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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 Institutional Advancement has been busy as ever closing out events, planning upcoming events and preparing for the arrival of all the new recruits. Cadre arrived last week and they have been busy going through training, embracing any changes or adjustments for the upcoming year and preparing to lead with integrity. Matriculation is happening 27-28 July. BG McBurnette has been on post for two full years now and is looking forward to continually enhancing all aspects at NMMI as move forward in the ever changing world academics.

We are excited about all the upcoming events, engagement opportunities and so much more as we get ready for the 26-27' academic year. The 15th Annual Generals Cup Weekend 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 have made a few changes to the structure with hopes to raise \$100-\$120K in scholarship funds for the Corps of Cadets. Lastly, registration for homecoming opened up in July and we look forward to celebrating all of the classes ending in "6" and are excited to see all of the alumni, family and friends who attend. The schedule of events will be out and can be found on the alumni web-site as well as on our social media platforms once it is locked in. 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 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.

Kris Ward Director of Institutional Advancement



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Executive Director of
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Meet the Team



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Deputy Director of
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Greetings from the NMMI
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Office!
As your bridge to the
NMMI community, we're
committed to
fostering lifelong connections
and
supporting your post-
graduation journey.
Join us for networking,
mentorship, and
opportunities to stay
engaged with your alma
mater.



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An Annual Tradition of the Albuquerque Chapter ♦ 2026

Please Join Us Saturday
August 15th Starting at 5:00pm for

Burgers Orell

MENU:
Burgers & Brats
Cold Beer & Wine
Soda & Snacks
Live Music!

HOSTED BY
Seth '60HS '62JC & Kathy Orell ♦ Pat '63HS '65JC & Elise Orell

RESERVE YOUR SEAT TODAY!
Seating Is Limited To 60 Attendees

To RSVP Please Email:
Randy McMullen - randym@spinn.net
No Later Than Wed. Aug. 13th

Please Pay CASH At The Door

Provide Alumni Name & Name of Attendees
\$10 for Adults - Children 13 & Under Free

Maps provided to attendees with confirmed reservation



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A Legacy in Formation: 135 Years of NMMI

Service Before Self

When the United States entered World War I, New Mexico Military Institute (NMMI) quickly became part of the national effort. Military training intensified as cadets prepared themselves for a nation at war. Just two decades later, during World War II, the Institute again became an essential training ground for future officers and enlisted leaders. Across both conflicts, hundreds of NMMI alumni exchanged their cadet uniforms for those of the Armed Forces, carrying with them the leadership principles first learned at The Old Post. These wartime generations cemented NMMI's reputation as an institution dedicated not only to education, but to service before self.

Throughout its history, the Institute has never measured success solely by academic achievement. From its earliest years, NMMI was founded to develop character through military discipline, leadership, and responsibility. Those ideals prepared graduates not only to meet the demands of military service, but also to lead in moments of national uncertainty. During times of war and peace alike, alumni have consistently demonstrated that leadership is measured by actions rather than titles.

That tradition continues today. This summer, the NMMI family celebrated two alumni whose extraordinary service reflects the Institute's enduring values.

Colonel Andras M. Marton ('89 HS, '91 JC), a member of the NMMI Hall of Fame, was awarded one of the nation's oldest and most revered military decorations, the Purple Heart, more than two decades after being wounded in combat. At the time, Captain Marton was critically wounded while serving with the 101st Airborne Division when an armed attacker targeted brigade leadership. His career of service, sacrifice, and leadership continued through multiple assignments supporting military operations worldwide. The wounds he sustained that day went officially unrecognized until 2026, when the Department of Defense awarded him the Purple Heart during a ceremony at Fort Campbell. His story reminds us that courage is often demonstrated long after the headlines fade.





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Likewise, **Major Nicholas Dockery ('06 JC)** recently received our nation's highest military decoration, the Medal of Honor, for extraordinary heroism during combat operations in Afghanistan. Then, Second Lieutenant Dockery repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire over several hours to rescue wounded Soldiers, prevent the capture of fellow servicemembers, and lead his platoon through an overwhelming enemy assault. His actions reflected exceptional courage, selfless leadership, and unwavering commitment to those under his command.

While these honors are extraordinary, they represent a tradition that stretches back to NMMI's earliest days: DUTY, HONOR, ACHIEVEMENT. Every generation has produced graduates willing to place duty before self, whether serving in World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan, Global War on Terrorism (GWOT), or in countless roles supporting their communities and our nation.

As we celebrate 135 years of the New Mexico Military Institute, we honor not only the institution's milestones but also the men and women who have carried its values far beyond The Old Post. Their stories remind us that leadership is forged through discipline, strengthened by character, and ultimately proven through service.

Sources: Historical material adapted from James R. Kelly's A History of New Mexico Military Institute, William E. Gibbs and Eugene T. Jackman's New Mexico Military Institute: A Centennial History, and Colonel Edward J.D. Porter's The Pictorial History of New Mexico Military Institute, with contemporary information regarding Colonel Andras M. Marton and Major Nicholas Dockery drawn from official NMMI and U.S. government sources.

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Deputy Director of Institutional Advancement



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Support the General's Cup. Support Cadets.

Every sponsorship, auction donation, and contribution helps strengthen the NMMI Annual Fund, providing unrestricted support for scholarships and the Institute's greatest areas of need. Those gifts make an immediate difference for today's cadets while helping ensure future generations have the opportunity to experience an NMMI education.

The 15th Annual General's Cup Golf Tournament is more than a weekend of golf. It is one of NMMI's signature fundraising events, bringing together alumni, businesses, and friends to invest in the future of the Institute.

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Ways to Get Involved

Whether you play in the tournament or simply believe in supporting cadets, there are several meaningful ways to make an impact.

- **Choose a Sponsorship Opportunity**

Businesses and individuals can support the tournament through sponsorship opportunities ranging from a Colt Sponsorship with a Tee Box Sign to larger sponsorships that include golf teams and additional recognition.

- **Donate an Auction Item**

Every year, donated items and experiences help raise additional scholarship support through the silent and live auctions. Vacation stays, artwork, gift baskets, event tickets, outdoor adventures, services, and one-of-a-kind experiences are always appreciated.

- **Give Through General's Cup 100**

General's Cup 100 is a monetary giving opportunity for those who want to support the tournament's mission without becoming a sponsor or donating an auction item. Every gift helps provide unrestricted support through the NMMI Annual Fund.

Whether you sponsor Tee Box Sign, donate an auction item, or make a gift through General's Cup 100, every contribution helps open doors for cadets. Together, these gifts provide scholarships, meet immediate needs across Post, and strengthen the NMMI experience for today's cadets and those who will follow.

Contact Natalie Perez for questions! - perez@nmmi.edu



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**15TH ANNUAL
GENERAL'S CUP WEEKEND**

TEE BOX SIGN

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A simple way to support General's Cup

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GENERALS CUP

PRESENTED BY:

**PROMOTE YOUR
BUSINESS**

**HONOR
A LOVED ONE**

**SHOW YOUR
NMMI PRIDE**

YOUR SPONSORSHIP INCLUDES

- ✓ Personalized tee box sign displayed on the hole of your choice
- ✓ Breakfast and lunch during the tournament
- ✓ Invitation to Friday night social and auction
- ✓ Special recognition in NMMI publications

September 11-13, 2026

NMMI Golf Course &
Spring River Golf Course
Roswell, New Mexico

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TODAY**

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PREPARING FOR THE NEXT STEP

How NMMI's ROTC Mini-Camp Prepares Future Army Officers for Success

Each summer, a group of NMMI cadets takes the next step toward becoming Army officers. Before they ever arrive at Fort Knox, Kentucky, they spend five demanding days at ROTC Mini-Camp, where they begin developing the skills, discipline, and teamwork that will shape their success. While many alumni may not be familiar with today's version of Mini-Camp, the program has become an important step in preparing cadets for the expectations of Army leadership. By the end of the week, cadets have not only learned new military skills but have also begun the transition from thinking as individuals to thinking as members of a team.

Throughout the week, cadets receive instruction in military customs and courtesies, the Army Fitness Test, weapons familiarization and marksmanship, land navigation, drill and ceremonies, the Leader Reaction Course, and other foundational military skills. The program is supported by members of the New Mexico National Guard, whose partnership provides additional instructors and expertise throughout the training. Together, they challenge cadets physically and mentally while reinforcing the standards and professionalism expected of Army officers.

For LTC Karl Harness (JC '00), Professor of Military Science, Mini-Camp represents an important evolution of the program he experienced as an NMMI cadet. LTC Harness completed NMMI's Early Commissioning Program before returning years later to lead it, and he remembers a time when Mini-Camp did not exist. "We didn't have a Mini-Camp when I came through the program," he said. "Our Basic Camp was also very different, but the core values of discipline and teamwork remain the same." Today, LTC Harness believes Mini-Camp gives cadets a significant advantage before they leave for Fort Knox. There, they complete ROTC Basic Camp, earning the credit needed to contract into the ROTC program and continue pursuing an Army commission. All four Military Junior Colleges conduct a Mini-Camp because the experience has consistently proven successful in helping cadets understand the commitment required while giving those who continue a strong foundation for success.

While the military instruction is important, LTC Harness believes the greatest lessons come from learning to work as a team. "The Army is a team sport," he said. "Cadets need to learn to both follow and lead to prepare them to become officers in the Army." Throughout the week, cadets were challenged to solve problems together, support one another, and place the success of the team ahead of individual accomplishment. Those experiences, he said, are among the most valuable parts of the program.



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The transformation that occurs during just five days is one of the most rewarding parts of the program for the ROTC instructors. While LTC Harness acknowledges that Mini-Camp does not produce "monumental life-changing shifts" in such a short period of time, he said the growth in this year's cadets was evident by the end of the week. Their increased confidence, willingness to step into leadership roles, and ability to work together provided a glimpse of the leaders they are beginning to become. That progress also gives the ROTC staff confidence as the cadets move on to the next stage of their training.

Following Mini-Camp, **28 NMMI cadets** departed for approximately 30 days of Cadet Summer Training at Fort Knox, where they will train alongside cadets representing **320 ROTC programs** across the nation. There, they will continue developing many of the same skills introduced during Mini-Camp, including land navigation, marksmanship, drill and ceremonies, field training exercises, and the Army Fitness Test. Before they departed, LTC Harness reminded the cadets that they represented more than themselves.

"They now represent not only themselves, but the Garry Owen Squadron, NMMI, and the U.S. Army," LTC Harness said. "They should conduct themselves accordingly and leave lasting positive representations to those they encounter."

LTC Harness hopes the cadets return with stronger military skills, a deeper appreciation for discipline and teamwork, and friendships that will last throughout their Army careers. He also hopes they discover something many cadets first experience during Basic Camp: "You are allowed to have fun in the Army."

As this year's cadets continue their journey toward earning an Army commission, they carry with them more than five days of instruction. They leave with a stronger understanding of what it means to lead, to serve, and to represent something greater than themselves. For generations of NMMI cadets, those lessons have defined the Institute, and today, Mini-Camp ensures that tradition continues with every new class that passes through the program.

Natalie Perez - Annual fund Officer





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Faculty Experience Mini-Camp

Mini-Camp isn't just for cadets.

For the second consecutive year, NMMI faculty and staff joined portions of the training alongside ROTC cadets. The initiative gives participants without prior military experience a firsthand look at the challenges cadets face while strengthening relationships across campus. Working through leadership exercises, carrying equipment, and learning to serve as both leaders and followers provides faculty and staff with a deeper understanding of the ROTC experience and the teamwork that defines it.

Congratulations to NMMI MAJ Afolabi Oluwagboyega and NMMI MAJ Brian Hardin on successfully completing this year's Mini-Camp.





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Women of NMMI Luncheon & Saber Award

THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 15, 2026

Join us for lunch and the Women of NMMI
Saber Award presentation.
Gather with NMMI Female cadets to honor
strength, legacy, and shared experiences.

When: 11:40 am to 12:40 pm

Where: VMV Hall

Wear: Business Casual

RSVP By: October 1, 2026

Register Here : [Women of NMMI](#)

\$20 Donation to the Women of

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NMMI Alumni Update: Looking Ahead to a Busy Fall

As we move through the heart of summer, preparations are well underway for an exciting season of alumni events at New Mexico Military Institute. Our Office of Institutional Advancement has been busy planning opportunities to reconnect, celebrate traditions, and strengthen the bonds that unite our NMMI family.

The countdown is on for the General's Cup Golf Tournament, taking place this September. The General's Cup has become one of NMMI's premier alumni traditions, bringing together graduates, friends, and supporters for a weekend of friendly competition, fellowship, and giving back to the Institute. Whether you're a seasoned golfer or simply enjoy reconnecting with fellow alumni, we encourage you to join us for another memorable event.

Planning also continues for Homecoming 2026, and we're looking forward to welcoming alumni back to Post this October. Homecoming is a time to celebrate our shared traditions, recognize honored classes, reconnect with classmates, and create new memories with the NMMI community. Our team is working diligently behind the scenes to make this year's celebration one to remember, and additional event information will be shared in the coming weeks.

As you mark your calendars for the fall, be sure to keep an eye out for details regarding Founders Day, which will be celebrated on September 3. Founders Day provides an opportunity to reflect on the rich history of New Mexico Military Institute and honor the vision, traditions, and legacy that have shaped generations of cadets and alumni. We look forward to sharing more information about this special occasion soon.

As our alumni programs continue to grow, we are grateful for the many individuals and businesses that support these events through sponsorships, donations, volunteer service, and participation. Your generosity allows us to preserve meaningful traditions while creating new opportunities for alumni engagement and cadet support.

If you haven't already, now is a great time to ensure your contact information is current with our office so you don't miss event announcements, registration opportunities, and alumni news. We also encourage you to follow NMMI's alumni social media channels and share updates with your classmates to help spread the word about upcoming events.

The strength of New Mexico Military Institute has always been its people. Every time an alumnus returns to campus, mentors a cadet, attends an event, or supports the Institute, they help carry forward the values of leadership, service, and excellence that define the NMMI experience.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to New Mexico Military Institute. We look forward to seeing many of you this fall at the General's Cup Golf Tournament, celebrating Founders Day, Homecoming, and future alumni events.

Leslie Palombi,
Special Events & Alumni Engagement Coordinator





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Homecoming

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IN '6 AND CELEBRATE 135 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE.
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Alumni Reported Deceased
July 25, 2026



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.”**

Dr.	Martin	S.	Tierney	6/24/2026	1951	HS
	Boyd	W.	Lewis	6/21/2026	1970	JC
	Quincy	B.	Corneli us	6/9/2026	1968	JC
	Kerrick	K.	Sander s	4/21/2026	2000	JC
	Roger	J.	Browne III	7/1/2026	1974	HS
	Roland		Bazen	10/15/2023	1992	HS
	Steven	G.	Zabel	6/24/2026	1968	JC
BG	Jack	R.	Fox USA (Ret)	7/18/2026	1968	JC



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As we move through July 2026, we extend our heartfelt appreciation for your continued dedication to the New Mexico Military Institute family. Your unwavering support and engagement are instrumental in preserving the traditions, values, and legacy that have defined NMMI for more than a century.

With summer in full swing, our Office of Institutional Advancement is hard at work preparing for an exciting season of alumni events and opportunities to reconnect. We look forward to welcoming many of you back for the General's Cup Golf Tournament this September and Homecoming 2026 this October, two of our most cherished annual traditions that bring alumni, families, and friends together in celebration of the Institute.

As September approaches, we also encourage you to watch for additional information regarding Founders Day on September 3. This special occasion provides an opportunity to honor the history, vision, and enduring legacy of New Mexico Military Institute while celebrating the generations of cadets and alumni who continue to carry its mission forward.

Whether you support NMMI by attending events, mentoring cadets, volunteering your time, contributing philanthropically, or simply sharing your NMMI story with others, your involvement strengthens our community and ensures that future generations will benefit from the same exceptional experience that has shaped so many lives.

Thank you for your continued commitment to New Mexico Military Institute. We look forward to connecting with you in the months ahead and celebrating the traditions, friendships, and shared purpose that make the NMMI family so extraordinary.

