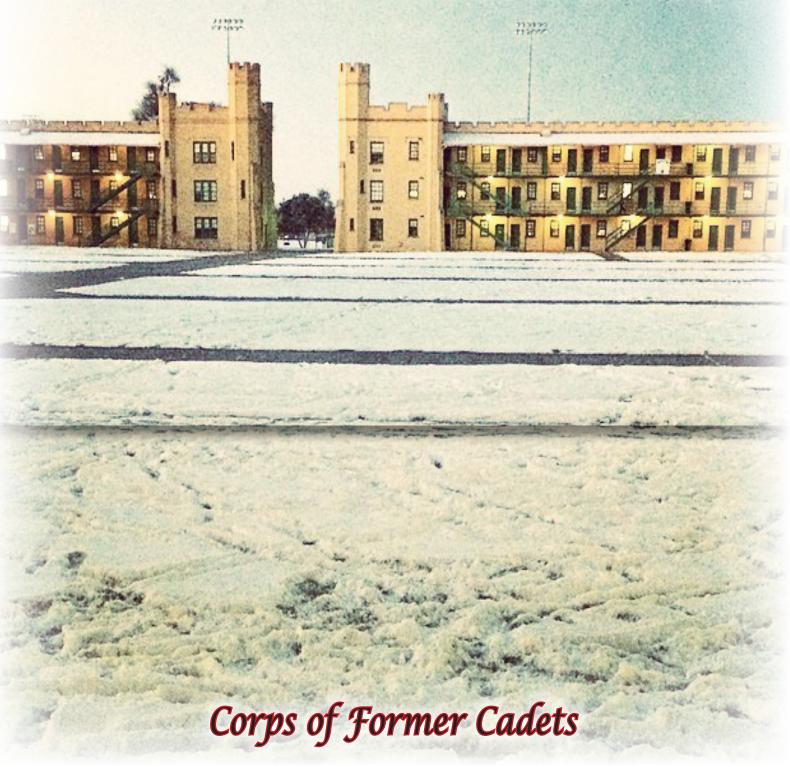
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## **New Goss Rifles Uniform**



The Goss Rifles Armed Exhibition Drill Team, New Mexico JROTC State Champions, are now working to become a Nationally Ranked Drill Team. The next step requires an exhibition drill uniform as unique as the "Goss" drill style. This uniqueness of drill style and uniform will set the Goss Rifles apart from our competitors and consistently give us a competitive edge. The proposed uniform will enhance the prestige of NMMI during public performances and during JROTC drill meets. Sharp performances and uniforms at these events are a valuable recruiting tool for future NMMI cadets and for public support. The Goss Rifles team has gone through many uniform changes during its history. Many of these uniforms reflected the style of their time and therefore went out of fashion and dictated change. This proposed uniform is timeless in style and will not require future changes. The uniform is based on the NMMI cadet uniform from 1930-1957 and will serve as a living history of our school. In closing, the 1930-1957 uniform stands as an enduring symbol of our proud Calvary heritage and our New Mexico Military Institute traditions.

Request for donations will be made as soon as pricing is available.

# Thanksgiving Message

# Thanksgiving 2014:

# A Purely American Day?

BrigGen Douglas J. Murray, USAF (Ret)

NMMI Dean of Academics



The events of 1620 in Plymouth, Massachusetts that provide the historical backdrop for the Thanksgiving holiday are portrayed as either a joining of hands between the Pilgrims and Native Americans or the beginning of three centuries of an altogether different relationship. One Native

American, the Shawnee Tecumseh, however, expressed the real meaning of the day when he said, "When you arise in the morning, give thanks to the morning light for your life and strength. Give thanks for your food and the joy of living. If you see no reason for giving thanks, the fault lies in yourself." To this, O Henry would add, "This is one day that is ours. Thanksgiving Day is the one day that is purely American." But why is that? Surely not because we are the only nation that sets aside a day to give thanks. For example, our neighbor to the north, Canada has a Thanksgiving celebration in October. So what is it that would make this a uniquely American Holiday? We can look first to the words of Abraham Lincoln in his proclamation on October 3, 1863. "The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessing of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God .... I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States .... to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficient Father who dwelleth in the Heavens."

### **READ MORE**

# Descendants Dinner



### By COL Herbert M. Graves USAR 1960 JC

My grandson, Chandler Lenz, a Third Class cadet, is very proud to be a legacy, or as it is now referred to, a descendant. Heck, I am just pleased to have a family member attend New Mexico Military Institute. I was not a "descendant" when I attended the Institute. It wasn't until MG Grizzle came to the Institute as the president that the recognition of extended generations attending the Institute began to be recognized. And why not? Legacies are what make great cities, counties, states, and, of course, nations. Just look at the Adams and Bushes of our nations's history for an example of legatorial (I made that up!) leadership.

And so it was that on a cold windy New Mexico night we all gathered at the Daniel's Leadership Center to break bread, shake hands, and tell stories. What a group. One family represented four generations of cadets. Just think four! Another was three generations, and a grandfather, like myself, who graduated from the Institute in 1948. I listened to the recognition, then recalled that I graduated from high school at the Institute in 1958. A mere ten years later. There were even more cadets who represented three generations

Even more impressive is the growing legacy of cadets from Mexico who are attending the Institute and in so doing bringing to the school culture, language, leadership, and diversity. This group alone already goes back three generations... and growing.

The cadets enjoyed chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, fried okra, and, oh yes, ice cream. They ate heartily. Teased one another about their fitness and smiled the whole time. That is an important thing to note. No glum looks or sad faces. No hostile discussions or profanity. Just smiles and good manners.

There were six of us alums who attended and shared the meal. Attendance isn't taken lightly. Some came from one side of New Mexico to the other to attend. As for myself, it was an eight hour drive from Oklahoma City to be in Roswell by 5:30 p.m. It was worth every minute of the drive to sit besides my grandson, look at how he has changed and grown. Special moments with grandchildren, sons, daughters, nephews, or nieces are too few and too far in between.



Congratulations to **2LT Jayson A. McCauslin, USA 2013 JC** and his wife Alexis on the birth of baby girl, Isabella Rose. She was born on 23 October 2014. Her grandmother is **COL Juliana K. McCauslin, USAR 1989 JC**. Congratulations Juliana!



Congratulations to

2LT Adam S. Buchanan,

USAR 2009 JC and his wife

Vanessa on the birth of twin

girls on 12 June 2014. The

babies are Bella (in pink)

and Mariah (in white).



Congratulations to **Miguel A. Salido 2001 JC** and his wife Arizbeth on the birth of daughter Isabella Salido Escalante on 7 October 2014. She joins the family with big sister Maria Belen.



Congratulations to **John P. Galli 1999 JC** and his wife Kyla on the birth of son Ennio

Sidney Galli on 5 October 2014.

Dad is tired but in fine spirits!

First nap together coming up?



Congratulations to **Jacob S. Ferguson 2009 JC** and his wife Kelly on the birth of baby boy Luke Daniel. Luke was born on 17 November 2014.



Congratulations to **Michael Todd Herderick 1989 JC** and his bride, Noelle. The couple was married on 5 October 2014.



Congratulations to **Kari L. Barbieri 1992 JC** on her marriage to Anthony Candelaria. They were married on 1 November 2014.



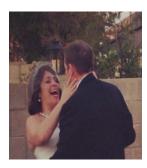
Congratulations to **Ricardo Brown Siller 2002 JC** and Monica
Obregon on their 18 October
2014 wedding.



Congratulations to **Robert J. MacFarlane 2007 JC** and his bride Katie Walker.
The MacFarlane's were married on 9 November 2014.



Congratulations to CPT Colby M. White, USAR 1991 JC and his new bride Heather Townsend. They were married on 8 November 2014 in Cheyenne, WY. This is their first selfie as a married couple.



Congratulations to **Barbara Soto Irineo 2000 JC**on her 15 November 2014
marriage to Kenneth Berry.

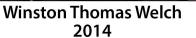


Thanks to Nancy J. Burrola, Honorary Life Member for the update and photo from the wedding of Jesus E. Almada 2000 JC. Jesus and his bride, Larisa are honeymooning in Dubai. Watch for a picture of the couple in the next Alumni E-Newsletter. The NMMI alumni who attended are:

First row: (left to right) Eugenio B. Peral 1997 HS, David Cota Schiller 2003 JC, Xavier Alejandro Forcada 1999 JC, Jose Angel Floes Del Rincon 2003 JC, Xavier Chaires 2001 HS and Francisco Flores Del Rincon 2002 JC. Second row: (left to right) Octavio Falomir 2003 JC, Federico Baeza 1997 HS, Christian Robinson Bours 1998 HS, Abelardo Salido Fourcade 2000 JC, Victor Anaya 1996 HS, Jesus Rohana 2001 JC, Alex Le Baron 2000 JC, Nancy J. Burrola, Honorary Life Member, Jesus E. Almada 2000 JC (groom), Jose Antonio Nasser 2000 JC and Arturo De La Mora, Jr. 1998 HS.

Four generations of NMMI cadets!







Bryan Winston Welch 1974



Thomas Flynn Welch 1948



James Maire Welch 1932



Homecoming 2014 NMMI classmates, left to right, Charles E. Springer 1974 JC, Gary L. Roan 1974 JC, BG Richard V. Geraci, USA (Ret) 1975 JC, Steven A. Springer 1974 JC and Timothy R. Pounders 1974 JC. Do you have reunion pictures with your friends? Send them to us at alm clrk@nmmi.edu. Be sure to identify everyone in the pictures!



Congratulations to **COL Arnold V. Strong, ORARNG 1987 JC** on his promotion to Colonel. His official pinning was on 6 November 2014.



ENMU football players help rescue man crushed by truck - both are former NMMI Broncos. **Chevrolet I. Mikaele 2013 JC** (left) and **Benjamin P. P. Langford 2013 JC** (right). Read the story from KOB news below.

http://www.kob.com/ article/stories/S3609059. shtml?cat=519#.VF1ks8kysuB

Well done, gentlemen!





New Mexico rancher and 1968 NMMI Regimental Commander, **Stirling T. Spencer 1968 JC** has been named New Mexico Stockman. Watch for the story in the Winter 2014 Sally Port magazine, due out January 2015.



LTC Robert E. Burton, Jr., USA (Ret) 1987 JC retired from the military in 2013 and is now working for a government contractor at Fort Bliss, TX.



Bruce J. "B. J." Cameron 1955 HS
Just published his first novel
"Lady Laughing". Based on
actual events. Available on
Amazon.com or on the website
www.LadyLaughing.com.



has been appointed as Cabinet
Secretary for New Mexico
Department of Veterans Services.
Watch for the full story in the
Winter Edition of the Sally Port
magazine, due out in January 2015.



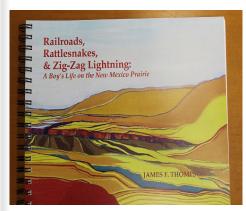




Each year the Funk Excellence in Teaching Awards (FEITA) are given to two members of the NMMI faculty who have been at the Institute for at least ten years, have the academic rank of Associate Professor, and have indicated that this school is a career commitment. This year the nominees for the award are LTC Charity Schwalm, MAJ John Surgett and COL Eva McCollaum. (pictured above respectively) We are requesting recommendations from Alumni regarding these nominees which will be used in making the determination for the award. Please send any input you may have to Laura Trueman, Administrative Assistant for the Dean's Office at <a href="mailto:ltrueman@nmmi.edu">ltrueman@nmmi.edu</a> no later than January 15, 2015.

### NMMI Trivia History

- 1. Who is credited as the "local" founder of GMI/ NMMI?
- 2. What school did COL Goss come to NMMI from? What was his position at that former school?
- 3. What is the significance of March 29, 1895 in NMMI History? What is the date called?
- 4. What is the official founding date of NMMI?
- 5. Define the term "Rabbit"
- 6. What is the proper name of the east parade field?
- 7. How many faces on the Lusk Hall clock tower?
- 8. Who was the first Commandant of GMI?
- 9. Define the term "soupie".
- 10. Who donated the tract of land for the establishment of the current site of the institute?



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### MSgt Thomas E. Case, USAF 1995 JC

Amanda Dolasinski, staff writer for the Fayetteville Observer.

A Fort Bragg airman will become one of just three Air Force members to receive two Silver Stars during a ceremony this week

Master Sgt. Thomas E. Case, an 18th Air Support Operations Group, Tactical Air Control Party member, will receive his second Silver Star during a ceremony Thursday at Pope Field. The Silver Star is the third-highest military combat decoration.

The award will be presented to Case for his actions during combat operations against an armed enemy in support of



Operation Enduring Freedom on July 16 and 17, 2009. He is credited with directing combat aircraft engaged in close air support for a joint task force.

He received his first Silver Star for actions during the Global War on Terror from March 31 through April 5, 2003, according to the citation.

In that fight, Case was a staff sergeant for Company B, 3rd Ranger Battalion in Iraq, tasked with directing combat aircraft. His company had been receiving heavy direct and effective small-arms fire, anti-aircraft cannons, rocket propelled grenades, mortar and artillery fire.

The situation was bleak as the small force was in danger of being overrun, but Case acted quickly, according to the citation.

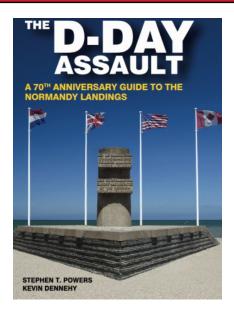
He directed airstrikes while simultaneously firing his personal weapon, often within 30 meters of his position. After a three-day fire fight, the unit began receiving heavy and accurate artillery fire. More than 300 rounds of artillery had been fired within eight hours, according to the citation.

### **READ MORE**



COL Kevin B. Dennehy, ARNG 1983 JC

The D-Day Assault: A 70th Anniversary Guidebook to the Normandy Landings



After six trips to the Normandy beach monuments and museums, Kevin Dennehy 1983 JC, decided there should be a book that goes beyond the history of D-Day, so he wrote "The D-Day Assault, A 70th Anniversary Guide to the Normandy Landings." With Stephen T. Powers, a retired history professor and author of World War II books, Dennehy chronicles not only the mayhem of battle, but also describes what museums, monuments, hotels, dining and even shopping that tourists should seek out when visiting Normandy.

The massive area, which encompasses five landing beaches and several airborne operation drop zones, can be daunting to the first-time, or even a veteran D-Day tourist, armed with just a map or even a GPS navigation system. "The Normandy Assault," dubbed as a cross between a Rick Steves guidebook and a Stephen Ambrose military work, features: easy-to-follow maps and tours; where to stay, dine, and shop; find war relics still at the battlefield sites; what are the best D-Day museums; sections describing the exploits of brave soldiers and units; and a special bonus chapter on World War II in Paris.

Dennehy, a retired Army National Guard colonel, and Special Forces combat veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan, also wants readers to know that some of the monuments near Omaha Beach are in a state of disrepair. In addition, he wanted readers to know that while most French people celebrate and honor the United States' sacrifice to free them from Nazi tyranny, others view the battle as a long-ago event.

Along the fringe of Omaha Beach are recent condominium developments, graffiti on U.S. Army unit monuments and plaques torn off the bases. There are even beachgoers who sun bathe right on the ground that thousands of Americans were killed and wounded. Dennehy supports an effort to make the beaches a UNESCO World Heritage Site, which would restrict further development of the area and protect existing sites.

Dennehy would like readers to go to the book's website, www.dday70th.com to comment on their experiences when they visit Normandy. The book is available in paperback and as an e-book on Amazon.

Traveling to France and seeing the many rows of crosses and Stars of David, 9,387 total, at the American Military Cemetery, and realizing there are men still walking his planet who fought there, including NMMI graduates, makes it a trip of a lifetime, Dennehy said.

# Alumni/Chapter Updates



On November 1th 2014 Delta company 1-200th IN BN participated in the company annual dinning out. The formal military dinner known as the "Dining Out" or as "Mess Night" is a tradition that has long been observed by our military services. Although its origin is not clear, formal feasts to honor military victories, individual, and unit achievements have been customary from pre-Christian Roman legions to King Arthur's knights in the sixth century. The custom of the Dining Out is not exclusively military.

The tradition as we know it today is rooted in England where it was a custom of monasteries. It was later adopted by the early universities and spread to the Dining Out by the military, where feasts became more formalized. British soldiers

introduced the custom in colonial America, where it was borrowed by George Washington's Continental Army. These dinners have become traditional in all branches of the armed forces. Delta Company is the only Heavy weapons company within the New Mexico National Guard and is very proud of being part of this elite group of infantryman. The company consists of 60 soldiers that are proficient in gunnery crew drills and subject matter experts in the 240L, 50 cal. machine gun MK19 grenade launcher and the ITAS TOW missile. The president of the mess was CPT Paul Lauritzen 2004 JC and the Vice president was 1LT Harvey Johnson NMARNG 2011 JC. MC's were SGT Michael Dias and 2LT Daniel Flores. Left to Right are 2LT Jacob R. Crites, NMARNG 2014 JC (2nd Platoon Leader), CPT Paul A. Lauritzen, NMARNG 2004 JC (Commander), 1LT Harvey J. Johnson, Jr., NMARNG 2011 JC (Executive officer) and 2LT Daniel A. Flores, NMARNG 2013 JC (1st Platoon Leader).

### NMMI Chapter—Albuquerque, NM

### **Sunport Cadet Receptions:**

The dates and times for the Receptions are as follows, and everyone is encouraged to drop by and visit with the cadets. The Reception Rooms are at the far east end of the Airline Ticket Counters (Departure Level). We'll be providing entertainment, snacks, drinks, and meals while the cadets await travel during these four dates:

Saturday, November 22nd, 2014: We'll set up starting at 8am, with the cadets arriving by NM-TX Coaches Buses around 0900 - We'll pack up and be out of the reception room by 2-3pm.

Sunday, November 30th, 2014: We'll set up starting at 10am, and will be in the room until the buses depart for Roswell- probably 6-7pm

Friday, December 19th, 2014: We'll set up starting at 8am, with the cadets arriving by NM-TX Coaches Buses around 0900 - We'll pack up and be out of the reception room by 2-3pm.

Sunday, January 11th, 2015: We'll set up starting at 10am, and will be in the room until the buses depart for Roswell - probably 6-7pm

Anyone wanting to help with the workload related to setting up, maintaining, and tearing down these events can contact Jordy via reply email. Anyone wanting to donate towards the costs of these events can send a check to: N.M.M.I. Alumni - ABQ Chapter - 9012 Las Camas Road NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111

# Chapter Updates

### NMMI Chapter—Baton Rouge, LA

### **Alumni Gathering:**

<u>Thursday, December 4th</u>, you are invited to join the Houston alumni of NMMI at a Meet 'n' Greet with MG Jerry Grizzle, LTC Jim Lowe, Director of the Alumni Relations Office and Kris Ward, Advancement and Development Officer. General Grizzle will present "NMMI Today and Tomorrow" and have an open discussion with those present.

Contact J. B. Hanks 1974 JC at jbh@jbhanks.com or 225-928-1822

### NMMI Chapter—Houston, TX

### **Alumni Gathering:**

<u>Friday, December 5th, from 6pm-8pm</u>, you are invited to join the Baton Rouge alumni of NMMI at a Meet 'n' Greet with MG Jerry Grizzle, LTC Jim Lowe, Director of the Alumni Relations Office and Kris Ward, Advancement and Development Officer. General Grizzle will present "NMMI Today and Tomorrow" and have an open discussion with those present.

Contact Lee G. Jones 1968 JC at Igjones@swbell.net or 713-906-6099 (Cell)

### NMMI Chapter—Prescott, AZ

### **Alumni Gathering:**

<u>Thursday, January 8th</u>, you are invited to join the Houston alumni of NMMI at a Meet 'n' Greet with MG Jerry Grizzle, LTC Jim Lowe, Director of the Alumni Relations Office and Kris Ward, Advancement and Development Officer. General Grizzle will present "NMMI Today and Tomorrow" and have an open discussion with those present.

Contact Dennis D. Woods 1969 JC at dennisw@cableone.net or 928-308-4236

### NMMI Chapter—Phoenix, AZ

### **Alumni Gathering:**

<u>Friday, January 9th</u>, you are invited to join the Houston alumni of NMMI at a Meet 'n' Greet with MG Jerry Grizzle, LTC Jim Lowe, Director of the Alumni Relations Office and Kris Ward, Advancement and Development Officer. General Grizzle will present "NMMI Today and Tomorrow" and have an open discussion with those present.

Contact COL Richard E. Minor, USA (Ret) 1957 JC at DandDMinor@aol.com or 480-595-8089

### NMMI Chapter—Tucson, AZ

### **Alumni Gathering:**

<u>Saturday</u>, <u>January 10</u>, you are invited to join the Houston alumni of NMMI at a Meet 'n' Greet with MG Jerry Grizzle, LTC Jim Lowe, Director of the Alumni Relations Office and Kris Ward, Advancement and Development Officer. General Grizzle will present "NMMI Today and Tomorrow" and have an open discussion with those present.

Contact Bryan W. Welch 1977 JC at bryanwelch1764@me.com or 520-401-3625





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Welcome once again to the new NMMI Athletics section of the Alumni E-Newsletter! Sorry no pictures this time—the yearbook staff has my external hard drive, trying to get their page layouts done for the Fall Season Sports. You can always check out our social media sites for pics, videos and more:

Upcoming and archived audio/video streams at www.ihigh.com/nmmi

Twitter account: @NMMIAthletics

Facebook: search for NMMI-Athletics

or https://www.facebook.com/pages/NMMI-Athletics/307183639308309?ref=hl

NMMI Post WordPress page: http://wordpress.nmmi.edu/nmmipost/

### Fall Season Wrap-up:

### Colt Soccer

The fourth-seeded Colt soccer team battled fifth-seeded Hope Christian in the quarterfinal round of the Class 1A-4A State Championships. The NMMI offensive attack dominated the first half, both in terms of possession time and shots on goal, but never managed to put one into the back of the net. After a scoreless first half, the Huskies went on the attack, scoring twice before six minutes had expired in the second period. Hope Christian went on to score two more goals, making the final 4-0.

### Colt Football

The Colt football team finished their first season back in Class 4A with an excellent 7-3 regular season record. That earned them the No. 9 seed in the Class 4A State Championship bracket. They travelled to play No. 8 Hatch Valley and lost 27-10.

### Bronco Football

A tough season finally came to an end for the Bronco football team, as they lost on the road to Eastern Arizona College, 23-14, in the WSFL's Consolation Bracket game for 7th place. NMMI finished with a 3-8 record, their first losing record since 2010.

### Colt & Lady Colt Cross Country

Four runners, two boys and two girls, qualified for the NMAA's Class 4A State Championship meet, held in Rio Rancho, NM on Nov. 10. Senior Spencer Lane had NMMI's best finish, 39th, with a time of 17:55.00. Junior Juan Estremadoyro placed 48th wit ha time of 18:11.50. ON the girls' side, sophomore Sierra Walker finished 41st with a time of 22:01.15, and senior Amira Hindi was 61st at 22:49.85.

### **Bronco Volleyball**

Despite being bested by Odessa College twice during the regular season, NMMI won the Region V West by taking down top-seeded Odessa College in just four sets.,and with it, an invite to the NJCAA National Championships. NMMI got the 14th seed in the 16-team bracket for Nationals; they'll play third-seeded Southern Idaho at 9:00 am MST on Thursday, Nov. 20.

### Winter Season Just Beginning:

### Bronco Basketball

The Bronco basketball team has already been to two tournaments this season and has a 4-3 record. Head Coach Sean Schooley says this is one of the most athletic teams he's had and that they've got some real depth this season, as well. Those two elements will become increasingly important once conference play in the always tough WJCAC begins.

### Colt & Lady Colt Swimming

Head Coach Jan Olesinski and his teams started the season with a meet in Carlsbad last weekend. There next meet will be in Alamogordo on Dec. 6.

### Colt & Lady Colt Basketball

The Colt and Lady Colt basketball teams will begin their seasons at home with games on Tuesday, Nov. 18. The Lady Colts will take on the Roswell High 'C' team at 5:00 pm, while the Colt JV & varsity teams will tip-off against Lovington at 5 and 7 pm, respectively.