



From The Director's Desk

ATTENTION IN THE AREA, ATTENTION OFF POST

As the year starts winding down and we have completed our major events for 2023 I wanted to take some time to thank everyone who participated in an NMMI sponsored event during the year. The goal is for us to create a very memorable and smooth event that appeals to alumni of all ages as well as their families. We take great pride in doing everything we can for you all, staying transparent, keeping you in the loop and planning enough in advance that you have time to check your schedules. As we start planning for 2024 we hope to build upon these events, we appreciate all the feedback and look forward to growing the attendance numbers every year. Please update us with your information, provide insight into what you have going and always remember we are just a quick email or phone call away.

We look forward to publishing the Sally Port magazine in December and hope to have an online issue available as well as the traditional hard copy. You should also start to receive the new alumni directory in December or shortly after the first of the year. As we near Thanksgiving and the start of the holiday season, I want to let you all know how thankful I am for this opportunity and the friendships that NMMI has provided me. All my best and I look forward to hopefully seeing you all very soon.

Kris Ward

Director Of Alumni Relations and Institutional Advancement



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All those who attended had what a great weekend and a large time. Homecoming 2023 is officially in the books, we cannot begin to thank all those who attended any of the events for your outpouring of support. We had over 330 individuals register for homecoming, 50 plus golfers and a sold out honored class dinner that featured 185 attendees as well. Thursday registration went very smooth in the DLC and we hope to continue using our new location to our advantage for all of you that come by to see us or are participating in an NMMI sponsored event. The weather held up and allowed the golfers to enjoy a great afternoon on the course and the turnout for silver taps was excellent, 164 names were read and outside of a very busy horse, everything went according to plan.

Friday's activities all went very smooth as well, 3 new members joined the NMMI Hall of Fame and they were all very humbled by their inclusion and proud to boast about all that NMMI did for them and the relationships they still have that started on post. All the classes enjoyed the evening that was put together for them at The Liberty and made sure to close the venue down. Saturday's alumni parade went according to plan and even though we had a few last minute cancellations from our food truck/tail gate we were still able to provide a nice touch before the Bronco Football game. We hope to see everyone who attended again next year and look forward to adding some new faces to the mix, as we get ready to celebrate the classes ending in "4". - Kris Ward



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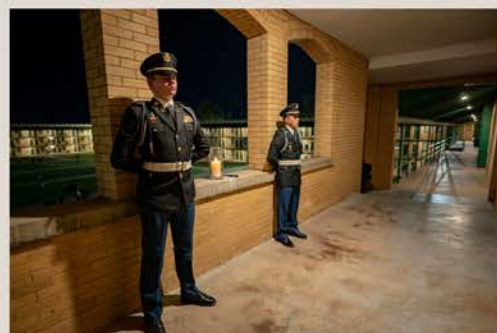
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NOVEMBER 29, 2023

AFTER HOURS

1800-2100 Roswell, NM



Backdraft
Barbeque

DECEMBER 5, 2023

ALUMNI CONFERENCE CALL

1800-1900 Zoom Call





2023 HALL OF FAME



**Robert W. Kurrle, Jr. 1998 JC
Commander, United States
Navy (Retired)**

Robert Kurrle, Jr. came to New Mexico Military Institute as part of the United States Naval Academy's prep program in August 1997. He enjoyed cadet life playing on the Bronco tennis team, making the Dean's List, and was on his way to graduating junior college in the Class of 1999 when he was accepted to the United States Naval Academy in June 1998. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 2002.

Kurrle spent his entire career flying Naval aircraft in both peacetime and as a pilot and senior leader in a front-line FA-18 combat squadron. He served as Flight Student, FA-18 Strike Fighter Tactics Level III Instructor Pilot, VFA-34, FA-18FRS Instructor Pilot, and VFA-106 where he instructed pilots and navigators in all phases of the FA-18 training syllabus. In September 2009, he was selected to be a Blue Angels' Pilot and Training Officer for the United States Navy Blue Angels'. The Blue Angels' team has the goal to inspire a culture of excellence and service to country. They began in 1946, and the team has the honor of representing the hundreds of thousands of men and women who serve in the United States Navy and Marine Corps to audiences both at home and abroad, showcasing the excitement, precision, and power of Naval aviation. This precision flying team performed for more than 22 million people throughout the United States. He served as a demonstration pilot; and in addition served as an instructor pilot for the new Blue Angels' pilots. He was also responsible for the airborne safety at each airshow they participated in.

Kurrle also attended the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, California, receiving dual master's degrees - the Executive Master of Business Administration and the Master of Arts in Security Studies - both in 2013. He also holds a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland.

Commander Robert W. Kurrle, Jr.'s consistent outstanding performance of his duties while serving in the United States Navy and his specific accomplishments while serving with the Blue Angels' team is in keeping with the New Mexico Military Institute's Credo of Duty, Honor and Achievement.

Inducted for Eminence in a Chosen Field of Endeavor



NMMI HALL OF FAME

2023 HALL OF FAME

Kenneth McCoy came to New Mexico Military Institute in August 1988. He flourished in cadet life, following in his father's footsteps and completed his first class year on the Regimental Staff graduating in 1990.

McCoy is a decorated hero, famous in the field of law enforcement. He is recognized nationally as a visionary for his work reforming policing practices in ethnic communities, and improving public safety through diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI); building relationships with local communities, and guiding teams and organizations with diplomacy, dignity, and fairness. McCoy has helped transform many departments nationwide. He was the first African American Chief of Police of Anchorage, Alaska, and he now serves as the Chief of Police for Tempe, Arizona.

During a time of national crisis, McCoy has emerged as one of the nation's top leaders in law enforcement and public safety, rising to the top position in two major metropolitan police departments. His professional experiences demonstrate his prominence in designing programs, policies, strategies and initiatives that promote rapid crisis management and emergency response, and a positive culture of accountability, transparency, and inclusivity.

McCoy is a United States Army veteran who served 10 years in the Alaska Army National Guard and was honorably discharged as a Captain in 2000. In addition to being a New Mexico Military Institute graduate, he has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of Alaska (Anchorage) and a certificate in leading Diversity from the University of Virginia Darden School of Business. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the FBI National Executive Institute. Being chosen to attend the FBI Academy is an honor that is highly competitive and stands as the pinnacle of law enforcement education. Few officers get chosen for this honor, let alone twice, demonstrating that McCoy is rarefied among the absolute best in the nation. When McCoy speaks, he always acknowledges New Mexico Military Institute's role in making him the man he is today.

Kenneth McCoy's consistent outstanding performance while serving in law enforcement, is in keeping with the New Mexico Military Institute's Credo of Duty, Honor and Achievement.



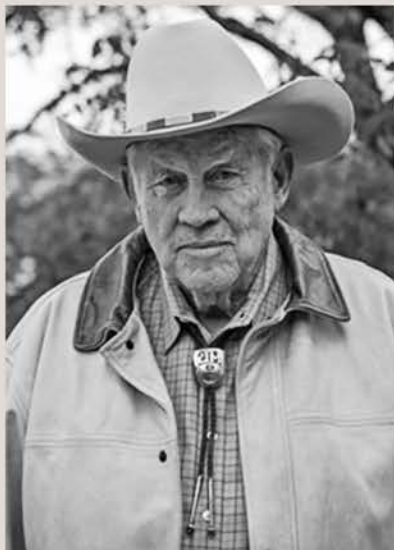
Kenneth McCoy 1990 JC

Inducted for Eminence in a Chosen Field of Endeavor



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**James M. Raymond 1953 HS -
1955 JC**

James (Jim) Raymond came to New Mexico Military Institute in 1949. He enjoyed cadet life and graduated from High School in 1953 and Junior College in 1955.

Raymond began his career in the oil and gas industry shortly after graduating from McMurray University in 1959. He worked for Shell Oil in California in the mid- '60s specializing in land lease signing for oil drilling all over the country. While there he became an off-road racing enthusiast winning trophies and becoming enamored with the sport. Raymond went on to establish Jeep Clubs, including the "WayWeGo's" and the "Gully Hoppers" and still attends their jamborees. Raymond is regarded quite highly by colleagues and competitors alike for his forthright and honest dealings in the oil and gas industry of Texas. Raymond has also been a founding sponsor of the New Mexico Military Institute Alumni ATV Adventure currently in its third year. Raymond has also participated in livestock shows and auctions. He has supported 4H and both his sons are active in it as well. He is famous in his local area for anonymously supporting livestock shows, hospital equipment and school upgrades; along with supporting other community needs. His independent spirit and gregarious love of other people have made him a hero to many youth he has mentored along the way.

Raymond has shown unwavering support to his Alma Mater. He was a key sponsor of many New Mexico Military Institute Alumni Trail Rides. He was named Top Hand in 2002. He also annually supports the General's Cup Golf Tournament for cadet scholarships. He is a lifetime member of the New Mexico Military Institute Foundation and has a sustained record of financial support to scholarships and other programs at the Institute that support cadets. He has maintained a record of giving for the past four decades and annually supports the Crossed Sabers Society.

James M. Raymond's consistent record of support to the New Mexico Military Institute is in keeping with the New Mexico Military Institutes Credo of Duty, Honor and Achievement.

Inducted for Distinguished Service to New Mexico Military Institute



NMMI JAZZ BAND



I want to recognize Dr. Niimori and the NMMI Jazz Band for job well done! Last Friday the NMMI Jazz Band performed as part of the 16th Annual Roswell Jazz Festival and they did a spectacular job. There was a good crowd in attendance and Dr. Niimori and the Band treated them all to a fine performance.

As some of you probably know, one of the main things that sets Jazz apart from other musical genres is improvisation. Improvisation is creating, in the moment, a melody over the chord changes of the song. The musician composes an original musical idea during the live performance. This is extremely challenging and intimidating. Our cadets are not only learning how to do this, they displayed poise, confidence and a good knowledge of their instruments in their performance.

I was really proud of the how they did and I would encourage all of us to give them a "pat on the back" for doing such a good job and for representing NMMI in such an "up-beat" way (pun intended).



Kent C. Taylor, CEFP
Director of Facilities
New Mexico Military Institute



The NMMI band is going to perform a mini-concert at Bronco Plaza on Nov. 4 (Sat) 10-1045am for Open House. Then, finally, the choir, concert and jazz bands are going to have their final concert at Pearson on Nov. 9 (Thru) at 7pm. This show will be the grand finale of this Fall semester. If you are in Roswell please try and check them all out!



TAPS

August	Beckwith	2018	HS	29-Sep-23
Robert	Boyd	I944	HS	02-Sep-23
Paul	Fox	I980	JC	27-Sep-23
Thomas	Johnson	I955	JC	23-Sep-23
George	Lull	I96I	JC	29-Sep-23
Mark	Macaron	I972	JC	04-Oct-23
John	Mandril	I993	HS	I8-Oct-23
Jose	Martinez	I998	JC	05-Oct-23
Paul	Messenger	2000	HS	
Sam	Murray	I959	HS	22-Sep-23
Theodore	Sahd	I959	HS	05-Oct-23
Charles	Wolf	I970	JC	I7-Jul-I9

Alumni Reported Deceased Since Last Publication September 10, 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.





ARO'S OPERATING HOURS



IT WAS FANTASTIC TO SEE ALL THE ALUMNI, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS AT HOMECOMING. PLEASE STOP BY ANY TIME DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS:

Monday - Friday 0730-1630

November 27 to December 15

Limited Business Hours

Monday - Friday 0730-1500

ARO WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS 2023

THANKSGIVING: NOVEMBER 20-24

CHRISTMAS BREAK: DECEMBER 18 - JANUARY 1, 2024

