

A group of men, likely former cadets, are riding horses down a dirt trail. They are wearing cowboy hats and western-style clothing. The trail is surrounded by trees and brush. The text "NMMI Alumni Relations" is overlaid at the top in a large, stylized font.

NMMI Alumni Relations

Corps of Former Cadets

March | 2014

Cadets Impress

Dear General Grizzle and General Murray,

I wish to write to you about an experience I had last week regarding 14 of your cadets. I've never heard of the New Mexico Military Institute and was actually passing through Roswell, NM for a business trip last week.

I stopped at the Rib Crib in town on Friday night for dinner and was seated next to 14 cadets. I was very impressed with how mature they were. I did not recognize the uniform but figured it was some sort of Military Academy School. After some research on the web I found that they are part of your program.

Since I was traveling alone it was a pleasant experience to observe them and see that our future is in good hands with kids like these. I did not hear one swear word from the group, they were not loud nor rude like so many that are their age. They were very respectful to their server and the company in which they were in.

When the meal was brought out one offered a blessing on the food for the group, that was so refreshing for me to see! One of the Female cadets stood and thanked everyone for coming to support her on her birthday. She said it's hard not being with her family and that she appreciated their friendship and support. The group sang Happy Birthday to her and let her know she was loved.

I was amazed that everyone was engaged with each other in conversation and not texting.

I thought about my own kids and hope they turn out like these kids. Their parents should be proud of who these cadets are becoming.

What a wonderful program you have in place and I could see the results first hand with 14 of the cadets. May your program prosper and continue to grow. I have told several people about my experience and wanted to send a quick note to acknowledge my appreciation for your program.

Warmest Regards,
Anonymous





Registration is OPEN!

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.

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

We are also looking for sponsorships for this years Trail Ride! If you or anyone you know would like to become a sponsor please give us a call at 575-624-8250 or email us at alumnioffice@nmmi.edu.

Register [HERE!](#)



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!

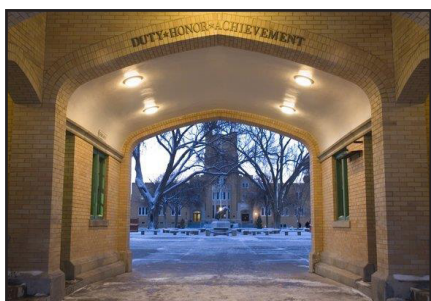
Check out the store website:

<http://www.nmmi.edu/alumni/benchesbricksandflagpoles.htm>



Want to know how NMMI is doing? It was a very good year!

Read the **2012-2013 New Mexico Military Institute performance report.**



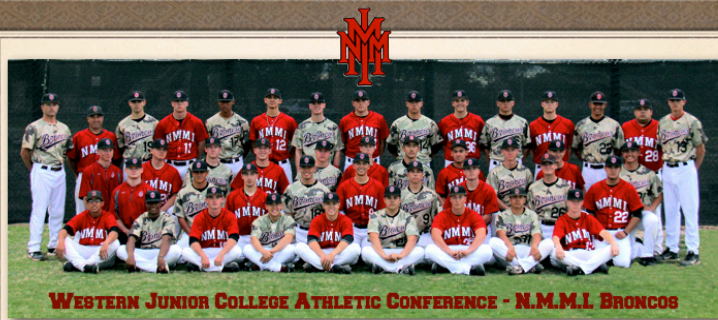
2014 Graduation



2014 Graduation is coming up. The Commissioning will be held in Pearson Auditorium beginning at 0800 on 23 May, 2014. Baccalaureate begins at 1030 and the Awards Ceremony begins at 1500. Commencement begins at 0800 on Saturday, 24 May, 2014 on Colt Field.

Be sure to plan ahead if you will be needing lodging. The annual Roswell Hike It and Spike It tournament starts on 24 May, so rooms in Roswell will book fast. To see what is available for lodging click [HERE](#).

Chapter News



COME JOIN THE N.M.M.I. BRONCO BASEBALL TEAM, PARENTS, FAMILIES, AND FELLOW ALUMNI FOR A "HOME STAND" VS. EL PASO COMMUNITY COLLEGE ON MARCH 28TH & 29TH, 2014 - DOUBLE-HEADERS BOTH DAYS, BEGINNING AT NOON - COST IS \$5 PER DAY

— AT THE UNM LOBO BASEBALL FIELD IN ALBUQUERQUE —

Lobo Field is located south of The Pit. Exit off I-25, just south of the Big-I, at Avenida Cesar Chavez and head east.

Turn right (south) on University Boulevard. The Pit and the UNM Ticket Office will be on the right.

Turn right into the first entrance just past The Pit.

Drive through The Pit parking lot, passing the Ticket Office on your right. Lobo Field will be on your left.

Concessions will be open - no outside food or drinks allowed other than sealed bottled water.



This is a great time to get involved with an NMMI Alumni Chapter. Don't see a Chapter in your area? Give us a call at 575-624-8250. We can help you get started.

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From the Phoenix, AZ Alumni Chapter:

We are having our annual Wilder BBQ on 12 April from 1-5 pm. Location will be Indian School Park at 4289 N. Hayden Road in Scottsdale, Ramada #6. See attached [map](#).

We will be having Honey Bears.

The cost will be \$10 for adults and kids 8 and under are free.

We will also have kids beverages and beer for the adults. If you prepay lunch will be \$8. Please make checks payable to Lisa Drummond and mail them C/O Joseph Altman, 5654 East Glade Ave, Mesa, AZ 85206. Please RSVP so we can order the proper amount of food. You can either email **Joseph Altman 1987 HS** at cvaltman@cox.net or call him at 602-684-0852, **Lisa Drummond 1985 JC** at 602-524-4157, **COL Richard "Dick" Minor 1957 JC** at dandminor@aol.com or **Robert Drobek 1968 JC** at teamdrobek@gmail.com.

We hope to see everyone there!

Chapter News

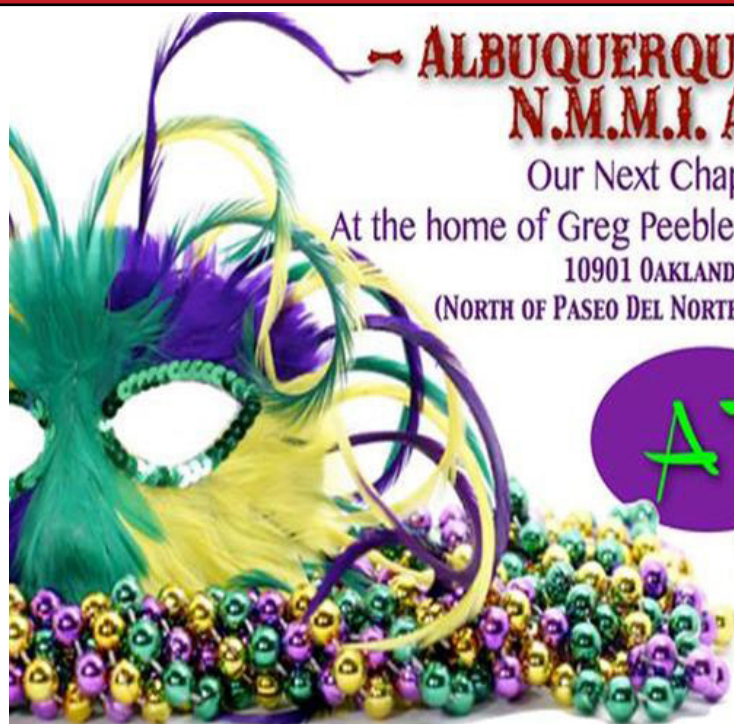
~ ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER ~ N.M.M.I. ALUMNI

Our Next Chapter Event:

At the home of Greg Peebles '77JC & Denise Kawas

10901 OAKLAND NE 87122

(NORTH OF PASEO DEL NORTE, EAST OFF OF EUBANK)



A Ragin' Cajun
Mardi Gras
Spring Fling!

Saturday, March 29th, 2014
2pm Start

EMAIL NMMI.ABQALUMNI@GMAIL.COM FOR OUR HEADCOUNT
& LET US KNOW NAMES OF WHO YOU ARE BRINGING TO THE EVENT!

This Fun & Festive event will feature a Mardi Gras theme with Cajun Cuisine & Zydeco Music
This is a free event for all attendees: N.M.M.I. Alumni, Patrons, Families & Friends!

Hello Alumni, Patrons and Friends!

We've loaded up our Facebook page and our Website with all the great photos from the Albuquerque Chapter - NMMI Alumni 6th Annual Valentine Sweethearts Dinner.

Special thanks go out to **NMMI Regent Steve Paternoster 1979 HS** for sponsoring and hosting the event at his restaurant, Scalo Northern Italian Grill.

Thanks also to **Mike Ortiz 1985 HS** for taking all the great photos!

You can view all of the event photos on our Chapter Facebook Page, or on the website below!

Enjoy,

Jordy

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Jordy Wommack 1980HSG

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ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER - N.M.M.I. ALUMNI 6TH ANNUAL VALENTINE SWEETHEARTS DINNER

February 20th, 2014 was the date for the Albuquerque Chapter's 6th Annual Valentine Sweethearts Dinner at Scalo Northern Italian Grill. We had a great time, with about 50 attendees, including N.M.M.I. Athletic Director Reggie Franklin '77JC and N.M.M.I. Foundation Development Director Nickie Vigil '79HS '81JC. N.M.M.I. Regent and Event Sponsor/Host Steve Paternoster '79HS picked up the tab for the food, so proceeds from attendees amounted to \$600 for the N.M.M.I. Campaign for the Corps, along with \$350 for the Chapter. We drank toasts to Chapter President Greg Rumbaugh '68HS who died four years ago this Saturday, as well as Chapter member and past Sweethearts Dinner attendee Ken Paul '55HS '57JC who passed away November 12th of 2013. We dined on awesome food while enjoying the company of fellow alumni, friends, families... and of course, sweethearts!



Chapter News

The Washington DC Alumni Chapter enjoyed the benefit of warm generosity and great camaraderie at this year's annual chapter Tattoo!! Highlights of the evening were:

Great Attendance

Announcement regarding **LTG Charles W. Brown, USA (Ret) 1953 SC**

Campaign for the Corps Fundraising



We were blessed to have Sherry Brown in attendance, who provided us early news that her husband, the late **LTG Charles W. Brown, USA (Ret) 1953 SC**, will be inducted into the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City on 12 April 2014. It is open to the public, in case anyone happens to be in the area or wants to specifically go. He is in the NMMI Hall of Fame, and was so honored to be inducted. He would most assuredly be humbled to hang in the Hall of Great Westerners alongside Ronald Reagan, Dwight Eisenhower, Teddy Roosevelt, and others.

Our Tattoo this year was held in the beautiful home of the Galaviz family where we were hosted with grace and elegance. We had 50 members in attendance and raised a record breaking \$15,000 for the "Campaign for the Corps" thanks to:

Jonathan V. Galaviz 1996 JC

Mr. Fernando Galaviz (Father of Jonathan Galaviz)

Chapter funds:

BG Susan A. (Petters) Davidson, USA 1983 JC

COL John L. Garcia, USA (Ret) 1953 SC

LTC Jerry L. Phifer, USA (Ret) 1983 JC

Brenda A. Valdez-Stokes 1984 JC



We cannot thank the Galaviz family enough for contributing so handsomely at every level of our event!!

You may have to scroll down a bit, but you can find pictures taken at the Tattoo at our Chapter Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/137202116479851/>

AND

the "Remember at NMMI When..." Facebook group at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/200820136641958/>

Larry Moon 1983 JC

Treasurer/Webmaster

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Special thanks to **Chookeat A. Jarvis 1993 JC** for the photography.



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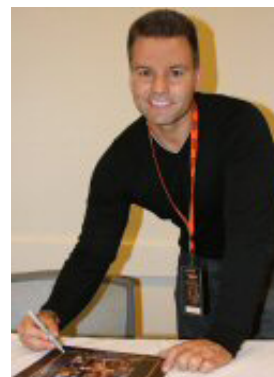
Ana-Alicia Armendariz 2005 HS graduated from NMMI in 2005 and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from the University of New Mexico in 2010. While in college she used her love of God and knowledge of the Catholic Church to volunteer as a Confirmation teacher in her parish. In 2010 Ana-Alicia received the 15th Annual Young Adult Appreciation Award through the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. The following year she moved to Naples, Florida to attend Ave Maria School of Law where she was a member of the Women's Law Association, Lex Vitae Society, Military Law Society and Delta Theta Phi.

While in Naples, upon learning about a local non-profit called Providence House, she fell in love with the mission and wanted to become more involved. In 2013 she began working for Providence House as the Director of Development and is proud to be serving an organization that provides transitional housing to

motivated single mothers with young children who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

Patrick E. Kelly 1980 JC was honored in 2012 at the CCCAA (California Community College Athletic Association) awards banquet with the Brass Top award for excellence and service as Sports Information Director at Merced College. The award is given annually by the California Community College Sports Information Association. It is voted upon by all association members throughout the California junior college system. Pat also is finishing up his 27th year as Sports Information Director and Adjunct Professor in Physical Education at Merced College. He is happily married to Marcia (nine years), and has a five year old daughter named Amber-Virginia.

Marc A. Sandin 2003 JC is married with two daughters. He launched www.WriteRite.org to consult on online content, social media, blogs and websites. He freelance's online web content and dabbles in graphic arts media.



Michael L. Reel 1974 HS wanted to say "hi" to all of his class mates. He is working for an Oil Company as the Operations Drilling Manager. He is married and has two kids, April and Chase, along with five grandchildren and one great-

grandchild. He would love to hear from anyone that he knew or who knew him. ynotme17@yahoo.com

Would you like to donate your Saber to be used by a current or future cadet? These alumni have donated theirs! Many thanks to them!

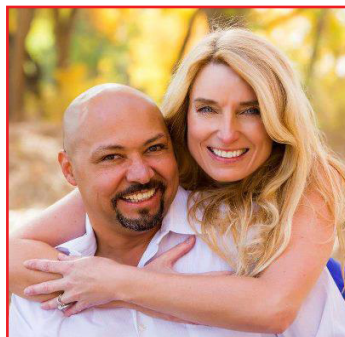


Left to right: **Carl A. Reinemund 1932 JC**, **1LT Frank Berry, Jr., USA 1935 JC** (Killed in Action 1943), **George M. Clancy 1941 HS**, **COL Stanley A. Archenhold, AUS (Ret) 1940 JC** and **George Aubrey Davidson 1944 HS** (no photo available).

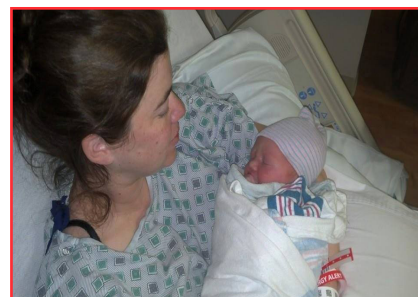
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Congratulations to **Santiago Greenham Rodriguez 1989 HS** and his wife Melanie on the birth of daughter Francesca Sophie "Chessie" on 12 March 2014.



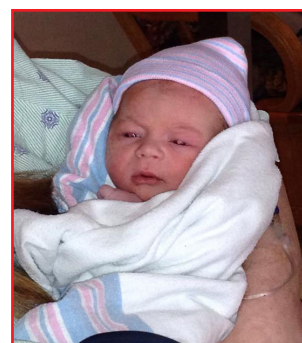
Congratulations to **Patricio G. Quintana 1985 JC** and his new bride Anna Dunne-Quintana. They were married on 2 March 2014. We wish them all the best!



Congratulations to **Heather E. (Johnson) Burns 1999 JC** and her husband Matt on the birth of their son Brody Matthew on 25 February 2014.



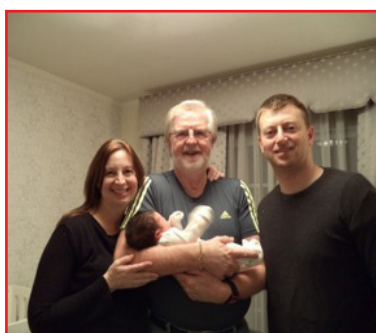
Congratulations to **Matthew D. Poston 2003 JC** on the birth of his son, Tucker Lee. Tucker joined the family with big sister Samantha on 14 March 2014.



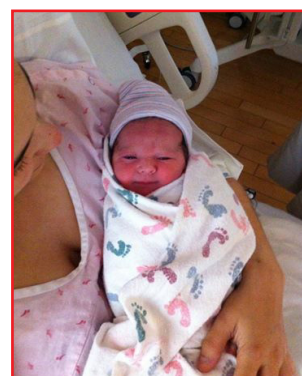
Congratulations to **William J. McCready 2006 HS** and his wife Bonnie on the birth of Weston born 13 March 2014.



James S. "One Lung" Farrell 1964 JC, 71, is still working as CEO of Farrell Distributing Corp. Jim and his wife Tina will have been married for 49 years this summer and have 14 grandchildren. Farrell Distributing was established in 1975 by Jim and Tina Farrell and has been servicing Upstate New York and Northern Pennsylvania for 39 years.



Congratulations to **Charles C. Stump 1965 HS - 1967 JC** on the birth of his first grandchild, Harrison Logan Grant born on 17 January 2014. Pictured here with Brenda and Logan Grant. They are currently living in Burbank, CA.



Congratulations to **Julio C. Villanueva Lorenzo 2004 HS** and his wife Rosalie Torres Saenz on the birth of their daughter, Sofia Villanueva Torres on 1 March 2014.

Alumni Updates



Bobby E. Arnett 1993 JC

NMMI alumnus and Roswell native, Bobby E. Arnett, has announced his candidacy for Magistrate Judge Division 1 in Chaves County following the retirement of the Honorable Judge De Los Santos. Arnett's lifelong business experience and education, combined with legal experience gained from working in a successful law practice makes him a well-rounded type of person that would make a good Judge for citizens of Chaves County. Bobby takes pride in being an Eagle Scout and an NMMI alumnus.

Arnett has been active in the community by volunteering with the Boy Scouts as an Assistant Scoutmaster with troop 149. As an Assistant Scoutmaster Arnett has taken the troop on numerous campouts, hikes, backpacking trips and even chaperoned the troop on a 14 day trip to Philmont, the Boy Scout high adventure base located near Cimarron, NM. Arnett has also been very active with All Saints Catholic School where both of his children, William and Victoria, attend. Arnett has served on the All Saints

School Board, the Parent Teacher Support Group and chaired several events for the school. Bobby has also volunteered with the Republican party on a number of occasions including helping the Secret Service in preparation for Vice President Cheney's visits to Roswell and Artesia.

His wife, Ana, is a physician at ENMMC and is the MD for the Valley Health Clinic located in Dexter. Dr. Arnett is a family practice physician and has been serving Roswell and Dexter since 2000.

Bobby derived his legal experience from working at the Hunt Law firm from 2004 through 2009. During this time he gained knowledge in legal research and writing as well as exposure to cases involving contract disputes, real estate, wills, livestock, wrongful death, and a variety of other issues.

In order to supplement his legal training and prepare himself for the challenges of the judgeship, Bobby has also consulted with standing and retired Judges on several occasions and reviewed judicial manuals like New Mexico Statutes, Codes, Rules, and Ethics. Bobby has also spent countless hours in Magistrate Court watching and learning from Judge Halvorson and Judge De Los Santos.

"My wife and I have tried to be role models not only for our own children but also to the community as a whole, and I want to continue that tradition as Magistrate Judge for Chaves County," said Bobby Arnett. "I also understand that this job will be a challenge mentally, physically, emotionally and spiritually. Yet, I feel compelled to move forward, face these challenges and represent the citizens of Roswell and Chaves County with honor."

For more information about Bobby please visit his web site: www.bobbyarnett.com

Alumni Updates



MAE R. EDWARDS 1985 HS SCORES A HOLLYWOOD MUSIC IN MEDIA (HMMA) NOMINATION FOR HER GRITTY SINGLE 'ANYTHING ANYMORE'

LOS ANGELES – Multi-talented performer and author Mae Edwards (www.maeedwards.com) snagged her first Hollywood Music In Media Award (HMMA) nomination for the song "[Anything Anymore](#)" in the Adult Contemporary category. Edwards and other nominees will be honored at the ceremonies held at the Fonda Theater in Hollywood on Thursday, 20 November 2014. The HMMAs honor music from visual mediums, individuals who create and produce it, and both mainstream and independent musicians from around the globe. Edwards recently embarked on the release of a fascinating and bold multi-media project, starting with the rollout of 45 tracks on four CDs over a period of a few months beginning with the 11-track set *No Prayers Could Ever Save Me From the Love You Never Gave Me*.

She has also published the lushly illustrated hardcover book *Starlette & Saint: A Memoir on Dualism*, which includes lyrics and chord charts for every song and beautiful, spiritual prose discussing them. Her commentaries reflect her years-long studies into numerous spiritual traditions (including Christianity, Buddhism among others) as well as thought provoking references to folklore, world history, psychology, travel destinations and popular film.

The songs and book are also available digitally, with musical tracks downloadable as mp3s from www.maeedwards.com, [iTunes](#), [Amazon](#) and [iTunes/Bookstore](#).

Mae Edwards has earned stellar praise for her ambitious project. Devon Cathlin of [Surf Rock Music](#) describes the CD as, "Pure shining brilliance - and, in this case, using both shining and brilliance is NOT a redundancy, but an understatement!"

Tony Pinizzotto of [Edge On The Net](#) calls the book, ". . . a strong multi-leveled Spiritual Rock . . . (and) a valid representation of the pendulum of spirituality we occur on a daily basis."

Dee Long on [Amazon.com](#) praised, "This is a step by step journey into the lyrical wrangling of one, very talented woman, Mae Edwards. Paired with words of wisdom from some of the most peace driven, deep thinkers of our time and beyond, this peek into the creative process is a delight."

Adding depth, gravitas and edge to fresh recordings of these pieces, she co-produced them with Johnny Karlsson, a onetime Swedish guitar wunderkind best known for his extensive work in TV, film and game music.

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LTG Charles W. Brown, USA (Ret) 1953 SC, a Rushville, NE, native, has been elected to the Hall of Great Westerners at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City, OK. Mrs. Sherry Brown of Gainesville, VA, received official notification from the Museum 29 April 2013. General Brown will be inducted into the Hall of Great Westerners on 12 April 2014, at the Museum in Oklahoma City. His many friends and relatives in the Rushville area are thrilled. Election to the Hall of Great Westerners is the top honor awarded by the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum. General Brown will be joining Ronald Reagan, Theodore Roosevelt, Charles Goodnight, Dwight Eisenhower, Meriwether Lewis and more than 200 other great men and women of the American West whose lives exemplify the Western ideals of honesty, integrity, leadership and self-sufficiency.

Brown was born on the Brown Brothers Ranch south of Rushville in 1932. The ranch had been established by his grandfather in 1902. Brown attended public schools in Rushville through high school. He received his college education at the New Mexico Military Institute, graduating in 1953 at which time he entered the U. S. Army for a career lasting 37

years. Brown participated in rodeo calf roping events while in high school and was a member of the NMMI rodeo club. He was decorated for Valor during the Vietnam War and served in many Army assignments of importance in the United States and overseas. While assigned to head the Reserve Officers Training Corps Program at Texas Tech University, Brown re-organized and coached an award-winning rodeo team. It was in Germany as a 49 year old brigadier general that he earned the title, "The Cowboy General." He encouraged a touring rodeo to come to his station to entertain his soldiers and their families. He quietly entered the calf roping contest, tagging his calf in eight seconds, good enough for third place. Brown said it was his career best time. The Stars and Stripes newspaper said he was "The Cowboy General." After retirement from the Army, Brown turned his attention to the restoration of the Brown Brothers Ranch to an effective cattle operation. He consolidated ownership, purchased land, improved facilities and invested in breeding stock. The ranch celebrated its centennial in 2002 at which time Brown and his family were recognized with the Pioneer Farm Family Award by the Omaha World Herald.



Brown was further recognized in 2012 when he was elected posthumously to the Nebraska Sandhills Cowboys Hall of Fame. His son, Stephan, now operates the ranch with General Manager Keith Millikan; and grandson, Austin, a cadet at West Point, is also becoming involved with the operations. General Brown died in 2007. With his choice of burial, Brown made a final statement of his love for our Western heritage. Although qualified for burial at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors, Brown chose to be buried in the veterans' section of Fairview Cemetery, Rushville, NE, and military honors were provided by the American Legion and his rodeo partner from high school, Blayne Begin. Election to the Hall of Great Westerners is a signal honor recognizing Charles W. Brown for his service to our nation and for his lifelong promotion of our Western heritage.

Story by **LTC James K. Hitch, III, USA (Ret) 1960 JC**

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Pictured left to right are: **James C. Geibel 1976 JC**, c/SFC Lance Cole, c/MAJ Ethan Polhajecki and **Frederick M. "Rick" Gervais 1976 JC**.

NMMI Cadets Major Ethan Podhajecki and Sergeant First Class Lance Cole flew to California to act as Cadet Recruiters at the 2014, Torrance, California, Unified School District College Fair. The event took place on Saturday, 22 February 2014. NMMI Hall of Fame member **Jim Geibel 1976 JC** hosted the cadets.

After the recruiting efforts, NMMI alumnus **Frederick "Rick" Gervais 1976 JC**, joined Mr. Geibel and the cadets for a limousine tour of Hollywood. "Mel" was the driver and tour guide, showing the visitors Grauman's Chinese Theater, Hollywood High School, the Laugh Factory, and Pink's Hot Dog restaurant. Mel allowed time for the cadets to walk along the Hollywood Walk of Fame to observe the stars dedicated to the honored celebrities of television,

stars dedicated to the honored celebrities of television, radio, and motion pictures.

Mel's tour then proceeded to Beverly Hills, where he pointed out the former homes of Michael Jackson, Elvis Presley, Jimmy Stewart, Lucille Ball, and Jack Benny. The passengers were then shown Tom Cruise's residence, who co-starred with George C. Scott, Timothy Hutton, and Sean Pean in the 1981 cadet movie "Taps." They also checked out the Beverly Wilshire and Hilton hotels, before returning to Mr. Geibel's residence.

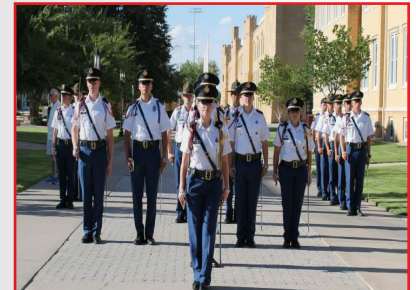
That evening, the group dined at the Stacked Restaurant in Torrance, where food is ordered at the table using an iPad. Sunday morning's breakfast was at a 'surfer dive' joint called the "Good Stuff" in Redondo Beach. The cadets spent some quality time visiting Torrance Beach before returning to LAX for their trip back to Roswell.



Pictured left to right are: cadets Polhajecki and Cole

This mini-adventure served to highlight the efforts of supportive alumni of the Institute, and also the willingness of today's cadets to properly represent themselves to the potential cadets of tomorrow. A great time was had by all, and NMMI will hopefully see some applications arrive from the Torrance, CA area!

Story by **LtCol Jordan A. Wommack, USAF (Ret) 1980 HS**



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!

