

NMMI *Alumni Relations*



 **WELCOME ALUMNI** 



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Record number of cadets recognized at Excellence Dinner



By Brig Gen Douglas J. Murray, USAF (Ret) and Michele Bates

That which defines a military school and NMMI is its learning model – the approach to the education and training of students. This approach to learning at NMMI is based upon the principle and tenets of a liberal education, (enumerated at the founding of the nation as required for an educated citizenry in a democracy) and the development of the whole person (mind, body, and character). A time-tested model for developing leaders, it is encapsulated in the NMMI mission, “to educate, train and prepare young men and women to be leaders capable of critical thinking and sound analysis, leaders who possess uncompromising character and leaders able to meet challenging physical

demands.” That mission is put into practice through the curriculum that is executed by a faculty that incorporates academic professors, athletic coaches, and the Troop/Squadron Leadership Advisors.

Excellence and its pursuit is the culture that permeates every endeavor at NMMI, whether student, faculty or staff. Each year in the fall and spring semester, those cadets who have excelled at learning in the previous semester in all aspects of curriculum – academic, leadership and athletics, are recognized at the Academic Excellence Award Dinner. On 30 January 2014, this semester’s dinner was held, and a record number of cadets were recognized. Recognition on the Superintendent’s List requires that a cadet must earn a minimum GPA of 3.50 (both high school and college). The high school cadet must be carrying a load of five solid subjects and the college cadet a minimum of 14 semester hours. Additionally, the cadet’s deportment grade must be an “A”.

Recognition on the Dean’s List requires that a cadet must earn a minimum GPA of 3.25. The high school cadet must be carrying a load of five solid subjects and the college cadet a minimum of 14 semester hours.

Additionally, the cadet’s deportment grade must be an “A”.

There were 140 students (15.2% of total cadets) on the Superintendent’s List, and 46 students (5% of total cadets) on the Dean’s List. Of those on the Superintendent’s List, there were 35 who had a 4.0 GPA, which was 3.8% of total cadets. This is the largest number of cadets (186) to be on these two prestigious lists over the past eight semesters. The breakdown by grade is shown below.

Dean’s List								Superintendent’s List							
HSFR	HSSO	HSJR	HSSR	Total HS	JCFR	JCSO	Total JC	HSFR	HSSO	HSJR	HSSR	Total HS	JCFR	JCSO	Total JC
3	4	4	5	16	21	9	30	12	15	26	16	69	49	22	71

The General Richard T. Knowles Legislative Scholarship program allows each of New Mexico’s 112 legislators to nominate a student from their district for scholarship consideration. In addition, non-selected applicants may be eligible to receive an un-awarded legislative scholarship in an open contiguous district. A student awarded the Legislative Scholarship may receive the award for up to four years. There were 200 cadets who received the Knowles Legislative Scholarships at NMMI this past fall. Out of those recipients, 34 were on the Superintendent List and 10 were on the Dean’s List. The result is 22 percent of the Knowles Scholars were recognized at the Academic Excellence Dinner.

Father Theodore Hesburgh, the legendary President of Notre Dame, puts it best, “The Greeks were at their best when they insisted that excellence, was at the heart of human activity at its noblest, certainly at the heart of education at its civilized best”, *The Humane Imperative* (1974), p.78.

That is how it is at NMMI!



Calling all Alumni!

Save the date! The 25th Anniversary Trail Ride will be held on 10-14 June 2014 at the Christmas Ranch in Wagon Mound, NM. Our hosts are **Brad A. Christmas 1970 HS** and his wife Becky. This is the second Trail Ride at the Christmas Ranch; they also hosted the 2005 Trail Ride.

Read Brad's welcome letter [here](#).

We are also looking for sponsorships for this years Trail Ride! If you or anyone you know would like to become a sponsor please give us a call at 575-624-8250 or email us at alumnioffice@nmmi.edu.



Put your mark on NMMI

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!

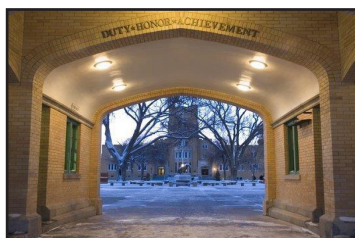
Check out the store website:

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



Want to know how NMMI is doing? It was a very good year!

Read the **2012-2013 New Mexico Military Institute performance report**.



2014 Graduation



2014 Graduation is coming up. The Commissioning will be held in Pearson Auditorium beginning at 0800 on 23 May, 2014. Baccalaureate begins at 1030 and the Awards Ceremony begins at 1500. Commencement begins at 0800 on Saturday, 24 May, 2014 on Colt Field.

Be sure to plan ahead if you will be needing lodging. The annual Roswell Hike It and Spike It tournament starts on 24 May, so rooms in Roswell will book fast. To see what is available for lodging click [here](#).

Help the Corps of Cadets!

Help the Corps of Cadets support the Chaves County Cancer Fund! This Community Service event on the NMMI campus involves the entire Corps of Cadets and is designed to raise cancer awareness and support for victims of cancer in Chaves County. Donations can be made to NMMI Cadet Activities and mailed to 101 West College Boulevard prior to 1 April. Activities over the 10 hour period will include music, sports competitions, and a barbecue and for the cadets. The Cancer Awareness March will be 1 March 2014.



Chapter News



Sacramento, CA Chapter Event news and update from **CW4 J. C. Dodd, USAR (Ret) 1978 HS --**

Our next luncheon social will be at noon on Saturday, 22 March, at the North Ridge Country Club, 7600 Madison Avenue, Fair Oaks, California, 95628 at 1200 hrs.

Read more [here](#).



Roswell Chapter News

The Roswell NMMI Chapter will have an informal alumni gathering on 21 February 2014 at the Roswell Country Club at 2601 Urton Road in Roswell from 1900 to 2100. Hope to see you there!

Pictured are the NMMI Sacramento Alumni Chapter members. R to L:
B. James Lieberman 1949 HS, CW4 J.C. Dodd, 1978 HS, Jeffrey P. Sortomme 1983 JC, Karen M. Wall 1982 JC, G. Eric Northman 1962 HS, Milan G. "Rich" Richardson 1947 HS, Brian D. Koeber 1986 JC, Ana L. Sokoloff 1987 JC, LTC Andre Dragomiretzky, USA (Ret) 1979 JC, LTC. John H. Stephens, USA (Ret) 1968 JC, and Ralph Samuel "Sam" Gonzales 1979 HS.

Nights with NMMI

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

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Chapter News

LIGHTNING STRIKES UP AN OPPORTUNITY!

THIS PAST YEAR AT THE N.M.M.I. GOLF COURSE, THE GREEN ON HOLE NUMBER 5 SUFFERED A LIGHTNING STRIKE TO ITS FULLY-GROWN SHADE TREE.

GOLF PRO AND N.M.M.I. ALUMNUS CRAE FIELDS '89HS SAW THE LOSS OF THE TREE AS A TRAGEDY, BUT ALSO RECOGNIZED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE REMAINING TREE STUMP TO BECOME A LASTING TRIBUTE TO HIS ALMA MATER.



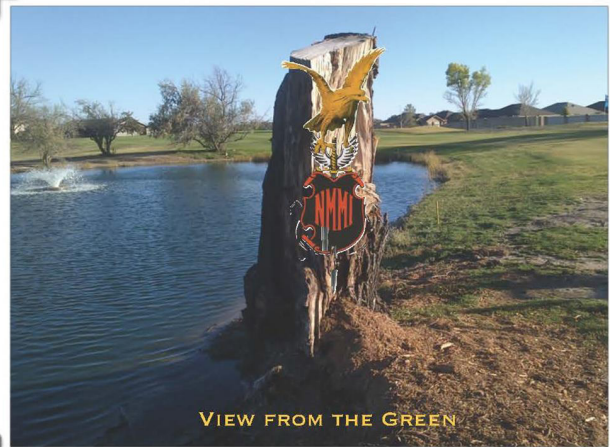
IN COORDINATION WITH A RENOWNED CHAINSAW SCULPTOR, PLANS HAVE BEEN APPROVED TO TRANSFORM THE EXISTING TREE STUMP INTO A WORK OF ART, WITH REVERED SYMBOLS OF N.M.M.I. AS THE BASIS FOR THE ARTWORK.

A PLAQUE WITH THE 40 DONORS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE FINAL DISPLAY, FOR ALL TO OBSERVE AS THEY PLAY THE N.M.M.I. GOLF COURSE.

- \$100 Donations will be accepted from the first 40 donors -
- Call (575) 624-8035 to be named as part of this effort! -
- Donations can be applied as part of Annual Crossed Sabers membership -



VIEW FROM THE FAIRWAY



VIEW FROM THE GREEN

N.M.M.I. Alumni ★ Albuquerque Chapter

★ 6th Annual ★

**Valentine Sweethearts Dinner
@ Scalo Northern Italian Grill**

Thursday, February 20th @ 6pm

**RSVP with Reply Email
Include Names for Seats**

**Proceeds Benefit the Chapter
& the Campaign for the Corps**

**\$25 per seat ★ \$50 per couple
Pay at the door ★ Cash/Check/Credit**



Chapter News

D.C. NMMI Alumni Chapter Members,

Our Tattoo is shaping up to be a very enjoyable event on 22 February 2014. This year we have secured an amazing place thanks to the Galaviz family who have graciously offered their residence in McLean, VA. Our Tattoo this year has been made possible by our fellow alumnus **Jonathan Galaviz 1996 JC**. Your early registration for our tattoo will be very helpful in facilitating our planning and execution of the annual NMMI Tattoo. Paying via our website automatically registers you for the event. You may also view the list of those who will be in attendance.

The address for this year's Tattoo is:

Galaviz Residence
8925 Brook Road
McLean, VA 22102

You will find details (cost, menu, etc) at:

www.nmmialumniconnect.com

If you don't have an EZ Pass, bring toll money as the residence is off of the Dulles tollway. The residence is limited to 60 guests, so please RSVP early to ensure your attendance.

As people start to RSVP, I will post names on the web site. NMMI staff will also be attending.

Larry Moon 1983 JC

Treasurer/Webmaster

Washington, D.C. **LTC J.W. Elliott USA (Ret) 1953 SC** Memorial NMMI Alumni Chapter

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIANS, MARK YOUR CALENDARS 16 AND 19 MARCH

The New Mexico Military Institute's Bronco Men's and Women's Tennis Teams will be in Los Angeles from 16 - 21 March. Tough opponents will be Mt. San Antonio College 17 March, Fullerton College 19 March and Glendale College 21 March all at 2-5 PM.

There will be two alumni receptions -

16 March at the Marriott Courtyard Hotel (Fox Hills Mall near LAX) from 4:30 to 6:30

19 March at the Marriott in Fullerton (close to CAL State Fullerton and the 57/91 intersection) from 6:00 – 8:00.

Light hors d'oeuvres will be served and a cash bar available at both venues. There will be a charge at the door.

Please RSVP to Rich Davis at rkd@perfddev.com or (310) 456-6301.

During these receptions, chaired by Rich Davis 1948 HS, you will meet the players and coaches, all of whom have interesting stories to tell. Also, you will hear about events on the Hill from **LTC Jim Lowe, NMMI 1967 JC**, Director Alumni Relations and from Jerry Grizzle, Ph.D., Major General (USA Retired), President/Superintendent. This will be an outstanding chance for you to get caught up with the status of our great institution.

Alumni Updates



Tiffany O. Silver 1991 HS had a scheduled book release on 16 February 2014 in Malibu, CA.

Tiffany Silver is an Intuitive Life Coach, Healer to the Healers, and author who has studied in India, Israel, Hungary, and Thailand. Throughout her travels, studies and experiences she has acquired vast knowledge and enlightened tools which she humbly and gratefully imparts in her new book, *Silver to Gold – The Alchemy of the Feminine Heart*.

“My purpose is to equip the reader with tools that will transform and empower his/her life forever.”

You can order a copy [here](#).

Congratulations Tiffany!



Rebecca C. (Todd) Bare 2006 JC is married to Alexander Bare and they have one child, Meta Carolyn Bare and are expecting again in August. Congratulations! Rebecca graduated from Whitworth University in 2008 with a degree in Sociology and in 2011 with a Masters in teaching.



Michael D. Donovan 1970 HS is retired and living in Wilkesboro, North Carolina. His daughter Kelley just had her second son and their third grandchild - Jack Wiley Wilson, born 26 November 2013. He still loves the game of golf, and will be a grandstand marshal at the US Open in Pinehurst, NC in June. He will be working both the Men's and Women's tournaments, so he will be on the course for two weeks. If any of his classmates or old band members from his bandmaster years are there, please look for him!

Pictured here with his wife Laura Elise Donovan.

In January 2014, the Roswell, NM City Council approved naming the new veterans' cemetery the "General Douglas L. McBride Veterans' Cemetery".

LTG Douglas Ladson "Lad" McBride, NMSDF (Ret) 1946 JC and his wife Joyce have done much for the Roswell community. The McBride family had donated a 20-acre lot adjacent to South Park Cemetery to the city, 5-acres will become the veterans' cemetery.



COL John A. Chavez, USA (Ret) 1986 JC and his wife **Holly A. (Hansen) Chavez 1987 JC**

COL John A. Chavez, USA (Ret)

1986 JC was appointed by Governor Martinez to fill a magistrate judge vacancy in his home state of New Mexico.

After retiring from military service, he views service to his community to be both an honor and a blessing.

Have you moved, been promoted, got married?

Tell us what you have been doing since you've left NMMI!
Update us!

Alumni Updates



BG William A. "Bill" Hall, AZARNG 1987 JC has been appointed the Commanding General of the Arizona Army National Guard. He is responsible for 6,000 plus soldiers and civilians of the Arizona Army National Guard, including eight major subordinate commands. He also serves as the principal advisor to the Adjutant General on employment of the subordinate units on state and federal missions.

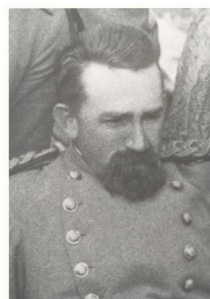
On Sunday, 16 February 2014, BG Hall served as the Air Marshal for the Washington's Birthday Celebration Association during the 117th Washington's Birthday Celebration in Laredo, TX. This celebration brings all of Laredo together to enjoy the Stars and Stripes Air Show Spectacular at the Laredo International Airport.

BG Hall returned from Afghanistan in June 2013 after commanding the 136th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, Texas Army National Guard.

BG Hall is married to Wendy (Flores) Hall and they have a daughter, Whitley. He is the son of BG (Ret) Hugh and Fran Hall.



Jerry W. Grizzle, Ph.D. Major General (USA Retired) visits with **MG Franklin E. Miles, USA (Ret) 1944 JC**, **COL Timothy S. Paul, USARNG 1984 JC**, and **BG Jack R. Fox, NMARG (Ret) 1968 JC** in late January. It was such a pleasure to have them all here on "The Hill". General Miles hopes to attend his 70th reunion at 2014 Homecoming in October 2014. Colonel Paul will be celebrating his 30th.

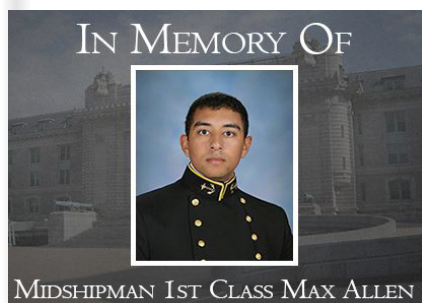


Goss Quote

"Let it be clearly understood that if this is not a military school it is nothing. By this is meant not only the outward forms and visible signs of military government—the drills and parade—it's tinsel and glare, but what is of more importance, the indoor government—the inner,

private life, manners and habits of the cadet, the close, constant, kindly supervision over the cadet in every respect—checking him here, urging him there—in the privacy of his room, at his meals, in recitation or at drill—on duty—off duty at work or play—is the spirit and purpose of this military school. Obedience is but self-command; and who commands himself is best learning to command others."

Colonel Robert S. Goss
Superintendent - 1891



We are deeply saddened by the loss of **Midshipman 1st Class Max Allen 2011 JC**, 25, of Chesterfield, Va., who was the victim of a fatal automobile accident that occurred on Naval Academy grounds over the weekend.

Midshipman Allen was an oceanography major and member of 1st Company at the Naval Academy. He played on the Club Soccer Team and participated in both the Italian-American and Japanese-American clubs here at the academy. He was slated to serve in the aviation community as a Naval Flight Officer after graduation and commissioning this May.

"BUT IF THEY ARE GONE FROM OUR RANKS, WE KEEP THEM ON OUR ROSTER, AS VALUES ONCE INTIMATELY KNOWN AND AVAILABLE IN OUR RECOLLECTIONS AND IN OUR HEARTS. THEY WILL REMAIN FOREVER YOUNG." - Author Unknown

Alumni Updates



Congratulations to **Tyler W. Vaughn 2002 HS** and wife Rachel on the birth of their third son, Levi Grayson, born on 12 February 2014.



Congratulations to **1LT Sarah E. (Smith) Schultz, TXARNG 2009 JC** and husband 1LT Caleb Schultz, USA, on the birth of Riley Ann on 21 January 2014.



Congratulations to **CPT Neil E. Fulsang, AKARNG 2009 JC** and his wife Mikala on the birth of beautiful baby girl Madelyn born on 22 January 2014. "She came out squirming like she wants to get on the basketball court like her mom".



Porter P. Swentzell 2002 JC is a former adjunct faculty member at Northern New Mexico College where he taught a number of courses such as: Spirit of Place, Native Senses of Place; Pueblo Indian History; History, Literature, Art and Philosophy and Tewa Ethnobiology: Plants and Animals in the Tewa World. Porter is also currently engaged in a number of research projects: The Tewa Verb Project; Sushi in Cortez; Mesa Verde Stories and the Pre-Contact pueblo Diet Project. He has also presented numerous cultural presentations and symposiums, such as Corn the Pueblos; Thaanugeh: Tewa Perspective of the Galisteo Basin and Tewa Origins, to name a few. Porter has also partnered with other Native artists and writers in a number of collaborative publications works, such as *Lexicon of Khap'on-Tewa Verbs & Pronouns: Patterns and Use* and *The Story of Rosie's Rate: A True Story*.

He has a B.A. in Integrated Studies with an emphasis in Pueblo Indian Studies from Northern New Mexico College and a M.A. in interdisciplinary studies from Western New Mexico University.



Mr. and Mrs. **Jeffery D. Gray 1987 JC** on their wedding day. Jeff and Julie were married in Key West, FL, on 15 December 2013. We wish them the very best.

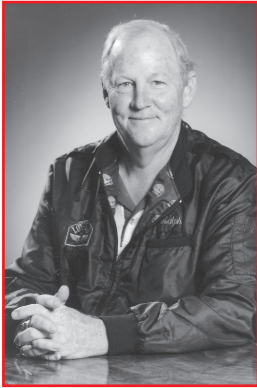


Congratulations to **Timothy E. Des Rosiers 1999 JC** and his bride Jacklyn Rorke on their marriage on 26 May 2013. Timothy is a triathlete living in Portland, WA.



Welcome to the world Ada Posey. Congratulations to parents Levi and **Erica J. (Ratliff) Posey 2010 HS**. Ada joined the family with big sister Eva. She was born on 21 January 2014

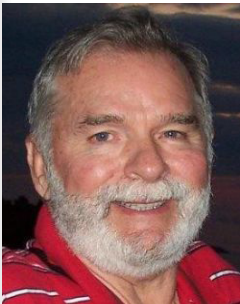
Alumni Updates



RALPH ROYCE 1964 JC began flying at 17, was Executive Director of the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF), joined the Lone Star Flight Museum of 1991 and founded the Texas Aviation Hall of Fame. Type rated in the B17, TBM, F6F, C60 (L18), he holds an unlimited piston powered letter from the FAA, has flown over 100 air shows, and air bossed over 250 shows. Involved in Air Show production and management since 1976, he has operated an aviation event consulting and air boss/announcing business for twenty years and is well known throughout the Air Show industry. He specializes in running first time or complex events safely!

Royce is Chairman of the International Council of Air Shows' Safety Committee. He is lead instructor for the Industry's Air & Ground Operations Seminar, both basic and advanced, taught at the ICAS Convention, the FAA Academy, and the USAF Air Show Workshop. He is

a board member of the Wings Over Houston Air Show. Having an excellent relationship within the air show community, as well as the FAA, Royce was selected to be the civilian consultant and air boss to the USAF's 5th Anniversary Golden Air Tattoo at Nellis AFB.



MAJ R. Charles Gentry, USA (Ret) 1956 SC passed away on 1 December 2013. Roy Charles Gentry was born on a farm near Dexter, NM, on 10 August 1935, to Roy and Neva Gentry. He married Gerry DeSmith Hardy on June 25, 1994 in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia.

Charles graduated high school in Roswell, NM, in 1952 and New Mexico Military Institute in 1956. While attending NMMI, Charles was elected All-Conference in football for four years as well as winning the State Golden Gloves boxing heavyweight title. He was inducted into the NMMI Hall of Fame in 1986.

Upon graduation, he entered the Army Corps of Engineers. During active duty he flew Army fixed and rotary wing aircraft with four overseas assignments in Germany, Libya, Iran and Vietnam. Charles was medically discharged in 1966 as the result of wounds sustained when his helicopter was shot down in Vietnam. During his military service, he received the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Distinguished Flying Cross and numerous Air Medals.

Charles graduated top student at Texas Tech School of Law in 1969 and served as a trustee of the Texas Tech Law Foundation. Before entering private law practice in Washington, DC, Dallas, and Austin, TX, he served as Legislative Director for U.S. Senator Pete Domenici, Special Assistant to the Attorney General as a White House Fellow, legal advisor to the National League of Families of POW's and MIA's in Vietnam, and Director of the Clean Lakes Program at the newly created Environmental Protection Agency. In 1992 he returned to Washington, D.C. as Chief of Staff to U.S. Senator Pete Domenici. Upon public service retirement, he consulted in Washington, D.C. on public policy issues related to science and nuclear weapons.



After retirement, he and Gerry logged thousands of miles in overseas travel, as well as domestic adventures in their RV. Their home was a log cabin in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. In 2005, they moved to Tierra Linda Ranch in Kerrville.

Alumni Updates



COL Stephen P. Perkins, USA (Ret) 1978 JC is the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, G2, FORSCOM, Fort Bragg, NC. He served the last 20 years of a 30 year career as an Military Intelligence officer. COL Perkins retired following his assignment on the Multi-National Force-Iraq staff from 2006-2007. He is a graduate of Cameron University, and holds graduate degrees in Public Administration and Strategic Studies, and is a 2001 graduate of the U.S. Army War College.

COL Perkins led the effort and co-authored a recent article to examine the Leadership Lessons of MG(R) Dillard's career.

Based on five of MG(R) Dillard's "war stories," it uses current leadership doctrine principles to examine the examples for future leaders. Read it [here](#).

COL Perkins, Project Management Professional®, became the assistant deputy chief of staff, G2, U. S. Army Forces Command (FORSCOM) at Fort Bragg, NC, on 25 October 2010. He synchronizes the Intelligence Directorate's effort to train, mobilize, deploy, sustain, transform and reconstitute conventional forces, providing relevant and ready land power to Combatant Commanders worldwide in defense of the Nation both at home and abroad.

Colonel Perkins served as a senior program manager with L-3 Communications, Inc. in Chantilly, VA, from 2009 to 2010. He managed U. S. Army Intelligence and Security Command contracts; and also led the L-3 STRATIS' Army Intelligence business development effort.

Colonel Perkins retired from the U. S. Army after 28 years of active service and a final assignment as the plans chief, Standing Joint Force Headquarters, U. S. Joint Forces Command in Norfolk, VA. While serving as Joint Information Operations Warfare Center (JIOWC) director of operations (J3), he deployed as the intelligence operations director for the Multi-National Force-Iraq (MNF-I) from 2006-2007. He also served as commander, 103rd Military Intelligence Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) from 1998 to 2000.

Colonel Perkins was born into a military family at Shelbyville, TN. He was commissioned into Field Artillery through the U. S. Army Reserve Officers Training Corps in 1978 and subsequently served in the Oklahoma Army National Guard. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice technology from Cameron University in Lawton, OK, in 1980, and entered active duty as an infantry officer. Colonel Perkins also holds a Master of Public Administration degree from Auburn University at Montgomery, AL, and a Master of Strategic Studies degree from the U. S. Army War College. His military education includes Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Army and Joint Counterintelligence Officer Courses, Army Command and General Staff Officer Course, Air Command and Staff College and the Army War College.

While on active duty, Colonel Perkins served as an infantry platoon leader, company commander and battalion operations officer (S3); military intelligence battalion executive officer, brigade S3, and battalion commander; and a joint staff officer on the Joint Staff, U. S. Joint Force Command staff, the JIOWC staff, and the MNF-I staff. His military assignments included tours in Hawaii, Iraq, and the Pentagon, where he served as the combating terrorism team leader supporting the Joint Staff. He also served as a platoon leader in Operation URGENT FURY in Grenada and earned a Korean Defense Service Medal for contingency support to Korean forces and an Iraq Campaign Medal for service during National Resolution phase. Colonel Perkins has extensive experience in light infantry operations, tactical and joint intelligence, counterterrorism analysis and joint information operations. His articles in *Infantry Magazine*, *Military Intelligence Professional Bulletin* and *IO Sphere Magazine* address tactical maneuver operations, Army and Joint Intelligence Operations and information operations issues. His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Joint Meritorious Unit Award with five Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Superior Unit Award, Combat and Expert Infantryman's Badges, the Master Parachutist Badge, and Australian and Canadian Parachutist Badges.



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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!

