



THE
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BORDENTOWN MILITARY INSTITUTE
"RATHER BE THAN SEEM"



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President's Message – JC Platt

Holiday greetings to a very special group, the **BMI Alumni Cadets**. This past October we had our reunion at the Bordentown Yacht Club. Those who attended had a great time reminiscing about our years at BMI. Wow, Cadet Brownback still wore his original uniform! The ceremony started in the afternoon with a march to the BMI Statue. It should be noted that Herb Garten '45 participated in the parade – truly remarkable. Thank you to all the cadets who donated memorabilia which will be on display at the D&R Greenway Land Trust Discovery Center at Point Breeze in Bordentown. The D&R Center is a restored canal house for the Delaware River & the Raritan Canal. If you attended the reunion and did not receive a group photo, please contact JC Platt, jcplatt54@aol.com or at 609-743-0243. From the entire BMI Board of Directors, enjoy the holidays and have a happy and healthy New Year!

CLASS NOTES

Remember When

Just up the street from BMI, stood the Ocean Spray Cranberry Plant. After being in business for over 70 years, it closed its doors in 2011 and moved its operations to Pennsylvania. Cranberry sauce is always special during the holidays. A little history... The cranberries came from the NJ Pine Barrens, just 30 miles from our BMI campus. The Pine Barrens are 1000 square miles of beautiful green pine forests with the pristine waters of the Mullica, Batsto, Wading and Oswego Rivers. And all of these rivers originate in the pines. The pines also include hundreds of miles of white sandy roads and have more ghost towns than the entire Wild West. You can visit Batsto, which is a restored historical village from the 1700's and 1800's. Batsto played a major role in making cannons and bullets for the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 from the bog iron found in the pines. The Pine Barrens is America's 1st National Forest founded in 1978. If you want to find out more about the mysterious NJ Pine Barrens, contact Joe Porter (jporter1948@hotmail.com).

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

If you would like to have some memory recorded in the next *Skirmisher*, please send info to our email: bmicadets@gmail.com

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IN MEMORIAM

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Jeffrey Goldman	'64
Philip P. Goldman	'64
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Martin Joseph Finneran	'56
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