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NMMI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.

March Alumni E-News

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On 6 February, your Alumni Association hosted the Spring Direct Descendants Dinner. We do this to honor the descendants who are following in the footsteps on their parents, grandparents, great grandparents and great great grandparents. This spring we were very happy to have a cadet, Hayden Gregory Maloney who is the 4th generation in his family to attend NMMI. His grandfather is **James H. Matchin 1968 JC**, his great grandfather was **Tom O. Matchin, Sr. 1943 JC** and his great

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great grandfather was **James E. Matchin, Sr. 1910 JC**.



Pictured left to right are: Cadet Gus H. Liakos-Diaz, Cadet Haden G. Maloney and Cadet Walker B. Graves



Following a delicious dinner, our Direct Descendant Cadets are enjoying the ice cream bar with all the fixin's.



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NMMI Admissions has released the spring recruiting schedule. We encourage you to get involved with the "Night with NMMI" recruiting in your area. Alumni are encouraged to check with **LtCol I. Steve Davis, USMC (Ret) 1971 JC** (pictured above at ida-vis@nmmi.edu).

In our last E-Newsletter, we said that the dates were on the [NMMI Master](#)

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[Calendar](#), but they are found on the **NMMI Alumni Calendar!**



Our apologies.

The NMMI Commandant of Cadets, **BG Richard V. Geraci, USA (Ret) 1975 JC**, gets a lot of questions about how the Corps leadership for each year is chosen. Here is the process for 2013-2014 year. [Corps of Cadets Leadership](#)

and the [Corps of Cadets Learning Outcomes](#).

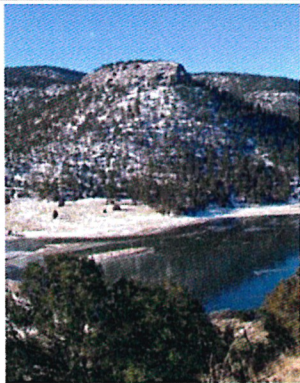
Three NMMI Cadets were appointed to Military Academies this spring.

Cadet Angel A. Reyes, Jr. was appointed to West Point, Angel's father is **Angel A. Reyes 1993 JC** and was NMMI Regimental Commander 1993.

Cadet Adam R. Carnahan, whose father is **Robert L. Carnahan 1960 JC**. Adam was accepted to USNA.

Cadet Scott L. Schwab was appointed to West Point.

NMMI 2013 ALUMNI TRAIL RIDE
11-14 JUNE



James D. Lowe 1967 JC, Alumni Executive Director, traveled to Quemado, NM to recon the site for the Trail Ride 2013 at the El Caso Ranch. The Largo Motel in Quemado has only nine rooms left. Give them a call at **Largo Motel and Café** for reservations at 575-773-4686. If you want to camp at El Caso Springs, there is room for RV's, trailers and tents. There will also be a sleep tent provided if you just want to bring your sleeping bag!

Last year at 2012 Trail Ride, held on the Davis Ranch in Angel Fire, NM, a copy of the picture with the rubbings was dedicated at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The copy now hangs permanently in the Memorial Hall. The original has been loaned to the School and is now being displayed in Dow Hall so that it can be viewed by the Corps.



Pictured left to right:
Frank K. Turner 1959 JC, **LTC A. D. "Jock" Brownfield, III, AUS (Ret) 1966 JC** and **LTC Seth R. Orell, USA (Ret) 1962 JC** at the ceremony.
Trail Rider **Richard I. "Dick" Moore 1957 HS** is having

some health issues. If you would like to contact him, he can be reached at: dick-moore65@msn.com or 5915 Silver Leaf Trail NE Albuquerque, NM 87111

The **Terrance J. Brown Honorary Life Member** Trail Ride RAT Rider fund is now fully endowed so this year a lucky Alumnus/Alumnae (Graduated 2008 or later) will be given a scholarship for a paid Trail Ride.

This year we have a special guest performing the music on Friday night after dinner. Thanks to **Richard C. Poe, II 1987 JC** and Dos Lunas Tequila for helping bring Johnny Lee to the 24th Annual Alumni Trail Ride!



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TATTOOS, CHAPTERS & REUNIONS

Alumni often ask why we call the Alumni Gatherings Tattoos? Here is the definition that we use.
Tattoo: "A signal on a drum, bugle, or trumpet at night to signal Soldiers and Sailors to assemble before retiring to quarters." The same bugle call we, as Cadets heard every night when we were "Called to Quarters" prior to the playing of Taps. Therefore it is a call for the gathering of NMMI Alumni in the evening hours.

If you are interested in putting together a Tattoo in your area, please call our office!

Paths crossed again for Alumni/Alumnae friends and family in the heart of

Arlington, VA, on 23 February 2013. As we aim to strengthen the presence and networking of the **Washington D.C. Chapter**, the evening found us enjoying the company of a very strong contingent from both the NMMI Superintendent, MG Jerry W. Grizzle, USANG (Ret) and staff, including **BG Richard V. Geraci, USA (Ret) 1975 JC** and **James D. Lowe 1967 JC** from the Alumni Association and **Nickie A. Vigil 1981 JC** from the Foundation. Detailed accounts of the current state of the corps of cadets were presented, following a Q&A. Still the most valuable motif of the evening was the opportunity to reconnect with old friends and make new friends each of who share a common experience and bond. There was much commitment to reducing the intervals of

time between meetings to ensure that the NMMI family in DC continues to grow to the benefit of Alumni everywhere.
Lawrence J. Moon 1983 JC
Lawrence.moon@gmail.com



The **Oklahoma City, OK Chapter** is tentatively planning a Tattoo on 30 April 2013. **Capt Webster L. "Lanny" Benham, USNR (Ret) 1967 HS** will host the event at his home on 3775 East Hefner Road in Oklahoma City. Cost per person is \$30. Lanny can be reached at lanny1172@gmail.com or call 405-650-3003.

TATTOOS, CHAPTERS & REUNIONS



get event notices when they are posted. Go to the 'events' tab to see more information.

Come out and relax with old and new alumni friends. **Lee G. Jones, Jr. 1968 JC**



Houston Chapter

Like crawfish? Like good company? Join us in Houston for our 2013 Crawfish Boil – details below:

You are invited to join the Houston Alumni at our 2013 Crawfish Boil on Saturday, 16 March 2013 from 1800-2100 on the northwest side of Houston at the Vintage Pub, 13245 Jones Road, Houston, TX, 77070. 281-970-1399 (<http://www.vintage-pub.com/>).

Our host is pub owner and NMMI alumnus, **Dr. Michael L. Jordan 1985 HS**.

NMMI Houston Tattoo on Wednesday, March 27th! Join us at the Forest Club (<http://www.forestclub.org/contact/>) at 9950 Memorial Drive in Houston beginning at 1800.

Visit our Facebook Page <http://www.facebook.com/groups/321582457935283/> and be sure to join (Like) us so that you will

On February 19, 2013 the Albuquerque Chapter of the NMMI Alumni Association held its annual **Valentine's Sweetheart Dinner**. As in past years this event was well attended and everyone had a great time! Thanks to the generous donation of the venue and food from Scalo Northern Italian Grill by NMMI Regent and alumnus **Stephen D. Paternoster 1979 HS**, the participants had an opportunity to hear a briefing from NMMI Superintendent and President, **MG Jerry W. Grizzle, USANG (Ret)** and visit and reconnect with each other over a great meal. The event raised approximately \$520 for the Albuquerque Chapter and \$435 for the Campaign for the Corps. In addition, as in past years, alumnus and former Regent, **Phillip C. Ingram 1967 HS** challenged the group to match his \$100 cash donation to the Campaign for Corps and raised an additional contribution of \$725!

Great work Albuquerque!



The next scheduled event of the Albuquerque Chapter is on 24 May for the **Orell Burger Bash**. Watch for details coming up in the next E-Newsletter. For more information about the NMMI Alumni Albuquerque Chapter, contact webmaster, **LtCol Jordan A. Wommack, USAF (Ret) 1980 HS** at jordywommack@msn.com.

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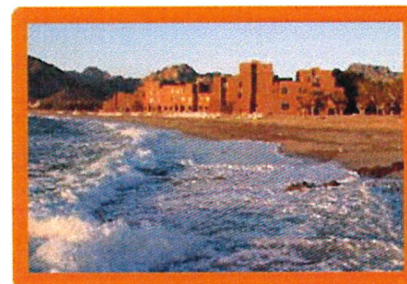
Invite all our RAT buddies to join this group so we can stay in contact!! The Mexico Chapter Scholarship awards two \$500 scholarships every year to Cadets from Mexico.

COL Nancy J. Burrola, NMMI (Ret)

Join the **Mexico Chapter** for their NMMI Alumni Chapter Reunion. It will be held 24-26 May in San Carlos, Sonora, MX.

Click here for details:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/38131391197>



Mexico City, Mexico.

COL Nancy J. Burrola, NMMI (Ret) and Ray Burrola have been in Mexico recruiting for NMMI. While in Mexico, Nancy and Ray put together a Mexico NMMI reunion. Pictured above in the front row, left to right are: **Alvaro Gallego 2003 HS, Guillermo Ruben Barraza Cavasos 2008 HS, Esteban Ricardo Tamayo Ramos 2009 HS, COL Nancy J. Burrola, NMMI (Ret)** and **Martin Tamayo Ramos 2002 HS**. Back row from left to right are: **Victor M. Gutierrez Rico 2005 HS, Jorge Arizona Gallegos 2003 HS, Adrian Fernandez Mondragon 2002 HS, Ramon (Ray) Burrola, Jorge E. Aranda Claussen 2005 HS** and **Gerardo Aranda Claussen 2004 JC**. The Burrola's have been Ambassador parents for several dozen NMMI Cadets. They are currently on a recruiting trip to Mexico that will be about two months. They are dedicated to bringing

in a large number of Mexican Cadets to the Corps.

If you know someone in Mexico who you feel would be a good fit with NMMI, you would like to assist with recruiting in Mexico, please contact [Nancy Burrola](#). Click [here](#) for the spring recruiting schedule. Look at the pictures on Nancy's [Facebook](#) page.

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GARY D. WILLIAMS 1967 JC



Gary D. Williams 1967

JC may not have known originally that he would attend NMMI, but if you ask his mother she would tell you that when she was pregnant with Gary and

accompanying her husband on trips to Roswell, New Mexico, that she would often watch the cadets march on the field there and dream of the time that she would have a son that could do that. She made it back to their home in Santa Fe, NM, in time for Gary's birth and some 20 years later she got to see her dream come true when Gary marched across that field his second year as a cadet 1st LT and Platoon Leader of India Company.

Gary first entered Junior College at the Institute in 1965 and immediately joined the Drill Team and stayed on it for 2 years...a team that achieved National Awards. He was also on the Chaplain's Advisory Council, the Library Staff, the "O" Club and the Commandant's List both years. In 1966 he was invited to return early to be part of the Cadre. He also taught Karate in the basement of the Dining Hall.

Upon graduation Gary went on to get his degree in Finance with a minor in Money and Banking from Texas Tech University and returned to his native Santa Fe to begin his banking career with First National Bank in Santa Fe, a banking career that has spanned almost 50 years.

From Branch Manager to Loan Officer and Collector to President of the Bank, Gary has achieved success in all areas of his career. Through a series of mergers, Gary will complete his 40th year with Wells Fargo Bank this summer. Currently, he is Vice President & Negotiations Manager for the Corporate Properties Group, where he is responsible for property acquisition, leases, sub-leases and dispositions for Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. in the states of Arkansas, New Mexico and Texas.

Gary Williams is known in the state of New Mexico as a volunteer extraordinaire in many fields. As one of the original sponsors of the 1973 New Mexico State Search and Rescue Act & Plan, Gary has been active in the SAR program since its inception, serving on the state EMS Council, the Governor's Council on Emergency Services, and currently as both a Type 1 Incident Commander and Area Commander. In this capacity he is responsible for both ground and air SAR missions statewide.

In addition to his role in Search and Rescue, Gary is also a retired Deputy Chief of Volunteers for the Bernalillo County Fire Department, a former steering committee member for Task Force 1,



Kathie and Gary Williams

New Mexico Urban Search and Rescue Team, a Captain & former Mission Coordinator for the NM Wing of the Civil Air Patrol. As an Eagle Scout, Gary currently serves as a member of the Advancement Committee for the Sandia District, Boy Scouts of America where he conducts Eagle Scout Board of Reviews. He also was an advisor to the Bernalillo County Fire Explorer Post.

Gary plans on retiring from Wells Fargo at the end of 2013. He and his wife, Kathie, live in Sandia Heights in Albuquerque, and enjoy entertaining and working on their many volunteer activities. They look forward to the marriage of their only son, Jason, in May of this year. (and hopefully, the grandchildren that will follow!)

Dr. Robert B. Hawkins,
Jr. 1962 JC



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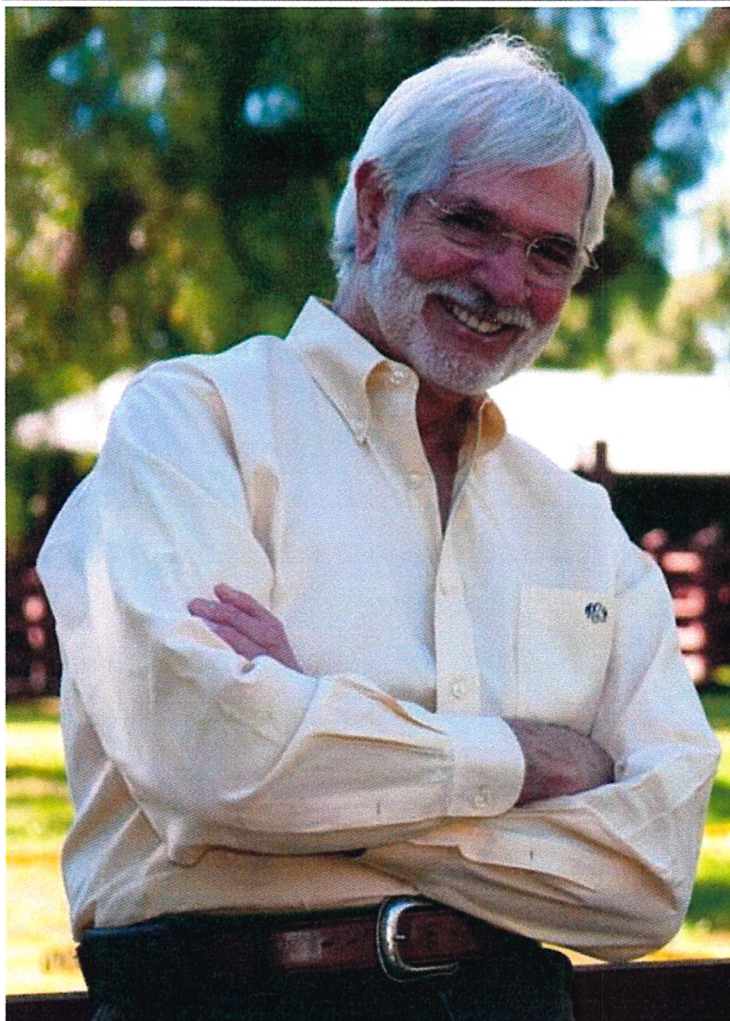
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We look forward to hearing from you!

WILLIAM JOHN COX 1958 HS



representing a Jewish survivor of Auschwitz, he investigated and successfully sued a group of radical right-wing organizations who denied the Holocaust. The case was later the subject of the Turner Network Television motion picture, *Never Forget*.

Cox later represented a "secret" client and arranged the publication of almost 1,800 photographs of ancient manuscripts that had been kept from the public for more than 40 years. A *Facsimile Edition of the Dead Sea Scrolls* was published in November 1991. His role in that effort is described by historian Neil Asher Silberman in *The Hidden Scrolls: Christianity, Judaism, and the War for the Dead Sea Scrolls*.

Cox retired as a Supervising Trial Counsel for the State Bar of California, where he led a team of attorneys and investigators who targeted the prosecution of attorneys accused of serious misconduct and criminal gangs engaged in the illegal practice of law.

Over the years, Cox has written extensively on public policy, politics, philosophy and the human condition.

Visit his Web site at johnwilliamcox.com.

For more than 40 years, **William John "Billy Jack" Cox 1958 HS** vigorously pursued a career in law enforcement, public policy and the law. As a police officer, he was an early leader in the "New Breed" movement to professionalize law enforcement.

Cox wrote the Policy Manual of the Los Angeles Police Department and the introductory chapters of the *Police Task Force Report* of the National Advisory Commission on Criminal Justice Standards and Goals,

which continues to define the role of the police in America.

As an attorney, Cox worked for the U.S. Department of Justice to implement national standards and goals, prosecuted cases for the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, and operated a public interest law practice primarily dedicated to the defense of young people.

Professionally, Cox volunteered pro bono services in two landmark legal cases. In 1981,

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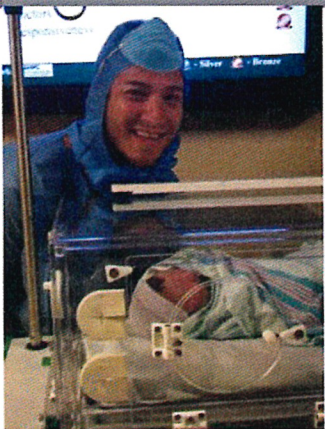
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ALUMNI UPDATES



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Congratulations to **Mario H. Bravo 1979 HS** and Natalie Segrura on the birth of their son, Maximus on 4 February 2013.



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Dr. Jesus Ramon Ramos Garza 1997 JC and his wife Aurora, welcomed daughter Anneli on 12 February 2013. She joins big sister Aleeza who is 15 months old.



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2LT Patrick C. Seagers, USA 2000 JC and his wife Tiffany welcomed Madison Maria on 25 February 2013. She joins the family with big brother, Andrew. Congratulations!



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Captain Saleem A. Khan, USA 2000 JC and **Captain Joetta Makay Khan, USA 1999 HS** are proud to welcomed baby girl, Mi-na Makey Khan, born on 20 January 2013.



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Cal M. Baca 1993 JC and his wife Jacqueline welcomed daughter number four, Lily Irene.



Andrew P. Timbs 1999 HS and his wife Sonia welcomed Isaak Lucas to the family on 28 February 2013. Pictured ia Isaak getting a kiss from big brother Tyler.



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Lillian Grace Baird was born to **Paul D. Baird 1987 JC** and his wife Leslie on 5 February 2013. She joins the family with big brother Thomas.

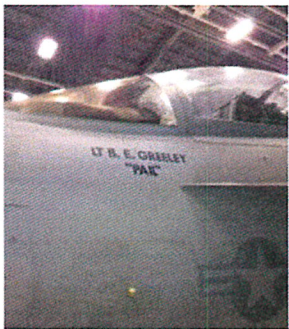


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Congratulations to **Dr. Luis J. Acosta Mondragon 1994 JC** and his wife Desiree on the birth their second daughter, Catalina on 25 February 2013. She joins the family with big sister, Marisol.



ALUMNI UPDATES



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Congratulations to **LT Brendan E. "Pail" Greeley, USN 2003 JC.**

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Jimmy R. Prichard 1959 JC has donated his saber to the Corps! It is back on the "Hill" after fifty-four years! Your generosity is much appreciated!



LTJG James E. Haley, IV, USN 2005 JC and Jamie Spritz from Dallas, TX, were married in May 2012 in Canadian, TX. They currently live in Virginia Beach, VA. Haley is a Navy F-18 Super Hornet pilot in VFA-32 set to deploy this summer.



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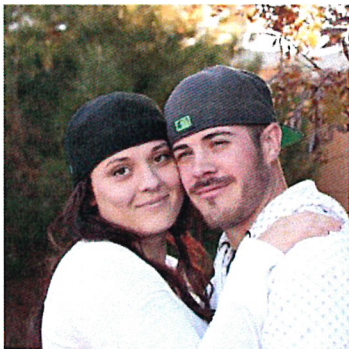
COL Reginald W. "Reggie" Franklin, NMMI 1977 JC, NMMI Athletic Director and former Executive Director of the NMMI Alumni Association, is pictured here with the Harlem Globetrotters and his wife, Yvette. The Globetrotters were performing in Roswell on Monday, 4 February.

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Elizabeth Grace Still 2007 JC and Mike Stuart were married on 17 February 2013. Congratulations!

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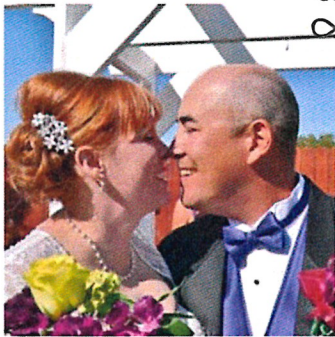
Aaron R. Jones 2008 JC and his wife Jessica Marie "officially" married on 4 March 2013. Congratulations Aaron and Melissa.



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LTC Dustin D. Bishop, USA 1994 JC was promoted to Colonel and is now serving in the Pentagon supporting the Joint Staff.

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On 23 February 2013, **Michael E. Penfield 1986 HS** married his sweetheart, May. All the best to you two!

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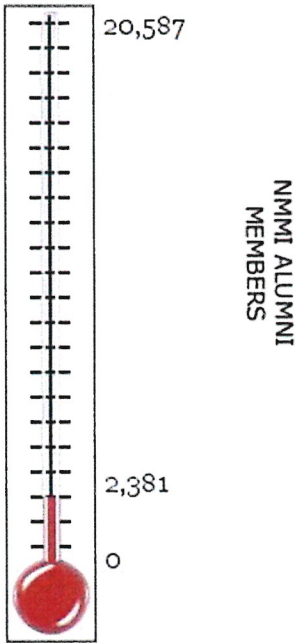
I. G. "Buddy" Mayfield, Jr. 1958 HS announces a service for **James R. "Jimmy" Britton 1965 HS**. The Service will be held Saturday, 16 March 2013 at 1400 in Spur,

TX, at Jimmy's farm. If you are interested in attending, please contact Buddy at 806-795-1999.

Jimmy was the former Executive Director of your Alumni Association from 1986 thru 1998. Jimmy established the NMMI Alumni Trail Ride, which is now in it's 24th year. Jimmy grew up in Spur, Texas. After he graduated from New Mexico Military Institute in

1965, he attended Stephen F. Austin University with a degree in English and Theater in 1969. He was commissioned a Lieutenant as one of the first ROTC graduates of Stephen F. Austin and served a tour of duty in Vietnam. Jimmy had a small family cattle operation in Dickens, Texas. He loved the farm and he loved to ride.

MEMBERSHIP IN YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



Are you a member? There are over 20,000 NMMI Alumni. In the 2,381 number are both Life Members and Annual Members. Annual

members give yearly, Life members are not required to give, but we have many sustaining members who continue to give yearly as well.

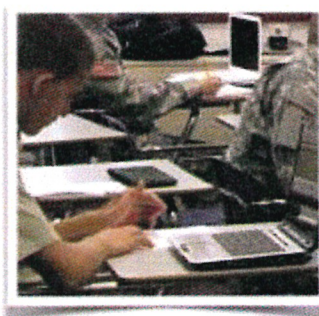
Your Alumni Association would like you to join up! If you are already a member, call one or two of your classmates and ask them to join, if you aren't a member, please call our office at 575-624-8250 or toll free at 800-622-1891. You can also visit your Alumni [Web site](#).

NMMI Alumni Association, exists to support and promote the interest and welfare of New Mexico Military Institute . The primary objective of your Alumni Association is to 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.

There are many membership options. Please call 575-624-8250 or email our office for more information! alumnioffice@nmmi.edu

This is an opportunity to help give today's cadets the same experience you had!



The Campaign for the Corps

The unified fundraising campaign of the NMMI Foundation, Inc. and the NMMI Alumni Association, Inc. for the benefit of the NMMI Corps of Cadets. If you have not yet made your contribution, please consider doing so today. The Campaign for the Corps has the greatest effect on the most number of cadets because not only does it provide for incentive scholarships it supports more than 42 different cadet activities!

Help make a difference in these cadets' lives. As alumni we know the benefits of attending New Mexico Military Institute. With your contribution you will help the cadets of today maintain the legacy and tradition that is all part of the NMMI experience!



CAMPAIGN FOR THE CORPS

One voice. One message. One campaign

Make your online donation today at www.nmmi.edu/foundation
or contact Nickie Vigil 1981 JC, Director of Development

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ENTREPRENEURIAL CHALLENGE EXTENDED



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Richard R. "Dick" Varnell 1962 JC had challenged the class of 1962, and other classes at Homecoming 2012 to raise \$50,000. He agreed to match each dollar raised with the hope raising a total of \$100,000 for an **entrepreneurial program** at NMMI.

Since the target amount has not been met, Mr. Varnell has agreed to extend the challenge until he can match at least \$50,000.

Not sure where you would like to apply your donations?

Scholarships?

Cadet Activities?

Cadets in Need?

Planned giving?

Commandant's Fund?

Booster Club?

Call to find the fund and the giving plan that is right for you.



Richard R. "Dick" Varnell 1962 JC

CAMPAIGN FOR THE CORPS

The Annual Fund

This fund supports incentive scholarships, cadet activities and the NMMI Alumni Association. Because of your generous donations to the Campaign for the Corps, NMMI was able to offer 114 incentive scholarships this year! A big increase from the 71 awarded last year. Because of this, enrollment and retention are up as well as cadet academic

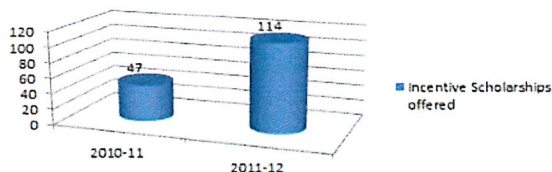
performance as seen in rising GPAs and ACT scores.

In addition 42 different cadet activities provide opportunities to expand interests beyond academics and organized sports programs. The NMMI experience continues to prepare

young men and women to succeed in the career of their choice with a well rounded and challenging education.

Gifts to the Annual Fund help shape the experience of today's cadets, allowing them to achieve their potential.

Incentive Scholarships offered



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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NMMI Homecoming 2013!
October 16-19 2013

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To see the current list of representatives click [here](#).