



NMMI Alumni Relations

*New year,
New Beginning*

January | 2014

Renovation to be completed August 2014

What a Cadet means in Roswell

I want to share this story with everyone.

Yesterday, our courageous Berrendo Middle School students returned to school after a school shooting that took place on 14 January 2014. Their first encounter was a group of folks lining the street providing plenty of cheers and support. Next, they were treated to a beautiful view of the largest "Old Glory" they have ever seen, towering over their school, and flapping in the wind. Finally, as they entered the school they noticed NMMI cadets greeting them and encouraging them. Two parents texted me and my own son, all told me, that when they saw the cadets they told their parents, "Everything will be alright."



I concluded that NMMI cadets represent a great deal of normalcy for the Roswell children, a role cadets shouldn't take lightly.

Respectfully,

LTC Pilar R. Carrasco, NMMI 1994 JC (Coach)



Yesterday, I had the distinct privilege to escort the cadets to Berrendo Middle School to display banners of hope and support as well as to share hugs with teachers and students. They were invited to the front doors, and inside to hang the banners, which I assume adorn the hallways today along with many others from around Roswell and the State. I had no idea what a difference their presence would make, not only to the students, but to the adults. Particularly, the staff at Berrendo Middle School, Roswell Independent School District, First Responders and the Governor's staff who all thanked the cadets for their support and participation.

We are all now receiving phone calls thanking the NMMI family for allowing and doing what was done. I, like Pilar, consider them all our children. We witnessed pain and anxiety in the faces of not only the students, but also the parents, faculty and others. However, I have been told several times of the strength that was gathered when the cadets were seen; "my son saw them, pulled his shoulders back and stuck his chest out saying, 'Dad, it's going to be alright, the cadets are here.'"

When we returned, I quickly spoke to the 18 or so cadets thanking them for the effort and remarking that they would likely never realize the difference they made in so many young folks' and now, older folks' lives. They were not seeking credit, just a desire to help heal; to serve others. The credit is added to them.

What a privilege and honor to be here at NMMI serving them!

Respectfully,

COL David W. West, NMMI

Chief of Staff

Save the date



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. Becky (right) is pictured with Joy Lowe at the Christmas Ranch on 3 January 2014. Joy is the wife of **James D. Lowe 1967 JC**, Director of NMMI Alumni Relations. This is the second Trail Ride at the Christmas Ranch; they also hosted the 2005 Trail Ride.

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

The Terrance J. Brown Honorary Life Member Rat Rider Scholarship offers a Rat Rider Scholarship to a young Alumnus. (Must have attended NMMI for at least two semesters and left within the last five years). If you are interested in putting your name in the hat for the 2014 Trail Ride, please send a request to our office at alumni@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>



DID YOU KNOW?

"Army announces major change to retired military customs and courtesies"

WASHINGTON — Some customs and courtesies will never change, such as showing respect for the U. S. flag. However, the Army recently modified how retirees list their retired status. The Army published the new policy on 17 May in Army Regulation 25-50, Preparing and Managing Correspondence. The policy puts retired Reservists on equal footing with Soldiers who retired from active duty.

AR 25-50 says, "Retired military should follow the same rules as active personnel, except that no organization or branch of the Army will be shown. Show retired status after the grade as follows:

All Army personnel, active or reserve component, retired for service, age or physical disability and all personnel on the Army of the United States Retired List, including regular Army personnel and non-regular Army personnel on the Temporary Disability Retired List will use 'USA Retired' (for example, A.B. Smith, COL (USA Retired).

All personnel on the Officers Honorary Retired List will use 'U.S. Army Retired (Hon).'

All Reservists assigned to the U. S. Army Reserve (USAR) Control Group (Retired) will use 'USA Retired.'

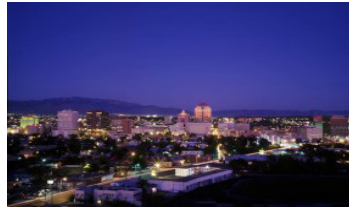
Army retirees serving as DA civilians will not use or refer to their military grade or rank except when referring to their personal retirement actions."

Chapter News

Albuquerque Chapter Updates

Hello NMMI Alumni, Families, and Patrons!

I've updated the Chapter website. The latest addition to the Virtual Museum is a real "Treat."



John A. Hines 1984 JC loaned me a copy of *The Sally Port Savoir Faire* - a cookbook with recipes from NMMI Staff and Spouses that was printed in the early 1970s by the Great Western Publishing Company, then on 1st Street in Roswell.

John's sister held onto the gem of a book for all these years, and it has some great recipes from names you'll undoubtedly recognize.

The book is on the website at: <http://www.nmmialumni-abq.com>

Cheers,

Lt. Col Jordan A. Wommack, USAF (Ret) 1980 HS

Abq Chapter Webmaster

www.nmmialumni-abq.com

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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

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Chapter News: Sacramento, CA

Our next NMMI Sacramento Alumni Social will be Saturday, January 25th, at the North Ridge Country Club, 7600 Madison Avenue, Fair Oaks, California 95628 at 1200 hrs.

Please let me know if you plan to attend.

Thanks!

Here's to the Corps of Former Cadets, Old Friends and New!

CW4 J. C. Dodd, USAR (Ret) 1978 HS

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIANS MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The New Mexico Military Institute's Bronco Men's and Women's Tennis Teams are coming to Los Angeles - 16 - 21 March 2014. Opponents will be Mt. San Antonio College, 17 March; Fullerton College, 19 March; and Glendale College, 21 March, all beginning at 2 P.M. The Superintendent and the Alumni Director are planning to attend.

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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.



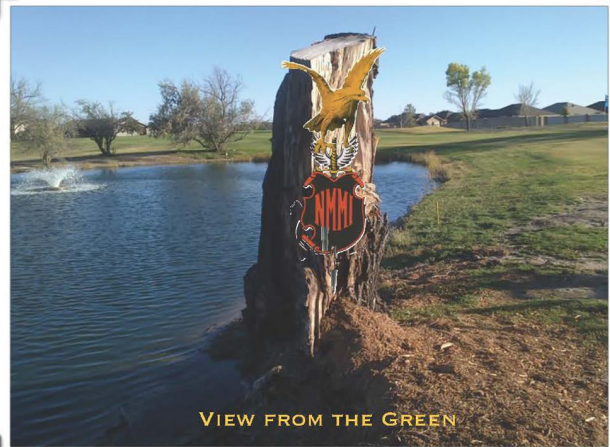
IN COORDINATION WITH A RENOWNED CHAINSAW SCULPTOR, PLANS HAVE BEEN APPROVED TO TRANSFORM THE EXISTING TREE STUMP INTO A WORK OF ART, WITH REVERED SYMBOLS OF N.M.M.I. AS THE BASIS FOR THE ARTWORK.

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



A note from Larry Moon:

Dear 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**.

Please feel free to reach out to me at nmmi.connect@gmail.com with any questions you may have. I may also be contacted on (301)768-5251.

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 accommodations are 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

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Save the Date Washington, D.C.

Alumni Updates



Vice Admiral Patrick J. Hannifin, USN (Ret) 1942 JC passed away 9 January 2014. Admiral Hannifin was inducted into the NMMI Alumni Hall of Fame in 1985 as a flag officer. Following his NMMI training he entered the United States Naval Academy, graduating in 1944. His career in the submarine service of the U. S. Navy included command of the USS DIODON and the USS LAFAYETTE, the first of a new class of Poseidon missile submarines. As a flag officer, Admiral Hannifin has been Commandant of the Thirteenth Naval District, Commander of Submarine Flotilla Eight and Commander Submarines Mediterranean NATO. In 1977 he was appointed director of the Joint Staff, Washington, DC.



With his retirement in 1978, Vice Admiral Hannifin concluded 37 years of naval service to his country. He was a beloved father, grandfather and great grandfather.



On Wednesday morning, 14 January 2014, off duty New Mexico State Police **1LT Gary L. Smith 1994 JC** was dropping off his sixth grade son, Jacob, at Berrendo Middle School in Roswell, NM when he was flagged down by the school principal. She told him there was an active shooter inside the school. Lieutenant Smith was the first law enforcement officer at the scene. He entered the gymnasium and gave the shooter clear instructions to turn around and get on the ground. He and others immediately began first aid on the wounded. The paramedics and other officers arrived within four minutes.



NMMI has three alumni in the Bastogne Brigade at Fort Campbell, KY. Left is **LTC William B. Wyles, USA 1992 JC**, 426 BSB; center is **MAJ Ethan J. Diven, USA 1997 JC**, BDE S3 97 and right is **LTC Cloyd A. Smith, Jr., USAR 1992 JC**, 1-32 CAV Squadron Commander, 92 426 BSB. The Bastogne Brigade Combat Team stands to deploy by Air Assault within 36 hours worldwide to close with the enemy by means of fire and maneuver to destroy or capture him, or repel his assault by fire, close combat or counterattack....AIR ASSAULT!!



This past December, **CPT Jefferey V. Geraci, USA 2004 JC**, assumed command of Echo Troop, 2-6 Calvary Regiment, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, Wheeler Army Airfield, Hawaii. CPT Geraci is a Logistics Officer and commands an aviation forward support troop. CPT Geraci is the son of NMMI's Commandant of Cadets, **BG Richard V. Geraci, USA (Ret) 1975 JC**.



Geraci's soldiers in a recent refueling training exercise.

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Capt Douglas G. Barnett, USAF 2000 JC



Barnett and his brother, **LTJG Andrew K. Barnett, USN 1999 JC.**

Capt Douglas G. Barnett, USAF 2000 JC grew up in Corsicana, TX, and graduated from that high school in 1997. He wasn't the best student and knew he lacked the direction and focus to be successful at the collegiate level. Barnett's father, an American Airlines Captain at the time, met a co-worker whose son was attending the Institute and thought it was worth taking a look at. His older brother **LTJG Andrew K. Barnett, USN 1999 JC** attended the Institute the following semester, matriculating at the beginning of the school year in 1997, and Barnett followed him the next semester. He spent four semesters at the Institute and graduated from the Junior College in December of 1999. Following graduation Barnett attended Saint Edwards University and graduated from there in 2002.

After college, he attended Air Force OTS, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training (SUPT), and began flying the C-5 Galaxy with the 68th Airlift Squadron at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, TX. He transferred to the 96th Flying Training Squadron at Laughlin AFB, TX, in 2009 and currently trains new AF aviators in the T-6 Texan II.

"Both my brother and I consider the Institute as perhaps the integral piece that focused our potential and allowed us to succeed in our chosen careers," Barnett said. He is currently an F/A-18 Hornet pilot.



LTC Anthony P. Bolante, WAARNG 1987 JC was named cyclist of the month by Cascade Bicycle Club.

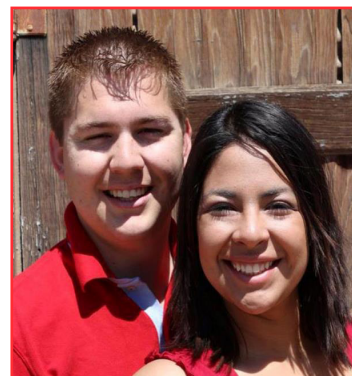
Colonel Bolante's civilian job is a Seattle-based photojournalist for *Reuters* and the *Puget Sound Business Journal*. His military job is a helicopter pilot and officer in the Washington Army National Guard. - See more at: <http://www.cascade.org/blog/2013/12/cyclist-month-lieutenant-colonel-anthony-bolante#sthash.p2JQ5PaX.dpuf>

Cascade is a nonprofit organization working to create a better Puget Sound region through bicycling. Offering daily rides, exceptional events, advocacy and lobbying, and education for all riders of all ages and abilities. Our staff and 15,000 members believe in the power of bicycling. - See more at: <http://www.cascade.org/#sthash.kf47VFt1.dpuf>

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Congratulations to **Ruth Marigold Bowen 2006 HS** on the birth of her daughter, Hannah. She joined the family on 19 November 2013. Her big brother Caleb celebrated his birthday just two days later.



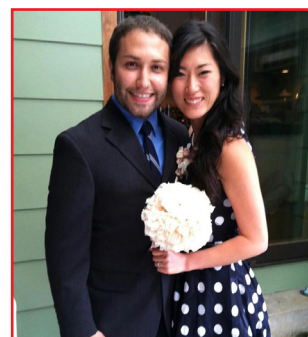
Congratulations to **Jared C. Van Winkle 2007 JC** and his bride Amanda on their marriage on 14 November 2013.



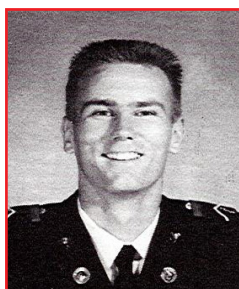
Congratulations to **Katrina Z. (Smith) Lunt 2001 HS** on her marriage to Kevin Lunt on 25 October 2013.



Danny J. Hoover 1972 JC became a public school educator after 23 years in local television and radio. His teaching curriculum has included English, math, geography, and U.S. - Early American history. He managed one of the school systems all-school grants for several years and coordinates the 8th Grade/ Freshman Washington D.C. / New York City student trip each year. His extracurricular school duties includes Public Address duties at the football and wrestling sports venues along with scoreboard graphics.



Noah L. Espinoza 2002 HS and his bride, Shoko. Congratulations!



Chris Patten 1995 JC has a master's 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 Behavior in New Zealand.

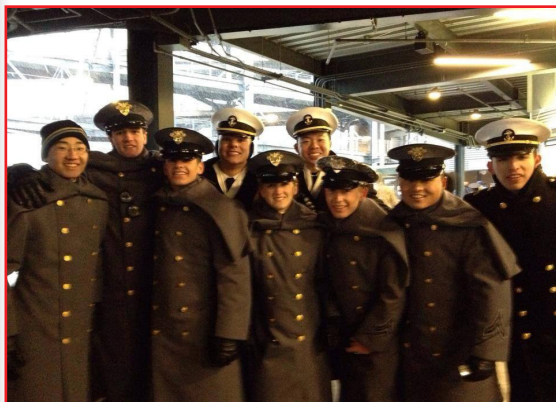


Jared A. Greathouse 2003 HS and his bride Erica on 6 October 2013. Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Greathouse!



2LT Jayson A. McCauslin, USA 2013 JC and Alexis were married on 30 November 2013. Congratulations!

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Army—Navy Football game, 14 December 2013. Nine former cadets gathered for a picture at the Army-Navy game. From left to right are **Nahm Doug Kim 2012 HS, Scott L. Schwab 2013 HS, Angel A. Reyes, Jr. 2013 HS, Adam R. Carnahan 2013 HS, Catherine G. Sedy 2012 JC, Jordan A. Kangwijaya 2013 JC, Trae C. Wolfe 2012 HS, Samuel Jung 2012 JC and Robert Marroquin 2013 JC.**

My Academy Adventure:

I officially became a Midshipman in the United States Navy on 27 June 2013. I-Day (Induction day) was the first of many days that I would spend at the Academy. After attending NMMI, I was fairly comfortable with the future that was ahead of me, but I had no idea what Academy life was really like. Plebe summer, which is the seven and a half week-long basic training for first years, definitely pushed me to my limits and I learned things about myself that I never knew. One thing that helped me over all others was my experiences at NMMI and the pressure situations that I had been in. When I first arrived at the Academy, all aspects of my life were tested, Morale, Mental, and Physical. Having that background made the transition a little smoother, but only slightly. After Plebe Summer had ended and the academic year got underway, things settled down for the most part. Instead of getting yelled at constantly like Plebe Summer, we were given new responsibilities and welcomed into our company, which became my family. The Army/Navy game was the true highlight of my first semester at the academy. So much tradition is involved with the two schools and just to be a part of it was an amazing experience. Throughout high school at NMMI, Angel Reyes and I became the greatest of friends. When we found out senior year that we would be attending rival schools (him West Point, and myself Navy) we immediately thought of the Army/Navy game. When graduation day came and it was time for all of us to say goodbye, we both knew that it really wasn't a goodbye for us. Instead, I told Angel, "I'll see you at half-time." Along with Angel, I met up with all my other friends that are at Army. Just to see all of them and share our experiences made the game that much better. The game was awesome, even with the inclement weather. It ended with Navy winning (was there any doubt?) and increasing the win streak to twelve years straight, but who's counting. This past semester has been absolutely insane and I have loved every minute of it. I have met some celebrities, gone on countless spirit missions, spent a myriad of hours on homework, but most importantly, I have met some great people that have really become a family to me. My adventure at the Academy has just begun and I can't wait to see where it will take me next.

MIDN Adam Carnahan

USNA Class of '17

NMMI HS Class of '13

The primary fundraiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southeastern New Mexico, Bowl for Kids ' Sake, will be held on Saturday, 26 April 2014. This year's event honors the memory of community leader and Big Brothers Big Sisters supporter, **John F. Russell, II 1969 JC**. As a Big Brother volunteer for nine years, John was very aware of the positive, life--changing influence he had on his Little Brother, Raphael, who is now 20 with a child of his own.

Below are words from Raphael on his relationship with his Big Brother John:

"There are very few things you will never forget in life, very few moments in memory that will never leave you. The best friend you ever had is one of them. This particular friend influences your life, but let's you make your own decisions. They don't look down upon you for the mistakes you make. They only help you to make the best decisions by giving advice and showing you the path to happiness."

For more information on this event click [here](#)



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Chuck hosted the Phoenix Alumni Chapter annual "Wilder Barbeque" at his ranch for many years.

CHARLES V. WILDER, JR. 1948 JC passed away 2 April 2013 at his ranch home in New River, AZ. Chuck was born on 21 March 1929 to Charles Vincent and Ella (McFarland) Wilder in Bellingham, WA. In 1943 Chuck enrolled at New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell, NM. He attended through two years of college and maintained a relationship with the school throughout his life. After graduation from NMMI, he continued his education at the University of Washington, earning his Civil Engineering degree in 1951. Following graduation, he reported for duty in the U. S. Army and was assigned to the Engineer Aviation Brigade Headquarters. He left the service in 1953 as a first lieutenant and returned to Bellingham to become a member of the Wilder Construction team. During the next ten years he worked in all aspects of the company, learning and advancing in responsibilities until he became president in 1963. Because of his vision and expertise, the company continued to grow and expand its operations to other states in the Northwest. In June of 1974, Wilder Construction opened its Alaskan Division in Anchorage, becoming a highly respected contractor throughout the state. Wilder's name was synonymous with excellence in the asphalt pavement industry. Wilder Construction was awarded the largest single highway contract by the State of Alaska Department of Transportation in 1981. The project required excavating millions of cubic yards of solid rock. Wilder designed the project using highly innovative and efficient conceptual ideas that kept the traffic flowing while completing the complicated task ahead of schedule. Chuck believed that the Wilder employees were its most important asset. The firm enjoyed one of the best reputations in the Northwest and Alaska by maintaining the high standards set by his father, C.V. Wilder, Sr. The transition from a family-owned to an employee-owned company was accomplished in 1994. Granite Construction, Inc. of Watsonville, CA, began its acquisition of the company in early 2000. Chuck achieved the ultimate respect from his peers by being elected president of the Asphalt Paving Association of Washington, the Mountain Pacific Chapter of Associated General Contractors, and the National Asphalt Pavement Association. He was also honored as Whatcom County Business Person of the Year. His leadership and caring for the many employees that worked for him were hallmarks of NMMI's credo of Duty, Honor and Achievement. Chuck was inducted into the NMMI Hall of Fame in 2001 for Eminence in his Chosen Field of Endeavor. As an entrepreneur in the business world, Chuck generously supported various organizations including the Western Foundation at Western Washington University, the Arne Hanna Swimming Pool in Bellingham, Shriner's Children's Hospital and Hospice of the Valley in Arizona. Wilder arranged for \$1,000,000 to go to the New Mexico Military Institute Foundation Inc., as well as deeding his Arizona Ranch to the Boy Scouts of America. He loved NMMI and wanted to ensure that generations of young people would have the opportunity to attend the school that gave him his foundation for success in his life.

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Al Porter (l), Farm Credit of New Mexico and CoBank, presents the 2013 Cattleman of the Year Award to Stirling Spencer, along with Stan Fettig and Aubrey Dunn, both with Farm Credit.

Stirling T. Spencer 1968 JC

Each year the New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association honors one of its' own for their selfless generosity to the Association, our families, our state, our region and often our nation. The winner is nominated and selected by the Board.

The level of giving really doesn't vary much from honoree to honoree --- are all tied hard and fast. They are all committed to raising good cattle. They are all committed to seeing that we can continue ranching. There are many things that make this year's honoree unique. He is one of the most innovative and deep thinking individuals among us. He gives of himself, whether he is serving on the school board, the county commission or is visiting the local CowBelle meeting.

He not only works hard on his own ranch but also gives a great amount of thought, energy and time to furthering the causes of the cattle industry and helping other cattlemen. He analyzes everything and talks cows, numbers, water, technology, the importance of pending legislation. I don't think he knows the meaning of "inside the box."

He has a variety of trademarks. He is known for his hat and briefcase - but is equally known for shorts, hairy legs and sandals.

Stirling Spencer is a 4th generation rancher and the great grandson of the first Governor of New Mexico William C. McDonald who owned the ranch Stirling is still on. He graduated from New Mexico Military Institute and New Mexico State University (NMSU) with a degree in chemical engineering. He went to work for Continental Water Company. In 1978 when his father's health began to fail, Stirling bought controlling interest in the family ranch, making it his life-long career.

Just a few on the list of Stirling's service include two terms as a Lincoln County Commissioner, Director of the AZ/NM Coalition of Counties, the NMCGA Board, the Cattlegrowers Foundation, the Production Credit Association, the Farm & Ranch Museum, the Tom & Evelyn Lineberry Policy Center at NMSU and the NMSU Corona Ranch Advisory Board. He has been CowBelle Man of the Year. He is currently serving as County Probate Judge.

He is never afraid to take a stand for the industry and is both an intelligent and articulate spokesperson.

He has generously donated to Cattle Growers' and numerous other groups. Stirling contributes significant effort to encourage young people in the industry through employment opportunities on the ranch. He can always be counted on to be a strong supporter of FFA and 4-H members especially to the Lincoln County Fair Junior Livestock Sale.

He is one of the motivating factors in developing NMCGA leadership like past president Rex Wilson. About 20 members of Stirling's family and friends attended.



CAMPAIGN FOR THE CORPS



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!

