

# The NMMI Alumni E-Newsletter



## NMMI ALUMNI RELATIONS

New Mexico Military Institute

March 5, 2021

Dear Fellow Alumni Family and Friends,

I hope this E-newsletter finds each one of you and your families in good health.

Our Sally Port Magazine has gone out! We hope you are enjoying it. We ask you to please continue to send us your stories, New arrivals, Weddings, Promotion, Retirements, etc. We love to see and hear how everyone is doing, and be able to share your excitement with the rest of our Alumni families. We will be making a few changes to our announcements. Beginning with this E-News-Letter, we will now be sharing all new arrivals, weddings, in a more timely manner, and not wait for the Sally Port to be published. Please continue to send, promotions, retirements, deceased Alumni to us. We also want to know of any special adventure, program, etc. that you would like to share.

We held our monthly conference call on February 9th. Our special guest was NMMI's LTC Eddy Lynton 1990JC. He updated us on how his Criminal Justice / Social Science classes are going and what the cadets continue to accomplish! LTC Lynton has a patch program to highlight the many contributions NMMI Alumni make to their community! Please send your department or agency patch! All patches collected are displayed in the criminal justice and security studies classroom.

**The next monthly conference call will also be "VIRTUAL"!** Mark your calendars for March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

Our special guest will be alumnus, Steve Duran 1983 HS – 1987 JC. Steve will be speaking on this year's virtual Bataan Death March (April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021)

### There will be two ways to participate!

⇒ Dial-in conference call number - Conference call in (605) 475 – 4000 |

Participant Access Code - 416844#

⇒ Zoom - ID: 745-203-4857 | Password: 1891

We are continuing to prepare the 2021 travel logistics for major events, and Meet and Greets around the country! We have tentatively confirmed with most of our Alumni hosts in our cities, such as Tucson, Phoenix, Denver, Dallas, Austin, San Antonio, Houston, Kansas City, and Oklahoma City. We will abide by the mass gathering orders' within each state and follow their PPE and COVID-19 rules.

Our goal is to continue to communicate and engage with all of you. We continue to challenge ourselves to exceed your expectations and to raise the bar.

As always, thank you for your continued support! We look forward to seeing you all in the future.

Stay safe, stay well, stay strong, stay united!

With Best Personal Regards,

Danny Armijo 1972 JC



# NMMI

## ALUMNI CONFERENCE CALL & ZOOM MEETING

### ALUMNI FAMILY,

If you want to know what is currently going on at your Alma Mater, then we invite you to call in or log in by Zoom at the designated time and date each month as our honored guest.

You will receive updates from the President/Superintendent MG Jerry Grizzle and the Executive Director of Alumni Relations and Advancement, Danny Armijo II, (72 JC). We plan to have a special guest from our school staff or fellow Alumni each month.

The monthly call lasts only an hour and is designed to update you on how the school is performing through Leadership, Academics and Athletics and what your Alumni Relations crew is up to. Find out detailed information on upcoming "Meet and Greet" in areas near you. We give updates on when major events will be happening, like our annual Motorcycle Rally, Trail Ride, ATV Adventure, General's Cup Golf Tournament and Homecoming festivities. At the end of all updates, time is allotted for Q&A.

We look forward to talking to you!

**March 9th, 2021 - 1800 OLD POST TIME (MT)**

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Zoom Meeting ID- 745-203-4857 Password - 1891

**CLICK HERE TO JOIN!**



# TAPS

## Reported deceased since the last Newsletter 05 March 2021

<u>Name</u>	<u>Deceased date</u>
CDR Peter Darby Abbott USN (Ret) 1954 HS	04-Feb-21
Mr. William C. Bahan 1943 JC	21-Jul-20
Mr. David E. Bailey 1963 JC	28-Feb-21
Mr. Charles W. Bartlett III 1950 JC	30-Nov-20
Mr. Richard E. Barton 1962 JC	20-Feb-21
Mr. James Clinton Carlton 1971 JC	09-Dec-20
Mr. James E. Chamberlain 1955 JC	27-Sep-20
Mr. John F. Cobb 1961 HS	30-Jan-21
Mr. Allan S. Davis 1961 HS	16-Feb-21
Mr. Robert A. Giere 1962 JC	26-Jan-21
Mr. Richard L. Green 1967 JC	28-Nov-20
Mr. Rolla R. Hinkle II 1951 HS	19-Jan-21
Mr. Chris M. Inabnett 1968 JC	13-Jan-21
Mr. James R. Marmion 1970 JC	02-Jan-21
Mr. James E. Monson 1949 HS	01-Jan-21
Mr. Michael W. O'Connor 1961 HS	01-Feb-21
Mr. Robert A. Peiser 1941 JC	04-Jul-20
Mr. Hunter Lane Quist 1984 HS	22-Sep-20
Mr. Ruben P. Ramirez 1998 HS	20-Nov-19
Mr. James Foster Roehl 1961 HS	01-Jan-21
Mr. G. Mitchell Simms 1956 HS	17-Feb-21
Mr. Christopher McKinley Slavin 1999 JC	07-Jan-21
Mr. Mark W. Sterrett 1968 HS	22-Feb-21
Mr. Robert A. Sturgess 1964 JC	30-Jan-21
Mr. John Andrew Thompson 1961 HS	05-Jan-21
Mr. Tyler P. Toles 1977 JC	06-Dec-20
Mr. Jack Edward Turner 1948 JC	20-Feb-21
Mr. Ronald L. Vick 1969 HS	18-Jan-21
Mr. Arthur C. Walker Jr. 1969 JC	07-Jan-21
Mr. Carl E. Walker 1990 JC	13-Jan-21
Mr. Robert H. Walker 1959 HS	05-Dec-19
Mr. Richard Paul Zugg 1948 HS	20-Jun-2

# **2021 NMMI ALUMNI BATAAN DEATH MARCH TEAM**



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**SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 2021 at 7:00 AM MDT**

## **JOIN THE TEAM**

NMMI alumni, friends, and family are invited to join the NMMI Alumni Bataan Death March Team to represent NMMI and honor those of Bataan

## **MARCH YOUR OWN COURSE IN YOUR HOMETOWN**

Learn more and join the team at

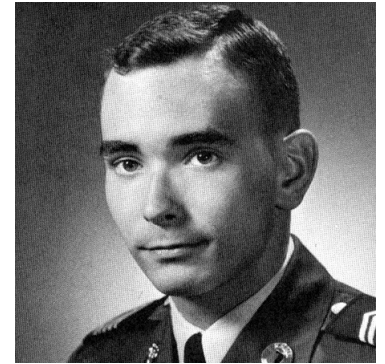
[www.nmmialumniteam.com](http://www.nmmialumniteam.com)

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Hosted by the Las Cruces Alumni Chapter  
and NMMI Alumni Relations Office

Contact: Steve Duran at (575) 621-1631

# Alumni Updates



## Saber program – **Judge Don Noble Curdie 1967 JC**

" I was honored to be named Cadet First Lieutenant for G Company in 1967. Our Company, led by Captain Sonny Baeza, won the GI Inspection Parade that year. My cousin Robert Cook (class of 1966) also from Little Rock, AR, gave me that saber when he heard I had been named a first lieutenant earlier in the school year. Getting the saber and the Sam Brown belt (if I remember that as the name) meant the world to me, and made me want to represent the school and my class to the utmost. I can recall winning the corps-wide speech contest in 1967 and being called up to receive a watch at graduation. Giving a salute with the drawn saber was a real honor and I practiced the salute for a full day it seemed. The last thing I wanted to do was drop it or stab someone! After graduation in 1967, kept it in my home until I found out about the saber program. I'm so happy some officer is using it. To the Honor the Institute."

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**James C. Geibel 1976 JC, Marcus Alexander Lovato 2015 HS-2017 JC, and SPC Andrew Vlad Volgenin-Kulikoff, USN 2015 HS,** standing next to a flyable Navy SNJ-5 Texan trainer aircraft. This aircraft is owned and operated by the Commemorative Air Force at Camarillo. Airport in California.





# Alumni Bunnies



Congratulations to  
**Ceara E. Keane 2009 HS** on the  
birth of this little pumpkin! Jackson  
Odell Keane was born on  
31 October 2020.

(Photo to the left)

Congratulations to  
**Ben Sewell 2006 HS – 2008 JC**  
and wife Julie on their daughter  
Emma Reed Sewell who arrived on  
January 13, 2021.  
(Photo to the right)



Congratulations to  
**Timea Marie Eckerdt 2003 HS** on  
the birth of this little girl!  
Maxine Eckerdt was born on  
July 27, 2020.

(Photo to the left)



# Marriage Moments

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**Trevor Kelly Surratt**

**2014 JC** and Ashley Simmons on their 29 August 2000 wedding. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Surratt, we wish them the best!

(photo to the left)

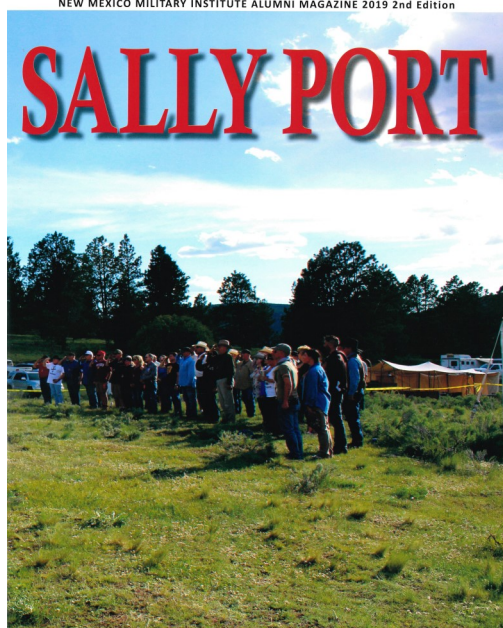
Josh Hasyniec and  
**Hannah Lian**  
**(Broyles) Hasyniec**  
**2017 JC** were married  
9 March 2020, in  
courthouse because of  
COVID and have post-





# WANTED!

## Sally Port Stories



We love hearing from you!  
Continue sharing your stories,  
ideas, and photos through mail  
service to:

NMMI Alumni Relations

ATTN: Jovannah Yslas

101 W. College Blvd

Roswell, NM 88201

Email your letters and digital  
photos to: [alm\\_pub@nmmi.edu](mailto:alm_pub@nmmi.edu)



## SEND US YOUR PATCHES

TO HIGHLIGHT THE MANY CONTRIBUTIONS NMMI ALUMNI  
MAKE TO THEIR COMMUNITY, THE NMMI CRIMINAL JUSTICE &  
SECURITY STUDIES PROGRAM IS ASKING YOU TO SEND IN YOUR  
DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY PATCH!



THIS COLLECTION WILL BE ON DISPLAY IN THE CRIMINAL  
JUSTICE & SECURITY STUDIES CLASSROOM.

CURRENT AND FUTURE STUDENTS WILL APPRECIATE THE  
CONNECTION BETWEEN CLASSROOM AND CAREER.



FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:  
LTC EDDY LYNTON, PH.D. 1990 JC  
[LYNTON@NMMI.EDU](mailto:LYNTON@NMMI.EDU)





# LEGACY OF HONOR



## ALUMNI HERITAGE TRADITION SCHOLARSHIP

Do you have new or old cadets ready to come or return to school at your alma mater, and looking for a scholarship? The New Mexico Military Institute Alumni Office can help! The Alumni Heritage Scholarship is awarded to cadets who are direct descendants of active Alumni. What we mean by active Alumni is an individual who contributes \$100 or more per year to either the Annual Fund or a specific program of their choosing. A direct descendant of an alumnus is defined as those cadets having a grandfather/grandmother or a father/mother who are alumnus of (NMMI). The Alumni Heritage Scholarship awards at minimum \$500 to the cadet, note there are several other scholarships that are open to cadets of active Alumni as well. For your convenience we have included links to view our extensive list of scholarships and a link to our contribution page. For just \$100 you can help your cadet begin their journey at the Institute and keep the family tradition alive! If you would like to speak to someone in the Alumni Relations Office about making a contribution, please call our Advancement and Development Office at (575) 624-8246 or email at [adv\\_off@nmml.edu](mailto:adv_off@nmml.edu). For more information about the scholarships, please call the NMMI Financial Aid Office at (575) 624-8066 or email them at [finaid@nmml.edu](mailto:finaid@nmml.edu). On behalf of NMMI, we thank you for your support and hope to see you at one of our many Alumni events in the future.

Please see the above mentioned links here:

[NMMI Scholarship List](#)

[Contributions can be made here.](#)



# Rat Buddy Brick Special!

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ROSWELL, NM 88201

**FOREVER REMEMBER YOUR DAYS AT NMMI WITH YOU AND YOUR FELLOW RAT BUDDIES**





# Ways to Build Your Legacy

- **Bequest** — a provision in a will or estate plan that allocates all or part of the individual's estate to NMMI.
- **Charitable Remainder Trust** — an irrevocable trust that pays a specified annual amount to one or more people for a fixed period of years (often the life of the individual). At the end of the term of the trust, the remaining trust assets are distributed to NMMI. A charitable remainder annuity trust provides a fixed payment; a charitable remainder uni-trust pays out a fixed percentage of the trust value each year.
- **Charitable Lead Trust** — Similar to a charitable remainder trust, but the principal reverts to the donor or his or her designated heirs at the end of the trust term. If the principal reverts to the donor, he or she gets a charitable income tax deduction; if an heir, that person gets a charitable gift tax deduction.
- **Charitable Gift Annuity** — an irrevocable transfer of property (e.g. securities) in exchange for a contract to pay the donor an annuity for life. Because the value of the property exceeds the value of the annuity, it is partially a gift to the institution.
- **Life Insurance** — an arrangement in which a donor gives a life insurance policy to NMMI. The cash value of that gift is tax deductible, as are any future premiums the donor may opt to pay on that policy. Note that only life insurance policies that are paid in full qualify as planned gifts. (needs a not regarding proper way of doing this.)
- **Life Estate** — an arrangement in which a donor gives his/her home to NMMI while retaining the right to live there for the remainder of his/her life. The donor receives an immediate income tax deduction. NMMI may sell the property upon the donor's death.
- **Pooled Income Fund** — an arrangement, similar to a mutual fund, in which a donor contributes to a fund and receives a share of the proceeds based on the percentage of his contribution. Donors pay no capital gains on the transfer of appreciated property. When the donor dies, his shares transfer to NMMI.
- **Endowments** — A fund created by your bequest can carry your name or the name of a family member or other person you wish to honor. Named funds, because of the support they offer to programs and people, are a way to share what is meaningful to you within the institute family well into the future. *Note that minimum gift amounts required for creating named, endowed funds vary, so please contact the NMMI Foundation for further information.*
- **Unrestricted Gifts** - are among the most valuable to NMMI, because they allow the institute to allocate funds wherever the need is greatest, and to take advantage of unique opportunities as they arise. Your unrestricted contribution may be used to support costs associated with financial aid, educator development, cadet equipment, facilities, and much more.
- **Matching Gifts** - An easy way to double or even triple your donation to NMMI is to find out if your company has a matching-gift program. Such programs typically match all or a percentage of employee contributions to charitable organizations, making the employer a partner in employees' personal philanthropy. Simply obtain a matching-gift form from your employer's personnel office, fill it out, and provide it to NMMI with your contribution.
- **Non-Traditional** — Boats, cars, land, jewelry, paintings etc..

Call Ben Manatt at 575-624-8246 or email to [adv\\_off@nmmi.edu](mailto:adv_off@nmmi.edu) or go to [Support NMMI](#) to contribute.

# Planned Giving

## to NMMI *Has the thought ever crossed your mind?*



### **Planned Giving shapes the future of New Mexico Military Institute.**

Planned Giving -- also referred to as Legacy Giving or Gift Planning -- enables an individual to make larger gifts in an affordable manner over time. What does Planned Giving mean for you? In short, it means leaving a legacy for young, bright cadets to follow in the footsteps of their honorable and successful predecessors; a legacy that will continue educating and preparing the young leaders to succeed in a global economy.

### **Types of Planned Giving.**

Planned gifts can be designed to provide income during the life of the individual making the gift. Other types of planned gifts use estate and tax planning to provide for charities and heirs in ways that maximize the gift while minimizing the impact on the charitable individual's estate.

By definition, a planned gift is any major gift made during the lifetime or upon death as part of one's financial and/or estate planning. Gifts like these include gifts of equity, life insurance, real estate, personal property or cash. Types of planned gifts include:

- Outright gifts
- Gifts that return income or other financial benefits
- Gifts payable upon an individual's death

### **Gift Planning that pays income for life to the Charitable Individual.**

Charitable gift annuities make fixed payments, starting either when the gift is made or at a later date (the difference is between an immediate payment gift annuity and a deferred or flexible gift annuity). A Charitable Remainder Trust is a gift of cash or other property to an irrevocable trust. The donor receives an income stream from the trust for a term of years or for life and the named charity receives the remaining trust assets at the end of the trust term.

### **Planned gifts also come with Variable Tax Benefits.**

People who contribute appreciated property -- like securities or real estate -- pay no capital gains tax on the transfer. Those who establish a life-income gift receive a tax deduction for the full, fair market value of the assets contributed, minus the present value of the interest retained. If someone funds a gift with appreciated property, they will pay no upfront capital gains tax on the transfer. Lastly, when a gift is payable upon an individual's death, like a bequest or a beneficiary designation in a life insurance policy or retirement account, it will not generate a lifetime tax deduction for the contributor, but it will be exempt from estate taxes.

### **The NMMI Advancement and Development Officer is ready to Answer Your Questions.**

The NMMI Advancement and Development Officer Ben Manatt 2009 JC and his team are ready to guide you through developing a Legacy Giving plan that is affordable and beneficial to you and to NMMI's future. Call him today at (575) 624-8246; or contact him by email at [adv\\_off@nmmi.edu](mailto:adv_off@nmmi.edu).

For more information about supporting the future of New Mexico Military Institute, log on to the Web site at:

<https://www.nmmi.edu/alumni/alumni-ways-to-give/>