

Alumni Relations

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**Director of Alumni
Relations and Institutional
Advancement**

NMMI Alumni

E-Newsletter

From the Director's Desk

Pre-Register

Every year the Alumni Relations Office is honored, excited, and committed to providing great engagement opportunities for all alumni both on and off post. These “events” have grown over time, and for some of the alumni base, they are the highlights of their year. 2023 is no different, and we look forward to planning and hosting the Motorcycle Rally, Alumni Trail Ride, ATV Adventure, Generals Cup, and Homecoming. During the planning phase of these events, we consider many things but focus greatly on these six main areas.

- Assessing Risks and Opportunities
- Being Proactive and not reactive
- Improving OUR performance
- Ensuring there is enough lead time to promote and execute
- Updating and revising the plan in advance
- Ensure that it is a rewarding experience for all

Our hope is that by centralizing our focus, we can accomplish those tasks ahead and ensure that your experience is everything you hoped it could be, as well as provide an environment where old and new friendships can flourish.

As we get closer to the start of our first main event, we wanted to promote the new opportunities for you all to register early, ask questions early and plan your travel arrangements early. This helps allow us the ability to ensure that we have made the appropriate accommodations concerning food, venues, and many other logistical factors. The planning done on your behalf also speeds up registration lines and allows you more time to socialize, make plans with classmates/friends, and maximize your overall experience during the events.

We look forward to seeing you all at some point and time throughout the year, whether on or off post, in New Mexico, or elsewhere along the way. Let us know if you have any questions about the upcoming events or if there is something you would recommend we look at incorporating at an event in the future.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Ward'.

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Director of Alumni Relations and Institutional Advancement

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*REPORTED deceased since
the last Newsletter 24th
February 2023*

A quote from the 1933 Bronco
about a cadet, George O. Speer
1933 JC, who was killed in a Polo
Game-

BUT IF THEY ARE GONE FROM OUR
RANKS,

WE KEEP THEM ON OUR ROSTER,
AS VALUES ONCE INTIMATELY
KNOWN

AND AVAILABLE IN OUR
RECOLLECTIONS

AND IN OUR HEARTS. THEY WILL
REMAIN

FOREVER YOUNG.



Peter H. Blake	1964HS	08-Mar-23
Gideon C. Chambers	1967JC	11-Feb-23
Donald G. Dwight	1955JC	12-Mar-23
Warren E. Dyar	1971JC	22-Feb-23
Gary L. Eberhart	1973JC	21-Mar-23
James P. Fagans	1983JC	06-Feb-23
Ross M. Floersheim	2000HS	25-Nov-22
William C. Frame	1948HS	12-Feb-23
John O. Franks	1980JC	11-Feb-23
William F. Gray	1949JC	11-Jan-23
Whit M. Harvey	1958JC	13-Feb-23
Theodore M. Heesch	1954HS	23-Jan-23
P. Tremain Loud	1951JC	06-Feb-23
Gabriel A. Madrid	1986HS	06-Jan-23
Gary L. Pullen	1960HS	24-Feb-23
Bobby J. Sanchez	1976JC	25-Jan-23
Carl D. Sedillo	1953SC	03-Feb-23
C. Edward Springer	1949JC	14-Mar-23
John R. Trumbo	1970HS	08-Feb-23
Michael M. Yeates	1958HS	4-Feb-23

NMMI takes home hardware at Chemistry Competition

LTC Mia Yang, Math/Science Division

On March 11, Dr. Villtchinskaia took eight cadets to New Mexico State University to attend the 2023 Chemistry Olympiad Rio Grande Valley Local Section. They competed against southern New Mexico and west Texas schools on individual written tests, team forensic labs, individual titration labs, and team qualitative analyses. The cadets were placed into the General Division and the USNCO (United States National Chemistry Olympiad) Division based on their experience.

The cadets did an excellent job in these competitions, and the results are as follows:

Written Exam General Division Only

- 2nd place: NMMI
- 1st place: NMMI

Written Exam USNCO Division Only

- 3rd place: NMMI
- 2nd place: NMMI
- 1st place: NMMI

Forensics Team Experiment General Division Only

- 3rd place: NMMI Team #2
- 1st place: NMMI Team #1

Titration Individual Experiment General Division Only

- 3rd place: NMMI
- 2nd place: NMMI

Individual Experiment USNCO Division Only

- 3rd place: NMMI
- 2nd place: NMMI
- 1st place: NMMI

Qualitative Analysis Experiment USNCO Division Only

- 1st place: NMMI

USNCO Qualifiers

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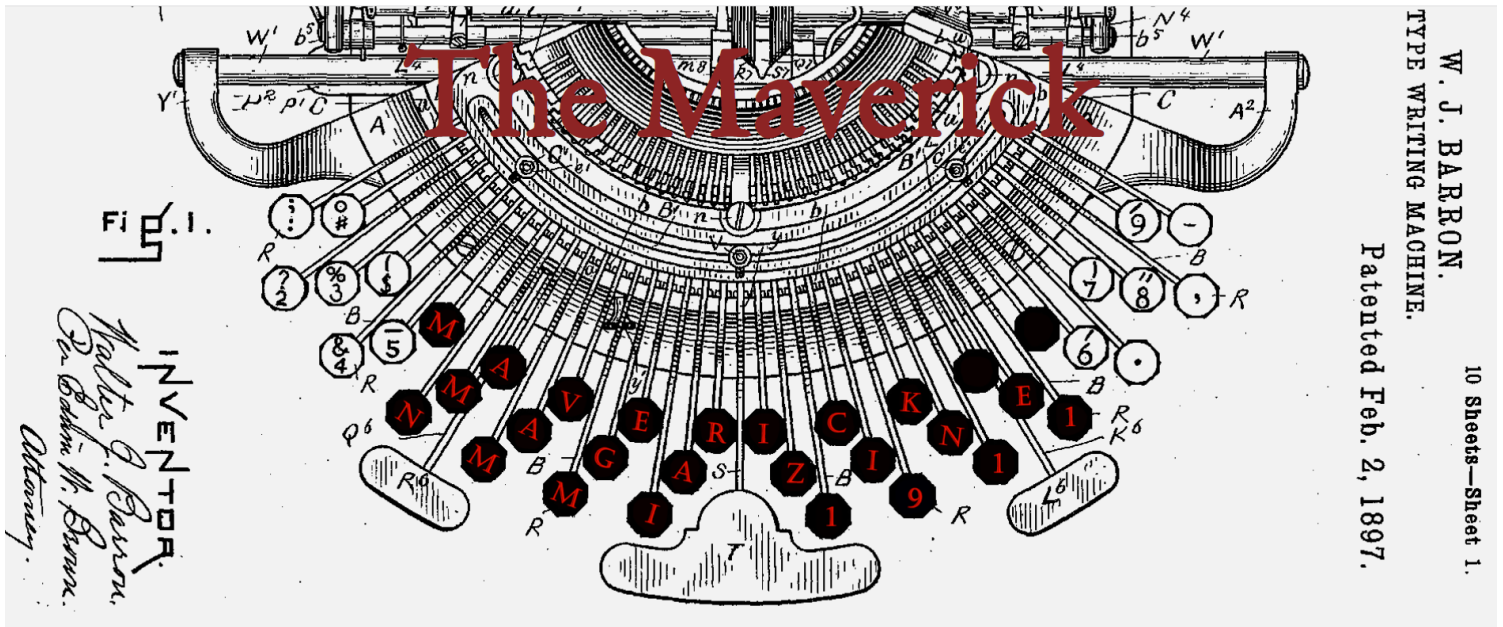


Congratulations!

The USNCO competition will occur on April 22 at New Mexico State University.

Once again, thank you, Dr. Villtchinskaia and MAJ Villaraza, for your dedication to educating these cadets. Congratulations to these cadets on their outstanding performance: CDT Ngoc Hong Pham, CDT Ngoc Minh Pham, CDT Arina Gancicova, CDT Ivan Belyev, CDT Steven Xu, CDT Isabella Moya, CDT Cohen Tomasits, and CDT Lucas Tang.

Enjoy a Double Issue of The Maverick



Click on the link to read the 2023 Double Issue of The Maverick:
<https://nmmaverick.weebly.com/>

Early Commissioning Program

LTC Ryan Eisenhower, Professor Military Science

Jason Garcia (COL, USAR), ROTC Operations Recruiting Officer, NMMI 93HS, 95JC

In 1911 the first cadets to receive commissions as second lieutenants in the Army at NMMI were Eugene Lohman of Las Cruces, New Mexico, and Mord P. Short of Como, Mississippi. Five years later, Senior Reserve Officer Training Corps was established at New Mexico Military Institute on December 3, 1916.

In 1965 the Military Science Department commissioned the first and second lieutenant under the Army's Early Commissioning Program (ECP), 2LT Patrick H. Orell. New Mexico Military Institute ROTC continued to make history in 1997 when the battalion was named the best ROTC battalion in 4th Region ROTC by winning the MacArthur Award. In 2007 US Army Cadet Command recognized the NMMI Army ROTC ECP as the most improved military school ROTC program in the country.



Over the decades, NMMI ROTC has produced thousands of Army Officers, and the squadron is consistently one of the top producers of second lieutenants in US Army Cadet Command. Soldiers and Officers passing through NMMI ROTC and JROTC programs have been recognized for their valor, and many former Cadets have risen to become flag officers.

During Winter Graduation in December, NMMI commissioned 2LT Zephan Leya, who is currently finishing his baccalaureate in Florida. This May, during Spring Graduation, NMMI will commission twenty 2nd Lieutenants with an additional six upon completion of Cadet Summer Training at Fort Knox, KY.

Since 1984 NMMI has commissioned 1314 Second Lieutenants.

NMMI Music Program participates in Music Festival

The NMMI Music Program recently traveled to Randolph-Macon Academy in Front Royal, Virginia, to participate in the 45th annual military school festival. This Festival is a three-day event that brings together military schools from across the nation to form a combined concert band and concert choir, and drum majors train together under the direction of the United States Navy's Drum Major. Conductors are invited from the active duty ranks of our armed forces to clinic and lead these ensembles through a professional process of rehearsal that culminates in a performance after two days of extensive and intense rehearsal. Students audition for placement in the concert band and the choir, and auditions determine solo parts during the performance.

The NMMI music department was by far the most decorated department of any military school in the nation this year. Our NMMI concert band earned the following honors: First Chair in the Clarinet Section, First Chair in the Tenor Sax Section, First Chair in the Tuba Section, and runner-up in the Drum Major Competition (losing by only half a point). The NMMI Band was awarded **Ronald Horton Award** for best prepared HS Band and the **Herbert Day Award** for best prepared College Band.

The NMMI choir also earned an impressive number of awards: Best in Section Award for the Altos, Best in Section Award for the Tenors, Best in Section Award for the Basses, and top vocal award for being the Outstanding Vocal Musician of the Festival. In addition to these awards, 5 cadets successfully auditioned to earn a solo part. The NMMI Music Program greatly benefited from this experience and looks forward to attending next year's event.

Click below to watch the Festival.

45th Annual Military School Festival Performance:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w8HFI FOR9do>

Drum Major Competition

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UIH09WtkGmc>





**6th Annual
NMMI Motorcycle Rally**

**Registration
is
OPEN**

Join us April 20-23rd in Roswell, NM for
a 2 fun filled days riding through the badlands of Billy the Kid. Enjoy the
beautiful scenery of Lincoln County, as well as a ride through Sally Port into the
box for a group photo.

6th Annual NMMI Alumni Motorcycle Rally
20 April – 23 April 2023
Schedule of Events

Thursday, 20 April 2023

1800 Motorcycle Rally Welcome Reception/Registration at Quarters I
 (Heavy appetizers & Registration)
 (NO CADETS AND NO ONE UNDER THE AGE of 21)

Friday, 21 April 2023

0730 Breakfast (Quarters I)
 0830 Riders depart Roswell, NM, to Cloudcroft, NM
 1130-1300 Lunch at the pavilion, Cloudcroft, NM
 1330 Riders depart Cloudcroft, NM, to Roswell, NM via Roswell, NM
 1800 Dinner (Quarters I)
 (NO CADETS AND NO ONE UNDER THE AGE of 21)

Saturday, 22 April 2023

0800 Breakfast (Quarters I)
 0900 Riders depart Roswell, NM, to Ruidoso, NM
 1100-1230 Lunch and Tour in Lincoln, NM
 1300 Riders depart Lincoln, NM, to Roswell, NM, via Capitan, NM
 1530-1700 Riders gather at North Sally Port to drive through Hagerman Barracks, NMMI
 1800 NMMI Motorcycle Rally Dinner (Quarters I)
 (NO CADETS AND NO ONE UNDER THE AGE of 21)

Sunday, 23 April 2023

0730 NMMI Motorcycle Rally Farewell Breakfast (Gold Room at Bates Dining Hall)

Cadets enjoy Philmont Scout Ranch

CPT Lynn Doherty, 94JC, Fox Trot Troop Leadership Adviser

NMMI's Venture Crew 30 took advantage of Philmont Scout Ranch's "Winter Adventure" program. Crew 30, led by Cadet Molly Ryan from Prescott Valley, AZ, spent 3 nights and 4 days in the Southern Rocky Mountains near Taos. The Crew snowshoed their way to camp while dragging sleds of gear and tents.



They tested their ability to camp in the wilderness while dealing with the cold weather, snow, and plenty of wind. Through the weekend, the temperatures dropped to 11°, and the wind gusted up to 90 MPH. At times heavy snowfall caused white-out conditions.

Though the weather was not cooperative, a few breaks in the snowfall and high winds allowed for sledding, exploring the wilderness, and an epic snowball fight. The crew also had an opportunity to learn about rock climbing and tested their skills in

an indoor "bouldering gym."

As a bonus, LTC Arthur Houghtby, Deputy Commandant of Support and primary sponsor of Crew 30, finally achieved his five-year-long dream and made this opportunity a reality for these gritty cadets. CPT Lynn Doherty, '94JC, Fox Trot Troop Leadership Advisor and Co-Sponsor of Crew 30, also supported and achieved her first official patch as a Crew 30 adult advisor.

Venturing is a youth-led Boy Scouts of America program about building and leading adventures. It focuses on developing skills like leadership, event planning, organization, communication, and responsibility while enjoying the outdoors.

Historically, NMMI has a long tradition of involvement with BSA (Boy Scouts of America), and even the Crew 30 designator has significance. In the BSA's early days, councils assigned numbers to new troops numerically. The first troop in a council was Troop 1, the second was Troop 2, and so on. Being assigned Crew 30's designation goes back to the beginnings of the Conquistador Council to which they belong.



AROUND POST

Last month, members of the New Mexico Military Institute's Cadet Regimental staff and professors Dr. Tang and Dr. Tebo visited a 5th-grade class to teach a leadership lesson focused on character growth. They had planned the lesson in advance, covering topics such as self-respect, discipline, respect, leadership, and fellowship. The students were engaged and receptive to the knowledge, and the teacher was impressed with the outcome of the lesson. Cadet Felmar remarked that it was one of the most productive lessons he had ever delivered. Pictured from left to right are Cadet Felmar, Cadet Picozzi, Cadet Ni, Cadet Noel, Cadet Hong, and Cadet Warnock.



On March 15, NMMI welcomed Carlos Sanchez from the offices of Congresswoman Teresa Leger Fernández, Rene Romo from Senator Ben Ray Lujan's office, Miguel Negrete from Senator Martin Heinrich's office, and West Point Cadet, Elijah Ruiz, to speak the High School Senior Class about our Academy Prep Program.

During the New Mexico State Legislature, two NMMI cadets, Matthew and Samuel McCargish, were recognized for attaining their Eagle Scout rank with the Boy Scouts of America. The Albuquerque brothers earned the Eagle Scout rank, the highest advancement rank in Scouting.





NEW MEXICO MILITARY INSTITUTE

Endowment Funds

NMMI Foundation manages donor endowments. These designated funds can provide scholarships, offset operational costs of programs/events, and create faculty continuing educational programs.

By choosing to create an endowment you have made a commitment to support present and future NMMI cadets, faculty and staff. Our goal is to ensure that you are able to do this in a way that the fund meets your wishes, helps those you intend it to help; and does not add any stress throughout the process. A couple of things to think about when determining if this is the route you want to choose:

- \$10,000 is the minimum requirement to create an endowment.
- Once the funding is received it is invested and, after 12 months, earnings are generally available for spending purposes.
- The Foundation spending policy provides an annual spending percentage from the endowment fund (currently 4.0%).
- A criteria must be put into place that allows for determination of who or what program would be able to receive the funding.

For more information, please contact the Advancement & Development team (575) 624-8158 or via email at dep_dev@nmmi.edu; or the NMMI Foundation at (575) 624-8035 or via email at foundation@nmmi.edu. Thank you for your interest and please let us know what we can do to help to setup an endowment for you.

Every gift makes an impact!!!

Forchtner selected as Two-Year College Rep on AVCA Board

NMMI Sports Press

Broncos head coach Shelby Forchtner was recently selected by the American Volleyball Coaches Association as the new Two-Year College representative on the AVCA Board of Directors.

"I'm honored to be asked to represent the two-year colleges for the AVCA," said Forchtner. "I'm looking forward to doing my part to help our community of coaches."

Forchtner replaces recently retired Missouri State University-West Plains volleyball coach Paula Wiedemann on the board. Forchtner has been serving on the AVCA's two-year college head coaches committee for the past several years.

With the new position comes new responsibilities, like running various monthly and annual meetings and keeping the junior college volleyball world informed of any important news. Forchtner will serve alongside representatives from the NCAA divisions, NAIA, beach volleyball, high school, and club.

"The AVCA is basically the umbrella over all levels of volleyball," Forchtner said. "In a role like this, you get to touch every level of the game and help grow the sport. Volleyball's popularity is on the rise, and I think there's always room for more growth."

During her 17-year tenure at the Institute, Forchtner has compiled a head coaching record of 431-229. Forchtner led the Broncos to the regional postseason every year and qualified for the national tournament eight times in the past 10 years. The 2021 season had no postseason, but the Broncos finished 8-2 in conference play. The Institute finished as the national runner-up in 2021.

As a player, the Roswell native was a standout for the Goddard Rockets and then attended Seward County Community College, where she played for a conference championship team in 2000, earning All-Region honors. She went on to play for Lubbock Christian University, helping the Chaparrals make the national tournament in 2001.

After graduating from LCU, Forchtner returned to Roswell as a volleyball assistant in 2003 and was named head coach in 2006.

The AVCA was established in 1981 with the mission of advancing the sport of volleyball with coaches at the epicenter of leadership, advocacy, and professional development. Among the nearly 7,000 members include coaches from the collegiate, high school, club, youth, and Olympic levels. The AVCA provides education to coaches, recognition of elite players and coaches, promotion of volleyball competitions throughout the world, and networking opportunities for volleyball products and service providers.



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2023 ALUMNI EVENTS CALENDAR

APRIL	20-23 THURS-SUN	MOTORCYCLE RALLY: ROSWELL, NM
	20 THURS	ROSWELL AFTER HOURS- QUARTERS 1
MAY	13 SAT	GRADUATION
	19 FRI	BURGERS ORELL: ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER
	22 MON	ALUMNI CONFERENCE CALL
	24 WED	ROSWELL AFTER HOURS- PEPPERS
JUNE	13-17 TUES-SAT	33RD ANNUAL TRAIL RIDE: CHRISTMAS RANCH, WAGON MOUND, NM
AUGUST	17-20 THUR-SUN	ATV ADVENTURE: I BAR X RANCH, CARRIZOZO, NM
	12 SAT	THE INGRAM BBQ: ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER
	23 WED	ROSWELL AFTER HOURS- ROSWELL COUNTRY CLUB
SEPTEMBER	22-24 FRI-SUN	GENERAL'S CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT: NMMI GOLF COURSE, ROSWELL, NM
	22 FRI	ROSWELL AFTER HOURS: QUARTERS 1
OCTOBER	25-28 WED-SUN	2023 HOMECOMING: HONORING CLASSES ENDING IN '3 , ROSWELL, NM
		WEDNESDAY- RING DINNER
		THURSDAY- SILVER TAPS & ALUMNI RECEPTION
		FRIDAY- HALL OF FAME INDUCTION & CLASS DINNERS
		SATURDAY- HONOR CLASS MARCH & BRONCO FOOTBALL GAME
NOVEMBER	29 WED	ROSWELL AFTER HOURS

EVENTS AND DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

CHECK BACK FOR ADDITIONAL MEET N' GREETINGS IN YOUR CITY! FOR THE MOST UP TO DATE EVENT INFORMATION PLEASE



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