

NMMI Alumni Relations

Corps of Former Cadets

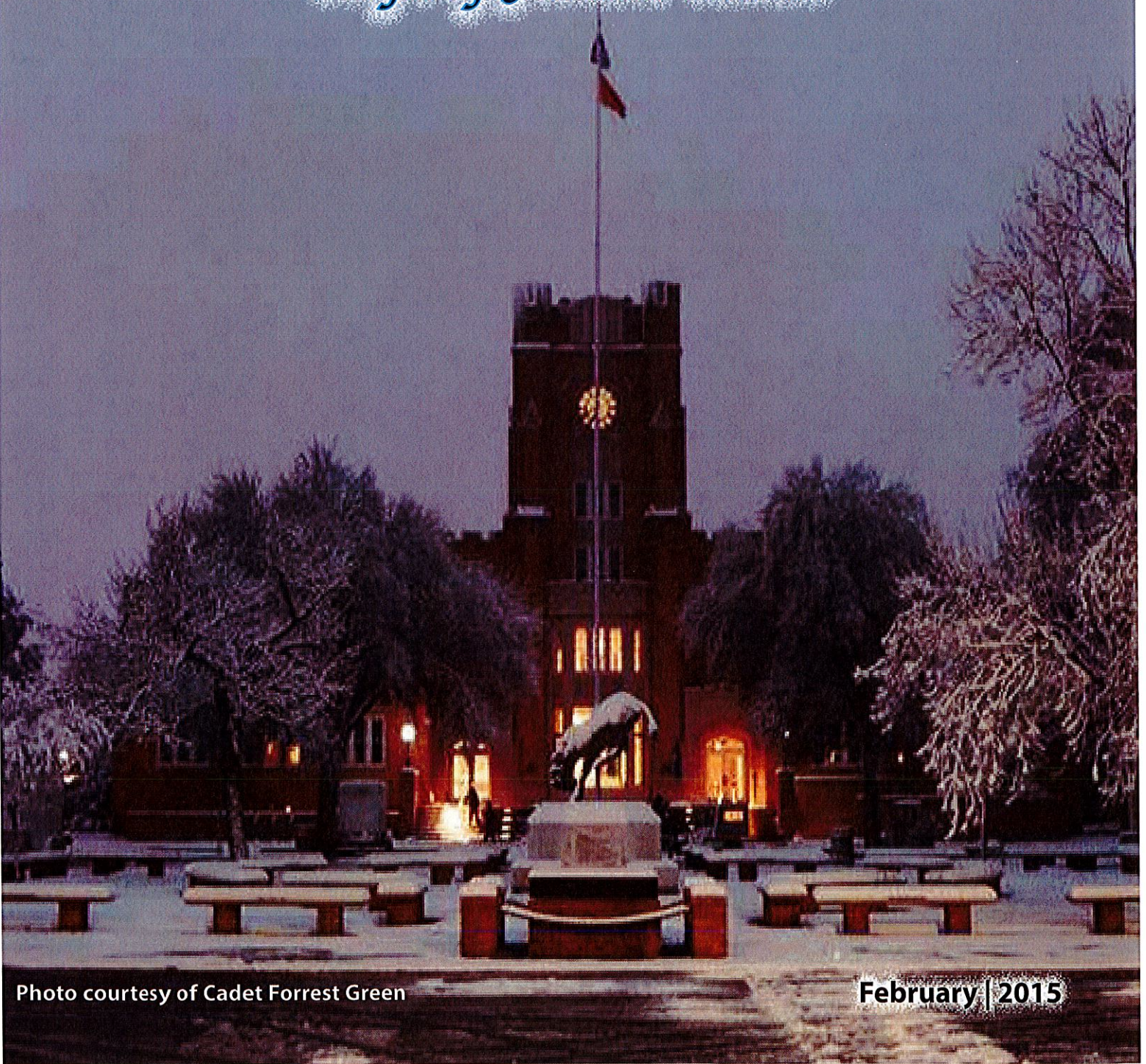


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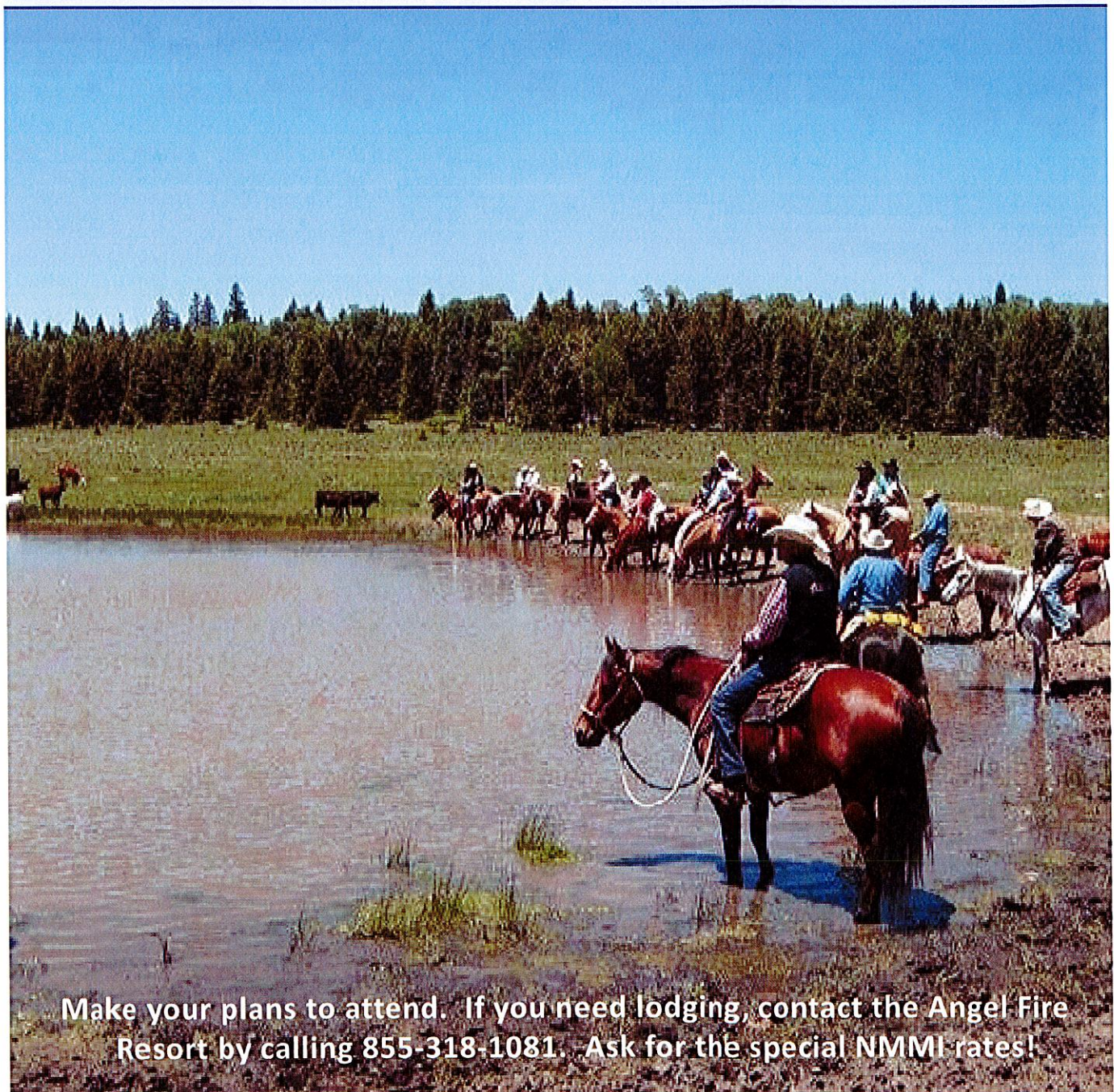
Upcoming Events

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 will open soon!

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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!

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

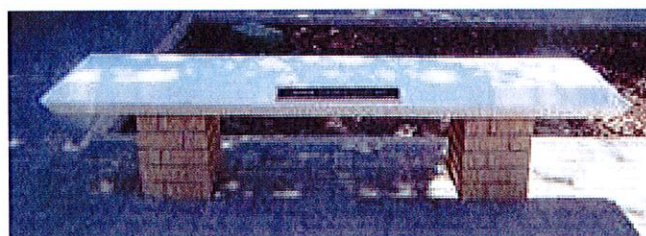
Check out the store website:

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

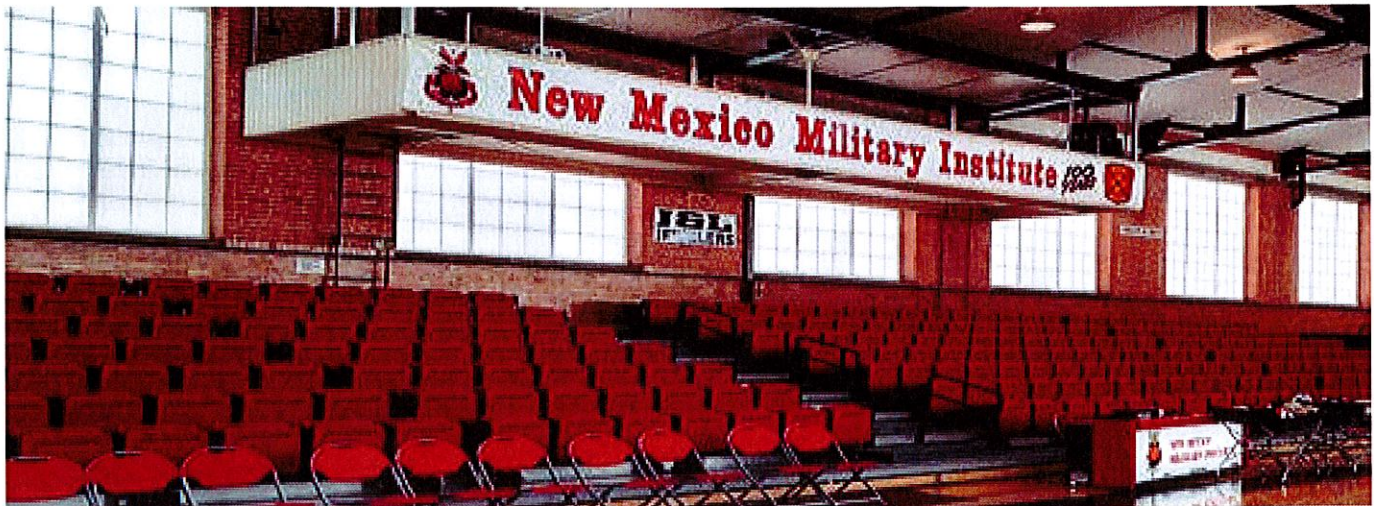
Put your mark on NMMI by purchasing a brick paver, bench or flagpole. Purchasing one or more of these items also updates your membership with the Alumni Relations Office. Make checks payable to:

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.



Cahoon Armory



New Bleachers Installed in Cahoon Armory

Been to an athletic event in the Cahoon Armory gym, lately? If you haven't, here's two very good reasons why you should, and soon.

First, the Bronco basketball team is smack-dab in the middle of a WJCAC conference battle, trying to become the first NMMI team since 2001 to make the Regional Tournament. NMMI Commandant **BG Richard V. Geraci, USA (Ret) 1975 JC** has said this is "... clearly one of the best teams NMMI has had in ten years." The top four teams in the WJCAC move on to the post-season and the Region V Tournament.

Second, you can now watch the game in comfort, from your own stadium-backed chair, in our brand new bleachers. These new bleachers are telescopic, meaning

they are able to be fully extended or collapsed, all at the touch of a button. This was phase one of a project designed to increase the practice space for NMMI's eight basketball and volleyball teams. When complete, after the basketball goals and posts for the volleyball net are installed and new lines are painted, the current single north-south court can be transformed into three full east-west courts, after retracting the bleachers.

A local company, AK Sales and Consulting, Inc., began the project during the holiday break, beginning with the removal of the old stationary bleachers. They've completed several similar projects, including the stadium seating in Artesia's Bulldog Bowl, and telescopic bleachers at Tatum High School.

"The addition of these new bleachers to the Cahoon Armory gym does three very important things," says NMMI Athletic Director Jose Barron. "It gives the gym a more modern look and aesthetic appeal. It increases the comfort level and adds to the experience for our fans. And it also allows greater use and greater flexibility in the use of the facility for our campus events."



Chapter Events

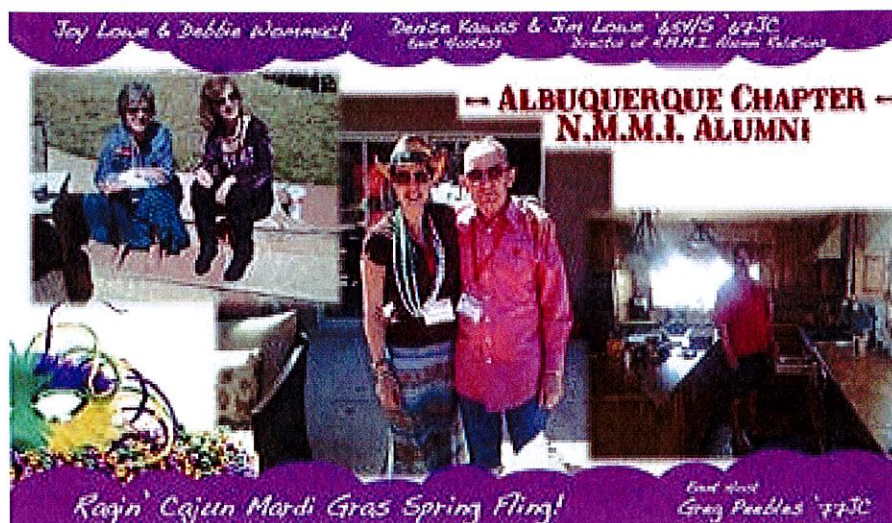
Hello everyone!

Our Annual Valentine Sweethearts Dinner at Scalo Northern Italian Grill was a great evening out for all who attended. The Chapter brought in over \$900.00 from the event, thanks to the generosity of Scalo owner and former NMMI Regent, **Steve Paternoster 1979 HS**.

Two of our newly-appointed Regents attended the event, **COL Tim Paul, USA (Ret) 1982 HS - 1984 JC**, and former (and newly appointed) Regent **Phill Ingram 1967 HS**. Phill highlighted the need to raise money for Goss Rifles' new uniforms, and in the space of a few minutes, well over \$2,000.00 was pledged or contributed.

I'll be sending out emails to those who pledged, so that they can get their contributions to the right place and get their tax deduction information. In addition, the Chapter will decide soon how much to contribute to the NMMI Annual Fund based on our bank account holdings. Look for an invite to a Chapter Meeting in mid-March, the 2nd Annual Ragin' Cajun Mardi Gras Spring Fling!

Our next Chapter event is Saturday, **April 11th** - the 2nd Annual Ragin' Cajun Mardi Gras Spring Fling! This event, like all of our Chapter events, is open to anyone who would like to attend - alumni, patrons, and families of current and prospective cadets. It is a daytime, family-friendly event, held at the beautiful home of **Greg Peebles 1977 JC**



and his wife, Denise Kawas. This event is also our annual FREE event, so other than those wanting to make a contribution, there is NO CHARGE to attend! We hope to see you there!

The Annual Burgers Orell event is scheduled for **Friday, May 22nd** - to be held, as always, at Casa de Orell - Seth and Kathy's awesome home. Brothers Orell, **Seth 1960 HS - 1962 JC** and **Pat 1963 HS - 1965 JC**, along with wives Kathy and Elise, co-sponsor this fantastic Chapter Event, and we will send out an email immediately following the Ragin' Cajun event so folks can reserve their seats.

As stated earlier, we'll send out an invite/announcement for a Chapter

Meeting next month, and I am happy to receive, document and distribute contributions via check for the Bradley Family. They are facing some unexpected expenses due to medical necessities and future check-ups being scheduled in Albuquerque, NM. Call me with any questions, and please send what you can by a check made payable to:

NMMI Alumni - Albuquerque Chapter
c/o LtCol Jordan A. Wommack, USAF (Ret) 1980 HS
9012 Las Camas Road, NE
Albuquerque, NM 87111

Best regards,
LtCol J. A. "Jordy" Wommack, USAF (Ret)
1980 HS

jordywommack@msn.com



Chapter Events

San Francisco East Bay Area

Karen M. Wall 1982 JC will be working with Barry J. Sandkuhle 1965 HS - 1967 JC to start the East Bay Chapter in Northern California. Up until now, alumni in the area have been attending events hosted by the Sacramento Chapter. The Chapter sponsors plan to have these two chapters link up for some fun times.

If you are interested in getting involved, please email Karen at logos68540@gmail.com, or Barry at bsandkuhle@comcast.net.

Working from a list of addresses provided by the Alumni Relations Office, Barry and Karen will be sending out letters soon to invite alumni in the area to get involved with the new Chapter. If your contact information has changed recently, remember to call the Alumni Relations Office and update your records. The number is 575-624-8250.

Karen and Barry look forward to seeing more of their NMMI brothers and sisters join the new Chapter forming in the San Francisco East Bay Area.



Working to Help Veterans

Karen M. Wall 1982 JC was recently promoted to a new position at the Veterans Administration in Palo Alto, CA. She is currently the Dementia Care Coordinator RN for the Health Care System. She will be doing some exciting work with the senior veterans, the staff caring for them, their families and the community. Karen is looking forward to being involved in some training development and patient advocacy.

Houston Chapter

New to the Houston area, or thinking about joining the Houston Chapter?

Visit our Facebook Page at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/321582457935283/>



so that you will get event notices when they are posted. Go to the 'Events' tab to see more information. Events are posted to Facebook in advance of these email notices, so join the group for early updates!

The Happy Hour meetings are set for 6-8 p.m. 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. For more information about the Houston Chapter events, contact:

Lee G. Jones, Jr. 1966 HS - 1968 JC
lgjones@swbell.net
713-906-6099 (Cell)
<http://www.linkedin.com/in/leegjonespmp>

Alumni Profile

FAST FORWARD TO 2015

Many kart racing wins
Matter of the Year (2000)
Two national Solo Championships (2013 and 2014)
SCCA Pro-Solo Championship (2014)
SCCA Rookie of the Year (2014)
Two Podium Finishes SCCA Majors Road Racing (2015)



Darren E. Seltzer 2004 HS



Darren E. Seltzer 2004 HS began racing at the age of 10 in go-karts. His father and racing mentor was instrumental in his early success. After many years of racing, at age 15 Seltzer attended New Mexico Military Institute, and continued to race in the summer on a limited schedule. After graduating high school in 2004 as first sergeant of HQ Troop, he attended college at UNR studying mechanical engineering. Due to limited funding, racing karts was put aside for bike racing (pedal bikes). This outlet continued to feed his thirst for competition, while greatly improving his fitness.

Fast forward to 2009 - after earning a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering, Seltzer was hired by Siemens Energy in Orlando, FL. This move allowed

him the opportunity to further his professional career, while getting back in the driver's seat.

Fast forward to 2015 - Seltzer still enjoys full-time employment with Siemens Energy and has recently been promoted to senior engineer. When not at work, Seltzer enjoys various types of motor racing, including karting, autocross, time trials, rally and road racing. He is also the owner of Podium Services, a business specializing in race car rentals, private coaching and instructing for other racing organizations.

Cadet life at NMMI taught Seltzer discipline and professionalism; traits needed to succeed in Motorsport. He attributes his success not just to these traits, but the entire experience of cadet

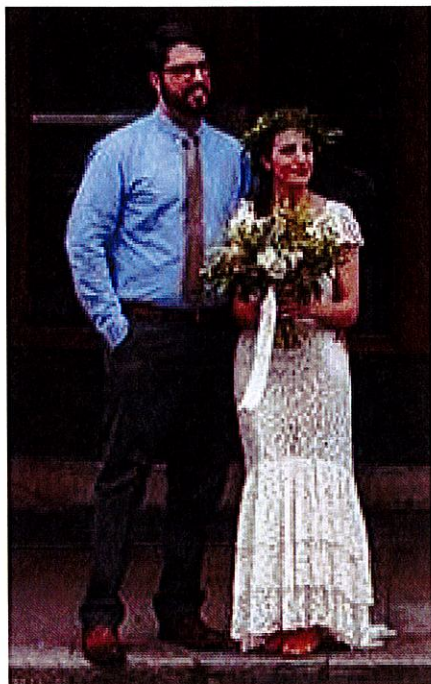
life. As COL Goss stated, "Obedience is but self-command, and who commands himself is best learning to command others."

Visit Seltzer's web page at <http://www.darrenseltzer.com/>



Alumni Updates

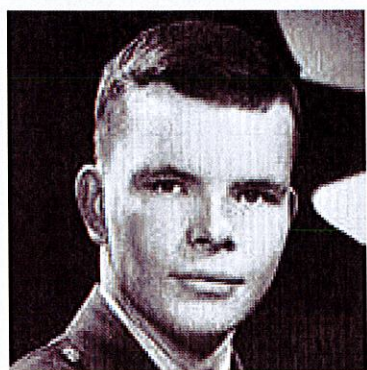
Marriages



Congratulations to Mrs. Sarah E. (Sanford) Marley 2009 JC and Jeffrey M. Marley 2010 JC who were married on 24 June 2014. We wish them all the best!



2LT Cody P. Cannon, USA 2014 JC and Isabel Troncoso were married on 16 January 2015.

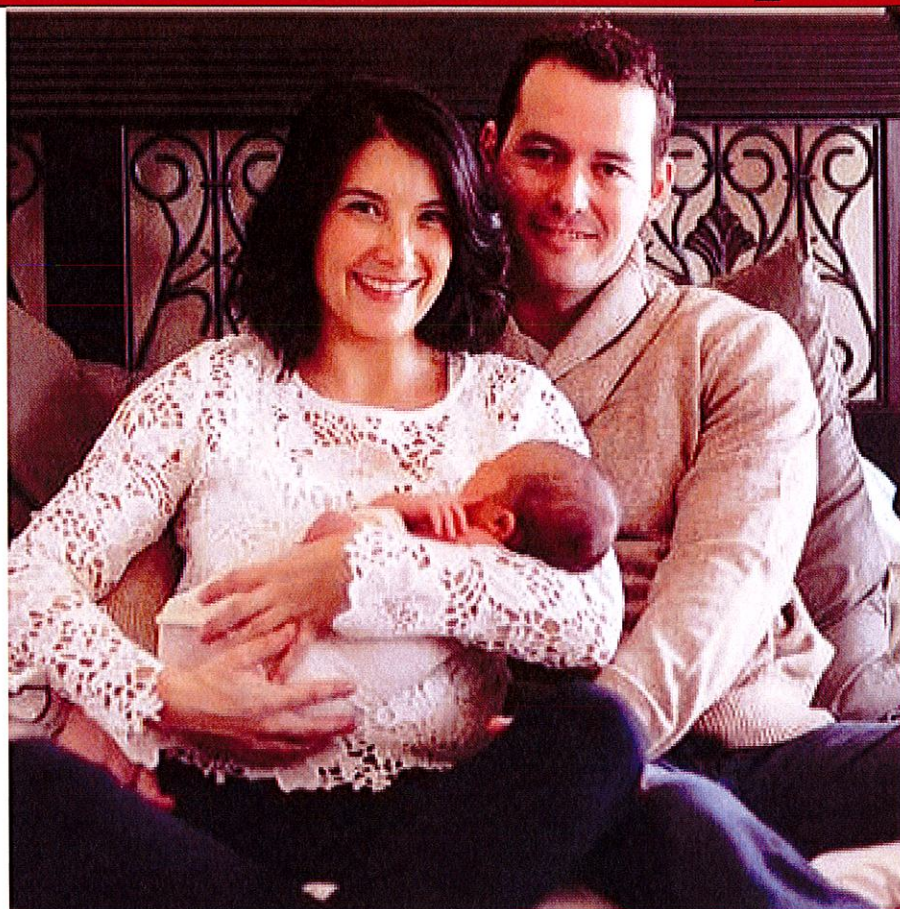


C. Bryon Penrod 1958 JC

Alumni Update

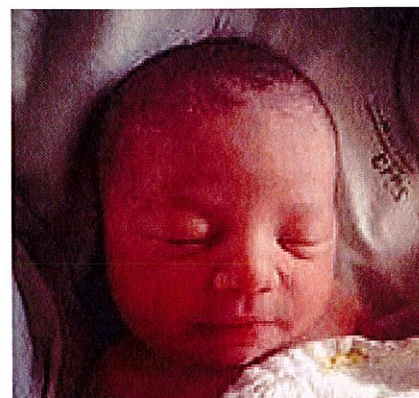
In September 2015, C. Bryon Penrod 1958 JC and his bride will celebrate 52 years of marriage. The couple does not have children but they do have two wonderful God-daughters and three grand God-children, all of whom are a blessing to them both. Mr. Penrod retired in June 2006 and hasn't looked back since then. His health is holding up, so far without any more operations, thankfully. He appreciates hearing from the Institute with current news and photos when appropriate. Mr. Penrod and his wife currently reside in Abilene, TX. The family had a reunion this past year and one of his many cousins, a graduate of NMMI, made it much more interesting when he shared the family connections. The family member was second cousin Perry S. Toles 1975 HS. Perry's father, J. Penrod Toles 1950 SC, is Mr. Penrod's first cousin. You might notice they share the name Penrod, which Mr. Penrod thinks is pretty neat. Mr. Penrod still proudly shows his connection to NMMI with an alumni sticker on the back window of his pickup.

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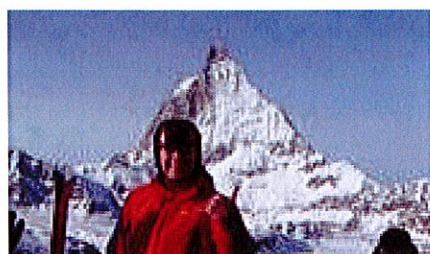
Jennifer and **John Joseph Donovan, III 2002 HS** with their son, Bear Edward.

Births



Congratulations to **John Joseph, III "JJ" Donovan, III 2002 HS** and his wife Jennifer, also known as "JJ" on the birth of baby boy Bear Edward Donovan. Born on 1 January 2015, Bear joins his parents and big sister, Campbell. Congratulations to his proud grandparents, Laura and **Michael D. Donovan 1970 HS**.

Alumni Update

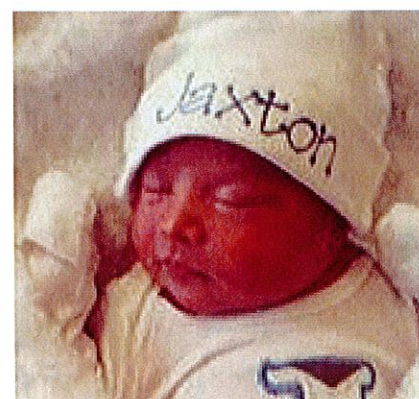


John A. Glover, Ph.D. 1970 JC

John A. Glover, Ph.D. 1970 JC has been selected to lead the Field and International Programs Branch at the U.S. Army Center of Military History. The office provides staff supervision of Army field history operations, promotes

military history education activities for senior Army leaders and the DA staff, and manages international contacts with allied and other foreign military history offices worldwide.

To share your life events with friends and classmates, email your photos and updates to **Karen Yerby, Alumni Relations Communications Coordinator**, at alm_clrk@nmml.edu; or send them by mail to: 101 West College Boulevard, Roswell, NM 88201.



Congratulations to **Jay B. Armijo 2002 JC** and his wife Camille on the birth of son, Jaxton. Jaxton joined the his parents and big brother Mason on 16 February 2015. Congratulations to grandparents, Lisa and **Danny L. Armijo 1972 JC**.

Alumni Updates

Dr. E. R. "Dick" Greene 1966 HS is a professor of engineering and medicine at NMHU and UNM. He is currently working as a Visiting Professor in Namibia.

After serving two years in the Peace Corps in Bulgaria and three more years in the solar energy industry, **Tye T. Greene 2002 HS** (Rice BS 2006, MBA 2014) works at the Houston headquarters of Waste Management.



Daughter and sister, **Ms. Heather M. Greene 2001 HS** (BS Grinnell College 2005, MD UNM 2012) works at Family Practice and OB/GYN at UNMSOM. Heather is pictured here with her father Dr. Greene.

RICE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI VARSITY HOMECOMING GAME



Dr. E. R. "Dick" Greene 1966 HS (Rice BS 1970) tackles a Rice varsity player before he runs into Greene's son, **#9 Tye T. Greene 2002 HS** (Rice BS 2006, MBA 2014).

BG Jack R. Fox, USA (Ret) 1968 JC was unanimously confirmed by the New Mexico State Senate as the Secretary of the New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services on 23 February 2015. General Fox was born and raised in Roswell, NM, and not only attended NMMI but served as Commandant.



ASIS INTERNATIONAL CHAPTER ANNOUNCES NEW CERTIFIED PROTECTION PROFESSIONAL®

COL Stephen P. Perkins, USA (Ret) 1978 JC

Read announcement here



CPT Tommy W. Box, Jr., USA 1987 JC attended his first year of college in 1985-86 on a track scholarship. He received a direct commission into the

U.S. Army Nurse Corps in 2009. Currently, he is serving on active duty at Fort Bliss WTB as Company OIC for Nurse Case Managers.



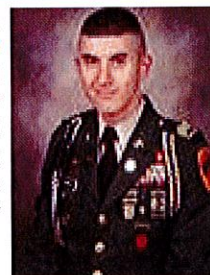
Donna M. (Beesley) Ortolani 1989 JC graduated from the University of South Carolina in 1992 with BS in finance. In 1993, she went to Fort Benjamin Harrison for Officer Basic Course. Ortolani worked at Acosta Sales and Marketing for 12 years. She married Anthony Ortolani in 2006 and is now working at the PGA TOUR in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL.

RETIREMENT FROM THE U. S. ARMY



SSG Eric J. Klopfer, USA (Ret) 1995 HS retired from the U.S. Army on 28 January 2015. He is pictured with his wife Erin (left) and his parents, Rosemary and COL Jerome J. Klopfer, NMMI.

After graduation, **Nicholas J. LaRovere 2013 HS** joined the Arizona Army National Guard and has been running a small film/video production company out of his home.



Katherine E. Argonza 2006 JC

is a war journalist working in eastern Ukraine, and over the winter published her first book about traveling through the Ukraine Crisis from Kiev riots to the rebel-held, self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic. The book is called *In the Shadow of the Bear* and can be purchased at <http://www.amazon.com/The-Shadow-Bear-Pro-Russian-Separatists/dp/1937108341/>.



Taps

Former NMMI Golf Coach **Delbert E. "Sonny" Wiginton** passed away on 16 January 2015. Wiginton was the coach from 1982 to 2005. He will be missed.

New Mexico Military Institute 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!

To download on your mobile (iPhone or Android)

1. Download the My Deals App
2. Call 575-624-8250 or email alm_svcs@nmmi.edu to get the mobile password
3. Use that mobile password to register your phone and start your discount deals!



New Alumni Benefit

Corporate discounts from over **150,000** restaurants, retailers, theme parks & more.



- Savings of up to 50% off
- Online print-and-save coupons
- Show-your-phone mobile coupon app



(Search "My Deals")

Real Savings at Places Like:

