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WELCOME TO OUR Monthly E-Newsletter

From the Director's Desk

ATTENTION IN THE AREA, ATTENTION OFF POST

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. 2024 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 providing 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 accordingly. 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 it is 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.

Kris Ward 
Director of Alumni Relations and Institutional Advancement



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Institutional Advancement

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April FOOLS!

Meet the Team



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALUMNI RELATIONS & INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT



Adam Villegas '88 JC
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS



Janice Weed '93 HS
ANNUAL FUND OFFICER



Karla Juarez
COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR



Alicia Morales
ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST



SPECIAL EVENTS COORDINATOR



Destini Hernandez
GIFT PROCESSOR/FINANCIAL LIAISON

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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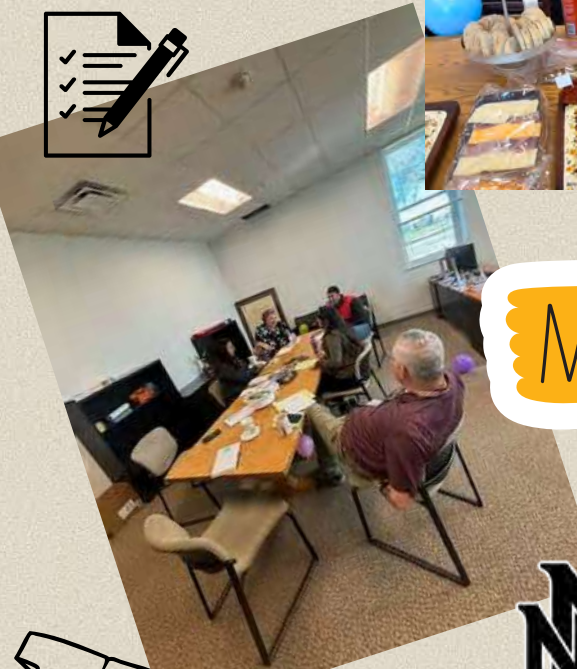
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Fun In The Alumni Office



MEETING



TEAM



DREAM TEAM

HEY FELLOW ALUMNI! HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHO'S BEHIND ALL THOSE AWESOME EVENTS WE GET INVITED TO? WELL, IT'S US! WE'RE THE DEDICATED TEAM IN THE ALUMNI RELATIONS OFFICE, AND WE'RE HERE TO MAKE SURE OUR ALMA MATER STAYS CONNECTED AND VIBRANT.

LED BY KRIS WARD, OUR DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS, WE'RE ALL ABOUT INFUSING EVERY EVENT WITH CREATIVITY, POSITIVITY, AND A BIG DOSE OF FUN. FROM EPIC HOMECOMING CELEBRATIONS TO INTIMATE NETWORKING MIXERS, WE'VE GOT SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE ON OUR EVENT CALENDAR.

BUT YOU KNOW WHAT'S JUST AS IMPORTANT TO US AS PLANNING AMAZING EVENTS? IT'S THOSE MONTHLY POTLUCK GATHERINGS WE HAVE! YUP, YOU HEARD THAT RIGHT—WE'RE ALL ABOUT GOOD FOOD AND GOOD COMPANY. OUR POTLUCKS AREN'T JUST ABOUT SHARING DELICIOUS DISHES; THEY'RE ABOUT BONDING WITH OUR AWESOME TEAM MEMBERS AND STRENGTHENING OUR SENSE OF CAMARADERIE.

OUR POTLUCKS ARE A CHANCE FOR US TO KICK BACK, RELAX, AND GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER. PLUS, WHO CAN SAY NO TO HOMEMADE LASAGNA AND BROWNIES?"

EVEN THOUGH WE'VE GOT A TON ON OUR PLATES (PUN INTENDED), WE MAKE SURE TO KEEP THE VIBE POSITIVE AND SUPPORTIVE. BECAUSE HEY, WHAT'S THE POINT OF PLANNING AWESOME EVENTS IF WE'RE NOT ENJOYING THE JOURNEY TOGETHER?

SO NEXT TIME YOU ATTEND ONE OF OUR EVENTS OR HEAR ABOUT OUR LATEST POTLUCK SHENANIGANS, KNOW THAT IT'S ALL THANKS TO THE HARD WORK AND POSITIVE ENERGY OF OUR AWESOME TEAM. WE'RE HERE TO KEEP OUR ALMA MATER'S SPIRIT ALIVE AND KICKING, ONE EVENT AND POTLUCK AT A TIME. CHEERS TO US, AND HERE'S TO MANY MORE FUN-FILLED GATHERINGS AHEAD!

-THE ALUMNI RELATIONS OFFICE



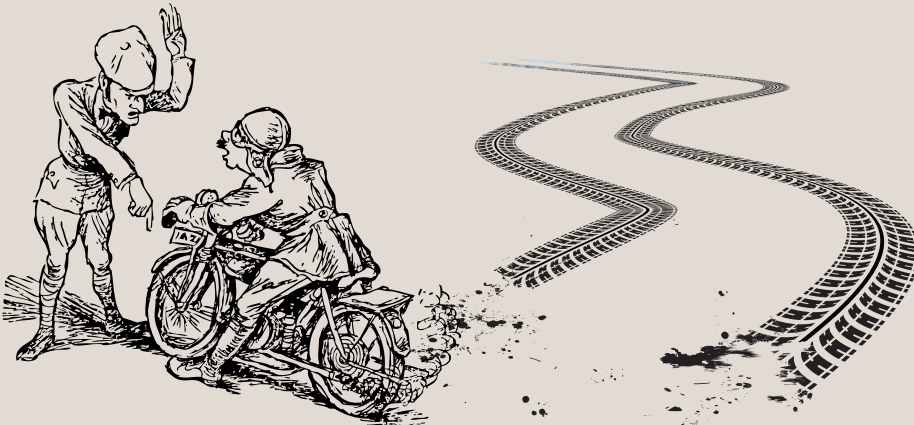
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Our Latest After Hours

MARCH 26, 2023
ROSWELL COUNTRY CLUB



Our Upcoming After Hours



RSVP NOW



NMMI ALUMNI
**APRIL
AFTER
HOURS**
4|25|2024
18:00
QUARTERS ONE
NMMI ALUMNI
MOTORCYCLE RALLY
& AFTER HOURS



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**UPCOMING
EVENTS 2024**
NMMI ALUMNI DATES ARE LOCKED!

- APR 25-28** MOTORCYCLE RALLY
- JUN 11-15** TRAIL RIDE
- AUG 9-11** ATV ADVENTURE
- SEP 27-29** GENERAL'S CUP
- OCT 16-19** 2024 HOMECOMING

Save the Date!
More Information will be posted

REMINDER REFUND POLICY

To receive a full refund, you must submit a written request no later than **(4) weeks** 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.



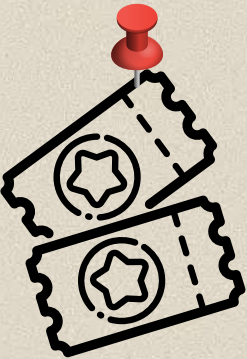
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JOIN US!
Las Cruces, NM
April 12, 2024

NMMI ALUMNI MEET & GREET
 18:00 - 20:00
 Hor d'oeuvres Served
 Cash Beverages

Rio Grande Winery
 5321 N Highway 28
 Las Cruces, New Mexico





NMMI ALUMNI OFFICE PRESENTS

NMMI ALUMNI MOTORCYCLE RALLY

ROSWELL NM

25-28 APRIL 2024

REGISTRATION OPEN
 \$160 Per Rider |
 \$175 Per Rider (At The Door)

MEETING POINT
 April 25th 5:00PM: Welcome Reception
 101 W College Blvd, Roswell, NM 86201 Quarters One

BOOK YOUR SPOT NOW!
 (NO CADETS AND NO ONE UNDER THE AGE 21)

Motorcycle Rally Store
 Place your order by April 11th for Motorcycle Rally Registration pickup.
 Choose "Pick up" at checkout.





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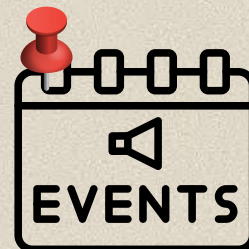
RANCH

34TH ANNUAL NMMI
TRAIL RIDE
 REGISTRATION OPEN
 11 TH - 15 TH JUNE, 2024

SADDLE UP & JOIN THE FUN!

\$550 FULL RIDE





[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)



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Alumni Meet & Greets

- Las Cruces, NM - April 12
- Colorado Springs - 17 July
- Denver, Co - 19 July
- Missouri - 24 August
- San Antonio, TX - 10 October

New Mexico Events

- Rajun Cajun 06 April
- Burgers Orell 17 May
- Ingram BBQ 17 August



If you would like to Host an Alumni Meet & Greet, please contact us at (575)624-8158.



Local Roswell Alumni After Hours

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

Albuquerque Chapter Alumni Event | APRIL 6th

ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER ALUMNI

Ragin' Cajun Mardi Gras Spring Fling #7

Saturday, 6 April 2024 starting at 3pm

At the Beautiful Home of Greg Peebles '77JC & Denise Kawas
10901 Oakland NE 87122
(North of Paseo del Norte, East off of Eubank)

Save The Date & don't miss this FREE Chapter event!

Please Join Us For The Seventh Annual Free Albuquerque Chapter Alumni Event!

RSVP by email to Karen Wall at logos68540@gmail.com or Randy McMullen at randym@spinn.net. Please provide class, # attending, contact information

This Fun & Festive Event will feature a Mardi Gras theme with Cajun Cuisine & Zydeco Music... ..and it is all FREE!!!



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Pathway to Achievement

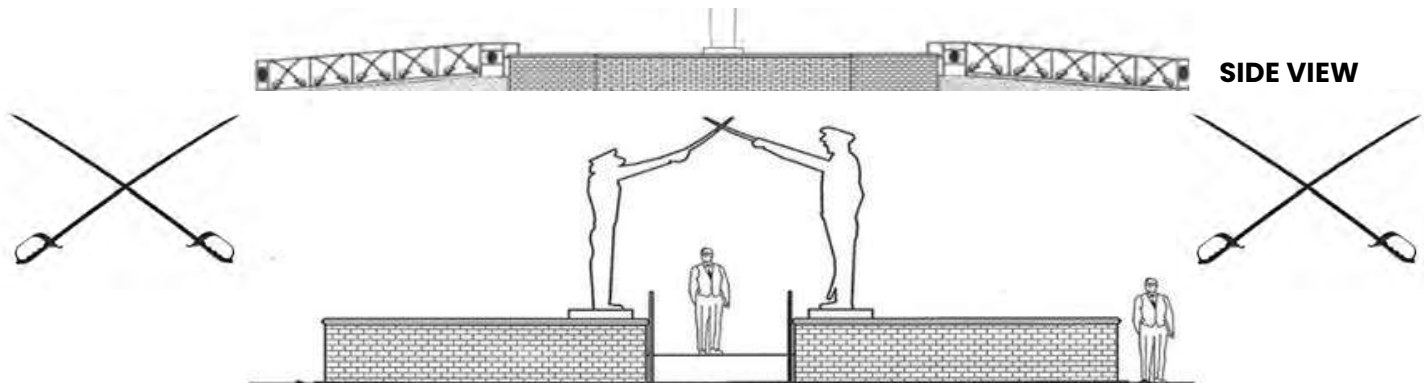



Secure your spot in NMMI History.

Be a part of the rich NMMI History by having your name mounted on the NEW Pathway to Achievement when you sponsor a saber. The saber will be located on the railing of the walkway. The crossed saber path will lead visitors to and from the 'Old Post' at the corner of Main & College. Sponsor a saber for \$2,500.00. ONLY 40 sabers exist for this special project.



EXAMPLE BELOW



For more information visit our WIX Store or call,  Adam Villegas (575) 624-8158

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Spring Break Stories



From:
Anonymous

Spring Break. Most NMMI cadets dreamt of beaches, not boot camp. But not Fiona "Fireworks" Fernandez. Fiona yearned for...explosions. So, armed with a backpack full of "educational fireworks" (wink wink) "borrowed" from the chemistry lab and her trusty slingshot, she set off for the nearby White Sands National Park.

Her mission? Paint the desert sky with a synchronized light show worthy of the Fourth of July. After a thrilling (and slightly perilous) night of launching rockets and Roman candles, Fiona stood back, mesmerized by the kaleidoscope of color against the inky black canvas. Suddenly, a pair of headlights emerged, followed by a booming "Hold it right there!"

Busted? Not quite. It turned out to be a park ranger, a former NMMI sergeant with a soft spot for pyrotechnics (in his youth, of course). He confiscated the "educational materials" but, impressed by Fiona's creativity (and maybe a touch of nostalgia), offered her a deal: a supervised fireworks display on Independence Day. Fiona, grinning like a firecracker about to ignite, readily agreed. Spring break might not have been a beach getaway, but Fiona got her explosions after all.





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This sunbathing picture was definitely taken in the Spring, mid to late 70's, though I can't honestly say it was actually during a Spring Break. I do know that the parade field behind Hagerman Barracks was a very popular spot for sunbathing on weekends, Spring Break, and any other time we could catch some rays. That field held extra special memories for me over the years for one story in particular - One of my very closest friends while at the Hill was Evelyn (Hare) Crowley, who owned a horse she kept at her house in town. (No zoning laws back then I suppose.) One weekend I mounted him bareback, in civies of course, and road him from her house all the way to the rear sallyport of Hagerman Barracks. The O.D. came running across the compound, intent on "catching" me, a very vivid recollection what with his saber clanking every step as he ran. I waited until he was about half way across the compound, still far enough away for me not to be recognized, and I turned and galloped away. I was never caught, and incidentally, in the five years spent there, I n-e-v-e-r walked one tour. I was as wild as the next, but in my case, no Tach Officer could ever catch me doing something wrong, LOL! I did spend a Spring Break or two at the Hill, rather than going back home to Louisiana, so sure... these events c-o-u-l-d have happened during Spring Break. Just sayin!!

Larry W. Williams
 NMMI 1965-70





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Spring Break Stories



From:
Anonymous



PART 1



The New Mexico sun beat down on Roswell, turning the NMMI campus into a concrete oven. Spring Break beckoned, a siren song for cadets yearning for escape. But not just any escape. This year, four unlikely heroes found themselves on a mission unlike any drill sergeant ever dreamed up. There was Miguel "Speedy" Gonzales, the wisecracking speed demon with a beat-up Toyota pickup he affectionately called "La Cucaracha." Then there was Beatrice "Buzz" Rodriguez, the tactical genius with a knack for hotwiring anything with a pulse. Joining them were the twins, Marco and Maria Ramirez, masters of disguise and purveyors of dubious gadgets from their basement "Mad Scientist Lab." Their target? Not some dusty battlefield, but Roswell's infamous Area 51. Legends whispered of aliens, government conspiracies, and technology beyond imagination. Armed with Buzz's meticulously planned infiltration route (complete with strategically placed cow carcasses), Speedy's La Cucaracha (modified with the Ramirez twins' "super-duper muffler" to avoid detection), and a backpack full of questionable gadgets, they set off under the cover of a star-dusted night. The desert stretched before them, a vast canvas punctuated by cacti and the occasional tumbleweed. They navigated by Buzz's star chart (courtesy of a dusty astronomy textbook) and Marco's homemade night vision goggles (powered by hamster wheels and sheer ingenuity). Their first hurdle arrived in the form of a grumpy rancher and his equally grumpy herd of cows. Thanks to Maria's impressive rendition of a "distressed moai statue" (courtesy of a strategically placed sheet and some glow sticks), they managed to distract the rancher long enough to sneak past. Reaching the perimeter of Area 51 was no easy feat. Razor-wire fences gleamed under the moonlight, and laser beams danced a deadly ballet. But Buzz, a master of puzzles, had anticipated every obstacle. The Ramirez twins had provided a "laser deflection disco ball" (a repurposed disco ball with a thousand tiny mirrors) that scattered the beams, allowing them to slip through a conveniently unguarded ventilation shaft.

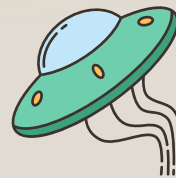


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From:
Anonymous



PART 2

Inside, the scene was pure sci-fi. Glowing tubes hummed with unknown energy, strange symbols flashed on holographic screens, and the air crackled with a sense of forbidden knowledge. Suddenly, a high-pitched alarm blared, red lights bathed the room, and a sleek metallic door slid open, revealing... a fluffy white cat with glowing green eyes. It stared at them, blinked, then...yawned. Turns out, the "aliens" were just highly advanced felines conducting interdimensional research (the cat apparently tripped the alarm while napping on a control panel). After a tense standoff and some well-placed tuna (courtesy of Speedy's ever-prepared snacks), the cat, who introduced itself as "Mittens," agreed to help them escape.

Mittens, it turned out, was quite bored with its research and craved adventure. Using a confiscated hoverboard (think skateboard meets UFO), they zipped through the facility, narrowly avoiding panicking scientists and bewildered security guards. As dawn approached, they blasted out of a conveniently placed hangar, leaving Area 51 in a cloud of dust and disbelief.

Back in Roswell, exhausted and exhilarated, they shared their story over greasy spoon breakfast burritos. No one believed them, of course. But the four cadets knew the truth. They had braved the desert, outsmarted the system, and befriended an interdimensional cat. Spring Break, New Mexico Military Institute style, was anything but ordinary.



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Bataan

On 16 March, at White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico, NMMI alums, friends, family and three teams of Early Commissioning Program cadets took part in honoring those of Bataan who perished and those who survived the Bataan Death March during World War II in 1942.

During the COVID years, the organizers of the Bataan Memorial Death March, established a way for the thousands of individuals who typically marched at White Sands Missile Range an option of marching virtually, in their home towns. This virtual option was available again this year, and alums represented NMMI in Tucson, Albuquerque, and Sumter, SC.

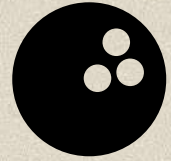
If you want to join the NMMI Team at Bataan in March of 2025, registration is open to sign up. Go to www.nmmialumniteam.com. In October, White Sands Missile Range will open early bird registration to sign up for the march itself. Click on the link to join the NMMI Team. Your friends and family can be a part of this experience to honor those of Bataan.

LTC Duran
Deputy Commandant for Training and Service





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Around Post

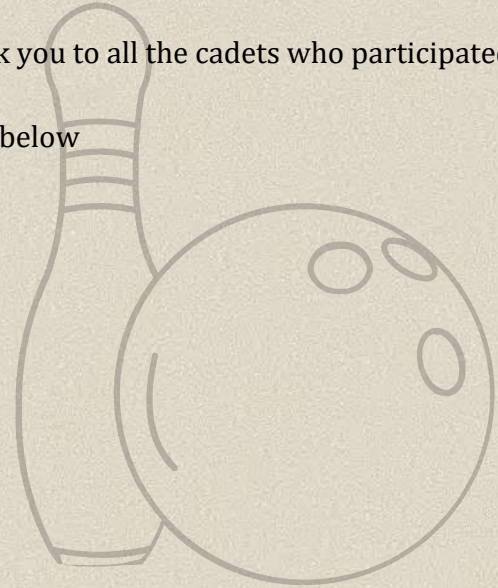
BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The NMMI Corps Bowling Tournament was a success. Thank you to all the cadets who participated.

Congratulations to the top teams with the combined scores below

- 1st Charlie 510
- 2nd Echo 504
- 3rd Hotel 497
- 4th Alpha 485
- 5th Golf 429
- 6th Delta 364
- 7th Bravo 358
- 8th Zulu 350
- 9th Fox 336



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Around Post



High school cadets from NMMI excel at 2024 Rio Grande Chemistry Olympiad! Competing against schools from southern New Mexico and west Texas, they showcased their chemistry prowess in individual tests and team labs. Kudos to Dr. Viltchinskaia and MAJ Villaraza for their coaching. Here are the results:

Written Exam General Division Only

3rd place: Luis Orozco

Forensics Team Experiment General Division Only

1st place: Team #1: Luis Orozco, Leon Kaufmann, Alex Cmerek

Titration Individual Experiment General Division Only

3rd place: Ezabelle Gomez

2nd place: Eloise Gabler

Qualitative Analysis Experiment USNCO Division Only

3rd place: NMMI #1: Isaac Armenta, Duy Nguyen

Qualitative Analysis Experiment General Division Only

3rd place: NMMI #3: Eloise Gabler, Serenity Oates

2nd place: NMMI #1: Luis Orozco, Leon Kaufmann, Alex Cmerek

Overall Team Competition General Division Only

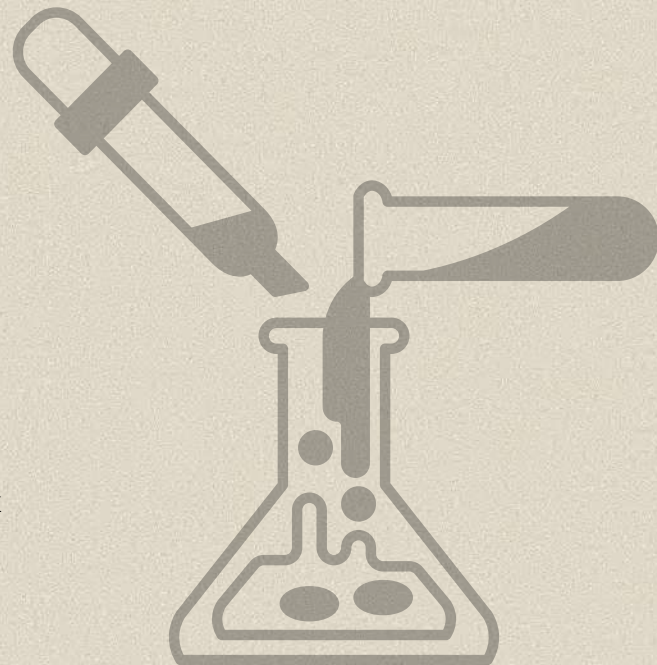
3rd place: NMMI #3: Eloise Gabler, Serenity Oates

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USNCO Qualifiers

Isaac Armenta. Duy Nguyen





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Around Post

Recently select cadets from NMMI's Concert Choir and Regimental Band traveled to Virginia to participate in the Military Schools Band and Choir Festival. The annual festival brings together cadet musicians from military schools across the country and was hosted this year by Virginia Military Institute. With two days of rehearsals, a combined choir and combined band comprised of all the cadet participants presented a formal concert at VMI. This year's Festival Choir was directed by NMMI's own LTC Tripp. Additionally, a drum major clinic and competition was held, led by the drum major of the United States Navy Band. NMMI's drum major CDT Taiki Prasertphon participated in the drum major competition. CDTs Eric Barry, Jessamine Wignall and Yanming Wu received silver medal awards for exceptional performance.



Phi Theta Kappa cadets recently volunteered at Military Heights to freshen up the paint on the sidewalk and basketball court. MAJ Marrujo led the efforts NMMI cadets gave up a Sunday afternoon to brighten up the playground!



ADMISSIONS IS HOSTING: [CLICK HERE FOR LIVE](#) LIVE Q&A with NMMI Cadets! NMMI cadets use their foundation to GO BEYOND! Join us on April 9 at 6:30PM MT (8:30PM ET) to hear from successful NMMI cadets who are using their NMMI education to shape amazing futures. Learn more about the academics, extracurriculars, leadership in the corps, and self-discovery that occurs while attending this nationally-ranked high school and junior college.

WATCH LIVE ON: 4/9/2024 6:30 PM MT (7:30PM CT, 8:30PM ET)

LIVE Q&A w/ NMMI CADETS

Join us for a session with some of NMMI's outstanding cadets who will share more about their journey at NMMI.

#AskNMMI



Type questions in the YouTube Chat during the live event or post on social media using #AskNMMI



TAPS

THOMAS	L.	JAMES	1947 HS	01-MAR-24
LEONARD	T.	FURLOW	1948 HS	26-FEB-24
PAUL	BYRON	JONES	1949 HS	17-FEB-24
JOHN	L.	GARCIA	1953 SCG	25-FEB-24
MICHAEL	B.	CAMPBELL	1966 HS	08-FEB-24
PETER	E.	LAVIN	1970 JC	28-FEB-24
LEON	C.	LEBOW	1972 JC	01-MAR-24
JOHN	MAX	ANDRESS	1974 JC	13-FEB-24



**Alumni Reported Deceased
February 30, 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.”

