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*From the
President's
Keyboard*

Tommy Register, III '61
FMSA PRESIDENT

“KNIGHTS UNITED” REUNION ONLY WEEKS AWAY!!!!

Greetings Fellow Cadets,

We are just a few weeks away from our **2017 Reunion** and what is sure to be a fun-filled “Knights United” weekend. As a reminder, the dates are **July 28th, 29th and 30th** and the location is once again the “Best Western International Speedway Hotel” in Daytona Beach. Thank you to everyone who has already submitted their registration forms. For those of you that have not, I encourage you to do so. There is still time as the deadline for early registration is July 10th. Registration forms received after July 10th will include an additional **\$20** late fee so don't procrastinate and get your registration form submitted by July 10th.

As the final details for our Reunion come together, we still could benefit from a few more volunteers, particularly someone to head the “Duck Race.” Please contact me or Sue Elliott if you are interested in chairing the “Duck Race” or assisting with any other event during the Reunion.

We continue to accept items for the “Silent Auction.” If you wish to donate an item, please advise me or Sue Elliott as we are keeping a running tally of the pledged items. The donations do not have to be FMS related and of course, the proceeds will go to benefit our association. I know we all have a philanthropic spirit so have fun with this and let's see how creative we can be!

Our Election Nominating Committee headed by Terry Hollinsworth has been working the past several weeks to form a slate of nominees for the Board of Directors term commencing October 2017. As a reminder, the election of officers will be held during

our “Knights United” Reunion at our Sunday morning business meeting. You must be present at the Sunday meeting to cast a vote. No mail in ballots and no proxies are allowed. A majority vote of those present at the Sunday meeting elects the officers and the officers will then be installed at our Annual Meeting to be held in October 2017.

While this will be my last letter to you as your President, I will continue to remain active in our association. I thank you for allowing me to serve as your President and know that our association will continue to thrive with the inauguration of a new Board. I wish to extend my sincerest thanks to our Board of Directors who graciously served us this past term. I appreciate your service and assistance to me, but more importantly, your friendship. As always, I continue to encourage your participation in our association. The election of a new Board of Directors will offer new opportunities for you to get involved. Take advantage and remember that fellowship is good for the soul!

I pray for God's continued blessings upon you and yours, upon FMS, and most especially upon this great land of ours, our blessed United States of America.

Loyally in FMS, Tommy

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2015 – 2017 FMSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President - Tommy Register '61
Vice President - Dennis Eyre '59
Sec./Treas. - Sue Elliott - Honorary Cadet
Member-at-large - Terry Hollinsworth '66
Member-at-large - Steve Nash '65
Member-at-large - Thornton Ridinger '59
Member-at-large - John Hartman '60
Past President - Rex Riley '70
President Emeritus - Max Elliott '58



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.

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NEW FMSA WEBSITE

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

FMSA REUNION 2017



“KNIGHTS UNITED”

The next FMSA Reunion is being planned for **July 28, 29 and 30, 2017**. Our contract with the Best Western has been signed 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 has been undergoing a total refurbishing now and will be ready for us in July 2017. Our rates the same with both double and king at **\$69**. Come in early and enjoy a real vacation or stay a day later, our rates also include Thursday and Sunday nights.

Cadet alone = \$60.00
Cadet and spouse = \$100.00
Guests = \$40.00 each

You must make your hotel reservations directly with the hotel. The phone number is 3876-258-6333 or 1-800-528-1234. Be sure to mention that you are with FMSA to get the reduced rate, which is available from Thursday through Sunday.

We are soliciting helpers to plan and execute various portions of this reunion so this reunion will be a shared labor, and not left to only one or two to carry the load.

This reunion is not a one-man effort. We need everyone to pitch in a little bit so everyone can enjoy the fun at the reunion. There are still some jobs that need to be filled so see if you can find a place to pitch in.

The Board members have agreed to assist with the **Registration and Hospitality** functions.

Hospitality Room - will be sponsored by Terry & Karen Hollinsworth, but they could always use some help. Maybe you could volunteer an hour here and there to assist them or help keep the ice and stuff well supplied. This is the place we all gravitate to when it gets too hot outside or when you just want to sit around and talk. There will be water and snacks and some other drinks and ice

available. If you want something special to drink feel free to bring some along. Additional donations are always welcome.

The Ladies Coffee and a Craft will be coordinated by Karen Hollinsworth and Leigh Lovein . They have a great plan for this activity. This is always a time to get away from all the “do you remember...” chatter and make something for fun. This will be your special take home item.

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. Not only is this an entertaining activity, it is also a part of our fund raising so we need your support. Once the ducks are readied, it only involves a few minutes of your time on Saturday afternoon, so come on guys....step up! This has always been a lot of fun and really does not require a lot of pre-planning. You just need to sign folks up at the race , run the race and declare the winner. And it is a cool, comfortable job.



John Hartman will be the host for the **Friday evening Fellowship Dinner**, which will be Dutch Treat and will be held

close to the hotel within walking distance. We will be gathering in the hotel lobby about 6 pm so we can give the restaurant an idea of how many to expect. Then we will walk next door to **Miller's Daytona Ale House**. The restaurant will have plenty of room for us. This event does not require much effort...just let us know you are coming and wander on down to the party. (Google them to see their menu.)

A Host and/or hostess are needed for the **Saturday night buffet dinner**. This job involves greeting folks at the door and collecting their dinner tickets. This is a short but very important job so we know how many dinners we

are paying for in the end. This gives you a great chance to greet everyone as you take their dinner ticket at the door.

Volunteers to take part in the **Sunday morning Memorial Service** . John Hartman is coordinating this service so please let him know if you are willing to help. He will need people to read the names of our deceased, etc. This is always a special time for us, so please help out. Let John know that you are willing to participate soon.

If there is something special you would like to volunteer to do, it is never too soon. Just let us know.

One thing we need is **someone with a camera** to help John Hartman in taking photos of the reunion. In past years we had Rex Riley tag-teaming with John to cover everything but sadly I do not think Rex and Rose are coming from Hawaii. Can't blame them. Who would want to leave their paradise? SO you camera guys, please step forward and let John and Sue know who you are. We love to have full photos to look back on after the reunion.

Meanwhile, **mark your calendars, and get your registration form back to us** as early as possible so we can plan for number of attendees, etc. You will notice there is a provision to just send a deposit now and complete the payment at a later date, so don't delay. Send your form in NOW. If you are like the rest of us, out of sight is out of mind, and we do tend to forget easily. Send it in NOW while it is fresh in your mind.

Registration form is included for you to complete.

RAFFLES & FINANCES



It was agreed to have **a series of raffles** rather than an auction at the reunion this summer. The funds we raise at our reunions are the operating funds that carry us through to the next reunion. Although these are fun for all, they are our lifeline until the next reunion. We slacked off here at the last reunion and have struggled these past two

years. We need items to raffle and will need your support as a participant.

The reunions themselves are totally self-supporting and do not use any funds from our general account.

Several items have already been donated (Asa Dean's sword, and a sword that is mounted and framed, a handmade, engraved knife by Karl Ivey, some wine and gift baskets) but much more is needed. Members are encouraged to donate items for these raffles. Gift baskets are fairly easy to assemble and would be a welcome addition. We will also try to obtain some weekend retreat certificates.

Another fund raising activity will be the Saturday afternoon **Duck Race**. Be sure and get your duck reserved early and come out to cheer them on. This is always a cool activity on a warm summer day. Wear your bathing suit and get in the spirit of the race.

We will also have the popular **50/50 drawing**. Leigh Lovein has volunteered to replace our "Purple Pumpkin Lady" Trudy Bulat who will not be able to attend the reunion. Leigh may not have the infamous "Purple Pumpkin" so wait and see what she comes up with. The funds we raise at our reunions are all we have to operate on between reunions so the future of the organization really depends on them.

VOLUNTEER

today to fill one of the jobs for the reunion !!

"Many hands make light work"

"KNIGHTS UNITED"



July 28-30, 2017

Register TODAY!

Treasurer's Report Update 6/18/2017



Balance on Hand	2/9/2017	\$2842.48
<u>INCOME -</u>		
3/28/2017	-	\$320.00
3/31/2017	-	\$160.00
4/10/2017	-	\$620.00
4/28/2017	-	\$100.00
5/03/2017	-	\$210.00
5/18/2017	-	\$210.00
6/14/2017	-	\$700.00
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>		\$2320.00
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
3/21/2017	- Printing & Postage March newsletter	\$573.50
<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>		\$ 573.50
Ending Balance		
Cash/Bank Account BB& T		
\$5162.48 - \$573.50 =		<u>\$4588.98</u>

Respectfully submitted: Sue Elliott, Treasurer

JOIN US

July 28 – July 30, 2017

At

BEST WESTERN

Daytona Beach, FL

**2620 International Speedway Blvd.
(I-95 exit 261A south or exit 261 north)**

"KNIGHTS UNITED"



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«city», «state» «zipcode»

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