



NMMI Alumni Relations

CORPS OF FORMER CADETS

APRIL | 2015

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mud Invasion Weekend

The 2nd Annual Mud Invasion weekend is May 1st & 2nd.

All proceeds will go into the **NMMI annual fund**.

This event provides **unrestricted scholarships** for cadets and prospective cadets.

Kicking off the weekend will be Comedian **TRAVIS HOWZE** in Pearson Auditorium at 7:00pm. Travis is a Veteran, former Firefighter and former Police officer. This is sure to be a show you do not want to miss. Saturday morning the **MUD INVASION** will take place at 9:00am. If you are registering the day of please make sure to come early. We encourage you to register and buy tickets before the event on line at ACTIVE.COM. Saturday night we will have **NIK WEST** performing in Pearson Hall Auditorium at 7:00pm. She has appeared on the popular TV Show Glee and has Performed on American Idol. This is sure to be a performance that will blow you away.



REGISTER FOR THE MUD RUN & BUY YOUR TICKETS AT: **ACTIVE.COM**

For more info search
"New Mexico Mud Invasion"
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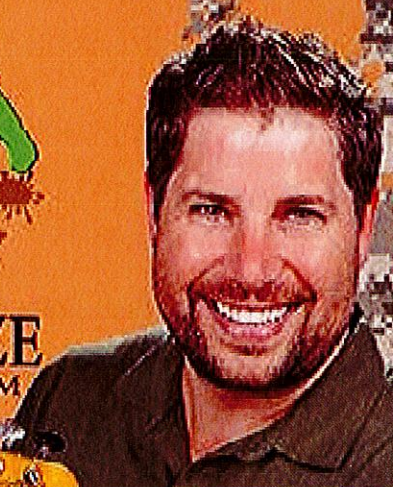
MUD & OBSTACLE RACE
MAY 2ND AT 9:00AM
WHITE FIELD AT NMMI



**NEW
MEXICO
MUD
INVASION**

NIK WEST
SATURDAY, MAY 2ND AT 7:00PM

TRAVIS HOWZE
FRIDAY, MAY 1ST AT 7:00PM



UPCOMING EVENTS

GRADUATION 2015

(Please note that the Junior College and the High School have separate graduation ceremonies.)

Friday, 15 May 2015

0800-0900

Commissioning/2LT Bar
Pinning Ceremony - Pearson

0900-0930

Commissioning Reception – Band Room

1030-1130

Baccalaureate/Celebration of Diversity
– Pearson (Mandatory for all 1st and 3rd
Class Graduates)

1200

Free DRC

1300

Regent Meeting – Lusk Hall

1500-1700

Academic, Leadership and Physical
Fitness Excellence Awards Ceremony –
Pearson

Saturday, 16 May 2015

0800

Junior College Commencement –
Pearson

0900-1200

Business Office open

0915

Parents' Club Reception for
Junior College Graduates
and Families – Band Room

1000

High School Commencement –
Pearson

1115

Parents' Club Reception for High School
Graduates and Families – Band Room



The NMMI Homecoming dates for 2015 are 21-25 October. If your class year ends in "5" you are invited back as an Honored Class member. However, since many NMMI alumni spent numerous years as a cadet, all classes are invited. We hope to see you there!

The credo of New Mexico Military Institute is the guiding principle for the selection of inductees into the NMMI Alumni Hall of Fame. A strong commitment to Duty, Honor, and Achievement must be exemplified by each selectee for induction. The NMMI Alumni Hall of Fame is divided into five categories: Eminence in a Chosen Field of Endeavor, Distinguished Service to NMMI, Flag Officers, Valor, and the George Ward Memorial. You can view the criteria [here](#). If you would like to nominate someone for the NMMI Alumni Hall of Fame, please follow these [instructions](#).

Deadline for 2015 NMMI Alumni Hall of Fame nominations is 3 August 2015.

Put Your Mark on NMMI

Check out the store website:

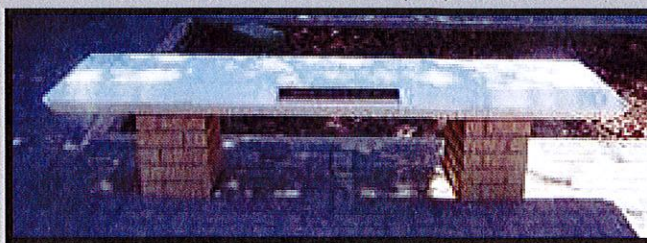
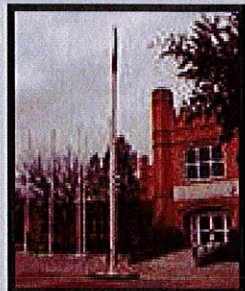
<https://nmmi-office-of-alumni-relations.myshopify.com/collections/a-piece-of-the-old-post>

Put your mark on NMMI by purchasing a brick paver, bench or flagpole. Purchasing one or more of these items also updates your membership with the Alumni Relations Office.

Make checks payable to:

New Mexico Military Institute
101 West College Boulevard
Roswell, NM 88201-5175

For assistance making your donation, call the Alumni Relations Office at (575) 624-8250.



PROFILES



Cheryl Martinez

Cheryl Martinez has been awarded the 60th anniversary scholarship from the Delta Kappa Gamma International. The honor society for women educators promotes excellence in education and personal and professional growth of women educators, leading in the field of graduate scholarships given to members and emphasizing leadership development for its more than 76,000 members in 17 countries. A member of the society's Alpha Theta Chapter in New Mexico, Martinez is attending the University of Nebraska where she is majoring in educational leadership.

Martinez is a 1977 graduate of Roswell High School, the University of New Mexico in 1981 and the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology in 1989. She and her husband, Ernesto, have seven children. Cheryl Martinez has been teaching at NMMI for 29 years. She has also taught as an adjunct for ENMU and ENMU-Portales. Cheryl has been a Girl Scout leader for 21 years. She teaches CCD at Assumption Catholic Church and is a member of the Sunrise Optimist Club. Delta Kappa Gamma International awarded nine scholarships of \$10,000 each for the 2015-2016 academic year. Since its scholarship program began in 1940, Delta Kappa Gamma Society International has given 1090 women educators \$4 million in scholarships.

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ALUMNI UPDATES



Neil E. Guayante 1993 JC

Update from Neil E. Guayante 1993 JC - I married Gay Pollock on 12 July 2014. We have three kids, Madeline Guayante 18, Seth Pollock 15, Caroline Guayante 14. I own an Allstate Agency in Austin, TX. Would love to hear from old buddies. <mailto:neil.guayante@gmail.com>.



MAJ Danee Lee Cook 1998 JC

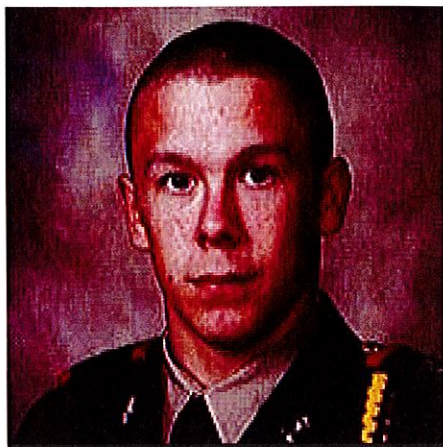
Update from MAJ Danee Lee Cook, USAR 1998 JC - I left Active duty in 2008 after eight years and three tours in support of OIF and OEF. I am a Major in the Army Reserves at Camp Pendleton. I am a Humane Law Enforcement Investigator working for the San Diego Humane Society.

Willy H. Stadie 1978 HS

Update from Willy H. Stadie 1978 HS - Still Married after 25 yrs, we have a 15 year-old daughter in High School. I am now working as a Real Estate Agent in Walnut Creek, CA, for Better Homes and Garden Real estate. If you want to catch up, call the Alumni Relations office to get my email and cell phone number.



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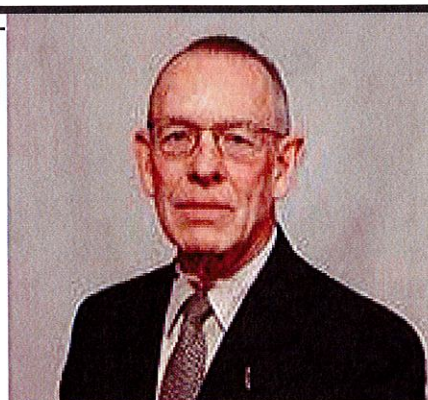


Joel Nicholas Russo 2012 JC

Letter to General Grizzle from LTG Jay W. Kelley, USAF (Ret) I thought you would like to know that Joel Nicholas Russo 2012 JC, who attended NMMI, has been notified that he is the Top Falcon Scholar in the Class of 2015. Joel has an Overall Performance Average (OPA) of 3.6 and well above 3.0 across the board in all areas. As the Top Falcon Scholar his name will be etched on a large plaque in Arnold Hall, at a special ceremony on 26 May 2015 and I will be honored to say a few words about Joel pursuant to "tapping" his name plate on to the plaque. The Superintendent will preside at the "tapping" ceremony. Quite an honor for Joel and NMMI !!!

Arthur C. Karger, III 1963 JC

Congratulations to Arthur C. Karger, III 1963 JC for his induction into the New Mexico Activities Association. Before retiring, Art was a teacher, coach, athletic director, assistant principal, principal, and superintendent for 27 years at Lovington High School and Lovington Schools. He also taught and coached 8 years in Texas. His Lovington Wildcats were state champions in 1983, runner-up 1989, and third in 1986 and 1988. He served on the NMAA Board of Director's and was 4AAA District Chairperson.



NMMI Annual Fund



As we near the end of the school year, we want to give thanks for all those who have participated in the 2014-2015 annual fund. To date, the annual fund has generated \$212,637.00 this year. That is an increase over the previous few years:

2012-2013 - \$199,621.17

2013-2014 - \$174,204.22

This commitment to annual sustained giving provides support for cadet activities and allows those perspective cadets who meet all the qualifications to attend NMMI but have financial shortcomings the ability to still attend and achieve their goals. Without such an outpouring of support, NMMI may have missed out on future leaders within the Corps of Cadets, and life after New Mexico Military Institute. Once again, we want to personally give all who have participated thanks. YOUR gifts, no matter the size, are appreciated and make a huge difference in the lives of cadets. We hope to have your continued support in the future.

If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Kris Ward, Development and Advancement Officer at (575) 624-8158, or by email at wardk@nmmi.edu.

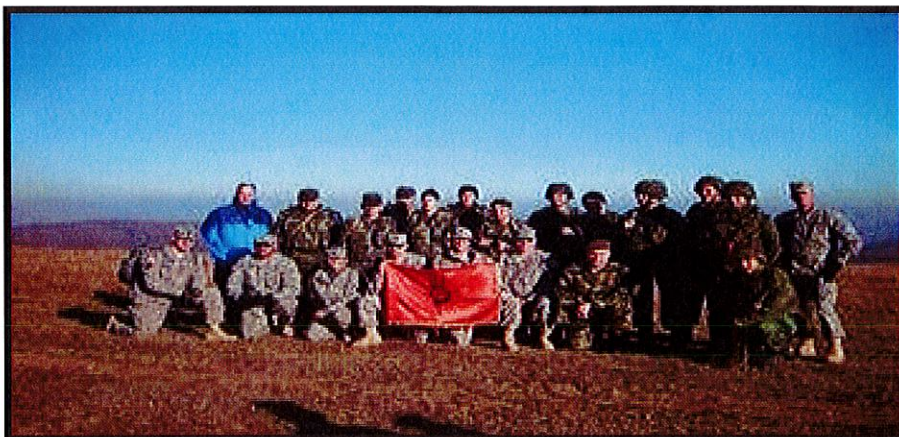
NMMI FLAGS DEPLOYS A SECOND TIME

Throughout NMMI history there have been many that have served in the military. Just as the words of “The Old Post” state, “this is our Alma mater, this is our stalwart Institute, we’ll have her always on our way, memories are with us day by day” these memories of our times at NMMI have stayed with us but also these memories crossed paths yet again in our assigned locations with the military here in the states or in a deployed area across the world.

This flag represents just that. It has been deployed to the Baltic area of the republic of Kosovo twice. It’s most recent deployment was in 2011 when it was sent to CPT Paul Lauritzen 2004 JC. There were many soldiers that deployed had come to NMMI either for school or to get a commission. Their names are forever written in the cloth of this flag. The flag was taken to the administrative boundary line with the republic of Kosovo and The country of Serbia. CPT Lauritzen Served as that Deputy JIC, which had the responsibility of going on patrols with the KFOR forces, the Serbian Armed forces, and the Serbian Municipal police along the Boundary lines and making sure all parties were in compliance with the signed agreements with Kosovo and Serbia. While there he received a wonderful care packet from the NMMI alumni office that contained this very flag amongst other things. There was a note that stated that this flag had been flown there in Kosovo and they felt the need to deploy it once more.

There were a number of alumni that were in Kosovo at this time some include, LTC Larry W. Wilbanks, USA 1983 JC, DCO for the 111th BDE, LTC Nathaniel L. Carper, USA 1998 JC, (then MAJ) BDE S-3 operations officer. CPT Andy S. Montoya, USA 1988 JC, TF Provost Marshall CPT Joshua T. Schatzman, USA 2004 JC, Novo Celo S-3, CPT Paul A. Lauritzen, NMARNG 2004 JC, deputy JIC and JLET North, CPT Sergio R. Hand,^S USAR 2002 JC, C co commander, 1LT Sergio Esparza, USAR 2007 JC, C co Executive Officer, MAJ Harvey J. Johnson, NMARNG 1987 JC, TF Safety Officer, and CPT Shane T. Lauritzen, USAR 2003 JC (No relation to Paul Lauritzen).

As stated again in the Alma mater “this is our Alma mater, this is our stalwart Institute, we’ll have her always on our way, memories are with us day by day” it is so interesting how so many officers and enlisted Soldiers deploy together not even knowing we all came from the same roots right here on post here at NMMI. It was great to see so many NMMI alumni in a combat zone and recollect the many memories we have about this wonderful Institute.



“Obedience is of self-command and he who commands himself is best learning to command others.”

BRONCO BASEBALL

Bronco Baseball Information thru first 46 of 56 games:

NMMI Records Broken:

Wins vs. NJCAA Division I Junior Colleges (20) (we have 8 DI junior college games remaining)
Wins vs. WJCAC (Conference) Teams (13) (We have 8 Conference games remaining)
Team Doubles Hit (90)
Team Saves (11)
Individual Doubles- Winston Welch (FR) 18
Individual Saves- Ruger Rodriguez (SO) 9

Current Stats that are in the Top 10 All-Time at NMMI:

Team Overall Wins (20) (2006 team had 23 overall wins, only 6 were against Junior College teams) (10 games remaining)
Wins vs. Junior Colleges (20)- #2 all time (2014 record of 21 is #1 All Time) (8 Junior college games remaining)

With 10 games remaining, these individual players have already put themselves in the top 10 in the following categories:

Brad Blackwell- 14 Stolen Bases
Jose Galindo- 13 Hit By Pitch
Marion McLean- 5 Triples
Kevin Piersol- 5 Wins

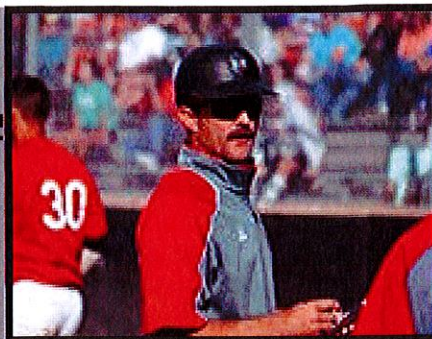
With 10 games remaining, 2015 team is already in top 10 all time in the following stats:

OFFENSE

Runs (269) record is 372
Hits (441) record is 528
Home Runs (16) record is 31
RBI (239) record is 326
Batting Average (.309) record is .331

PITCHING

Strikeouts (309) record is 320
Earned Run Average (7.12) record is 4.67
Walk to Strikeout Ratio (.54) would be school record if season ended today.
Strikeouts per inning (.89) would be a school record if season ended today.

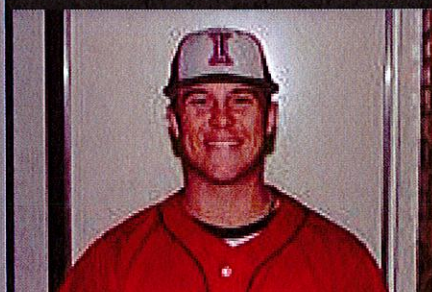


Head Coah Chris cook will be holding a 2015 Awards Banquet, the following players will receive Bronco Baseball Awards next week at the annual athletic awards banquet:



Most Improved

Ruger Rodriguez (Career and Single Season Saves Leader at NMMI)



Most Valuable Pitcher

Kevin Piersol (5 Wins puts him in the top 10 all time for a season)



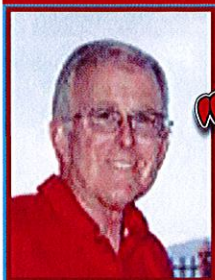
Most Valuable Hitter

Marion McLean (currently batting .409 with 56 hits, 5 triples, 2 home runs, 24 RBI, and 7 stolen bases.)



NMMI ALUMNI

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Co-Hosts Pat '63HS '65JC & Seth '60HS '62JC Orell
& their lovely wives, Elise & Kathy, invite you to...

"BURGERS ORELL" 2015

AN ANNUAL EVENT OF THE
ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER - N.M.M.I. ALUMNI



BURGERS & BRÄTS
BEER, WINE & SODAS
CHIPS & SNACKS



CHAPTER UPDATES
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LIVE MUSIC

FRIDAY, MAY 22ND, 2015 - 5:30PM START

5101 SAN ADAN AVENUE, NW - ALBUQUERQUE, NM
(MAP WILL BE PROVIDED VIA EMAIL TO REGISTERED ATTENDEES)

ADULTS: \$20 - STUDENTS \$15 - UNDER 10YRS: FREE
PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE CHAPTER & THE N.M.M.I. ANNUAL FUND

EMAIL RESERVATIONS: [NMMI.ABQALUMNI@GMAIL.COM](mailto:nmmi.abqalumni@gmail.com)

Anyone living in the Albuquerque area is welcome to all our events - Current Cadets, Former Cadets, Prospective Cadets, Families & Patrons. If you are planning a visit to Albuquerque, let us know and we'll plan an event for your visit! If you would like to receive our event emails, please drop us a note to: nmmi.abqalumni@gmail.com. Visit our webpage at nmmialumni-abq.com, and find us on Facebook at Albuquerque Chapter - NMMI Alumni. RSVP to save your seats! Include your name and guest names. This event has limited seat-ing and fills up fast! Thanks, Jordy

THE CUTTER FLIGHT CLUB

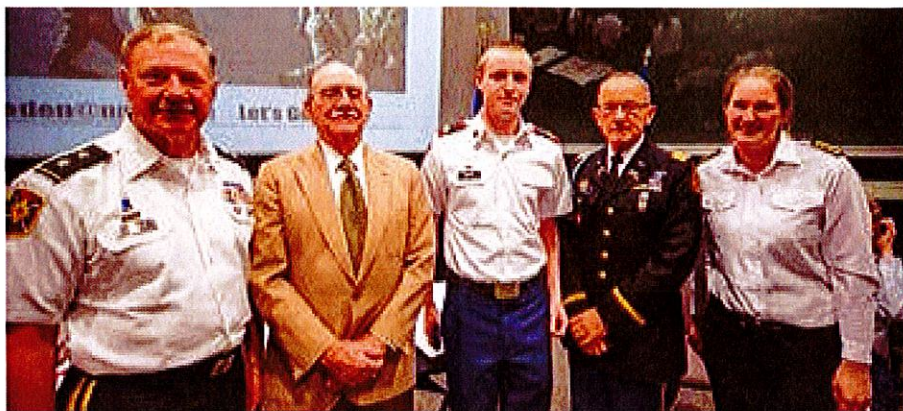


A few cadets with Certified Flight Instructor Courtney Bamford from their Cessna flight



Cadet receives the Amelia Earhart Award from the Generals and Mr. Bill Cutter

To learn about the History of Cutter Aviation, [Click Here.](#)



Cadet Robert Black receives solo wings from MG Grizzle, Bill Cutter, and James Lowe with his CFI.

The Flight Club at the New Mexico Military Institute was pleased to have alumnus, Mr. Bill Cutter 1950 HS-1952 JC fly in from Phoenix, Arizona to attend their end of year awards presentation at Daniels Leadership Center, 10 March 2015. It was fitting that Mr. Cutter participate in presenting wings to the club's most recent soloists- Cadet Robert Black and meet earlier wing recipient Cadet Miguel Gutierrez Martinez. Mr. Cutter was on hand to see 8 cadets receive their First Flight Orientation Certificates. Mr. Cutter witnessed 8 promotions and 5 cadets earn their Flight Club shoulder cords. Mr. Cutter, also saw 8 cadets receive their Ham Radio Class Certificates and 3 senior cadets receive their Flight Officer boards. Lastly, Mr. Cutter was on hand to see one cadet receive the Amelia Earhart Award and one cadet receive a \$1,000 flight scholarship. William R. "Bill" Cutter is owner and CEO of Cutter Aviation. In 1928, Bill's father and mother began Cutter Flying Service in Albuquerque, NM. Bill's father became a U.S. naval aviator and military glider pilot during World War II and after the war Cutter Aviation became one of the top centers for Beechcraft sales and service. Bill Cutter graduated from NMMI in 1952 and is himself a veteran fixed and rotary wing pilot and champion balloonist. Bill helped the family business expand. In 1959, Cutter Flying Service became Cutter Aviation when a second facility at Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport in Arizona opened. Growing rapidly in the decades that followed, Cutter Aviation's El Paso, TX, facility opened in 1982, the Phoenix Deer Valley facility opened in 1997, the San Antonio facility opened in 1998 and the Dallas-McKinney and Colorado Springs locations opened in 2006. Cutter Aviation remains a full-service aviation company as it did when it started and is the oldest continually family-owned and operated Fixed Base Operator (FBO) network in America is now into third generation leadership. Bill Cutter and his father were enshrined in 1995 in the Arizona Aviation Hall of Fame. View the history of Cutter Aviation. The Flight Club is very grateful for the support it receives from NMMI alum. Having Mr. Bill Cutter participate in the awards presentation allowed us to bring generations together who love aviation and we look forward to many other such opportunities in the future!

Lee Ann Wade, Major, NMMI
Flight Club Sponsor • waden@nmmi.edu • 575-624-8033

DANIELS LEADERSHIP CENTER

5 April 2015

TO: MG Grizzle, BG Murray, BG Geraci, COL West, LTC Lowe, Mr. Bill Cutter, & Mr. Dan Musgrave,

Dear Sirs,

Thank you all so very much for coming the 10th of March to support our cadets at the Flight Club Amelia Earhart Award Day. It means so much to our cadets that they were able to receive their recognitions from each of you. Our flight program would not be able to grow without your interest and your kind support!

Please enjoy seeing the photos from this special day. We look forward to our continued growth in our many activities with the flight program here at the New Mexico Military Institute.

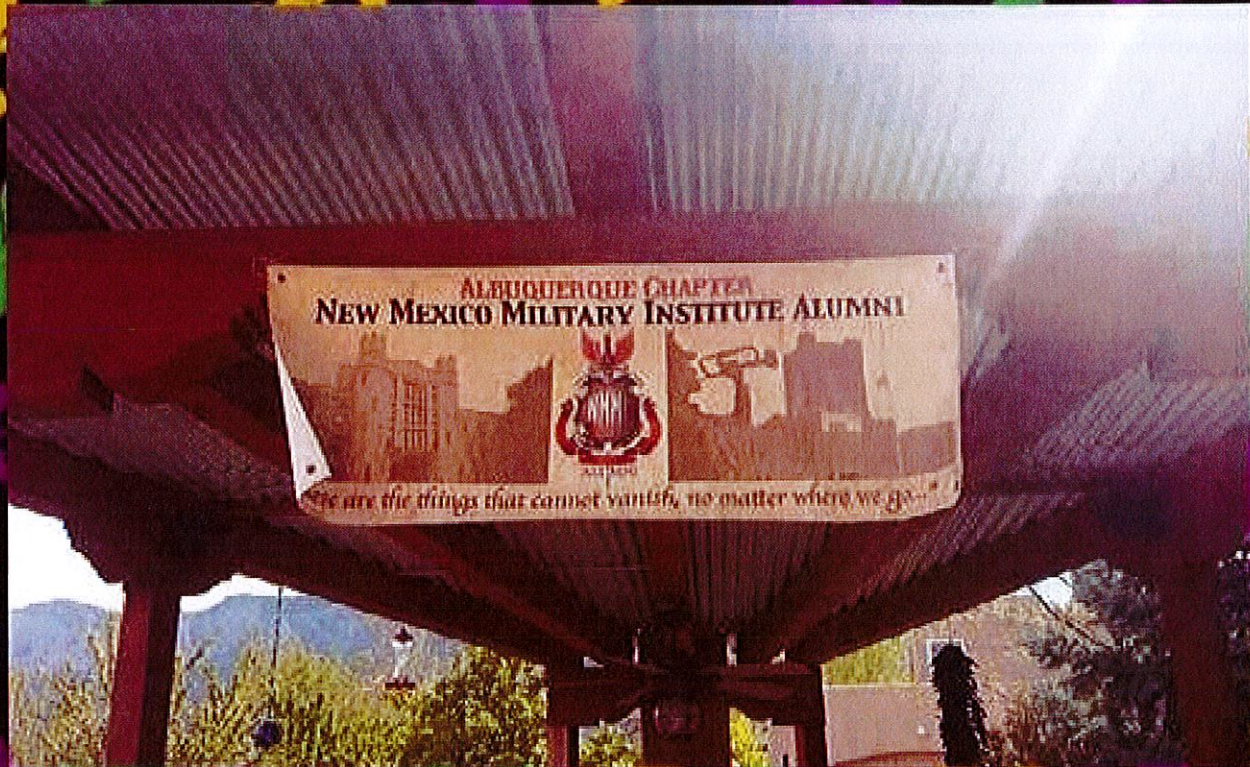
Sincerely,

Lee Ann Wade, Major, NMMI
Flight Club Sponsor
Character and Leadership Development Educator/Advisor

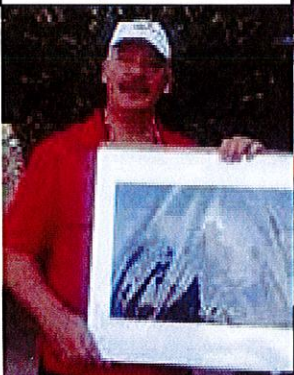


RAJIN CAJUN

NMMI Alumni Albuquerque Chapter



K. Greg Peebles 1977 JC



Tanya R. Montgomery
1996 HS-1998 JC



Alicia Blaackman-Abney, Le-
nore Caiarello and Don J. Akin
1988 HS



Roger M. Zimmerman 1954 HS and K. Greg Pee-
bles 1977 JC



Adam W. Camp 2006 HS-2008 JC and his wife



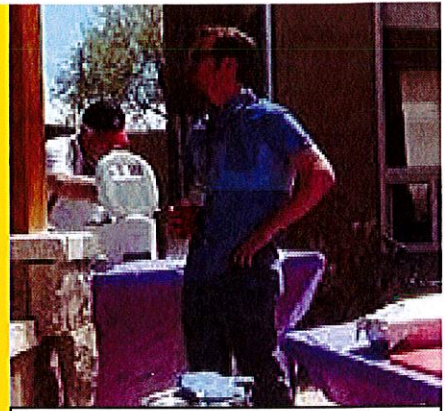
Julie Moore and Trevor Wommack

A week long preparation started Monday evening with the prepping of everything needed to make Chicken and Sausage Gumbo, Red Beans and Rice, Smoked Pork Loin Po-boys, Bread Pudding and King Cakes along with Boudin Balls and Natchitoches meat pies.

Phil Ingram 1967 HS took the lead on the Pork Loins and made a great homemade Cajun rub for a delicious creation while Julie Moore made a Cajun staple of red beans and rice that were to die for, and I followed up with the Gumbo, King Cakes, Bread Pudding. The Boudin Balls and Natchitoches Meat Pies came from Cajun Grocer and were masterfully prepared by Albert "Hambone" Hamblet. Julie and Denise spent Thursday night decorating the house and getting all things Mardi Gras set up. Phil came over Friday afternoon to deliver the Pork Loin and helped debone chicken and work on the gumbo. Jordy Wommack 1980 JC and Trevor Wommack and Hambone spent Saturday morning setting up the tables, chair and shade awnings and prepped the outside to receive guest.

We had about 58 people show up including Danny Armijo 1972 JC and his wife, Lisa who came up to meet the chapter, and alums from the 1950s to 2010 all visiting and sharing stories from yesteryear and today. We had two prospective cadet's show up with family and the family of a current cadet all having a great time. Clyde Ely 1977 JC came in from Amarillo to join us, Randy Davis 1976 HS came in from Angel Fire as well as a host of locals. This is a great chapter and dedicated to having a good time and staying in touch with each other. This event was started last year by Jordy and me as a free event for any and all to come to without having to pay or be asked to donate anything. We just want to give people a chance to meet and share experiences and catch up on what is going on in our lives. We love our alumni friends and patrons and hope to continue doing this for years to come.

Greg Peebles 1977 JC - 281-831-5635



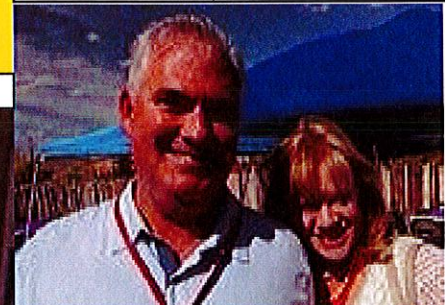
Far left cooking, Albert "Hambone" Hamblet and Joseph L. Camp 2008 HS-2010 JC



LTC Patrick H. Orell, USA (Ret) 1963 HS-1965 JC, Randolph S. Davis 1976 HS, Terrence J. Brown, Honorary Life Member, LTC Clyde E. Ely, NMARNG 1975 HS-1977 JC

M. Todd White 1986 HS-1988 JC and wife, Felicia

Greg B. Mortensen 1985 HS

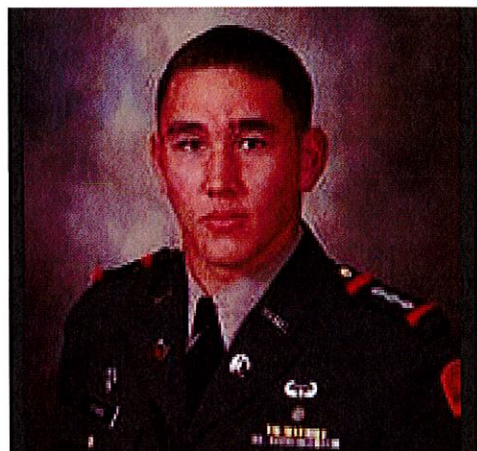


LtCol Jordan A. Wommack, USAF (Ret) 1980 HS leads the Albuquerque Meeting

L to r Lisa Armijo, Nancy Ingram, LTC Daniel L. Armijo, NMMI 1972 JC (NMMI Alumni Director) and Phillip C. Ingram 1967 HS (NMMI Regent)



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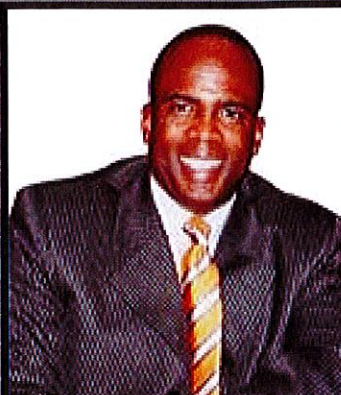


CPT Scott Y. Tunis, USA 2007 JC is now on his second tour in Afghanistan, from Fort Belvoir. After receiving a BA from Indiana University in 2009, he served in Korea for two years. Captain Tunis is currently an Operations Planner.



COL James B. Reed, USA (Ret) 1951 SC was asked by Mrs. Patricia Eckert to represent her donation of the presentation saber belonging to her late husband, COL Edward N. Eckert, USA (Ret) Honorary Life Member, who passed away this past October. The saber will be used in the Saber program that issues sabers to Cadet Officers who may not be able to purchase their own. The Eckert's served many years at NMMI. Colonel Reed says, "I donated my saber long ago and think it is a great program for keeping the tradition alive." If you are interested in donating your saber for the program, please contact the Commandant's Office at 575-624-8400.

I am working at the newly formed Daniel Morgan Academy (DMA) in Washington DC, in Strategic Planning and Operations. DMA provides professionals who possess a bachelor degree an opportunity to earn a Masters Degree in National Security Strategies. We just kicked off our recruiting campaign for 90 student candidates for the 2015-2016 academic year, and we seek candidates that live in the area, or want to come to Washington DC, to earn their Masters in National Security Strategies, Information Operations, and Intelligence. A Master Degree at DMA cost is extremely affordable for a National Security Strategy Master's Degree.



Update from Simuel Shaw, III 1985 JC

Daniel Morgan Academy offers three Masters Degree's in National Security Studies and five Graduate Certificates that focused on specific elements within National Security. □ (2 years) Master's program includes 30 credits in either: National Security, Information Operation or Intelligence. □ (1 year) Certificate program includes 12 credits in either: National Security Specialization, Regional Specialization, Intelligence Specialization, Non-Kinetic Operations, and Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflicts. DMA provides scholars and practitioners with an opportunity to earn an advanced degree in national security. DMA bridges the gap between theory and practice by capitalizing on the lived experiences of National Security practitioners. This program is the ideal professional school for scholars who have a Bachelor Degree and a desire to serve their country at the highest level within the National Security community. In addition, the faculty will help individual students determine their specific path of learning and thesis focused on real world issues, relevant to security challenges. Pre-Security clearance advice is just one part of the academic mentorship you will receive at DMA. DMA's adult learning environment facilitates student sharing of lessons learned from lived experience and fosters fresh ideas about solving the complex nature of U.S. National Security threats in the 21st century. The academic environment led by professors and practitioners with in-depth knowledge in National Security community and who have recent immersion in international affairs that shape and influence national and global leadership strategic decision-making. In addition, classes consist of a diverse group regional studies that leverage cultural and language capabilities of each candidate which will enhance their learning experience. The make-up of each class includes a mix of National Security novices who are at the beginning of their careers; practiced professionals who are seeking academic credentials to improve their chances for promotion; and seasoned candidates actively seeking an avenue to share their National Security experiences. Please visit our website at www.danielmorgan.academy, and let me know if you have any additional questions. Best Regards, Simuel Shaw, III 1985 JC Strategic Planning and Operations Daniel Morgan Academy 1100 Connecticut Ave, NW, Suite 600 Washington D.C. 20036 Phone: 202-759-4988 Mobile: 703-577-8349

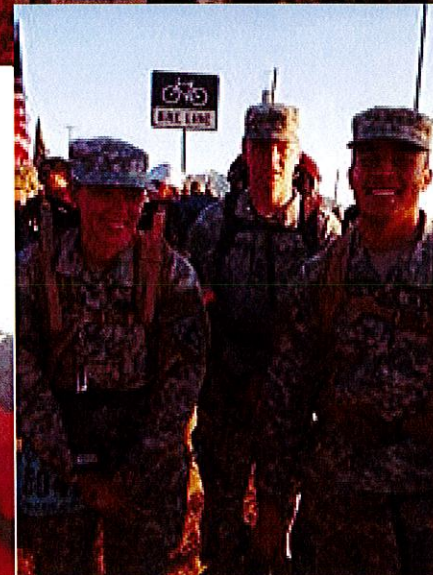
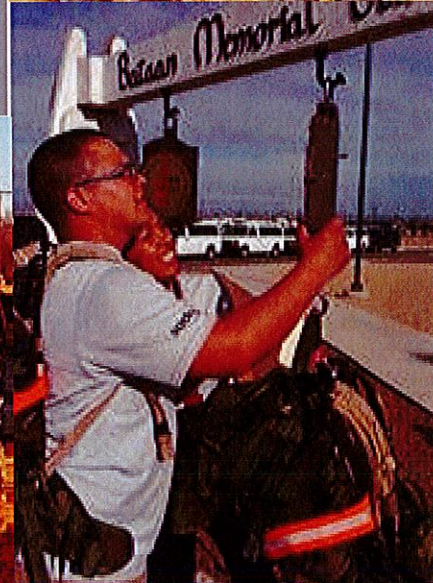
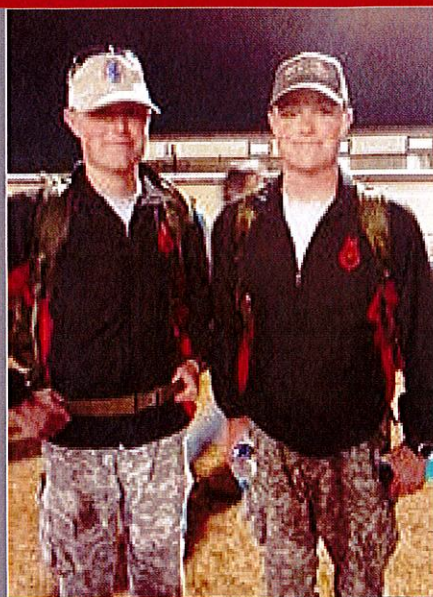
BATAAN MEMORIAL DEATH MARCH

"Dear General Grizzle –

Brad and I want you to know how proud we were to wear our NMMI t-shirts for the Bataan Memorial Death March. Our whole family was quite touched by the gesture of all of us and the cadets and staff wearing t-shirts in memory of Todd. It meant a great deal to us. We were so proud of the cadets. They were so kind and polite. They made a big impression on everyone there. They represented NMMI so very well. Thank you for the great support from the Corps and from you. We were quite inspired and plan on being there next year, too."

Always,

Becky Christmas



PRESS RELEASE

Judge Releases Finding of Facts in
NMMI vs. Alumni Association

Roswell, New Mexico (April 22, 2015) - Yesterday, District Court Judge Judy Shuler Grey released her Findings of Fact in the case, NMMI vs Alumni Association. NMMI has released an official statement in response to this FOF and Conclusions.

"NMMI received the Court's findings in the matter of NMMI v. Alumni Association. Contrary to the Association's position, which necessitated the litigation, the Judge ruled that the Alumni Association is in fact an agent of NMMI, exists to support, promote, and benefit NMMI, and that the funds in the Association's custody are for the exclusive benefit of NMMI. While it is unfortunate that NMMI was compelled to seek judicial intervention to force the Association to recognize NMMI's ownership of the funds currently held by the Association as NMMI's fiduciary, NMMI is pleased with the Court's ruling in its favor on this critical issue. NMMI will continue to review the Judge's findings as it considers the best way to deal with alumni relations in the future."

NIGHTS WITH NMMI IN OKC



The Rifle team on the road in OKC

The Choral group on the road in OKC

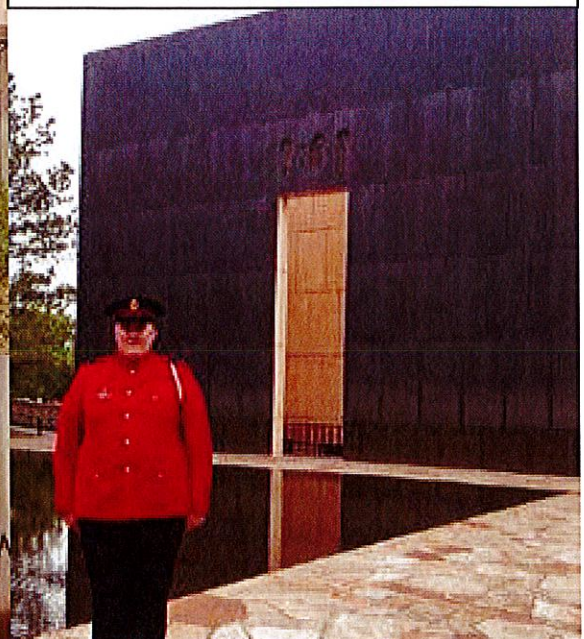
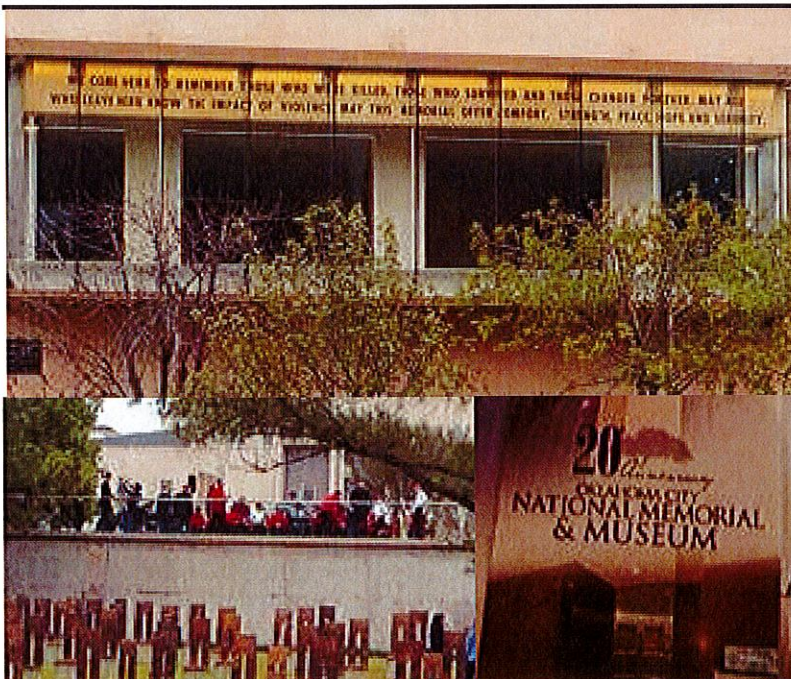


The Band on the road in OKC



OKC MEMORIAL

OKC Memorial 20th anniversary.





FARWELL TO COMMANDANT GERACI

MG Jerry W. Grizzle and members of the Staff and Faculty,

1 March 2015

It is with mixed emotions that I must inform you that I will not be seeking a contract for the 2015-2016 school year. Upon successfully completing 10 1/2 years as the Commandant and Dean of Students, I want to take advantage of employment opportunities closer to my children and grandchildren in the Kansas City area. The timing of this letter is to ensure there is sufficient time to select my replacement prior to the start of the next school year. It has been an honor and privilege to serve thousands of cadets during my tenure, and give back to the school that gave me so much! Be assured that until my departure, I will continue to have the Commandant's team work at our usual high operational tempo for the benefit and success of our cadets. I am prepared to assist in any way possible to facilitate a smooth transition to the next Commandant. I am confident that every member of my staff is well prepared for my departure, as I have placed special emphasis on having a detailed transition plan in place.

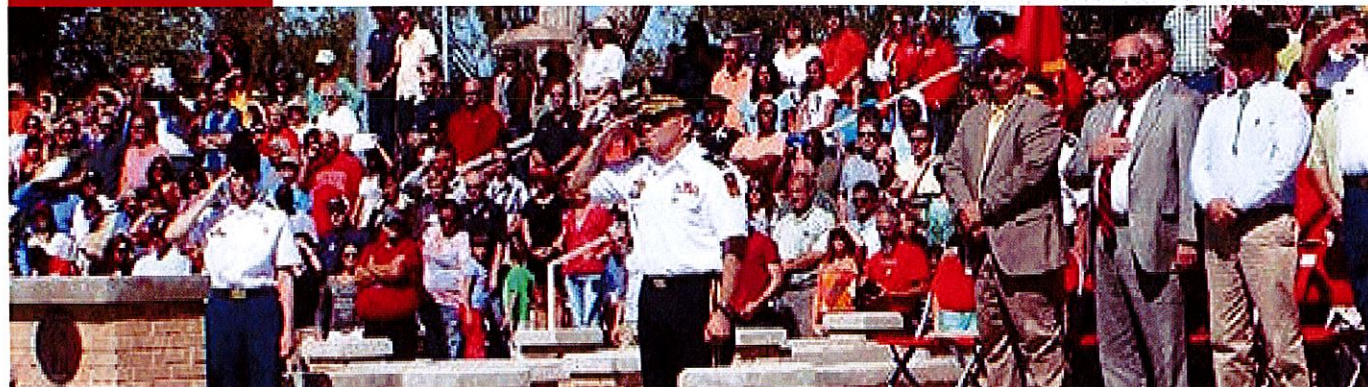
This is an opportune time to pass the leadership reigns to the next Commandant. I am very satisfied with the operations and support activities within the Commandant's areas of responsibility, and the performance of the Corps of Cadets. The organization, administration, policies, procedures, and training programs are in place to sustain this high level of performance. There is a sense of purpose, culture of discipline, and a positive leadership climate present in the Corps. This can be attributed in a large part to the consistently superb performance of my staff, the close cooperation with the Academic Dean and faculty, and the excellent working relationship with the Athletic Director and coaches. I am particularly proud of the partnerships we have cultivated with our parents and family members, alumni, and the Roswell community. I am very confident that the NMMI team will continue to prepare our cadets to meet the educational, leadership, and social challenges of the 21st century.

I am particularly grateful for the confidence in my leadership and unwavering support for my decisions that you and the Board of Regents have consistently exhibited. That support has been instrumental in our collective success, long list of achievements, and the positive direction that NMMI is heading. I am indebted to every member of my staff, and sincerely appreciate their loyalty, teamwork, hard work and professionalism, not only in support of me, but more importantly in support of the cadets. All are caring individuals who significantly contribute every day to the success of our cadets. The Deputies, Squadron and Troop Leadership Advisors, Counselors and members of the Daniels Leadership Center have been instrumental and very effective in support of NMMI's mission.

I benefited immensely from my association with every member of the NMMI team. With everyone's support, I successfully transitioned from being a military leader to an educational leader. I was able to contribute to NMMI's unique learning environment where all cadets have an opportunity to succeed at a high academic level, while becoming physically fit leaders of character. I depart on the 40th anniversary year of my graduation from NMMI with absolutely no regrets and with a sense of overwhelming pride and accomplishment. I am completely satisfied with my service to the Corps of Cadets, constituents, patrons, parents, and supporters. I have many special memories of my time at the Institute, and will miss the "Old Post" and the wonderful Roswell community.

The value of our military educational model emphasizing "Duty, Honor and Achievement" is as relevant today as it was in 1891. Our graduates are prepared for college, a career and life! I am confident that the school's leadership will continue to maintain NMMI's relevance to meet the constantly changing challenges of our global society and need for high quality leaders of character. I look forward to continuing to support NMMI, the cadets, staff, faculty, and coaches as a proud alumnus. Please don't hesitate to call upon me for advice, support, recruiting, and development activities.

Richard V. Geraci, JCG 1975
Brigadier General, USA (Ret)
Commandant of Cadets/Dean of Students



UPCOMING EVENTS

THE 26TH ANNUAL NMMI ALUMNI TRAIL RIDE AND RENDEZVOUS 23-27 JUNE 2015 AT THE DAVIS RANCH HOSTED BY LINDA DAVIS AND THE DAVIS FAMILY ANGEL FIRE, NM - AMERICAN CREEK CAMP [REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN](#)

Trail Ride 2015 Auction

It's that time of year again and the Alumni Relations Office is looking for donations for the 2015 Trail Ride Silent Auction. In recent years the auction has helped raise restricted and unrestricted funds for cadet scholarships and donated items have varied from paintings, blankets, pocket knives, decorative belts, chaps and much much more. We are making a push this year to get donated items submitted earlier so that we can put a list up on the Internet of all auction items prior to the start of the Trail Ride. If you are interested in donating an item for the auction, please contact Kris Ward at (575) 624-8158 or wardk@nmmi.edu. Remember all donations will qualify as a gift in-kind and the donor will receive tax deductible benefits based on an estimated value. We hope to see you all at the Trail Ride. We are looking forward to another outstanding event at the CS Ranch.



Make your plans to attend. If you need lodging, contact the Angel Fire Resort by calling (855) 318-1081. Ask for the special NMMI rates!

GOODBYE TO THE “OLD POST”

Happy Trails to You!

The end of the 2015 NMMI Trail Ride will also mark the end of my time with the Alumni Relations office. The almost three year experience has had a few bumps along the way but the opportunity to meet NMMI Alumni across America and Mexico has been a road few get to walk.

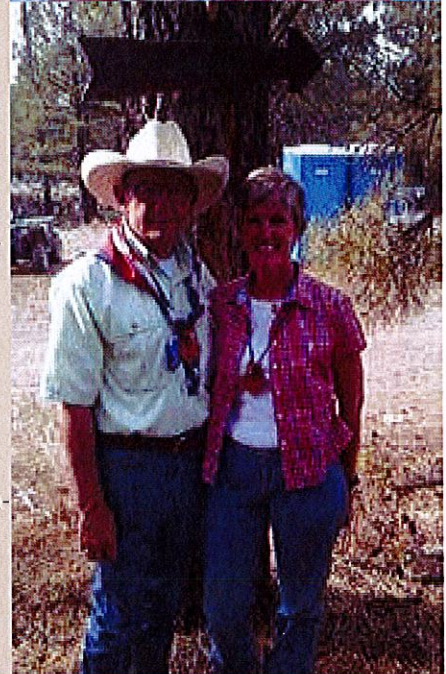
At times we (alumni) forget we are part of a 124 year Legacy going back to 1891. We may or may not attribute who we are today based on the foundation established at NMMI but for me there is no doubt. To make the Legacy available to future cadets it should be our responsibility to support NMMI, the Corps of Cadets and become involved with alumni in our home town.

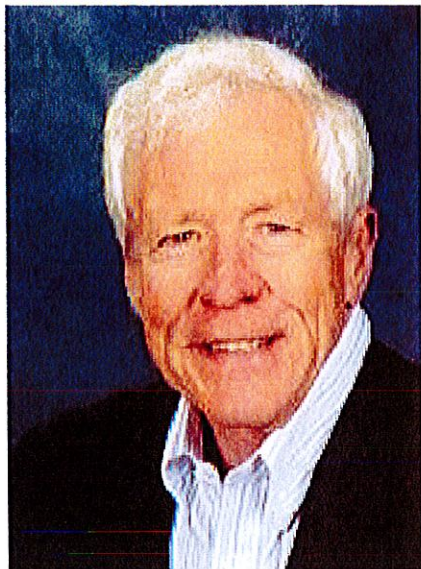
Joy and I returned to the “Old Post” in hopes of giving back but what we received far exceeded anything we could give. Without a doubt the mission and vision of “educating cadets capable of critical thinking, developing character, responsibility and integrity” still flourishes at NMMI.

As we return to Florida, Joy and I want to thank each of you for welcoming us as a part of the New Mexico Military Institute “family”. To the Alumni Relations staff thank you for your support and professional attitude.

Our best wishes “For Blue Skies and a Tailwind”; should you be in our neighborhood stop by!

Jim and Joy





Richard R. "Dick" Varnell 1962 JC

Saturday, May 2nd promises to be equally exciting as we have our own Dick Varnell, Class '62, opening our sessions. Dick Varnell graduated from NMMI and completed his education at Texas Tech University in 1965 with a degree in Industrial Engineering. He received his MBA from The University of Tulsa in 1973. He is a Registered Professional Engineer and a Certified Public Accountant. Dick served in Vietnam as a Commissioned Officer in the Corps of Engineers and was assigned to the 5th Special

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He then joined Champlin Petroleum in Fort Worth, TX, which later became Union Pacific Resources, serving as Director of Planning and Analysis, Comptroller, General Manager of Crude Oil Supply and Training, General Manager of Natural Gas and Gas Liquids, and various other management positions from 1973 until 1990. In 1990 Dick started Barker Pros., Inc./Spice Energy, LTD, dealing in natural gas and crude oil trading, the operation and construction of petroleum terminals, pipeline transportation and construction, crude oil, natural gas liquids processing, as well as exploration and production. Dick served as Managing Partner in the oilfield and supply company, TXD Companies from 2006 until 2011. Dick and Emilie Varnell and classmates from the Class of 1962 are instrumental in bringing this Forum on Entrepreneurship to the campus of NMMI.



Stuart L. "Stu" Altman 1993 HS

Stu Altman will conclude our series of presentations with a discussion on *Following Your Passion*. Stu began his filming business as a cadet at NMMI when he filmed

a trip to Washington, D.C. while participating in Close-up Washington. Stu Altman received his B.S. from Arizona State University and attended New Mexico Military Institute for high school. He received a Master's degree from Loyola Marymount University in film production, where he wrote and directed three award winning short films which have participated in over forty film festivals including Cannes in 2014. His awards include: Yahoo Best Short Film Award, Telemundo Audience Choice Award, PBS Emerging Filmmaker, The Humanitarian Award in Cleveland, Kodak Emerging Filmmaker Award and more.

2015 Forum on Entrepreneurship

"Be Your Own Boss"

Schedule Overview

Friday, 1 May 2015

6:30 pm - Doors Open

7:00 pm - VIP Speaker - Jenny Briggs, New Belgium Brewing Company - Director of Organizational Development, Social Entrepreneurship (Toles Library, Mabee Lecture Hall)

8:00 pm - VIP Dessert Reception and Photos with Speaker (Toles Library)

Saturday, 2 May 2015

7:30 am - Doors Open

8:00 am - Forum Opening Session - Dick Varnell (Toles Library, Mabee Lecture Hall)

8:15 am - Session #1 - Lester Smith, Wild West Auctions, Starting Up (Toles Library, Mabee Lecture Hall)

9:00 am - Break-out sessions

9:30 am - Debrief (Toles Library, Mabee Lecture Hall)

10:00 am - Break

10:15 am - Session #2 - Dara Pulley, Dara's Upholstery, Challenges Facing Female Entrepreneurs (Toles Library, Mabee Lecture Hall)

10:45 am - Break-out sessions

11:15 am - Activity within Break-out session

11:45 am - Debrief (Toles Library, Mabee Lecture Hall)

12:00 pm - Lunch for Speakers and Guests (VMV)

1:00 pm - Session #3 - Stu Altman, Altman Entertainment, Following Your Passion (Toles Library, Mabee Lecture Hall)

2:00 pm - Break-out sessions with facilitators

2:30 pm - Debrief (Toles Library, Mabee Lecture Hall)

3:00 pm - Closing Remarks, Certificates and Photos will be mailed.

RSVP: Oretta Graves 575-624-8310 or Graves@nmmi.edu

NMMI has partnered with a national discount program to offer alumni access to product and service discounts accessible by mobile app and online computer.

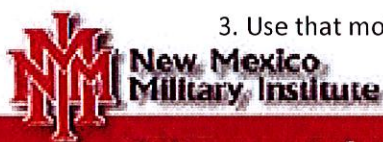
The mobile app is GPS driven so regardless of business or personal travel you will be in touch with "valued discounts" every day.

To log in online:

1. Go to <https://nmmi.accessdevelopment.com/home>
2. Call 575-624-8250 or email alm_svcs@nmmi.edu for the Shared Secret
3. Use that shared secret to register and start your discount deals!

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