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Colonel Armijo:

On 26 May will be the 1st ever **NMMI Motorcycle Ride**. Sign up [here](#)!

The 28th annual NMMI Alumni Trail Ride is just a few weeks away on 13-16 June! We will be at the Mescalero Apache Reservation again this year, but at a larger, more open meadow. First time ever, we will have pony hop races! The Golf Tournament will be at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Golf Course. You can sign up [here](#)!

NMMI comes to you!

The NMMI Mexico Alumni Chapter will be hosting an event on 13-16 July. For details contact Fernando Nuñez Ferrara 1998 JC at nunezf@gmail.com

Chicago is scheduled for 9 September at the Celtic Knot Public House in the Snug. It is an authentic Irish Pub. Our co-host will be Al Gardner 1986 HS. See the [flyer](#) for details!

The NMMI Alumni E-Newsletter

The May conference call featured LTC Sonya Rodriguez, NMMI, Director of Financial Aid.

The call began with General Grizzle speaking on graduates. Our guest speakers for the Junior College will be Lieutenant Governor of New Mexico, John Sanchez and Dr. Barbara Dameron, the cabinet secretary for Higher Education.

He talked about the cadet "numbers" which is at 693 now, compared to 688 last year at this time. He stated that over 90% of the Corps of Cadets is in good standing. It has been a great year at NMMI for athletics. You can visit their [page](#) to see what has been happening!

General Grizzle thanked everyone for supporting NMMI, we are now at \$265,000 giving in the annual fund. All of your contributions to the Annual Fund, General's Cup and Trail Ride Auction goes directly to the Corps of Cadets. The 125th Anniversary giving has been very successful at over \$60,000. One-third of the 125th contributions will go to a squad leader Scholarship. The number of donors is at 692 so far this year compared to 569 for last year. We thank all of you for the generosity you have shown to your alma mater.

Danny spoke about upcoming events, the 1st Annual NMMI

Alumni Motorcycle Rally with close to 40 participants.

The Trail Ride is almost here with only a few weeks to go! We believe it will be the best ride ever! This year we will have the Trail Ride Golf Tournament at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Championship Golf Course. The Horseshoe tournament has become very popular and also back by popular demand is the NMMI Blanket race at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track in the Turf room at no charge. New this year is the Pony Hop races. We expect it to be a very fun activity! Upcoming chapter events are the Burgers Orell in Albuquerque in the 19th of May, 6-9 July in New Orleans and September 9th in Chicago. We are also working on Wisconsin, Maine and Las Vegas.

Danny introduced Colonel Sonya Rodriguez from the Financial Aid Department at NMMI. Sonya has been with NMMI for 33 years and with her staff of five, they have a combined total of 80 years of experience.

Sonya explained the automated process from Admissions that helps them find recipients based on merit, need and demographics.

They award about one millions dollars every school year, from

Update from the Hill

Alumni, Foundation and Trust. Some of the scholarships are broad based and some are very restrictive. The more restrictive, the more difficult it is to award.

The information in the automated database is updated constantly and when there are any scholarship dollars leftover, they will send out a note to the Corps of Cadets, letting them know the criteria they need to award those funds.

The minimum qualification is 2.0 term GPA and a "C" in deportment. There is a scholarship cap of \$1,000 of the total cost of attendance. The New Mexico Legislature Scholarship requires a 2.0 cumulative GPA over 4 years. To receive the Legislative Scholarship requires the cadet write a 200 plus word essay. The legislators in the past have accepted 112 letters per school year, but just added 50, so now we have 162 letters. They can also request a \$500 hardship addition.

The cadets are required to write thank you letters to the donors. Sonya's group also thanks donors and Fund Managers.

In the Q&A a question was asked about the closure of Wentworth Military Academy and what that means to NMMI. Our Admissions department attended a College Fair with the approximately 220 displaced students. Wentworth has a large number of international students. NMMI offered a \$2,000 scholarship to encourage them to join us at NMMI.

The next NMMI Alumni Conference call will be on Thursday, 8 June at 1800 Old Post time. Our guests will be NMMI's head coaches. Chris Cook, for Baseball and Ralph Davis for Basketball. Here are the credentials to join the call:

605-475-4000
Access Code 416844#

If you would like to listen to the call, it is recorded until 8 June, when we have our next call. Below are the credentials to listen to the playback of the recorded call:

(605) 475-4099
Access code is 416844



Do you have a brick in the NMMI Alumni Plaza? Each of the twelve rays of the Zia in the Plaza represent a troop. The price for a brick is now \$50. You can put three lines of twenty characters each. If you would like to buy a brick, [click here](#) or call our office and talk to Karen, Jovannah or Ashley. 575-624-8250.



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



or



Which is your favorite?
Crest or stacked?
Send us an email at alumnioffice@nmmi.edu



Get your **NMMI Alumni car emblem**. \$17.50 shipped or \$15 if you pick it up in our office (or at the Motorcycle Rally or the Trail Ride)

[Click here!](#)



Registration
will open on
5 July.



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. Here are the [class representatives](#) we have.

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The Lefty Stecklein Memorial Golf Tournament is held every year at Homecoming. The proceeds go to the Lefty Stecklein Memorial. This scholarship is given in memory of Colonel Richard C. "Lefty" Stecklein, Honorary Alumnus. Lefty's legacy was his dedication to the individual cadet that wanted to better themselves through athletics, Corps and academics.

NMMI Vision Statement

As part of the ratification process, the Dean would appreciate your input regarding the draft of NMMI's revised Vision Statement. Please click on the link below for more information about the process and to provide your input.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NMMI_VisionQuest

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Want your story in the *Sally Port* magazine?

Send us your story and pictures for consideration to

karen.yerby@nmml.edu

or

rawdun@nmml.edu

NMMI Alumni Hall of Fame

Do you know someone who should be inducted into the NMMI Alumni Hall of Fame?

Please read the Criteria for each category and if the alumnus you have in mind qualifies for all the criteria in a category, you can nominate them by sending the [nomination form](#), signed by you and at least one other alumnus. The final call for nominations is **14 July 2017**.

Eminence in a Chosen Field of Endeavor

Alumni who have gained prominence, fame, or have distinguished themselves by notable accomplishments in their profession or other field of endeavor.

Achievements must transcend mere success in business. Ordinarily, prominence must be recognized on a national scale. Official recognition by a national organization of professional peers, having established standards and ethical requirements, is a strong consideration. A high recognition by a department or agency of the federal government is a strong consideration. This includes, but is not limited to, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Distinguished Intelligence Cross, or the Distinguished Intelligence Medal of the CIA, or their equivalent in other agencies.

Service to NMMI

Dedicated and outstanding service and devotion to NMMI transcends a satisfactory performance of normal duties. A nominee's devotion and dedication must be significant not only by his or her high standards but also by their own personal example. He or she must have adhered closely to the officially recognized customs and traditions of NMMI. He or she must have shown a willingness to devote their own time or resources to further the aims and goals of NMMI.

Positions of high responsibility include not only positions of policy formulation and decision-making, but also includes positions in direct contact with cadets influencing their academic achievement, enhancing their military training, strengthening them physically, or developing their moral character. Service to NMMI over a number of years should be considered to be for at least a quarter of a century. A lesser time might be a consideration of the overall impact of their service was of great significance. To be avoided is the popular individual whose pleasing personality did little more than make him a "good 'ol boy."

Flag Officer

Alumni who have achieved flag officer rank in any of the national uniformed military services. The Department of Defense Dictionary of Military and Associated Terms defines a Flag Officer as "A term applied to an officer holding the rank of general, lieutenant general, major general, or brigadier general in the U. S. Army, Air Force, or Marine Corps, or admiral, vice admiral, rear admiral, or commodore in the U. S. Navy or Coast Guard." The term does not include officers in state militias, defense forces or similar paramilitary forces. Achievement of flag officer rank is in itself tantamount to "eminence in a chosen field of endeavor." Selection for induction into the Hall of Fame should be withheld until the retirement or death of the subject to prevent induction before their advancement in rank is complete.

Valor

Alumni Who have been presented either the Medal of Honor or the Distinguished Service Cross, The Navy Cross or the Air Force Cross are eligible to be inducted. Civilians may also qualify by distinguishing themselves conspicuously by gallantry above and beyond the call of duty while engaged in combat against an enemy of the United States.

Citations and photos of alumni in the Hall of Fame can be viewed in the McBride Museum in Luna Hall or visit the [Kiosk](#).

2017 Trail Ride "Register Now"

We are only a few weeks away from the 28th Annual NMMI Alumni Trail Ride. If you haven't attended, this is an event you won't want to miss!

The dates are Tuesday through Friday, 13-16 June. If you can't commit to the entire event, we have day rates available and even a Friday night only special if you arrive at the campsite after 3 pm, which includes Happy Hour and a wonderful dinner followed by the Trail Ride Auction and a live band. This year our band is the [Yarbrough Band](#). [Sign up here](#).

TRAIL RIDE 2017 AUCTION

It's that time of year again and the Alumni Relations Office is looking for donations for the 2017 Trail Ride Silent Auction. In recent years the auction has helped raise restricted and unrestricted funds for cadet scholarships and donated items have varied from: paintings, blankets, pocket knives, decorative belts, chaps, handcrafted tables, and much more. We are making a push this year to get donated items submitted earlier so that we can put a list up on the internet of all auction items prior to the start of the trail ride. If this is something you are interested in please contact Kris Ward at 575-624-8158 or wardk@nmmi.edu. Remember all donations will qualify as a gift in kind and the donor will receive tax deductible benefits based on an estimated value. We hope to see you all there and looking forward to another outstanding event during the 28th Annual Trail Ride.



View the NMMI [Athletics Calendar](#)
Planning a visit to the Old Post?
[Admissions Visit Schedule](#)
Check out the [NMMI POST](#) page.



[Get yours now!](#)

**New Alumni
Challenge Coin**

**Only \$5 plus
shipping**

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



Plan for the First Annual NMMI Alumni Motorcycle Rally!

Friday, 26 May, meet at the Superintendents back yard, food and drink, 1800.

Saturday, meet in Bates Hall for early morning breakfast, 0730.

Departing approximately, 0830 towards Ruidoso

Plan on Lunch, 11:30 to 1300, in Cloudcroft, location TBD, will announce at Friday evening get together.

Arriving back on Post at 1600 to 1630, in front of north end Sally Port, for another historical ride thru Hagerman Barracks , (Photo), and then riding thru south end of Sally Port, over to Superintendents house for dinner

Sunday, meet again in Bates Hall at 0800 for breakfast and final farewells and safe return home it not too late to [sign up!](#) Only \$100 per bike. \$50 charge for guests riding with you.



NMMI wins
"Most Beautiful Military School"

<https://militaryschooler.com/most-beautiful-military-school/>



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

[Jobs at NMMI](#)

Join us for the 28th Annual NMMI Alumni Trail Ride on 13-16 June



GENERAL'S CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT

SAVE THE DATE

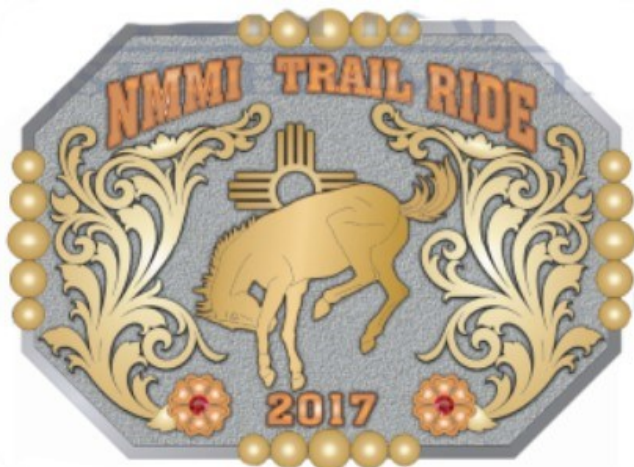
22, 23 & 24 SEPT, 2017

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



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[Chapter News](#)



Limited Edition 2017 NMMI Alumni Trail Ride buckle. With gold colored beads on the buckle edge with flowery designs and the Bronco. Designed by Terrace J. Brown, HON Life Member.

This is a beautiful buckle that you will want to add to your collection!

If you are attending the Trail Ride, they are \$50 picked up at the ride or in our office. If you are not attending the ride, shipping and handling cost will apply.

Buy yours [here](#)!

TAPS

Reported deceased:

Mr. Leonard Keith Simmer 1935 HS
 Mr. Nathan D. Benedict 1940 HS
 Mr. John S. Dublin, Jr. 1941 JC
 Mr. Alan Lockwood MacLean 1942 JC
 Mr. Frank Lyons Staplin 1943 JC
 Dr. Kenneth Allen Kahn 1944 HS
 Mr. William C. Edwards 1946 HS
 Dr. William E. Adams 1947 HS
 Mr. W. Bradley Post 1947 HS
 Mr. Bernard Edmond Straetker 1947 HS
 Mr. Richard K. Davis 1948 HS
 Mr. William F. Howard 1948 HS
 Mr. George W. Hauter 1948 JC
 Mr. Joseph Roger Williams 1948 JC
 Mr. Guy H. Allison 1949 HS
 Mr. William J. Eichman 1949 HS
 Mr. Jason B. Sowell, Jr. 1949 HS
 Mr. Jack L. Boyle 1950 HS
 Mr. J. Clifton Caldwell 1950 HS
 Mr. Charles T. Curran 1950 JC
 Mr. Martin F. Nesbitt 1950 JC
 Mr. Harry L. Brown, Jr. 1951 JC
 Mr. William Talmadge Graham, Jr. 1951 JC
 Mr. Alfred S. Forsling 1952 HS
 Mr. Holt B. Harrison 1952 HS
 Mr. George L. Thorpe, II 1952 HS
 Mr. John R. Warren 1952 HS
 Mr. Joel M. Pahk 1953 HS
 Mr. Donald J. Pundt 1953 HS
 LTC Clarke M. Brandt, USA (Ret) 1953 SC
 Mr. Roger B. McCurdy 1954 HS
 Mr. Philip E. Aragon 1954 JC
 Mr. Arthur R. Nott 1954 JC
 REV Omar W. Pitman, Jr. 1954 SC
 Mr. Jon Fielding Coll 1956 HS
 Mr. Edmund Burke, III 1958 HS
 Mr. Samuel G. Newton 1958 HS
 Dr. Allan S. Rosenbaum 1958 HS
 Mr. James A. Wylie 1958 HS
 Mr. John E. Howey 1958 JC
 Mr. William N. Fones 1959 HS

LTC Jeffrey A. Lynn, NMCI 1959 HS
 Mr. Orville T. Nye, III 1959 HS
 Mr. Allen G. Pugh 1959 HS
 Mr. I. Michael Stevens 1959 HS
 Mr. Angus J. Smoke 1959 JC
 Mr. Edward F. Amato, Jr. 1960 HS
 Mr. David Richard Martin 1960 HS
 Mr. John D. Alford, Jr. 1960 JC
 Mr. Byron L. Graves 1960 JC
 Mr. Charles A. Hyde, II 1960 JC
 Mr. John H. Miller 1960 JC
 Mr. Arthur N. Lewis, III 1961 HS
 Mr. Michael G. Borchert 1962 HS
 Mr. Marvin Gene Herrington 1962 HS
 Mr. Calvin H. McKinney 1962 HS
 Mr. John Edward Norton 1962 HS
 Mr. Thomas E. Wright 1962 HS
 Mr. Thomas Shirley Hager, Jr. 1962 JC
 Mr. Donald C. Sams, Jr. 1962 JC
 Mr. David A. Ilfrey 1963 HS
 Mr. Charles A. Skinner, Jr. 1963 JC
 Mr. Robert D. Thompson, III 1963 JC
 Mr. Douglas S. Campbell 1964 HS
 Mr. Craig B. Lyon 1964 HS
 Mr. Claude V. Clark 1965 JC
 Mr. Ronald G. Dorn 1966 HS
 CPO John E. Dougherty, Jr., USN (Ret) 1966 JC
 Mr. Dudley G. Henderson 1967 HS
 Mr. Jefferson R. Lawless 1967 HS
 Mr. William N. Haines 1968 JC
 Mr. Monte L. Barham 1972 JC
 Mr. Michael L. Grieve 1975 HS
 Mr. Patrick Daniel Maguire 1977 HS
 Mr. Jack H. Servis 1977 HS
 Mr. Charles C. Moser, Jr. 1977 JC
 Mr. James M. Woodfin 1982 HS
 Mr. Bryan C. Bowlin 1983 HS
 Mr. Bryon David Williams 1995 HS
 2LT Matthew L. Cravens, USA 1997 JC
 Mr. Michael E. Arbogast 1999 HS
 Mr. Tory Gene Marcon 2001 JC
 Mr. Cameron Enrique Acosta 2009 HS

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



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.

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.