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From the President's Keyboard Harry C. Silvis '65 FMSA PRESIDENT

Zora Mae and I are back in Georgia trying to make the transition to our Florida home. It takes a move to make you realize how much "stuff" we tend to accumulate over the years. Many local charities are the beneficiaries of out efforts to lighten our load. We hope to complete the job and load the final truck and make our way "home" in a few weeks.

The reunion is quickly approaching. The **Best Western Plus.** They have also just lowered the room rate \$10 so this makes it even more affordable to all. 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 still in need of people to step forward and assist with the various committees. In other words, we need YOU to volunteer to help with some aspect of the reunion.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we plan to streamline both the Saturday evening and Sunday morning meetings to give you more unstructured time for interacting with others.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in a few weeks.

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## FLASH

# IT'S BACK!!!! YES, THE WEBSITE IS BACK!!!

Our new webmaster is Rex Riley '70, and he is in the process of rebuilding our website. He has to it up and running, although it is not completely finished yet. He says he still has a lot of upgrading and reorganizing to do, but the website itself is functioning. Many of you have asked about its absence and commented on how much you missed it, and we are so glad to announce that it is truly BACK!!

THE FMSA OFFICIAL WEBSITE:

http://www.fms-assn.org

## **FMS Reunion 2013**

"The Triumph of the Knights"
Our 6<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup>. 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: NOTE THE REDUCTION in price

**Double:** \$59 per night plus tax

Poolside/Courtyard 2 dbl beds: \$59 per night

plus tax

Standard King: \$59 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 FMS** 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.

Contact: Mihir Patel, GM Phone: 386-258-6333, or mpatel@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 6<sup>th</sup> Crusade

Yes, this is our **6**<sup>th</sup> **Crusade** and with your support there may be a **7**<sup>th</sup> **Crusade**. We have noticed that interest seems to be waning and there has been a growing lack of support for these reunions.

We all seem to enjoy the fellowship and time together but the number of attendees has been declining each time. Sadly, our ranks continue to decrease with the attrition of age.

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. We still continue to locate cadets and it would be nice to give them the opportunity to come to a reunion and meet some of their fellow cadets.

Planning the reunion is much easier now that we have done it 6 times and have fine tuned the contacts, procedures, etc. But it still involves a lot of work and coordination to make it work. We have to begin work on the next reunion immediately after we complete the present one. There is a two year schedule and everything is pre-planned. The pace picks up in the final months preceding the reunion. We will be discussing the future of the reunions at the Sunday morning General Meeting, and if it is decided to go for 2015, you will soon be getting requests to help.

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

As for the 2013 reunion, **Don't wait** to attend or you may find out that you are too late and they are no more. Make your reservation today and join in the camaraderie.

Send in your **FMSA REGISTRATION** form **today** and get your **HOTEL RESERVATIONS** made. The time is quickly passing and you do not want to miss out.

See you in about 6 weeks!!!!

# 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY GRADUATION CLASSES DINNER

1961, 1962, 1963 & 1964

In 2009, we added a dinner to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> graduations of years 1957,1958,1959 & 1960,as an activity at the reunion. We originally held this on Thursday night.

This year we are going to celebrate the years 1961, 1962, 1963 & 1964.

The time has been changed to FRIDAY evening so more cadets could participate without the added expense of an additional night at the hotel. This activity is not covered as part of the registration so you are responsible for your own meal expense.

As before, attending cadets in the anniversary classes will be presented with their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Diploma in a simple ceremony. In the past this was a poignant moment for many, and a wonderful evening of celebration with friends.

We like to make this a "special" event so an outstanding restaurant in the area is chosen. This year's dinner will be held in the much acclaimed

### Vince Carter's Restaurant.

Yes, this is **THE** Vince Carter, a local boy who made good. The restaurant is located on LPGA Blvd. at I-95, which is not far from the hotel. Directions and carpool arrangements available at the reunion registration desk.

Editor's Note: Our Dine Out Club ate at Vince Carter's this past week and we all found it truly delightful. A most pleasant atmosphere, delicious food and reasonable

prices. A repeat visit is certainly in order.

# OPPORTUNITIES Will YOU volunteer?

This reunion cannot 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.

Several loyal folks have stepped up to help but we still need some others.

- Registration Sue Elliott
- **Greeters** Jim Turner
- Raffle tems needed Trudy Bulat
- **Ghost Tour** (Memorabilia) ???? ( to set up displays)
- Hospitality ????
- Memorial Service -tba
- Ladies Coffee Hour Judy Dubberly & ???

#### **IT's GETTING CLOSE!!!!!**

# **Treasurer's Report** 10/13//2012 – 3/15/2013

Beginning Balance – 3/15/2013 \$4897.57

#### **INCOME**

4/1/2013- Registrations	\$ 510.00
4/4/2013 – Registrations	\$ 200.00
4/12/2013 – Registrations	\$ 100.00
4/16/2013 – Registrations	\$ 200.00
4/21/2013 – Registrations	\$ 100.00
4/25/2013 – Registrations	\$ 120.00
5/21/2013 – Registrations	\$ 60.00

TOTAL INCOME - \$1290.00

#### **EXPENSES**

3/22/2013 – Postage Newsletters \$287.50 3/24/2013 – Printing – newsletters \$150.00

TOTAL EXPENSES - \$437.50

**TOTAL ASSETS 6/6/2013** 

Cash/Bank Account BB&T \$5750.07

Sue Elliott, Treasurer

## In Memoriam -

**David Scarborough's Wake** 

Cadet Lt. Col. David Eugene Scarborough passed away on March 7th, 2013, in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. David "Scrabbo" attended Florida Military School for four years graduating in 1965 with the position of Adjutant. Following his graduation he enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve where he served for six months active duty terminating his term of service for medical reasons.

David spent nine years in Kodiak, Alaska learning the drywall trade and commercial painting. There were times when he would venture to North Carolina and become involved with NASCAR and several top drivers. He had a strong passion for this sport and it would eventually dominate his conversation. He was born in Fruitland Park, Florida where he lived with his Mother, Father and sister Joyce prior to attending FMS.

Florida Military School was a very important part of David's life and he dearly loved the corps and the cadet's that made up the battalions. When the reunions were first organized, and he was located, he was present at every function he could possibly make even though it meant traveling from Diamond Head, MS, to DeLand, FL. Cadet Lt. Harry Silvis commented at his funeral. "He was the best boss I ever had." Col. Scarborough took his commitment seriously and it was evident by his military bearing and conduct, he was a true officer. There were several former cadet's that made the trip to celebrate the life of our fallen friend; Cadet Jim Gibson and wife, Cadet E.J. Jones and wife, Cadet Richard King, Cadet Harry Silvis and Cadet Steve Nash and wife.

David spent a lot of time at my home in DeLand and was very close to my Mother, Father, brothers and sisters. I felt a special relationship with "Scrabbs" above and beyond the old Navy barracks of our school. In the FMS museum there is a beautiful portrait and his dress blue jacket on display, well worth the visit.

In lieu of cards please make donations to FMSA.

Sepmer Fi David,

Cadet Lt. Steve Nash

#### Maurice Hart LEWIS

Maurice Hart Lewis, age 87, of Winter Haven, FL, passed away on 9/27/12 from heart failure at Astoria Health And Rehabilitation Center. Maurice was born on 3/30/25 in Honduras. Maurice was a College Professor for 28 years at Polk Community College, and was also a teacher at Florida Military School in Deland, Florida.

Maurice was preceded in death by his wife Alice May Leppert Lewis in 1971. Maurice is survived by one son William H. Lewis of Italy, daughter Nancy Hatfield of Plant City, and stepdaughter Kathy Thompson of Pensacola, one granddaughter Renne Hart Lewis, four step grandchildren Alan, Edward, Ruth Alice Thompson, and Elisabeth Wilson

#### **Jacksonville Lunch Bunch**



Attending were, Tim Tyndall 70, Mike Lauwereins, Glen Norman 70, Bobby Howard 66, Bob Green 66, Tommy Register 60, Butch Savage 61, and of course me Robert Mouro 66."

"The Jacksonville Lunch Bunch had a terrific lunch Sat. (April 20<sup>th</sup>) We had four new people join us and we hope each will return with more of there friends, Glen Norman from Port Orange, Fl. Tim Tyndall, Tommy Register, and Mike Lauwereins.

I would like to say it was really good to see Mike as I have not seen him active for about ten years now... Glen drove from Port Orange. He is a School Teacher in Port Orange. Our hats are off to you for educating our children.

Our next lunch with be on Hecksher Drive on the North bank from Mayport. We will meet at the Sanddollar Restaurant at 11:00 AM. Date will be in the next newsletter. Everyone keep Jeff Fawsett and Brownie Ramsey in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

Submitted by: Robert Mouro '66

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## The 6<sup>th</sup> Crusade

July 26, 27, 28th

Best Western Plus Daytona Beach, Florida

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Address Correction Requested

#### Friday, July 26th

10 am – 5 pm - Registration
11 am - Join the Jax Lunch Bunch for Lunch at at Five Guys
6:30 pm – DINNER Honoring the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Classes at The Vince Carter Restaurant on LPGA Blvd. (Classes of '61--'64)
6:30 pm – informal gathering of friends at the Hibachi Grill & Supreme Buffet, (see Robert Mouro for details)
Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>

9 am - 3 pm - Registration
 9 am - Noon - Small group gatherings, Pool open.
 10 am - 11 am - LADIES COFFEE HOUR Noon - 1 pm - LUNCH Indigio Lakes Room. By ticket only.
 Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>

1 pm - 5 pm - HOSPITALITY ROOM Open 6 pm - COCKTAIL HOUR - (cash bar) by the pool 6:30 pm - DINNER - (By Ticket only) in Indigo Lakes Room. Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup> 9:30 am - MEMORIAL SERVICE - Indigo Lakes Room 10:30 am - GENERAL MEETING. Election, Presentations, Drawings, etc.