

NMMI Alumni Relations

October | 2013

Silver Taps
7:00 pm



Thursday, 17 October 2013
Hagerman Barracks

Lefty Stecklein Memorial Golf Tournament
Thursday, 17 October 2013



NMMI Golf Course, Roswell, NM

- 1:00 pm Scramble start

- \$75 per person golf and cart

Proceeds to Campaign for the Corps in honor of Lefty Stecklein

Homecoming 2013

Alumni Luncheon and Hall of Fame

Friday, 18 October 2013

11:30 am - Alumni Luncheon followed
by the Hall of Fame Ceremony
(Bates Dining Hall)

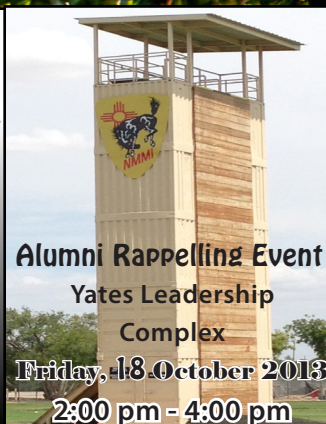
Cost: \$15 at registration

Hot Air Balloon Launch

Stapp Parade Field

Friday, 18 October 2013

7:00 am



Alumni Rappelling Event
Yates Leadership
Complex

Friday, 18 October 2013

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Broncos vs. Pima Community College

Saturday, 19 October 2013

1:00 pm



Special Alumni seating section at the game!

Drill Team Demonstration

Saturday, 19 October 2013

8:45 am

Bronco Plaza

Changing of the Flame Guard

Saturday, 19 October 2013

9:00 am

Bronco Plaza

Visitation of Barracks

Saturday, 19 October 2013

9:15 am

Parade

Saturday, 19 October 2013

10:30 am

Stapp Parade Field

Return to the Corps
"Love Feast"

Saturday, 19 October 2013

6:00 pm



Roswell Elks Lodge

Cost: \$40 at registration



2013 GENERAL'S CUP SPONSORS AND PLAYERS MADE THE FUNDRAISING EVENT ANOTHER HUGE SUCCESS!

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General's Challenge

MG Jerry W. Grizzle, AUS (Ret) Ph.D. President/Superintendent and Sean Grizzle, LTC Jim Lowe 1965HS - 1967JC & Joy Lowe, Will Cavin 1985JC, 1SG Joseph M. Matakas, USA (Ret) 1964HS - 1966JC, John Savage 1962HS - 1964JC & Terry Savage, Charles D. Lewis 1965HS - 1967JC, Glede Holman 1981JC & Teresa Holman, Ed Galloway 1974HS,
Clarke Coll 1982HS, Steve Elliot 1967HS - 1969JC & Kathy Elliott, Steve Paternoster 1979HS & Jane Paternoster, John Henderson 1962HS - 1964JC & Trudy Henderson, Jesus Salazar 1980HS & Pia Salazar, Phill Ingram 1967HS & Nancy Ingram, Tom Tinnin 1967HS, Albuquerque Chapter, Steve Perkins, Richard "Dick" Waggoner 1950HS - 1952JC, Tim Jennings 1968HS, Rudd Marlowe 1967HS - 1969JC, William R. Cutter 1950HS - 1952JC, Harry "Hotshot" Hendricks 1973HS, Dennis Wood 1967HS - 1969JC & Brandi Wood, Jim Raymond 1953HS - 1955JC, George Tomlinson & Paulette C. Tubbs

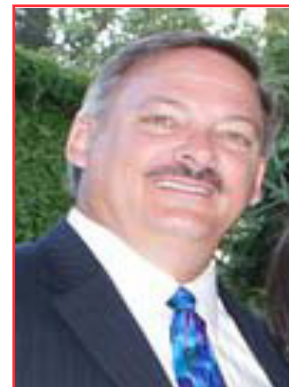
Meet your Alumni Advisory Group



Frank Spencer III 1996 HS: I was raised in Pecos, TX. In 1996, I represented NMMI as quarterback for the All-Star Team playing American Football in Australia. I graduated from Texas A&M University with a BA in 2000. Upon graduating from Texas A&M, I began a career in the mortgage industry, specializing in government loans throughout West Texas and New Mexico. In 2006, I purchased Aztec Contractors, Inc., specializing in General Construction Services, Construction Management and Design/Build in the Private, State, Local and Federal Sector. I recently opened an office in San Marcos, CA. We are currently an 8(a) contractor doing work for Navy, Army, Air Force, GSA, USACE and IBWC. In 2008, Aztec received the Future 15 Award through the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce;

Chamber of Commerce; the 2009 Minority Construction Firm of the Year; the 2009 Emyth Client of the Month; and was named in the 2013 Top 500 Hispanic Businesses by Hispanic Magazine.com. I am an active member in the 8(a) Contractor Association, the 2007 Legacy council, and am a Board Member for Assoc. of Builders, Vice President of Asset committee Yucca Council Boy Scouts, a member of CEA, and a member of Empire Builders. I am involved in the Mexican NMMI Chapter. I attribute my leadership and core values to what I learned at NMMI, as well as my upbringing. NMMI instilled in me the values of honesty, respect and professionalism that I have committed to my business and personal life. I am honored to be part of the Alumni Advisory Group! I appreciate the opportunity.

Greg Peebles 1977 JC: I attended NMMI on a two year ROTC scholarship, specifically to be an Army officer, and finished my degree at Hardin-Simmons University. As a member of the last all-male class, I decided to go there since the ratio of women to men was 5 to 1, and spent the next two years wondering which guy had 10, because somebody had my five... along with his! I spent four years on active duty, and have been in the insurance business for the past 30 years. My wife, Denise, and I recently moved from Houston to Albuquerque, and have really been enjoying life. We are both involved in the Alumni activities associated with NMMI, to include the Trail Ride; any Tattoos we are able to make; recruiting events; and all the local gatherings. Although she is not an alumnae, Denise loves the Institute and everyone she has ever met that did attend. All I can say to that is, what a compliment to the school and those that have attended!



We will be featuring members each month so stay tuned!

2013 NMMI Football Schedules

2013 Bronco Football Schedule

| DATE | DAY | OPPONENT | SITE | TIME (MDT) |
|--|-----|----------------------------|------------------|------------|
| Aug. 24 | Sat | Mesa Comm. College * | Mesa, AZ | 7:00 PM |
| Aug. 31 | Sat | Glendale Comm. College * | NMMI Field | 7:00 PM |
| Sep. 7 | Sat | Phoenix College * | Phoenix, AZ | 7:00 PM |
| Sep. 14 | Sat | Air Force Prep | Col. Springs, CO | 1:00 PM |
| Sep. 21 | Sat | Eastern Arizona College * | NMMI Field | 7:00 PM |
| Sep. 28 | Sat | Snow College* | Ephraim, UT | 12:00 PM |
| Oct. 5 | Sat | Scottsdale Comm. College * | NMMI Field | 7:00 PM |
| Oct. 12 | Sat | Arizona Western College* | Yuma, AZ | 7:00 PM |
| Oct. 19 | Sat | Pima Comm. College * | NMMI Field | 2:00 PM |
| * Denotes Western States Football League game | | | | |
| Home games listed in BOLD , played at Colt Field on the NMMI campus | | | | |

2013 Colt Football Schedule

| Date | Opponent | Site | Time/Results |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Aug. 30 | Hatch Valley | Hatch, NM | 7:00 pm |
| Sep. 6 | Tucumcari | Tucumcari, NM | 7:00 pm |
| Sep. 13 | Estancia | NMMI | 7:00 pm |
| Sep. 20 | Hagerman | Hagerman, NM | 7:00 pm |
| Sep. 27 | Mesilla Valley | NMMI | 7:00 pm |
| Oct. 4 | Capitan | NMMI | 7:00 pm |
| Oct. 11 | Hot Springs | Hot Springs, NM | 7:00 pm |
| Oct. 25 | Eunice | Eunice, NM | 7:00 pm |
| Nov. 1 | Loving * | Loving, NM | 7:00 pm |
| Nov. 8 | Dexter | NMMI | 7:00 pm |
| Nov. 15-16: NMAA Class 2A State Quarterfinals | | | |
| Nov. 22-23: NMAA Class 2A State Semifinals | | | |
| Nov. 29-30: NMAA Class 2A State Championships | | | |
| Home games in BOLD , played at Colt Field on the NMMI campus | | | |
| * indicates game is a District 4-2A contest | | | |

Chapter News

24 Trail Ride Buckles and Counting!



For the last 24 years **Ralph M. "Skip" Nix 1959 HS - 1961 JC** has purchased the #1 Silver Trail Ride Buckle. For those not familiar with the NMMI Alumni Trail Ride, there have only been 24 Trail Rides.

Skip has the "one of a kind" collection of buckles hanging in his office in Artesia, NM. There are 19 different buckles because the same buckle was used for the first five years. Skip is proud of his collection and is anxiously waiting for number 25. The 25th Annual Silver Anniversary Trail Ride will be held in Wagon Mound, NM, 17 - 21 June 2014 and hosted by **Brad Christmas 1970 HS** and his wife Becky.

Nights with NMMI

Albuquerque, NM Nights with NMMI - 2/4/2014
Santa Fe, NM Night with NMMI - 2/6/2014
Phoenix, AZ Night with NMMI - 2/12/2014
San Diego, CA Night with NMMI - 2/18/2014
Santa Anna, CA Night with NMMI - 2/19/2014
Ontario, CA Night with NMMI - 2/20/2014
Afternoon with NMMI ALX VA, Washington D.C. - 2/22/2014
Tampa, FL Night with NMMI - 2/26/2014
Portland, OR Night with NMMI - 2/26/2014
El Paso, TX Night with NMMI - 3/4/2014
Las Cruces, NM Night with NMMI - 3/5/2014
Dallas, TX Night with NMMI - 3/11/2014
Ft. Worth, TX Night with NMMI - 3/12/2014
San Antonio, TX Night with NMMI - 3/18/2014
Houston, TX Night with NMMI - 3/20/2014
Jackson, MS Night with NMMI - 3/25/2014
Chicago, IL Night with NMMI - 4/2/2014
Seattle, WA Night with NMMI - 4/8/2014
Albuquerque, NM Night with NMMI - 4/15/2014
Colorado Springs, CO Night with NMMI - 4/17/2014
Oklahoma City, OK Night with NMMI - 4/22/2014
Lawton, OK Night with NMMI - 4/24/2014

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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Alumni Updates



Welcome to the world James Dalton Lilly. Born to Elizabeth and **James J. Lilly 1993 HS** on 1 September 2013.



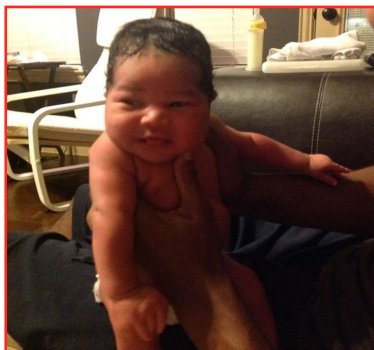
Congratulations to **MAJ Nathan C. Cantwell, USA 2001 JC** on his recent promotion to Major.



Congratulations to **2LT Trey Donohue, HIARNG 2012 JC** and Fantasia-Renee Ramirez on the birth of baby boy Traesen Ikaika Donohue, born on 8 July 2012.



Congratulations to **Jasper S. Nichols 2003 HS** and his wife Megan on the birth of daughter Carly Sheridan Nichols, born on 22 September 2013.



Congratulations to **George Lucky T. Butler 2003 JC** and his wife Breanne on the birth of son, Carter Lucky. Carter was born on 13 August 2013.



Congratulations to **LTC Johnny K. Davis, USA 1990 JC** on his promotion on 29 August 2013. Great job!



Congratulations to **2LT Melanie C. Budnik, USA 2001 HS** on her marriage to Ernest De La Cruz on 27 August 2013.



COL John R. Chavez, USA (Ret) 1986 JC and **Holly (Hansen) Chavez 1987 JC** pose with BG James and Angie Dickinson after the presentation of awards to Holly. Holly was made a Yellow Rose of Texas by Governor Perry and awarded the Mary Walker award. (Mary Walker is the only woman to have received the Medal of Honor.)

Should also mention that John Chavez was awarded the Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal and The Legion of Merit.

Alumni Updates



William G. "Guillermo" Paxton 1990 HS is now a successful author of a true crime novel, *The Plaza*. Plaza in Mexican culture is a slang word describing the territory of a certain drug cartel. Guillermo served in the Air Force during Desert Storm and after his four-year tour, he became a police officer and later worked as an undercover narcotics agent in Texas. His son, **William G. Paxton 2009 JC** also attended NMML. He was in charge of Socorro County's first narcotics division. From 1999 to the end of 2011 he worked and lived in Juarez, Mexico, witnessing the worst of the drug wars that have infiltrated that area. Guillermo Paxton is now famous for his published work, *The Plaza*, a book based on



a true story, fictionalizing the events that he investigated or witnessed personally. His second book, *Cartel Rising* is due out in September of 2013, both are published by "No Frill's Buffalo" publishing house. A longtime Juarez resident and author, Guillermo Paxton unknowingly put his life and his family in imminent danger while doing research for, *The Plaza*. After investigating a massacre at a local bar, the federal police abducted him. Paxton and his family were threatened in no uncertain terms. After relocating to the United States, Paxton was able to seek publishing for his book with less fear of direct retribution from either the Mexican government or drug cartels.

Paxton's background is in the military and law enforcement and he has extensive knowledge and experience with the Mexican Mafia. Based on true events, many investigated by Guillermo personally, *The Plaza* was inspired by the murder of crime reporter Armando "El Choco" Rodriguez, of El Diario de Juarez.

View the page: <https://www.facebook.com/theplazathenovel>



CW2 Kyle O'Connell, USA 2001 JC, 2 tours Afghanistan, 1 tour Iraq; **SGT J. Elliot Cole, USA 1998 HS**, 2 tours Afghanistan, 1 tour Iraq; not seen **1LT Roy Hyde, USAR 2007 JC**, 1st Tour-currently in Afghanistan with C Company 1-168 AVN REGT, Historical 126th MED CO AA and staying warm.



Photo is (left to right), **COL Brian R. Benjamin, USA 1985 HS ~ 1987 JC**, **LTC Michael D. Hima, USARNG 1987 JC** and **COL Gary B. Griffin, USA (Ret) 1967 HS ~ 1969 JC**.

All three were participants in the U.S. Army North's Vibrant Response Exercise at Camp Atterbury, Indiana in August 2013. The exercise is conducted each year by U.S. Army North, and is designed to prepare Department of Defense forces for support of civilian authorities in the event of significant disaster or emergency.



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/foundation

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!





Here we have H.P. Saunders, alongside William Ray Harris, 2 unknown lads and his only son, Will Ed Harris (mounted)

We are planning a historic journey into the past as more archives are opened

By now most family members have received enough information about the cost and the scope of the QACR. There are currently some 28 participants involved during the week of activities. We now hope to entice the stragglers who wish to go back in time. The weeks historical activities hopes to provide grounding for the next generation to appreciate and hopefully enrich themselves.

We received the following email from Truman Spencer's grandson: **Stirling Spencer here:** *"I will try and blend in with you all starting Tuesday the 8th of Oct as I have other commitments prior. I use to be on the Farm and Ranch Board and wish I could be there with you all but can't. I know a little about the purchase of the QA Three Rivers Ranch as my Grandfather sold me and the First Gov of NM McDonald, my great Grandfather and of the Lincoln County War. I won't need any rooms or horses and look forward to meeting some of you. I knew Will ED, Truman Sr., AD Jr., but never knew York and would like to know more about him"*




Can you spot Will Ed and his QA partners, Truman Spencer, AD Brownfield or Jess York??

PLEASE CONTACT JIM AND JACLYN MAXON FOR MORE DETAILS

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Dear valued alumni of New Mexico Military Institute,
You are formally invited to all activities that NMMI has planned for you at this year's NMMI Homecoming! There are a number of events being planned, and all information - as well as the complete schedule - may be found at:
<http://www.nmmihomecoming2013.com/activities.html>

A quick highlight of some of the activities we have planned are:



Class Dinner - Casino Night! (\$45 per Alumnus and \$40 for each additional guest)

Class Coordinators please touch base with Larry Moon at (301)768-5251

Prepare to roll high or die. Our Class Dinner on Friday evening will find us pitting our gambling skills against one another with an aim to win the "BIG" prize. Details to be posted. Class Representatives should contact Larry Moon to coordinate honored class details and specific activities. (lawrence.moon@gmail.com).

The link for Class Dinner - Casino Night registration is:

http://www.nmmialumniconnect.com/nmmi_alumni_connect_004.htm

Lefty Stecklein Golf Tournament (\$75.00)

A day in the forgiving October New Mexico sun. It doesn't get any better than this. Contact PGA Head Professional Crae Fields at (575) 624-8240 for sign-up information.

Hot Air Balloon Flights (\$80, \$70, and \$60)

Take it all in with a once-in-a-lifetime view of your alma mater. Flights are planned to start at sunrise on Friday morning 18 Oct 2013. The link for the Hot Air Balloon Flights registration is:

http://www.nmmialumniconnect.com/nmmi_alumni_connect_003.htm

Pre-Registration has closed. We will see you in the Funk Alumni Board Room starting Thursday, 17 October 2013 (0800 - 1830) for Registration!

(Tickets for the Alumni Luncheon and Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony are now \$15 and the Alumni Love Feast and Dance are now \$40)



Other Planned Events

Silver Taps on Thursday evening promises to be a very solemn and very rewarding experience, with the presence of a caparisoned horse to honor those we have lost in the past year, as well as live bagpipe music provided by an alumnus. This will be followed by the traditional Reception at Quarters One.

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The Exhibition Precision Rifle Drill Teams will perform in Bronco Plaza Friday morning, followed by the Changing of the Flame Guard. Barracks Visitation will precede the Alumni March to Stapp Field, followed by the Corps of Cadets Homecoming Parade for the assembled Alumni. Following the Alumni Luncheon and Hall of Fame inductions, Alumni will have a chance to meet with NMMI Leadership in the Toles Learning Center.

The NMMI Bronco Baseball team will play a game versus a contingent of NMMI Alumni Friday afternoon. This event is the start of a new tradition, and the Ball Team will also host a Tailgate Party on Honor Avenue prior to the Bronco Football game at Colt Field Saturday.

The NMMI Rappelling Tower will be open to Alumni and Guests from 2pm-4pm on Friday afternoon as well. Even if you don't choose to rappell yourself, this will be a great time, with fantastic photo opportunities!

All this and more awaits your presence and participation - Please plan to attend Homecoming 2013 at New Mexico Military Institute. Feel free to contact the Alumni Relations Office with any questions at (575) 624-8250. The schedule is at: <http://nmmi.edu/alumni/documents/Homecoming2013Schedule.pdf>

Unable to Attend?

If you are not going to be able to make it to Homecoming 2013, please know that we are going to miss the benefit your company, personality and valued camaraderie. We are making available a "Return to the Corps" package - complete with a personalized message from attending Alumni. The "Return to the Corps" package will be packed with photos and videos from NMMI Homecoming 2013, as well as a number of other items selected to keep your alma mater growing in your heart. We will work diligently to make this the most valuable absentee NMMI Alumni package ever! The link for your "You Were Missed" package is: http://www.nmmialumniconnect.com/nmmi_alumni_connect_018.htm