



NMMI Alumni Relations

Wishes you a very

*Merry
Christmas*

December | 2013

Direct Descendants Dinner



On Thursday, 8 November, the Fall Alumni Direct Descendants Dinner was held in VMV. Special thanks to Brig Gen Douglas N. Murray, USAF (Ret), Dean of Academics at NMML, who was our host for the evening. General Murray talked about the importance of the educated family. Thanks to our alumni guests **James H. Matchin 1968 JC** and his daughter, Major Patricia E. Matchin, NMML; **Bernarr A. Treat 1982 HS**; **William E. Cavin 1985 JC**; **Gregory G. Graves 1969 JC**; **Sergio A. Ortega 1977 HS** and his wife, Dora. There are currently two cadets who are 4th generation at NMML



and six that are 3rd generation. NMML takes pride in descendants and the alumni parents and grandparents who send them here.

It is a fun event for the cadets, with great food and an ice cream bar with all the fixin's. The new descendants are awarded a Legacy pin to wear on the right pocket of their shirts. If you are interested in attending the next dinner scheduled for 5 February 2014, please call our office at 575-624-8250 and talk to Sarah.

Pictured to the right are Cadet Phillip Clay Harvey with his father, John J. Harvey 1985 HS and his grandfather, Phil W. Harvey 1956 HS.



Chapter News

Congratulations!



The Broncos won their first NMMI bowl game victory since 1999 with a 32-16 victory over Arizona Western on Saturday, 7 December 2013. "We played well today. Very well," said coach Joe Fortchner, who praised his entire squad. - See more at: <http://wordpress.nmmi.edu/nmmipost/?p=987#sthash.fvExHLTL.dpuf>



Nights with NMMI

Albuquerque, NM Night with NMMI - 2/4/2014
Santa Fe, NM Night with NMMI - 2/6/2014
Phoenix, AZ Night with NMMI - 2/12/2014
San Diego, CA Night with NMMI - 2/18/2014
Santa Ana, CA Night with NMMI - 2/19/2014
Ontario, CA Night with NMMI - 2/20/2014
ALX VA, Washington, D.C. Afternoon with NMMI - 2/22/2014
Tampa, FL Night with NMMI - 2/26/2014
Portland, OR Night with NMMI - 2/26/2014
El Paso, TX Night with NMMI - 3/4/2014
Las Cruces, NM Night with NMMI - 3/5/2014
Dallas, TX Night with NMMI - 3/11/2014
Ft. Worth, TX Night with NMMI - 3/12/2014
San Antonio, TX Night with NMMI - 3/18/2014
Houston, TX Night with NMMI - 3/20/2014
Jackson, MS Night with NMMI - 3/25/2014
Chicago, IL Night with NMMI - 4/2/2014
Seattle, WA Night with NMMI - 4/8/2014
Albuquerque, NM Night with NMMI - 4/15/2014
Colorado Springs, CO Night with NMMI - 4/17/2014
Oklahoma City, OK Night with NMMI - 4/22/2014
Lawton, OK Night with NMMI - 4/24/2014

This is a great time to get involved with an NMMI Alumni Chapter. Don't see a Chapter in your area? Give us a call at 575-624-8250. We can help you get started.

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Chapter News



Our first two cadet receptions went pretty smoothly regardless of a few bumps in the road. Originally, the buses from Roswell were scheduled to arrive at the Sunport on Saturday, 23 November, but due to the bad weather, they arrived a day early, Friday, 22 November. Thanks to **Mike Ortiz 1985 HS** and **Greg Peebles 1977 JC** for helping out at the last minute in assisting the cadets, helping them get fed lunch and dinner Friday and breakfast and lunch on Saturday, and then onto their flights Saturday. All food, drinks, and snacks were provided by our NMMI Alumni-Albuquerque Chapter which was GREAT! Some cadets spent the night at the airport and Mike and Greg made sure they had a warm safe place to sleep and store their luggage. Saturday everything went smoothly and all the cadets made their flights. We had lots of hot dogs, snacks, condiments, and paper goods left over so we thought we would put them in the refrigerator for the following Sunday's Cadet Reception. Unfortunately, when we arrived Sunday, December 1st, everything was gone. Someone wiped us out. We quickly re-grouped and Mike went out and replaced the items we needed. The end result went smoothly. The cadets all got on the bus Sunday evening and traveled

back to NMMI safely. It is a huge task to take on these receptions without help. If anyone would like to donate an hour or two of your time or any financial help, any and all would be GREATLY APPRECIATED! Our next Cadet Receptions will be for the Christmas holiday.

The dates are as follows:

Friday, 20 December 2013 0800 - 1400

Sunday, 12 January 2014 1000 - 1930

Donations are always welcome to help feed the cadets! Any generous alumni who want to donate toward these events can send donations to:

NMMI Alumni – Albuquerque Chapter
9012 Las Camas Road, NE
Albuquerque, NM 87111

All is appreciated!

Janna Taylor 1989 JC

505-228-3060

<http://www.nmmialumni-abq.com>

[Albuquerque Chapter Facebook](#)



College Broncos

Women's Cross Country: Competed in four meets. Best team finish was 5th in the Angelo State Classic on Oct. 15. Best individual finish was by sophomore Klaudia Szych, 28th place in the Angelo State Meet.

Football: Finished regular season with a 7-4 overall record, and a 5-3 mark in the WSFL, good for third place.

Volleyball: 25-18 Overall record, 7-3 in conference. WJCAC Conference Co-Champions along with Odessa College. Won the Region V West Post-Season Tournament, earning a berth to the NJCAA National Championships – the first time in the program's 13-year history to play in the National Tournament. Went 2-2 at Nationals, finishing No. 10 in the nation for NJCAA Division 1 Women's Volleyball.



Monday, December 16th, from 6pm-8pm, you are invited to join the Houston alumni of NMMI at our Happy Hour on the west side of Houston at the Hilton Houston Westchase, 9999 Westheimer near Beltway 8. Directions: <http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/texas/hilton-houston-westchase-HOUWCHF/maps-directions/index.html>

Visit our Facebook Page here: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/321582457935283/> and be sure to join (Like) us so that you will get event notices when they are posted.

Go to the 'events' tab to see more information.

The Happy Hour meetings are set for 6 pm-8 pm. Treat these meetings as you would an Open House, i.e. show up when you can during that timeframe and leave when you must.

Come out and relax with old and new alumni friends.

See you there,

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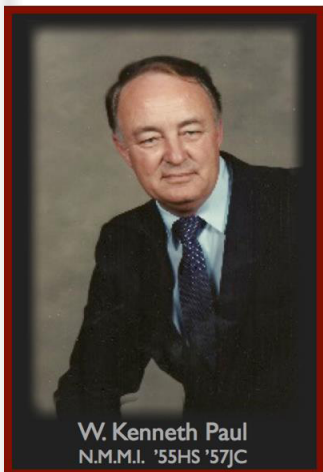
Angel A. Reyes, Jr. 2013 HS

Greetings from West Point!

It was a rainy day on 1 July - R-Day for the Class of 2017 at West Point. My family and I had our 90-second goodbye and my West Point experience began. BEAST (Cadet Basic Training) consisted of rucking, qualifying with the M-16, the gas chamber, Individual Movement Techniques, rain, and more training like rappelling and detonating claymores. After BEAST, classes started and I decided to try out for the West Point boxing team. After three grueling weeks of tryouts, I was selected to be a part of the team. The team has won the National Championship five times out of the last six years. Classes are challenging, but similar to the Institute, time management is critical in our lives here at the academy. The instructors here are extremely helpful and want to see you succeed as long as you put forth the effort. Many of them understand what our lives are like because they graduated from here as well. Cadets are here from all around the world as you can imagine. There are cadets that are fresh out of high school, prior enlisted soldiers (some who have been deployed), foreign cadets, and cadets that have prior college experience. The majority of the cadets here will not hesitate to help a fellow cadet whether it is academics, physical fitness, or personal issues. We "Cooperate to Graduate" in other words. This upcoming week is Army Navy week and the Army Navy game on Saturday. The game is held in Philadelphia and I cannot wait to be a part of the Army Navy tradition. From what I have been told, the experience is indescribable. It is more than a game because at the end of the day, the cadets at West Point and midshipmen at Annapolis are on the same team. Honestly, without the foundation of skills I gained from NMMI, I do not believe attending West Point would be a reality.

Angel A. Reyes, Jr.
NMMI 2013 HS
West Point 2017

Alumni Updates



W. Kenneth Paul 1957 JC died 12 November 2013. He was born 1 November 1936, in Louisville, KY, and moved to Albuquerque with his parents, John and Alba (Billie) Paul, in 1943.

Ken attended Emanuel Lutheran School in Albuquerque as well as Trudell's School in the legendary Huning Castle near Old Town Albuquerque. He graduated from high school at New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell and attended one year of college there. He earned a degree in business at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales where he met his wife, the former Paula Griffith of Stegall, Texas. He did work toward a master's degree at the University of New Mexico.

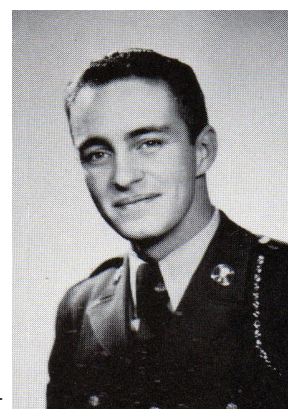
Ken was employed by Sandia Laboratories for 40 years as a computer analyst and retired in 2001. He was instrumental in helping Sandia Laboratories make the computer transition to Y2K.

Among his loves were his wife, children, and grandchildren; his airplane, a Cessna Cardinal, N12095; his dog, Smokey; dancing with his wife, and his alma mater, New Mexico Military Institute.

Paula and Ken enjoyed many vacations traveling in his plane, and Ken also enjoyed skiing and the occasional snorkeling trip. Besides his wife, he is survived by his son, **COL Timothy S. Paul, USARNG 1984 JC** and wife Linda; daughter, Kristen Paul Dennis and husband LTC Bryan Dennis; grandchildren, Lauren Dennis, Austin Dennis, Shelby Paul, Savannah Paul, Bailey Paul, and Tanner Paul, all of Albuquerque.

His ashes will rest in the columbarium at New Mexico Military Institute.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the W. Kenneth Paul Memorial Scholarship Fund at the NMMI Foundation, Inc., 101 West College Boulevard, Roswell, NM, 88201, (575) 624-8035.



We were very honored and pleased to have four members of the Class of 1943 join us at Homecoming this year. From left to right **CAPT Donald Asa Smith, USN (Ret) 1943 HS** from Manhattan Beach, CA, **Garrettson Dulin, Jr. 1943 JC** from Steamboat Springs, CO; and **Thomas Lloyd Pearson 1941 HS ~ 1943 JC**, from Roswell, NM. On the far right is Jerry W. Grizzle, Ph.D. Major General (USA Retired.) It was a wonderful treat to have them join us.

Alumni Relations TIMELINE

1792

Yale University devises a system for organizing alumni by class. "Yale is thought to be the first college, starting in 1792, to identify alumni on the basis of their affiliation with specific undergraduate classes, the basic step in organizing alumni affairs," says Mark Dollhopf, executive director of the Association of Yale Alumni, on the university's website.

Kentucky becomes a state.

Construction of the White House begins.

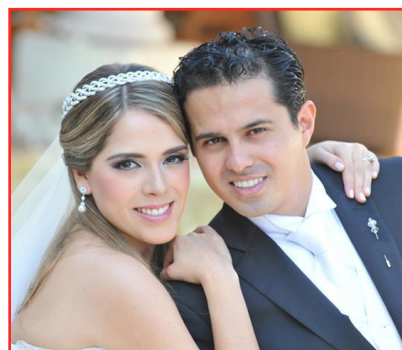


Special thanks to **Adam W. Camp 2008 JC** and **Ronald E. Fernandez 1981 JC** for their contribution to the Silver Taps ceremony. Adam reads the names of each fallen alumnus while Ron played "Amazing Grace" on his bagpipes. Cadets are lined up on the second stoop, each one with a candle. As the names are read, a candle is lit for each one. After the names have been read, "Taps" is played by three bugles. To inform the Alumni Relations Office of deceased alumni, please call Adela at 575-624-8250.

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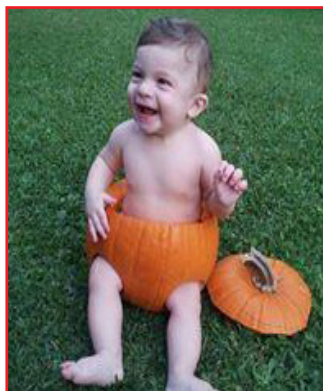
Congratulations to **Adrian Kadiff Reyes Romero 2000 HS** and Clémence Danion. They married in a traditional Mexican wedding on 17 August in San Miguel de Allende, Guanajuato, Mexico. They will be residing in Dubai.



On 21 April 2012 in Ciudad Obregon, Sonora, Mexico, **Francisco A. Coppel Garcia 2002 HS** and Ana Lourdes Valenzuela were wed. Congratulations!



Philip C. Sanchez 1969 HS and his wife Ann, after retiring from teaching and coaching, have continued their ranching business in Wyoming. They recently bought an additional section of land bringing their total to five sections.



Jose A. Espin Nasser 2002 JC his wife Dulce Maria welcomed their second child, Jose A. Nasser Larraquibel on 2 May 2013. He joins three year old sister, María Nasser Larraquibel.

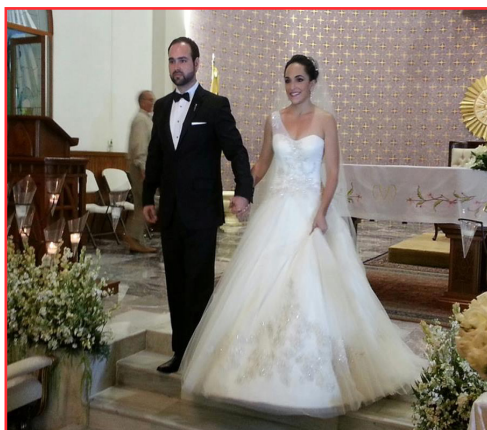


Chris Patten 1995 HS has a masters in education. He worked as an assistant tennis coach at The Citadel and then returned home to New Zealand to teach high school. He is currently a manager for 16 Resource Teachers of Learning and Behaviour in New Zealand.



Danny Ray Pierce 1967 JC:

"The most important two years of my life were spent at NMML." Mr. Pierce is retired and living in Fairhope, AL.

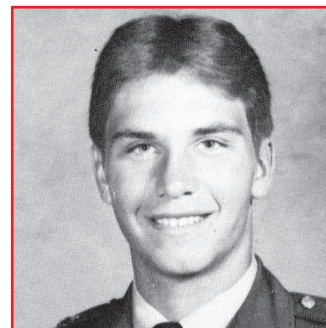


Jose Andres Renovales 2000 HS was married to Dahlia Beatriz Fierro on 2 November 2013 in Los Mochis, Sinaloa. On 20 April his sister, **Daniela J. Renovales Francisco 2004 HS**, was married to Jose Francisco in Hermosillo, Sonora.

Alumni Updates



The Reverend Omar W. Pitman, Jr. 1954 SC retired from active Episcopal priesthood on 31 August 2005; having served since 1992 as Associate Rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in San Antonio, TX. In retirement he was appointed by the bishop as Canon Missioner for South San Antonio, serving for the last seven and a half years, retiring again on 30 June 2013. He is now enjoying full retirement and hoping to attend the 60th reunion of the Class of 1954 SC in the fall of 2014.



LTC Jeffery W. Engbrecht, USA (Ret) 1978 JC is working for CAS, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Wyle. He was recently promoted to sector manager. His team provides acquisition program management assistance to the U.S. Army Medium Extended Air Defense System National Product Office and the PATRIOT Ground Support Product Office.



Robert C. Eaton 1953 HS graduated from the University of Texas in Austin, TX, with a BBA degree in industrial management in 1957. He received a commission in the Army through ROTC. He served two years in Germany with the C Co. of the 382nd MP in Baumholder, Germany, then returned to Monterrey, Mexico, to work.



Niven J. Baird 1950 JC is staying busy keeping up with the property. He is volunteering a large amount of time with the Cumberland County (PA) Honor Guard; providing burial services for veterans. He is staying in communication with a man who was a corporal in 1948 with the 104th Cavalry--part of the detachment which took care of our horses. Small world!



2LT Christopher J. Bartenhagen, USA 2008 JC has gone on to complete a BS in civil engineering from Gonzaga University and commissioned in the U.S. Army as a Second Lieutenant.



Clifford W. Crowe 1960 HS attended ENMU after leaving NMML. He owned several fast food restaurants in New Mexico and Texas and then went into the real estate brokerage business in Hobbs, NM. He became a born again Christian in 1972 and moved to Carlsbad, CA, in 1988 where he became an ordained priest while still working in real estate. He has been married for 53 years and has 4 children and 11 grandchildren.

Alumni Updates



1948

B. James Lieberman 1949 HS

Lieberman attended Santa Monica College, Claremont Men's College; and then Norton Air Force Base during the Korean War.

He entered the securities business in September 1955, the day President Ike (Eisenhower) had his heart attack. At that time Lieberman was a floor trader and specialist on the Pacific Coast Stock Exchange.

He also trained on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange and worked at Goldman Sacks in New York City. After nearly 50 years as a stock broker, he retired from Smith Barney in Beverly Hills as vice president of investment, where he handled high net worth clients.

He is now a real estate agent in the Beverly Hills and west Los Angeles area.

He wants to express thanks to the NMMI Board of Regents and **LTC James D. Lowe, NMMI 1967 JC** for their work on Lieberman's behalf.

He is honored and flattered to graduate from NMMI after so many years. WOW! IT IS A DREAM COME TRUE.

His current hobby and activity is running 2 1/2 miles every day.

As of this writing he has completed 783 (over 2 years) consecutive days of 2 1/2 miles -

"COME RAIN OR SHINE" he runs. Hopefully, he will be close to 1,000 days by graduation day!



High School Colts

Boys' Cross Country: Won the District Title for the second year in a row, earning a team birth to the NMAA State Championship Meet. At State, they finished in 11th place. Best individual finish was from sophomore Juan Estremadoyro, who came in 19th.

Girls' Cross Country: With only two members, the Lady Colts weren't able to compete as a team, but junior Amira Hindi and freshman Sierra Walker both qualified as individuals for the state meet. Hindi placed first in the district meet, and finished 23rd at State.

Soccer: Finished season with a 6-10-1 overall record and 3-5 in district.

Football: Went 5-6 overall and 1-1 in District 4-2A. Selected as No. 9 overall seed in the 12-team Class 2A State Playoffs. Lost in first round at No. 8 Navajo Prep, 63-45.

Volleyball: Finished season with a 13-5 overall record, with a first place finish in the House High School Tournament, and a third place finish in the Gateway Christian Tournament.

William Allen Gearhart 1967 JC died Monday,

4 November 2013. Born 9 September 1946,

he was 67 years old. A recent resident of

Cloudcroft, NM, most of his life was spent

ranching in Montana and Valentine, TX.

Gearhart attended school in Valentine, TX and

New Mexico Military Institute. He also spent

two years serving in the United States Army.

With strong family ties and values, he shared

his abilities with cattle organizations, his

community, and church. Gearhart was a past

director of the Montana Cattlemen's Association, The Davis Mountains Trans

Pecos Heritage Association, and Texas Southwestern Cattle Raisers

Association. He was a Jeff Davis County Commissioner, elder in the

Presbyterian Church and director for thirty three years at the Marfa National

Bank. After moving to Cloudcroft, he joined the Cloudcroft United

Methodist Church where he enjoyed singing in the choir. He was preceded

in death by his parents, Ben and Mary Martha Gearhart; and sister, Tai

Gearhart. Gearhart is survived by his wife Marsha; son Paul; and the love of

his life, granddaughter Bethanee. In addition, he is survived by his sister,

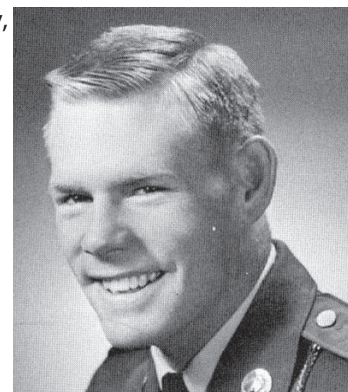
Jessica McInnis and her husband Bill; nephew Ben McInnis and wife Rachel;

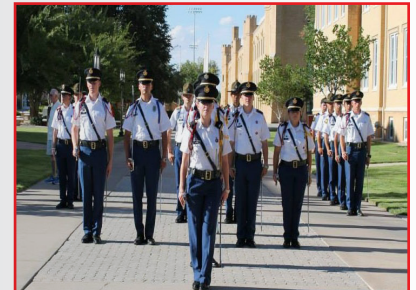
niece Rachel Myers and husband Scott; and four great nephews, Levi and Ty

McInnis and Brooks and Reece Myers. In lieu of flowers, memorial

contributions may be made to the Presbyterian Children's Home in Austin,

TX or West Texas Boy's Ranch in San Angelo, TX.





CAMPAIGN FOR THE CORPS

The logo of the New Mexico Military Institute is centered between the words "FOR" and "THE". It features a shield with a red eagle at the top, a red and black striped field, and the words "NEW MEXICO" and "MILITARY INSTITUTE" on banners. A sword is positioned below the shield.

Make a difference today!

This is your chance to change someone's life. Help attract the best and brightest to become the leaders of tomorrow. Fulfill the promise that is

New Mexico Military Institute!

Contact Nickie Vigil 1981 JC, Director of Development for more information at nickie@nmmi.edu; 575-624-8621 or make your donation online at www.nmmi.edu/campaignforthecorps

2014 NMMI ALUMNI CRUISE

Our last NMMI alumni cruise was amazing, so it's time to start planning another one. We took a survey and asked where everyone would like to go on the next one and the votes are in.....Europe it is!!!

We have planned a fabulous cruise from Rome to the Greek Isles for July 2014 and hope you can all join your fellow alumni on this fantastic vacation destination. The deposit is \$450 per person or \$900 per cabin.

Celebrity Cruises

Celebrity Reflection 25 July 2014

<http://www.cruisestnt.com/cs/205513> for details!

