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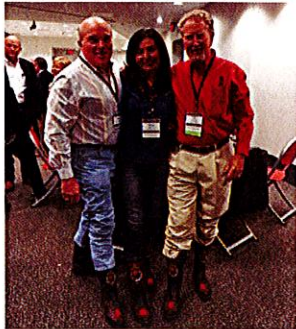
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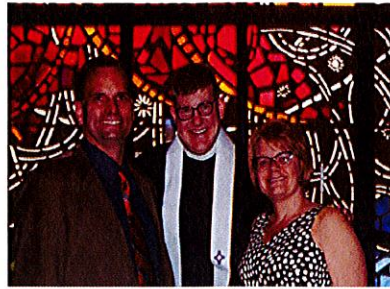
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Homecoming 2015



Alumni **John S. Savage** 1962 HS - 1964 JC, **Nickie A. Vigil** 1979 HS ~ 1981 JC and LTC **Seth R. Orell, USA (Ret)** 1960 HS ~ 1962 JC show off their NMMI Cowboy Boots during Homecoming.

You will soon be able to order your own boots! We will keep you posted!



On 22 October 2015, during Homecoming, **Don J. Akin** 1988 HS and **Lenore Chiarello** were married in the NMMI Chapel. Performing the ceremony was **Raymond**

L. Niblock, ESQ 1984 HS ~1986 JC. Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Akin!



Legacy

Vickie L. Sorenson-Coleman 1985 JC with her son, Cadet **Ian Wesley Coleman**, proudly showing their NMMI Class Rings.



Dr. E. Gerald Meyer 1935 HS accompanied by General **Grizzle** leads the Alumni March

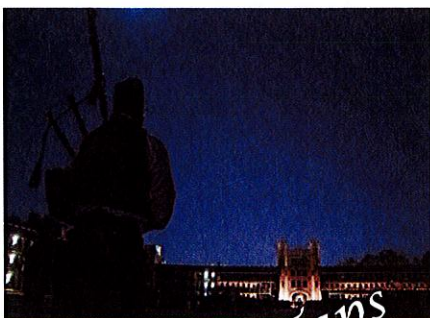


2015 Alumni Hall of Fame recipients left to right: **LTC A. D. "Jock" Brownfield, III, AUS (Ret)** 1966 JC, the **George Ward Memorial**, **George M. Yates** 1964 HS, **Eminence**, and **Fred G. Yates** 1963 HS, **Service to NMMI**. Not pictured is **Michael J. Pitts** 1978 JC,

inducted for **Eminence**. To view the citations, visit the Hall of Fame [page](#).



Buglers for Silver Taps: Cadet **Mycah C. Smith**, Cadet **Lake M. Keating**, Cadet **Julian M. Brown**



Ronald E. Fernandez 1979 HS ~ 1981 JC plays "Amazing Grace" on the bagpipes while the names of alumni who have passed on. Thanks to **Adam W. Camp** 2006 HS~2008 JC for reading the names.

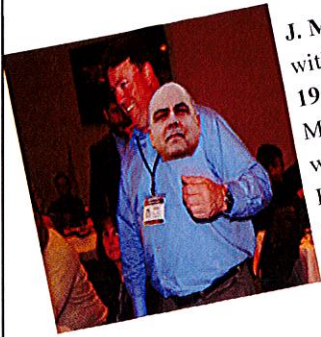
211 Cadets stood on the second stoop of the Hagerman Barracks and each of them lit a candle as each of the names were being read. The final honor for NMMI Alumni, attended by hundreds of classmates, family and friends. It is a beautiful ceremony that will stay with you for all time. It begins at dark on the Thursday of Homecoming. To see the video, click [here](#). To see the names that were read, click [here](#).

2015 Silver Taps



The caparisoned "Cap" Horse is led from the South Sally Port to the North by Superintendent **Jerry W. Grizzle, Ph.D., (Major General, USA Retired)** followed by the Color Guard. The Cap horse is led by Cadet **Treat**, son of **Bernarr R. Treat** 1982 HS.

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J. Mike Neely 1985 HS pictured with COL Robert G. McVay, USA 1985 HS~1987 JC. Colonel McVay was recently deployed and was unable to attend Homecoming. His class brought him along and put together an NMMI Care Package to send him!



W. Troy Edwards 1952 HS and Alma K. Croix, Honorary Life Member visit at the Alumni Love Feast.



Left to right: Jean M. Ridgway 1984 HS, Dr. William Himes 1988 HS ~ 1990 JC and his wife, Lisa D. Drummond 1985 JC and Russ "RJ" Ferguson and Chenelle Ridgway at the Love Feast.



William J. "Jim" Ball 1973 HS ~ 1975 JC and Darrel P. Mason 1976 HS ~ 1978 JC

The NMMI Alumni Relations and Institutional Advancement Offices shout out a special Thank You to all alumni, families and friends that attended this year's Homecoming 2015. You all helped make the event a huge success. We salute you all!

Attendance records to all the events were broken throughout the entire week--from Alumni Registration (over 600 registered), to the Alumni Class Dinners on Saturday night.

Silver Taps has become the most premier event during Homecoming. We hope that you were inspired by our one-of-a-kind Silver Taps Ceremony. The ceremony consisted of three buglers--3rd generation Legacy Cadet Lake Keating, son of **Kenneth L. Keating 1986 HS – 1988 JC** and grandson of **John E. Keating 1961 HS**; Cadet Mycah Smith; and Cadet Julian Brown, all under the direction of our fantastic Bandmaster Captain Lamb—playing bagpipes was our very own **Ron Fernandez 1979 HS – 1981 JC**; and the caparisoned horse was handled by 3rd generation Legacy Cadet Spencer Treat, son of **Bernarr Treat 1982 HS** and grandson of **Anthony E. Treat 1957 HS (deceased)**. And, of course, the ceremony would not be the same without the commanding voice of **Adam Camp 2006 HS – 2008 JC** who read the names of our deceased alumni. The Silver Taps Alumni Reception, hosted by MG and Mrs. Grizzle, also had a record crowd. It was such a great joy to see and meet so many people.

A big "High 5" to all of the classes ending in "5" this year!

To **Dr. E. Gerald Meyer 1935 HS**--Wow, Sir! You left a lasting impression on many of us. At 97 years young as of 2 November, Dr. Meyer plans to attend every Homecoming from here on out. Sir, you are amazing!

To the Senior College Class and the Classes of 1955--You still emit High Class.

To the Classes of 1965—Boy, did you guys dress well! You all made a very nice impression throughout the Homecoming Celebration.

To the Classes of 1975—Alumni really enjoyed the "The Officer's Club Ledger" that **William C. "Bill" Wyles 1969 JC** shared with everyone. It was quite an interesting read.

To the Classes of 1985--The Country Club is still rocking from your presence. I believe I even shared a tear and a laugh when each member of the class stood up to identify themselves, share what they are doing today and then shared their most memorable time at New Mexico Military Institute.

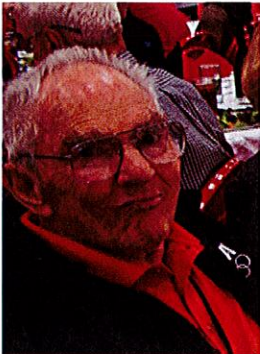
For the remaining classes, to include 1995 and 2005--The Country Club bar ran out of shot glasses!

For those alumni that could not make this year's Homecoming, you really missed out on a fantastic time. The alumni events are just getting better and better and more fun each and every year.

Don't miss the 2016 Homecoming Celebration! Mark your calendars for 20-22 October 2016. Hope to see you then!

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1965



1985



1975



2005



1995

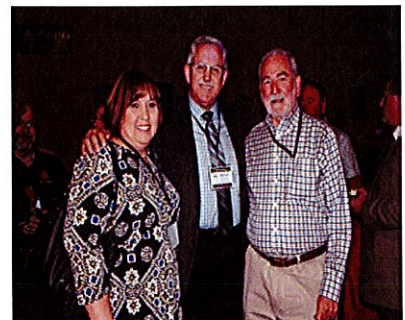
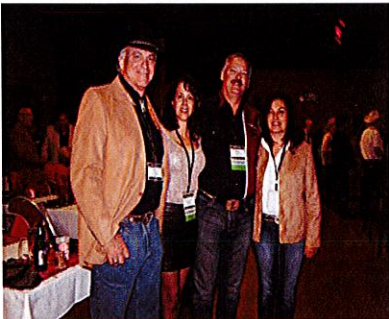
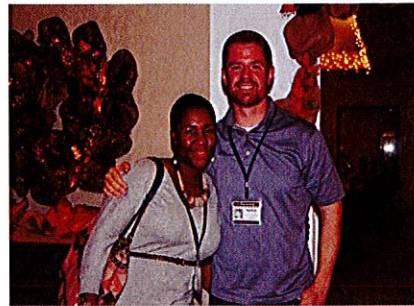
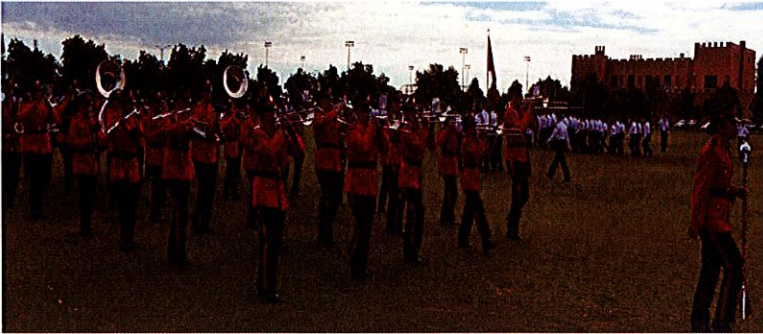


NMMI is working to get *The NMMI Dispatches* and *The Sally Port* magazine online. If you would like to receive either of the publications online instead of US mail, please sign up below!

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Left to right: Dr. Jorge Aranda Claussen 2005 HS, Dr. Jesus Ramos Garza 1995 HS~1997 JC, David E. Corona Salinas 2005 HS, Luis Guillermo Aranda Claussen Ph.D. 2003 HS~2005 JC, Pedro L. Einaudi Martinez 2005 HS, Juan Alfonso Ramos 2005 HS, Victor M. Rico Gutierrez 2005 HS, Samuel Tesimu 2005 HS~2007 JC, Gerardo Aranda Claussen 2002 HS~2004 JC, William A. O'Connell 2011 JC and in front Joanna Salinas de Rico and COL Nancy J. Burrola, NMML, Honorary Life Member.

Alumni Updates



Congratulations to **Francisco Coppel Garcia** 2002 HS and Anilu Valenzuela on the birth of Lourdes Maria on 27 June 2015.

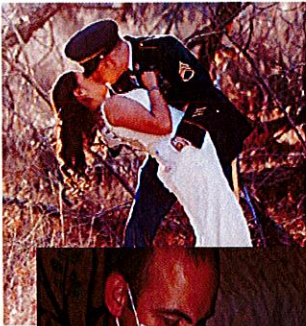


40 Under 40: Latinos in Foreign Policy

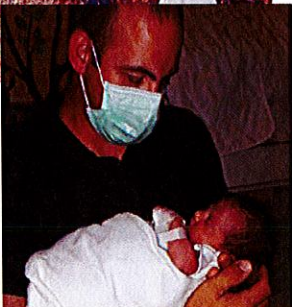
Soledad N. Roybal 1994 HS State Department

Not many can say that they work for the "[Ambassador to the Internet](#)", but Soledad can.

Roybal currently serves as a Senior Advisor for International Communications and Information Policy which is led by Ambassador Daniel Sepulveda. Prior to this role, she served as the Acting White House Liaison at the Department of State, where she advised the Secretary and Under Secretary for Management on all personnel matters relating to non-career appointees within the State Department. Before joining the State Department, Soledad served as Special Assistant and Scheduler for two Secretaries of Labor, Tom Perez and Hilda Solis. She has also worked with Attorney General Janet Reno, members of the New Mexico Congressional Delegation, Governor Bill Richardson, Senator Jeff Bingaman and Congressman Ben Ray Lujan. Soledad has also worked outside of government in New York City in the corporate communications arena and in the non-profit sector with the Brady Campaign to End Gun Violence. Roybal is a graduate of both New Mexico Military Institute and George Mason University where she earned her Bachelor's degree in Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies.



Update from **SSG Timothy A. B. Gilleland, USA 2007 JC** -Since Homecoming 2014, I have married fellow alumni **Breanna R. (Rodriguez) Gilleland 2008 JC**. On July 6th she gave birth to our daughter Isabella R. R. Gilleland.

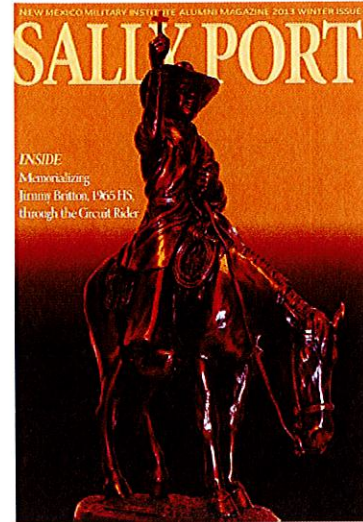


Do you have updates? Have you moved, married, had children or been promoted? Send us your stories and pictures to share with your fellow alumni.

Send to alumnioffice@nmmi.edu or go online at <http://www.nmmi.edu/alumni/aluminfo.htm>.

Alumni Updates

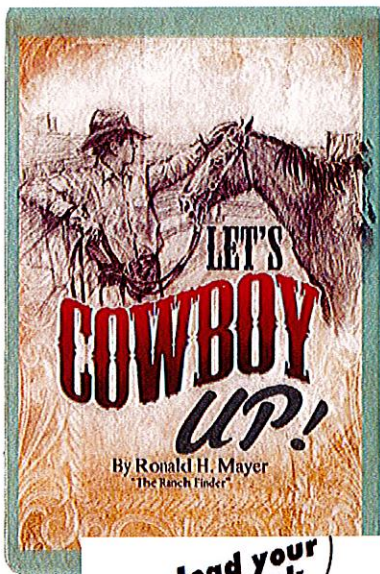
In the most recent Sally Port magazine, there was a story about **Ronald H. Mayer 1951 HS**. Ronnie is also a published author and has two books authored. He would like his fellow alumni to have free electronic copies of his books. Below is the code to scan you to the free copies.



The Jimmy Britton Circuit Rider Memorial was created by **Harris E. Kerr 1971 JC** in memory of Jimmy who lost his fight to Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS). The Jimmy Britton Memorial now has three statues of the Circuit Rider that can be loaned to an alumnus facing a serious illness. The intention is to remind them that they are not alone--they are always in the thoughts of their fellow NMMI alumni. The NMMI Foundation is responsible for the administration of the program that sends the statues to NMMI alumni to watch over them during their illness, and this is always done in memory of Jimmy Britton, a man who loved and cared for the alumni of New Mexico Military Institute. If you would like to make a nomination, please click the link below.

[Jimmy Britton Circuit Rider Memorial](#)

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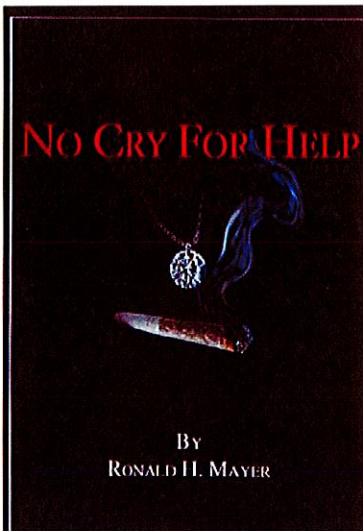
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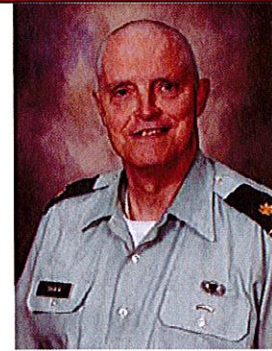
Alumni Updates

MAJ William P. "Bill" Shaw, NMMI passed away on Sunday, 25 October 2015. Bill served as a NMMI Troop Leadership Advisor from 1992 - 2011, receiving the rank of NMMI Major. Prior to coming to NMMI, Bill served his country in the United States Army as Special Forces/Green Beret officer, from where he retired with distinction. Major Shaw's voice reminds me of NMMI. His quotes as we marched off to BRC like "morning gang" and "looks like another culinary delight" remind me of the "home" I had at NMMI for six years. Shaw will be missed, but I've never missed his Daily Room Inspections since graduation— **Adam Wayne Camp 2006 HS~2008 JC**

I remember I had snuck behind the tennis courts with a female cadet and was in the middle of some public display of affection when all of a sudden MAJ Shaw jumps out of the tree we were sitting under. He scared the living hell out of us. I swear he could sneak up on you before you even knew he was there. He was a hell of a guy. RIP MAJ Shaw — **P. Brandon Cruz 2000 HS~2002 JC**

MAJ Shaw running through the box and yelling, "It's a great day in the USA." He had such enthusiasm and had a demeanor that was infectious. MAJ Shaw could relate to the cadets very well. His rigorous discipline was as testimony to others; his was a leadership by example. Further, he was a deep reader. He would often write op-ed pieces to the Roswell Daily Record on a variety of topics. He wore his beliefs, his views on his sleeve. I think the term that would best jump out would be respect. I certainly know a great many cadets who owe MAJ Shaw a tremendous amount for what they are today. I am very sorry to hear about his passing. **LTC Billy S. Gallagher, NMMI** I probably knew MAJ Shaw better than anyone else on post. We were friends for the last 20 years. We worked together as TLAs for four years before I moved to the faculty. Bill was from a very prominent Virginia Family. In his youth he was very "wild" and the family sent

him and his brother to Christian Military School at age 11! Bill was very influenced by the old World War II and Korean War NCOs he had at military school. Bill graduated from the University of Virginia and was a brilliant scholar. MAJ Shaw was fluent in Spanish, spoke conversational German and was fond of reading Cicero, Virgil and the Roman Stoics in the original Latin. Bill was commissioned as a Lieutenant in Military Intelligence and he served his 20 year career as a fully certified Green Beret. Bill served behind Soviet lines in Eastern Europe during the height of the Cold War. He also operated in Central America against the Sandinistas. Bill was not allowed to wear the Purple Heart for war wounds because he was shot in the leg in Beirut, Lebanon, when the government said we had no troops there. When he retired from the Army Bill came to NMMI. He loved the cadets and his job as a TLA. Bill practiced "tough love." I don't think he ever wrote a stick on a cadet. Bill much preferred correctional PT for cadets and usually did the PT with them. His favorite quote when cadets were about to do something stupid was "I'll kick your butt through the goal post of life!" Bill always stayed in shape so he could keep up with the cadets. He kept a cadet M1903 Springfield rifle in his barracks apartment which he used in his daily workouts. When I was teaching World History, MAJ Shaw would fascinate the high school cadets with verses from Roman poetry, the history of the Roman Legions and Roman tactics and technology. Bill Shaw was always an enigma — He led a cadet bible study, met Chaplain Musgrave at the chapel every morning for prayer and bible study and helped with the Protestant Chapel services. On the other hand, Bill could say an entire paragraph in profanity and be grammatically correct. Bill could be the ultimate warrior/ Green Beret and turn around and be the perfect Southern Gentleman. Bill's greatest goal was to help every cadet grow in character and in leadership. He even published a small text on Ethics. MAJ Shaw devoted the later part of his life to mentoring cadets at NMMI



and other schools. Those of us who knew him will greatly miss him. **LTC John K. Umberger, NMMI**

He became a TLA when I was in HS. He also swore me in for my oath of office. I remember him telling us his favorite weapon was an icepick, so he could stick it to an intruders spine at the base of their neck. **Shaw-Dog, LTC Jason E. Garcia, USAR 1993 HS-1995 JC**

MAJ Shaw was a Night TAC with stealth powers. We joked about him being a ghost. He rolled his steps so as to not make a sound, and his black trench coat made him blend into the mysteries of the night. If our stoop windows were open, very often the shades would release-rolling up in a flash. During the quiet of NSH or Late Lights, such a commotion could be startling. Was it the rumored Ghost of Juliette Troop? Was it the breeze? Or was it just MAJ Shaw? Who knows... He could sneak up on anyone anywhere. He got great joy from outsmarting us cadets.

I hope some of the really old cadets or alumni will tell the story of his reaction to Bin Laden's capture. Evidently, he spoke and emoted more in those few minutes than during his entire NMMI career. :) He was a legend! - **MAJ Christina M. Parsley, NMMI 1996 HS~1998 JC**

"Here comes the Easter Bunny with a basket full of sticks!" "Good morning cupcake, time for DRI!!" "OH it's DRC? Time for another culinary atrocity!" **CPT Cole E. Heimann, NMMI 2009 JC**

I was privileged to serve as the Deputy Commandant (Operations) at NMMI from 2005-2011. Bill was one of the most dedicated TLAs that we had he always had the best interests of NMMI and his cadets at the forefront. He was a true mentor. **Capt Louis P Deasaro, USN (Ret) -Former DCO at NMMI**

Albuquerque Chapter



Albuquerque Chapter Holiday Sunport Receptions

Abq Chapter plans on Sunport Cadet Receptions:

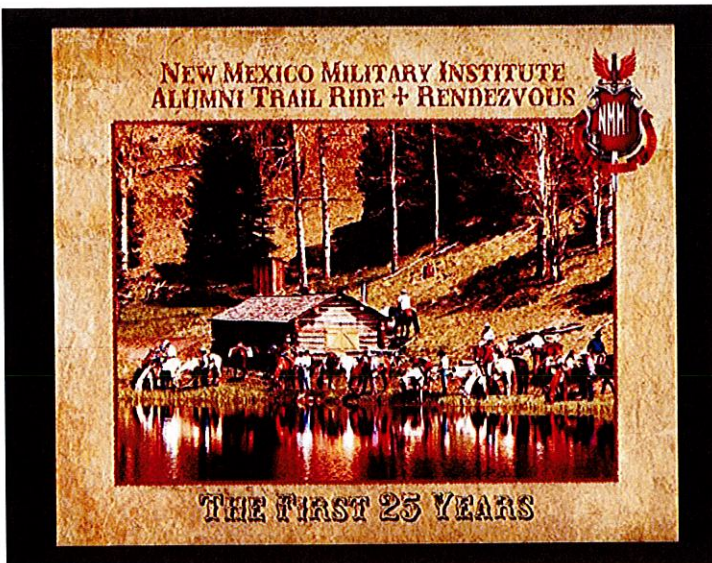
Thanksgiving - Set up room at 8am on Saturday, November 21st - leave room clean at 2:30pm

Return Trip - Set up room at 10am on Sunday, November 29th - leave room clean at 6:30pm

December Holidays - Set up room at 8am on Friday, December 18th - leave room clean at 2:30pm

Return Trip - Set up room at 10am on Sunday, January 10th - leave room clean at 6:30pm

If you would like to attend or help by providing food or funds, contact **LtCol Jordan A. Wommack, USAF (Ret) 1980 HS**
jordywommack@msn.com



There are still a few copies of the Trail Ride First 25 Years left. If you would like to purchase one for yourself or a friend, contact Jordy at jordywommack@msn.com

Denver Chapter



Left couple: Mr. and Mrs. Siegfried W. Klein
1991 HS and right couple: Mr. and Mrs.
Andrew C. Bickard 1988 JC



Mr. and Mrs. Mark D.
Alexis 1981 HS



LTC Daniel L. Armijo, II, NMMI
1972 JC and R. Kent Dawkins 1967 HS



MAJ Miguel "Mike" Gomez 1962 JC
and J. Dana Counter 1962 JC



Maxwell Loren Sands
2008 HS



COL Kevin B. Dennehy,
ARNG 1983 JC



Chad K. Gilman 1996 HS, SSG
Eric J. Klopfer, USA (Ret) 1995
HS, Janice R. Weed 1993 HS and
Laura J. (Mesropian) Turner 1993 HS



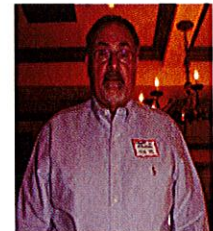
Donna Sampson and John L.
"Jack" McCaffery, Jr. 1947 HS



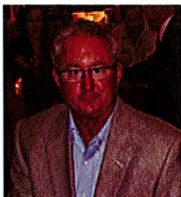
Mr. and Mrs. Jack P. Morris
1965 HS



Daniel L. Ostrowski 1991 JC



Robert W. Atkinson, II
1971 HS~1973 JC



Frederick C. Schwarz
1980 HS~1982 JC



Mr. and Mrs. Kelly V.
Schermerhorn 1983 JC



John P. Dikeou 1953 HS

We had another successful meet and greet with our Denver Alumni Brothers and Sisters. **Kent Dawkins 1967 HS**, hosted the event, held at the Cherry Hills Country Club. We had a great turnout, with about 50 Alumni from across the Denver area. MG Grizzle, **LTC Armijo 1972 JC**, Kris Ward and Karen Yerby represented NMMI. It was great to hear the success that they are all experiencing. **Jack McCaffrey 1947 HS** was looking sharper than ever. **John Dikeou 1953 HS**, shared some great memories. **Chad Gilman 1996 HS** was present, along with **Janice Weed 1993 HS** and **Laura Turner 1993 HS**, who helped us bring the evening to a close. **Max Sands 2008 HS**, shared in his success. So, do the numbers, we had Alumni there that represented 68 years of history that attended our great school. My hat is off to all of you that attended, thank you so very much.

So you can see that our Chapter events are continuing to grow in momentum, with more and more alumni wanting us to come out and visit them. We would love to plan a trip to see you, give us a call and let's plan a get together!

"The Quadrangle"

*I never stopped to consider
the quadrangle as a cathedral.
It's been home to many a cadet,
certainly to me.*

*It's turrets gave me comfort,
rising above our walled fortress.
Like veiled spires pointing heavenward,
I never considered it sacred space,
never gave it a thought.*

It just felt safe to me.

*The outside world with its threats and chaos
seemed far removed from our safe retreat.*

*While within these walls
young leaders were born,*

Being equipped, while equipping;

Leading, while being led...

*From the safety of the walls we graduated
to face all kinds of foes:*

*Near or far, foreign or domestic
we'd face our fears and would not falter.*

120 per became the cadence of life.

We'd take one step, and then another.

Forward march became our orders;

The cadence, the rhythm of life.

Take one step, and then another.

Get knocked down, then get back up.

Take your rest, then do it again;

The cadence, the rhythm of life.

The Quadrangle, the training ground;

Life, the proving ground.

Death, the final place of rest...

And so we gather once again

with our brothers, with our sisters,

mourn our dead at Silver Taps;

And feel their loss, at the Cathedral.

When names are read

and the candles are lit,

the trumpet blows those scared notes.

We grab a shoulder

and shed a tear,

The veil is lifted;

God is here.

Written at Homecoming 2015 by Rev Todd A. Collier 1973 HS~1975 JC