



# THE *Skirmisher*

**BORDENTOWN MILITARY INSTITUTE**



**“RATHER BE THAN SEEM”**

BMI Alumni Association, P. O. Box 91, Bordentown, New Jersey 08505

Website: [www.bmicadets.org](http://www.bmicadets.org)

Email: [bmicadets@gmail.com](mailto:bmicadets@gmail.com)

Joe Porter '67, Editor

WINTER 2022

## *President's Message*

The BMI 2022 Reunion was an extraordinary event. I would like to personally thank the tireless behind-the-scenes work of the Board of Directors. The setting at the Bordentown Yacht Club couldn't have been more accommodating for the camaraderie for all who attended. We all enjoyed talking with each other. Like the words in our Alma Mater, “Built high above the Delaware”, the Bordentown Yacht Club setting brought a special moment to our days when we attended BMI.

I would like to congratulate the newly elected 2022-2024 Board of Directors:

President – Jack Harkins '67

Vice President - J C Platt '72

Treasurer – Bob Frisbie '61

Secretary/ Skirmisher Editor – Joe Porter '67

Board Members – James Lynch '72, Mark Josephson '71, Jeff Nissim '66

Looking forward to seeing you once again at the next BMI reunion – 10/25/24 and 10/26/24.

Have a joyful holiday and Happy New Year!

- President Jack Harkins '67

## *Editor's Notes*

December is a hectic but joyful month. So many things to do – holiday decorations, buying gifts, mailing cards, preparing meals, purchasing that special outfit, traveling to loved ones and taking your photo with Santa. Have you been naughty or nice this year? Here's a novel idea – why not create a legacy for yourself???

For a mere \$75, you can purchase a paver. Go to the [bmicadets.org](http://bmicadets.org) website for more details. Unfortunately, there are only 25 spots remaining in front of the statue. As of Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, the pavers will no longer be available for purchase. Make sure you tell Santa to get you one and not to drop it down the chimney. HO, HO, HO!

The entire BMI Board of Directors wishes all of you a safe and happy holiday season! Let's ring in the 2023 New Year in a healthy way!

## CLASS NOTES

At our reunion, we were all very honored to have Herbert Garten from the Class of 1945 in attendance. Herbert is a retired lawyer and attended the reunion with his son and his caretaker. He reminisced about his days at BMI and the discipline from which we all benefited. Herbert participated in our march to the statue. Thank you, Herbert, for attending!

Kurt J. Lyons '63 recently wrote about his close friendship with his BMI roommate, Charles Vail Jones. He wrote that Charles passed away of cancer a few years ago. He also noted that the BMI faculty gave "its young men a solid foundation for living. My positive memories of my alma mater are very deep."  
Thank you, Kurt, for the update and for purchasing a paver.

### Obits

Curtis Bower  
Charles Jones '63  
Douglas Roberts '57  
Leslie B. Vail, Jr. '60

---

### WEBSITE

You would do well to visit the website [bmicadets.org](http://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 wrote -**

My family and I (Joe Porter '67) recently took a trip to Death Valley and Las Vegas. Interestingly, Death Valley is the lowest spot in North America at 282 feet below sea level. What a picturesque National Park! Death Valley has the lowest golf course in the world at 214 feet below sea level. And I can honestly say, it still does not improve your game. However, I was able to have lunch with the Superintendent of the golf course, a Shoshoni Indian, who is a remarkable man. We are all looking forward to hearing about your adventures. Thank you.

#### **J. Carlo Pinto '68 wrote -**

Regretfully, I will not be able to attend this year's Reunion '22 at the Yacht Club. It breaks my heart, knowing how good the food is from Toscano's of Bordentown! I am an avid reader of the *Skirmisher* and look forward to future editions. As for me, I'm in full retirement, living in Havertown, PA. Last year, was a busy year, as I traveled to Seaside Heights at the end of the summer; to San Juan in late November and being an aficionado of "Downton Abbey", toured Highclere Castle, and London for 2 weeks in April.

**Fred Huber ('45-'47) wrote -**

Spent my time at BMI '45-'47 and the last 55 years at home in NH. Some things never fade away – like my time in Durland House and Company D, me and Norm Schwarzkopf and a bunch of others. I'll be thinking of them all.

### **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 for BMI memorabilia, we'll pay the shipping cost. This is possible through the donations we receive from you, the BMI alumni. We thank you!

---



# **Rather Be Than Seem**