



NMMI ALUMNI RELATIONS



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The NMMI Alumni E-Newsletter

Happy Winter from NMMI! There is a lot going on in the next few months. We hope you can join us for one of the Alumni Gatherings currently planned. If you don't see something in your area, please call our office and let us know of your interest and we will work on getting something put together!

We will be holding our first ever NMMI Motorcycle Ride over the Memorial Day weekend. Hope you can join us on 26 and 27 May!

Unless otherwise noted, please RSVP to karen.yerby@nmmi.edu.

January 2017

- ♦ 21 January at the Double Eagle Steak House in Las Cruces. We had a great time! Photos on [Facebook](#)!

February 2017

- ♦ Albuquerque Chapter 9th Annual Valentine Sweethearts Dinner at Scalo Northern Italian Grill on Thursday, February 9th at 6pm. \$50 per couple. Reservations recommended as space is limited and this event sells out quickly. Email abqalumni@gmail.com for reservations. View the [flyer](#).
- ♦ NYC – 23rd – with Dr. Brian C. Ante 1985 JC at his home at 21 Garrettson Avenue in Staten Island. Please RSVP to Brian at ante.brian170@gmail.com. View the [map](#).
- ♦ We will be visiting the Merchant Marine Academy on the 24th.
- ♦ DC – 25th – Watch for details! Larry Moon and Jerry Phifer and Greg Sampson

March 2017

- ♦ Midland / Odesa (Jay Issacs) - Friday, March 3rd at the Midland Country Club beginning at around 6pm at 6101 N Hwy 349 in Midland. RSVP to 575-624-8251 or email Karen at karen.yerby@nmmi.edu. View the [flyer](#) and the [map](#).
- ♦ Fort Worth – Dick Varnell Friday, March 17th at the home of Dick Varnell 1962 JC at 4012 Edgehill Rd in Fort Worth from 6-9 pm. View the [flyer](#) and the [map](#)



Photo by MAJ Sonya Rodriguez, NMMI

- ♦ Dallas – Hosted by Eddy Lynton 1990 JC on Saturday, 18 March from 2pm to 5pm at Bistro 31 at 87 Highland Park Village #200 in Dallas. View the [flyer](#) and the [map](#).
- ♦ San Antonio on Friday, 24 March—Hosted by Jock Brownfield
- ♦ Austin on Saturday March 25th—Hosted by Chris Butler

April 2017 –

- ♦ Albuquerque Ragin Cajun – Greg Pebbles – Saturday, 8 April
- ♦ San Diego – Randy Belcher- Torrez on Friday, 21 April
- ♦ L.A. – Eddy Galloway on Saturday, 22 April
- ♦ San Francisco—Karen Wall on Friday, 28 April
- ♦ Sacramento – JC Dodd on Saturday, 29 April at 1200 hours. [View the details!](#)

May 2017 –

- ♦ Tucson – Brian Welch – will meet on Thursday, 4 May
- ♦ Phoenix – Lisa Drummond, Dick Minor and Bill Cutter May 5th or 6th
- ♦ Albuquerque Burgers Orell – tentatively May 19th
- ♦ First Annual NMMI Motorcycle Rally – 26th thru 28th ([Sign up](#))

June 2017

- ♦ 28th NMMI Alumni Trail Ride – 13th thru 16th

July 2017

- ♦ Mexico “Meet and Greet” - Tentative 13-16 July TBD

August 2017

- ♦ Albuquerque – Phill Ingram BBQ – late August

September 2017

- ♦ General’s Cup – 22nd thru 24th

October 2017

- ♦ 2017 Homecoming – 22nd thru 28th



Save the Date!
Homecoming
2017
26-28 October



Homecoming 2017 will honor classes ending in “7”. If you are interested in being a class representative for your class, please contact Karen in your Alumni Relations office. The responsibility mostly extends to contacting your former classmates to encourage them to attend.

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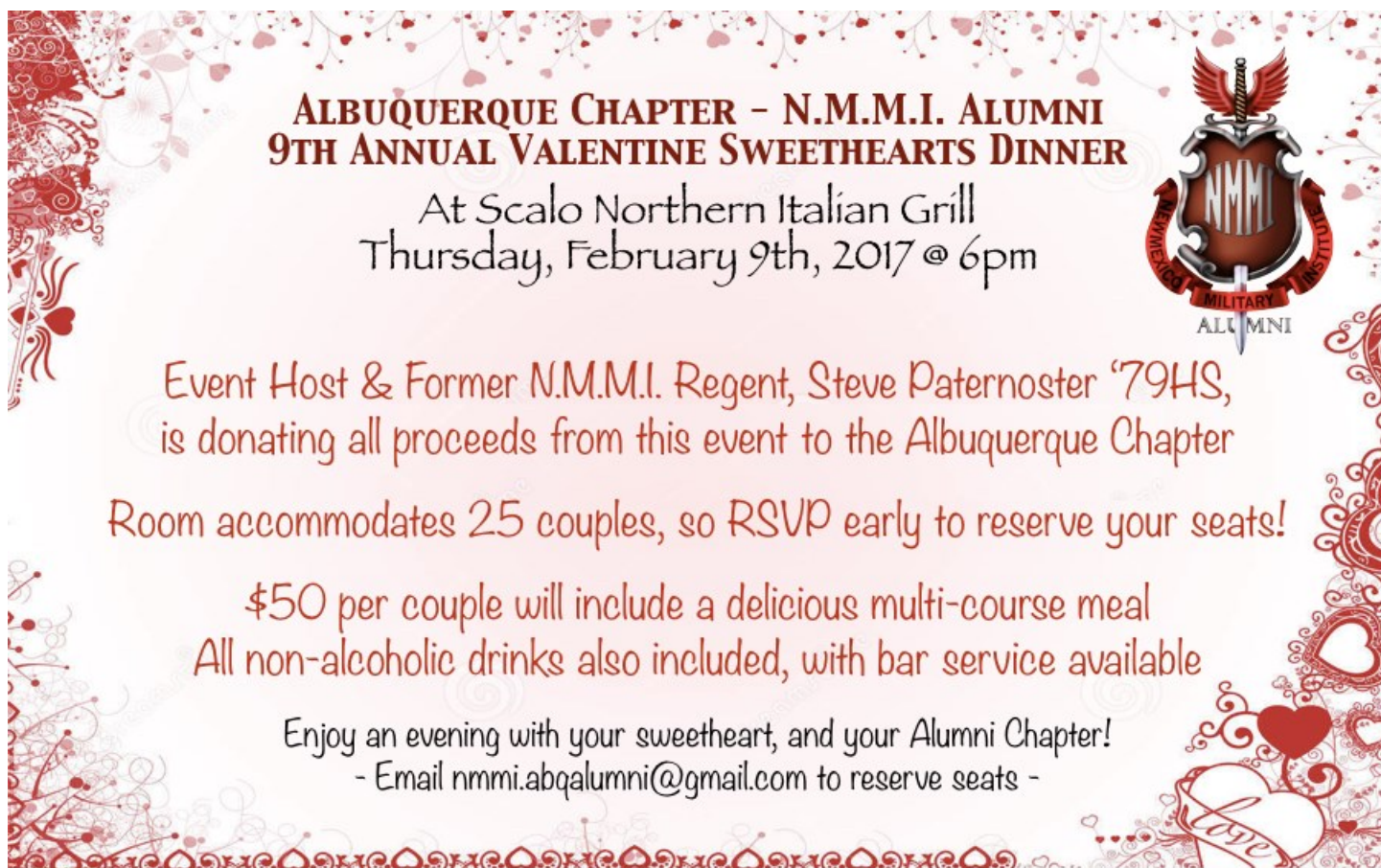
Chapters

We are happy to announce the date for the 9th Annual Valentine Sweethearts Dinner at Scalo Northern Italian Grill! The event will take place on Thursday, February 9th, 2017, and will start at 6pm with a Social Hour prior to a multi-course meal with dessert.

Event Host and former N.M.M.I. Regent Steve Paternoster '79 HS, wants to make this event very special, so plan to enjoy a very special evening with your sweetheart, along with your fellow Albuquerque Chapter members! Plans include a few special surprises to make the evening one to remember!

Seating limits the event to 25 couples at a cost of \$50 per couple, payable at the event via Cash, Check, or Credit Card. Thanks to Steve Paternoster, ALL proceeds will be going directly to the Albuquerque Chapter, so send in your reservations quickly via reply email to:

nmmi.abqalumni@gmail.com




ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER - N.M.M.I. ALUMNI
9TH ANNUAL VALENTINE SWEETHEARTS DINNER
At Scalo Northern Italian Grill
Thursday, February 9th, 2017 @ 6pm

Event Host & Former N.M.M.I. Regent, Steve Paternoster '79HS,
is donating all proceeds from this event to the Albuquerque Chapter

Room accommodates 25 couples, so RSVP early to reserve your seats!

\$50 per couple will include a delicious multi-course meal
All non-alcoholic drinks also included, with bar service available

Enjoy an evening with your sweetheart, and your Alumni Chapter!
- Email nmmi.abqalumni@gmail.com to reserve seats -



On another note, several members recently took advantage of Scalo/Elaine vouchers at a price of half of face value. In an effort to raise funds for a cadet who is in need of strong financial assistance, Steve is going to make a limited number of \$50 vouchers available for a cost of \$25 each to all who would like to purchase them. Contact Jordy via email or call him at (505) 459-8226 if you would like to reserve any of these vouchers for purchase.

We look forward to your reservation - don't delay on this limited seating event!

Best regards,
Jordy Wommack '80HSG
Abq Chapter Webmaster
www.nmmialumni-abq.com
(505) 459-8226

Update from the Hill



Update from the January NMMI Alumni Conference Call:

Colonel Armijo started off the call with information that we had two of our Hall of Fame recipients pass away in the previous week.

J. Penrod Toles 1946 HS/1948 JC/1950 SC (Hall of Fame for Eminence in Field of Endeavor)
Victor A. Lownes, III 1945 HS (Hall of Fame for Eminence in Field of Endeavor)
Read the HOF [Citation](#)

General Grizzle spoke on enrollment and recruiting and the problem of the smaller birth rate having an effect on the available number of College Students. He also spoke on the ability to get an Associate's degree without leaving home with the ease of getting an internet education.

The Academic Excellence Dinner, held on 18 January had 21% of the Corps of Cadets on either the Dean's or Superintendent's list. Thirty four of them had a 4.0 GPA.

The Corps of Cadets turning at once was successful. Look for the criteria and a full story in the *Sally Port* magazine coming out soon!

Colonel Armijo talked about the upcoming Trail Ride, 13-16 June. We will be in Mescalero hosted by Alumni Megan Byers

and Family again this year. We had a beautiful location, but because attendance exceeded our expectations, we ran out of space quickly. This year we will have a more open meadow, still private, reminiscent of the Christmas Ranch, for those of you who have attended at Brad and Becky Christmas' Ranch. Watch for registration to begin around the end of February or the first of March!

This past weekend, Saturday, 21 January, the Las Cruces/El Paso area alumni gathered for a tattoo in Las Cruces. There were over fifty attendees.

There are other tattoo's planned or in the planning. In February, the Albuquerque Chapter will have the 9th Annual Valentine's Sweetheart Dinner. There will be alumni gatherings in New York and DC which will include a visit to the Merchant Marine Academy. In March, the Texas gatherings will be held in Midland/Odessa, Dallas and Fort Worth, Austin and San Antonio.

In April, the Albuquerque Chapter will host the Ragin Cajin and we are planning California in April, with the date and time for the Sacramento Tattoo to be held on 29th. We hope to get to Tucson and Phoenix in early May. You can see the updates for each of the events as they are updated on the <http://www.nmmi.edu/alumni/ChapterNews.htm> page. If you are interested in having an Alumni Gathering in your area, please contact our office!

Kent Taylor, Director of Facilities was our guest speaker. He talked about the renovation of Marshall Infirmary scheduled for completion by 19 November 2017. He has opened his door to anyone who would like to see the plans to come by and he will be happy to show them. The main labs in McClure Hall are scheduled to be renovated. All the stoops and stairs are scheduled to be replaced or repaired this summer. The Alumni Chapel is in dire need of grout replacement for the stained glass.

The process of taking down each section, shipping it out to be re-done (replace the frame with aluminum a re-grout) is in the works.

There are no funds at this time to replace all of the sink rooms in the barracks, (45 in all) so the floors are being painted with something similar to rhino liner. It is much easier to keep clean. So far, Hagerman barracks has 27 rooms completed.

One Alumnus asked for details on Marshall from Kent. One Alumnus asked about CMAHC (The Council for the Model Aquatic Health Code). NMMI has completed the process required by New Mexico and she asked for help with how the process was completed because her state will be implementing later this year. A class representative from class 1967 gave a review of progress in getting attendees and asked for statistics for attendance of past Homecomings.

A discussion was held regarding "Hometown Recruiting" and the NMMI Alumni Motorcycle Ride happening Memorial Day weekend.

The next Alumni Conference call is Wednesday, 15 February 2017 at 1800 hours Old Post Time (mountain) If you have any questions or comments before that time, please call our office at 575-624-8250.

The call will include updates from Superintendent, General Grizzle and Alumni Relations Director, Colonel Danny Armijo. Our guests will be Head Coaches, Joe Forchtner, Bronco Football and Shelby Forchtner, Bronco Volleyball. They will talk about their coaching philosophy. Here are the credentials to join the call:

605-475-4000
Access Code 416844#

Alumni Updates

Alumni Nick Valentine 2016 HS, Robert Black 2016 JC, Jim Geibel 1976 JC, Cody Tuepker 2016 HS, and Earl Crosby 2014 HS completed a tour of Australia and New Zealand over the Christmas holiday. New Zealand sights visited included the Hobbiton and Lord of the Rings movie set, Arthur's pass via the Tranz Alpine Express, a jet boat ride, white water rafting, Mount Cook, Church of the Good Shepard, Lake Tekapo, tasting the national ice cream dish – hokey pokey, and a helicopter tour of Milford Sound and a glacier. Australian sites visited include the Blue Mountains, Ayers Rock, and climbing the bridge over the Sydney harbor.

Helicopter Tour



Hobbiton



From left to right: Nick, Jim, Earl, Cody, and Robert

We found this history of Challenge coins on [Curious.com](https://www.curious.com). Here is a link to read it! ["A literal token of Appreciation"](#)



[Get yours now!](#)

**New Alumni
Challenge Coin**

**Only \$5 plus
shipping**

TAPS

Reported deceased:

Paul G. Bell, Jr. 1942 JC
John N. Eddins 1943 JC
James Dozier McLaughlin 1943 JC
Dr. Kenneth Allen Kahn 1944 HS
MG Franklin E. Miles, USA (Ret) 1944 JC
Jerome Archibald Lewis 1945 HS
Victor A. Lownes, III 1945 HS
Thomas Brooks Ward 1945 HS
Harold A. Souris 1947 HS
Dr. Joseph Vaughan Westaway 1947 JC
Ben H. Sparkman 1948 HS
Stephen G. Loy, Jr. 1950 JC
J. Penrod Toles 1950 SC
James H. Lauderdale 1951 JC
William L. Arrington 1952 HS
LTC Maurice L. Willis, USA (Ret) 1952 SC
G. Wheat Collingwood 1953 HS

John J. Garlinger, Jr. 1956 JC
Dale Preston Laverty 1956 JC
Albert D. Maidt, Jr. 1957 JC
Jack J. Rodden 1957 JC
Rex E. Reeves, Jr. 1960 HS
Lt Col Roger M. Sobin, USAF (Ret) 1961 JC
John G. Bennett 1962 JC
Harry D. Goff 1965 HS
Dr. John B. Cruce 1966 HS
Sam R. Sloan, III 1966 JC
Jeffrey W. Kilburn 1967 HS
Earle J. Osborne 1968 HS
Kirk H. Steanson 1974 HS
William B. Huntley 1980 HS
Roberta M. Baldwin Roybal 1997 HS
Patrick Scott Cardenas 2006 JC
Robert Nickolaas Yankosky 2006 JC
Ryan William Dement 2016 HS

Memorial donations can be made to the NMMI Foundation by calling 575-624-8035 or email Jennifer Rawdon at rawdon@nmmi.edu.



GENERAL'S CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT

SAVE THE DATE

22, 23 & 24 SEPT, 2017

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT
KRIS WARD AT 575-624-8158
OR WARDK@NMMI.EDU

THE TOURNAMENT WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE
NEW MEXICO MILITARY INSTITUTE GOLF COURSE

CELEBRATE 125 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

As the spring semester begins, we want to update you all on the progress of the 125 Program. Over the course of the first semester your support has raised \$50,000 toward this program. If you have not already done so, we encourage you to participate by making a gift of \$125 to the 125 Program. Your support will help create scholarships for cadets who have the same drive and desire that you did when you were a member of the Corps. Remember, 2/3 of the funds raised will go directly toward the NMMI Annual Fund which supports all eligible cadets with unrestricted scholarships. The remaining 1/3 of what is raised will create a Squad Leader Endowment.

The Squad Leader Endowment will provide scholarship funds to cadets who have such a great impact and influence on the Corps of Cadets; a position that sometimes is overlooked but never forgotten. The criteria to receive this scholarship will be set by the Commandant's Staff with the hopes of providing three (3) \$1,000 scholarships to the best squad leaders in the Corps. The balance of the funds generated will provide automatic funding to the NMMI Annual Fund which supports the financial needs of prospective and current cadets without restrictions (eligible cadets must meet the minimum criteria set by the Scholarship Committee).

We look forward to your participation in this program as the year progresses. Currently, we have received roughly 400 donations toward the 125 Program; and we will continue to push to achieve our goal of 5,000 donations before 30 June 2017. As a determined and passionate group, you have already made an impact and we know you will continue to strive to keep NMMI's rich history, tradition and pursuit of excellence moving forward with your participation in the 125 Program. For questions, call Kris Ward (575) 624-8158 or the Alumni Relations Office (575) 624-8250. More information and ways to give to the 125 Program can be found on the NMMI website by accessing the following link: <http://www.nmmi.edu/alumni/>

We can't begin to thank you all enough for your support of NMMI and the Corps of Cadets. We look forward to seeing you at an upcoming NMMI event.





Alumni



Interested in working at NMMI?
See what is available at the Old Post

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

[Jobs at NMMI](#)

Want your story in the *Sally Port* magazine?

Send us your story and pictures
for consideration to
alm_clrk@nmmi.edu or
rawd@nmmi.edu



Alumni Trip

Would you be interested in an NMMI Alumni and Friends trip? We've done them in the past and had great times and lots of fun. If you would be interested, please respond with places that would interest you. In the past we have gone on cruises, stayed at an all-inclusive resort in Mexico and other beach/diving locations.

It's been brought to my attention that a trip to a place for diving is well over due! But, we should see how many of you agree! In any event, it would be a chance for us to get together again and just relax and have fun!

Please share this with your friends and others whose email addresses I don't have! If it turns out no one is interested, well, at least we tried! If we do have interest and ideas of places to go, Danny and the Alumni Office will help us get the word out. Usually, if we can get at least 15 participants there are some good deals to be had. In the past we've shared the discounts with the group.

I will also get in touch with Trish who planned our past cruises for ideas as well. I look forward to hearing back from you!

Nickie Vigil 1981 JC
nickiev@live.com

Ways to Give

- **Bequest** — a provision in a will or estate plan that allocates all or part of the individual's estate to NMMI.
- **Charitable Remainder Trust** — an irrevocable trust that pays a specified annual amount to one or more people for a fixed period of years (often the life of the individual). At the end of the term of the trust, the remaining trust assets are distributed to NMMI. A charitable remainder annuity trust provides a fixed payment; a charitable remainder uni-trust pays out a fixed percentage of the trust value each year.
- **Charitable Lead Trust** — Similar to a charitable remainder trust, but the principal reverts to the donor or his or her designated heirs at the end of the trust term. If the principal reverts to the donor, he or she gets a charitable income tax deduction; if an heir, that person gets a charitable gift tax deduction.
- **Charitable Gift Annuity** — an irrevocable transfer of property (e.g. securities) in exchange for a contract to pay the donor an annuity for life. Because the value of the property exceeds the value of the annuity, it is partially a gift to the institution.
- **Life Insurance** — an arrangement in which a donor gives a life insurance policy to NMMI. The cash value of that gift is tax deductible, as are any future premiums the donor may opt to pay on that policy. Note that only life insurance policies that are paid in full qualify as planned gifts. (needs a not regarding proper way of doing this.)
- **Life Estate** — an arrangement in which a donor gives his/her home to NMMI while retaining the right to live there for the remainder of his/her life. The donor receives an immediate income tax deduction. NMMI may sell the property upon the donor's death.
- **Pooled Income Fund** — an arrangement, similar to a mutual fund, in which a donor contributes to a fund and receives a share of the proceeds based on the percentage of his contribution. Donors pay no capital gains on the transfer of appreciated property. When the donor dies, his shares transfer to NMMI.
- **Endowments** — A fund created by your bequest can carry your name or the name of a family member or other person you wish to honor. Named funds, because of the support they offer to programs and people, are a way to share what is meaningful to you within the institute family well into the future. *Note that minimum gift amounts required for creating named, endowed funds vary, so please contact the NMMI Foundation for further information.*
- **Unrestricted Gifts** - are among the most valuable to NMMI, because they allow the institute to allocate funds wherever the need is greatest, and to take advantage of unique opportunities as they arise. Your unrestricted contribution may be used to support costs associated with financial aid, educator development, cadet equipment, facilities, and much more.
- **Matching Gifts** - An easy way to double or even triple your donation to NMMI is to find out if your company has a matching-gift program. Such programs typically match all or a percentage of employee contributions to charitable organizations, making the employer a partner in employees' personal philanthropy. Simply obtain a matching-gift form from your employer's personnel office, fill it out, and provide it to NMMI with your contribution.
- **Non-Traditional** — Boats, cars, land, jewelry, paintings etc..

Call Kris Ward at 575-624-8158 or email to wardk@nmmi.edu or go to [Support NMMI](#) to contribute.

Sports Updates



Sandra Szpott runs past head coach Jan Olesinski at the Region V Championships in Hobbs, New Mexico.



Halfway through the race, Sandra Szpott running behind first place finisher Leanne Pompeani from Iowa Western CC and ahead of fifth place finisher Shalet Mitei from El Paso CC.



Fall 2016 pic of Paul Choi (left) and Peter Choi (right) standing in front of the No. 12 green at the NMMA Golf Course



Coach Andy Robertson with Jin Ho 'Peter' Choi (left) and Jin Beom 'Paul' Choi (right)

View the NMMA [Athletics Calendar](#)

Planning a visit to the Old Post?
[Admissions Visit Schedule](#)

Check out the [NMMA POST](#) page. News and views from our cadets, parents and faculty