very hot weather. After a four month odyssey with the insurance company, our roof has finally been replaced. Now we are working on repairing and staining the cedar siding, which has been neglected for 30 years. Thank goodness for Home Depot and their \$3.00 cans of sample stains, as we were able to get the color on the second can. With over 3,000 square feet to do, this is turning into a monster of a job.

At this time we stand @ 36 cadets registered for the reunion. We have extended the time to get your registrations in without the late fee, until July 10th. It would appear that we could make the 60 mark that we had planned on back in 2009. At this time, 59', 65' and 66' again make up the majority of the attendees.

Received a note from David Tooker 63', that he will miss his first reunion. "My sister Lynn, had a massive stroke Feb 28, was hospitalized for about 10 days and has been in and out of Hospital and rehab ever since. I have been up to Omaha five times and will be going several times more before the end of the year." Please keep them in your prayers."

Last week, received an email from Robert Hart 66', that classmate Ralph Parks' sister had passed away leaving a husband and two daughters. A number of us sent flowers to the family. Please think of them in your prayers, also. Speaking of Robert Hart 66'. Zora Mae and I sent him a check to use to purchase gift cards to give the people devastated by the tornadoes.

Thus far, only 65'-66' have made concrete plans for their dinner on Friday nite.

Address Correction Requested is what we have been using on the newsletters. The Post Office now wants to charge us \$.50 for each one that is returned. So we are going to **Return Service Requested**. The mailpiece is returned with the new address or reason for nondelivery; no charge. The sad truth is in most cases, there is no new address sent to us. So, *please* keep us up to date on your address changes

I can be reached at the following email address or cell 678 622-6248 or LL 770 421-1415.

kennesawgraphics@bellsouth.net
or **kennesawgraphics@comcast.net**

REMEMBER it takes **two** things to register for the 2011 reunion, **BOOK** your room @ the Holiday Inn in Daytona Beach (386-258-6333 Theresa Graves & mention it is for FMSA) and **register with FMSA** with Sue Elliott!

Registration with FMSA is what gets you the greatly reduced room rate at the Holiday Inn.

AFTER reading the whole newsletter, if you have any questions please call me at 678 622-6248 or email me at one of my addresses. You can also call Sue Elliott with your questions at 386-749-4031. We will be happy to answer your questions.

Visit the FMSA web site and look at the ARTICLES heading from time to time. Asa Dean 60' has been putting in information submitted about cadets for you to read.

In the past few weeks I have talked to some of you about the reunion and others about information on our relocating back to the state of Florida. At least a half dozen, which have been very helpful in our looking. We were about to purchase a home in Hudson, FL, until we discovered that the insurance and taxes were \$7500. a year. A real shock to us, as we currently pay less than \$1,000. for both, as we no longer pay school taxes in Cobb county.

Everything for the reunion is ordered and on the way. The goodies for the "goodie bag" as well as a couple of new items we ran across to sell. My birdhouses are calling me on the back porch to cut out and assemble. We will have a special unveiling of a missing part of the school that has been recreated.

Yes, "the Purple Pumpkin Lady", is on board with her tickets for 50/50 drawing and the BIG drawing. Lee Hansen is warmed up for the auction. These two projects fund the organization between the reunions by paying for the newsletters.

P.S. STILL A FEW **FMS THE HISTORY** BOOKS AVAILABLE, CONTACT SUE ELLIOTT TO PURCHASE THEM.

THE FMSA OFFICIAL WEBSITE:

www.fms-assn.org

MAILING ADDRESS:

FMSA c/o Max Elliott
P.O. Box 5 Pierson, FL 32180

The Friday Nite Dinner

For

Classes of 1965 – 1966

And Other Friends

5:30 pm on Friday, July 29th

BJ's Restaurant & Brew House

2514 W. International Blvd.

At site of former

Buca di Beppo Restaurant

Extensive menu as well as pricing

Check FMSA web site for full menu

R.S.V.P. Harry C. Silvis

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Call 678 622-6248

The Final Countdown has begun.....

Less than a month to go!!

FMS Reunion 2011

“Knights of The Renaissance”

July 29, 30, 31,

(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 does not include the bag. Each attendee will receive our new updated reunion nametag.

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P.O. Box 5 Pierson, FL 32180

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Please do not confuse your hotel reservation with your reunion registration. They are not the same thing. You must make your hotel reservations directly with the hotel, but your reunion registration needs to be made with FMSA. A registration form is included for your convenience. We have already received several and the hotel reports that many have called in for their hotel reservations. Don't delay in making your reservations so that you do not get closed out.

Holiday Inn Express –

Daytona Beach, FL

2620 International Speedway Blvd.

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



Room Rates:

Double: \$69 per night plus tax

King: \$69 per night plus tax

Suite: \$99 per night plus tax

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

doshiexpress@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.

HELP WANTED

Will **YOU** volunteer?

In these trying times, that is a sign that gets attention more than ever. And we are hoping that it will get yours. Seriously, we do need help. This reunion can not be a "two man" job. Yes, we have done it several times and it does get easier each time but we still need others to assist.

There are so many areas that we can use your assistance. Some people have stepped forward already to volunteer but there are still jobs that need you.

- Greeters
- Duck Race
- Ghost Tour
- Hospitality
- Memorial Service
- Games Coordinator.
- Goodie Bags - also items needed
- Auction – items needed

After much discussion, it has been decided that another **sword will be made available as a Raffle item**. So for those of you that missed out last time, you now will have another opportunity to possess your very own sword.

"Purple Pumpkin Lady"

Trudy Bulat, wife of Pete Bulat 66' is poised to for the third time, to be hawking the tickets for the 50/50 drawing as well as the general drawing.

50/50 Drawing, will be a single drawing of one ticket on Sunday morning this year at the association meeting. The winner will receive half the money collected while the association will receive the second half.

GENERAL DRAWING, will also be held at the general meeting too. This time she wants to do a "Chinese Drawing". There will be containers by the prizes for you to put the second part of your ticket in. When it comes to the drawing the winner for each prize will be drawn from the container you have put your ticket into. Thus, you get to choose the prize you want to try and win.

We could use some more prizes!!

Clean out your closets!!!

AUCTION!!

Lee Hansen 64' is again ready to take your money for the items we will be auctioning. As in the past, there will be a FMS saber, again donated by EJ Jones 65'. There also is a FMS stein that was found on ebay, an ATARI retro game set-up. (No games to buy as they are loaded on the system.) These are only a few of the items and we are anticipating that you will bring other items. Like the drawings, 100% of this revenue goes into the association treasury to support the organization activities.

FMS GOODIES !!!

Zora Mae & Harry will have their assorted FMS mementoes FOR SALE as usual at the reunion, but will only be open at certain times that will be shared with you on check-in and posted on the door of the SUPPLY ROOM. Many of the older items are being discounted to move them out of inventory. While some other items, the prices reflect some new pricing of materials.

NEW this reunion is a FMS 60" black/gold golf umbrella, with black FMS imprint. It is limited to only 12 pieces. Then there are the decorative birdhouses with license plate roofs. Beside FMS plates there are other limited plates of colleges, military or NASCAR. OR bring your own old plate. We have the 2011 FMS lapel pin as well as a patch. There are a few FMS wall clocks as well as additional koozies that you received in your goodie bag.

Kaye Campbell, wife of Charlie Campbell 68', has an embroidery business and has been working hard sewing different products to offer at the reunion.

2011 FMSA DIRECTORY

We are preparing an updated version of the FMSA Directory for this reunion. Please check your personal information that we currently have on file for you (on the insert below) and if there are any changes please send those corrections as soon as possible to:

**Max Elliott
P.O. Box 5
Pierson, FL 32180**

Tuscaloosa Alabama Tornado Up-Date

First, thank you, guys that sent the money to help here; and to those of you who are praying for the victims... "super thanks"!

Of the 13,000 registered volunteers that were here initially, most are gone now. Some church groups, for example, the church Jack Knight attends in Jasper, Georgia, have people here this week. But less than 100 people (my estimate) per day here now. It is two months now since the tornado hit; all the roads are clear. The city leased 156 dump trucks. They work 5 to 6 days per week. We are told, to expect that all the debris will be removed by late August or early September. (That's 4 and a half months just to get all the devastation carried off.) Only one temporary shelter continues to be open. Virtually all the people who lost their apartments, condos, homes are relocated. Some 4,000 homes were destroyed. Over 1,000 businesses, churches, schools, government offices, fire stations etc., were damaged as well. The fact that we only had 50 or so to die is a miracle. We all are amazed here by that low number, when you look at the devastation. A few homes are being rebuilt, maybe 10%. The rest are total losses. The cool thing, numerous churches have organized groups within their memberships to "adopt" displaced families. Rather than getting used furniture, and used kitchen equipment, and second-hand clothing for these people, these adopting groups are buying all new furniture, new clothes, new appliances, etc. The vast majority of the displaced were the poor. We constantly hear them interviewed on local T.V. saying things like, "We have never had brand new furniture or new clothes of this quality." etc. Pretty cool!

What draws the most emotional response is when I tell these folks that we will be in touch with them regularly, to update the prayer list and check on their needs... that we won't forget them. They ask me things like, "You mean people are praying for me and my kids every day?" It blows them away. So far I have 25-plus folks who have volunteered for the daily prayer effort.

Money will be needed for a long time. If you would like to send some...we need it. You can be sure 100% will go to the needy, and not a dime to administrative costs, or salaries, but to the tornado survivors exclusively.

1. To get a deduction for your contribution, please make your check payable to: Anglican Mission
2. Mail to me at the following address:

Robert Hart
1612 Ridgecrest Drive
Tuscaloosa Alabama 35406

3. At year's end, you will receive a tax receipt from the Anglican Mission.

Thanks for your financial gifts and prayers.

In Christ, Bob Hart '66

Treasurer's Report

5/11/2011 – 6/30/2011

Beginning Balance – 5/11/2011	\$7889.00
 <u>INCOME</u>	
Donations	\$3265.00
Registrations	\$2040.00
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TOTAL INCOME -	\$5205.00
 <u>EXPENSES</u>	
5/11/2011- Printing newsletter	\$150.00
5/11/2011- Newsletter postage	\$286.00
5/17/2011 – Postage	\$ 15.75
3/09/2011 – Kennesaw Printing	\$440.00
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TOTAL EXPENSES -	\$ 891.75

(Income – expenses = \$4313.25 gain)

TOTAL ASSETS – 5/11/2011

Cash/Bank Account BB&T
\$12202.25

Sue Elliott, Treasurer

REUNION VIDEO & DJ

Thanks to the generosity of Carl Schafer '59, Richard Schaefer '60, and Tommy Crutchfield '66 another video will be made of the reunion. Each cadet who registers at the reunion will be sent a copy. Additional copies will be available for sale after the reunion. Each class group will be interviewed on the video.

Time slots will be available on Saturday of the reunion for each class group to be interviewed for the video.

Through the generous contributions of many other cadets, enough money is available to also have a DJ for the evening.

REUNION REGISTRATION

NOTE - Deadline Extended

Because of the economics of the times, we have decided to extend the deadline for registering for the reunion with out a \$20 late fee penalty to **JULY 10th**. **Register NOW and avoid the \$20 late fee.**

A downloadable form is available on the FMSA website, or you may use the one included in this newsletter. All registrations must be received **by JULY 10th 2011**. **Late registrations after July 10th, will include a \$20 late fee.** **Make your reservations EARLY!!!! No refunds available after July 15th.**

Reunion Registration fee: \$60 per cadet and \$40 each for guests & spouses

REUNION 2011 REGISTRATION

Name _____ Class Year _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Guests Names: _____
(as you want them to appear on nametags)

Registration fee: (\$60 per FMS cadet and \$40 for each guest prior to July 10th, 2011.) (Late fee of \$20 after July 10th) (Each cadet registration includes a copy of the 2011 FMSA Directory)

_____ @ \$60 _____ @ \$40 = \$ _____

No refunds after July 15th.

TOTAL DUE = \$ _____

Deposit = \$ _____

Due by June 30th = \$ _____

Make checks payable to: Florida Military School Assoc.

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

I would like to volunteer to help with _____

I have made a donation of _____ to be used to enhance the reunion for everyone

Max Elliott
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Pierson, FL 32180

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COUNTDOWN – Less than a month to go!
See you in DAYTONA!



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