



BMA Newsletter - February 2015
**2015 REUNION
REGISTRATION
INFORMATION ENCLOSED**

HYATT PALM SPRINGS HOTEL
PALM SPRINGS, CA
Weekend of June 4-8, 2015

2015 REUNION SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

John Brown III

Grandson of Brown Military Academy Founder Dr. John Brown

Our committee was contacted by Brian Meagher, Associate Director of Development at John Brown University with an offer to participate in this year's event. Our talks progressed and he flew out to attend the February 7th Reunion Committee meeting in Corona. We had a GREAT meeting as we learned of JBU's interest in reconnecting with our cadets and continuing the legacy of Dr. Brown's vision of "God and Country".

In addition to several announcements that will be made at our event, JBU has offered to ***sponsor our banquet*** on Saturday night! This makes it much more affordable for more cadets and their guests to attend this June and share in the celebration of long-time friendships. In addition to John Brown, III and Brian Meagher from JBU, several other representatives from the college will also be on hand to share some time with us. Brian was thrilled to hear of the extensive displays of memorabilia from BMA and has now gone back to search their archives for additional artifacts to share with us during the reunion.

This is going to be a GREAT reunion!!!!

So please review the details contained in this newsletter and return your registration form at your earliest opportunity. We have a fantastic room rate of only \$139 per night, which we've been able to keep for about the last 6 years. We look forward to seeing one and all soon!

Your BMA Reunion Committee

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - RICHARD PARKER '64, CO-CHAIRMAN

We had 2 terrific options before the Committee to consider for the location of the 2015 BMA Reunion. Our friend & co-Chairman, Nico Saad '56, graciously offered his hotel in Ensenada, Mexico. His hospitality created an affordable option that we considered long and hard, but after much discussion and feedback from other cadets, we found some of the transportation and documentation issues too great to overcome. This would have prevented many from participating and felt staying in the U.S. was the best approach to maximize participation. Always the gentleman, Nico said he understood and that he looked forward to seeing us in Palm Springs. Thank you, Nico! We hope all cadets will stop by for a few days at his San Nicolas Hotel when next visiting Ensenada.

The second option was to return to Palm Springs, the location of our 2011 Reunion that received such positive reviews for a little change of scenery. The deal was cinched when after several rounds of negotiation, the Hyatt Palm Springs lowered their rates from \$229+ per night down to \$139! The hotel is so perfectly located close to restaurants, shopping, casinos and golf that most people last time never moved their car the entire stay. And on Thursday evenings, Palm Springs has a Street Faire literally right outside the lobby doors on Palm Canyon Dr/ Hwy 111 that everyone who came early thoroughly enjoyed. We hope you will block out June 4 - 8, 2015 on your calendar now and plan to attend in June.

*Richard Parker '64
Co-Chairman*

MEMORABILIA

One of the most interesting happenings we enjoy at our BMA Alumni Reunions is the outstanding BMA Memorabilia display. If you wish to donate anything or bring something to share, please be sure to contact **Gary Moore '63** at garyRmoore@earthlink.net or at (626) 793-9379.

TREASURER'S REPORT - RICHARD PARKER '64

After paying for the last newsletter, making a \$1,500.00 deposit with the Hyatt Palm Springs hotel and paying our monthly bank service charges, the BMA Reunion Committee has \$2,127.21 in our account. This newsletter will further draw down our balance.

Again, I would like to thank all of you that have made donations to the Reunion treasury. It makes for many fewer sleepless nights!

*- Richard Parker '61
Treasurer*

CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

The Committee voted to hold a Raffle and 50/50 Drawing as we have done in the past to support the WOUNDED WARRIORS PROJECT®. This is a follow-up of our past contributions. We have honored the Wounded Warriors Project® and the Indian Code Talkers. Interestingly, since then Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada assisted in honoring representatives of Native American tribes with Congressional Gold Medals during a ceremony on Capitol Hill, Washington D.C. Congress honored 33 Tribes for their service beginning in 1918 during World War I and later during World War II. More than 200 Code Talkers and their families were given individual awards. They used their language to create a code that the enemy could never figure out thus saving the lives of thousands of soldiers. Examples were 'Turtle' meant tank, 'Chicken Hawk' meant dive bomber, and 'Wo-La-Chee' represented the letter A.

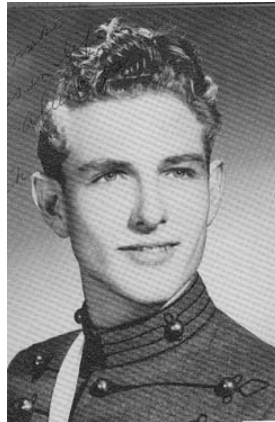
Gifts for raffle or cash donations will be welcomed from the Alumni and you may contact Judy Parker if you wish to participate with a donation. **Garnett Williams '61** has agreed to again handle the raffle as he did such a great job two years ago!

Final Taps

Boyce Wolff '41
6/14/14



Richard Lorden '53
6/19/14



Mike Hinton '64
1/10/14



REUNION JUNE. 4-8, 2015

SCHEDULED EVENTS

FRIDAY A.M.
Alumni Golf Event

Friday Registration
Noon-5 p.m
Hotel Lobby

SATURDAY
Memorial
Site - TBA

SATURDAY
Registration
10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Hotel
Lobby

SATURDAY
Meet & Greet
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. TBA

SATURDAY EVENING Cocktail
Party & Dinner Buffet
5-10:00 p.m.

BROWN MILITARY ACADEMY 2015 REUNION ANNOUNCEMENT

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HOTEL FEATURES

- 197 renovated, spacious suites with separate living room
- Large, private balconies with great views
- Plush Grand Bed™
- Refrigerator, in-room safe & hair dryers
- Marble bathrooms with Portico products
- Complimentary shuttle to/from Palm Springs Airport
- Bistro, Restaurant, Wine Lounge & Bar
- Nearby casino and lots of restaurants & shopping
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- Poolside cabanas
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Palm Springs, CA

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**IT'S
REUNION
TIME
MARK THE DATE
JUNE 4-8, 2015
IN PALM SPRINGS,
CALIFORNIA**
Registration in this issue

HELP US FIND MISSING CADETS!
If you have contact information about any of our MIA
Cadets, please share the info below:

CADET NAME: _____

SPOUSE: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Please clip and mail to: BMA Alumni Association,
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BMA REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

THURSDAY, JUNE 4 - SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2015

Hyatt Palm Springs

285 N. Palm Canyon Dr., Palm Springs, CA

Hotel Registration: Contact the Hyatt Hotel Reservations at 1 800 233-1234. Request "Brown Military Academy Group" to receive discounted hotel & parking rates. **Reservations must be made by May 5, 2015.** After this date, reservations & rates are subject to availability and change.

Rates: \$139.00 per night. Available Thur, June 4 – Sun, June 7, 2015. **\$15 per night Resort Fee is WAIVED.**
Valet parking \$12.50 per night. Self parking not available. Street parking available behind the resort.

Schedule of Events

DATE	START TIME	END TIME	FUNCTION	ROOM
Fri, 6/5	Morning		Alumni Golf Event	Lobby
Fri, 6/5	12 Noon	5:00 pm	Registration Table	Lobby
Sat, 6/6	8:30 am	9:30 am	Memorial Service	TBA
Sat, 6/6	10:00 am	4:30 pm	Registration Table	Lobby
Sat, 6/6	10:00 am	12:00 pm	Meet & Greet	TBA
Sat, 6/6	5:00 pm	6:30 pm	Cocktail Party	TBA
Sat, 6/6	6:30 pm	10:00 pm	Dinner Buffet	TBA

Register Now!

Registration Fee: Applicable to Cadets only	<u>Self</u> \$ 25	<u>Guest</u> n/a	<u>Total</u> \$ 25
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Dinner Banquet: ~~\$52.00 per person.~~ **FREE!** Compliments of John Brown University

Please consider a **donation** to BMA Alumni: \$_____ \$_____

TOTAL: (Make checks payable to **BMA Alumni Association**) Due: \$_____

Mail to: Richard Parker '64, Treasurer
986 Colby Circle, Corona, CA 92880-7353
Tel: 951 734-7187 Email: usparker@att.net

Your Name: _____ Guest Name: _____

Years at BMA: _____ Highest Rank: _____ Faculty: _____

Bat. Staff: _____ Company: _____ Color Guard: _____ Band: _____

BMA Fundraising: We will once again be auctioning items donated by our cadets to raise funds for the Wounded Warrior Project. If you would like to donate an item, please bring it with you for our auction on Saturday night. Ideas include Gift Baskets, Gift Cards, BMA memorabilia, round of golf, sport event tickets, wine, etc. All are welcome!!!!

Golf Enthusiasts! Skip Brown is coordinating our golf outing again this year for Friday morning. If you are interested in playing, please indicate below. We need to have an idea of how many would like to participate in order to determine which course and tee times that we need. Contact Skip Brown 714-891-8003 ext. 15 as soon as possible for details. If you leave a message, please include that you are calling about the BMA Golf event.

YES! Count me in

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