



NMMI ALUMNI RELATIONS



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Homecoming 2016



We had a fantastic turnout for this year's Homecoming 2016.

All venues/events exceeded our expectations with record numbers. We are still compiling numbers from the weekend, but our estimated attendance was over 750. (Note: 450 in Alumni only and 300 Spouses and guests)

Our Main Events were:

-Lefty Stecklein Memorial Golf Tournament which had 52 players this year.

(Note: Last year we only had 24)

-Silver Taps was a very well attended evening event. It has become one of our most attended ceremonies. Words cannot express the emotional feeling one gets when you watch the procession, especially the Caparisoned Horse with the riderless saddle and the boots hanging in reverse. The bagpiper playing "Amazing Grace" while our deceased alumni names are being read with a candle for each and concluding with our three buglers playing "Taps". It still brings "Goosebumps" every time I talk about it! The additional lighting on the group proved to be a great enhancement. Highlighting the Superintendent, following by the Caparisoned Horse, the Colors, followed by 17 cadets wearing our school uniforms for the past 125 years. 186 names were read.

-The Alumni Social hosted in Quarters 1 also brought in a record number.

-Our Alumni Luncheon

and Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony had over 300 people in attendance. Dr. Guy Brown 1967 HS was inducted posthumously for Eminence in Field of Endeavor. Jim Solomon was honored and presented the George Ward Memorial.

Our Alumni "Love Feast" 1950's Sock Hop theme had over 240 people in attendance, with the Cross Sabers Society Breakfast having 80 people in attendance.

The Alumni Honored Class March was represented by Alumni for all years ending in "6". (Note: 1946, 1956, 1966, 1976, 1986, 1996, 2006 and many others from those decades). Dr. Gowan was our oldest attendee, from the Class of 1946.

The Alumni Honored Class Dinner had 250, which included, the Class of 1966. Our 1976 honored class met at another location with close to 80 attending their dinner, raising over \$16,000 to start a new endowment honoring Ed and Alma Croix Scholarship Endowment. Approximate total of class dinner attendees was 330.

I want to personally thank everyone who attended, to make this year's homecoming, one for the record books.



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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Lefty Stecklein Memorial Golf Tournament Results

Score	Rank	Score	Rank
Team: 4	59	1	59
Riffe, Donald			
Licon, Gilbert			
Childress, Jerry			
Anglada, Richard			
Team: 3	59	1	59
Gilman, Chad			
Holloway, Chad			
Spencer, Frank			
Ramos, Martin			
Team: 5	62	3	62
Stokes, Brandon			
Stokes, Jim			
Allison, Mike			
Tabor, Mike			
Team: 6	64	4	64
Marley, Dane			
Peebles, Greg			
Barker, Howard			
Ward, Kris			
Team: 7	65	5	65
Hansen, Carl			
Grizzle, Jerry			
Selman, John			
Schooley, Sean			
Team: 11	67	6	67
Soloman, James			
Brownfield, Jock			
Macias, Juan			
Galles, Rick			
Team: 13	67	6	67
Calkins, David			
White, Steven			
Cox, William			
Tarver, William			

Team: 8	69	8	69	8
Cox, Bill				
Stevens, Jerry				
White, Steve				
Roche, Tim				
Team: 1	69	8	69	8
Armijo, Danny				
Krouth, Gary				
Neely, James				
Moon, Larry				
Team: 12	70	10	70	10
Trujillo, Brandon				
Hughey				
Garcia, Michael				
Sandoval				
Team: 9	71	11	71	11
Mandril, Chris				
Roche, JT				
Besserra, Richard				
Letcher, Ryan				
Team: 10	73	12	73	12
Jamieson, Bernie				
Rowley, Phil				
Orell, Seth				
Rowley, Val				
Team: 2	78	13	78	13
Seegers, Joy				
Scillieri, Keneth				
Nall, Marilyn				
Culberson, Paul				

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.



For Eminence

Dr. Guy Story Brown 1967 HS

The citation can be viewed [here](#).



George Ward Memorial

James A. Solomon 1966 JC

The citation can be viewed [here](#).

The credo of New Mexico Military Institute is the guiding principle for the selection of inductees into the Alumni Hall of Fame. A strong commitment to duty, honor, and achievement must be exemplified by each selectee for induction. The Hall of Fame is divided into five categories: Eminence in a Chosen Field of Endeavor, Distinguished Service to NMMI, Flag Officers, Valor, and the George Ward Memorial. For specific criteria for each category, click on the links below. If you would like to nominate someone for the NMMI Alumni Hall of fame, please follow these [instructions](#). Deadline for 2017 Hall of Fame nominations is 15 August 2017.

Alumni Calendar

As it pertains to our NMMI Alumni “Meet and Greets”, around the country, we are in the process of finalizing a few, with tentative dates for others. Look for a “Save the Date” invite for your area.

November 2016

Kansas City—Saturday, Nov 12th

Thanksgiving Closed—21st thru 25th

December 2016

Christmas Break—Dec 19th thru Jan 2nd

January 2017

El Paso / Las Cruces—Saturday, Jan 21st

February 2017

Houston / Louisiana—Early February

President’s Day—20th

NYC - Thursday, 23rd – Staten Island

Merchant Marine Academy—Friday, 24th

DC – 25th thru 26th

March 2017

Legacy Dinner—Wednesday, March 1st

Midland / Odesa (Jay Issacs)—March 10th or 11th

Dallas—March 17th or 18th

Fort Worth—March 17th or 18th

San Antonio—March 24th or 25th

Austin—March 24th or 25th



The **Denver Chapter** Meet and Greet was held on 30 September. It was well attended and all had a great time! If you are interested in getting involved with the Denver area alumni, please call your office and talk to Danny or Karen.

April 2017 – Here We are looking at April 19th thru the 23rd or April 26th thru the 30th

San Diego—

L.A.—

San Francisco—

Sacramento—

Albuquerque Ragin Cajun—Saturday, 8th

May 2017 – Early part of May

Phoenix—May 5th or 6th

Tucson—Thursday evening, May 4th

Albuquerque Burgers Orell—tentatively May 19th

First Annual NMMI Motorcycle Rally—26th thru 28th

Memorial Day Off—29th

June 2017

28th NMMI Alumni Trail Ride—13th thru 17th

July 2017

4th of July Off—3rd and 4th

Mexico “Meet and Greet”

August 2017

Albuquerque—Phill Ingram BBQ – late August

September 2017

General’s Cup—22nd thru 24th

October 2017

2017 Homecoming—26th thru 28th

CELEBRATE 125 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

In collaboration and celebration of 125th 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 conjunction 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 125th 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/>



Update from the Hill

Update from the Hill—

This is the update from the Alumni Conference Call, held on 13 September 2016. The next call will be held on 18 October at 1800, Old Post time (mountain). Our guest will be the Regimental Commander, c/Col Teuaililo Petelo. To dial in to listen in and have the opportunity to ask questions, call:

605-475-4000

Access Code 416844#

General Grizzle spoke about the percentages of male and female cadets with about 19.2% women. The Corps of Cadets is almost 50-50 percentages of high school and junior college cadets.

He talked about a new "Early Warning Program" for staff and faculty to try and foresee cadet struggles early on and try to help them through it. It is felt that it is making a difference in early departures.

The General's Cup Scholarship, the Albuquerque Chapter raised about \$11,000 at the annual Phill Ingram BBQ. General Grizzle explained how the General's Cup Scholarship is less stringent on how the funds are given, providing flexibility for awarding them.

Danny Armijo talked on upcoming events, the General's Cup on 23, 24, and 25 September and Homecoming on 20-22 October. Also planned is the Denver Chapter Meet and Greet on 30 September followed immediately by the Dallas gathering to honor Roger Staubach 1962 JC at the NCJAA Hall of Fame induction and watch the NMMI Broncos play in Athens, TX, about 70 SE of Dallas. Everyone who can make it is encouraged to attend and support our Broncos! We will be sending more information in the next few days. Kansas City Meet and Greet will be on 12 November, so mark your calendars. Watch for your invitation coming out soon. Florida in early December is still in the works.

Thanking everyone for responding to the Motorcycle Rally plan, it is a GO! Mark your calendars for 26 May 2017. For more information or to sign up, go to this [link](#).

The most recent edition of the *Sally Port* magazine has been sent. We hope you received yours!

The next alumni conference call will be on 18 October at 1800, Old Post time. Guests in the future will be the RC, Teuaililo Petelo. Upcoming guests will also include the DCO, DCS and the Deans.

Colonel Graff, Commandant of Cadets talked about the upcoming Parents weekend starting on Friday of this week. NMMI is expecting 500-600 parents.

Changes to the Blue Book was his main topic. The

Cadre this year increased to 190 from 63 last year. There were some rule changes to include no dating between high school and college cadets. Even more stringent drug rules apply, including the use of E-cigs. They are now considered drugs.

He talked about the "turning" of RATS. In 1965 the JC turned at semester and the HS at the end of the year. They will now turn together. Colonel Graff will write a piece for the E-Newsletter and the *Sally Port* magazine to explain the details further.

Update from the Hill—

Our 24 October 2016 Conference Call was very good!

Danny spoke about the 125 year program ending 30 June 2017. You can donate any amount in \$125 increments. The contributions will fund a Squad Leadership Endowment.

The General's Cup had record numbers, watch for the results in the *Sally Port* magazine.

Homecoming numbers were up from last year. Around 750 in attendance, with about 420 were alumni and about 300 wives or guests. The Silver Taps ceremony is always well attended, this year 186 names of your fellow alumni were read. The ceremony had better lighting to view the cap horse and this year, it was followed by first the color guard and then the 17 uniformed cadets wearing a uniform from different periods of NMMI's past.. This year, former bandmaster, **Michael D. Donovan 1970 HS** accompanied the Corps buglers in playing Silver Taps. It was a tear wrenching but awesome ceremony.

The Superintendent's Alumni Social in Quarters 1 also drew record attendance. The Alumni Luncheon and Hall of Fame Ceremony had around 300 participants. This year's inductees were **Dr. Guy Story Brown 1967 HS** (inducted for prominence in field of endeavor, posthumously) and **James A. Solomon 1966 JC** received the George Ward Memorial.

The Crossed Sabers Society breakfast brought around 80 attendees.

The Alumni Parade, which also included the Historical Uniformed Cadets was led by class of 1946 along with the oldest honored class member, **Dr. Robert E. Lee Gowan 1946 HS**.

The Honored Class Dinner, including class of 1976 who chose a different venue, 330 in total participants.

Save the date for Homecoming 2017, 26-28 October. There will be both a Colts and a Bronco Football game. Broncos will play Navarro.

Danny asked that alumni in Texas try to attend the games and

show support for our beloved teams!

The 2016 Fall Legacy Dinner was 2 November. We now invite parents, grandparents, great grandparents, etc. It is our opportunity to honor Legacy at NMMI. This year we have two-4th generation cadets and three-3rd generation cadets, with a total of just over 40 cadets in all.

The Denver Chapter meet and greet was held on 30 October and hosted by **R. Kent Dawkins 1967 HS** and had an attendance of 25-30 alumni and guests.

Coming up on 12 November is the Kansas City meet and greet, hosted by **H. B. "Skip" Palmer, II 1965 JC** and **Jack R. Dillon 1965 JC**. Watch for details or call our office if you are interested in attending.

We are still working towards a meet and greet in Florida, we will keep you posted.

Beginning February of 2017, meet and greets are planned for New York City, with host **Dr. Brian C. Ante 1985 JC**, a visit to the Merchant Marine Academy and the DC Chapter Meet and Greet hosted by **Lawrence J. Moon, Jr. 1983 JC**, **LTC Jerald L. Phifer, USA (Ret) 1983 JC** and **Gregory D. Sampson 1996 JC**. We are looking forward to 2-3 meet and greets in California, Midland/Odessa, San Antonio/Austin, Houston and El Paso/Las Cruces. We are hoping to head down to Mexico around July. If you are interested in any of these gatherings, please call our office.

Watch for the upcoming *Sally Port* magazine, due to be published in January 2017. As always, please send us your updates and stories, and please send us your biographies. We would love to know what you have been doing since leaving NMMI and share that information will your fellow alumni.

Our guests were c/COL Patelo and two of her three squadron commanders.

The RC, from Hawaii spoke of her goals after NMMI. Her two squadron commanders, one of which will commission in December, spoke of their goals. It is definitely worth going to the recording and hearing what these outstanding cadets have to say. (see below for information on how to listen to the call)

The feedback received by the Commandant and the RC is that he would like to tip his hat to the Corps of Cadets and leadership. The overall impression of the Alumni attending Homecoming was that their overall impression was positive since just a few years ago. The Corps of Cadets looked crisper and the post looks good. At about 825 cadets the number of high school and junior college cadets as very close to 50-50. He spoke on the 2+2 programs instituted by the Dean which has had a positive impact on admissions.

The Q&A brought out comments about the look and feel of the Corps, the 125 anniversary program and the uniformed 125 year cadets. Overall positive.

If you would like to listen to the call, you can hear the recording by calling the number below:

Playback number: (605) 475-4099

Access Code: 416844#

Our next call will be on Tuesday, 13 December 2017 at 1800 Old Post time.

If you have any comments or questions, please feel free to contact our office at any time.
575-624-8250



Tax deductible giving

You can receive a tax deductible receipt for your charitable contributions made payable to NMMI or the NMMI Foundation.

Can you help NMMI?

Call Kris Ward at 575-624-8158

Interested in working at NMMI?

See what is available at the Old Post

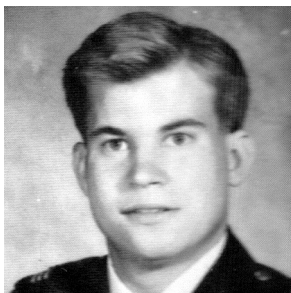
[Jobs at NMMI](#)

TAPS

Reported deceased:

Mr. William E. Lambeth 1935 JC
Mr. Jacques R. Simon 1937 HS
Judge Charles Zook Fitzalan Sutton 1940 HS
Mr. Odell L. Lowe 1941 HS
Mr. James L. Childers 1942 JC
Mr. Jerome B. Burnett 1943 JC
Dr. Robert H. Gregg 1943 JC
Mr. John Lewis Rockwell 1944 HS
Mr. John Kesson Withers 1944 JC
Mr. H. Fredrick Ahlswede 1946 HS
Mr. Clay P. Bedford Jr. 1946 HS
Mr. Joe C. Cooper 1946 JC
CAPT Roy D. Gaulden Jr., USN (Ret) 1946 JC
Mr. Richard C. Lambirth 1946 HS
Mr. Jon L. Mosle Jr. 1946 HS
Mr. Charles F. Dodds 1948 JC
Mr. Lew Sidney Robinson 1948 JC
Lt Col Joe D. Schneider USAF (Ret) 1948 JC
Mr. James Dean Hull II 1949 HS
Mr. James A. Worrell 1949 HS
Mr. W. Thomas Hall 1950 JC
Mr. Charles D. Eaton Jr. 1951 HS
Mr. William Talmadge Graham Jr. 1951 JC
Mr. Henry A. Into 1951 JC
Mr. George L. Thorpe II 1952 HS
Mr. James R. McGrath Jr. 1954 JC

Mr. James William McLean 1954 HS
Mr. Lawrence R. Andrus 1955 SC
Mr. Jim L. Hooker 1955 HS
Mr. Thomas W. Yutz 1955 HS
Mr. Marshall G. Brown 1956 HS
Mr. Dale P. Laverty 1956 JC
Mr. G. Dan Lewis 1959 JC
Dr. Thomas E. Meade 1959 HS
Mr. James E. Covington 1961 JC
Mr. Carroll K. Lowe 1963 JC
Mr. Samuel A. Kahoiwai Jr. 1964 JC
Mr. George W. Oge 1964 HS
Judge William L. Fergus 1966 HS
MAJ Gerald S. Little NMMI (Ret) 1967 JC
Mr. Leo C. Brooks 1968 JC
Mr. Robert D. Hays Jr. 1970 HS
Mr. Stephen M. Gager 1975 HS
Mr. Keith A. Phillips II, USAF (Ret) 1979 JC
Mr. Daniel Laurence Hansen 1980 JC
Mr. Frederick D. Salcido 1985 HS
Ms. Roberta M. Baldwin 1997 HS
Mr. Raymond P. Moya 1999 HS
Mr. Brandon D. Lord 2000 JC
Mr. Jerome Kenneth Findley II 2001 JC
Mr. Tory Gene Marcon 2001 JC
Mr. Christopher Samuel Plowden 2011 HS
Mr. Gerrard Spencer Gober 2017 JC



Homecoming Video from Above

Andrew S. Iverson 1988 JC made this wonderful YouTube video of Homecoming 2016. He agreed to share it with all of you. Enjoy!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zHBUS8jxQZU>

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

2016 General's Cup

It was another banner year for the NMMI General's Cup. Each year the goal is to net at least \$50,000, over the course of the last 5 years this goal has been achieved. Thanks to the hard work of the staff and committee involved we have seen the support and involvement grow each year and this past event in September was no different.

We had 68 teams and 204 golfers participate along with over 100 sponsors and donors. We were again able to achieve and exceed our goal and early indications lead us to believe that we will be close to \$60,000 net. The initial \$50,000 raised is placed in an endowment that is managed by the NMMI Foundation, over the course of the last 5 years that endowment will be close to \$270,000 to include this year and earnings. The remaining monies are distributed to financial aid to be used as incentive scholarships.

NMMI and I personally cannot thank all of you who participate enough and support this event that makes such a huge impact on current and future cadets. The General's Cup has grown into one of, if not the premier tournaments/scholarship gala events in the southeastern region of New Mexico. We look forward to another great event next September 22-24 and hope to see you all again as well as some new faces. Please feel free to contact Kris Ward at 575-624-8158 or wardk@nmmi.edu for more information or with questions.

Sincerely,
Kris Ward
Development and Advancement
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[Tell us what you have been doing since you left NMMI!](#)



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2016-2017

Sesiones Informativas y Pruebas de Ingreso

25 Septiembre	Sao Paulo, Brasil	3 Diciembre	Villahermosa, Villahermosa
27 Septiembre	Lima, Perú	5 Diciembre	Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chiapas
29 Septiembre	Bogotá, Columbia	7-8 Diciembre	Tapachula, Chiapas
1 Octubre	Cuidad de México	4 Febrero	Guadalajara, Jalisco
2 y 4 Octubre	Monterrey, México	9 Febrero	Celaya, Guanajuato
30 Octubre	Chihuahua, Chihuahua	11 Febrero	Toluca, México
5 Noviembre	Hermosillo, Sonora	18 Febrero	Torreón, Coahuila
8 Noviembre	Los Cabos, BCS	22 Febrero	Chihuahua, Chihuahua
12 y 15 Noviembre	Culiacán, Sinaloa	21 Marzo	Agua Prieta, Sonora
17 Noviembre	Torreón, Coahuila	23 Marzo	Cananea, Sonora
27 Noviembre	Cancún, Quintana Roo	25 Marzo	Hermosillo, Sonora

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Athletic programs at NMMI wrapping up a successful fall season

The fall sports season is drawing to a close; here's some of the highlights of this year's teams:



- Lady Colt Sierra Walker finished fourth at the state cross country meet in Rio Rancho after earning six straight first-place medals during the season, including the district title.

- The Bronco cross country team earned three first-place individual titles at meets this season, along with two third-place finishes. They also took home second as a team at the NMJC Invitational meet. Head coach Jan

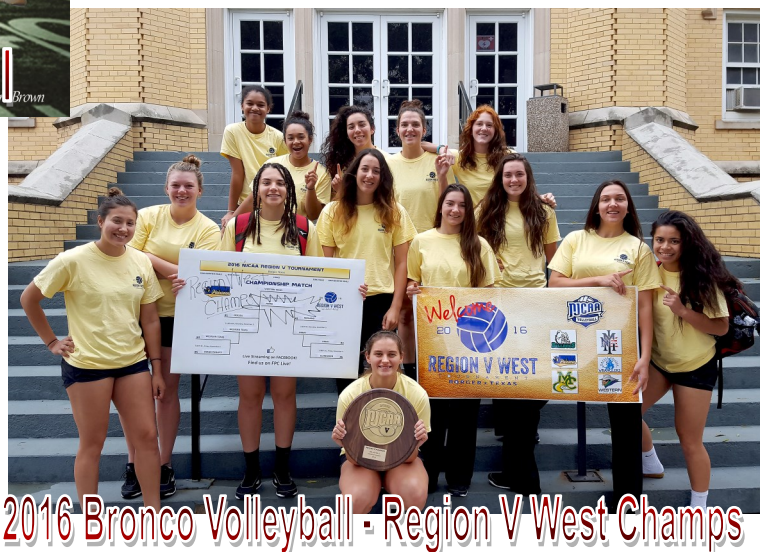
Olesinski and his top-four runners will head next to the NJCAA National Championships in El Dorado, Kans., Nov. 12, hoping for more individual top-10 finishes at the national tournament.



- Head coach Randy Montoya and his Colt football team earned a berth in the state playoffs. They were selected as the No. 12 seed in Class 4A and are set to play at Hatch Valley in the first round on Nov. 11.

- The Bronco volleyball team won the Region V West post-season tournament, earning a bid to the

NJCAA National Championships in Cheyenne, Wyo., Nov. 17-19, their third trip to nationals in four years. At the Regional tourney, third-seeded NMMI downed six-seeded Clarendon College in the first round, knocked off No. 2 Midland in the semi-finals, then defeated the fourth seed Western Texas College (who had upended top-seeded Odessa College in the other semi-final match) in the championships.



To follow all the NMMI teams, check out the NMMI Post

(<http://wordpress.nmmi.edu/nmmipost/category/athletics/>) for stories and photos, or the NMMI website (<http://www.nmmi.edu/athletics/index.htm>) for schedules, rosters and links to live feeds.