

*Commencement
Ceremony
Class of 2018*



**NEW MEXICO
MILITARY INSTITUTE**

*Saturday
the Twelfth of May
Two Thousand Eighteen
High School: 8:00 a.m.
Junior College: 11:00 a.m.*

Pearson Auditorium



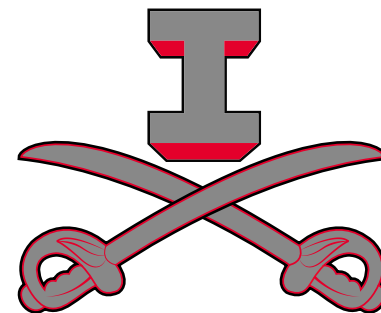
Roswell, New Mexico



The Faculty and Staff of New Mexico Military Institute congratulate and send our best wishes to the graduating class of 2018.

Your hard work and dedication bring to the fore New Mexico Military Institute traditions of academic achievement and leadership.

It has been an honor to serve you. We wish you the very best in your future endeavors!



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The Honorable Susana Martinez

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HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

8:00 AM, 12 May 2018

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Dr. Kelly Jordan

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HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Valedictorian

Allen Pier DeGroot
Dexter, New Mexico
Colorado School of Mines

Salutatorian

Danh Huu Nguyen
Ho Chi Minh, Republic of Vietnam
University of New Mexico

Highest Honors

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Guasave, Sinaloa, Mexico
Wentworth Institute of Technology

Ashley Nicole Andrews
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Abigail Florence Valadez
Albuquerque, New Mexico
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High Honors

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Mycah Carolyn Smith
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Rio Rancho, New Mexico
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Las Cruces, New Mexico
New Mexico State University



OLD POST

This is our Al-ma Ma-ter, This is our stal-wart
In-stit-ute; We'll have her al-ways on our way,
Mem-ries are with us Day by day; we will re-
mem-ber Kay-dets mar-ching, we will re-
mem-ber Kay-dets play-ing, And bugles in the
sun-rise; All of our life be-neath blue skies; These are the
things that can not van-ish, No mat-ter where we
go... Old friends, Old Post, place we love most.. In
you our hearts will grow.

“Let it be clearly understood that if this is not a military school it is nothing. By this is meant not only the outward forms and visible signs of military government – the drills and parade - its tinsel and glare, but what is of more importance, the indoor government - the inner, private life, manners and habits of the Cadet, the close, constant, kindly supervision over the Cadet in every respect - checking him here, urging him there - in the privacy of his room, at his meals, in recitation or at drill - on duty - off duty- at work or play - is the spirit and purpose of this military school. Obedience is but self-command and who commands himself is best learning to command others.”

--1891, Colonel Robert S. Goss, Superintendent

