



NMMI ALUMNI RELATIONS



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Colonel Armijo:

Hello NMMI Alumni and welcome from "the Old Post"! Our November 2017 Alumni Teleconference call was held on Tuesday, 14 November. For those of you who joined us, thank you. If you missed the call and would like to listen to the recorded call, simply call (605) 475-4099 and use access code 416844# and enter the # key. The recording will be available until our next NMMI Alumni Conference call, scheduled for January 16, 2017 at 6pm "Old Post Time".

Danny Armijo introduced our guest, RC c/COL Emily LoCassio and invited MG Grizzle to begin. MG Grizzle was on the road, headed to Hutchinson, KS for the NMMI Women's volleyball game. The team has had two straight wins coming in at number 13 in the tournament against western Ne-

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braska, the number 4 team. Our JC cross country team is heading to the National tournament. Individual cadets have attended in the past, but this is the first time for the team. They are ranked 25th in the nation. Former NMMI athletes to watch are Jordan Ta-amu at Ole Miss and Nathan Henderson at Missouri. They are doing good things out there.

The NMMI Open House was the largest in the last 12 years, attendance doubled from last year with 347 guests registered, 90 of them prospective students.

This past weekend, Veterans Day, NMMI hosted a veteran's breakfast for local veterans. The ROTC department hosted a 5k race.

On the Corps of Cadets, the Corps has taken back the Corps. Recruiting for next year is well under way. Our Deputy Director of International Programs, Christina Starke was in Brazil and had a packed room of prospective cadets. Nancy and Ray Burrola are in Mexico recruiting. With the politics and the peso stabilizing we expect to recruit more Mexico cadets than last year. One third of the Corps of Cadets is from NM. We are supporting legislation "School Choice" which will help with obstacles faced in New Mexico, ranked 50th in the nation for economy and education. 50% of the students from New Mexico fail entrance ex-

ams and of the 50% who pass, half of that number don't have the money to attend. NMMI is posturing for the passage of the "School Choice" legislation, so that when it passes we will be ready to administer it. Our admissions brought in over 900 cadets in the fall and we have 965 beds. We have a new Director of Admission that started Monday. Darrius Douglas, an Air Force veteran and his wife, a registered nurse, are relocating to Roswell from Chicago. We feel that our patience in choosing the right candidate has paid off as we have great expectations from our new director.

Danny spoke on **2017 Homecoming**. It was a huge success with a few recommendations of how our alumni guests feel we can make it better and we listen. Please feel free to give us feedback. Silver Taps had 235 names this year.

Coming up is our **2nd Annual NMMI Alumni Motorcycle Rally** in May. The first ride had around 50 riders, including spouses and friends. In 2018 we will be starting in Taos, NM and finish in Roswell. Watch for details to come! We are already planning **2018 Trail Ride & Rendezvous**. This will be our 29th Ride. We will be at the Easterling Ranch near Quemado. We have had it at El Caso Peak for past rides, but we are looking at a different site for this year's

event. It promises to be a fun event! Our 30th Ride and Rendezvous will be in Angel Fire, NM at the CS Ranch with host Randy Davis 1976 HS.

The Brick program is going great. The weekend before homecoming, football players from 1967-1969 had a mini-reunion at the Old Post. They got a grand tour, were honored by current bronco football players and at the game.

They decided that the entire group, along with a few that couldn't make it to the reunion would get bricks and have a "Brick Array" with everyone's name. The Mexico Chapter has plans to put in array. Family arrays are beginning to gain popularity.

The **Saber Program** will kick off in full force after the first of the year. This program encourages mentoring between alumni and cadets. At Homecoming, Junso Ogawa brought his saber to donate. Laurie Pallesen, Darrel Mason and Darrell Hovland found a deceased alumni saber for sale on-line and went together to purchase it and presented it to our office at the Alumni Luncheon and Hall of Fame Ceremony. Laurie works on Homecoming every year, talking to and encouraging the "Old Guard" to attend. She buys shirts, hats, coins and other goodies that she brings and gives to them at registration. Her help is very much appreciated. Darrel Mason has a facebook for NMMI Virtual Museum and Memorabilia. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/158708608019359/>.

Darrel Hovland planned a visit to South Park Cemetery during homecoming to visit the gravesite of Captain Joseph Lee, hero of NMMI. He is also planning a gathering at his ranch in the Great State of Missouri. We are proud of these alumni!

We will be in Houston on 2 December. If you would like to attend, RSVP at <https://>

www.facebook.com/events/894666384024866/.

We would love to see you there!

Planning for 2018 events and meet and greets is well underway. The schedule so far is posted in the E-Newsletter. We plan to visit alumni in 30 cities, including Oklahoma City, Las Vegas, Nashville, Anchorage and the Missouri Bivouac in August. If you don't see a city near you and you are interested in a gathering in your area, please call. We also plan to have tailgates at Bronco Football games in Texas, three near Dallas and one near Houston/San Antonio. We will skip our conference call in December but will resume tentatively on 16 January 2018.

Cadet/Colonel Emily LoCassio introduced herself. She is from Stillwater, NJ. She feels her most important responsibility is to bridge the gap between the adult cadre and the cadets. Some of the challenges faced at NMMI is to come together under one mission and goal, because we come from so many different places and our primary reason for being here is different. Some for academics, some for athletics, some for ROTC, etc. Equal treatment and equal standards.

"This is my third year here and I have held numerous positions in ROTC. I am commissioning in May. I hope to attend Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island to finish my degree in bio-chemistry. I hope to become an active Army medical doctor."

Q&A: Date for 2018 Homecoming 18-20 October 2018. Comments that the Corps of Cadets look good this year. Marching was good, cadets were aware of their conduct. Kudos to the RC and the Corps of Cadets!

Alumni wondering why they waited so long to come back.

The class of 1947 was here, 3 rode in the golf cart for the parade, but one wanted to walk. Danny asked MG Grizzle if he could march with him. He said yes, of course. The alumnus teared up from the honor felt to lead the parade. MG Grizzle said that while they were marching, the alumnus turned to him and said, "kind of lonely up here, huh?" MG Grizzle said, "You know the saying about having your six? Look behind you." These are the things that make homecoming great!

Senior Chief Scott talked to a group from SE Missouri with Darrell Hovland for recruiting. Eric Hadley left JC at NMMI and went to the Maine Maritime Academy. Eric and Senior Chief Scott will work on a 2+2 program.

The gravesite visit was good. Thanks to Captain Lamb for providing a bugler. If there is interest, he will be put another one together next year. There are a lot of influential people from NMMI buried there. He will put together a map and see if there is interest in seeing a different person next year. Refurbishing the old bronco rock garden. It means a lot to the older alumni. MG Grizzle will get with his staff and talk about it. The first thing is the security. Since it is right off the street, it takes a lot of abuse. The rock garden is one of the most used site in Roswell for pictures. MG will look for a possible site to relocate. He will report back at the January conference call.





NMMI 2nd Annual Motorcycle Rally

Save the date for 2018

16-20 May

Watch for details!

NMMI Alumni Trail Ride & Rendezvous

Save the date for 2018

12-15 June

Watch for details!



Terrance J. Brown (Honorary) started an endowment with earnings to encourage young alumni to attend. The Trail Ride has a lot of things to do, rent a horse, bring your ATV or just hang around camp and have some great conversations and some adult beverages.

The Terrance J. Brown Trail Rider Scholarship is available to alumni who are five years or less from leaving NMMI. We can award the scholarship to three young alumni. If you can commit to Thursday and Friday of the Ride, please call our office and talk to Karen or Kris.

Hope to see you there!

NMMI Alumni 2018 Homecoming

Save the date for 2018

18-20 October

Watch for details!

Homecoming 2018 will honor classes ending in "8". Although, everyone is welcome! If you are interested in being the class leader for you class, please call!

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This year at Homecoming, **CW3 Darrell B. Hovland, USA (Ret) 1981 HS-1983 JC** took a group of alumni and friends to the South Park Cemetery in Roswell to visit the gravesite of CAPT Joseph C. Lea, NMMI. He provided history and took a cadet to play taps. Many thought this was a great tribute and since we have a lot of influential NMMI people there, he has agreed to make it a yearly event, based on interest. He is preparing a map of where the graves are. If you are interested in going, please let our office know so we can add it to the Homecoming 2018 schedule! 575-624-8251.

2018 NMMI Alumni Calendar

November 2017

(Offices Closed) Thanksgiving Holiday Break – 11/20 thru 11/24

December 2017

Houston – **Saturday, December 2nd** – RSVP at <https://www.facebook.com/events/894666384024866/>

(Offices Closed) Christmas/New Year's Break – 12/18 thru 01/02

January 2018

Oklahoma City – **Friday, 01/19** (Save the date, details to follow)

February 2018

Las Cruces / El Paso – **Saturday, 02/03** (Save the date, details to follow)

Midland/Odesa Admissions/Alumni Meet and Greet – **(Saturday, 02/10)** (Save the date, details to follow)

Albuquerque Chapter's "Valentine's Dinner" (February 2018)

NYC / NJ – (February 2018)

Merchant Marine Academy – February 2018)

Washington, D.C. – **Saturday, 02/24** (Save the date, details to follow)

March 2018

Fort Worth – **Friday, 03/16th** – (Save the date, details to follow)

Dallas – **Saturday, 03/17th** at Bistro 31 (Save the date, details to follow)

San Antonio – **Friday, March 23rd** - (Save the date, details to follow)

Austin – **Saturday, March 24th** - (Save the date, details to follow)

(Offices Closed) Easter Break – 3/30 thru 04/02

April 2018

Albuquerque Rajun Cajun – (Save the date, details to follow)

Denver – (Watch for details)

Tucson – (April tentative)

Phoenix – (Tentative)

May 2018

NMMI Baccalaureate and Graduation Weekend 05/11 and 05/12

2nd Annual 2018 NMMI Alumni Motorcycle Rally – 05/16 thru 05/20 (Watch for details)

Mexico alumni Re-Union – Valle de Guadalupe Baja California – 05/23 thru 05/27 (Watch for details)

Albuquerque Burger's Orell - (Watch for details)

(Offices Closed) Memorial Day – Office closed – 05/28

June 2018

NMMI Alumni Trail Ride – 06/08 thru 06/16 Easterling Ranch, Quemado, NM. Watch for registration to begin!)

Chicago – (Tentative)

July 2018

(Offices Closed) 4th of July Holiday Break – 07/04 thru 07/08

August 2018

Albuquerque – Ingram BBQ (Watch for details)

Missouri - NMMI Alumni Missouri Boat Ride and Bivouac – **8/22 thru 8/27**

Michele and Darrell Hovland will be hosting a NMMI Alumni gathering on our Farm "The Cross owl Cattle Co." We have plenty of Room for RV Parking, Tent Camping, Or will put you in touch with Local room arrangements. We will update this with a schedule of events. Here are some of the options. Tour the White Mule Distillery, Day Trip to Branson, MO, Kayaking on Flat Creek, Hay Ride on the Farm, Carriage Rides on the Farm, Tour Roaring River State Park and Fish Hatchery. Tour Kids of Our Heroes - Adventure Camp, Visit Bass Pro Head Quarters

September 2018

General's Cup – 09/21 thru 09/23

Broncos vs Kilgore Tailgate – 09/07 thru 09/08 (Watch for details, Game date 9-8-18, Dallas area)

Broncos vs Tyler Tailgate – 09/27 thru 09/30 (Watch for details, Game date 9-29-18, Dallas area)

October 2018

Broncos vs Navarro Tailgate – 10/11 thru 10/14 - Watch for details, Game date 10-13-18, Dallas area)

2018 NMMI Alumni Homecoming – 10/17 thru 10/20

Houston - Broncos vs Blinn Tailgate – 10/25 thru 10/28 – (Watch for details, Game date 10-27-18, San Antonio/Austin area)

November 2018

Thanksgiving Break – 11/19 thru 11/23

December 2018

Christmas Break 12/17 thru 01/02

Cities still awaiting confirmation and scheduling dates:

Anchorage

Las Vegas

Nashville

TAPS

Reported deceased since the last Newsletter on 20 October 2017

Mr. Robert Monroe Roy 1944 JC	01-Oct-17
Mr. John S. Pflueger 1946 HS	29-Oct-12
Mr. Robert F. Cook, Jr. 1948 HS	13-Jul-17
Mr. Robert E. Tittel 1951 HS	20-Oct-17
Mr. Robert A. Crosby, Jr. 1956 HS	26-Jul-06
Mr. John H. Hughes 1956 JC	16-Oct-17
Mr. Volney Erskine Howard, III 1960 HS	14-Jul-16
Dr. William C. Wood, III 1963 HS	08-Apr-17
Mr. Charles R. King 1967 JC	09-Jun-16
Mr. Walter G. Casey 1983 HS	02-Nov-17

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

Place an order through Amazon and provide scholarship money to the Corps of Cadets!

Do you shop through Amazon? If your answer is yes, make sure you are signed up with AmazonSmile before you make your next purchase; and that the NMMI Foundation, Inc. is chosen as your favorite charity.

Each time you place an order, AmazonSmile will make a donation to the NMMI Foundation, Inc. All AmazonSmile donations will support the NMMI Annual Fund, which in turn provides recruiting and retention scholarships to the Corps of Cadets.

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NMMI GENERAL'S CUP ACTIVITY FIVE YEAR TOTALS



HISTORY OF GENERAL'S CUP FINANCE ACTIVITY

	YEAR 2012	YEAR 2013	YEAR 2014	YEAR 2015	YEAR 2016	TOTAL
<i>Sponsorship Revenue</i>	\$54,900.00	\$75,650.00	\$89,560.00	\$85,750.00	\$90,850.00	\$396,710.00
<i>President's 100</i>	\$33,000.00	\$29,900.00	\$17,000.00	\$16,500.00	\$23,600.00	\$96,400.00
<i>Auction</i>	\$34,978.00	\$21,460.00	\$22,045.00	\$21,305.00	\$20,156.00	\$119,944.00
<i>TOTAL REVENUE</i>	\$122,878.00	\$127,010.00	\$128,605.00	\$123,555.00	\$134,606.00	\$636,654.00
<i>LESS EXPENSES</i>	(53,475.52)	(70,802.89)	(70,787.15)	(69,047.08)	(69,548.45)	(264,112.64)
<i>NET PROCEEDS</i>	\$69,402.48	\$56,207.11	\$57,817.85	\$54,507.92	\$65,057.55	\$302,992.91
<i>ALLOCATION OF PROCEEDS</i>						
<i>Foundation Endowment</i>	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$250,000.00
<i>Annual Fund</i>	\$19,402.48	\$6,207.11	\$7,817.85	\$4,507.92	\$15,057.55	\$52,992.91
	\$69,402.48	\$56,207.11	\$57,817.85	\$54,507.92	\$65,057.55	\$302,992.91

WE CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR THE SUPPORT AND ALL THAT YOU DO!

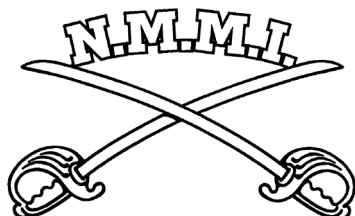


**Save the date
2018 General's Cup
Golf Tournament
21-23 September 2018**



Get your **NMMI Alumni car emblem**. \$18 shipped or \$15 if you pick it up in our office (or at the Motorcycle Rally or the Trail Ride)

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Get the newest Alumni Challenge coin! Stop by our office and pick them up for \$10 each or buy them on the store and get them shipped to you for \$13. Alumni must have! 1 3/4" diameter.



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 put in your order. 575-624-8250.



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News and views from our cadets, parents and faculty

The date has been set for the **2018 Trail Ride!** Mark your calendars for 12-16 June 2018. Our location for next year will be near Quemado, NM. Our hosts will be the Easterling Family. The site will not be the El Caso Peak location. We are looking at several sites in the area. More later!

The **Terrance J. Brown, Honorary Life Member** and 24 time Trail Rider, started an endowment to encourage young alumni to attend. Every year at Trail Ride, he donates one or two of his Trail Ride drawings to be auctioned at the Friday night dinner to support the scholarship. The criteria requires that no more than five years have passed since your time at NMMI and you must be 21 years of age by the date of the Trail Ride. If you are interested, please call our office at 575-624-8250 and talk to Karen.



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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 the 6th buckle Terry has designed for Trail Ride.

This is a beautiful buckle that you will want to add to your collection!
\$30 includes shipping and handling cost.

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["A literal token of Appreciation"](#)



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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..

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