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From the President's Keyboard

Harry C. Silvis '65
FMSA PRESIDENT

WE ARE APPROACHING 4 MONTHS TO THE 2011 REUNION "Knights of the Renaissance",

Zora Mae and I hope you had as good a holiday season as we did. While it was hard for us after the loss of Kevin, we continue to move on. Atlanta saw the 4th coldest winter in history and a snow/ice storm that lasted a week. We stayed at home and enjoyed the warmth of our up-dated furnace system and insulation up-grades. The destruction to the roads in Atlanta by the plowing will take us several years to make all the repairs.

Lee Hansen from 1964 has stepped forward to assume the continuing project of locating the missing cadets. After spending a whole day transferring files and addresses from AT&T to COMCAST I waited, and waited for AT&T to close down my email address. Finally, I received a letter from AT&T telling me that they were giving me the email address and storage space FREE forever! Sooo either email address:

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

will get to me. I have two computers down in the "Men's Dungeon", each having a different email address

For some reason, there seems to be some confusion and misinformation circulating out there about the reunion. As reported in earlier Newsletters, we are at this time publishing a newsletter every 3 months up to the 2011 Reunion, then we will probably move to a 4 month cycle as there is not much news coming in from the Cadet Corps! The name picked for the reunion at the October Annual meeting is "Knights of the Renaissance", which just happens to be the subject of my senior English Thesis (BC Before Computers). It was also the theme of the 1965 annual.

We still need help with the reunion so look for those opportunities elsewhere in the newsletter. We need sponsors for several of the events. The largest change we made to the reunion format at the Annual Meeting in October was we added the box lunch on Saturday and at the same time removed the money for the DJ from the budget. Thornton Ridinger then made a pledge of \$100 for the DJ and has challenged other cadets to help pay for the remaining \$500 (total cost approximately \$600) for

this event. We have not scheduled anything for Thursday like we did in 2009, as the 50th anniversaries of the remaining classes are still too far off. That does not mean you can not come early to relax and visit with other FMSA members. If we put our heads together we can find something to do together! Bivwac anyone ???

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!

I have been working to find us some unique one of a kind items to auction off. I have found a few and will be ordering them soon. Also, a few items from the past have turned up from time to time on the internet.

This year I will be bringing some bird houses made from weathered fence pickets and metal license plate roofs. These are usable as well as being decorative. I had a couple made several years ago and John Kendrick & I have had them on display in our homes since then. These have a more weathered look and will help me get rid of the license plates that were made in 1999. Yes there will be other license plate roofs and you can bring your own plates too!

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.

In these hard economic times our organization remains in a strong financial position as you will see in the Treasurer's Report in this newsletter.

At the Annual meeting, I appointed Thornton Ridinger 59' to head the committee to nominate the slate of Officers & Directors, to run the organization, as we prepare for the next reunion in 2013. Our by-laws stipulate that the Officers and Board will serve from Reunion to Reunion and his report will be given at the Reunion this year.

We continue to receive a half dozen or so newsletters back from each mailing marked as *undeliverable*. Please make sure that we have your address after you move, as the post office does not always handle your address change very well. *We do not want to again post you as missing!*

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

THE FMSA OFFICIAL WEBSITE:
www.fmsa-assn.org

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

In MEMORIAM

Jones, Herbert Whitney, (Class of 1959), age 71, of Granite Falls, NC, and Passed away Friday, November 12, 2010. He had a brain tumor and had surgery on September 9th and died of complications.

Memorial services were conducted on Monday, November 15, 2010 at the First United Methodist Church of Granite Falls.

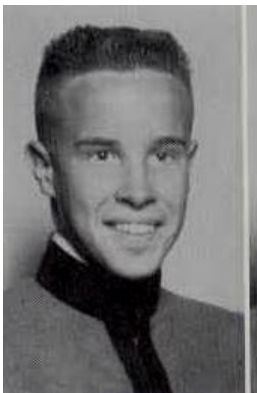


1959 post grad.

Kennedy, Betty – mother of David Raulerson (Class of 1965, deceased). Many of you will remember Betty from the 2006 reunion in Deland. She loved to dance and enjoyed meeting friends of her son.



Seidel, Robert, (Class of 1963). He has been deceased for six years, as was confirmed by Judy Seidel.



FMSA ELECTIONS 2011

In accordance with the FMSA By-Laws, it is time again for the election of the Officers and Board members. President Harry C. Silvis, appointed Thornton Ridinger 59' to head the committee and to report back with the slate at the annual meeting.

Anyone wishing to nominate another slate please contact Thornton Ridinger on or before noon EST on July 10th 2011 in writing with the names of the slate you wish to nominate (in accordance with the FMSA By-Laws.) The nominator must certify that each person on the slate has been contacted and has agreed to be on the slate and is able and willing to perform the duties required of them. The committee will then evaluate the slates submitted to make sure all nominees are members of FMSA and wish to serve. The membership will then be notified at the 2011 Reunion as to the slates presented and the election will be held at the business meeting and the new Officers & Directors will take office at the annual meeting in October. Slates should be sent to Thornton at: 1 Tomoka Oaks Blvd, #104 Ormond Beach, FL 32174 or emailed to trindger@earthlink.net.

ANNOUNCING:

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 a reunion nametag.

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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 OPPORTUNITIES

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.

- **Registration** – short shifts, could be combined with hospitality. **We have a coordinator**, but **need people** to work the shifts with her.
- **Greeters** - **Jim Turner** will coordinate this group who will act as our official greeters . Volunteers needed to assist him on Friday and Saturday morning.
- **Raffle** – selling tickets, conducting, etc. **Trudy Bulat** has volunteered to be coordinator. This lady with her "Purple Pumpkin" was hard to say "No" to at our last gathering. She has several fund raising activities planned and would gladly accept help.
- **Duck Race** – selling tickets, assisting with the race. This year it will be bigger and better and remember The prize is **CASH \$\$\$**. There will be a new twist to the race this year too with more chances to win. **Help needed** to pull it all off. A **coordinator** is also needed.
- **Ghost Tour** – Harry Silvis has prepared our Ghost Tour posters, but we can use help in the set up, etc. This is not an overly taxing job but a satisfying one as many enjoy their walk down Memory Lane.
- **Hospitality** - **shifts** maintaining the room. We do need a **coordinator** to oversee the operation of this room. And we also need **hosts and hostesses** to man a shift or two during the weekend. (**NOTE:** any **class group** that would like to **sponsor** any hospitality event would be welcome.) We will keep the room open later this time.
- **Memorial Service** –We need a **new coordinator** for this event. He will need help with the set up, and people to participate in the service, or to give out the programs, etc.

- **Ladies Coffee Hour** – Judy Dubberly, wife of Bill Dubberly, (60) has graciously volunteered to coordinate this event. Other hostesses to assist would be welcome. (NOTE: a **class group** might want to sponsor this event. provide coffee, and get doughnuts or cookies donated, etc)
- **Games Coordinator** – to organize several new games and competitions we have planned for Sat. afternoon. Possibly several people so each could set up one game.
- **Goodie Bags** – someone to gather items and prepare the bags. The gathering should be done prior to the reunion and perhaps some local cadets could handle the preparation of the bags with us at the HIE on Thursday evening.
- **Auctioneer** – Lee Hansen did such an outstanding job that we have enlisted him again for our Auction Sat. night.
- **Auction** – Prior to the reunion, we **need a Coordinator**, and possibly **assistants**, to gather or solicit items for the auction. The possibilities are endless...single items, perhaps a weekend in someone's timeshare or beach house; items from businesses, etc. The auction can only be fun and productive if we have good things to auction. **THIS is our BIG fundraiser** so we need some great stuff.

FMSA operates entirely by donations and monies we can raise with various fundraising activities, such as the Raffle, Duck Race and Auction. Without those activities we would have ended our last reunions well in the red. But thanks to you all, we had enough money to keep the association operating for these past few years and allow us to continue publishing the newsletters. The reunion itself is not a money making event

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.

Several events at the previous reunions were sponsored by individuals or class groups. The **D.J.**, the **cocktail hour**, the **coffee hour** and the **videotaping** of the weekend were some of the events sponsored by cadets. This time we would welcome **sponsors for the Hospitality Room**, and the **Ladies Coffee Hour**. Thanks to Thornton Ridinger, we may be able to use a **DJ** for our Saturday night music. Anyone taking Thornton's challenge to assist with the rest of the funding? We had to cut this from the budget to keep our registration affordable for all. It has always been our goal to make the reunions self-sustaining and if possible, have a bit left over money-wise to keep the association afloat until the next gathering.

It seems we are always asking for help but we are totally a non-profit organization and have been kept afloat only by your generous support.

Treasurer's Report

10/23/2010 – 3/4/2011

Beginning Balance – 10/23/2010 **\$6865.72**

INCOME

Donations	\$495.00
Sales (book, CD, Directory)	\$315.00
Registrations	\$260.00

TOTAL INCOME - **\$1070.00**

EXPENSES

10/25/10 – Annual Meeting	\$129.37
10/28/10 – Postage - general	\$ 19.60
11/20/2010 - Newsletter postage	\$ 286.00
11/20/2010 - Postage - Books	\$ 24.50
11/27/2010 – Newsletter printing	\$ 150.00

TOTAL EXPENSES - **\$ 609.47**

(Income – expenses = \$460.53 gain)

TOTAL ASSETS – 2/28/2011

Cash/Bank Account BB&T **\$7326.25**

I filed our Annual Report with the FL Dept of State and also paid our Patron fee to the West Volusia Historical Society. These costs will appear on next report.

Sue Elliott, Treasurer

A Message from the Editor-

I am sure you have all heard the old saying, “**Many hands make light work**”, and it is so true. As the years pass, we are all getting older and things are not as easy to do as they might once have been. Although reunion organization is not new to us, it still involves a tremendous amount of time and effort. If each cadet would do just a “little bit” then the whole job would be so much easier for everyone. Volunteering to make phone calls or contacting other cadets is one simple task that you can do from home. Gathering up items for the auction can also be done from home during the coming months.

Can't you find some item to add to our goodie bag? Everyone likes to get something in their bag and this is a great place to promote your business or favorite charity, etc. And many hands working to assemble the bags make the job go quickly. And this can be done either Thursday evening or Friday morning on site.

How about volunteering to do a shift as a hospitality room host or hostess? We don't expect you to stay there for hours, but an hour here and there makes others feel welcome and also keeps things neat and supplied for the enjoyment of all.

Or maybe you are a more interested in doing things outdoors...so the duck race and games activities could use your help. David Tooker set the bar at 2006 reunion but surely someone would like to raise it. This is an area that can be a lot of fun.

A somewhat solitary job would be setting up the Ghost Tour. We have the posters and the booklets, but they do need to be set up on site.

Now, we also need SPONSORS for the various events. This is an opportunity for a class group or just a group of cadets to come together and underwrite the costs of an event.

So, I guess what I am trying to say is we have a job or a place for every talent....all we need is for you to step up and fill the shoes. If we all pitch in, everyone will have the time (and energy) to enjoy all the reunion activities.

Won't you do your part? Contact Harry or Sue today!

Oh, by the way...I need your news. I can only print what I know about so send me your news.

Don't forget to send in your reservations today, too.

See you all in July!!

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.



This we found on-line and the seller is in Bangkok, Thailand wants \$99.99 + \$9.99 shipping for the plate. Will contact and give you the scoop in the next newsletter.

REUNION

REGISTRATION

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 June 30th 2011**. **Late registrations after June 30th, 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

Still available -

But don't miss out...Supplies Limited!!

- **SPECIAL BUNDLE**

_____ Book, DVD set & Directory @ \$35

Send check to: FMSA, c/o Elliott P.O. Box 5,
Pierson, FL 32180

***Is your class planning
a special Gathering?***

Or

***do they want to sponsor
an activity?***

***We need your input soon
so we can finalize the plans.***

SEE you on JULY!!

Max Elliott
Post Office Box 5
Pierson, FL 32180

Address Correction Requested

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 June 30th, 2011.) (Late fee of \$20 after June 30th) (Each cadet registration includes a copy of the 2011 FMSA Directory)

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

\$20 Deposit per person reserves your places.

Final payment due by July 1, 2011. 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 Max 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