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# WELCOME TO OUR MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER

From the Director's Desk

## ATTENTION IN THE AREA, ATTENTION OFF POST

### The Corps is Back in Town

I hope summer has treated everyone well and was enjoyable for all. The Alumni Relations Office has been busy as ever closing out events, planning upcoming events and preparing for the arrival of all the new recruits. Cadre arrived on July 19th and they have been busy go through training, embracing any changes or adjustments for the upcoming year and preparing to lead with integrity. BG McBurnette arrived on schedule July 1st and has been busy absorbing the rich tradition and history at NMMI while also taking the time to get to know the faculty and staff.

The Alumni ATV Adventure is nearly here, registration will remain open until August 8th and it is an amazing event hosted by Mark 82' HS & Stacy Hendricks. This is the 4th and final year they are hosting this event, the ranch is beautiful and the laid back atmosphere is one of a kind. The 13th Annual Generals Cup Golf Tournament and Scholarship Gala is also in full swing and registration/sponsorships have been pouring in for this event. We look to have another great turnout and hope to raise \$80-\$100K in scholarship funds for the Corps of Cadets. Lastly, registration for homecoming opened up on July 19th and we look forward to celebrating all of the classes ending in "4" and are excited to see all of the alumni, family and friends who attend. The schedule of events is out and can be found on the alumni web-site as well as on our social media platforms. Please note that we have limited seating for the honored class dinner and won't be able to allow walkups for that nights festivities. You can find all of this information and more by visiting <https://almpub0.wixsite.com/nmmialumnirelation> or on Facebook and Instagram.

Please keep us up to date and in the loop with all you have going on, your successes are our successes. We are excited to have an amazing academic year and look forward to all that it has to offer.

Sincerely,

Kris Ward

Director of Alumni Relations and Institutional Advancement



**Kris Ward**

Executive Director of  
Alumni Relations and  
Institutional Advancement

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## Meet the Team



**Kris Ward**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALUMNI RELATIONS  
& INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT



**Adam Villegas '88 JC**

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS



**Janice Weed '93 HS**

ANNUAL FUND OFFICER



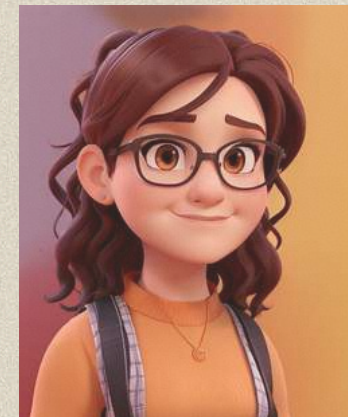
**Karla Juarez**

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR



**Alicia Morales**

ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST



**Leslie Palombi**

SPECIAL EVENTS COORDINATOR



**Destini Hernandez**

GIFT PROCESSOR/FINANCIAL LIAISON

Greetings from the NMMI Alumni Relations and Institutional Advancement team! We're thrilled to connect with you and help you stay in touch with the NMMI community. As an alumnus, you are a vital part of our family, and we're dedicated to keeping you engaged and informed.

**Alumni Relations Office**

**Monday - Friday 0730-1630**

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Center | Roswell, NM 88201**



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## INAUGURAL PRESIDENTIAL LETTER



### NEW MEXICO MILITARY INSTITUTE

Office of the President / Superintendent

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To the Cadets, Faculty, Staff, Parents, Alumni, Friends, and Supporters of NMMI,

I am extremely grateful to introduce myself as the twentieth President and Superintendent of New Mexico Military Institute. Since its beginning in 1891, this school has distinguished itself as a place of military and academic learning strengthened by meaningful traditions and a forward-looking obligation to the preparation of cadets for an ever-changing world.

I am excited to build upon the legacy of excellence and distinction established over the 134 years of the school's existence. Of note, I want to publicly express my profound gratitude to my predecessor, Major General (Ret.) Jerry Grizzle. During his presidency, General Grizzle led our Institute with great skill and dedication. His fifteen years of leadership significantly transformed the campus and positioned us for future progression.

With the beginning of a new school year, I know you are in the midst of a busy time. Members of the faculty and staff are settling into their respective routines. As you deal with getting off to another successful start to that new semester of a new year, I want each of you to remember that I am eager to get to know all of you as we start this new beginning together.

My journey in the military and academia has been driven by a commitment to promoting a dynamic learning environment. It is my goal to collaborate with our talented faculty, dedicated staff, and passionate cadets to advance academic excellence while instilling military discipline to enhance societal impact within our communities.

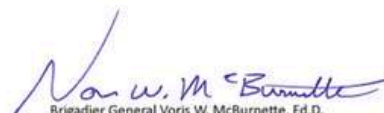
As President and Superintendent, your success, and the continued success of the Institute, is my priority. Every member of the NMMI community must be supported, respected, and have the resources necessary to thrive. I know there are already many people and initiatives at NMMI working toward that goal. It will be my responsibility to amplify those efforts, identify new ways to strengthen our community further, and promote the Institute's success.

Among a leader's many responsibilities, listening is the most important. During my first months as NMMI's President and Superintendent, we will implement an institution-wide listening tour that will include meetings with many groups, organizations, and leaders. Participation will be available for all cadets, faculty, and staff will be able to participate, and we will take the meetings on the road. Be on the lookout for meeting dates and times.

As we embark on this exhilarating new chapter, I am committed to engaging with our alumni community and enhancing the connection between the Institute and its graduates. Your accomplishments and contributions are evidence of the transformative influence of a New Mexico Military Institute education. I am eager to engage with you, learn from your experiences, and work collectively to support the next group of leaders from our institution. Our alumni serve as a vital part of our community, and we cannot fulfill our mission without your significant contributions.

Reach out to me with your opinions, concepts, and aims for your alma mater. Together, we will look to NMMI's future. Together, we will help make this great educational institution even greater.

Thank you, and best wishes for a successful conclusion to the fall semester!

  
Brigadier General Voris W. McBurnette, Ed.D.  
20<sup>th</sup> President and Superintendent



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# 2024 Trail Ride



Thank you to everyone who attended Trail Ride 2024, and a special thank you to our sponsors: David Crow 75HS 77JC, Roger Zimmerman 54HS, John Henderson 62HS 64JC, Jack Dillon 63HS 65JC, Greg Peebles 77JC, Tim Whalen, Charles "Chuck" Messing 62HS 65JC, Wilson Heidelberg, Seth Orell 60HS 62JC, Randall Brown 74HS, Dominic Serna, Christian Davis 04HS, Lance Easterling 83HS 85JC, Brad Christmas 70HS, George Mendoza 66JC, NMMI Foundation, L&F Distributors, Coca-Cola, and Roswell Livestock.





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# Alumni Meet & Greet

## Colorado Springs MEET & GREET



Thank  
you!  
**COLORADO**

## Denver Colorado MEET & GREET



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE IN THE COLORADO AREA WHO JOINED ADAM VILLEGAS JC 85-88, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS, AND JANICE WEED 93HS, ANNUAL FUND OFFICER, AT OUR MEET AND GREET WITH FELLOW ALUMS. YOUR PRESENCE MADE THE EVENT TRULY SPECIAL.





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# Alumni Upcoming Meet & Greet

**NMMI ALUMNI**

*Meet and*  
**GREET**

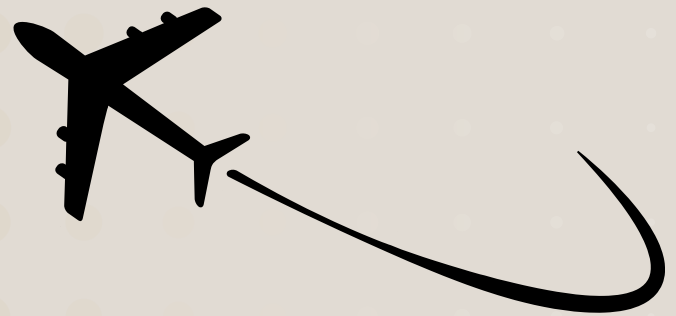
Alumni of NMMI in Fort Worth, Texas. This is a fantastic opportunity to reconnect with old friends and make new connections!

September 7, 2024  
**1800-2000 (6PM-8PM)**

Fred's Texas Cafe  
7101 Camp Bowie W. Blvd.  
Fort Worth TX 76116  
United States

*Hosted By:*  
**H. FIELDING CHANDLER**  
1985 HS / 1987 JC

Contact  
**817-291-8719**



**THIS EVENT IS NOT HOSTED BY  
THE ALUMNI RELATIONS OR  
ADVANCEMENT OFFICE; IT IS  
ORGANIZED BY FELLOW ALUMNI.  
PLEASE REACH OUT TO THEM  
DIRECTLY FOR MORE  
INFORMATION AND TO RSVP.  
THEY WOULD LOVE FOR YOU ALL  
TO ATTEND AND RECONNECT!**

BOONVILLE, MISSOURI

**Kemper Military  
School & College**  
Museum

**NMMI  
Alumni  
Meet &  
Greet**

**Saturday  
August  
24, 2024  
1800**

**Reconnect.  
Reminisce.  
Reunite.**

Address  
701 3rd St. Boonville, MO  
65233

Host: **Darrell Hoyland**  
CW3 USA (Ret)  
1981 HS

For More Information: **Contact (931) 624-4994**





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## 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](mailto:Dhernandez@nmmi.edu).





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# UPCOMING!

DEAR NMMI ALUMNI

ZOOM MEETING



**NMMI ALUMNI  
CONFERENCE CALL**

WE ARE PLEASED TO INFORM YOU THAT BG MCBURNETTE  
WILL ALSO BE JOINING THE CONFERENCE CALL.

**6-7 PM  
15  
AUG**

**MEETING ID: 951 0716 9877  
PASSCODE: 795302**

THIS CALL AIMS TO RECONNECT AND ENGAGE OUR  
ESTEEMED ALUMNI IN DISCUSSIONS ABOUT UPCOMING  
EVENTS AND INITIATIVES FOR OUR COMMUNITY. YOUR  
INSIGHTS AND PARTICIPATION ARE INVALUABLE AS WE  
CHART THE COURSE FOR OUR ALUMNI RELATIONS  
DEPARTMENT'S FUTURE. THE AGENDA INCLUDES  
UPDATES FROM THE NMMI ALUMNI RELATIONS  
DEPARTMENT, DISCUSSIONS ON FORTHCOMING EVENTS  
AND PROJECTS, AND A Q&A SESSION TO ADDRESS ANY  
QUERIES YOU MAY HAVE.

**JOIN  
ZOOM  
MEETING**



WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR OUR ALUMNI CONFERENCE CALL ON AUGUST 15TH  
FROM 6-7 PM. THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO RECONNECT WITH FELLOW  
ALUMNI AND HEAR FROM OUR SPECIAL GUEST, BG MCBURNETTE. DON'T MISS THIS  
CHANCE TO STAY INFORMED AND ENGAGED WITH THE NMMI COMMUNITY!





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[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](https://alumni.nmml.edu/generalscup)



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# HOMECOMING

## NMMI ALUMNI HOMECOMING

### ROARING 20S CLASS DINNER

OCTOBER

18

6:00 PM

Join us for a glamorous evening celebrating the 100-year anniversary of our alumni homecoming with a Roaring 20s theme at the Roswell Country Club! Honor the classes ending in 4 with style, food, and entertainment.

Dinner Registration closes October 7th, No Walk Up's Allowed.

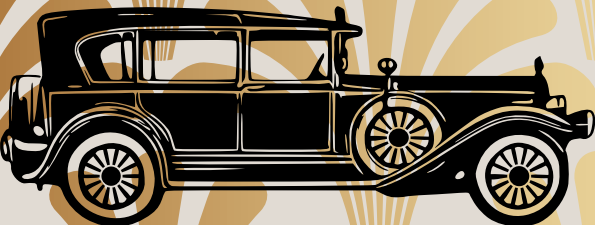
Early bird pricing is \$75 per person from today to September 13th.

From September 14th to October 7th, the price will be \$85 per person.

The bar at the dinner will only accept cards for payment (cash tips accepted).

#### Homecoming Dinner Menu:

- Prime Rib Dinner
- Garden Salad: Fresh mixed greens with shredded cheese, croutons, and a choice of two salad dressings.
- Mashed Potatoes with Brown Gravy
- Green Beans with Bacon (Almonds available on the side)
- Penne Pasta with Alfredo Sauce (Baked Sliced Chicken on the side)
- Accompaniments: Rolls with Butter
- Dessert: Dessert Bars



welcome  
home







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## HOMECOMING SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, 17 OCTOBER 2024

NEW MEXICO MILITARY INSTITUTE

0800 - 1100 NMMI FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEMBERS BREAKFAST MEETING (INVITATION ONLY) | NMMI  
FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING (JACK DANIELS ROOM, DLC)  
0800 - 1600 ALUMNI REGISTRATION INFORMATION (DLC)  
1140 - 1240 WOMEN OF NMMI LUNCHEON (VMV) (INVITATION W/ DONATION)  
1300 LEFTY STECKLEIN GOLF SOCIAL (NMMI GOLF COURSE) (\$21 PER PLAYER 18HOLES+GOLF)  
1500 ROOM DEDICATION (HAGERMAN BARRACKS)  
1730 CORPS FORMATION AND MOVEMENT TO SRC  
1730 HOMECOMING COURT PRACTICE - (SELECT PERSONNEL) VMV  
1800 PRAYER SERVICE FOR FAMILIES OF SILVER TAPS HONOREES (ALUMNI CHAPEL)  
1840 CORPS FORMATION (HAGERMAN BARRACKS)  
1900 SILVER TAPS - CORPS OF CADETS, ALUMNI, AND GUESTS (HAGERMAN BARRACKS) OTHER THAN THE  
COLOR GUARD AND HORSEMAN (CLASS C WITH BLACK JACKETS).  
2000 - 2200 ALUMNI RECEPTION FOLLOWING SILVER TAPS - HOSTED BY BG AND MRS. MCBURNETTE,  
ALUMNI AND GUESTS (NO CADETS AND NO ONE UNDER AGE 21) (QUARTERS 1)

FRIDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2024

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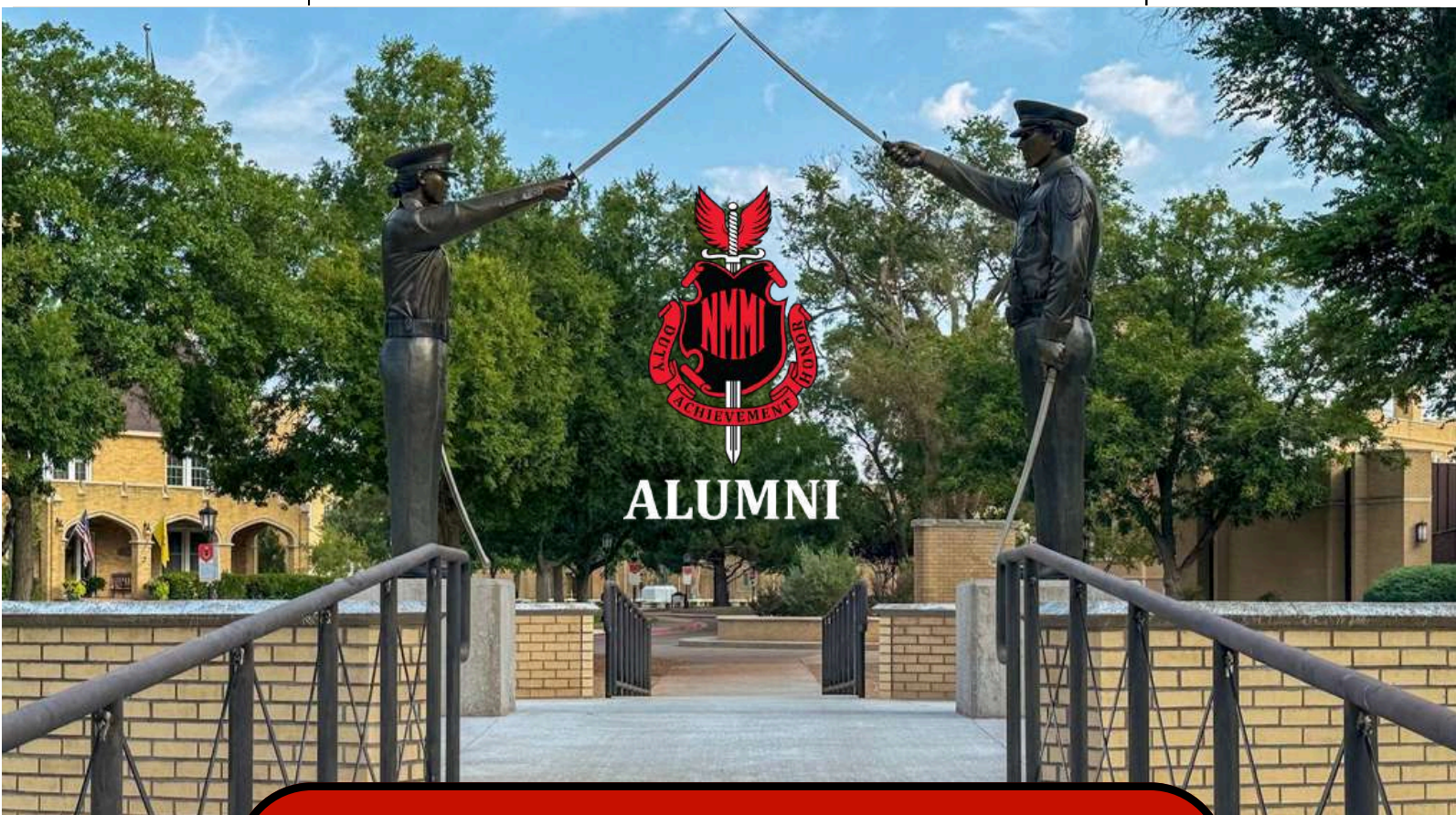
0800 - 1600 ALUMNI REGISTRATION INFORMATION (DLC)  
0830 - 1030 BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING (BOR CONFERENCE ROOM, LUSK)  
1100 MARBLE SLAB DEDICATION AND RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY  
1300 - 1500 HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY (VMV)  
1600 - 1800 HALL OF FAME RECEPTION - HOSTED BY (BG MCBURNETTE) (QUARTERS 1) (INVITATION  
ONLY)  
1800 - 2200 CLASS DINNER (ROSWELL COUNTRY CLUB)  
1900 - 2130 NMMI COLT FOOTBALL VS TUCUMCARI (COLT FIELD)

SATURDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2024

NEW MEXICO MILITARY INSTITUTE

0600 REVEILLE  
0620 BRC W/FORMATION  
0730 - 0900 CROSS SABERS BREAKFAST (R.C.C.) (INVITE ONLY)  
0800 GOSS DRILL TEAM EXHIBITIONS (BRONCO PLAZA)  
0800 - 0930 CORPS FRI (ALL BARRACKS CLOSED TO VISITORS)  
0800 - 1000 ALUMNI REGISTRATION (DLC)  
0900 CHANGE OF FLAME GUARD (BRONCO PLAZA)  
0930 - 1000 ALUMNI TOUR OF ROOMS (HAGERMAN 1ST STOOP ONLY)  
1015 CORPS FORMS FOR PARADE  
1015 - 1030 HONORED CLASSES FORM FOR ALUMNI MARCH (BRONCO PLAZA)  
1030 - 1135 ALUMNI HONORED CLASS MARCH AND HOMECOMING PARADE (STAPP PARADE FIELD)  
1150 DRC W/FORMATION  
1230 ALUMNI TAIL GATE WOOL BOWL PARKING LOT (FOOD TRUCKS)  
1330 CORPS FORMS FOR MARCH-ON (WOOL BOWL / UNIFORM ACU/DCU/OCF)  
1340 CORPS OF CADETS MARCH ON FOR FOOTBALL GAME (WOOL BOWL)  
1400 - 1700 NMMI BRONCO FOOTBALL VS. TRINITY VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE (WOOL BOWL)  
2000 - 2200 CORPS HOMECOMING DANCE (CADETS ONLY / UNIFORM CLASS A)





## Pathway To Achievement

Join the proud NMMI tradition by sponsoring a saber in the NEW Pathway to Achievement. This exclusive crossed saber path, guiding visitors to and from the 'Old Post' at the corner of Main & College, celebrates duty, honor, and achievement. The sabers have now been added to this project. With only 40 sabers available for sponsorship at \$2,500 each, they're selling out fast. Don't miss your chance to be a part of this prestigious project—secure your saber today before they're all gone!



For more information call,  Adam Villegas (575) 624-8158

[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE](#)



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## DEVELOPMENT



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### **The NMMI Alumni Relations and Development Team: Supporting the Institute and Its Community**

The New Mexico Military Institute (NMMI) Alumni Relations and Development Team plays a vital role in building a strong and active community of former cadets while supporting the institute's growth. By nurturing relationships with alumni and securing financial support, our team ensures that NMMI continues to offer exceptional educational and leadership opportunities for future generations.

### **Building Lifelong Connections**

A key function of the Alumni Relations team is to create and maintain lifelong connections with NMMI graduates. We do this by organizing events like reunions, networking gatherings, and regional alumni meetings. These events give former cadets the chance to reconnect, reminisce, and stay updated on the institute's progress.

Our team also uses digital platforms, such as social media and email newsletters, to keep alumni informed about NMMI news, events, and opportunities to get involved. By fostering a sense of community and keeping alumni engaged, our team helps preserve the strong bonds formed during their time at the institute.

### **Supporting Current Cadets**

Alumni support plays a crucial role in enhancing the experience of current cadets. The Development team secures donations and endowments that fund scholarships, academic programs, and extracurricular activities. These contributions enable NMMI to attract and retain talented students from diverse backgrounds, ensuring that financial barriers do not hinder their educational aspirations. Additionally, alumni often serve as mentors and role models for current cadets. Through lunch with Alums programs, guest lectures, and career networking events, alumni share their experiences and provide valuable guidance, helping cadets navigate their educational and professional journeys.





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### **Promoting Institutional Advancement**

The NMMI Alumni Relations and Development team is also deeply involved in promoting the institute's long-term growth and success. We work closely with the institute's leadership to identify strategic priorities and fundraising goals. By engaging alumni and other supporters, we help secure the necessary resources to achieve these objectives.

Capital campaigns, annual giving programs, and planned giving initiatives are some of the key strategies employed by the Development team. These efforts ensure that NMMI has the financial stability to invest in infrastructure, technology, and innovative programs that enhance the cadet experience and uphold the institute's mission.

### **Celebrating Alumni Achievements**

NMMI takes great pride in the accomplishments of its alumni. The Alumni Relations team actively recognizes and celebrates these achievements through awards, honors, and public acknowledgments. By highlighting the successes of former cadets, they inspire current students and demonstrate the lasting impact of an NMMI education.

Recognizing distinguished alumni reinforces the institute's reputation for excellence and leadership. It also strengthens the network of successful professionals who contribute to NMMI's legacy and future.

### **Engaging a Global Community**

NMMI alumni are spread across the globe, making significant contributions in various fields. The Alumni Relations and Development team is committed to engaging this diverse and far-reaching community. We establish international alumni chapters and host events in different countries, ensuring that all alumni, regardless of their location, feel connected to NMMI.

By fostering a global alumni network, our team enhances the institute's reputation internationally and provides valuable opportunities for alumni to collaborate, support one another, and promote the values of NMMI worldwide.



### **Conclusion**

The NMMI Alumni Relations and Development Team is a cornerstone of the institute's success. Through our dedicated efforts to build strong alumni connections, support current cadets, promote institutional advancement, celebrate alumni achievements, and engage a global community, we play a pivotal role in ensuring that NMMI continues to thrive. Our work embodies the spirit of camaraderie and excellence that defines the New Mexico Military Institute, creating a legacy that extends far beyond the walls of the campus.







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NMMI CADRE IS  
**BACK!**



**THE NMMI CADRE IS BACK AND READY FOR ACTION! WITH RENEWED ENERGY AND COMMITMENT, THEY ARE PREPARED TO LEAD AND INSPIRE. HERE'S TO A NEW FISCAL SCHOOL YEAR FILLED WITH ACHIEVEMENTS AND GROWTH FOR THESE DEDICATED CADETS!**







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# **AROUND CAMPUS**

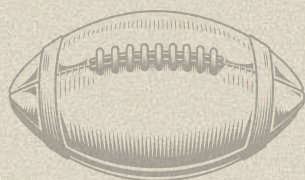


**THIS SUMMER, A NEW FLAGPOLE WAS CONSTRUCTED AT THE NEW MEXICO MILITARY INSTITUTE, SYMBOLIZING OUR COMMITMENT TO TRADITION AND HONOR. COMPLETED FOR THE NEW FISCAL YEAR, THE FLAGPOLE STANDS AS A PROUD BEACON ON OUR CAMPUS, REFLECTING THE VALUES AND SPIRIT OF NMMI.**

**PICTURE TAKEN BY.  
LYNN DOHERTY '94JC**



**SOUKUP SET  
TO TAKE REINS OF  
BRONCO FOOTBALL**



**THE NEW MEXICO MILITARY INSTITUTE HAS NAMED OLIVER SOUKUP AS THE NEW HEAD COACH FOR THE JUNIOR COLLEGE FOOTBALL PROGRAM FOR THE 2024 SEASON. SOUKUP RETURNS TO NMMI, WHERE HE PREVIOUSLY SERVED IN 2011, HELPING THE TEAM TO A 9-3 RECORD AND A BOWL GAME. HE HAS AN EXTENSIVE COACHING HISTORY, INCLUDING STINTS AT EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY, WHERE HE LED THE DEFENSE TO A CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP, AND NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY, WHERE HIS LINEBACKERS EARNED ALL-AMERICAN HONORS AND THE TEAM MADE ITS FIRST BOWL APPEARANCE IN 57 YEARS. SOUKUP ALSO BRIEFLY COACHED CARLSBAD HIGH SCHOOL BEFORE RETURNING TO ENMU.**

**NMMI ATHLETIC DIRECTOR JOSE BARRON PRAISED SOUKUP'S QUALIFICATIONS AND FAMILIARITY WITH THE PROGRAM. SOUKUP EXPRESSED GRATITUDE AND EXCITEMENT, EMPHASIZING HARD WORK, SELF-DISCIPLINE, AND BELIEF AS HIS COACHING CORNERSTONES. HE IS THE SIXTH HEAD COACH OF THE BRONCOS SINCE 2000, WITH ALL PREVIOUS COACHES ACHIEVING POSTSEASON SUCCESS.**





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# Alumni Staff Spotlight



**Vacation**  
JANICE WEED 93 HS SPEND HER BIRTHDAY IN PUERTO VALLARTA WITH FELLOW ALUMS- KRISTIN HIGGINBOTHAM 88HS AND TOM LUSK 90HS



DESTINI ADOPTED A KITTY & COMPLETED SUMMER COLLEGE CLASSES!



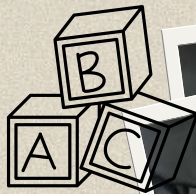
KARLA BECAME A GMA!



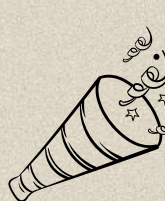
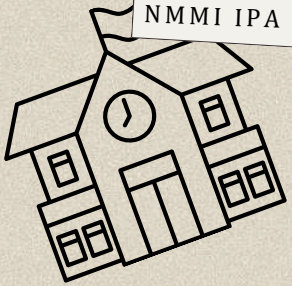
ALICIA'S SON WILL BE JOINING NMMI IPA THIS AUGUST!



BIG SHOUT OUT TO OUR NEW EVENT CORDINATOR LESLIE PALOMBI! WELCOME TO THE TEAM!



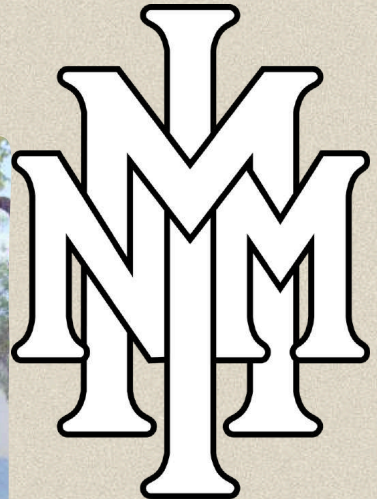
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# April SUBMISSIONS



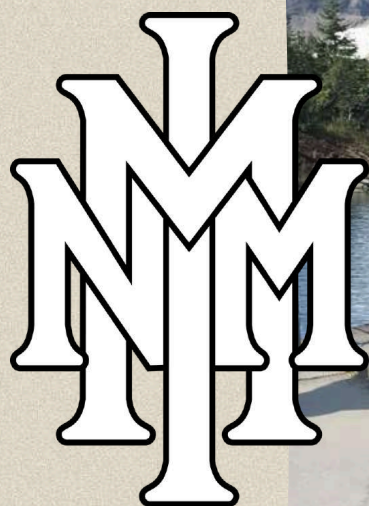
I AM JOSHUA A. JOHN, JUNIOR COLLEGE GRADUATE 2002. I ENTERED NMMI WITH THE INTENTION OF PURSUING A MILITARY CAREER. HOWEVER, MY JOURNEY TOOK A DIFFERENT TURN. MY FAMILY HAD KNOWN NMMI'S REPUTATION AS AN EXCELLENT SCHOOL FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS BUT DID NOT KNOW IT WAS ALSO A JUNIOR COLLEGE. WHEN I MADE KNOWN MY INTENTION OF ATTENDING NMMI MY FAMILY'S REACTION WAS OF SURPRISE AND APPREHENSION. ALTHOUGH THERE WERE DOUBTS BY SOME OF MY SUCCESS IN COMPLETING THE TRAINING AND FINISHING THROUGH GRADUATION BECAUSE OF THE HIGH EXPECTATIONS AND STRICT LIFE OF A MILITARY ENVIRONMENT. I REMEMBERED THE WORDS OF MY COUSIN-BROTHER WHO HAD GONE THROUGH POLICE ACADEMY: "THEY CAN YELL YOU ALL THEY WANT BUT THEY CANNOT KILL YOU". I REMEMBERED THESE WORDS THROUGH EVERY CHALLENGE SINCE, SOME PHYSICAL AND MANY MENTAL. IT WAS A CHARACTER BUILT STARTING AT NMMI THAT ALLOWED ME TO BECOME A PAYLOAD FLIGHT TEST DIRECTOR AT RAYTHEON DURING A SIGNIFICANT FLIGHT TEST EVENT IN 2019 FOR THE MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY. IN ADDITION, THE COMMITMENT TO SERVICE AND DUTY TO GIVE BACK TO THOSE WHO GAVE ME THE TOOLS AND RESOURCES LED ME TO THE AMERICAN INDIAN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING SOCIETY (AISES) WHERE I AM A LIFETIME MEMBER AND CURRENTLY SERVING ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE EXPERIENCE OF NMMI WAS LIFE CHANGING AND I VALUE THE FRIENDSHIPS MADE AT NMMI WHO ARE LIKE FAMILY.





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# *April* SUBMISSIONS



CLASS OF 1970

WE WERE REUNITED AT OUR 50TH REUNION. BECAUSE OF COVID WE HAD OUR REUNION IN 2022. WE DECIDED TO TAKE A CRUISE TOGETHER IN AUGUST OF 2023 TO ALASKA. WE THEN TOOK A CRUISE IN FEBRUARY OF 2024 TO THE WESTERN CARIBBEAN. THUS, THE PICTURE OF US WITH OUR WIVES. IN THE PICTURE OF THE THREE ALUMNI, WE HAVE JOE POPE ON THE LEFT, GEORGE CULVER IN THE MIDDLE, AND DEWIGHT GALBRAITH ON THE RIGHT. WE ARE PLANNING A PANAMA CRUISE FOR THIS SUMMER AND A MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE FOR MARCH OF 2025. WE ARE BEST FRIENDS 53 YEARS LATER, AND WE TEXT AND TALK WEEKLY.





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# COL C. ROBERT KEMBLE



DEAR NMMI ALUMNI,

IT IS WITH DEEP SORROW THAT WE INFORM YOU OF THE PASSING OF FORMER  
SUPERINTENDENT AND PRESIDENT, COLONEL BOB KEMBLE.

COLONEL KEMBLE, WHO LED NMMI DURING A CRITICAL PERIOD FROM 1971 TO 1977,  
PASSED AWAY ON MONDAY EVENING, JULY 22, 2024, AT THE AGE OF 98.

COLONEL KEMBLE WAS APPOINTED SUPERINTENDENT DURING A CHALLENGING ERA  
MARKED BY SOCIETAL UNREST AND INSTITUTIONAL CHALLENGES.

UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP, HE NAVIGATED NMMI THROUGH DIFFICULT TIMES, SIGNIFICANTLY  
IMPACTING ITS COURSE AND ENSURING ITS CONTINUED MISSION.

BEFORE JOINING NMMI, COLONEL KEMBLE SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE USMA'S ENGLISH  
DEPARTMENT AND HELD A DISTINGUISHED MILITARY CAREER, INCLUDING SERVICE DURING  
THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE WITH THE 82ND AIRBORNE.

HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO BOTH MILITARY SERVICE AND EDUCATION HAVE LEFT AN  
INDELIBLE MARK ON OUR INSTITUTION.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY TO HONOR COLONEL KEMBLE'S LIFE  
AND LEGACY.

PLEASE JOIN US IN REMEMBERING AND CELEBRATING THE REMARKABLE LIFE OF COLONEL  
BOB KEMBLE, A TRUE LEADER AND EDUCATOR.





## TAPS

RONALD	L.	GREENE	1945 HS	09-JAN-24
RODERICK	RAINES	THOMPSON	1946 JC	12-APR-24
STANLEY	M.	JOLTON	1948 JC	09-JUN-24
RICHARD	ROBERT	CASTILLO	1949 JC	30-MAY-24
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J.	C.	FUMAGALLI	1950 SC	05-JUN-24
HENRY	LEE	CALDWELL	1953 HS	18-APR-24
THOMAS	H.	MUIRHEAD	1956 JC	18-JUN-24
RAUL	L.	QUINTANA	1956 JC	29-JUN-24
RICHARD	F.	SORRELL	1956 HS	
ADRIAN	E.	BACA	1957 HS	18-JUN-24
JONNIE	LEE	COLE	1960 HS	13-JUN-24
BARRY	J.	RODRIGUE	1962 JC	25-MAY-24
DONALD	M.	DALTON	1963 JC	29-MAY-24
BERNARD	K.	BRADLEY	1965 JC	29-MAY-24
DENNIS		McDONALD	1965 JC	05-APR-24
CHARLES	W.	ROGERS	1967 JC	13-JUN-24
ROBERT	F.	BOEHLER	1972 JC	03-JUL-24
GEORGE	T.	TUBB	1972 HS	27-MAY-24
ROBERT	G.	HENDERSON	1974 HS	02-JUN-24
BRUCE	W.	WILLARD	1975 HS	24-DEC-23
VERNON	W.	KLINE	1976 JC	15-APR-24
CHRISTOPHER	J.	OLIVAS	2000 JC	12-APR-24
ANTONIO	ALBERTO	REGALADO	2001 JC	10-JUL-24



### Alumni Reported Deceased July 26, 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.”**

