



NMMI ALUMNI RELATIONS



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NMMI OPENS ALUMNI RELATIONS OFFICE

I am excited to announce the formation of the Alumni Relations office and the hiring of Jim Lowe as the Director of Alumni Relations. Jim has an incredible background as a senior officer in numerous companies and brings a depth of business knowledge that is needed to run such an organization. It is value added that he is an alumnus and that his Father was a long-time NMMI employee.

Jim and I will be working together to develop programs and communication vehicles that reach all of this great Institute's alumni. It will be our objective to expand the active participation by our alumni. One of our first initiatives will be a membership drive. I was shocked to learn that only 241 alumni were annual members last year. At \$50 per year, this is the best economic deal you can find. For less than one dollar a week you will have access to all NMMI publications and publications specifically generated by the Alumni Relations Office. You will receive notifications of Alumni Chapter Meetings and events in your area, as well as here on Post.

Our commitment is that all services, traditions and functions will be continued and enhanced. By creating this office, it

allows us to use the entire resources of NMMI to connect with and service our Alum's.

As I travel on behalf of NMMI, I am asked frequently, "How can I help?" My answer is get involved. If you are not a member of the Alumni Organization, sit down now and write a check. The cost is tax deductible and opens all channels of communications with NMMI. The second part of getting involved is to participate in the

activities sponsored by the Alumni Relations Office. The 24th Annual Trail Ride will be held 11-15 June, 2013. If you have never attended a Trail Ride, now is the time to start. We are well into the planning for Homecoming 2013. Homecoming is open to all Alum's, not just the honored classes. Put down the dates, October 16-19, 2013 and plan to return to Post.

There has never been a better time than the present to get involved with NMMI.



MG Jerry W. Grizzle, USARNG (Ret) Ph.D., Superintendent and President of NMMI and Director of Alumni Relations, LTC James D. Lowe, NMMI 1967 JC.

ALUMNI RELATIONS ~ MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



LTC James D. Lowe, NMMI and
Mrs. Joy Lowe

You may have questions concerning the future of your alumni relationship with NMMI.

While the current "legal organization" of the Alumni Office is undergoing change, let us assure you the Mission and Purpose of the NMMI Alumni Relations Office will not change.

All past, present and future donations, gifts or memberships will not be changed in any way. All endowed scholarships, developing scholarships and awards will remain as they were; donor directed. NMMI and the Alumni Relations Office will continue to issue tax deductible receipts as always.

The words each of us have internalized "Duty-Honor-Achievement" will continue to be a part of who we are. The desire of every NMMI alumnus to want

to be a part of supporting the development of young men and women of character, integrity, capable of critical thinking and leaders of tomorrow will not change. Enabling the NMMI Alumni to stay connected, hear about alumni news and meet new alumni friends will not change. NMMI events such as Homecoming, Silver Taps, Trail Ride, Tattoos, Descendant's Dinner and other activities will remain the responsibility of the Alumni Relations Office with the full support of NMMI.

As you were previously a proud member of the NMMI Corps of Cadets you will remain a member of the NMMI Corps of *Former Cadets*.

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To: NMMI Alumni Trail Riders

The 2013 NMMI Trail Ride will take place at El Caso Ranch, Quemado, NM, on 11-15 June 2013. Lance and I are honored and pleased to host this event in conjunction with New Mexico Military Institute. This will be the 24th Anniversary of the first ride

which was also held at El Caso Ranch.

The Trail Ride is a special time for alumni of NMMI to visit, renew friendships and share memories. We have been working with NMMI and the Alumni Relations Office to provide an enjoyable experience for everyone. NMMI and MG Grizzle are "all in" to make this event memorable.

Travel safe, bring a smile and see you soon!

**B.T. "Buzz"
Easterling 1956 JC**



**Lance S. Easterling
1985 JC**



NMMI ALUMNI TRAIL RIDE

Have you made plans to attend the 24th annual Alumni Trail Ride and Rendezvous? The first NMMI Alumni Trail Ride was held at the El Caso Ranch, near [Quemado, NM](#). We are revisiting the same ranch, owned by **B. T. "Buzz" Easterling 1954 JC**, for this year's ride. It is not limited to alumni, you can bring friends and family too! They just have to be over 21 years of age and able to handle the altitude of 7900 foot elevation.

Please [register](#) in advance so we can plan the food and beverages since it is all included in the cost of the event. Also, be sure to sign the required waiver at the bottom of the sign up page.

The Trail Ride HQ is a few miles away from Quemado Lake. Fishing and boating are allowed.

Some of the Trail Ride attendees bring tents, some bring motorhomes and some just throw a sleeping bag in the back of a pickup. There is even a public sleeping tent if you want to bring your sleeping bag and sleep on the ground!

Motorhomes and large trailers will not be able to access the Trail Ride HQ as the entrance is too narrow. We are asking that each of you let us know what your camping plans

are so we can accommodate you. Look at the [map from Snuffy's](#), which is 4.6 miles from the camp and decide where you would like to stay. The first campground is the Juniper campground, located at Quemado Lake and has water and electricity. The Piñon campground, which is a beautiful campground without utilities. Both campgrounds are National Forest so spaces are on a first-come basis.

Events Planned:

Daily Horseback Riding for those so inclined (Rental Horse additional)

Daily Trail Hiking with guides

Access Trails for all-terrain vehicles to enjoy local area

Out-n-backs being planned to Native American Pueblos

Daily Happy Hour and all meals cooked on-site

Live Music Wednesday-Friday evening/nights

Golf Tournament (additional)

Horseshoe Tournament

Legendary Annual Fundraising Auction to support Campaign for the Corps.

Full Ride - \$500 per person - The Full Ride is Tuesday - Friday (includes Friday night dinner, auction and entertainment)

Day Riders - \$150 per day per person

Don Strand Memorial Golf Tournament - \$75 per person being held in Socorro, NM

Friday night Dinner and Auction only - \$50 per person (happy hour will begin at 1730)

Rental Horse - \$600 for the Full Ride or \$250 a day.

Trail Ride Sponsor - Donation (any amount in multiples of \$50)

Please call our office at 575-624-8250 for details or questions!

NMMI YEAR END CEREMONIES

On 18 May the 2012-2013 school-year will be coming to a close. You can almost feel the tension and excitement from the Corps of Cadets. Finals and summer vacation!

If you can't make it to the events, there will be live streaming. You will be able to start viewing about 10-15 minutes before each event. Just click [here](#) and follow the instructions at the bottom of the page.

The Commissioning Ceremony will be on Friday, 17 May at 1000-1100 in Pearson Auditorium. The Awards Ceremony will be from 1500-1600 on Friday afternoon at Pearson Auditorium. The NMMI Graduation ceremony will take place on Colt Field on Saturday from 0800 to 1000. (weather allowing). We would like to congratulate all of the graduates who will leave the NMMI Corps of Cadets to

become alumni and join us as members of the NMMI Corps of Former Cadets.

Even though the Corps of Cadets is gone for the summer, the Hill is still bustling with activity. There are both Leadership Camps to intense Academic Camps. For more information email **COL Richard G. Megehan, USA (Ret) 1975 JC**, Deputy Commandant of Cadets at Megahan@NMMI.edu.

CHAPTER NEWS



Photo from the 2010 Orell BBQ.

Save the date!

Friday, 24 May 2013. Join the Albuquerque Chapter for the Annual Orell BBQ. It will be held at the home of **LTC Seth R. Orell, USA (Ret) 1962 JC** and will be jointly hosted his brother, **LTC Patrick H. Orell, USA (Ret) 1965 JC** and their wives, Kathy and Elise. The address is 5101 San Adan Avenue, NW in Albuquerque. The cost is \$20 per person and \$10 for children under 14. The proceeds will be split 50-50 between the Campaign for the Corps and the Albuquerque Chapter. RSVP to Seth at (505) 299-0105 (Home) email to srorell@yahoo.com.

If your area NMMI Chapter is planning events, please contact our office and we will help you get the word out!

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Pictured are MG and Mrs. Grizzle with **CAPT W. Lance Benham, III, USN (Ret) 1967 JC** at the Crossed Sabers Society Luncheon in Oklahoma City, OK.

On 29 April the NMMI Foundation, Inc. hosted a lunch for Crossed Sabers Society members in the Oklahoma City area. Held at The Deep Fork Grill several members were awarded the next level of giving and we welcomed a new donor to the society as well! The Crossed Sabers Society was created in 1997 and continues today. Donors of \$1000 or more each year automatically become members of the Society. Members are recognized for their level of giving by the distinguished representation of the Sally Port in the form of a lapel pin or pendant. It was our pleasure to meet with and to enjoy the company of these loyal supporters of NMMI. Later that evening **CAPT W. Lance Benham, III, USN (Ret) 1967 HS** and his wife Linda hosted alumni for a tattoo in

their home. The event was well attended and guests were treated to good food and plenty of conversation about NMMI! MG Jerry Grizzle presented the "NMMI Report Card" in which he discussed the great things happening at NMMI. Also present from NMMI were Mrs. Shawn Grizzle, Jim and Joy Lowe and Nickie Vigil.



Pictured left to right – **Xavier Chaires Duarte 2001 HS**; **Max Le Baron 2003 HS**; **COL Nancy J. Burrola, NMMI**; **William W. "Bilo" Wallace, III 1998 HS**; and **Alex Le Baron Gonzalez 2000 JC**.



The NMMI Alumni Mexico Chapter will be holding an alumni event on 24 May in San Carlos, Mexico. If you are interested in attending, contact Ray Burrola at 575-624-8252 or burrolar@nmmi.edu.

EDGAR M. LITTLE, III 1973 JC



Edgar M. Little, III 1973 JC joined the Culver Academies in 1991 as the Varsity Polo Coach. He became the Co-Director of Horsemanship in 1995 and then Director of Horsemanship in 1999. Ed is currently the Director of Horsemanship Operations and is a consultant in the renovation of the twelve million dollar horsemanship facilities.

Ed graduated from New Mexico Military Institute high school in 1971, junior college in 1973 and earning an Associate of Arts and a Bachelor of Business

Administration from the University of Texas P.B. in 1990. Prior to arriving at the Culver Academies, Ed worked as a developer and builder in Midland, TX, owned and operated a cable business and worked the family ranching business in West Texas. He played varsity polo at NMMI and continued with the sport as a professional polo player from 1976-1991, winning numerous tournaments and winning the regional USPA umpire of the year award in 1991. During his time at Culver, Ed taught advanced and basic equitation, coached the Lancer Platoon, and rough riding. The CMA, CGA polo teams made it to the National finals nine times.

In 2000 the CGA team won the Women's USPA Interscholastic National Championship. Three of his players: Amit Sharma Class of 1994; Jeff Markle, Class of 2000; and Michelle Weeks, Class of 2005, won the Polo Training Foundation Interscholastic Player of the Year with Jeff Markle going on to win the Intercollegiate Polo Player of the

Year at Cornell. Ed also initiated equine science, honors in equine science, worked closely with admissions to increase troop enrollment, implemented forage production program and supported the development of scholastic hunter/jumper competition with the Interscholastic Equestrian Association. He has organized and helped prepare the Black Horse Troop and Culver Girls Academy Equestriennes to five Presidential Inaugural parades with one hundred horses. He is a member of the Indiana Equine Advisory Council that has provided State Law for Standards in Equine Care. Ed and his wife Kris have two sons; Sam, an IUSB graduate, an MIS for the Braun Corp. in Winamac, IN, and Jake, an A&M Grad, Subsea Installation Engineer for FMC in Houston, TX. In his leisure time, Ed enjoys fly fishing and skeet shooting with friends and students.

Pictured below:
Culver Academy of Horsemanship in Culver, IN.



WATERHOUSE FOUNDATION



During school year 2012-13, \$30,000.00 was received from the Waterhouse Charitable Trust in support of six cadets from Hawaii. They are (l to r): Cadet Chaz An-guay; Cadet Kelvin Villanueva; Cadet George Noga; Cadet Iosefo Thompson; Cadet Mack-Joseph Ocariza; and Cadet Jerome Pona.



ALEXANDER C. WATERHOUSE, SR. 1935 JC

In April 2013, NMMI Superintendent/President MG Jerry W. Grizzle, USARNG (Ret) and NMMI Recruiter CPT Kris Ward, NMMI, traveled to Hawaii and met with representatives of the Waterhouse Charitable Trust. The Waterhouse Charitable Trust provides scholarship funds for Hawaiian cadets thanks to the generosity of former cadet and NMMI alumnus **Alexander C. Waterhouse, Sr. 1935 JC.**



Pictured (l to r): NMMI Superintendent/President MG Jerry W. Grizzle, USARNG (Ret); Waterhouse Trustee Stan Muki; Waterhouse Trustee Derek Mizuno; and NMMI Recruiter CPT Kris Ward, NMMI.

The NMMI Foundation, Inc. manages scholarship Endowments for NMMI cadets. If you are interested in supporting scholarships, call **Nickie A. Vigil 1981 JC** at 575-624-8621 or email to nickie@nmmi.edu

After graduating from NMMI in 1935, Alexander Waterhouse returned to Hawaii to join his father's business of Alexander & Baldwin, Inc. After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Alexander was called to active duty on 20 December 1941. He left the service at the end of World War II and focused his energies on his own business, Scholfield Studio & Supply Company. This company was initially established to support the soldiers and families stationed at Schofield Barracks. Due to his diligence and attention to detail, the company grew into one of the top Hawaiian businesses known as Waterhouse, Inc. In spite of his many accomplishments, Mr. Waterhouse never forgot his roots of learning at New Mexico Military Institute and carried with him the true meaning of Duty, Honor and Achievement. Before his death in March 1999, he had helped countless cadets from Hawaii attend his alma mater and through his endowment and the Waterhouse Charitable Trust, he will continue to do so well into the future.

ALUMNI UPDATES



Congratulations to **Cesar Gallardo Inzunza 2000 JC** and his wife Francelia on the birth of their daughter Ana Paula on 23 April 2013.



Welcome to the world, Kai Vincent Geraci.

Congratulations to **CPT Jefferey V. Geraci, USA 2004 JC** and his wife Lindsey on his birth, 14 April 2013.

Congratulations to proud grandparents, **BG Richard V. Geraci, USA (Ret) 1975 HS**, NMCI Commandant of Cadets, and his wife Kathy.

Reese Day Argo, daughter of Ross and Katherine (Bennett) Argo. Born Thursday, 2 May 2013. 7 lbs 10 oz and 19 1/2 inches long. Mother and baby both doing fine. "She's cuddly" says Grandpa, **B. C. Bennett 1971 JC**. Reese is grandbaby number three for BC and his wife Leslie and the first baby girl. Congratulations! B. C. says, " Let the spoiling begin!!"



Baby girl, Eve Lucinda Wilson was born on 22 April to **Hollis L. Wilson, III 1995 HS** and his wife Julie. She joins the family along with big brother, Arlo.



M. Todd Hederick 1989 JC and his wife Noelle welcomed baby girl Te'a on 19 April 2013. She joins big sister Maddie.



Congratulations to **Natalie Lopez Everett 2000 JC** and husband Jordan on the birth of baby Charlie on 21 April 2013. He is baby number three for the Everett's; he joins big brother, Elijah and big sister Ella.

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Congratulations to **Alden K. Young 2002 HS** and Jeff Ireland on their marriage on 21 April 2013.



1LT Beau L. Sharpe, LAARNG 2006 JC and his beautiful bride, Macie Hay were married on 12 January. Congratulations!

NMMI Alumni, **Gerald A. Madrid 1980 JC**, was in the news this week in Albuquerque, NM, when he was stabbed five times helping to protect the choir director at his church on 5 May 2013. He is in the hospital recovering. Gerald is the owner of a restaurant in Albuquerque. Listen to the news clip [here](#).



Congratulations to **1LT Anthony D. Dowling, USA 2007 JC** on his promotion to 1st Lieutenant on 1 December 2012.



COL Joseph R. Rice, USAR 1987 JC (left) and **MAJ Robert C. Reiner, USAR 1980 JC** (right). "We met up while in Korea for annual Key Resolve exercise and found ourselves close to the border working for the G9 for 8th Army Task Force," says Colonel Rice. Colonel Rice is assigned there as a reserve Individual Mobilization Augmentee (IMA) Civil Affairs Officer, while Major Reiner is assigned to the 364th Civil Affairs Brigade, USAR.

BG Susan A. (Petters) Davidson, USA 1983 JC



As a Cadet in 1983.....



As a *Former* Cadet in 2012!

NMMI's first female Brigadier General. She assumed command of DLA Distribution on 29 June 2012.

Davidson was born in Dade City, FL. Her military career began as a cadet at New Mexico Military Institute. She then graduated from New Mexico State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry. She received her commission at NMMI in May 1983, coming on active duty in April 1986.

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**LTG Charles W. Brown, USA
(Ret) 1953 SC (deceased)**

The Alumni Relations Office has been notified that General Brown has been selected for induction into the Cowboy Hall of Great Westerners (Cowboy Hall of Fame) in Oklahoma City on 12 April 2014. The history of the American West is one of extraordinary human achievement and moral purpose. Its people and their lives have held a pervasive, enduring appeal not only in the United States, but throughout the world. General Brown was inducted into the NMMI Alumni Hall of Fame as a Flag Officer. General Brown was the only NMMI senior college graduate to attain general officer rank.

TAPS

Durward B. Sanford 1931 HS

Robert E. Cowan (Trail Rider)

William P. Kelly 1966 JC

**Mr. Bura D. "David" Wortham
1963 HS**

J. Robert Corley, III 1948 JC

Roy T. Blair (Trail Rider)

**William C.
Hefflefinger 1942 JC**

Richard S. Graham 1945 HS

Richard L. Reese 1939 JC

Dr. George F. Diehl 1948 JC

Frank L. Harris, Jr. 1952 HS

Monroe Harris, Jr. 1941 JC

Melton B. Koch 1959 HS

Frank L. Harris, Jr. 1952 HS

J. Robert Corley, III 1948 JC



Richard B. Carter 1960 JC

Richard spent his formative years in El Paso, TX, where he became bi-lingual and developed a taste for rice and beans that sustained him all his life.

As a registered professional civil engineer with a degree from the NMSU, he proudly served his country as a 1st Lieutenant in the U. S. Army, and later, diligently served his community by solving environmental problems that needed his engineering expertise.

A kind, gentle, selfless father and grandfather, he cherished family time and readily offered support and advice. He wanted to be remembered as one who left his community better than

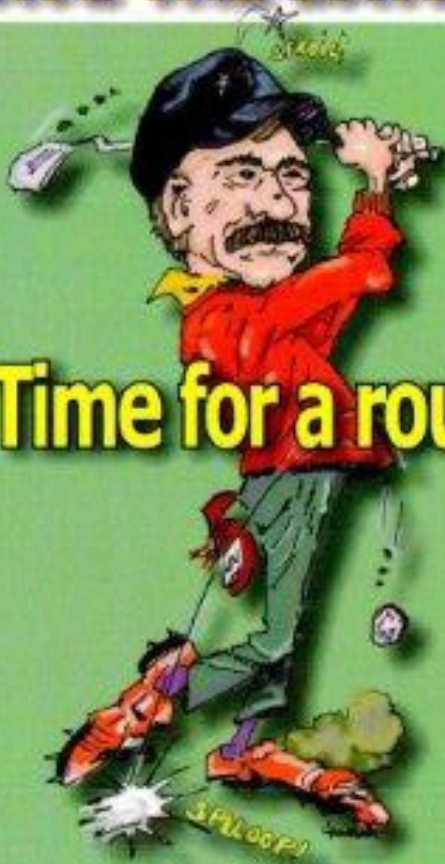


Richard L. Reese 1939 JC

Dick spoke fondly of his experience at NMMI and made lifelong friendships there. Upon his graduation, he became a member of the U.S. Army Reserve and was called up with the 115th Cavalry Regiment which patrolled the Oregon Coast after the attack on Pearl Harbor. During World War II he was stationed at Fort Lewis WA, Fort Riley, KS and San Diego, CA, before serving with the 8th Armored Division in Europe. He mentioned that he had met friends from NMMI during the war years at various posts. No doubt that his education and training served him well during the war, and afterwards when he was a member of the California National Guard.

SAVE THE DATE!

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Time for a round with the General!

The General's Cup!
Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament & Gala

October 4 - 6, 2013

New Mexico Military Institute Golf Course

Proceeds benefit cadets through
NMMI's General Scholarship Fund

2014 NMMI ALUMNI CRUISE

Our last NMMI alumni cruise was amazing so it's time to start planning another one.

We took a survey and asked where everyone would like to go on the next one and the votes are in.....Europe it is!!!

I have planned a fabulous cruise from Rome to the Greek Isles for July 2014 and hope you can all join your fellow alumni on this fantastic vacation destination. The deposit is \$450 per person or \$900 per cabin.

Celebrity Cruises

Celebrity Reflection 7/25/14

<http://www.cruisestnt.com/cs/205513> for details!

