

NMMI Alumni Relations



February 2016/March 2016

Upcoming Events



2016 NMMI Alumni Trail Ride!

Four full days will be \$375 or \$100/day.

If you register AFTER 20 May 2016 the cost will go up to \$400.

Setting: A private canyon about 2 1/2 miles from the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort, Ruidoso, NM.

Lodging: Stay at camp or reserve a room. The Inn of the Mountain Gods will be offering participants a group rate. (575)464-7012

Lots of Things To Do!

- Horseback Trail Riding—Bring your own horse or rent one.
(Per your request, half day rides will be available this year)
- Hiking, Fishing, Biking, Zip Lining and Boating will be available
- Don Strand Golf Tournament and Jordy's "Horseshoe Tournament"
 - Guided ATV Riding (Bring our own ATV)
 - Skeet Shooting (Spilt the cost – total of 50 rounds)
- The resort will provide a free shuttle (tips only) between the camp and the resort
- On Wednesday Night, we will have "Wine Down Wednesday" on the terrace at the resort followed by a Comedy Show.
- On Thursday Night our hosts, the Byers Family will be cooking a "Traditional Indian Feast" with Indian Fry Bread and with all the fix in's, to include a "Traditional Ceremonial Dance".

Entertainment: Back by popular demand, The Tejas Brothers!

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NMMI Alumni Relations, 101 West College Boulevard, Roswell, NM 88201

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in DeSanders Plaza**



Alumni Updates



Christopher F. Lizyness 2002

JC— Since graduation from NMMI in 2002, he went on to enlist in the ARMY 2003-2012. He spent over four years deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan as a UH-60 Blackhawk technician/crew-chief. He ETS with a honorable discharge in 2012 and has since been working on both helicopters and regional jets in the civilian market. He has his Airframe and Powerplant

certification and is looking to obtaining his IA soon. He remembers the times at NMMI and hopes to return to see what improvements have been made since his time there.



Congratulations to **1 LT Harvey J. Johnson, Jr., NMARNG 2011 JC**, and **Alyssa S. (Scott) Johnson 2009 HS** on the birth of Thomas "Duke" Johnson, born 16 October 2015. Duke joins the family with big sister Haylen.



James "Nick" Blea 1964

JC - President and owner of Lone Mountain Contracting for 43 years. Specializing in the building of athletic fields throughout the State of New Mexico recently received the

ASBA (American Sports Builders Association) top national award for a single sports field "Santa Fe High School's Ivan Head Stadium". Nick competes in Senior Olympics and was named Golden Athlete of the year in 2015 summer games held here at NMMI. Also General Partner in Jubilee, a 55+ retirement community in Los Lunas.



COL Johnny K. Davis, USA 1990 JC pictured here with US President Barack Obama and Justin Trudeau, Canadian Prime Minister. Johnny is currently serving as the commander of the 3d US Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard.) He is married to **Stacy A. (Northrop) Davis 1991 JC**.



Kevin J. Birt 1996 JC—After almost 9 years with a trauma division of Johnson & Johnson, I have taken a new position.

I am proud to announce that I am joining CarboFix Orthopaedics as Vice President, Southeast United States. CarboFix provides innovative trauma and spine implants constructed of carbon fiber, and I am looking forward to introducing these products to the medical community.

I will be based out of Atlanta, GA but will be traveling extensively in the Southeast, and hope to run into friends and classmates when schedules allow. I can be reached at birt.kevinj@gmail.com.

Alumni Updates



Cavin to coach Colt boys and girls tennis

by Karen Boehler

After graduating from NMMI, **William E. "Will" Cavin 1985 JC** has spent 25 years teaching and coaching with the Roswell School District. This year, he's taking on a new challenge: as head coach of the Colt boys and girls tennis teams.

"It's a great opportunity to come back to my alma mater and help out with the athletics program," said the 1985 Institute grad.

Although he coached boys golf at Goddard for eight years, and another year with the ladies at Roswell,

coaching the sport of tennis is something different.

"This is my first go round with coaching tennis," he said. "It's definitely a little different beast in comparison to coaching golf, but I've had fun with it so far. I'm looking forward to the season."

But he's not doing the job on his own.

"We've got good support from Faye Stokes and the Roswell Tennis Association," he said. "All of them have been very helpful. It's been nice having both coaches O'Connell (NMMI Bronco coaches Dan and William); they've been helping out. ... I've had a lot of help from coach (Jerry) Holm from Goddard High School; coach (Kelly) McDonald from Roswell High. And (former Goddard) coach (Becky) Joyce has been great as well."

He got his feet wet at the Goddard Invitational and he's looking forward to the rest of the season.

"The tennis community is really an organization where everybody is willing to help out," he said. "For me, I've played a lot of tennis but I've never, at the high school level, played in the tournaments. So this is a new experience figuring out the duals and the tournaments and the qualifying to go to state and everything. It's going to be fun."

See more at: <http://wordpress.nmmi.edu/nmmipost/2016/02/24/nmmi-alum-takes-over-helm-of-colt-tennis/#sthash.PzeBdLtq.dpuf>

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Taylor Allen Force 2005 HS



Taylor served as a United States Army officer in Iraq and Afghanistan after he graduated from West Point.

On behalf of the people of Israel, I send my condolences to Taylor's family and friends. May his memory be a blessing.

This is a Facebook post dated 8 March from Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel

Tonight in Jaffa, a Palestinian terrorist from Qalqilya went on a stabbing rampage, murdering an American citizen and wounding 11 others. The attack was the third incident of its kind today, coming after a stabbing in Petach Tikvah and a shooting in Jerusalem.

I have been reading about the American who was murdered. His name is Taylor Force. He was a graduate student at Vanderbilt University's Owen Graduate School of Management. Taylor was visiting Israel with his classmates in order to expand his understanding of global entrepreneurship and also to share his insights and knowledge with start-ups in Israel.



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Terrance J. Brown, FAIA (Honorary Life Member)

By AIA Architect Staff

In 1976, Terrance Brown, FAIA was in Guatemala when a devastating earthquake hit. While helping care for survivors in the Department of Sacatepequez hospital, he and others learned the building was in danger of collapsing from aftershocks, so Brown, a veteran of the Vietnam War, volunteered to set up a field hospital in a soccer field to house hundreds of the injured.

Over the course of many catastrophes in the four decades since, Brown has put his architectural and leadership skills to work helping people be safe, recover and rebuild. After earthquakes, tornadoes, terrorist attacks and other disasters, Brown has led the rebuilding effort. He has also personally trained more than 1,000 US and Canadian architects in ways to mitigate and recover from a disaster.

"Terry's leadership in developing disaster recovery programs across the country and the globe sets a high mark for the AIA," Charles Harper FAIA Emeritus and for 14 years the chair of the AIA Disaster Response Committee, wrote in support of Brown's nomination for the Edward C. Kemper Award.

After the 9/11 attacks, Brown's expertise in disaster-related work was instrumental in developing programs that specifically prepare architects for work in disaster preparedness and recovery. While serving as AIA National Vice President, Brown was "thrust into action in the wake of the attacks that horrifically re-envisioned architecture and the built environment," wrote Florida architect Michael D. Lingerfelt FAIA, a former chair of the AIA Disaster Assistance Committee, in endorsing Brown's nomination. Brown, he wrote, "led the disaster assistance team in determining how architects could best help a shattered and horrified city and nation."

These efforts culminated in 2005, when he led an initiative to add emergency response training to the profession's previous focus on relief and recovery. This included disaster response programs, training and credentialing for architects on disaster assistance, and an outreach program that helps governments and citizens understand the pivotal role architects can perform after a catastrophe.

His hands-on work continued with Hurricane Katrina in 2005, the devastating earthquake and tsunami that hit the coast of Japan in 2011, Colorado wildfires in 2012 and floods in 2013. In April 2015, materials that he and others on AIA's Disaster Committee were made available online to Nepalese and Asian architecture associations.

"Terry's efforts are the foundation for the profession's work in disaster assistance and mitigation today," wrote Robert Williams, 2015 president of AIA New Mexico, in Brown's home state.

In his own practice, Brown has worked extensively with Native Americans, designing hundreds of homes as well as health centers and educational facilities for their communities.

Upon graduating from Texas Tech University's architecture program in 1969, Brown was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army Engineers and served in Viet Nam, flying daily helicopter missions. He was awarded the Bronze Star and other honors during his service, and chronicled daily life in an illustrated war journal that he wrote and drew.

After Vietnam, Brown spent eight years working in Guatemala, focusing on Mayan linguistics but soon getting drawn into disaster recovery. Four decades later, his hand is felt throughout the world, both in the numerous places where he personally contributed to disaster relief and in places where other architects he trained have gone to work.

As Harper put it, Brown's "works are exemplary actions for us all."



Do you have updates? Have you moved, married, had children or been promoted? Send us your stories and pictures to share with your fellow alumni.

Send to alumnioffice@nmma.edu or go online at

2016 Trail Ride Auction



It's that time of year again and the Alumni Relations Office is looking for donations for the 2016 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: paints, 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 this is something you are interested in please contact **Kris Ward at 575-624-8158 or wardk@nmmt.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 there and looking forward to another outstanding event at Mescalero Apache Reservation hosted by the Inn of the Mountain Gods.

Chapter Updates

Washington D.C. Chapter Tattoo



Waldo Freeman 1960 HS, COL Charles M. Chamberlain, USA (Ret) 1953 JC - 1955 SC, Nick Marquez 2005 JC, John L. Garcia 1953 SC, Alexandra K. Ward 2010 HS, MG Ronald K. "Andy" Andreson, USA (Ret) 1954 HS, Mike Green 1962 HS, Billy C. Hoh 1976 JC, Paul Hughey 1993 HS - 1995 JC, Rodney Smith 1965 HS - 1967 JC, Larry Moon 1983 JC, Jeffrey Jones 1970 JC, LTC Sarah Tobin, USAF 1991 HS, Mary Kate Johnson 1982 HS - 1984 JC, David Phillips 1981 JC, Lindsay Lee 1999 JC, LTC Steve Fahlenkamp, USA 1994 JC, Michael Stewart 1964 HS - 1966 JC, Robert Grimste 1986 JC, LTC Jerry Phifer, USA (Ret) 1981 HS - 1983 JC, Gregory D. Sampson 1994 HS - 1996 JC, Josef S. Hatch 1996 JC.

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