



From the Director's Desk

ATTENTION IN THE AREA, ATTENTION OFF POST

A centennial celebration or 100 years, those both go hand in hand. NMMI was founded in 1891 but this year we will celebrate the 100th Homecoming in the history of NMMI. Let that sink in for a second. I know for me my mind begins to wander and my curiosity grows. What was going on in 1924? Let's take a quick look into the past and see how much the world has changed from that very first homecoming celebration.

- · Calvin Coolidge was President of the United States in 1924.
- · Joseph Stalin became the leader of the Soviet Union in 1924.
- · Wheaties cereal and Milky Way candy bars were introduced in 1924.
- · US numbered highway system started in 1926.
- · Amelia Earhart crossed the Atlantic in 1928.
- · Wall Street crashed in 1929.
- · Empire State building was completed in 1931.
- · WWII started in 1939.
- · McDonalds was founded in 1940.
- · WWII ended in 1945.
- \cdot NATO was founded in 1949.
- · Korean War starts in 1950.
- \cdot US launches first satellite in 1958.
- · Berlin wall was built in 1961.
- · JFK assassinated in 1963.
- · Dr. Martin Luther King assassinated in 1968.
- · Moon landing in 1969.
- · Nixon resigns in 1974.
- · The internet was born in 1983.
- · Berlin wall falls in 1989.
- · War in the Middle Fast starts in 1991.
- · Amazon is born in 1994.
- · International space station opens in 2000.
- · 9/11 2001.
- · Barack Obama was elected as President of the United States in 2009.
- \cdot COVID-19 arrives in 2020.

All of this and more has transpired over the last 100 years, but NMMI has remained a constant and consistent Military Educational Institution. We are looking forward to this homecoming celebration, a chance to remember that "Tradition Never Graduates" and also a chance to embrace change. Homecoming has been scheduled for 16–19 October, more information will be sent out as we quickly approach these dates. We look forward to seeing you all there as we prepare for the next 100 years.

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Director of Alumni Relations and Institutional Advancement





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Hello from the NMMI Alumni Relations and Institutional Advancement staff! We are excited to connect with you and help you stay connected to the NMMI family. As an NMMI alumnus, you are an important member of the family, and we are committed to keeping you engaged and informed.

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Monday - Friday 0730-1630

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Our Latest After Hours

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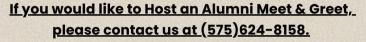
REMINDER REFUND POLICY

To receive a full refund, you must submit a written request no later than <u>(4) weeks</u> before the event date. No refunds will be given if the request is received after this timeframe.

Due to budgeting and commitments to third-party vendors for headcount, all requests for refunds must be submitted in writing to Destini Hernandez via email at Dhernandez@nmmi.edu.







Local Roswell Alumni After Hours

26 March (Roswell Country Club)
25 April (NMMI, Quarters 1)
Integrated with Motorcycle Rally
23 May (Roswell Chamber of Commerce)

11 July (Peppers Patio)
22 August (Liberty Patio)

27 September (NMMI, Quarters 1)

Integrated with General's Cup Social

17 October (NMMI, Quarters 1)

Integrated with Homecoming

19 November (Roswell Country Club)

* All Roswell After Hours events begin at 1800 hours

NEW MEXICO EVENTS

Rajun Cajun 06 March Burgers Orell 17 May Ingram BBQ 17 August

HTTPS://ALMPUBO.WIXSITE.COM/NMMIALUMNIRELATION





LUNCH WITH ALUMS

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The Alumni Relations Team has kicked off monthly "Lunch with Alums", where alumni gather at the DLC to share stories, fostering a positive environment for our future alumni. We are thrilled to announce two successful and enjoyable luncheons so far. Our next gathering with alumni is scheduled for March 28th at 1130 to 1300. We are actively seeking alumni who are eager to contribute motivational and positive stories from their time at the Old Post for this upcoming event. If you are interested, please reach out to Adam Villegas '88JC at villegas@nmmi.edu . Due to limited seating let him know ASAP if you want to attend.







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Academics- She Blinded Me with Science!

"NMMI is one of the finest institutions in New Mexico." ~COL Jose Porras, NMMI 1997 JC, Vice Dean

The **NMMI Robotics Team** excelled at the Albuquerque Robotics League Championship on Feb. 10th, winning all three morning qualification matches and advancing through the elimination tournament to reach the Semi-Finals. They also secured 2nd place in the Driver Skills tournament.

The team's success not only showcased their skills but also highlighted their positive interactions with other teams, enhancing the reputation of the NMMI Robotics Team. As a result, they've qualified for the 2024 New Mexico VRC State Championship in Albuquerque on March 9th. #NMMI #WeAreNMMI

NMMI transformed into a hub of scientific exploration! Hosting the **New Mexico Network** for Women in Science and Engineering in VMV and DLC, cadets and NM Tech students led engaging hands-on activities, sparking excitement and learning among young women.

Students from the **Intermediate Preparatory Academy** joined NMMI's cadets for a science day on campus! It was a day filled with fun, new knowledge and bonding through science. #NMMI #WeAreNMMI







2024 Ruppert-Burton Speech Competition

A huge "Thank you" to all of the judges who helped to judge the Ruppert-Burton Speech Contest, and to volunteer their time and energy on Friday, February 16th and Saturday, February 17th. It was a huge success and it would not have been possible without your help.

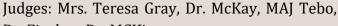
Thanks to all who came and supported the cadets who participated. They all did amazing! Next year will be even bigger and better.

A huge congratulations to the winners of the Ruppert-Burton Speech Contest:

1st Place \$575.00
Alehi Musani
2nd Place \$400.00
Ben Hopes
3rd Place \$300.00
Liam Graham and John Williams
(Partners)



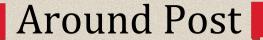




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On February 13th, China King graciously hosted cadets for a vibrant celebration of the Chinese New Year! The cadets had an absolute blast, indulging in the delightful array of traditional dishes. #WeAreNMMI

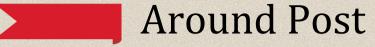


Snow day shenanigans at NMMI! Cadets dive into snowball battles and snowman building with one snowman over 10 feet tall! #NMMI #WeAreNMMI









On Friday, 23 February 2024, the JROTC JPA went super well. This year, our JROTC cadets' goal was to score a 96% average and out do the score received last year which was a 91%. This year, the cadets performed on all fronts and out did their previous score and current goal. Our NMMI JROTC JPA score was a 97% overall average, surpassing both and thus allowing them to continue with their (HUD) Honor Unit of Distinction classification/recognition. Our JROTC Cadet Leadership and our JROTC Senior Leadership are nothing but superb. Congratulations to all for your continued hard work and dedication.

COL Jose C. Porras, NMMI '97JC Vice Dean of Academics/ High School Principal New Mexico Military Institute

2024 ESPORTS









Unlocking the Power of Recurring Gifts: Empowering the Future of NMMI

As we embark on another transformative year at the New Mexico Military Institute, NMMI, we are reminded of the incredible impact our collective support has on shaping the lives of cadets and enhancing the educational experience they receive. At the heart of this support lies the NMMI Annual Fund, a vital resource that sustains the Institute's mission of academic excellence, leadership development, and character building.

Today, we invite you to consider the power of recurring gifts to the NMMI Annual Fund and the profound difference they make in the lives of cadets. Recurring gifts are not just financial contributions; they are investments in the future of our institution and the young men and women who walk the halls with determination and purpose.

Here's why recurring gifts matter:

Consistent Impact: Recurring gifts provide a stable and predictable source of funding, allowing NMMI to plan ahead with confidence. This consistent support enables us to maintain high-quality academic programs, modernize facilities, and offer scholarships to deserving cadets, ensuring that they have access to the resources they need to succeed.

Empowering Opportunities: By committing to a recurring gift, you empower cadets to seize opportunities that may otherwise be out of reach. Whether it's participating in extracurricular activities, pursuing research opportunities, or engaging in leadership development programs, your support opens doors for cadets to grow, learn, and excel in all aspects of their lives.

Building a Stronger Community: Recurring gifts strengthen the bond between alumni, parents, faculty, staff, and friends of NMMI. Each recurring gift represents a vote of confidence in our institution and a commitment to its continued success. By joining together in support of the Annual Fund, we demonstrate the power of community and our shared dedication to shaping the future leaders of tomorrow.

Easy and Convenient: Setting up a recurring gift is simple and convenient. With just a few clicks or a phone call, you can establish a regular donation schedule that fits your budget and preferences. Whether you choose to give monthly, quarterly, or annually, your contribution will make a meaningful difference in the lives of cadets.

As we look ahead to the future of NMMI, we invite you to join us in making a lasting impact through recurring gifts to the Annual Fund. Together, we can ensure that the legacy of excellence and leadership at NMMI continues to thrive for generations to come.

Start your recurring gift today!

Phone: Destini Hernandez, Gift Processor, 575-624-8254

Online: https://alumni.nmmi.edu/give-now/

Thank you for your unwavering support of the New Mexico Military Institute.

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NMMI Sports



NMMI Sports Press

Colt soccer head coach John Barbour '91HS, '93JC waited a long time to win his first blue trophy, and the accolades keep rolling in.

Barbour was named State Coach of the Year for small public schools by the United Soccer Coaches in January and was recently named the USC Regional Coach of the Year for small public schools in the Far West region for the 2023 fall season.

United Soccer Coaches, the world's largest soccer coaches' organization serving all levels of play, honors players and coaches each year at the state, regional and national level. Six small school coaches were recognized regionally for the fall season.

Brito takes two bronze medals at state, Olvera finishes career with two school records

NMMI Sports Press

First-year cadet Danilo Brito capped off his first swim season at NMMI with two bronze medals at the NMAA State Swimming and Diving Championships in Albuquerque on Saturday. During preliminary races on Friday, Brito qualified third in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 22 seconds, then shaved .36 seconds off that time in the finals Saturday with a 21.74. In the 100-yard freestyle, Brito finished fifth in prelims with a 48.48 second run, then swam more than a second faster in the finals to move up two spots and capture another bronze. Brito also swam anchor for NMMI's 200-yard freestyle relay team consisting of Santiago Camou, Jonah Pinon and John Sandoval. Senior Mary Kathryn Olvera finished off her high school swimming career with a seventh place showing in the 100-yard freestyle and 15th in the 50-yard free. Olvera made the 50-yard finals field with a 15th place finish among 33 swimmers in the prelims, then held that position in the finals. Her prelim time of 26.05 further cemented her school record that she set at the district meet two weeks ago. Olvera also set a new NMMI record in the 500-yard freestyle at the district meet with a time of 5:56.82.





Junior powerlifter Sam McCargish took first place in the 308lb class at the Capitan Powerlifting Meet on Friday with a total weight of 1195 pounds. He achieved new personal bests in deadlift and back squat, further cementing his school record in back squat at 440lbs.

McCargish is ranked No. 1 in the state in the 275lb class for Classes 1A-3A!





IPA



NMMI IPA Has amazing Job Opportunities Available



New Mexico Military Institute Employment Opportunity

Faculty - IPA (P.E. Instructor & Athletic/Sports Coach)

About the Intermediate Preparatory Academy: New Mexico Military Institute's (NMMI) middle grades school, Intermediate Preparatory Academy (IPA), offers a unique curriculum incorporating immersive/intensive and hands-on learning experiences within a structured environment. In Fall 2024, IPA will extend its enrollment to include 6th, 7th, and 8th grades, with a total enrollment of approximately 90 students.

<u>Position:</u> The Physical Education (PE) Instructor and athletic/Sports Coach at the Intermediate Preparatory Academy (IPA) will fulfill a multifaceted role focused on the physical development, fitness, and overall well-being of students typically aged between 11 and 14 years. This person will provide instruction in physical activities with a primary focus on life-long wellness/bodily health/mental health. The PE Instructor must fulfill at least one athletic/sports coaching assignment per academic school year. This is an exempt, 9-month, full-time position. The salary is based on experience and education level. The job description is available upon request.

Tasks:

- Designing and implementing a physical education curriculum that aligns with the NMMI-IPA mission.
- Encouraging all students to participate in physical activities, regardless of skill level.
- Educating students about the importance of a healthy lifestyle, including physical fitness, nutrition, and mental well-being.
- Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

Required:

- Bachelor's degree with a concentration in Physical Education, related discipline, or equivalent evidence of subject area knowledge.
- Teaching license or equivalent evidence of pedagogical knowledge.
- Two years of Physical Education teaching experience at the middle school level or equivalent evidence of ability
- CDL or willingness to obtain one.
- New Mexico coaching license.

Preferred:

- Master's degree.
- Interscholastic Coaching Experience.

Essential Skills:

- Staying current with developments in physical education and health education.
- Participating in professional development opportunities and workshops.
- Work under the direction of the IPA Head of School and NMMI Athletic Director to promote health, fitness, teamwork, and exemplary leadership.

Why Should You Apply?

- · Small class sizes and a diverse student body.
- Opportunity to participate in the collaborative development of a curriculum that is unique (not governed by New Mexico PED) and rigorous.
- Excellent pay and benefits, including medical, dental, vision, life, and retirement through the State of New Mexico.

How to Apply: Send a detailed cover letter addressing your experience in relation to the essential skills listed above, along with a resume, application, transcripts, and three letters of recommendation to the NMMI HR Office located in Luna Hall, 101 W College Blvd, Roswell, NM, 88201, or email to employment@nmmi.edu. Applications are located at: https://www.nmmi.edu/human-resources/employment-opportunities/ NMMI is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Crossed Sabers Society





The Crossed Sabers Society was created to support New Mexico Military Institute by recognizing the Institute's most dedicated and loyal supporters. The objectives of the Society are as follows:

- To establish a select group of long-term benefactors who have a clear and tangible interest in supporting the Institute both financially and through personal influence.
- To provide a visible and prestigious means to honor and recognize the Institute's leading supporters.
- To form a national network of influential community leaders who are informed advocates of Institute causes.
- To entice annual involvement and to showcase a lifetime of support

The Crossed Sabers Society's objective will be to enrich the total Institute educational process, thereby enhancing the long-term value of an Institute education and helping ensure that the graduate remains a recognized and respected leader in society.

This annual membership begins on the date the qualifying amount is reached. Donations are cumulative. All levels receive a Custom challenge coin, alumni flag, and invitations to Crossed Sabers Society events.

CROSSED SABERS SOCIETY GIVING LEVELS



NMMI Champion (\$100,000 +)



★★★ NMMI Distinguished (\$50,000-\$99,999)

☆ NMMI Benefactor (\$25,000-\$49,999)



★ NMMI Sustaining Member (\$10,000-\$24,999)

NMMI Member (\$5,000-\$9,999)

NMMI Annual Fellowship (\$1,000 minimum)





Beth '89HS & Pete Lee '89HS '91JC

Pete and I met while matriculating with our parents in 1987. We began as friends and got to know each other through classes that we had together, and quality time spent on Tour Squad together. We graduated from High School in 1989. Pete returned to NMMI for junior college while I left for a different college.

I returned for Homecoming in the Fall of 1990. It was during Homecoming that Pete and I began to date. I went to Pete's family's house for the holidays that year, and we continued a long-distance relationship, seeing each other during Pete's breaks from NMMI. After he graduated from Junior College in 1991, we got married in 1992.

We have been married 31 years and have three boys.





Laura '95HS '97JC & Rico LaPorte '94HS '96JC

Rico and I met at NMMI in 1993. Rico was a Centennial High School Cadet and I began my time at NMMI in 1993 for High School. I don't recall our exact meeting, but we had mutual friends in common. Rico was the ISGT in the troop next to mine. After I turned, we began to date. The first time we spent time together was at Final Ball at the end of my RAT year. We started dating and never stopped. After graduating from NMMI, we left for San Antonio to finish college together. After seven years of dating, we were married on September 1, 2001, and have been married for the past 22 years.







Dominic Diosdado '93JC and Catherine Fuller '93JC

We met as Centennial Rats in the Fall of 1991 as PIXIE's (HQ). We both came from opposite ends of the east side of New Mexico (He from Las Vegas and I was from Hobbs). As many know, HQ spends a LOT of time together before, during, and after school...INCLUDING holidays (like Spring Break) as the band traveled to California to march at Disneyland. Our very first official date was to Phantom of the Opera in California!! Not many first dates can top that!

We dated the following year, graduated from NMMI together, and continued college at NMSU in Las Cruces for the next three years. Upon my graduation, I returned to Hobbs to start her career as a social worker while Dominic remained in Las Cruces. At this point, we took a 17-year "sabbatical." We both married other people, had children of our own, and divorced. In May 2013, as fate might have it, we were both single at the same time and re-connected through Facebook. The REST is history and the present moment. We have been together since! We chose to get married in July 2022...and guess where?! The NMMI Chapel...where it ALL started.

In 1989 we were voted as the couple most likely to have 10 kids in 10 years (we have 8 with bonus children and biological children).





Amber '09JC & Carlos Marrujo '07JC Amber and I both attended NMMI but at different times. I came to NMMI for junior college in 2005-2007 and played Bronco baseball. Amber attended NMMI junior college 2007-2009 and played on the Bronco volleyball team for

Coach Shelby Forchtner. Amber

graduated as Salutatorian.

Amber and I began dating the summer before I started NMMI in 2005. Our first date was on June 6, 2005, we went for ice cream and a walk at the park. We dated from that day forward and have never been apart. We were married on June 8, 2013.







ZoeAnn '08 HS & Jonathon Allen '10JC

ZoeAnn attended NMMI for high school from 2004-2008. I started in the Fall of 2007 as a freshman in junior college. ZoeAnn was my Cadre in Alpha Troop, so she yelled at me! "It was love at first SHOUT," haha.

We did not date while here at NMMI. Though, I could tell she had a 'thing for me' because she always blushed whenever I said something. My other RAT buddies and I ALWAYS knew how to get her and her roommate to crack a smile and stop yelling at us! As cadets, we became good friends; that was all that transpired. She was interested in me first! I only saw her as a friend and did not want a relationship.

After NMMI, we went our separate ways. I got married at a young age, 23, and divorced after a year and a half. Throughout the years, ZoeAnn would keep tabs on me via Facebook. In May 2021, ZoeAnn commented on a memory I had reposted of myself and my NMMI roommate. One thing led to another, and we started talking. Next thing you know, we were constantly texting/talking on the phone. She lived in Artesia then, and I was in Victoria, Texas.

I remember vividly, about a week before she commented on the picture, I talked honestly with my parents about getting married again and how much I longed for genuine companionship. My parents and I prayed that God would bring someone into my life. Lo and behold, it was a week later that ZoeAnn re-entered my life! Our first date was long distance. It was a phone date in which we watched 10 Things I Hate About You.

Later that year, at my family's Thanksgiving gathering and with her parents present, I proposed to ZoeAnn! She moved to Victoria, Texas, and we started planning the wedding. We were married in the NMMI Alumni Chapel on November 12, 2022! (11/12/22)

We officially moved back to Roswell, NM, on July 1, 2023. I took the job as an assistant pro at the NMMI Golf Course and am now starting to work with the Bronco (JC) golf team! ZoeAnn and I are expecting our first child, a daughter, Georgia Gunn Allen. She is due June 16, 2024 (Father's Day).











Attention all alumni! In Honor of Spring Break around the corner, the Alumni Relations Office is currently seeking submissions for your favorite Spring Break memories during your time as a cadet at New Mexico Military Institute. We invite you to share your most cherished experiences and stories from your cadet days at New Mexico Military Institute. Whether it's a memorable camping trip, an adventure with fellow cadets, or a special moment of camaraderie, we want to hear about the highlights of your time at NMMI. Your submissions will help us celebrate the bonds of friendship, adventure, and camaraderie that define the NMMI experience. Please take a moment to share your favorite memories and help us create a vibrant tapestry of cadet life at NMMI. We look forward to hearing from

you!
Submission Guidelines:

1.Attach Photos (If you have good ones, wink)
2.Write a short narrative
3.Include your name & class year

Alumnioffice@nmmi.edu



"The Old Post"

In 1991, the New Mexico Military Institute commemorated its Centennial Year. During this milestone, Cadet Regimental Commander Andras M. Marton '89HS '91JC (Colonel, US Army) honored NMMI by dedicating a marble installation with the words to "The Old Post" in Bronco Plaza. For thirty-three years amidst the elements of Southeastern New Mexico, this monument has warmly received countless cadets and welcomed back alumni. However, as time passed, the installation began to show signs of wear. With the help of COL. Andras Marton, the decision was made to replace the installation to safeguard the rich history and legacy of NMMI for future generations.

The total cost of this project, covering production, installation, and ensuring the longevity of the new installation, amounted to \$6,500. While many initiatives at NMMI receive financial support, unique projects like this rely on additional funding sources. Your generous contribution can significantly offset the expenses associated with preserving this significant piece of NMMI's heritage.

To make a donation, please visit our online donation portal and note your gift for: *The Old Post* or contact Destini Hernandez at 575-624-8254. Your support not only contributes to the conservation of NMMI's history, but also reaffirms your commitment to the ongoing excellence of our institution.

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TAPS

RICHARD	N.	ADAMS	1946 HS	14-Jan-24
BEN	F.	Меек	1950 JC	05-Гев-24
Lathe	Burton	Row	1951 JC	20-Jan-24
Ј они	L.	GARCIA	1953 SC	
CHARLES	R.	BURAND	1955 HS	19-Jan-24
CHARLES	W.	WILKS	1955 HS	08-Jan-24
CHARLIE	C.	BIRNIE	1955 JC	04-Jan-24
GAVIN	D.	LITWILLER	1955 JC	28-DEC-23
RICHARD	HENRY	Bradshaw	1957 HS	12-DEC-23
GERALD	D.	Neff	1957 HS	04-Гев-24
Paul	H.	RUEHLE	1958 JC	
JAMES	В.	TRUSSELL	1960 JC	20-Ост-24
WILLIAM	DONNELL	KLEIN	1961 HS	13-Jan-24
Јони	T.	JENSEN	1961 JC	03-Jan-24
WILLIAM		Тномаѕ	1962 JC	28-Jan-24
DARRELL	E.	McDonald	1966 HS	25-Jan-24
STEVEN	W.	KITTEL	1967 JC	26-Jan-24
FREDERICH	Α.	GERBER	1969 HS	22-Jun-23
GREGORY	V.	Barrack	1982 JC	27-Jan-24
WAYNE	W.	WALTER	1985 JC	12-Jan-24
G EORGE	H.	Mendoza	1989 JC	23-Гев-24
JAMES	JOSEPH	FLORES	2004 HS	26-Jan-24
Во	ALLISTARE	GNEITING	2021 HS	21-Jan-24



Alumni Reported Deceased Since Last Publication January 31, 2024



A quote from the 1933 *Bronco* about 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."

