

THE *Skirmisher*

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President's Message

We on executive committee often refer to the odd numbered years as “Off Years” because we usually have less to do than on the even numbered years which we call “Reunion Years”. It appears that 2023 is going to be anything but an “Off” year. I am pleased to announce that at the February meeting your Executive Board unanimously appointed two new members.

One is Catherine Leidemer, the daughter of Sparkle Bradman and Granddaughter of Col. John Bradman who was Commandant of Cadets during the final years at BMI. Those of you who have been attending reunions will know Catherine as one of the ladies who helped you with registration.

The other is Ron Hoehn. Ron is a 1966 graduate of BMI and is the son of Robert “Doc” Hoehn who was the legendary Athletic Director and coached the football, basketball, and track teams at BMI from 1938 to 1960. “Doc” Hoehn is recognized as playing a key role of the development of the athletic program, especially football at BMI.

And perhaps the most significant project that your Alumni Association has undertaken is now complete. Our legacy paver project is a stunning success! We will place just short of 200 pavers at the foot of the cadet statue. These folks are permanently immortalized by name and year of graduation. This project did take several years from conception to completion. Although the entire Executive Board participated in this project the heavy lifting was done by Jeff Nissim '66 and JC Platt '74.

Do go into our website (www.bmicadets.org). Click on “Subject Page” and browse to your heart's content. The Executive Board of your Alumni Association wishes you a happy, healthy, and productive year spring and summer.

- President Jack Harkins '67

CLASS NOTES

This edition of the Skirmisher will be highlighted by showing photos of the reunion and the pavers.

News from BMI Alumni

Anthony Sebasto wrote - "Just catching up on all of my mail. It's been a really long season and I'm so far behind on everything. This might be my last season in retail. I'm getting too old for all this hustle at this (Christmas) time of year. Need to get focused on my friends and family more."

Dr. H. Leland Smith (Class of 1964) has been selected Legionnaire of the Year by American Legion Post 55, Martin, TN, He is the Chief Financial Officer for the post. The TN State Commander has also selected him as a member of the state auditing board. He states, "this has been a wonderful way to keep my mind active after retiring from a military and teaching career."

Obits

Richard Memmoli '48 – Cadet Captain

Edwin Bitter '46 – Cadet Corporal

Hinton Murphy '73 – BMI alumni Lester Hill, Jay A. Hilland, JC Platt (VP of BMI Alumni Comm) attended his funeral in his hometown, Washington, D.C.

Marty Yerdon '66 – Co-captain of the 1965-66 BMI football team with Tom York

Paul Edman '49 – Paul was born in 1931; graduated from BMI in 1949; drafted into the US Army and served until late 1957.

Michael James Granbois '59 – born in 1940 in Conestoga, PA; graduated from BMI in 1959 and was a member of the wrestling and rifle teams.

Walter Sapp – from Pittsburgh, PA – while at BMI, he was co-captain of the football team.

WEBSITE

You would do well to visit the website www.bmicadets.org from time to time. In there you will find previous issues of *The Skirmisher*, Reunion news, In Memoriam/Obituaries, etc.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

We would love to hear from you. Do you have comments regarding the Skirmisher? Have you recently taken a trip? Anything new regarding your family? Please write and tell us all about it. We'll be happy to include your info in the next Skirmisher.

ADDITIONAL ALUMNI NEWS

Joe Porter '67 – Planning trip to Death Valley National Park and Yellowstone National Park this summer. Death Valley (5270 square miles) is the largest national park in the continental US. It also has the highest recorded temperature in the Western Hemisphere (134 degrees, whew, that's hot!). Yellowstone is the oldest national park in the world (est. 1872).

JC Platt '74 is planning to spend another wonderful summer in the Pine Barrens at the picturesque Wading Pines Campground. The Pine Barrens has been designated as one of the first national forests in the US.

MEMBERSHIP DUES AND DONATIONS

Dues and other donations, although much appreciated, are **NOT** tax deductible. Dues are \$20 per year payable to BMI Alumni Association, P. O. Box 91, Bordentown, NJ 08505. Payment of dues is not a requirement for membership in the BMI Alumni Association. Please always include your class year along with your name.

The BMI Board is always on the lookout to purchase BMI memorabilia, and this is possible through the donations we receive from you, the BMI alumni. We thank you!

Interesting Tidbits Regarding Your BMI Board of Directors

President, **Jack Harkins** '67 – Besides being a member of BMI's Track Team where he ran the hurdles, Jack was a "Baywatch" lifeguard at the famed Holiday Lake in Delran, NJ where the American Bandstand with Dick Clarke performed many times.

VP **JC Platt** '74 – Amazingly, JC Platt is still a Naval Officer as Chief Warrant 04 (see picture below of JC saluting at our statue)

Treasurer **Bob Frisbie** '61 – Besides being a BMI Track Team Star, Bob served in the US Army SP5, stationed in South Korea at the DMZ 38th Parallel 1965-66.

Secretary **Joe Porter** '67 – Besides being Principal of a High School, Joe was the star discus thrower for BMI's Track Team and the 1st All South Jersey Football Player from his High School.

Board Member **Jeff Nissim** '66 - Interestingly, Jeff was the BMI's Varsity Football Manager of many famed BMI Football Teams that also had Floyd Little as a member.

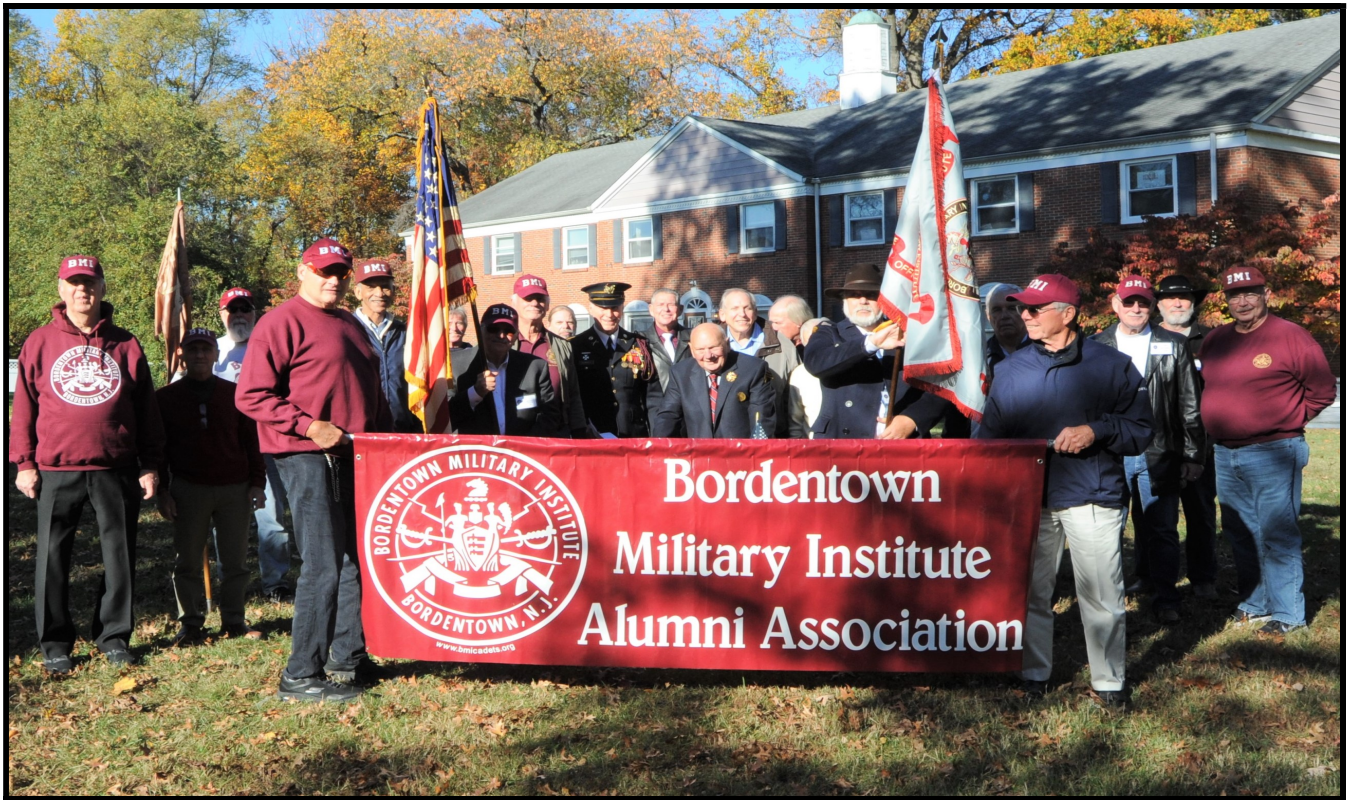
Board Member **Mark Josephson** '71 – Unbelievably, Mark attended BMI from his middle school to high school years. Mark retired after 43 years with Jack and Jill Ice Cream.....YUMMY!!!

Board Member **Jim Lynch** '73 - Would you believe, Jim was the past Mayor of BMI's hometown of Bordentown City! After BMI, he was the star basketball player at the Hun School.

Info on new BMI Board Members, Catherine Leidemer and Ron Hoehn, can be found in the President's Message.

IN CLOSING

“All you need in this life is ignorance and confidence; then success is sure.” - Mark Twain



Top Photo: BMI Reunion 2022 Honor Guard.
 Left Photo: J.C Platt BMI VP rank CW04.
 Right Photo: Our newly installed pavers.