

NMMI Alumni Relations



June/July | 2015

Upcoming Events

Lodging for

Homecoming 2015

Rooms are going fast so book
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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/>

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

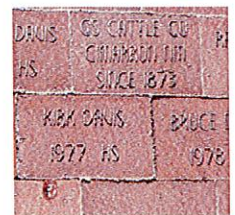
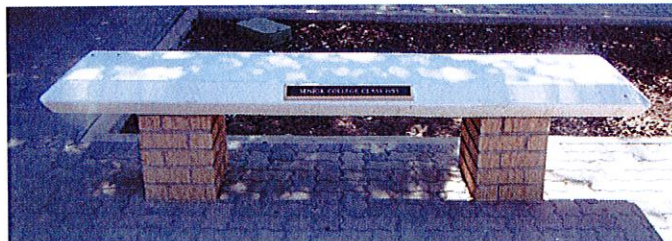
For assistance making your donation, call the Alumni Relations Office at (575) 624-8250.



Save the dates!

**2015 General's Cup
Tournament
25, 26 and 27 September 2015**

For more information, contact
Kris Ward
at 575-624-5155 or
wardk@nmmi.edu



2015 NMMI Alumni Trail Ride



Wow, those of you that could not make this year's 26th Annual NMMI Alumni Trail Ride, you missed a fantastic time! We hope all you had some fun, laughed a little and ate well. Our ranch host, The Davis Family, provided us with a beautiful landscape setting, between the Tall Pines and Aspens. This year's ride was once again well attended with over 130 plus participants, within that number were a record, 45 "Rat Riders", (First Time Attendees), thank you sponsors for bringing them.



We once again want to thank our ranch hosts, Mrs. Linda Davis and Family for allowing us to have the 26th Trail Ride Event on their beautiful ranch in Angel Fire, NM.



Riders got to visit with old friends, share some great memories and many new friendships were made as well.

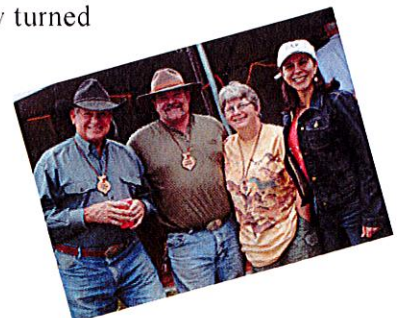
We are already discussing locations for next year's trail ride, and as soon as that location has been firmed up, we will let you know.



Mark your calendars for June 14th thru the 17th, 2016.

We hope to see all of you again next year, and you newly turned rat riders, your only order is to bring a new rat rider.

LTC Danny L. Armijo, II, NMMI 1972 JC
Director of Alumni Relations and
Institutional Advancement



On The Hill Update

COL Barbara Trent, USA 1979 JC appointed to Board of Regents

COL Barbara Trent, USA 1979 JC of Las Cruces has been appointed to the New Mexico Military Institute Board of Regents. Trent is the CEO of Cova Strategies, LLC. Prior to her current position, she was the vice president and manager of Altamira Technologies Corporation and is a former military adviser at the National Security Agency. Trent holds a Bachelor of Arts from New Mexico State University in Las Cruces.



Read the [release](#)

HARRIS  CONNECT



NMMI and Harris Connect have partnered to prepare the next NMMI Alumni Directory! Harris Connect may be contacting you to make sure that we have the most current information for you. The Directory is set to be published in October 2016.



NMMI Annual Fund



As we near the end of the school year, we want to give thanks for all those who have participated in the 2014-2015 annual fund. To date, the annual fund has generated \$212,637.00 this year. That is an increase over the previous few years:

2012-2013 - \$199,621.17

2013-2014 - \$174,204.22

This commitment to annual sustained giving provides support for cadet activities and allows those perspective cadets who meet all the qualifications to attend NMMI but have financial shortcomings the ability to still attend and achieve their goals. Without such an outpouring of support, NMMI may have missed out on future leaders within the Corps of Cadets, and life after New Mexico Military Institute. Once again, we want to personally give all who have participated thanks. YOUR gifts, no matter the size, are appreciated and make a huge difference in the lives of cadets. We hope to have your continued support in the future.

If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Kris Ward, Development and Advancement Officer at (575) 624-8158, or by email at wardk@nmmi.edu.

On The Hill Update

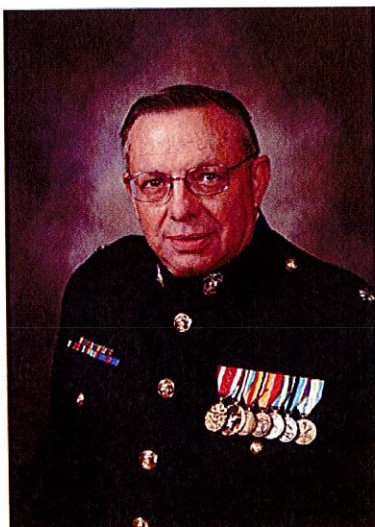


LTC Jon Graff assumes the position of Commandant after serving for nearly 4 years as a principal staff member. Graff started his NMMI career as the Chief Operating Officer/Professor of Military Science and Leadership, and then served as the current NMMI Service Academy Prep Director. His background will provide the New Mexico Military Institute a diverse and decorated representation of the pillar of excellence NMMI must have in such a vital position. LTC Graff is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY and brings 23 years of Military Service in the U.S. Army to his title. Graff has

served in a variety of positions over his career around the country and overseas.

His assignments included duties as a rifle platoon leader, company executive officer, company commander, battalion operations officer, executive officer, and battalion commander. He was one of three captains in the Army selected for an Olmsted Scholarship for the class of 2000 and studies at the Technical University of Dresden in Dresden, Germany. He has deployed overseas in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

“I feel honored and humbled to be among the officers selected to train NMMI’s future leaders,” said LTC Jon Graff. “We have tremendously capable cadets in the Corps, and I am looking forward to leading them in their journey to become better leaders.”



Congratulations to **LTC I. Steve Davis, USMC (Ret) 1971 JC** on his new job at NMMI.

Colonel Davis is now the Deputy Commandant of Operations. We wish him the best in his new job and thank him for his time as NMMI’s Director of Admissions.

Alumni Chapter Update

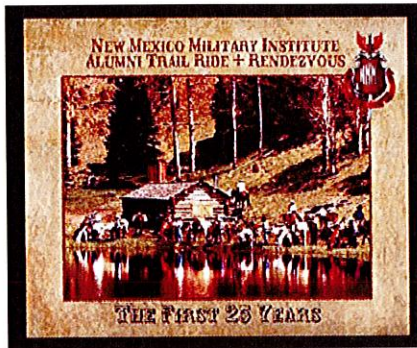


Please support efforts to recognize those alumni who were awarded high honors for gallantry and heroism, and/or died while performing military service to the United States - Contact Jennifer Rawdon at the NMMI Foundation (rawdon@nmni.edu or 575-624-8035) to donate toward the **Randy Suber 1965 HS** Fundraising effort - Plans are underway to honor Randy and other fallen veterans during Homecoming 2015.

Thanks!

Jordy Wommack 1980 HS

(505) 459-8226



If you would like a copy of the 25th Anniversary Trail Ride 11"x17" Hardbound Book, Please contact **Jordy Wommack 1980 HS** at (505) 459-8226, or jordywommack@msn.com.



Abq Chapter Annual Fall BBQ Saturday, August 29th, 2015 - 4pm - 9pm

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

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS WILL BE UP FOR BIDS TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER AND THE N.M.M.I. ANNUAL FUND

*Hickory-smoked Green Chile Brisket, Pulled Pork, Smoked Ribs, Sausages and Turkey - Plus Superb Side Dishes!
Beer, Wine & Sodas provided, or BYOB!*

Adults: \$25

Kids: \$10

Students: \$15

Cash, Check,
or Credit Cards
- Pay at Event -

**FOR RESERVATIONS AND MAP TO EVENT,
EMAIL ATTENDEE NAMES TO:
NMMI.ABQALUMNI@GMAIL.COM**

Everyone is invited to our next Chapter Event, and if you have items for the Silent Auction, please email us with the details!

Alumni Chapter Update



Washington DC LTC J.W. Elliott USA (Ret)
1953 SC Memorial NMMI Alumni Chapter

Update

21 July 2015

18-Jul-15: Annual Networking BBQ

The annual networking BBQ found many Alumni enjoying the benefit of catching up with old friends and making new ones. We ate burgers, hot dogs, ribs, salmon, chicken, turkey, and all manner of side dishes. We also imbibed new beers followed by a friendly scotch tasting supervised by our very own scotch master Lindsey Lee 1999 JC.

NMMI Alumni enjoying good food and friends. From Left to right – Michael P. Green, Car Los, Jerry Phifer, Lindsey Lee, Elinord Glenn Alexandre, Larry Moon, Margaret Sanger, and John Hines. (Not pictured but in attendance were Paul Hughey, Sam Cook, Stacy Northrop Davis, Merritt Pardini, Kirk Johnson, and Mary Kate Johnson) Apologies from Gregory D. Sampson who found himself in sick bay on the day.



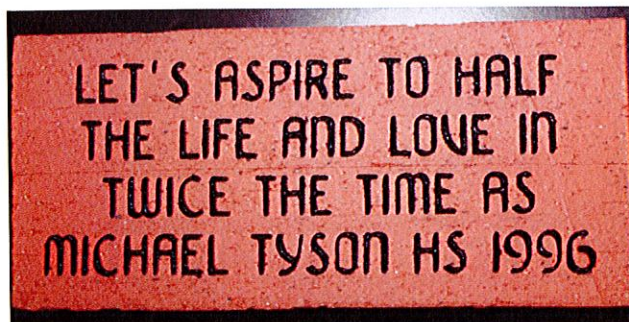
Our Chapter's Involvement with the NMMI ARO / AAG Relationship

We have a number of challenges facing us as we work to become a more mature chapter and strive to develop a stronger and more productive relationship with our Alma Mater. In order to facilitate this we continue to pursue the development and maintenance of chapter bylaws. Our bylaws will frame our chapters organization and define our relationships with other organizations. Pursuant this goal our leadership has recently appointed Jerry Phifer (1981 HS-1983 JC) to be the AAG representative for our chapter effective 1 July, 2015. The AAG representative position requires a majority vote from chapter leadership. While there is no limit for how long an AAG Representative may serve for, the position is re-evaluated on an annual basis. Any chapter member may ask or be asked to serve in this capacity. The incumbent AAG Rep may appoint any chapter member to serve as the chapter's alternate AAG Rep to either share responsibilities or be present when the lead AAG Rep is not available to attend AAG meeting.

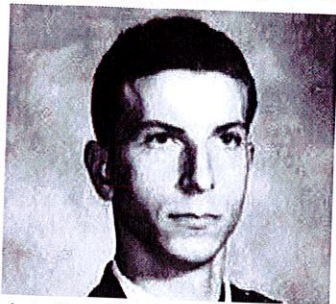
Taps

Michael Albert Tyson (Born 8-Sep-77 : Passed 29-Jun-15)

Sadly, the month of June found us saying farewell to Michael A. Tyson 1996 HS. Michael lost a fierce battle with an inoperable brain tumor that took him from our chapter members at 0205hrs on 29-Jun-15. As NMMI Alumni, our hearts sink to a place of reflection knowing we're saying goodbye to a brother who shared with us a common experience and love for life. Michael gifted us with an unconditional love embracing his Alumni bond until his untimely departure from our ranks. In October we will remember Michael in cadence at Silver Taps and visit his brick in the heart of our Alma Mater so as to never forget our obligation to live and love as Michael did. "Let's Aspire To Half the Life and Love In Twice the Time As Michael Tyson HS 1996"



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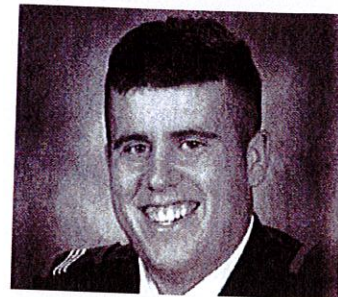
Update from **Robert J. Arndt**
1986 JC-

Winding down the last year of service in the US Army. Enjoying riding my MC year round here in Florida. I would welcome anyone coming down to WDW to give me a shout.

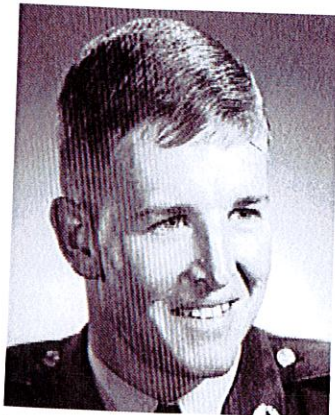
Do you want to share your good news with NMMI classmates and friends? Send your article and photo to Karen Yerby at alm_clrk@nmmi.edu.



Update from **MSG John F. Clark, USA (Ret) 1967 JC** - From 1967 to 1992 I served in the US Army Security Agency and the Military Intelligence branch retiring as a MSG. From 1994 to 2012 I served with U.S. Customs on the Mexican Border.



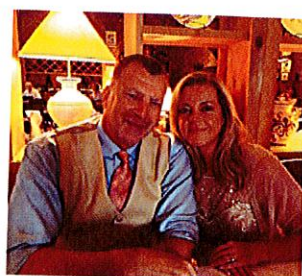
Update from **Christopher P. "Chip" Dollahon 2005 JC** - Was recently promoted to second class petty officer in USCG currently stationed on CGC VIGOROUS stationed at JEB little creek-fort story in Virginia Beach, VA.



MCPO Norman R. Creel, USN (Ret) 1968 JC - Retired from the Navy in 1995 after 23 years of service. Served with honor with SEAL Team 1 and SEAL Team 8 and enjoyed every minute of it! I retired as a Master Chief Petty Officer (E-9). I received my B.S. from Regis College in Denver after leaving NMMI, but I never considered myself "officer material" and enlisted instead. I never regretted that decision! After retirement, I enrolled in graduate school at Denver University and received an M.A. I then taught high school mathematics for two years, but never liked the teaching profession much. I loved the mathematics and lesson-planning, but I had a tough time with the discipline problems in class.

I have two grown daughters and three grandchildren, but in 2003 my wife and I decided to adopt a baby girl from China. Shortly after returning from China, my wife was diagnosed with a rare, aggressive cancer. We were living in Denver at the time, but after a year of treatment it became evident that the cancer could not be stopped. We then moved to Rapid City, SD, in 2004 -- where my wife's mother, father, and two sisters still lived. My wife passed away in December of 2005. Since then I have been doing "single-father duty" raising our Chinese daughter, Elizabeth. She is now 13 years old and doing great! I was blessed to have her! Like I always tell people, she saved my life! I could have gone down-hill fast -- feeling sorry for myself after my wife's passing. Anyway, I'm a full-time dad living on my retirement and enjoying life!

Update from **Rev Neil E. Guayante 1993 JC** - Married Gay Pollock on 12 July 2014. Daughters are Madeline (18), Caroline (14) and son Seth Pollock (15). I now own an Allstate agency in Austin and enjoy playing competitive tennis.



Congratulations to **Rodney D. "Rod" Patten 1981 JC** and his bride Ann Marie Le Tourneau on their 30 May 2015 wedding. We wish them the best!

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Congratulations to **James D. Lowe 1967 JC** and his wife Joy on the birth of granddaughter Emma Skye. Emma was born on 11 July 2015.



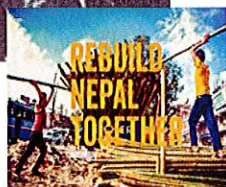
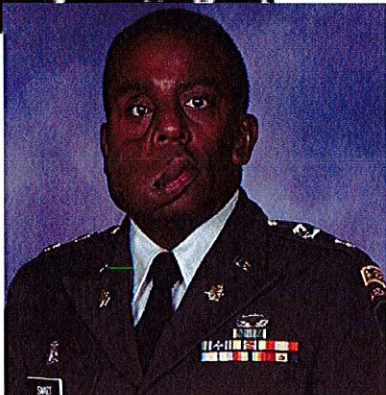
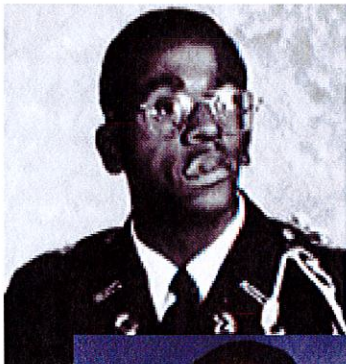
Update from **Christopher E. Law 2002 JC** - I became an Agent with New York Life Insurance Company in 2014 after working for six years in the Public Safety industry. I graduated from The University of Phoenix in 2013 with a Bachelor's of Science in Business Management

and am a proud member of the Greater Washington community. I live with my Partner and our Great Dane, Macy, in Annandale, VA.

Honoring our heroes:

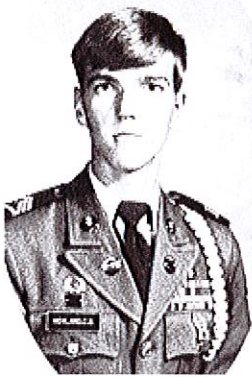
Lieutenant Colonel Albert E. Smart, USA 1983 JC, died at the age of 42 on May 28, 2005, at an Air Force hospital in Doha, Qatar, from a non-combat illness. He was a Civil Affairs officer assigned to the 321st Civil Affairs Brigade out of San Antonio, TX. He had deployed earlier in the month to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. LTC Smart graduated from John Jay High School in San Antonio in 1981, and later graduated from the New Mexico Military Institute, and Wayland Baptist University. He enlisted in the Army Reserve in 1983 and was originally commissioned as an infantry officer. His military education and training included the Civil Affairs Qualification Course, basic airborne course, and the U.S. Army Ranger course. LTC Smart's awards and decorations include the Joint Service Commendation Medal, three Army Commendation Medals, 3 Army Achievement Medals, the parachutist badge, and Ranger tab. LTC Smart valiantly served our nation and his fellow Soldiers. He is survived by his wife, son, and his parents.

Never forget.



Derek A. Brown 1991 JC, just moved to Nepal, where his spouse is a U.S. Foreign Service officer with USAID. Derek, who is a photographer, joined forces with a local publisher to help immediate earthquake relief efforts for two rural villages that were devastated by the recent earthquakes. Derek has started a gofundme account to raise money for shelters and livelihoods support for the neediest of the villagers.

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When **CW3 Darrell B. Hovland, USA (Ret) 1981 HS - 1983 JC** graduated from NMMI he knew he wanted to serve in the US Army. He returned to the Hill for Junior College and joined the Senior ROTC program. After his second class year due to unforeseen changes he left the institute and did not return his First Class year and dropped from the ROTC program. Still wanting to serve the military he enlisted in the US Army Reserves and graduated Infantry One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Ft Benning, GA just a few weeks from when his peers would be graduating from NMMI and getting their commissions in the US Army. He returned to the Hill as a Private First Class to watch his best friend Kirk Johnson receive his Commission and give him his first salute. Darrell went on to serve in the 1st Ranger BN, 75th Inf Rgmt (ABN) at Hunter Army Air Field, Savannah, GA. Later applied for Special Forces and graduated from the United States Army Special Forces Qualification Course, Ft Bragg, NC, and was assigned to 5th

Special Forces Group (ABN) Ft Campbell, KY. He served in Special Forces from 1988 until his retirement in 2004. While serving, tragedy struck his family with the death of the mother of their 11 year old son due to complications of diabetes, in Jan 2001 leaving him a single parent. Although, he served four combat tours in different conflicts from Desert Storm, Somalia, Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, and Iraqi Freedom in Iraq, Darrell says the hardest thing he ever had to do was tell his son his mother was not coming home. Darrell Retired from the US Army in Nov 2004 as a Chief Warrant Officer 3. He met his wife COL Michele (Melton) Hovland. She was serving in the Missouri National Guard and was selected as the first Female Brigade Commander in the MO NG for the 70th Troop Command she was additionally the first female from the Missouri Army National Guard to be selected to attend the United States Army War College Residence Course in Carlisle, PA. Darrell and Michele were married in 2009 and spent their first year together in Carlisle at the War College. After War College they returned to their farm in Missouri. Michele retired from the National Guard as a senior leader in the MO NG in 2012. During Michele's service she served 11 years on active duty and 19 years in the National Guard both in California and Missouri. During her service she too served in combat during Desert Storm and deployed numerous guard Soldiers to both Afghanistan and Iraq. While in the California NG she was selected to be the Commandant of Angel Gate Academy at Camp San Luis Obispo, CA. Angel Gate Academy was a California National Guard program for at risk kids from the unified Los Angeles School District. During her time as camp Commandant she found her passion for working with youth and upon her return to MO dreamt of starting a kid's camp. Darrell and Michele spoke often about putting together a kids camp on their farm in the Ozarks of SW Missouri but didn't know what it would look like but after both had served in combat and attended too many memorial services for fellow soldiers and friends, and seeing the kids sitting on the front row at these memorial services they knew what kind of kids camp to build. Because both of them had suffered the loss of a loved one, Michele losing her first husband to Heart disease they knew too well what that experience is like. Thus was the beginning of Kids of Our Heroes - Adventure Camp. Not really know what they were doing, and both being too stubborn to not achieve what they set out to do, they started to put together a board of directors and filed for the camp's Non-Profit Status and Jan 2013 held their first Board Meeting. When looking for quality board members Darrell of course thought of his longtime friend **COL Kirk Johnson 1981 HS - 1982 JC** from the Institute who both had served on the same military posts throughout their careers. Kirk eagerly accepted the invitation to serve on the board while he prepared for his own retirement. He brought with him his wife **Mary Kate (Patterson) Johnson 1982 HS - 1984 JC** who were recently married in 2013.

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CPT Daniel L. Castillo, USA (Ret) 1982 JC

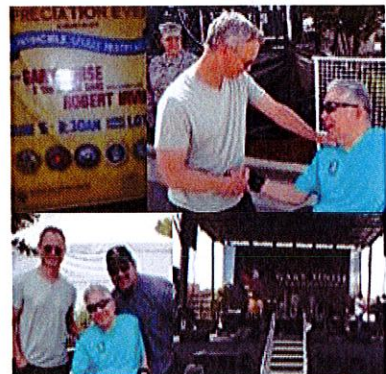
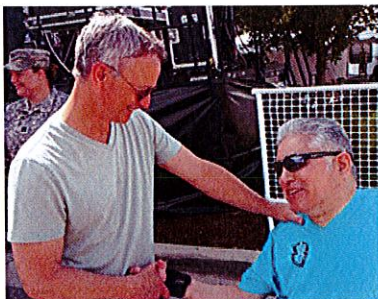
On June 5, 2015, members of the Texas Disabled Veterans Association (TDVA) attended the Fort Sam Houston, Texas SAMMC Patient, Staff, and Family, Appreciation Event In conjunction with the "Invincible Spirit Festival" and met Gary Sinise (Actor/Director/Musician), TDVA members Vice President Dan Castillo and Juan Martinez (US Army Veteran and VA RN) presented Mr. Gary Sinise a Texas Disabled Veterans Association (TDVA) Challenge Coin on behalf of the TDVA membership for all of his hard work honoring and visiting Wounded Warriors throughout the Nation! Mr. Sinise also heads The Gary Sinise Foundation at Garysinisefoundation.org which creates and supports unique Veterans programs. TDVA was also able to discuss several of our



ongoing Veteran's programs with Mr. Sinise. VP **Dan Castillo 1982 JC** proudly told Mr. Sinise that 100% of TDVA's 501©(3) nonprofit monetary donations go directly to veterans in various programs which can be viewed at www.TDVA.net and our free online membership is continuously growing since January 2009 as a veterans' service organization! Over 7,000 patients, medical staff members, veterans, and family members enjoyed cold beverages, barbecued food with all the trimmings, and music featuring, Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band also featuring Robert Irvine. Actor Sinise has made eight appearances in San Antonio since 2007 visiting veterans and wounded warriors. Castillo told Mr. Sinise that, "I am the original Lt. Dan", Mr. Sinise smiled and a friendship of mutual respect for veterans and military service members began!

The Gary Sinise Foundation recently announced the upcoming Sixth Annual, Lt. Dan Weekend (LDW6) and registration is currently now open online! LDW6 will consist of a Veteran/Caregiver retreat taking place at the Independence Center on Palm Key, SC from 13-17 September 2015 for fifty lucky Independence Heroes who will then be joined by another three hundred Independence Heroes and caregivers the weekend of 17-19 September 2015 in Charleston, SC. The Lt. Dan concert will take place on Friday, Sept 18th. The Independence Fund will provide meals, lodging and a travel stipend up to \$500 for each approved participant. Applications will be accepted from now until Aug. 15th. Those not accepted as Independence Heroes will still be eligible to receive a pair of VIP passes to the Lt. Dan Band concert taking place in the North Charleston Coliseum on September 18, 2015. Doors to the concert will open at 5:30 p.m.. The LDW6 website, www.LDW6.org went live on June 10, 2015 and contains more information as it becomes available.

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About the Camp:

Kids of Our Heroes – Adventure Camp is Nestled along beautiful Flat Creek in the Ozarks of Southwest Missouri, about 45 miles west of Branson, MO near a quaint little community of Jenkins, MO, The Camp is a Non-Profit Corporation in the State of Missouri and has its 501 C (3) status granted by the IRS. It is governed by 8 Directors who sit on its Board and are only paid by the knowledge that there are doing great things for these kids. All of its board members are Veterans with the majority serving in combat. All of the Camp staff are veterans with all of the Camp Counselors holding a degree in Counseling and Michele being the lead counselor as a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC). Each camp is a week-long camp for kids 11 – 17 years of age unaccompanied by their parents or guardian. Currently there are two camps during the summer; the first is for Kids who have lost a loved one Killed in Action during the Global War on Terror; the second is for kids who live with a Wounded Warrior with either seen or unseen wounds. Each day the kids are taken out on a daily adventure which is paired with a counseling theme, coping skill, and Bible verse. Kids of all religious faiths are welcome to attend however; the verses are used to help give direction and purpose when faced with tough situations. The whole idea of the camp is to challenge the kids to face fears that they may not have faced before. For if they can overcome their fears they can overcome other challenges that they may face. Currently they are taking 16 campers per camp and have one counselor to every 4 campers. The camp is primitive camping and the campers live in tents and sleep on cots in a fashion similar to what their parent might have done while serving in the military. They are also working to run a third camp for those kids whose parent served and unfortunately committed suicide. Getting additional funds and counselors for this camp is a work in progress. The Camp is solely funded by private donations and are able to keep costs down due to being run on Darrell and Michele's farm and because of the close proximity to Branson, MO which is one of the most patriotic cities and the businesses that provided some of the adventures, either give it gratis or at a greatly reduced rate for the campers. The local communities in SW MO and numerous Veteran and civic organizations have embraced the camp and have helped out greatly with everything from funding to helping with construction projects and thereby making the Camp totally free to the campers once they arrive at camp. In 2016 they will be adding kids of Fallen Police Officers and Firefighters to our Gold Star Kids Camp. Those who have lost a loved one Killed in the line of service and are very excited to bring on a 22 year veteran of the police force as a camp counselor. For more information on the camp or how you can help visit their web site at www.kidsofourheroes.org or visit them and like them on Face Book at www.facebook.com/koohac.

After almost 30 years Darrell returned to the hill for the 2013 Homecoming. For him it was very grounding after being away for so long and serving overseas and in combat which seemed to always happen during his 10 and 20 year reunion. Darrell says he seemed too had forgotten that part of his life after being so far removed from it serving his country. He says he can only describe it as Grounding to come back to where he grew up and reconnecting with other alumni. One of those alumni was Karen Wall (NMMI JC 1982) who was interested in helping out with the camp and with her background as a RN in Psychology and family therapy was a great fit and will be a camp counselor this year in Aug. Darrell says he owes so much of his success not only with the camp but in his Army career to what he learned at the Institute, from time management and invaluable leadership skills to how to surround yourself with

successful people and high achievers in order to make yourself a better person. Darrell also says of the Institute that although it might not be the exact same place that he remembers it still has the ability to create and prepare leaders for tomorrow and one important fact is the role that the Alumni play in setting the example for the cadets of today and staying involved and committed to all things taking place on the old post. Although he was not able to return to the Institute for so long he has kept in touch with numerous friends he made while at the Institute throughout the years. For the friendships that are formed as a cadet will never fully be realized for years to come as to where they may lead.

The San Antonio Military Medical Center (SAMMC) formerly Brooke General Hospital (BGH) is situated at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas, and is part of Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC) and the U.S. Army Medical Command. BAMC is the command element over all Army medical facilities in the San Antonio area, including SAMMC. It is a University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and USUHS teaching hospital and is home to the Army Burn Center. The hospital today is a 425-bed Joint Commission-accredited facility, expandable to 653 beds in the event of disaster. Services include general medical and surgical care, adult and pediatric primary care clinics, 24-hour Emergency department, specialty clinics, clinical services, wellness and prevention services, veterinary care, and environmental health services. SAMMC is a Level I trauma center, the only stateside one in the MEDCOM, and is part of the Southern Regional Medical Command. Within the SAMMC complex is the Center for the Intrepid which has a threefold mission which is to provide rehabilitation for OIF/OEF casualties who have sustained amputation, burns, or functional limb loss, to provide education to DoD and Department of Veteran's Affairs professionals on cutting edge rehabilitation modalities, and to promote research in the fields of orthopedics, prosthetics and physical/occupational rehabilitation. The staff and equipment for the building was selected to provide the full spectrum of amputee rehabilitation as well as the advanced outpatient rehabilitation for burn victims and limb salvage patients with residual functional loss. Just outside the gates of SAMMC there is a building called the Wounded Warriors Transition Barracks where recently injured and wounded military personnel who have recovered at SAMMC continue their ongoing physical and mental therapies as they return back to military service or transition back into civilian life. SAMMC has cared for thousands of service members who were injured in Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom and military operations throughout the world, and nearly 1,500 medical professionals have been deployed in support of those missions. Since the Global War on Terrorism began in September 2001, the Burn Team has made frequent trips to Landstuhl Army Regional Medical Center in Germany, transporting patients back to SAMMC for care.