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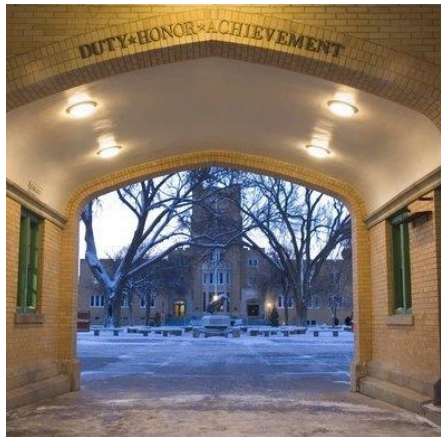
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## Homecoming 2016

Our next big event is Homecoming 2016. Our honored classes will be classes ending in "6", but all are welcome!

Thanks to some of our honored class alumni who feel that they didn't just live at the Institute with the cadets in their classes, they are working hard include classes two years before and two years after their graduation year. It promises to be the best Homecoming ever!



Hope you can be here for the festivities on 20-22 October.

**Registration is open!**

Sign up [here!](#)

[Tentative Schedule](#)

Class Representatives



In collaboration and celebration of 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary at NMMI we are poised to make an impact that will help create an endowment for future cadets and bolster the Annual Fund for the upcoming year that provides instant and unrestricted financial support to current and prospective cadets. This project will kick-off and run simultaneously with fiscal year, July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017. During this 365 event the development office in con-

junction with the Alumni Relations Office and Business Office will help promote, receive and track donations as they come in. Donations must be made in **\$125** increments and can count towards cross saber society as well as other annual programs. Each donor who meets the above criteria will receive a tax-deduction (if applicable) and also a signature 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary coin, which will start being mailed to those who participate following Homecoming 2016.

With your continued support and determination we hope to receive 5,000 gifts of **\$125** over the course of the year. Each day a custom progress tracker will update and show how close we are to achieving the goal. One-third of the proceeds will help endow a Squad Leader scholarship that will provide funds to cadets who have such a great impact and influence on corps. A position that sometimes is looked over but never forgotten, the criteria to receive this scholarship will be set by the Commandants staff with the hopes of providing

three (3) \$1,000 scholarships to the best squad leaders in the corps. The other funds generated will provide automatic funding to the annual fund that supports financial needs of prospective and current cadets without restrictions.

We look forward to your participation in this program as we move forward. As a determined and passionate group we have made such an impact and we will continue to do so as we move forward with our rich history, tradition and pursuit of excellence. For questions please call Kris Ward 575-624-8158 or the Alumni Relations Office. More information and ways to give to this program can be found on the website by following this link: <http://www.nmmi.edu/alumni/> We can't begin to thank you all enough and we look forward to seeing you all at homecoming 2016!!!!

Hear about it [here!](#)

# NMMI

## BRONCO BASEBALL ALUMNI GAME



**125**

**October 21, 2016**

Join fellow Bronco's for a baseball reunion  
during the NMMI Homecoming festivities.  
Register Online at: [www.nmmibaseball.com](http://www.nmmibaseball.com)

Sign up [here](http://www.nmmibaseball.com)!



## Chapter News



Saturday 30 July 2016 found us enjoying the benefit of DC and Albuquerque based N.M.M.I. alumni within the creature comforts of accommodations made possible by our gracious host and Chapter **Gregory D. Sampson 1994 HS-1996 JC**. As always we ate well and abused the younger members of the group (**Samuel A. Cook 2014 JC** and **CPT Jason R. Zuniga 2001 HS-2003 JC**) because they clearly didn't have it as hard as the rest of us back in the day. Gabrielle (Jason's lovely wife) brought a buffalo chicken dip. Whoa! It was awesome! **MAJ William C. Hoh, USA (ret) 1976 JC**, We're always impressed by **John A. Hines 1982 HS-1984 JC** and Christine Hines' continued commitment to stay in touch making the big drive from home every time. **COL John L. Garcia, USA (Ret) 1951 JC-1953 SC** and his wife Millie remain the crown jewels of our chapter representing such a unique experience at N.M.M.I. being a Senior College Graduate. **LTC Brian K. Hedrick, USA 1984**

**HS-1986 JC** and Michelle Hedrick brought Hatch peppers (fresh) which I consumed. **Daniel K. Getchell 1998 JC** brought us four future N.M.M.I. cadets! **Dr. John A. Glover, Ph.D. 1970 JC** totally worked the room sharing absolutely awesome stories and half of them were true!!! **Lindsay T. Lee 1999 JC** continues to make sure we don't drink our scotch out of sequence, but still fails to properly monitor my intake. **LTC Jerald L. Phifer, USA (Ret) 1981 HS-1983 JC** and his wife say (as usual) brought us all the last minute things that I forget commonly making them the savior of all of our events. Upon arrival, Sary took charge of making sure we cleaned up as we went and ensuring that all tables and presentation were in the best state possible. It must suck being married to an ex RC. You'll note that Sary is not pictured as she took the picture. We are going to fix this in future if I have to pull a stranger out of the pool to be our photographer. Travelling the longest distance to be with were **LtCol Jordan A. Wommack,**

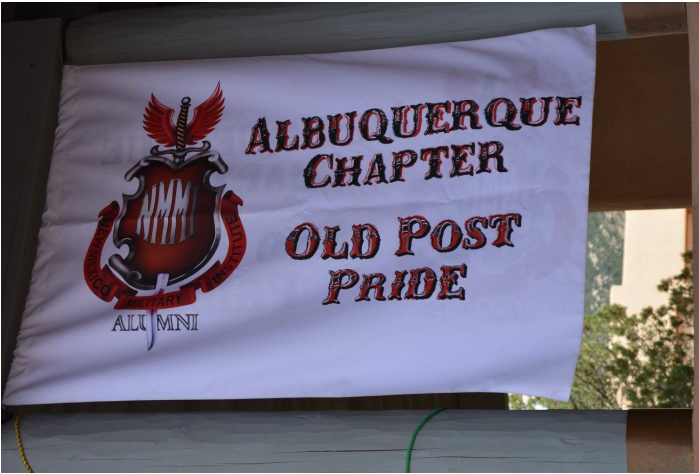
**USAF (Ret) 1980 JC**, with his family, Debbie, Trevor, and Stacey. Jordy, came bringing many gifts, but most valuable were the warm hearts and personalities of his fantastic family who all became immediate members of our chapter family. I know I'm missing others, but also in attendance (but not pictured here) were **LtCol Sarah K. Tobin, USAF 1994 HS** and Jason Chang. Sarah showed up late!! But made up for it with a very good excuse and her winning personality. Jason Chang brought a grapefruit beer that looked a bit suspect to me. But....dude...it was very good and I'll be keeping it in my fridge for sure. At the end of the day no one walked away hungry. And everyone very much enjoyed the benefit of being in the company of so many who share a unique common experience engaged on a remote sun-burnt hill in Roswell, New Mexico.

By **Lawrence J. Moon 1983 JC**

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## Chapter News



This past Saturday, Alumni, Patrons, N.M.M.I. Staff, and prospective cadets and families gathered at the home of N.M.M.I. Regent Phill 67HS & Nancy Ingram, for our Chapter's annual event, co-hosted by Gary 67JC & Kathie Williams.



About 70 attendees were treated to a "BBQ par Excellence" put on by the hosts, along with a silent auction to raise money for the Albuquerque Chapter Memorial Scholarship.



The event raised over \$15,000, much of it going to the General's Cup Challenge, in support of unrestricted scholarship funds at the Institute. Photos from the event are on our website, as well as our Facebook page, for anyone interested...



We also raised a large amount for the Taylor Force Memorial Bench project, to be dedicated at this year's Homecoming on The Hill, and we encourage folks to contribute to that worthy cause on the N.M.M.I. Alumni web-site.

Thank you to all who attended, and all who continue to support our efforts to maintain the most positive influence possible on New Mexico Military Institute!



Visit the chapter [Website](#) and the [Facebook](#) page or [Email](#) us!



Pictured are **Colonel Seth Orell 1962 JC**, (former Alumni Director, General Grizzle, (current superintendent) Dr. Bob Kemble, (former superintendent) and **Colonel Danny Armijo, II 1972 JC**. (current Alumni Director)

# First Annual NMMI Alumni Motorcycle Ride



When: May 26<sup>th</sup> thru May 28<sup>th</sup> (Memorial Day Weekend)

What to expect:

## Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Riders plan on arriving Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Our first gathering will begin at QTRS 1, at 1800. Fine Food and Cold Drinks will be awaiting you as you arrive. The evening will be filled with fun and even a few laughs from arriving Alumni.

## Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017

We will start off with hot coffee, breakfast burritos and hash browns beginning at 0700. Plan on departing, sharply at 0800 from Roswell, going to Capitan, then towards Carrizozo, but turn left towards Nogal about 8 miles or so before you get to Carrizozo, then ride into Alto, Ruidoso, then going down to Tularosa and over to Alamogordo then up to Cloudcroft (that's a pretty scenic road), then down to Weed, Dunken, and back to the "Old Post". We will all gather on the north end of Sally Port and ride our bikes thru the "Box", for a group photo. Then make an historical ride thru the south end "Sally Port" with engines blaring and horns honking. We then proceed to QTRS 1, where we will have cold drinks awaiting, followed by a big juicy steak, baked potato, vegetable and dessert. We will have award presentations, a few more laughs, and maybe even some bragging. Farthest Traveled? Oldest and Youngest Alum? Most Awesome Bike ( Voted by your peers)

That route is calculated at 325 miles.

## Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Plan on having "Eggs to Order Breakfast" – beginning at 0800. Once you get your bellies full, you can depart for home. Being the "Memorial Day" weekend, Monday, gives you an extra day for travel.

Cost: \$100 per rider (Must be 21 to Participate)

### Event Fee includes:

- > NMMI Tee Shirt – Long Sleeve
- > NMMI Baseball Cap
- > NMMI Lapel Pin
- > NMMI Poker Chip
  
- > Breakfast Saturday and Sunday
- > Dinner Friday Night (May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017)
- > Dinner Saturday Night (May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017)
  
- > Award Presentations
- > Group Photo and Individual Photos
- > We are also trying to have a DVD made of the ride

Email our office at [alumnioffice@nmmi.edu](mailto:alumnioffice@nmmi.edu)



## Chapter Event



### NMMI Alumni Event

Cherry Hills Village, CO

Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016

1800 to 2000

**Cherry Hills Country Club**



4125 S University Blvd  
Cherry Hills Village, CO 80113  
Direct (303) 350-5200

**Save the Date**

Come meet New and Old Alumni from the Denver area, the **Director of Alumni Relations and Institutional Advancement/Danny L. Armijo, II 1972 JC** and **Kris Ward Development Officer, hosted by Kent Dawkins 1967 HS**

**Light Appetizers will be provided and Cash Bar**

**Please RSVP - NMMI Alumni Relations Office**

**Phone: (575) 624-8251**

**Dress: Business Casual**





# GENERAL'S CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT

## SAVE THE DATE

23, 24 & 25 SEPT 2016

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT  
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THE TOURNAMENT WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE  
NEW MEXICO MILITARY INSTITUTE GOLF COURSE

Each year Shawn and I have challenged alumni, family and friends in the months leading up to the General's Cup. We continue to do this because the impact this event has on current/future cadets can't be put into words or overlooked. Over the course of that time, this event has created an endowment of approximately \$218,000 and has also provided over \$37,000 in scholarship funds to prospective and current cadets. This year will be no different, Shawn and I have made an initial contribution of \$1,000 dollars to the 5th Annual General's Cup and would like to personally challenge you to match us.

This opportunity is unique and for a just cause, all of the funds generated from this challenge

will not be used to offset the cost of the tournament as can be the case with sponsorship dollars. In fact, each dollar raised through this challenge will go directly into the NET proceeds and will either increase the endowment or be used this year to provide a scholarship to a worthy and needy cadet.

These unrestricted scholarships and funds are vital. There are several reasons these Funds are so important, first, they allow NMMI the ability to offer that Number 1 Draft Choice, who wants to attend NMMI, and we want him or her to attend NMMI, a scholarship right then and there. With these funds, we have the ability to shock the system and tell that young person "We want you, and here's a scholarship that shows them we mean business! This is

referred to in the Army as an "impact award" and it delivers an impact!"

We hope that you see the positive effect this event, and challenge has had in recent years and we look forward to you meeting the challenge. Our commitment to keeping NMMI relevant, affordable and a place young people want to be. NMMI is always a topic of conversation and with your help and ours we are doing just that. Each person who accepts the challenge will receive sponsorship recognition, and access to the Friday nights event located at Quarters 1 and Saturdays event at the Golf Course.

Jerry W. Grizzle, Ph.D.  
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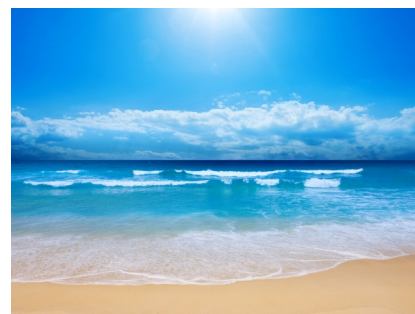
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NMMI ARO Local Chapter Alumni Leaders and Participants

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Don't see a Chapter in your area? Give us a call at 575-624-8250 and we will help you get started!



NMMI alumnus, **Nickie A. Vigil 1979 HS-1981 JC** is working on an "Alumni Getaway" Because of health concerns going south, she is looking for other possible options. If you are interested taking an Alumni Trip, please contact our office and we will put you on the list of interested!



## Alumni Updates



This photo was taken 6 September 2016, during the NMARNG promotion ceremony. Colonel Pino was Deputy Commandant for Secretary Fox during his time as the NMMI Commandant. We would like to congratulate all who were promoted on their new rank!

Pictured left to right front row: **LTC Nathaniel L. Carper**, NMARNG 1998 JC, **CPT Paul A. Lauritzen**, NMARNG 2004 JC, **MAJ RudyLee D. Armijo**, NMARNG 2000 HS-2002 JC and **COL David G. Chacon**, USAR 1988 JC.

Left to right back row: **1LT Trenton W. Armstrong**, USAR 2007 JC, **MAJ Sergio R. Hands**, USAR 2002 JC, **MAJ Brian E. White**, USAR 1997 HS-1999 JC, **COL Mike Aguilar**, NMARNG1990 JC, **BG Thomas P. Bump**1987 JC, **LTC Craig K. Gilcrease**, NMARNG 1990 JC, Secretary, NM Department of Veterans Services, **BG Jack R. Fox**, NMARNG (Ret) 1966 HS-1966 JC, **LTC Antonio L. Pino**, USA (Ret), and **COL Frank J. Oliveira**, NMARNG 1985 HS-1987 JC.

Thanks to Paul Lauritzen for photo.



Secretary, NM Department of Veterans Services, **BG Jack R. Fox**, NMARNG (Ret) 1966 HS-1966 JC, **LTC Antonio L. Pino**, USA (Ret), and **CPT Paul A. Lauritzen**, NMARNG 2004 JC



**LTC Nathaniel L. Carper**, NMARNG 1998 JC



## Alumni News



Brandenburg Gate  
Left to right: Lance Cole, Robert Black, Jim Geibel and Josh Barela

From **James C. Geibel 1976 JC**— In August, I took **2LT Lance A. Cole, USA 2014 JC**, **Robert P. Black 2016 JC** and **Zevedeo C. J. "Josh" Barela 2016 JC** with me to see Germany and Poland. In Poland, we saw where the assassination attempt was made on Hitler's life and where the Polish resistance fought the Nazis (Warsaw Rising). In Germany, we saw Berlin and the border crossing between the former East and West Germany at Helmstedt and Marienborn. In



Observation Post  
Back row: Robert Black,  
Front row Josh Barela, Lance Cole and Jim Geibel

addition, we visited Observation Post Alpha (OPA), near Geisa, Germany. OPA is the place where World War 3 would have started when Russian and Warsaw Pact tanks would have crossed into then West Germany. We also visited Hitler's Eaglesnest, the stadiums in Nuremberg where the Nazi party rallies took place, and the Palace of Justice where the war crimes trials were held after the Second World War. In Frankfurt, we drove past the IG Farben building where the Nazi military industrial complex was managed from. We also visited the Carl Schurz Seidlung where Jim lived as a teenager from 1970 until 1973 (Jim's Dad was assigned to the FAA's Frankfurt Flight Inspection Office at this time).



Congratulations to MAJ Matthew R. Adams, USA and wife Sonya on the birth of daughter Jacqueline Rae. This beautiful little girl was born on 26 August 2016.

National Guard officers were meeting for the first time during Operation Vigilant Guard. Operation Vigilant Guard is a Joint Regional Exercise Program. The Vermont National



Guard hosted this U.S. Northern Command and National Guard training initiative this year. The exercise offered a learning environment where players responded to an epidemic outbreak, earthquake damage, radiological contamination and a cyber incident. Vigilant Guard illustrates the growing public safety partnership between State National Guard organizations and their state and local civilian counterparts. LTC Emmons and LT Turner are pictured on the "rubble pile" that was a training venue representing a collapsed structure caused by a 6.8 magnitude earthquake in Northern New York. LTC Emmons is currently assigned as the Plans & Training Officer (S-3) with the 198<sup>th</sup> Regional Support Group, Arizona Army National Guard. LT Turner is currently assigned as the Executive Officer of Bravo Company, 572<sup>nd</sup> Engineer Battalion (Combat Engineers), Vermont Army National Guard.



On July 27, 2016 a "rubble pile" in Essex, **LTC Christopher A. Emmons, AZARNG 1988 HS-1990 JC**, (Norwich CGSC '13) and **1LT Anne M. Turner, NMARNG 2011 HS-2013 JC** (Norwich '16). These two Army



## Alumni Updates



Congratulations to **MAJ Brett A. Eklund, NVARNG 2002 HS-2004 JC** on promotion to Major.



The new Bronco men's head tennis coach has a lot in common with his predecessor, which is a big plus for the program.

**William A. O'Connell 2011 JC**, who left the position after the successful spring 2016 program to further his education as well as play more himself, was a former New Mexico Military Institute netter who played two years under coach Gene Hardman, then went on to play at a four-year school.

New head coach Daniel Dominguez is also a NMMI alum, who played in 2007 and 2008 under Hardman. Those Bronco squads qualified for nationals both seasons and were ranked in the top 10 in 2008.

The El Paso native then played at DII Western New Mexico University, where the Mustangs won the Rocky

Mountain Conference championship in 2008, '09 and '10, reaching the NCAA final eight in 2011.

All that is very good news for the Bronco squad.

"I'm very pleased we were able to fill some of the big shoes we just lost with somebody of equal caliber who has a good background in tennis and is an alumnus of the school," said athletic director Jose Barron. "I'm very excited to have him on board."

Dominguez is equally excited to be back at his alma mater.

"My experience here at NMMI remains one of the best times ever, so coming here is really an honor," he said. "I'm happy to be back here as a staff member and I'm going to do my best."

The coach will be working with O'Connell for a week or so while he learns the ropes, and hopes to learn from Lady Bronco head coach Dan O'Connell as well.

"I'm going to try to learn as much as I can from what he does, then try to make the program into my own," he said.

Dominguez only met his team for the first time Monday afternoon, but from what Dan O'Connell told him, he's excited about his new charges.

"I think I've got a good group of kids, and Dan's trying to get a couple more kids coming in for the spring, so I think we'll have a strong team," he said.

And Barron thinks the school has a good coach.

"He brings a lot of historical knowledge about the program and a lot of the expectations in many regards with him. And, of



course, the program will be his and he'll be able to give his own spin to it."

Dominguez, O'Connell and both Bronco squads will see their first fall action Sept. 3 and 4 at the 18th annual Southeastern New Mexico Open at Cahoon Park.



The NMMI Broncos defeated a group of NMMI alumni and supporters by seven shots in the first NMMI Bronco Challenge. Very proud of this year's team and the great work of Head Coach Andy Robertson. - Thanks to **-COL William C. Wyles, NMMI 1967 HS-1969 JC**



[Tell us what you have been doing since you left NMMI!](#)

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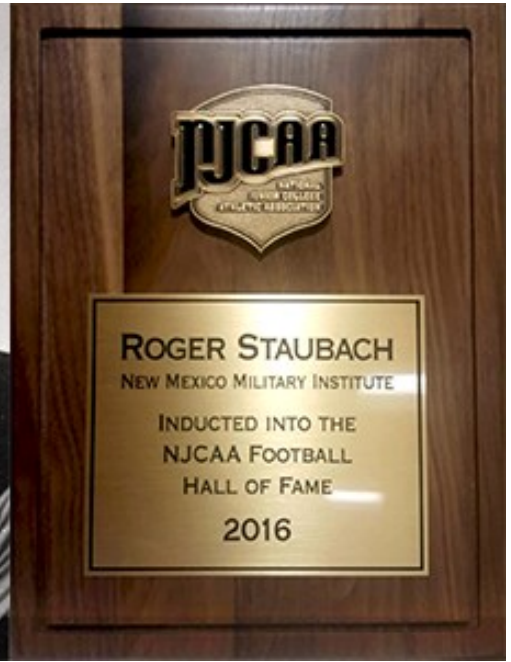
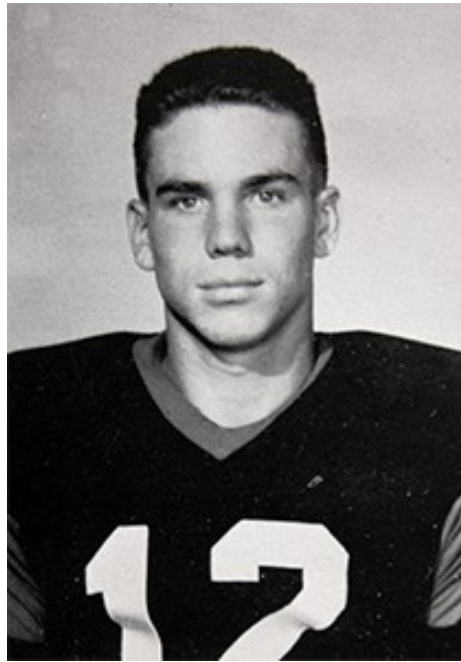
Former New Mexico Military Institute multi-sport star **Roger T. Staubach 1962 JC** was inducted into the NJCAA Hall of Fame® today. The Cincinnati, Ohio native came to NMMI to help him prepare for entry into the United States Naval Academy. He was a one-year student during the 1960-61 school year, a private in the 1st platoon and 2nd squad of Company G, and he participated fully in the NMMI Corps of Cadets, all while playing three officially sanctioned junior college sports: football, basketball, and baseball.

In football, he quarterbacked the team to a 9-1 record. Roger set the school record for passing yardage in a single season with 1,294, throwing for nine touchdowns, then ran it in for nine more.

In basketball, he averaged 12.4 points per game, helping the team to win the first-ever title for the newly established Western Junior College Athletic Conference. Staubach also pulled down 119 rebounds during the season, which included a 12-game win streak.

On the diamond, Staubach played centerfield and hit .324 for the Broncos. This star athlete made several relief appearances on the mound, helping the squad to a 16-4 overall record. A 14-game winning streak was snapped in the sectional finals with a 6-2 loss to Paris Junior College – a win would have meant a birth to the NJCAA World Series.

Following his time at New Mexico Military, Staubach completed his legendary collegiate playing career at the U.S. Naval Academy. In 1963, he led the Midshipmen to a historic season that culminated with the No. 2 ranking in the nation. Staubach was recognized as the best player in the country with the Heisman Trophy, becoming the first former NJCAA student-athlete to receive the award. By the end of his senior season, the star quarterback set a new school record with 4,253 yards of total offense. Navy retired Staubach's No. 12 jersey at his graduation ceremony in 1965, and he was later inducted into the College



Football Hall of Fame in 1981. Despite being drafted by the Dallas Cowboys in 1964, Staubach fulfilled his military commitment including a one-year tour of duty in Vietnam where he served as a Supply Corps officer with 41 enlisted men under his command. Staubach returned to the United States in September 1967 where he finished out the remainder of his naval career.

Staubach joined the Cowboys in 1969 and assumed the full-time starting role at quarterback during the 1971 season. After taking hold of the reins, he led the Cowboys on a run to their first championship with a 24-3 win over the Miami Dolphins in Super Bowl VI. Throwing for 119 yards and two touchdowns, Staubach became the first Heisman Trophy winner and first former NJCAA student-athlete to be named Super Bowl MVP. After throwing for career highs in completions, yards, and touchdowns during the 1979 season, Staubach announced his retirement. He was inducted into the Dallas Cowboys Ring of Honor in 1983 and the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1985.

After his retirement, Staubach displayed the NJCAA ideals of volunteerism and service through his dedicated contributions to programs supporting individuals and communities. He founded Allies in Service which serves as an outreach program to veterans to provide support

in employment, housing, education, and health care. Staubach is also active with the United Way of Metropolitan Dallas and the Catholic Charities of Dallas. In 2010, he received the Hope for Humanity Award from the Dallas Holocaust Museum/Center for Education in Tolerance.

"When I called Roger to notify him of his induction into the NJCAA Football Hall of Fame he was humbled by the honor. He was so honored to have been chosen after only playing for New Mexico Military Institute, and in the Junior College system for one year, before being accepted to the U.S. Naval Academy. I assured Roger that it might have only been one year but that year left an indelible impression on NMMI and the NJCAA." said Major General Jerry Grizzle, Superintendent of New Mexico Military Institute.

New Mexico Military Institute will be presenting the Award to Roger Staubach in Dallas, TX, in October.



**COL Frank J. Oliveira, NMARNG 1985 HS-1987 JC**



By Joseph Vigil, Chief of Public Affairs, NMARNG

RIO RANCHO, N.M. - Family, friends, Soldiers and mentors witnessed and celebrated Col. Frank Oliveira's promotion to his present rank August 7, 2016 at the Rio Rancho Readiness Center.

The silver eagle epaulettes were placed on the shoulders of his Class B uniform by his wife Shawna "Curley" and his daughter Casey "Sase." His mother Natercia Varley pinned the new rank on Oliveira's beret. She, accompanied by her husband, retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Donald Varley, traveled from the Sacramento area for the ceremony.

"It was a great experience to have Mom here for this one," Oliveira said. "She was the one who pinned me when I was commissioned a second lieutenant, but has not been able to be there for my other promotions."

Also in attendance were Secretary of Veterans Services, **BG Jack R. Fox, NMARNG (Ret) 1966 HS-1968 JC** and wife Marvine, and retired U.S.

Army Lt. Col. Tony Pino and his wife Debra. Oliveira, who worked for both gentlemen as a troop leadership advisor at New Mexico Military Institute when Fox was commandant of cadets and Pino was deputy commandant, calls both great mentors.

Oliveira said he always wanted to be like his mentors. "Their rank never defined them; it's their character that defines them," Oliveira said. "They are men of character and I always try to emulate that. I am honored that they were able to be here."

Fox reminisced about the time he was awakened at 4 am at NMMI because there was a fire in the barracks.

"Low and behold, it was in my troop," said Oliveira with a chuckle, but remembers he was not very happy then.

"And Lt. Col. Pino calls me Colombo," Oliveira said. "During winter time, I wore a long black trench coat and anytime he had something for me, I always took out my pen and notebook to take notes... a good habit I picked up when I worked for the Roswell Police Department. So the name stuck."

"He is a very humble man," he said of Pino. "In Vietnam, he and his fellow Soldiers took enemy fire while crossing a river. As bullets rang out, he thought 'I am not going to die in this river,' so he got up and led the way by charging back out and firing on the enemy - earning a Silver Star."

Oliveira said that never in his wildest dreams thought he would get this far because early in his career, all he wanted to do was serve his eight year obligation and get out as a captain. "It's humbling and an honor to be standing here 30 years later in front of my family, special guests and the Soldiers, NCO's and officers that had something to do with me getting here."

Oliveira attributes his success to his approach to leadership and says he strives to set the example. "I always treat others with respect, no matter who they are," he said. "I genuinely care for the welfare of others and I treat them the way I want to be treated."

When asked about what his wife Curley thought about his promotion, she said, "Frank, it's about time. I knew you had it in you," he said with a chuckle. "And my daughter Sase, in her own words said, 'I am very happy for you; way to go, you big lug.'"

With over 30 years of service in the New Mexico National Guard, Oliveira plans to retire next May and transition to civilian life. Until then, he is focused on leading the G1 Personnel office and set the best course of action for the organization.

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## Reported deceased:

Judge Miquel A. Otero, Jr. 1912 JC  
 MAJ E. Wayles Browne, Jr., USAR (Ret) 1927 JC  
 Mr. Winfield Henry James 1937 JC  
 LTC James Halbert Gambrell, Jr., USA (Ret) 1939 JC  
 Judge Charles Zook Fitzalan Sutton 1940 HS  
 Mr. John Lewis Rockwell 1944 HS  
 Mr. John Kesson Withers 1944 JC  
 Mr. James K. Anderson 1944 JC  
 Mr. William J. Moulton 1945 HS  
 Mr. Jon L. Mosle, Jr. 1946 HS  
 Mr. Nolan Queen, Jr. 1946 JC  
 Mr. W. Frank Myers 1948 JC  
 Mr. James Dean Hull, II 1949 HS  
 Mr. Granville B. Lane, II 1950 JC  
 Mr. Robert Aitkin Curtis 1950 JC  
 Mr. Nicholas B. Clinch 1950 JC  
 Mr. Charles D. Eaton, Jr. 1951 HS  
 Mr. Henry A. Into 1951 JC  
 Mr. Robert D. Jolton 1951 JC  
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 LTC Hugh C. Cate, Jr., USA (Ret) 1954 SC  
 Mr. James William McLean 1954 HS  
 Mr. Lawrence R. Andrus 1955 SC  
 COL Norman W. Kinder, USA (Ret) 1956 SC  
 LTC James E. Hunt, Jr., USA (Ret) 1956 SC

Mr. Gerald L. Baker 1956 JC  
 Dr. Arthur D. Burhans 1956 JC  
 Mr. John Thomas LeBus 1956 HS  
 Mr. George Alfred Strebe 1956 JC  
 Mr. J. Thomas Hodson 1957 JC  
 Dr. Thomas E. Meade 1959 HS  
 Mr. G. Dan Lewis 1959 JC  
 Mr. James E. Covington 1961 JC  
 Mr. Richard F. Strickland 1963 JC  
 Mr. Douglas A. Witherspoon 1963 HS  
 Mr. George W. Oge 1964 HS  
 Judge William L. Fergus 1966 HS  
 Mr. Jimmy S. Inzer 1966 JC  
 Mr. Leo C. Brooks 1968 JC  
 Mr. Robert D. Hays, Jr. 1970 HS  
 Mr. Andrew P. Kemp 1974 JC  
 Mr. Stephen M. Gager 1975 HS  
 Mr. Daniel Laurence Hansen 1980 JC  
 Mr. Shannon S. Hearne 1985 HS  
 Mr. Mark E. Nesiba 1986 JC  
 Mr. Mark B. Fulton 1987 HS  
 Mr. Jerome Kenneth Findley, II 2001 JC  
 Mr. Garrett Lloyd Fieldsted 2010 HS  
 Mr. Christopher Samuel Plowden 2011 HS  
 Mr. Gerrard Spencer Gober 2017 JC



Colonel Allen J. Lovelace, age 84, went to be with his Lord early in the morning of August 21, 2016, after a battle with bone cancer. He was born on May 5, 1932, in Krum, Texas to Charles Carlton and Beatrice Inmon Lovelace. Allen grew up in Carrollton, Texas, graduating from Carrollton High School. Allen then attended North Texas State University, receiving a bachelor's degree in biology with a strong minor in chemistry. He served three years in the United States Army as a photographer. After his military service, Allen returned to North Texas State to complete his work toward a master's degree in biology and education. During this time, he met the love of his life, Caroline Cole. After Allen and Caroline graduated, they married and became a truly united couple for 58 years. The couple relocated to Roswell, New Mexico, where Allen began a long career at New Mexico Military Institute, teaching biology for 36 years and eventually [auth] becoming the head of that department. Many cadets still recall his humorous ways of relating biology concepts to them. During his years at NMMI, Allen had a summer occupation which utilized his broad knowledge of biology, working with a crop inspection agency that advised local farmers what, if any, pest-control treatments their crops required. A lifelong Methodist, Allen was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Roswell for 57 years, where he often taught junior high or adult Sunday school. His love of music was evident by his lively participation in both the chancel choir and the Silver Chords music ministry. He also had a special interest in the Monday Morning Men's Prayer Breakfast, which he attended faithfully. Allen was a member of The Gideon's International and helped distribute many Bibles throughout his years as a member.

As might be expected of someone with his background in biology, Allen kept an immaculate yard and grew beautiful roses each summer. He loved chess, playing tournaments both in person and via the mail. He was also always ready for a game of Mexican train dominoes. A big supporter of NMMI basketball, he also thoroughly enjoyed his Texas teams of the Dallas Cowboys, the Texas Longhorns, and, later, the Texas Tech Red Raiders. Some of Allen's last words came as the family watched a Dallas Cowboy pre-season game, when, though he had not been able to communicate for hours, he suddenly asked plainly, "What's the score?"

Allen's love of family always came first. He is survived by his wife and Christian helpmate, Caroline Cole Lovelace. Together, they touched the lives of NMMI cadets and many others with their prayers and ministry to those in need. He is also survived by his daughter, Patty Lovelace, and his son, Ben Lovelace, both of Roswell; they will be forever grateful for his Christian influence in their lives. Also surviving Allen are his three grandchildren, whom he adored, John Lovelace, of Albuquerque, Josh English, of Roswell, and Carrie Dillard, of Amarillo, Texas. Survivors also include Allen's brother and sister-in-law, Charles and Nancy Lovelace, of Garland, Texas; his sister and brother-in-law, Ann and Danny Andersen, of Duncanville, Texas; niece, Lynn; nephews, Greg, Brian, Derek, Todd, and James; and many great-nieces and nephews.



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