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NMMI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.

April Alumni E-News

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THE ASSOCIATION

The Corps of Cadets have returned from Spring Break with just 32 days until Commencement on 18 May 2013. Should you find yourself in the Roswell area, visit the "Old Post" and enjoy the excitement of graduation.

As we work to consolidate and maximize information to the Alumni regarding NMMI events on Post and across the country, please focus your search on the [NMMI Master Calendar](#), [NMMI Alumni Calendar](#) and [Admissions Calendar](#).



For Alumni and Friends, we are looking forward to seeing you at the 24th Anniversary Trail Ride at El Caso Springs Ranch June 11-15, 2013. The Trail Ride will be hosted by **B. T. "Buzz" Easterling 1954 JC** and **Lance S. Easterling 1985 JC**. If you have access to

ATV's, please consider bringing them along with gas to the camp.
Saddle up!!

Have you ever thought of getting an [NMMI Flagpole](#) or [Bench](#)? There are only 11 benches left on post at this time. Bricks normally cost \$200 each, but for a limited time, we are offering them for \$150 each. The Flagpoles are usually \$3,500, we are offering them for \$1,500 each. [Get yours](#) today!

THE INSTITUTE

This year at 2013 Graduation, there are three cadets becoming Alumni who have attended NMMI for six years.



c/LTC Nicholas D. Fazio 2011 HS~2013 JC, (left) is the Regimental Executive Officer and Honor Board Chairmen. Nicholas is from Chicago, IL. He will be commissioning as an officer in the United States Army in May.

c/MAJ Angelo A. Santomenna, III 2011 HS~2013 JC, (center) is the son of **Michael S. Santomenna, II 1985 HS**. Angelo is from Los Lunas, NM. He is the Regimental Quartermaster and Senior Honor Board Member.

During his high school time, he played Colt Varsity Baseball.

c/CPL Daniel K. Edwards 2011 HS~2013 JC, (right) is from Las Cruces, NM. Daniel is proud to be a part of Bravo troop. Daniel is also a certified rope course facilitator for five years at NMMI. Daniel will be commissioning as an officer in the United States Army in May.

Each will be presented with the Commandant's Watch at the Awards Ceremony on 17 May 2013 at 1500 MST.

The Alumni Association gives many awards and scholarships to cadets every year. Through your gifts we are able to continue the Alumni tradition of



giving to the Corps of Cadets.

The 2013 Sports Banquet was held on 10 April. (L) The Art Foley Award for best Junior College Football Athlete was presented to c/ CPT Timothy Scott Callian and the Clifford-Suber Outstanding Colt Football Athlete was presented to c/PVT José Ricardo Gonzalez Gonzalez (R). Congratulations to both of these fine athletes. Pictured here with **James D. Lowe 1967 JC** Alumni Executive Director.

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O. Tracy Kelly 1946 JC

Oklahoma lost a longtime leader with the passing of Kelly at age 85, on 11 September 2012. Kelly was Chairman of the Board of SpiritBank, a bank his father helped to build in Bristow, OK.

Kelly was a lifelong banker after serving four years as 1st Lt. USAR Artillery in Korea. He was a past director, and member of the Defense Orientation Conference Association in Washington D. C. He also had a long and distinguished record in public service and leadership in Oklahoma.

Kelly was past President of the Bristow Rotary Club; Bristow Chamber of Commerce; Metropolitan Tulsa Chamber of Commerce, where he also served as Director; Oklahoma State Chamber of Commerce; Oklahoma Council of Economic Education; and Oklahoma Bankers Association, where he was also a past Chairman. Kelly was

inducted into the NMMI Hall of Fame for Eminence in his field of Endeavor in 1986.

Kelly was a member of the Governing Council of the American Bankers Association; Founding Director and Treasurer of the Mid America Automated Clearing House in Kansas City; Bristow Industrial Authority; Creek County Industrial Authority; and Advisory Council of the Small Business Administration in Washington D.C.

Kelly also believed in and made significant contributions in higher education. He served on the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges; was Past Chairman on the Board of Regents for Rogers State College; was Past Chairman, Board of Trustees for the University of the Ozarks; and Founding Board Member of Central Vocational Technical School in Drumright.

Kelly was a graduate of New Mexico Military Institute, Roswell, NM, where he was a **two-time** commander of cadets; earned a Bachelor of Science in finance and economics from the University of Oklahoma; did post graduate work at Harvard; and was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Business Administration from the University of the Ozarks.

In a message to the family, Governor Mary

Fallin said, "I am so sorry to learn of Kelly's passing. He was such a joy to know and so easy to talk to. He left his mark on Oklahoma and left a wonderful legacy with the Kelly name. Please extend to your family my thoughts and prayers."

"With an impressive list of service to his communities, state, and nation, it is an understatement to say that my dad was a major force of leadership and economic development. He leaves behind great legacies," said his daughter, Joy Kelly. "My dad's contributions were far greater than what could be listed on paper. His spirit of kindness, hospitality, humor, optimism, and care for others were his hallmarks."

Kelly leaves behind his beloved wife of 48 years, Polly, daughter Faith, and her husband Bill, daughter Hope, and her husband Don; daughter Joy, and partner Rebecca and three grandchildren; Cloie, Elleon, and Marshall.



O. Tracy Kelly 1946 JC
NMMI's only two-time Regimental Commander.

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Scott R. Kennedy 1983 HS was born on July 7, 1965. Scott was the son of Barbara and Jack Kennedy, who raised him in Hobbs and Albuquerque, NM. He attended New Mexico Military Institute and then graduated from Lubbock Monterey High. Scott attended The College of Santa Fe before selling cars for his dad.

Even as a child he was funny. He took the mic at an Open Mic Night at Froggy Bottoms Comedy Club in Lubbock, and his love of stand-up was cemented forever. Doing stand-up at the Improv in L.A., at Froggy Bottoms in Lubbock, TX, and at clubs in Houston, his career took off and he soon was performing all over the United States.

Hired by the USO, Scott began traveling to military bases overseas. He knew at once that entertaining the troops (he called them the Heroes) was his passion. Scott made many trips to Iraq, Kuwait, and Afghanistan through the years with Armed Forces Entertainment, taking his dad, Jack, with him on a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Iraq in 2008.

Scott would say at the end of each set: "Everyone in America sends their thanks to you". Performing for the troops became his passion. His fellow alumni remember him being kind, warm and funny.

The Alumni Office was informed of the death of the following Alumni in March 2013.



**Mr. William R. Betts
1947 HS**



**Mr. John E. Burden, Jr.,
1942 JC**



**Mr. Gerald M.
Heinzelmann, Jr., 1950
JC**



**Mr. Charles T. Closson,
Jr., 1960 HS**



**LTC John D. Talley,
USA (Ret) 1953 SC**



**Mr. Cyrus M. Day, IV,
1979 JC**



**LTC Eugene R.
Hardman, NMMI 1962
JC**



**Mr. Albert H. Halff
1932 HS**



**Mr. Charles V. Wilder,
Jr., 1948 JC (HOF)**



**Mr. Edward H.
Carrette, Jr., 1957 HS**

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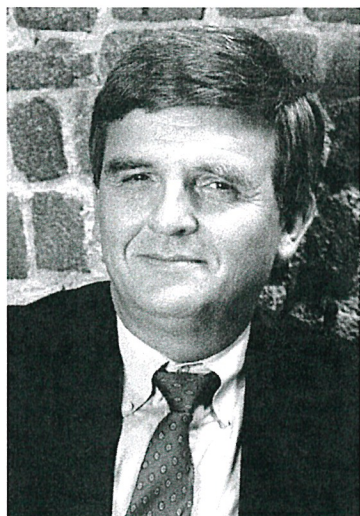
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DR. ROBERT B. HAWKINS, JR. 1962 JC



Dr. Robert B. Hawkins,
Jr. 1962 JC

President and CEO of the Institute for Contemporary Studies, Dr. Hawkins has had a distinguished career in the world of politics and public policy.

He started his career in politics in the early 1960s while a student at San Francisco State University, working as a field representative and legislative aide to a California Assemblyman. In 1965 he entered the University of Washington where he received his Ph.D. in political science in 1970. During that time he worked to set up some of the first poverty programs in the United States and became interested in alternatives to traditional welfare policy.

In 1970, after a six-month tour in the U. S. Army, Dr. Hawkins started work for then Governor Reagan, as one of the youngest directors of a state line agency, the California Office of Economic Opportunity. In 1972 he was appointed Chairman of the Governor's Task Force on Local Government Reform. It's report, Public Benefits from Public Choice, outlined new approaches to revitalizing local institutions that were citizen-lead. During this time, Hawkins developed a 40-year relationship with Vincent and Elinor Ostrom, Co-Directors of the Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis at Indiana University. In 2009 Elinor Ostrom was the first woman to win the Nobel Laureate in Economics.

During his time with Governor Reagan, Hawkins with Edwin Meese, Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy and others, created the Institute for Contemporary Studies

(ICS). As a founding member, Hawkins served on the Board of the Institute until the late 1970s. The purpose of ICS was to bring together the best scholars worldwide to write policy reports then publish them in books, which became the backbone of Reagan's agenda when elected President.

During this time, Hawkins was a fellow at the Hoover Institution and then was at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC. After one year as a fellow at the Center, he became Director of its State and Local Government Program.

Active in the issue development side of Reagan's campaign for President, Dr. Hawkins played several key roles in his administration. First, as a consultant to the White House, Dr. Hawkins worked on early Reagan efforts to decentralize programs to state and local governments and in the area of education.

In 1981 he was appointed to the U. S. Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations and in 1982 was appointed its chairman. This 26 member bi-partisan committee, which was composed of such people as Senators Roth and Robb, Governors Sununu and Babbitt, and Cabinet Secretaries Lamar Alexander and Edwin Meese, was responsible for conducting and recommending to the President and Congress ways of reforming the federal system.

In 1987 Donald Rumsfeld was appointed Chairman of the ICS Board of Directors and recruited Dr. Hawkins to return to ICS as President and CEO. Under his leadership, ICS has published over 200 books and

monographs, nine of the authors later became Nobel Laureates. He also developed the International Center for Economic Growth and the International Center for Self Governance during the early years of his tenure. These have now been spun off as independent entities.

ICS turned its focus on publications that advanced our knowledge about self-governing solutions to problems, particularly in the context of globalization. In 1989, it joined forces with HUD Secretary Jack Kemp to work with tenants in housing projects in Indianapolis and San Francisco helping them to build their capacities to become owners and governors of their own developments.

In the mid 1990s ICS began working with pastors and Mayor Jerry Brown in Oakland to build faith-based approaches to a range of inner city problems and issues. The defining characteristic of these efforts is to build assets by building the capacities of individuals and communities to solve many of their own problems.

In 2007 ICS downsized. Hawkins is presently a Visiting Scholar at the Institute for Governmental Studies at University of California at Berkeley and working on a book about how to revitalize a self-governing America. ICS is also working with academics, practitioners and citizens to build a web-based leadership program as well as a blog to widely distribute information on self-governing opportunities.

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ALUMNI UPDATES



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CPT Alexander D. Burgos, USA 2003 JC and his wife Gee Ann welcomed son, Alex Kayden on 3 January 2013. Captain Burgos has initiated a group on Facebook for the 2003 ECP graduates. Check it out [here](#).



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CPT Paul R. Shepard, USA 2003 JC and his wife Brenna welcomed baby girl, Nora Jean, born 4 March 2013. She joins the family with two big brothers, Aiden and Brandon.



Ian P. Nichols 2008 HS and his wife Chelsea Benson-Nichols welcomed baby girl Keela Elyse on 7 April 2013.



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Ignacio Verdin Gonzalez 2010 HS and his wife Juliana welcomed Samantha on 22 March 2013. Congratulations!



Congratulations to **Casey L. Williamson 2006 JC** and his wife Michelle on the birth of their daughter Sutton Rose. She joins the family with big sister, Olivia Grace on 11 April 2013.



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Congratulations to **Jorge Borunda 1994 JC** and his wife Jennifer on the birth of twins, Mateo and Sophia. They were born on 27 February 2013 in Houston.



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James Stewart 1998 JC and his wife Allison welcomed daughter number three, KJ, on 6 April 2013. Congratulations!

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CPT Ricky J. McArthur, USA 2006 JC and his wife Phelisha welcomed new daughter, Olive, on 5 April 2013. Congratulations!



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Congratulations to **Spencer D. Peoples 2000 HS** and Megan Radermacher on their 17 March 2013 Wedding.



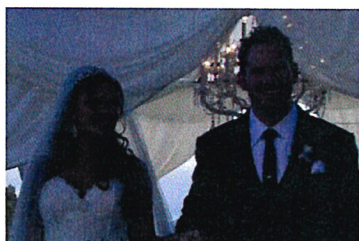
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Tyler T. Turner 2005 JC and his bride, Rebekah Morris were married on 6 April 2013. Congratulations!



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COL John D. Rosenberger, U SA (Ret) 1972 JC and Mary Anne Candelaria were married on 6 January 2013 in El Paso, TX. Congratulations Colonel and Mrs. Rosenberger! Their second journey has begun with four grandchildren to spoil, all living in Orlando which makes that an easy task! additionally, "Rosey" is currently working as Southwest Regional Manager for ManTech International Corporation in El Paso, TX, and serves as a leader in prison ministry, a divorce recovery ministry, and a ministry to soldiers and their families at Fort Bliss, He extends his warmest regards to all his old friends and classmates and regrets he couldn't make the reunion last year. He will make the next one!



Ryan J. Magrum 1998 HS and Angie Schaldach were married on 1 April 2013. Congratulations!

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Angelica Marie (Tarin) Velasquez 2007 JC married on 8 September 2012. Congratulations and Lance Velasquez were Mr. and Mrs. Velasquez!



Mr. and Mrs. **DeAndro D. Elzie 2001 JC** and his bride Lakeisha Davis were married on 3 April 2013. Congratulations!

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ALUMNI UPDATES



MAJ Martin Ramos Carrasco, USA 1994 HS and 1996 JC

Received the Médaille de la Défense nationale (bronze level) at WHINSEC Fort Benning, GA, from General Bertrand Ract-Madoux, Chef d'État-Major de l'Armée de Terre (Chief of Staff of the French Army).

General Bertrand Ract-Madoux, the Chief of Staff of the French Army, came to visit Fort Benning to present The French National Defense Medal to Major Ramos. This event exemplifies the collaboration that goes on between the French and American militaries and shows how vital each is to one another. Watch the [YouTube video](#) of the presentation.



This flag is now hanging in the Alumni Office thanks to **CPT Paul A. Lauritzen, NMARNG 2004 JC** and his wife, **Mrs. Christina R.**

(Vigil) Lauritzen 2005 JC. This flag has a very interesting history. Read about it [here](#). They are living in Roswell, where Paul is employed by the Institute and Christina is a stay at home mom for their son, Xavier.



CPT Jared B. Wagoner, AZARNG 2007 JC is being deployed this month as commander of the 819th Engineering Company of the Arizona National Guard. The Sapper company will be in Afghanistan charged with route clearance. Captain Wagoner served as Regimental Commander at NMMI in 2006-2007.



COL Reginald W. "Reggie" Franklin, NMMI 1977 JC, NMMI Athletic Director and former Executive Director of the NMMI Alumni Association, is pictured here with the Harlem Globetrotters and his

wife, Yvette. The Globetrotters performed in Roswell on 4 February.



On Wednesday, 6 March 2013, **Edward W.**

"Ned" Flohr, II 1959 JC came to NMMI for the first time since he left in 1958. He was on a very special mission. Flohr had decided to donate his 1957 NMMI High School ring to the Association's impressive collection and display of rings. The collection has rings that date back to 1913 and continue on to 1996. We are excited to include Flohr's ring because our collection was missing a 1957 ring! If you are on Post, please stop by the Alumni office to see the wonderful collection of history that alumni have donated to your Association.

What's been happening with you? Promotion, marriage or baby?

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CHAPTER AND RECRUITING NEWS

NMMI Alumni in the **El Paso, Las Cruces** and surrounding areas! The 19 April Tattoo has been postponed. **Brandon S. Stuart 2002 JC** will keep us posted. If you are interested in attending Alumni Chapter events or assisting with the El Paso/Las Cruces Chapter, contact Brandon by email at brandonstuart11@hotmail.com

Oklahoma City Chapter News. Join your fellow NMMI Alumni for a Tattoo in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma!

Save the date!

Monday, 29 April from 1830 - 2030 at the home of **Capt Webster L. "Lanny" Benham, III, USNR** and his wife Linda. Their home is located at 3775 East Hefner Road, Oklahoma City, OK 73131.

Casual/business attire. The cost is \$30 per person, all inclusive. There will be fine food and ex-cadet-worthy liquids! [Sign up](#) and kindly **RSVP** NLT 19 April. Call Lanny at 405-478-0868 or email lanny1172@gmail.com call. The event will be catered by Deep Fork Grill in Oklahoma City.

Are you interested in helping start a chapter in the Austin, TX, area? Possibly including San Antonio? Contact **CPT Zachary Zmayefski, USA 1997 JC** at 910-988-9943 or at zzmayefski@gmail.com.

Mark your calendar for the annual NMMI Wilder BBQ to be held at Indian School Park in Scottsdale AZ. The date will be 28 April from 1200-1700. The cost is \$10 per adult and kids, 5 and under are free. We will have door prizes and other NMMI gear for sale. Feel free to bring a side i.e.: dessert, vegetables, salad or something else. In addition we will have a beer permit so you can bring your beverage of choice. Please RSVP so we can get a good headcount. You can contact; **Lisa D.**

Drummond 1985 JC
at 602-524-4157, ldrummondpnp@hotmail.com,
or **COL Richard E.**
"Dick" Minor at 480-
595-8089 or via email to
CPT Joseph A. "Joe"
Altman, USA 1987 HS
at CVALTMAN@Cox.net or
call him at 602-684-0852.

There will be open elections of decade representatives for those that would like to join the Arizona Board. Read more [here](#).

Contact **Robert R. Drobil, Jr. 1968 JC** at 602-550-8901 or teamdrobil@gmail.com

or **Terina E. (Thompson) Brandsberg 1984 JC** at
805-625-1820 or ten-nis4terina@yahoo.com

The Houston NMMI Alumni Chapter held a Tattoo on 27 March hosted by the Bouchier

family. **Ronald L. Ronnie" Bouchier 1951**
JC and his wife Linda,
 both of their sons, **T. Blair**
Bouchier 1980 HS, R.
Lew Bouchier 1984 HS
 and daughter Ryla. The
 Tattoo was well attended
 and everyone had a great
 time!



Pictured from left to right are
T. Blair Bouchier 1980 HS and
John S. Savage 1964 JC.



Pictured from left to right are **Lee G. Jones, Jr. 1968 JC**, President of the Houston Alumni Chapter, **James D. Lowe 1967 JC**, Alumni Executive Director, **John S. Savage 1964 JC** and his wife Terry and MG Jerry W. Grizzle, USANG (Ret), President and Superintendent of NMMI.



Nickie A. Vigil 1981 JC, NMMI
Director of Development and
classmate **Peter H. Rothe 1981**
JC.



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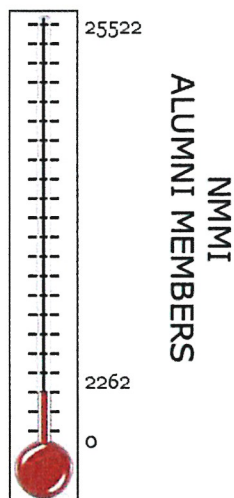
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NMMI Alumni Mission and Purpose Statements

Adopted: 14 January 2012

MISSION: The objects and purposes for which the NMMI Alumni Association, Inc. (Association) exists are to support and promote the interest and welfare of New Mexico Military Institute (NMMI). In connection with the foregoing, the Association shall provide direct support to NMMI whenever possible; afford a permanent means of contact between NMMI and its alumni; create, establish and maintain scholarships for NMMI cadets; and conduct any and all operations which may be deemed advisable, necessary or desirable in the interest of promoting loyalty to NMMI, its cadets, faculty and alumni. **PURPOSE:** The objects and purposes for which the New Mexico Military Institute Alumni Association, Inc. is formed are as follows:

- To promote the interest and welfare of the New Mexico Military Institute
- To be the gateway that fosters lifelong connections between its alumni and New Mexico Military Institute
- To promote the distinctive values (duty, honor, achievement) of New Mexico Military Institute
- To provide avenues for alumni to interact with each other and with the New Mexico Military Institute
- To help establish and maintain scholarships, in conjunction with the New Mexico Military Institute Foundation, for deserving cadets to attend New Mexico Military Institute
- To operate in a manner that is connected with and is responsive to the positive needs of New Mexico Military Institute



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