

Roosevelt Military Academy Rough Rider Association



Rough Rider Newsletter

Winter 2011

From the Association President

My fellow alumni, the year of 2010, the reunion of 13-15 August in Rock Island and the Christmas holidays are now behind us. And you are about to read the first *Rough Rider Newsletter* for 2011.

This newsletter has been posted on the website and mailed to all known addresses of known alumni and friends. We are hoping to send out one newsletter per quarter, or about every three months. However, subsequent newsletters will be going out only to current paid members of the Rough Riders Association. The newsletter will not be posted on the website except for this first one. If you would like to receive the newsletter and other information that is going on within the association and upcoming events, join or renew your membership online at www.rmaroughriders.org/membership or contact the Secretary Gerald Feitler, '52 and he will assist you in becoming a member.

For those of you that are already members, please remember that the 2011 dues are due as you read

Membership Alert: 2011 Dues Are Now Due

It is time for a reminder that our dues structure is set up on a calendar-year basis (e.g. January thru December). There are three membership plans:

- The regular full membership is only \$25.00 a year and is available for former faculty and cadets.
- We also have lifetime memberships, \$100 for cadets and faculty that will 68 years old or more in the current year, and \$250 for the youngsters.
- Associate memberships are also available for

this newsletter. If you need any help please contact any of the officers (shown at the end of this document) and we will gladly assist you.

News of planned upcoming events:

- We are still working on the logistics for mini-reunion in the Ft. Lauderdale, Florida area on June 4th. (See the article below for more information).
- We are hoping to have another mini reunion in the San Antonio, Texas area in the Sept-Oct 2011 timeframe.
- As your Rough Rider representative and president please feel free to contact me at your leisure.

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family members and other interested parties wishing to support the Association.

You may renew your membership--or join if you are not currently a member--one of two ways:

By check:

You can fill out the membership form with this newsletter and send it along with your check to our Secretary / Treasurer:

Gerald Feitler
11287 58th Avenue
Seminole, FL 33772

By credit card:

Go to:

<http://rmaroughriders.org/membership/join.htm>.

Sorry, we can only take credit cards on the website.

If you are unsure if you have already paid for 2011,

contact Treasurer Jerry Feitler at 561-716-7789 or gerald.feitler@rmaroughriders.org to find out.

Look for your name as a proud member of The Roosevelt Military Academy Rough Rider Association on the website when we report current year memberships early this spring!

Two Mini-Reunions Planned for 2011

We are planning 2 mini-reunions this year, the first in the Ft. Lauderdale, FL area and the second in the San Antonio, TX area. If any of you would like to help with the continued planning of the San Antonio mini-reunion please send me an e-mail note at: lloyd.young@rmaroughriders.org

We are working on the final logistics for the mini-reunion in the Ft. Lauderdale area on June 4th, 2011 at the Hollywood Beach Golf Club, 1600 Johnson Street, Hollywood, FL 33020.

We plan to offer a golf outing on Saturday, June 4th and alternative activities for those of you who are not golfers. You are all welcome to come in before the Saturday activities and stay afterwards as there are many things to do in this area.

If you stay at the club, the rate is \$85.00 per night and if you want to golf the cost is \$25.00 per day. To make your reservation please contact Jennifer at: 954-927-6040 Ext.1. Please let her know that you are attending the "RMA Event" to obtain our special rate. Prices are subject to change. The club has a first class restaurant--Nikk's On the Green--that is open from 6AM -10PM. We will be sending emails to detail other information regarding where and when additional events are. You can visit the Hollywood Beach Golf Club website by going to www.hollywoodbeachgolf.com.

On Saturday night there will be a buffet and get

together to reminisce about RMA and just enjoy each other. The cost for the buffet has not been determined as of now, but it will not be expensive. You can pay for the Saturday night meal when you arrive. Checks should be made payable to the RMA Rough Rider Association. All other activities, expenses, etc. will be pay as you go. We have 15 rooms left for this event so get your call into Jennifer as soon as possible to reserve your room.

For those of you that are flying in, be sure to fly into Ft. Lauderdale International—not Miami. You are only 10 minutes from the club and you will be picked up and brought back to the airport when you leave. (More details to come on transportation when time comes). If you fly into Miami you are on your own to get to the club.

If you are planning on attending the Saturday Night buffet and get-together, Please be sure to contact one of the following before May 15, 2011:

Lloyd Young
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270-886-4506

Gene Shalander Sr.
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352-622-1099

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954-560-8818

RMA Roster Updates

The Roster is designed to help us keep in touch with each other and find friends that we have lost touch with. In order to do this effectively, it is very important that the information is accurate and

current. If you have changed your address, phone number, or email address lately or know of someone who is not listed, please contact Mike Vagi at mike.vagi@rmaroughriders.org

TAPS Information

Even more important than Roster information is ensuring that we have accurate and documented information regarding alumni who have passed away. As time goes by we are losing more and more alumni each year and we want to be sure we are reporting and posting accurate information.

This information is posted on our website so if you see incorrect information or know of someone who has passed and is not listed please contact Mike Vagi at mike.vagi@rmaroughriders.org.

Show Your School Colors with an RMA Cap



Purchase one—or more—of these baseball cap with the RMA logo in the Quartermaster Store (www.rmaroughriders.org/qm) for \$15 each.

Aledo Armed Forces Memorial Park



The Aledo Police Benevolent Association is pleased to announce the creation of an Armed Forces Memorial Park in Aledo, IL. The park will be in honor of all the men and women from Mercer County who have served our Country in the Armed Forces. We will also be designating a special area to honor and recognize former Roosevelt Military Cadets in the park. The park will be located on the east side of the Aledo VFW.

The Memorial will consist of 4”x 8” and 8”x 8” pavers. The pavers will be made available to prior service men and women and any former Roosevelt Military Academy Cadet with their name, unit, and years of service engraved on the paver. The park will also include pavers sold to area businesses and organizations who would like to be a sponsor for the park with their business logo engraved on the

paver. The park will consist of a demilitarized Howitzer, the American flag, the State flag, the POW flag, and will be professionally landscaped.

Proceeds from the sale of these pavers will benefit the Aledo Police “Shop with a Hero” program, the Aledo Police Department Scholarship Program, and also will assist our area schools and the senior citizens center with educational needs and equipment.

Individual 4”x8” pavers may be purchased for \$100.00 and the 8”x8” pavers are \$250.00. Payment must accompany all orders. Checks for paver purchase should be made payable to “*APBA Unit 200*”. If you are interested in purchasing a paver, please download the form (see below), fill it out, and mail it with your payment to:

Aledo Police Benevolent Association
120 N. College Avenue
Aledo, IL 61231

Or you may contact Nick Seefeld at 309-582-2331 for further information.

Download the paver purchase form at www.rmaroughriders.org/news/aledo_memorial_park.pdf

Advertise Your Business to Other Cadets

Members of the Association can now place a “business card” on the RMA website to inform other members of the RMA community of the services or merchandise the member offers. The business card may consist of a logo, address, phone number, website URL and e-mail address, plus a 50-word description of the company's services

and/or products. The cost for this advertisement is \$15 per year.

Please contact Webmaster Bob Fritz '65 at webmaster@rmaroughriders.org for more information. We'll be adding some more information about this offer on the website shortly.

ROUGH RIDERS DOWN

In each edition of the Rough Rider newsletter we will list the names of any cadets or faculty who have passed since the last edition. Below are those we have lost since August 2008.

William D. Schultz '39	5.25.09	Bill Lopez '59	2.24.09
Stewart Koppel '43	12.08.08	John Preniczky '60	11.02.08
William F. Thomas '43	4.18.09	Jim Burt '61	8.21.09
Earl F. (Nick) Nicholson '44	12.17.10	Bruce Peterson '62'	4.28.10
Theodore A. McLeod '49	2.19.09	Don Dahl '68	8.22.10
Richard S. Vanni '49	8.04.08	Meridee Lawson '69'	2.27.10
Robert Sarley '52	11.20.08	Bernie Goatley, Faculty	8.04.08
Russell Tollefson '56	11.24.09	Frances Anderson, Faculty	3.12.10

Contact the Association

If you have any questions about or suggestions for the association or the RMA community in general, just contact any of the Board of Directors* or the appropriate coordinator:

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