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Office of YOUR Alumni Association

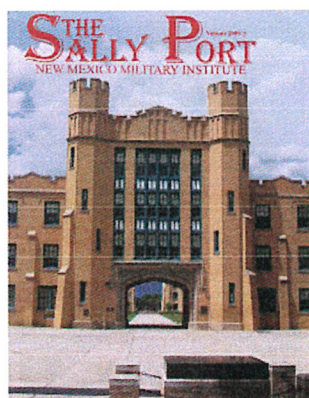
Many positive things are happening in YOUR Alumni Association. My first five months have been filled with Homecoming 2012, Semester Graduation and now headed toward May Graduation followed by 2013 Trail Ride at El Caso Ranch, Quemado, NM. The last three days have been devoted to awarding scholarships for the 2013-2014 school year. If you are interested in starting a scholarship or adding to an existing scholarship, there is always a need. Did you know that if you are an Alumnus and have a child attending or planning to attend NMMI your child qualifies for the Alumni Heritage Tradition Scholarship for \$500? Call us to make sure you are a Life Member or an Annual Member of your Association.

The Association's main objective for 2013 is to focus on "friend raising". We need your help to connect and/or re-connect with the Alumni who are not active/current with the Association. Each of us know at least 5-10 classmates we have stayed in contact with since leaving NMMI. Please reach out to them

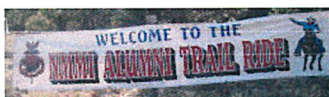
and make sure we have their updated contact information.

Wanted—Where is your roommate?

Jim Lowe 1967 JC
Executive Director



Wondering where your Sally Port magazine is? You should see it in mid February.



The **2013 NMMI Alumni Trail Ride** is coming up 11-16 June. It will be held this year at the El Caso Ranch near Quemado, NM. If you don't want to camp, there is a motel nearby. It is the **Largo Motel and Café** in Quemado, NM. Rooms are limited so call for reservations

right away at 575-773-4686. If you have never participated in the Trail Ride, please call our office for details.

Homecoming 2013 will be held 16-19 October. Although it is months away, preparations are already underway. The class representatives that we have so far are:

1953-Murray Samuel, Jr. 1953 HS.

1963-Roger A. Blakey 1963 HS and MAJ E. Crosby McDowell, USAR (Ret) 1963 JC.

1973-Danny C. Woodward 1974 HS.

1983-Lawrence J. Moon, Jr. 1983 JC.

Add your name to the list! If you would like information, please contact our office.

Is there an NMMI Alumni Chapter in your area? Call us to find out. Could you be the one to help organize a chapter in your area?

Visit **NMMI Alumni Chapters** page to find out!

THE INSTITUTE

NMMI Admissions has released the spring recruiting schedule. We encourage you to get involved with the "Night with NMMI" recruiting in your area. Alumni are encouraged to check with **LTC I. Steve Davis, USMC (Ret) 1971 JC** at idavis@nmmi.edu.

Check the **NMMI Alumni Calendar** for dates!

Albuquerque, NM
Phoenix, AZ
San Diego, CA
Santa Fe, NM
San Francisco, CA
Alexandria, VA
El Paso, TX
Las Cruces, NM
Lubbock, TX
San Antonio, TX
Houston, TX
Fort Worth, TX
Chicago, IL
Tacoma, WA
Colorado Springs, CO
Fort Lauderdale, FL
Tampa, FL
Oklahoma City, OK
Fort Sill-Lawton, OK, and of course at the "Old Post".

The Academic Excellence Awards Dinner was held on 24 January. Some amazing statistics: 116 cadets were on the Superintendent's List and 39 on the Dean's List. Out of the 155 on the lists, 82 are New Cadets and 12 are sixth classmen. Live feed was available for this event. If you are interested in viewing live feed events, the link for the live feed is on the [Parent's Web Page](#). You should be able to access it about 15 minutes before the event is scheduled to begin.

Stay on top of events! Check the **NMMI Master Calendar** often to see what is happening on Post.



The NMMI Alumni Board of Directors was on hand to attend the ribbon cutting for the newly renovated Cadet Game Room on 18 January 2013.



Reviews have been positive and as you can see it is very nice!

Watch for more details coming up in the *NMMI Dispatches*.



Renovation of Lusk Hall (Headquarters) is scheduled to begin in late May of 2013. The original construction of Lusk Hall began in 1938 and was completed in 1941.

View the [New Mexico Military Institute Timeline](#).



In 2011 Pearson Auditorium was given a major remodel. Pearson Auditorium serves as the performing arts center at NMMI. Pearson is used for a variety of Corps events such as drama presentations, concerts and special speakers. The community also uses Pearson for special events such as the Roswell Symphony Orchestra, dance recitals, speakers and presentations during the annual Roswell UFO Festival around the 4th of July of every year. Pearson Auditorium was renovated in 2012 and chosen by ENR Southwest as the winner of the "Best Renovation/Restoration for 2012."



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ALUMNUS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

JONATHAN V. GALAVIZ 1995 JC



Jonathan V. Galaviz 1995 JC is a world recognized global economist and greater Asia strategy consultant. He currently serves as the Managing Director at Galaviz & Company LLC, a strategic advisory firm that advises Fortune 500 companies and startup companies on greater Asia business development, global economic analysis, and international joint venture strategies.

Mr. Galaviz has appeared on the BBC, CNBC, and Bloomberg TV as a commentator on general economic trends. He has also provided analysis for the *Associated Press*, *AFP*, *Financial Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, *International Herald Tribune*, *Straits-Times of Singapore*, the *Macau Daily Times* and has written several leading articles for various magazines.

Some of his past clients have included firms such as the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Goldman Sachs (U.S. and Asia), CapitaLand, Duetsche Bank, Caesars Entertainment, Station Casinos (Fertitta Gaming),

eSun/Lai Sun, Keppel Land, Lend Lease (Australia) and several private equity / venture capital funds.

Mr. Galaviz sits on the Board of Directors of The Centech Group, Inc., a Galaviz family-owned company, which provides technology and management services to the U.S. Federal Government, with more than \$140 million USD in annual revenue – the firm is based in the Washington, DC area.

In the late 1990s Mr. Galaviz began his first job at the U.S. Senate, co-assigned to the office of U.S. Senator Peter Dominici (R-New Mexico) and the U.S. Senate Sergeant at Arms Office in Washington, DC, as a paid-staffer focusing on legislative analysis and constituent relations.

He later became employed as a Consulting Manager at Whittman-Hart, a 4,000 person-consulting firm at the time. He was based at it's San Francisco office where he consulted to leading technology start-up firms in Silicon Valley on strategies for growth and joint ventures; the firm later became marchFIRST.

In 2001 Mr. Galaviz was recruited to work for Mandalay Resort Group (now MGM Resorts International) in Las Vegas, NV, as a Senior Project Analyst focused on technology strategy, international market analysis, and business forecasting. From 2002 until today, Mr. Galaviz has been a leading independent advisor to the most senior levels of management in

corporations and government.

For most of 2011 he served as Interim Head of Campus at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (Singapore campus). He was asked to temporarily leave the private sector to lead a turnaround of the campus, which was suffering from poor financial and operational conditions. In early 2012 he was widely credited in the Singapore and Las Vegas media for successfully stabilizing and enhancing the financial condition of the campus; he returned to the private sector after his work at UNLV was complete.

Mr. Galaviz holds an MBA from the Said Business School of Oxford University (England), Hertford College.

He studied finance at the Faculty of Business at the National University of Singapore (NUS) in 1997 as an exchange student during his undergraduate years.

He is a member of the National Association for Business Economics, National Economists Club, American Economic Association, and the Association for Social Economics.

Read his article:

[UNLV Gaming Research & Review Journal.](#)

Titled *The Boomerang Effect*.

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Share with us what you and your classmates are doing!

Let us tell your story.

Call our office at 575-624-8250

Or drop us an email at

alumni@nmmi.edu

We look forward to hearing from you!

ALUMNI UPDATES



Eugene Young Park 2003 JC and his wife Grace welcomed baby girl Carina Ava, on 4 January 2013. He is shown here giving his new daughter her first kiss.



Dominique Bugg-Framke 1996 JC and her husband, Gary, welcomed a baby girl on 4 January 2013. Alexis Grace is pictured here with her big brother, Eli.



Jeffrey W. Straley 2007 JC and his wife, Jovanna, welcomed Scarlette Allana born on 12 November 2012. She joins her brother, Han Joseph.



Lucy Cenicerros Thomas 1997 JC and her husband, Darnell, welcomed baby boy Lincoln Harrison on 1 January 2013.



C. Reid Marley 2004 HS and his wife, Adrienne, welcomed a new baby boy on 11 January 2013. Welcome to the world Charles Arthur Marley.



Congratulations to **CAPT Joy F. (Cousineau) Nickel 2000 HS** and her husband, Joey, on the birth of son, Jude Lyon on 23 January 2013.



Christina E. (Geraci) Garcia 2005 JC and her husband, Tony, welcomed Vincent Antonio Palmisano Garcia, born on 26 December 2012.

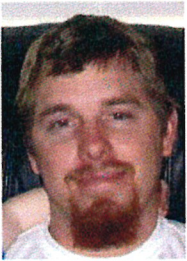
ALUMNI UPDATES



1LT Beau C. Sharpe, LAARNG 2006 JC and Macy Hay were married in Houston on 13 January 2013. Congratulations!



Shannon L. Jochem 1993 HS and Carlos Armijo were married on 5 January 2013.



SSG Brandon G. E. Barnhart, USA (Ret) 2002 HS. He retired from the Army on 19 December 2012.



Scott C. Henderson 1959 HS passed away at the age of 71 on 16 November 2011. He was a talented and successful solo folk singer-guitarist of the early 1960s. Unlike most folk musicians who were a part of the 1960s Greenwich Village music scene, Scott Henderson was born in South Bend, IN, and grew up in the Midwestern city of a Madison, WI, neighborhood. It was the music of Woody Guthrie, among many others, and the traditional songs of the railroad, depression era and the ordinary blue collar working man of the early 1960s that Scott loved to sing. Scott



Chase R. Mitchell 1995 HS and his lovely bride, Natalie, were married on 25 January 2013. Congratulations!

graduated high school at the New Mexico Military Institute, attended the University of Colorado and graduated college at the University of Wisconsin. After the Folk Music revival of the early 1960s faded away, Scott ventured in other avenues and became a very successful Sales District Manager for two Fortune 500 companies in Illinois. Upon Scott's retirement, he took yet another adventure. He bought and became the Captain of a 37-foot HarborMaster Yacht, and named it "Balladeer". Together with his wife, Monica, they sailed down the rivers, from Illinois to Mobile, AL, where they settled and lived since 2005.

NMMI ALUMNI CHAPTER NEWS

Albuquerque, NM

The NMMI Alumni Albuquerque Chapter is extending an invitation to all Alumni/Alumnae living in or visiting the area to come out to the Annual Valentine Sweetheart Dinner being held on 19 February 2013. It will be held at Scalo Italian Grill with drinks at 1800 (full service bar available) and a 3 course dinner at 1900. Soft drinks and tea will be provided.

Seating is limited—Cost is \$25 per person. RSVP via email to nmmi.abqalumni@gmail.com.

Visit the [Albuquerque Chapter Web site](#) or the Chapter [Facebook page](#).

Houston, TX

The NMMI Alumni Houston Chapter holds Happy Hour monthly.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, 25 February 2013.

Visit our [Facebook Page](#) and be sure to join (Like) us so

that you will get event notices when they are posted. Go to the 'events' tab to see more information.

The regular meetings are set for 1800-2000. Treat these meetings as you would an Open House, i.e. show up when you can during that time frame and leave when you must.

Come out and relax with old and new alumni friends.

Lee G. Jones, Jr. 1966 HS, 1968 JC

lgjones@swbell.net

713-906-6099 (Cell)

Washington, DC/Virginia

The LTC J. W. Elliott, USA (Ret) 1953 SC Memorial Chapter would like to invite area alumni/alumnae to attend the Tattoo planned for 23 February at the Army Navy Country Club in Arlington. If you would like information about the Tattoo or becoming a Chapter member, please contact either **Lawrence J.**

Moon, Jr. 1983 JC at Lawrence.moon@gmail.com or **LTC Jerald L. Phifer, USA (Ret) 1983 JC** at jerryphifer@yahoo.com.

Mexico

The NMMI Alumni Mexico Chapter is going strong! Visit the [Facebook](#) page to see what is happening! Picture:

Quinta reunion del Mexico Chapter de NMMI en el



Valle de Guadalupe.

Is there an NMMI Alumni Chapter in your area? Call us to find out. Could you be the one to help organize a chapter in your area?

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60 YEAR-OLD SABER BACK ON "THE HILL"



COL Leo B. Mihas, USA (Ret) 1953 SC wore his Saber and Sam Brown belt 60 years ago at NMMI. He has generously donated them to The Institute. This year Colonel Mihas hopes to

attend Homecoming 2013 for his 60th reunion. He attended NMMI during the time that it was a 4-year college.

Colonel Mihas graduated as a cadet/LTC and XO. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from NMMI and was commissioned in 1953. He received his Master's Degree in business administration from the University of North Carolina in 1965. He retired from the Army in 1974. The retired bank executive lives in Las Cruces, NM, with his wife Joyce, of 47 years.

If you would like to donate your saber, please contact the Commandant's Office at 575-624-8400.

Tell your story!

Contact the Alumni Office at alumnioffice@nmmi.edu

CAMPAIGN FOR THE CORPS

The Annual Fund
This fund supports incentive scholarships, cadet activities and the NMMI Alumni Association. Because of your generous donations, NMMI was able to offer 114 incentive scholarships this year! A big increase from the 71 awarded last year.

There is no better time for cadets at NMMI! Enrollment and retention are up as well as cadet academic performance as seen in rising GPAs and ACT scores.

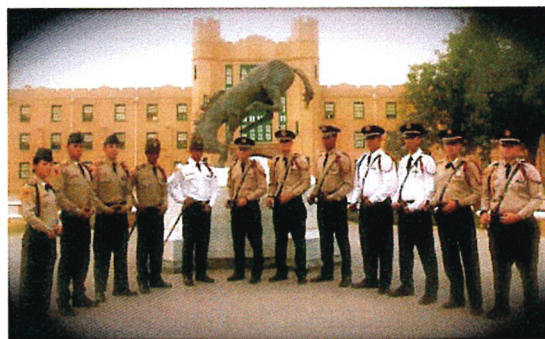
In addition 42 different cadet activities provide opportunities to expand

interests beyond academics and organized sports programs. The NMMI experience continues to prepare young men and women to succeed in the career of their choice with a well rounded and challenging education.

Gifts to the Annual Fund help shape the experience of today's cadets, allowing them to achieve their potential.

Nickie A. Vigil 1981 JC,
Director of Development.

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JOIN THE FUN IN 2014!



Alaska- ports-of-call in Ketchikan, Juneau, Glacier Bay. This would be summer as early as May.

Fall Color cruise- with ports-of-call in Halifax, Rhode Island, Massachusetts. This would be the fall.

Click on the link to vote for the destination you would be interested in:

[Cruise Survey](#)

You can also email Nickie Vigil at nickie@nmmi.edu.

Tricia and **MAJ Michael D. Berry, II, USAFR (Ret) 1991 JC** are our cruise planners. Tricia can be reached at tberry@cruiseplanners.com or by phone at 505-280-1906 for any questions.

How about another alumni and friends cruise? We had such a great time that we want to do it again! If we plan in advance we can get better deals and we can work on our alumni friends to go along with us.

Possible destinations to consider are:

Eastern Caribbean-ports of

call would be St. Thomas, St. Maarten, Nassau. This would be a winter cruise.

Mediterranean (Eastern or Western). There could be stops in Spain, Italy, France for Western and then the more Eastern would likely include Italy, Greece and Turkey. This would most likely be summer.

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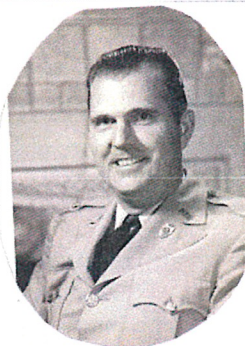
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NMMI FOUNDATION NEWS

The Miller Family Scholarship Endowment.

The Miller Family Foundation began on December 22, 2008. It was founded by Lt Col Fred A. Miller's descendants: Ronald L. Miller, his son; Cynthia L. Miller, his daughter-in-law; Ryan L. Miller, his grandson; Nicole A. Miller, his granddaughter-in-law; and Randall E. Miller, his grandson. All currently serve on the Board of Directors of the Foundation, as does Jacque Miller, his granddaughter-in-law. The principal office of the Foundation is located in Roswell, NM. The Foundation is a private foundation formed by the Miller family for the purpose of providing funds for public charities. Since its



inception, the Foundation has provided \$300,000 to public charities.

The NMMI Foundation gives scholarships to NMMI Cadets every fall and every spring. There are many scholarships that are available. If you would like to start your own scholarship, contact the Foundation Office.

As many of you know, BG Douglas Murray, USAF (Ret) lost his wife, Cathy on 24 January. The Murray family is in the process of establishing an NMMI Cadet Scholarship Endowment in memory of Cathy, at the NMMI Foundation. The family asks, in lieu of flowers, submit a donation to the endowment.

Contact: rawdon@nmmi.edu, 575-624-8035, or send your donation to the NMMI Foundation, c/o Jennifer Rawdon, memo: **Cathy Murray Memorial Endowment**, 101 West College Avenue, Roswell, NM 88201.

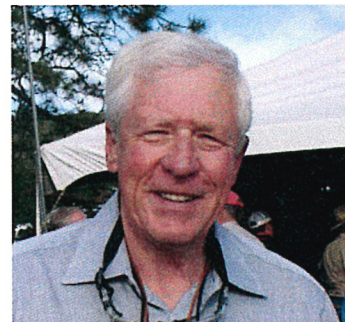
ENTREPRENEURIAL CHALLENGE EXTENDED

Richard R. "Dick" Varnell

1962 JC had challenged the class of 1962, and other classes at Homecoming 2012 to raise \$50,000. He agreed to match each dollar raised with the hope raising a total of \$100,000 for an entrepreneurial program at NMMI. The Class of 1962 stepped up to the plate with \$13,315 in donations that Mr. Varnell will match 2:1. Other class donors chipped in \$1,500 that he will match on a 1:1 basis; bringing the grand total to \$43,445. Since the target amount has not been met, Mr. Varnell has agreed to extend the challenge until he can match at least \$50,000.

Donations to this very worthy program are still being accepted.

Not sure where you would like to apply your donations? Scholarships? Cadet Activities? Cadets in Need? Planned giving? Commandant's Fund? Booster Club? Call to find the fund and the giving plan that is right for you. Please call for information! **Nickie A. Vigil 1981 JC** Director of Development nickie@nmmi.edu 575-624-8621.



Richard R. "Dick" Varnell 1962 JC



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The Crossed Sabers Society was created to support the New Mexico Military Institute by bringing together and recognizing the Institute's most dedicated and loyal supports.

The Crossed Saber Society objective is 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.

NMMI Alumni Mission and Purpose Statements

Adopted: 14 January 2012

MISSION: The objects and purposes for which the NMMI Alumni Association, Inc. (Association) exists are to support and promote the interest and welfare of New Mexico Military Institute (NMMI). In connection with the foregoing, the Association shall provide direct support to NMMI whenever possible; afford a permanent means of contact between NMMI and its alumni; create, establish and maintain scholarships for NMMI cadets; and conduct any and all operations which may be deemed advisable, necessary or desirable in the interest of promoting loyalty to NMMI, its cadets, faculty and alumni. **PURPOSE:** The objects and purposes for which the New Mexico Military Institute Alumni Association, Inc. is formed are as follows:

- To promote the interest and welfare of the New Mexico Military Institute
- To be the gateway that fosters lifelong connections between its alumni and New Mexico Military Institute
- To promote the distinctive values (duty, honor, achievement) of New Mexico Military Institute
- To provide avenues for alumni to interact with each other and with the New Mexico Military Institute
- To help establish and maintain scholarships, in conjunction with the New Mexico Military Institute Foundation, for deserving cadets to attend New Mexico Military Institute
- To operate in a manner that is connected with and is responsive to the positive needs of New Mexico Military Institute



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NMMI has announced the Spring Recruiting locations and dates in Mexico. If you would like to assist with recruiting in Mexico, please contact [Nancy Burrola](mailto:burrola@nmmi.edu). Click [here](#) for the spring recruiting schedule.

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