

# NMMI Alumni Relations

*Corps of Former Cadets*



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**July | 2014**



## 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>



NMMI Corps of Former Cadets Alumni Challenge coin.

Now available for \$10 at our office or \$12.50 on the web and includes shipping.

Get yours today!

[Shop here!](#)



We still have a few 2014 Silver Anniversary Trail Ride Buckles left. They are \$75 at our office or \$83.50 on the [web](#) and includes shipping. While they last!

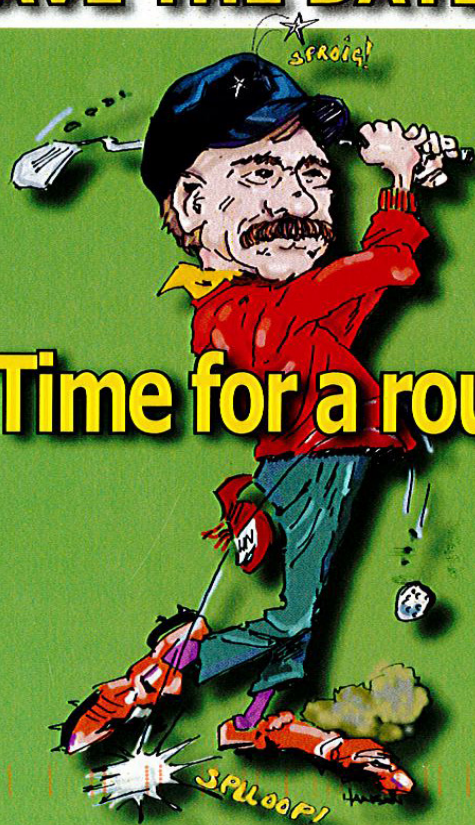
Trail Ride Caps are still available for \$12 in our office or \$19.50 on the [web](#). You can still order the Trail Ride shirts on the [web](#). Prices include shipping.





**SAVE THE DATE!**

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# Time for a round with the General!

## The General's Cup!

Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament & Gala

**September 19-21, 2014**

**New Mexico Military Institute Golf Course**

**Proceeds benefit cadets through  
NMMI's General Scholarship Fund**

If you would like to become one of the "General's 1000" or a sponsor  
please call Kris Ward at 575-624-8158 or email him at  
[wardk@nmmi.edu](mailto:wardk@nmmi.edu).

## **ATTENTION IN THE AREA! ATTENTION IN THE AREA!** **ANNOUNCING THE:**



*Albuquerque Chapter Annual Fall BBQ*

*Saturday, August 23rd, 2014 from 5pm to 9pm*

*Don't miss this Smokin' Cookout!*

*Featuring: Hickory-Smoked Green Chile Brisket,  
Pulled Pork, Bräts & Dogs!*

*Plus: Superb Side Dishes for your Dining Pleasure...  
Beer, Wine & Sodas will be provided, or BYOB!*

*Silent Auction Items will be up for bids to raise money  
for our Chapter goals as well as*

**THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE CORPS!**

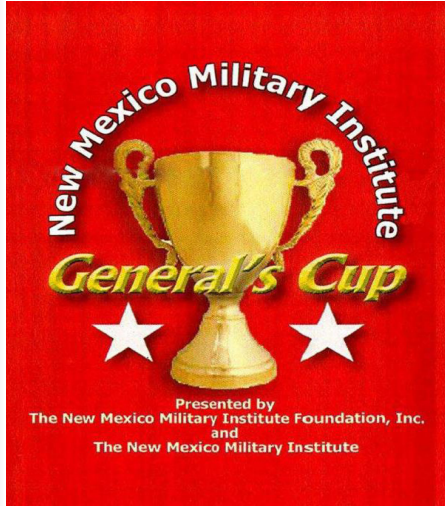
**Pay at Event with Cash,  
Check or Credit Card  
Adults=\$25 Kids=\$10  
Alumni In College=\$15**

*Hosted by Phill '67 AS  
& Nancy Ingram  
and Gary '67 JC  
& Kathie Williams*

**For Reservations & Map  
Email Attendee Names To:  
[nmmi.abqalumni@gmail.com](mailto:nmmi.abqalumni@gmail.com)**



# The General's Cup/The President's Challenge



In just two short years the General's Cup has become the single largest fundraising vehicle for NMMI. The first year we netted over \$75,000 for scholarships. We made the decision to start an endowment and placed \$50,000 of the \$75,000 into an endowment. The remaining money was given to Admissions to use immediately for incentive scholarships for the 2012/2013 school year.

The second year we netted \$57,000 and elected to follow the pattern from the first year by placing \$50,000 into the endowment and providing the rest to Admissions for incentive scholarships for the 2013/2014 school year.

The way the tournament is structured, we plan to spend the entire entry fee, back on the golfer to provide them an incredible golfing experience. We supplement the remaining costs of the tournament with the generous support

of our sponsors. Each year we spend approximately \$55,000 to put on the tournament. The net of all money, after expenses, goes directly to support scholarships for the Corps of Cadets.

There is probably no other event where I can assure you that every dollar you donate, after expenses, goes directly to the Corps of Cadets. One of the largest donor blocks each year has been as a result of the President's Challenge. Each year I start the donation process with a \$1,000 donation from Shawn and me. The first year, 2012, there were 34 participants that met my challenge. The second year, there were 28 that accepted my challenge. The great news is that 18 have met the challenge both years.

The General's Cup is set for 19 - 21 September. It is not too early to match my challenge. If you have an interest in participating, please contact Kris Ward at the Alumni Relations Office, 575-624-8158. Start early, donate \$100 a month for 10 months, \$250 for four months or match the entire \$1,000 in one donation.

Listed below are those who have participated in the President's Challenge for the last two years. Without their support we would not have been able to create an endowment that is already in excess of \$100,000. Will you join us in supporting the Corps of Cadets? - **Jerry W. Grizzle, Ph.D. (Major General, Retired)**

Will Cavin (2012/2013)  
Bill Cutter (2012/2013)  
Mark Dow (2012/2013)  
Steve Elliott (2012/2013)  
Hot Shot Hendricks (2012/2013)  
John Henderson (2012/2013)  
Glede and Teresa Holman (2012/2013)  
Phil Ingram (2012/2013)  
Jim and Joy Lowe (2012/2013)  
Joe Matakas (2012/2013)  
Rudd Marlowe (2012/2013)  
Steve Paternoster (2012/2013)  
Jesus Salazar (2012/2013)  
John Savage (2012/2013)  
George Tubb (2012/2013)

Dennis Wood (2012/2013)  
NMMI Alumni Albuquerque Chapter (2013)  
Bill Armstrong (2012)  
Paul Arnold (2012)  
Lance Benham (2012)  
Dr. Randy Brown (2012)  
Jock Brownfield (2012)  
Clarke Coll (2013)  
Frank Duncan (2012)  
Jesse Eckel (2012)  
Bruce Ellis (2013)  
Eddie Galloway (2013)  
Kim Greaves (2012)  
John Harvard (2012)  
Jim Hitch (2012/2013)

Tim Jennings (2013)  
Sylvester Johnson (2012)  
Stan Johnston (2012)  
Michael Keleher (2013)  
Charles Lewis (2013)  
Skip Palmer (2013)  
Steve Perkins (2012/2013)  
Jim Raymond (2013)  
Bryant Riffe (2012)  
Frank Spencer, III (2012)  
Tom Tinnin (2013)  
Frank Turner (2012)  
Dick Varnell (2012)  
Dick Waggoner (2012)

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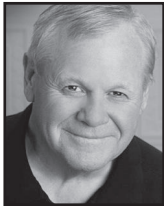
NMMI Homecoming 2014! [View](#) the Hall of Fame kiosk. (starts with sound)  
Do you know an NMMI Alumnus who qualifies for the NMMI Alumni Hall of Fame?

View the criteria [here](#). Click [here](#) to go to the nomination procedure.

Deadline for 2014 nominations is 15 August 2014.

## 2013

### Hall of Fame Recipients



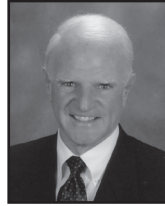
Eminence

F. Rick Galles 1967 JC  
[Citation](#)



Service

James C. Geibel 1976 JC  
[Citation](#)



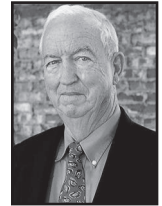
Eminence

Harold B. "Skip" Palmer 1965 JC  
[Citation](#)



Flag Officer

BG Kurt S. Story,  
USA (Ret) 1978 JC  
[Citation](#)



George Ward Memorial  
Charles H. "Chuck" Coll, II  
1955 HS  
[Citation](#)

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## Save the Date! 9-12 October 2014!

NMMI 2014 Homecoming. Honoring classes ending in "4" and all other classes that attended.

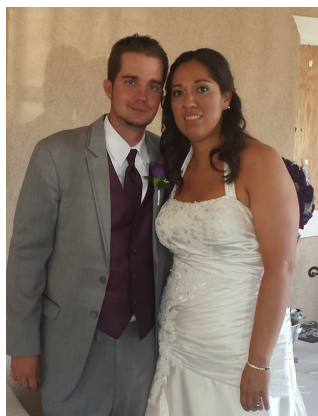
If you are interested in becoming a class representative or just calling up old classmates and friends,  
please call our office at 575-624-8250 and talk to one of our staff.

Although planning is still in the early stages, it promises to be a great Homecoming!



Hope to see you there!

# Alumni Updates



Congratulations to **Pamela M. Grano 2005 JC** and Brady Crump on their marriage on 22 June. Pamela is the Assistant JC Volleyball Coach and Brady is the Assistant Golf Pro both work at NMMI. Wishing you many years of happiness!



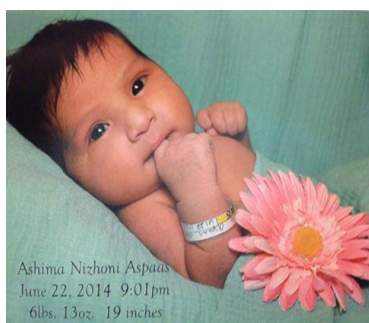
Congratulations to **Ross E. Payne 1992 JC** and his bride Vickie. Ross and Julie were married on 22 June 2014. Best wishes Mr. and Mrs. Payne.



Congratulations to **Christopher M. Fleischer 2010 JC** and his bride, Christen Trejo at their wedding 7 July 2014.



Congratulations to **Rainbow L. Peters 1999 HS** and Justin Miller on their marriage 3 May 2014.



Congratulations to **Ardith C. Aspaas 1995 HS** on the birth of baby girl Ashima Nizhoni born on 22 June 2014.



Congratulations to **Matthew K. Gallagher 2004 JC** and **Kristin M. M. (Wills) Gallagher 2004 JC** on the birth of their third child on 19 June. Addison Sarah Rose joins the family with big sisters Belle (left) and Bailey (right).



Congratulations to **Kendra J. Crockett 2011 HS** on the birth of baby boy Andrew Jay, born on 22 June 2014.



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**LTC Andras M. Marton, USA 1991 JC** will be transferring from U.S. Central Command as the Chief of Administrative Law and become the Staff Judge Advocate for the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence at Fort Rucker, Alabama, the home of the U.S. Army Aviation and Warrant Officer Schools. As the Staff Judge Advocate, he will be responsible for the full spectrum of the six core legal disciplines of the Army at Fort Rucker: Military Justice, Operational Law, Administrative and Civil Law, Contract and Fiscal Law, Legal Assistance and Claims.

Even more important news, we added a new family member to the CWSL family with the birth of his son Andras A. Marton, on 16 May 2014.

They hope all is well at NMML and please have a matriculation packet ready for Andras -- in 2028!



Welcome to the world, Olive Vicente. Congratulations to **Barbara A. (Novak) Vicente 2000 HS** and **Joe M. Vicente. III 2000 HS**.

Congratulations also to **Joe M Vicente 1973 JC** and his wife Kelly on the birth of their grandchild!



Congratulations to **Dennis R. "Rob" Bowlin 1998 JC** and his wife Erica on the birth of baby boy, John Luke, born on 12 July 2014.



Congratulations to **Lindsey M. Schuda Hughes 2003 JC** and her husband Daron on the birth of baby girl Reese Allyn on 9 July 2014.



Congratulations to **Frank X. Spencer, III, 1996 HS** and his bride Monica. They were married in El Paso, TX, on 17 May 2014. All of Frank's groomsmen but one are NMML Alumni. Left to right are: **MAJ Martin Ramos Carrasco, USA 1996 JC**, **Rene Servin**, Frank X. Spencer (Frank's father) Monica Spencer, Frank, **William Walter "Bilo" Wallace, III 1998 JC** and **Xavier A. Forcada Corrales 1999 JC**. Best of luck to Frank and his new bride!

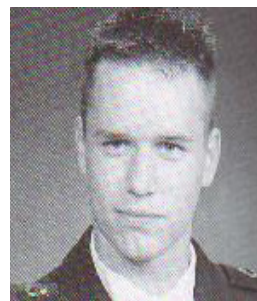
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**John R. Graham 1981 JC** has been happily married to his wife Laura for thirty years this month, and have been blessed with five wonderful children. He has not been back to NMMI until June when he brought his 15 year old, Jared, to interview and test for admission. He is proud to say he will be attending as a high school sophomore this fall! He is quite athletic and will be playing football to start the year. Being from Alabama, he noticed that the Alabama flagpole had no sponsors to date, so he has purchased the state faceplate on the flagpole to dedicate to all past, present and future cadets from the state. He is looking forward to more visits over the coming years to see Jared, and hopefully his younger brother Jack, live the NMMI experience! If there is anyone in the Birmingham, AL area he would like you to reach out to him and to start a local alumni chapter.



NMMI's Ninja Warrior? **Joshua I. Kronberg 1994 HS** has been picked for the show five times. He is continuing his training and plans to take the title someday. He trains all year long to compete in the grueling obstacle course. You can read about it [here](#).



After commissioning from Army ROTC at UNM and completing my commitment, including a year long tour in Iraq, **Charles F. Stewart 2002 HS** spent four years as an inner-city teacher through Teach For America. Now, he works as a Policy Adviser to the Secretary of Education and lives in Santa Fe.



**Nicholas C. "Nick" Archuleta 1982 HS~1984 JC** is working as Special Agent in Charge BNSF Railway Police in El Paso, TX.



**Micah R. Highwalking 2005 HS** is the first Northern Cheyenne to graduate from West Point Military Academy. She graduated on 1 July 2010. She is one of only 5 native Americans to graduate from West Point. Read more about it [here](#).



**Philip W. Taggart 1948 HS ~1950 JC** has been gone from the Institute for 63 years. He is on his third career in civilian life after having served as an officer in the Army Chemical Corps in the Korean police action years. At NMMI he was roommates with **Reuben W. "Rube" Evans 1950 JC ~1952 SC**, **John D. "J.D." Coggins 1948 HS ~1950 JC** and **Robert A. "Bob" Vickers** for three years in the room over the Sally Port. He lettered in polo and won Best Horseman of the Year in Polo. In his civilian life, for the first five years, he was a marketing consultant to Fortune 500 corporations. After that he was in investor relations counsel and service to mostly small corporations and assisted in the going public of 58 corporations. In those years he formed Churchill Group and sold that business in 1988. Since 1992, he has been managing money for some of the people he formerly represented on Wall Street. He has been married twice, has six children and five grandchildren.



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**COL Anthony P. Bolante, WAARNG 1987 JC** was recently promoted to U.S. Army Colonel while deployed to Camp Arifjan, Kuwait as the S3/Ops Officer of the 96th MET of the WAARNG. He just redeployed with his unit to homestation Joint Base Lewis McChord, Washington where he is now assigned as the Chief of Staff of the 66th Theater Aviation Command at Gray Army Airfield. Although bike racing is his passion, if he was not deployed, he would have a full-time job working as a Seattle based photojournalist.



Congratulations to **MG Mark R. Quantock, USA 1980 JC** on his confirmation of promotion to Major General on 25 June 2014. The ceremony will be held 18 July 2014. General Quantock is chief, CJ-2, International Security Assistance Force Joint Command, Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan, to deputy director for trans-regional policy, J-5, Joint Staff, Washington, D.C.

Proud father at right is **John Stephens "Steve" Berry 1956 HS**. Below are **Captain Christopher G. Berry 1996 HS**, Air Force physician, Afghanistan. Middle is **LTC John S. Berry, Jr., NEARNG 1993 HS**, Managing Partner and trial lawyer, Berry Law Firm. He served in Bosnia/ Kosovo and Iraq. Then LCDR Rory Berry, USN. After earning his Surface War Medal, he was attached to the army for duty in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait and Jordan. He is head of operations, Skywell.



Mr. Berry co-authored a just published book which takes a new look at the 1958 Starkweather murder case, "The Twelfth Victim: the Innocence of Caril Fugate in the Starkweather Murder Rampage." Read about it [here](#).

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## Janice Weed 1993 HS



Crossing the finish line of the Colorado 2-day, 150 mile bike ride for Multiple Sclerosis, "BikeMS", has been one of the most rewarding and challenging feats of my adulthood. Joining me on the ride was one of my closest and oldest friends, Heather, who flew in from North Carolina. The route took us from Westminster, a Northern Denver suburb, to Ft. Collins and back. Over a mile of vertical feet were climbed with 20 mph headwinds over the 2 days. We rode through some the towns and counties hardest hit by last September's floods, but you wouldn't know it when you rolled into the Rest Stops hosted by these towns. They welcomed all 3,000 weary cyclists with food, drink, aid, and even hugs, if you needed them.



The starting line began last October at Homecoming. A simple conversation between two alums in the backyard of the Superintendent's house after Silver Taps lit a fire in me. **Dionne Pignatiello 1993 HS** and I were catching up on 20 years worth of life. (Also pictured is **Laura J. (Mesropian) Turner 1993 HS**) I had seen on Facebook that Dionne had just completed an MS150 in Seattle, and I was interested in signing up. Dionne was very enthusiastic and inquisitive, as people who choose to 'BikeMS' do it in support of friends, family members, or loved ones who are battling/battled MS. Dionne simply asked me my connection to MS. I told her it was our mutual friend and classmate, **Juan "Carlos" Maez 1993 HS**, who has been fighting against MS for several years now. Carlos continues to have a great attitude about life; always has a smile on

his face; and encouraging words for others. I wanted to honor Carlos' ongoing battle and also benefit MS in some way as well. BikeMS meets those goals.

Leading up to the ride, I worked with the ARO staff in getting a New Mexico Military Institute, NMMI, jersey made for the ride. I am forever indebted to them for helping me make this happen. Why a NMMI jersey? I was doing this for a fellow alumni. I wanted to represent the spirit of community- the brotherhood/sisterhood, we all share from our time on 'the Hill.' I think we can all, no matter what year we graduated, acknowledge we have a sense of fraternity/sorority which runs deep. A loyalty to others, many who didn't go to NMMI don't understand. Plus, I think we can all agree if you have wear spandex, you want to look cool.

The jersey was hit on the ride. Several times, while biking with a group one would ask me about NMMI. Then from the back you would hear: NMMI!! Who went there? They would pedal up alongside and regale me with stories of how: "I lived in Roswell for a short time;" or "I know someone who went there;" or "I grew up in Roswell!" My favorites were from a gentleman whose dad went to NMMI in the '40's. He slowed down to ride with me for several minutes and to tell me how his dad would tell him stories from his days 'on the Hill' while growing up. My other favorite was while at lunch, a gentleman came to my table and said he grew in Albuquerque. Though he didn't go to NMMI, many of his friends did. He and his wife, now USAF retired, live in Colorado Springs are a host family for AFA cadets. They specifically ask to host cadets who attended NMMI. [READ MORE](#)





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## Tanya A. "Siller" Peacock, Ph.D (LTC, USA) 1993 JC



Colonel Tanya Peacock is a recent graduate from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa with a PhD in International Management. This summer she will serve as an Assistant Professor at the Army-Baylor University Graduate Program in Health and Business Administration, the only fully accredited graduate program for health care administration in the Federal system.

Peacock's prior assignments include Medical Operations Officer within the United States Army Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Commander of the United States Army Air Ambulance Detachment, Fort Polk, Louisiana; Officer Basic Course instructor at the Army Medical Department Center and School, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; and Aide-de-Camp, for the Commander of the Army Medical Department Center and School and Fort

Sam Houston. She has also served as the 4th Infantry Division Aeromedical Evacuation officer, Fort Hood, Texas and Flight Platoon Leader, Section Leader and Forward Support MEDEVAC Team Leader with the 57th Medical Company (Air Ambulance) Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Other assignments have been at Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital, Fort Polk, Louisiana; 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Casey, Korea; and 49th Armored Division, Camp Mabry, Texas.

Peacock graduated from New Mexico Military Institute in 1993 and Texas A & M University in 1995. She earned Masters' Degrees from Army-Baylor University in Health Administration and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Aeronautical Science. Her military schooling includes the Command and General Staff Officer's Course, Combined Arms Services and Staff School, the Combined Logistics Captain's Career Course, UH-60 Aviator Qualification Course, UH-1 Aviator Qualification Course, and the Army Medical Department Officer Basic Course.

Her professional credentials include membership in the Academy of International Business and the Academy of Management. She is the President of the Silver Caduceus Society, Aloha Chapter. She is a board-certified Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE), where she serves as a member of the Army Regent's Advisory Council and a board member for the Hawaii-Pacific Chapter of ACHE. She is also a credentialed Fellow of the American Academy of Medical Administrators and serves on the Editorial Board for AAMA Executive online. Her other professional memberships include the Association of the United States Army, the Army Aviation Association of America, and the DUSTOFF Association.

Peacock's decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with two Oak Leaf Clusters), the Air Force Aerial Achievement Medal, Army Commendation Medal (with three Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Achievement Medal (with two Oak Leaf Clusters), National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Expert Field Medical Badge, Army Aviator Badge and Parachutist Badge. She is a recipient of the Order of St Michael and the Order of Military Medical Merit. Peacock, originally from Chicago, IL, is married to LTC Michael Peacock and has two sons, Nathaniel and Nicholas.