

NMMI Alumni Relations

Corps of Former Cadets



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The DeSanders Alumni Memorial Plaza has Benches, Bricks and Flagpoles for dedication.
Please call our office at 575-624-8250 if you have questions or just want to discuss the options!

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<http://www.nmmi.edu/alumni/benchesbricksandflagpoles.htm>



Updating "New Mexico Military Institute, A Centennial History"

As part of the preparations for the upcoming 125th anniversary of NMMI, I am currently working to update the centennial history written by Bill Gibbs with a second volume covering 1991 to the present. As we plan for the future, it is important to maintain perspective and to remember our past. Support for this project has been overwhelming and I am very excited about the research. Over the next year I will be speaking to former and current faculty and staff members, administrators, and alumni to supplement the archival sources that are accessible thanks to the hard work of Jerry Klopfer and June Frosch. I will be available during Homecoming weekend to visit with anyone who would like to share a story about cadet life or to talk about the project. Thank you for your continued support and for being a part of this history.

MAJ Krystal Humphreys, PhD

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Have you served in any of these conflicts? We would like to update our information! We have records for WWI and WW2, but have incomplete information about the following conflicts.

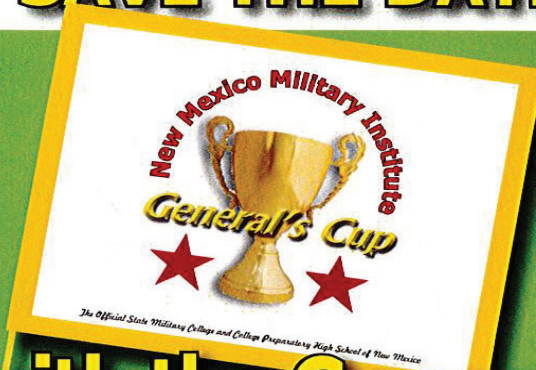
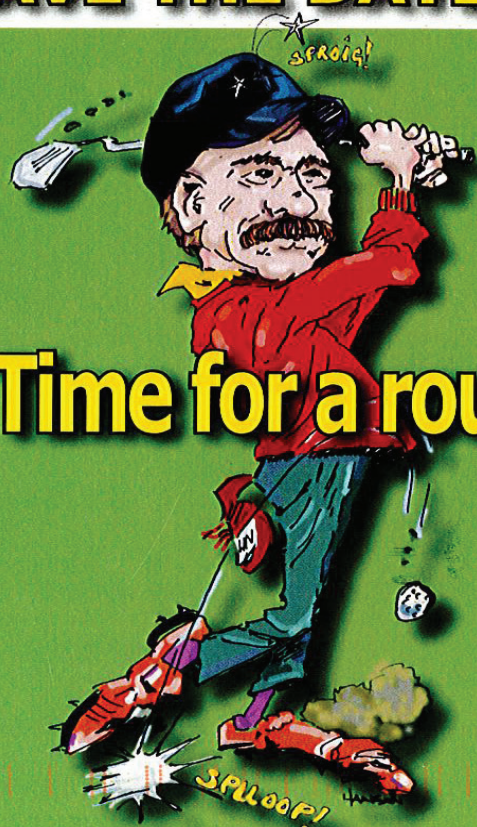
Korean War
Somalia
Vietnam
Bosnia/Kosovo
Grenada
Iraq
Panama
Afghanistan
Persian Gulf War
Other

Let us know at alm_clrk@nmmi.edu

If you feel that we have missed anything in this list, please give our office a call at 575-624-8250.

SAVE THE DATE!

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Time for a round with the General!

The General's Cup!

Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament & Gala

September 19-21, 2014

New Mexico Military Institute Golf Course

**Proceeds benefit cadets through
NMMI's General Scholarship Fund**

If you would like to become one of the "General's 100" or a sponsor
please call Kris Ward at wardk@nmml.edu or call 575-624-8158.

ATTENTION IN THE AREA! ATTENTION IN THE AREA! ANNOUNCING THE:



Albuquerque Chapter Annual Fall BBQ

Saturday, August 23rd, 2014 from 5pm to 9pm

Don't miss this Smokin' Cookout!

*Featuring: Hickory-Smoked Green Chile Brisket,
Pulled Pork, Bräts & Dogs!*

*Plus: Superb Side Dishes for your Dining Pleasure...
Beer, Wine & Sodas will be provided, or BYOB!*

*Silent Auction Items will be up for bids to raise money
for our Chapter goals as well as*

THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE CORPS!

**Pay at Event with Cash,
Check or Credit Card
Adults=\$25 Kids=\$10
Alumni In College=\$15**

*Hosted by Phill '67 AS
& Nancy Ingram
and Gary '67 JC
& Kathie Williams*

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Email Attendee Names To:
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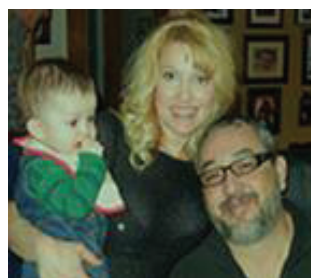
Congratulations to **Amelia G. Christensen 2004 HS** on her marriage to Doug Redmond. Amelia and Doug were married on 27 July 2014.



Congratulations to **Courtney M. L. Pickel 2004 HS** on her marriage to Mike Norman on 21 July 2014. We wish them the best!



Congratulations to **Richard M. Key 2003 JC** and Cheyenne Friend on their wedding, 31 July 2014.



Congratulations to **Damian J. Martinez 1995 HS** and Julia LaBombard on their marriage on 17 July 2014.



Michael B. Devlin 2003 JC and Natalie Brown were married on 19 July 2014 in New Orleans, LA. They met there and then returned to get married. Congratulations Mike and Natalie!



Congratulations to **Ricardo Navarro Torres 2007 JC** and his bride Andrea Lorenzo on their 9 August marriage.

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Congratulations to **Mary Anne M. (Ticar) Bonadio 2002 JC** and her husband Michael on the birth of daughter Violet Anne, born 2 August 2014.



Congratulations to **Jeremy M. Jordan 2008 JC** and Christina Carillo on the birth of Ryleigh Allana, born 5 August 2014.



Congratulations to **CPT Allan-Jay S. Catindig, USA 2001 JC** and his wife Christen on the birth of daughter Ave-Lorie Madison Catindig. Ave-Lorie was born on 25 July 2014.



Welcome Severus Clegane Georg Redmond!
Congratulations to **Jordan A. Redmond 2001 HS** and his wife Blair on the 21 July 2014 birth of baby Severus.



Congratulations to **Tricia L. (Machtemes) Bernab 1995 JC** and her husband Rene on the birth of baby boy, Quin Xavier, born on 6 August 2014. He joins the family with big sister Arianna and brother, Zane.



Congratulations to **Jeffrey L. Adams 2003 JC** and his wife Christy on the birth of Tinley born on 11 August 2014. She joins the family with big brother Colby.



Congratulations to **Clarissa J. (Alba) Pritchett 2003 JC** and her husband Donald on the birth of new baby boy. J. J. was born on 5 July 2014.

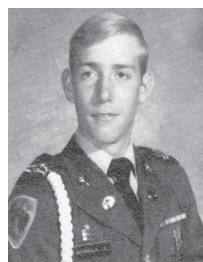


Congratulations to **LT Brendan E. Greeley, USN 2003 JC** and his wife, Nina on the birth of baby girl Amelia Ann on 19 July 2014. She joins the family with big brother, Emmett.

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Congratulations to **MAJ Rick J. Edmond, USA (Ret) 1975 JC** on his graduation from the Federal Executive Institute in May of 2014.



LtCol Jordan A. "Jordy" Wommack, USAF (Ret) 1980 HS retired in 2009 after over two decades in the Intelligence realm. His reflections on his cadet years led to reconnections and new connections while re-energizing the Albuquerque Chapter of N.M.M.I. Alumni. After a few years of consulting at the State and National level, he is now devoting his time to his family and is involved with all Alumni efforts - especially Chapter events, fundraising, and other efforts toward positive alumni involvement. He will continue to look for new connections, and more ways to build on goodwill between "The Corps of Former Cadets," the staff of NMMI and the Corps of today.



Congratulations to **SGT Eldon "Jacob" Woodie, USA 2008 JC** on his promotion to Sergeant, pictured here on 31 July 2014. Well done!



Patricia C. Trimble-Justice, USA 1984 JC was the class "Secretary," OIC of Surgery for the 628th Forward Surgical Team Deployed to Afghanistan and received the Purple Heart 2011-2012.



BG Richard V. Geraci, USA (Ret) 1975 JC, NMMI Commandant of Cadets, shared a letter from **Joseph Kim 2009 JC**, Regimental Commander.

Dear General Geraci,
I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to sincerely thank you for your letter of recommendation. I was accepted to the University of California Hastings College of the Law and am informing you that I have accepted their offer of admission. I can't help but to realize how much of my successes are due to the opportunities presented to me at NMMI.

I hope to be able to reconnect with you and rest of the NMMI family in the near future. Thank you, again, for your steadfast support over the years.

Sincerely,
Joseph Kim



NMMI Legacy—Keeping it in the family—**Randell G. Major 1980 HS** and his wife Lynn, own and operate a cattle ranch near Magdalena as well as Major Ranch Realty. Pictured from left to right: R. Lane Major, current 4th Class NMMI Cadet, Randell and Matt Major who is a current 6th class cadet at NMMI.



LTC George D. McClory, USA (Ret) 1984 JC Special Forces Officer, Recent MBA graduate of Purdue University in 2013, MBA graduate of Tilburg University - 2014 and currently attending Harvard Business School, Program for Leadership Development (PLD).

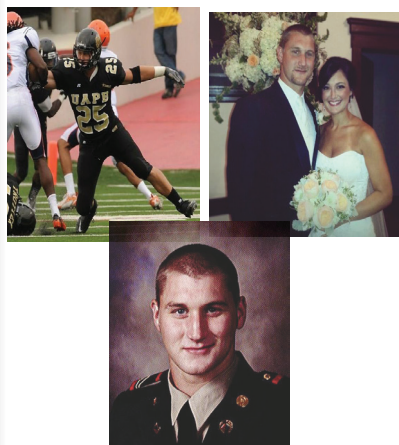
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LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOSEPH F. D'AMICO, II, USAF 1995 JC

Colonel Joseph F. D'Amico II is the Commander of the 52d Security Forces Squadron at Spangdahlem AB, Germany. He commands 360 military and civilian personnel providing Force Protection and Integrated Defense for Spangdahlem AB and Bitburg Annex. The 52d Fighter Wing maintains, deploys and employs F-16 aircraft and TPS-75 radar systems in support of NATO and national defense directives. Additionally, the wing supports the Supreme Allied Commander Europe with mission-ready personnel and systems located at Spangdahlem AB and numerous geographically separated units throughout Europe. The wing is also home to an Air Mobility Command mission supporting global contingencies and operations other than war.

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Welcome back to NMMI. Coach **William W. "Bill" Ross 2011 JC**, former Linebacker at Arkansas Pine Bluff and New Mexico Military has been hired to coach at New Mexico Military Institute. In 2012 at Arkansas Pine Bluff, Ross was named Defensive Player of the Game honors in the SWAC Championship game and First Team All-Southwestern Athletic Conference honors at Linebacker. In 2011 at Arkansas Pine Bluff, Ross was named for Little Rock Touchdown Club Player of the Year honors and earned Second Team All-Southwestern Athletic Conference honors at Linebacker. In 2010 at NMMI, Ross earned First Team All-Western States Football League honors at Linebacker. THE 2012-2013 SUPERIOR SPORTS NETWORK UNIVERSITY SPORTS MENTORING LEADERSHIP CLINIC CHAMPION. Congratulations to Bill and his bride Lakyn McClure on their marriage. They were married on 18 July 2014. We wish them the best!



After taking a year off Marcus L. Young 1995 HS attended Syracuse University. After graduation (Class of 2000) he married Shalise Manza Young in 2001. Their first child, daughter, Jordyn born in 2002, adopted Ronsanto (at age 12) in 2004 and daughter Simone born in 2014. Spent 14 years as a Network Administrator at the Brookwood School in Manchester, MA. He is currently the Director of Technology at the Winsor School in Boston, MA, residing in Revere, MA. His mother, CW3 Cassandra Young (US, Army Retired) and his father, Rev. Derrick Jackson is deceased.



The Alumni Relations office was happy to meet **James J. Younger 1946 HS. LTC Jim Lowe 1967 JC**, NMMI, Alumni Relations Director gave him a tour of the campus which has changed since he was a member of the Corps. We hope to see him back on the Hill for Homecoming 2016!

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BG Kenneth T. Takasaki 1981 JC

Brigadier General Takasaki completed the Special Forces, Ranger, Jumpmaster, and Air Assault Courses. He has earned the Canadian, Egyptian, and Master Jordanian Parachutist Badge. His awards include the Bronze Star Medal, two awards of the Meritorious Service Medal, Valorous Unit Award, and the Combat

Infantryman's Badge. He is the recipient of the General George C. Marshall Leadership Award.

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SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. (July 9, 2014) -- **Brig. Gen. Susan A. (Petters) Davidson, USA 1983 JC** commanding general of Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, pinned on the rank of Major General. [READ MORE](#)



New Mexico Military Institute alumnus and National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency's military deputy was promoted to major general in a ceremony 18 July 2014 at NGA's Springfield, VA, headquarters.

U.S. Army **Maj. Gen. Mark Quantock 1980 JC**, NGA's senior military officer and a native of Plattsburgh, New York, received a second star in an afternoon ceremony while surrounded by family, friends and colleagues.

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Michael D. Renner 1972 HS graduated from Washington State University in 1978 and in 1981 married Laurie Renner. They celebrated their 33rd anniversary on 1 August. They started Computer Accounting Services which has been Rebranded to WAC Solution Partners. They do full service bookkeeping and accounting services and are Accounting Resellers for Sage, QuickBooks, Acumatica and Abila Fund Accounting. They live in the Coachella Valley near Palm Springs California and enjoy tennis, the desert and California.



The General McBride Roswell Veterans Cemetery was made possible by a 20 acres of land immediately north of South Park Cemetery donated by the trust of **LTG Douglas Ladson "Lad" McBride, NMSDF (Ret) 1946 JC**. Pictured below at the dedication of the cemetery on 4 July 2014 are Jerry W. Grizzle, Ph.D., Major General (USA Retired) NMMI President and Superintendent, **LTC James D. Lowe 1967 JC**, NMMI, Alumni Director and Douglas J. Murray (Brigadier General, USAF, Retired), NMMI Dean of Academics.

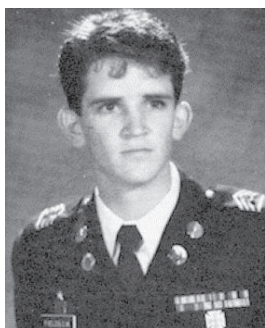


General McBride was the first to be laid to rest. Twenty veterans were interred in the columbarium with military honors.



Judge Kea W. (Whetzal) Riggs 1983 HS was appointed to the bench as a United States Magistrate Judge for the District of New Mexico on 13 April 2001. Prior to taking the bench Judge Riggs was a prosecutor with a focus on the prosecution of violent crimes. [READ MORE](#)

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Congratulations to **Crae W. Fields 1989 HS** for his successful completion of the requirements for the PGA Certification in General Management. The program included 75 hours studying online and passed a proficiency exam that now places him

among the top three percent of the 22,000 members of the PGA of America. Crae is the Golf Pro at the NMMI Golf Course.



John D. Wolf 1963 HS spent nine years active Air Force. Twenty-six years in aerospace engineering. Retired 2005. He now lives in San Diego, CA. He is a practicing musician and electronics hobbyist. He also teaches as an adjunct instructor at National University.



Manie F. Morales 1984 JC matriculated at NMMI 1982-1983. She is now a professional Spanish Language Coach and Consultant as well as an academic teacher. She lives in Southern California and has a beautiful daughter!

Chapter News



This year's DC Chapter Annual NMMI Alumni BBQ found us enjoying the company of so many who made the effort to jump on planes and drive many miles to enjoy the benefit of a pool side chat with fellow brothers and sisters. **Karen M. Wall 1982 JC** in from Hawaii, **M. Margaret Sanger 1984 HS** from Portland, **Brian D. Earl 1984 JC** from Kansas City, and **John A. Hines 1984 JC** from

New Jersey (Not to mention everyone who crossed the Potomac to hazard a visit to Maryland). We all loved the moment and each other. Great night!! If you are interested in getting involved with the DC Chapter, please contact **Lawrence J. "Larry" Moon, Jr. 1983 JC** at lawrence.moon@gmail.com.

NMMI ALUMNI CHAPTER CONTACTS

To check out the list of chapters click here!

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As many of you know, the headquarters building, "Lusk Hall" named for COL Ewing L. Lusk, NMML is being updated. Colonel Lusk had four NMML yearbooks dedicated to him. They were 1914, 1928, 1944 and 1952. This is the dedication page from the 1952 yearbook, the year he became the Superintendent. As alumni, you will appreciate what he had to say in the dedication. (see below)

You young gentlemen "are about to quit this sacred retreat of friendship and virtue." As you go your several ways, remember that our very best wishes, both individual and collective, go with you. You are the product of N.M.M.I. By you, it will be known, and by your happiness and accomplishments, its philosophy will, in great measure, be tested. The world you are stepping into is torn by distrust, strife and indecision. If the school has succeeded in its major effort, you are dependable, unafraid, just, and able to make up your mind when the chips are down. Your country needs you both as citizen and soldier. I know you will serve creditably in either or both capacities.

As alumni, remember that we are always behind you. Never forget nor neglect the friends you have made, the moral standards you have upheld, nor the code of honor under which you have lived and, by all means, come to see us when you pass this way.

**E. L. Lusk, Colonel
Superintendent**