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GOLD STAR FOR NMMI

NMMI High School Cadets Earn High Scores on JPA
Celebrate life!

Hello readers,

It’s 2020. And no matter how lame it sounds the cliché time flies is too true. For those who were born on the other side of the millenium, do you realize that Y2K was 20 years ago? Yikes.

And how strange is it that there are cadets here who do not know life without cellphones and internets. Now that’s depressing. But nonetheless, that’s where we are now. Like it or lump it, cellphones have become a necessary evil and more people need it than the few who wish to return to life without it, which is where I sit.

Nevertheless, we need to move on with our life. Want some good advice? Take it one day at a time. Complaining does nothing for our health. Celebrate your achievements and acknowledge the successes of others.

In this edition of the Dispatches we celebrate. You will meet a young lady who left her home to attend NMMI and became a U.S. citizen while here. You will read the remarkable story of an incredibly humble soldier who simply did his duty. We acknowledge cadets who competed and won. We welcome cadets who are leaving home to attend Junior College next year and we say “Bem-vinda” to a cadet who left her homeland of Brazil to participate in NMMI’s Study Abroad Program.

So take this printed copy home, put down the cellphone and enjoy tangible media! And if you see the cadets or faculty/staff in the articles, congratulate them. They deserve it!

On the Cover

NMMI Mustang Battalion JROTC High School Cadets continue a 110 year old tradition by earning the “Honor Unit of Distinction (HUD)” designation on Friday 24 January 2020. NMMI’s JROTC Department is one of oldest JROTC units in the United States. Established in 1909.

LETTER SUBMISSION POLICY

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VISION

The New Mexico Military Institute is a globally recognized secondary and post-secondary learning institution for young men and women that instills excellence in leadership, academics, and physical development within a structured environment empowering students to thrive in a dynamic world.

MISSION

The mission of NMMI is to educate, train and prepare young men and women to be leaders capable of critical thinking and sound analysis, leaders who possess uncompromising character and leaders able to meet challenging physical demands.
"Believe in yourself, that you will make it to the top because no one will put you there but yourself." These were my grandfather’s last words before he passed away. He passed away right when I left home. It was the hardest and bravest thing I ever did was to leave him. My grandfather pushed me so hard just to get to where I am today. His words of motivation and encouragement always strengthen me to reach new heights, to accomplish my goals, and to strive for the best. I never believed in myself because a lot of people tend to think low of me. Sometimes, I put myself down so that people wouldn’t talk low about me.

It is all part of life. You will come across a lot of discouragements, distractions, and challenges that will test your faith in yourself and the Lord above. I came far away from home just to get to where my Grandfather wanted me to be. I chose the New Mexico Military Institute because my grandfather saw something in me. He believed that I can be a leader and being ath this school will make a huge impact in my life.

I applied for the ROTC program to prove to my grandfather that I can be what he wanted me to be and prove to myself that this is my future. I chose this pathway because I want to try something different that most people from American Samoa never tried before. The ROTC program is very challenging, you get to meet different cadets from different backgrounds, meet high-ranking leaders, uphold the ROTC standards, pass all the requirements to stay in the program, and be a leader. The ROTC program provides cadets with significant opportunities and benefits. ROTC cadets receive valuable training as well as financial support for their education. They are supported in the development of strong personal traits such as self-discipline, confidence, and leadership.

Being a ROTC cadet is hard because you have your own responsibilities, you must set an example to all other cadets, be mentally and physically fit, and overcome fears. One of the things I learned in this program is that whatever mistake you make, learn from it and move on.

The ROTC program opens a lot of opportunities and benefits for cadets to succeed in life. I have experienced many ups and downs, learned many lessons, been corrected on many mistakes, and overcome fears. It gives me the opportunity to try and explore new things in life, and to be what I want to be in the future. It gives me the options to open new doors to my future. One thing that I learned is that whatever you do in life, its you that put yourself to the top. You may come across with difficulties and struggles, but at the end you will reap what you sow. I have many struggles and weaknesses, facing many obstacles in ROTC training, events, etc., however, I am in the right place because ROTC makes sure that I get as much help as I need to be a successful leader and to succeed in life.

My biggest accomplishment was to be naturalized as a U.S. citizen. The ROTC program gave me the opportunity to become a citizen. It took me four months to get through the process until I got sworn in. The first process was hard for me because I couldn’t afford to pay the fee. However, it was worth it because it benefits me to the point where now I am a U.S. citizen and will commission as an officer in U.S. Army. The second process was having my fingerprints in the system and background check. It was a long process because there were many people from different backgrounds that needed to be checked. At the same time, I was excited for this process because I got to socialize with them individually. The last process was being interviewed by one of the agents who was my examiner. The 10 questions were all about American history, civics, English, and writing. I ended up with one mistake, but I still passed. It was a great feeling of excitement that made me realize that I finally came to the end. My citizen naturalization was a success. At the same time, I wish I had my family there with me, but I was thankful for the ROTC program for giving me the opportunity to become a U.S. citizen. If it wasn’t for this program, I would have not been an American. This was the biggest event and accomplishment that I have ever come across in my life. I felt proud of myself for accomplishing this milestone and I had so much pride because I got to represent American Samoa and put our name out there to the world. This milestone is dedicated to my people that anything is possible if you put your heart and mind to it and believe.
FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE

As the President and Superintendent of NMMI, I get to participate in some of the greatest events. This past Memorial Day, I helped honor a group of veterans at an assisted living center in Tulsa, Oklahoma. There are a number of unique circumstances that led to my participation in the tribute that I want to share.

The story starts back in my high school days at Nathan Hale High School in Tulsa. My senior year, I dated a young lady, Nancy Medley (now Manduano), a twin, who’s father was a World War II Veteran. He was on a bomber crew. During my high school football days and later during my military career, her father was one of my biggest fans and supporters. He and his wife attended my pinning ceremony when I became a General Officer. I stayed in touch with the twins through our class reunions.

During one of our recent class functions, I gave the other twin, Nanette (Forrester), the one I did not date, one of my General Officer coins for her to give to her father. She asked me if I could arrange a time to give it to him personally. I readily agreed and for the next year we tried several times to find a date to make that happen. Finally, we found a date that would work for both of us.

Then she threw me the proverbial curve ball asking if I could do something for all of the veterans at the assisted living center where her father was residing. I asked how many were there and she told me 25. I started scrambling for an idea to honor not only her father but all the veterans.

Enter LTC Mike O’Neil, the head of NMMI’s Junior ROTC Department. I asked Mike if he knew any counterparts in the Tulsa area and could he put me in touch with them. He did not, but he did some research and gave me three names of individuals in similar positions at high schools in Tulsa. As fate would have it, one of the names was the SAI (Senior Army Instructor) at my old high school, Nathan Hale.

I contacted Major Mike Maguffee, explained the situation, and asked if his charges could do a color guard, posting of the flags, something simple as I wasn’t sure if his students had already graduated. He told me they had held their graduation the Friday before but the students were still in school up to the very day I was asking for their help. I am honored to add in this story that, as an alumnus of Nathan Hale and a retired Major General, he knew who I was and when he understood the purpose of my call was to honor 25 veterans in an assisted living center, he simply said, “Done deal.” As I continued to over-explain, Mike interrupted me and in a polite manner told me to 1) shut up, 2) that he had the mission, and 3) it would be carried out in a respectful manner.

I gave Major Maguffee the contact information for Nancy and Nanette. He went out to the center, met the daughters there, and walked through the entire presentation that the Junior ROTC would make.

Shawn and I had to be back in Oklahoma for personal business immediately after graduation this past May, and I contacted Nanette to see if she thought the timeframe would work. She said it would and was elated that we had finally found a date on which everyone was available; it turned out, that date was the Friday before Memorial Day 2019.

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NMMI Cadets Places 2nd in Business Ethics Case Competition

Written By Cadet Leah Davenport

For two days in November, a team from the New Mexico Military Institute coached by CPT Violeta Konculic and consisting of Cadets Kylie Hostetler, Andrew Llerena, Stephen Graven, and myself, Leah Davenport, competed in the New Mexico Business Ethics Case Competition. In preparation for the competition the team would meet during tutoring to discuss the competition and how to evaluate the information given in the case.

The competition was held at Hotel Chaco in Albuquerque, NM. The night we arrived, there was a dinner held with all the other competing schools including: New Mexico State University, University of New Mexico, Eastern New Mexico University, New Mexico Tech, and New Mexico Highlands University. During the dinner everyone introduced themselves and their majors. The other competing schools were composed of college juniors and seniors that were primarily business majors. This was a bit intimidating for college sophomores and a high school senior.

The following morning the competition began. There was a breakfast for all the competing schools. Although no one said it, I could tell everyone was quite nervous. After breakfast, the presentation order was determined and the NMMI team drew to go second in presenting the case.

From that point we were given four hours to complete our analysis and presentation of the ethical issues going on inside the company, and the corrective actions necessary to fix those issues.

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Cockburn Trust Creates New Scholarship

NMMI Foundation, Inc.

On January 24, 2020, representatives from First American Bank presented a check to the NMMI Foundation, Inc. from the Barney and Maggie Cockburn Trust. The donation will create the Barney and Maggie Cockburn Scholarship.

Sue McGee-Chiodini, vice president and trust officer at First American Bank, manages the Cockburn Trust in Artesia, NM. Distributions from the trust are to provide financial assistance to residents of Southeastern New Mexico for the purpose of obtaining post-secondary education or (b) to improve the quality of life for residents of Southwestern New Mexico or a combination of both of these purposes.

The NMMI Foundation, Inc. is thankful to have been chosen as a recipient of the Barney and Maggie Cockburn Trust. The scholarship will provide assistance to many deserving students well into the future at New Mexico Military Institute.
Quiet Heroes

By Major General Jerry Grizzle
President/Superintendent

Many of you reading this may never have served with or even worked with a true hero. The reason is they are usually very quiet individuals who never talk about their awards or the things they did to receive the award. Today, just as when they performed the actions that were documented to justify the award, they just think they were simply doing their job. They don’t view what they did as anything special or heroic, they were, in their mind, simply doing the job they were trained to do.

Such was the case of the janitor at the Air Force Academy. The cadets were reading about Medal of Honor recipients and one thought they recognized a name. They went out into the halls and found the janitor taking care of their dormitory. They showed him the article and story about a Medal of Honor recipient with the same name as his and asked him if it was him. He confirmed that it was in fact him. William Crawford, Medal of Honor recipient from World War II, a quiet hero, walking among them every day.

In the United States Military there are three medals given exclusively for valor. The highest honor one can receive for valor is the Medal of Honor. Sometimes mistakenly referred to as the, “Congressional Medal of Honor.” The second highest honor for valor is the Distinguished Service Cross and the third highest is the Silver Star. There are other awards that can have a “V” device attached that indicates the medal was awarded for valor. A Bronze Star can be awarded for reasons other than for valor but if you see or hear that someone has a Bronze Star with a “V” device, it means the award was for valor.

The criteria to be awarded the Silver Star reads as follows, it is awarded for gallantry in action:

While engaged in action against an enemy of the United States;

While engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force; or

While serving with friendly foreign forces in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party.

We at NMMI are fortunate to walk among and work with veterans every day. All of our veterans wear an impressive array of awards and decorations; Combat Infantryman’s Badge, Expert Infantryman’s Badge, Airborne, Air Assault, Pathfinder, Ranger, Under Water Demolition, Purple Heart, Global War on Terrorism and many more. But one stands out over and above all the rest. Military awards and decorations are worn in a hierarchical order based on their ranking or prominence in the military awards and decorations system. The highest award being the Medal of Honor and is worn in the first position on the array of awards and decorations of the veteran. Whatever is the highest award the veteran has received will be worn in that first position in their display of awards and decorations.

The one that stands out above the rest here on the NMMI campus is the Silver Star worn by George Brick. COL Brick, as he is known here, Master Sergeant Brick, as he was known when he retired from the Marine Corps and Corporal Brick when he was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in Vietnam.

COL Brick doesn’t talk about that day, 17 August 1968, but the citation for his actions is available online. I have taken the liberty to print the citation for you to read. If you ask, I am sure all he would say is, “I was just doing my job.”

NOTE: To maintain the complete continuity of the Citation, it has been moved to page 8.

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Cadet Jaylene Moore and Cadet Maria Clara Rocio pictured here during their recent meeting with BG Murray to share their study abroad experience.

And a new semester begins... the excitement of meeting the new international students reporting for the spring semester gives place to a new recruiting season. With the new recruiting season, a new and intense agenda commences. On my way to the next event, I was able to reflect on the impact that my personal experience studying abroad has had in my life – personal and professional.

It all started many years ago when I embarked on one of my most exciting journeys. I was going to spend a year abroad as an exchange student. A new challenge – new culture, new language, first time away from my family for an extended period of time – so much to learn, so much to soak in. Little did I know that this experience would forever change my life. Additionally I thought about all these young men and women who are embarking on their own transformational journey.

Last semester we had the privilege of sending NMMI’s first high school student to spend a semester in Brazil. NMMI has established a partnership with COOPEC, an elite High School in São José do Rio Preto, in the State of São Paulo, Brazil. Cadet Moore was there from August through December 2019. Upon her return we met and talked about the opportunity and the experience as a way to evaluate the program. Cadet Moore had nothing but good things to say about her semester abroad. We talked about the similarities and differences in both cultures. We talked about the ways this experience changes us as people and the long-term impact the experience has on one’s life. She now speaks Portuguese and has been forever touched by the Brazilian culture and the friendships she has made while living there.

As planned, Cadet Moore returned and a student from COOPEC is now attending NMMI – Maria Clara Rocio. Cadet Rocio arrived in Roswell on January 1, 2020 and was welcomed by Cadet Moore’s family. Cadet Moore’s mother embraced her as one of her own. She made sure Maria Clara would experience a little of the town and the surrounding area prior to reporting to Post. I met them and saw two young women from different cultural backgrounds that were now supporting each other. During matriculation, Cadet Moore’s mother accompanied Cadet Rocio every step of the way, making sure she had all she needed, and most important of all, she had the family support. The friendship is forever established. Cadet Rocio is currently enrolled as a senior at NMMI and it has been a joy to see her confidently navigating her new environment.

This past summer, for the first time, Dr. Kitchen, NMMI history professor, put together a six credit hour course and taught it in... see International, pg.11
The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to CORPORAL GEORGE E. BRICK UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

For service as set forth in the following:

CITATION:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving as a Forward Air Controller with Company M, Third Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division in connection with operations against the enemy in the Republic of Vietnam. On 17 August 1968, during Operation Mameluke Thrust, Company M was conducting a search and destroy operation in the village of Phu Loc in Quang Nam Province when the Marines became heavily engaged with a large North Vietnamese Army force. Alertly observing that the lead element was pinned down by intense mortar, antitank rocket and automatic weapons fire, Corporal BRICK unhesitatingly left his position of relative safety and ran across 100 meters of fire-swept terrain toward the point position, despite sustaining fragmentation wounds in his leg. Ignoring his painful injuries, he boldly maneuvered to a vantage point from which he skillfully commenced adjusting air strikes on the hostile emplacements. Continuing his determined efforts until the hostile force was completely disorganized, he enabled his company to initiate an assault on the enemy position. Observing three Marines fall wounded during the initial moments of the attack, Corporal BRICK completely disregarded his own safety and exposed himself to the heavy volume of hostile fire as he aided in moving the casualties to a landing zone for medical evacuation. Undaunted by constant enemy mortar fire, he steadfastly refused to seek cover while directing helicopters into the zone and assisting in embarking the wounded men. Although wounded in the arm and shoulder by enemy mortar fire impacting nearby, he resolutely remained and continued performing his life-saving duties until the seriousness of his wounds forced his evacuation on the following day. By his courage, determined efforts and selfless devotion to duty at great personal risk, Corporal BRICK undoubtedly saved the lives of numerous Marines and upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and of the United States Naval Service.

For the President,

H. W. BUSE, JR.
LIEUTENANT GENERAL,
U.S. MARINE CORPS COMMANDING GENERAL,
FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC
CADET CONGRATS

Do you know of any cadets who receive awards, promotions or accolades? Let the editor know so we can celebrate their achievements.

Altrusa Students of the Month

Cadet Jeremiah Pinon
1SG/1SGF for Echo Troop. He is currently the First Sergeant of Echo Troop. He is a graduate of the Cadet Mentor Program, Commandant Squad Leader School, and the Commandant First Sergeant School. He participates in Colts Track & Field, Cross Country, and Swimming & Diving Teams. Cadet Pinon is from Roswell, NM.

Cadet James Surovcki
He is the high school platoon sergeant, SFC, for Alpha Troop. He served on Cadre for Alpha Troop and attended both the Squad Leader School and the Platoon Sergeant School. Cadet Surovcki is from Chatham, New Jersey.

Kiwanis Club Students of the Month

Cadet Hector Grijalva Altamirano
1SG/1SG for Foxtrot Troop. He is currently the First Sergeant of Foxtrot Troop. He is a graduate of the Commandant Squad Leader School, Commandant Platoon Sergeant School, and the Commandant First Sergeant School. He participates in Colt Track & Field, and Colt Cross Country. Cadet Grijalva is from Sonora, MX.

Cadet Santino Faravelli
MSG/MOFO for 2nd Squadron. He is currently the Master of Fitness NCO for 2nd Squadron. He is a graduate of the Cadet Mentor Program, Commandant Squad Leaders School, and Commandant First Sergeant School. Cadet Faravelli is from San Jose, CA.

Roswell Rotary Students of the Month

Cadet Nguyen Bui
SGT for HQ Troop, deportment A. He is currently a SGT of HQ Troop. Graduate of SL school. He participates in band. Cadet Bui is from Vietnam.

Cadet Dena Nguyen
SGM/OPS SGM for Regiment. She is currently the Regimental Operations Sergeant Major and possesses a long list of accomplishments while attending the New Mexico Military Institute. She is a graduate of Commandant Squad Leader School, Commandant Platoon Sergeant School, and the Cadet Mentor Program. She is currently a member of the YLCC Facilitators, participates in the Spirit Squad, and is a National Honor Society Member. Cadet Nguyen is from Dexter, NM.

*Unable to be photographed: Cadet of the Month for Pecos Valley: August/Sept Devonny Grajeda and Oct/Nov Perry Carson
Welcome to a new column that has one purpose- to poke fun about random topics and to make you aware of something local (business or place or item) and finally, to talk movies or books or music. So what does RRR&R do for you? Will this add value to your life? This column doesn’t do much and if it adds any value to your life, I will request that you monetize said value and support me on Patreon. (Patreon pending set-up).

Here are some do’s and don’ts regarding this sanguine little column.

1. Do expect to look up one of the words that appear in this article. (Hint: Today’s word is sanguine) So there’s some value, you may learn a new word. Yay for vocabulary!

A. Do not take this seriously. These are my opinions and my opinions will not always line up with yours. My opinions are not those of the New Mexico Military Institute. My opinions do not reflect those of the State of New Mexico. TBH, my opinions may not be the same of my own mother (God bless her). My opinions are not absolute and may change and might even seem ridiculous. Here’s an example, I do not like Red Lobster but I have never eaten there because I don’t like lobster. Yes, I know that they have non-seafood dishes, but I think the smell of seafood, which I do not enjoy, will be too strong. Thus, I have not tried to go inside a Red Lobster and believe I do not like it. Silly.

2. Do expect to enjoy this column…as long as you have a similar sense of humor. If you can laugh at the Simpsons (seasons 1-7), at Dave Chappelle, when people get hit playing dodgeball and at yourself, you might enjoy what I write.

B. Do not expect to always agree with my opinions. There might be times you might even find yourself offended. And if you do, any donations to my Patreon are non-refundable.

3. Do vote. It’s important. As for “offensive” content, get over it. It’s not intentional as my writing will be clean. There might be some political tongue-in-cheek, but that will probably be rare or never happen. Our current culture is so split and tribal that we get enough of that already. Oh… and political jokes may offend potential financial donors.

C. Do not donate to me. I mean, if you really want to buy me a coke or lunch, I won’t say no to Amigos (the first rave).

With that said (or written) let us begin on this journey:

**RANT** - I do not like it when certain grocery products I enjoy are discontinued. What do I mean? There have been flavors of ice cream that I loved and bought but are now discontinued. The ones I can remember are Tripple Chocolate by Dreyers, Tin Roof Sundae by Blue Bell and possibly Cookie Two Step by Blue Bell. I think there’s one or two more but I cannot recall which ones.

Tripple Chocolate was fantastic and possibly the first loss that hit me the hardest. It was made up of regular chocolate, white chocolate and dark chocolate and it was delicious. When I realized that Walmart stopped selling it, I tried the local upscale boutique that is called Farmers. No luck, so I drove all the way to Albertsons and Lawrence Brothers. I never found it anywhere else but in my dreams. A recent loss has been Tin Roof Sundae, a flavor that’s been around for decades. I remember it when I was in high school. It was so popular that several different companies had their own recipe for adding peanuts, fudge and chocolate chips to vanilla ice cream that resulted in a chilly celebration of creamy goodness for the mouth. But just as recently as last week I searched in vain at Walmart, Farmers and both Albertsons and did not find it. And I feel that time is slipping for Cookie Two Step, a ridiculously cookie inspired treat with cookie dough added to cookies and cream. However, I finally found the blue tub at Farmers and Albertsons. I can go on about other things, but the ice cream flavors are truly missed. Maybe when I go home tonight, I will pour a spoonful out for the homies.

**RAVE** - Amigos restaurant has the best chicken tacos in town! There I said it. With Taco Tuesday becoming a national holiday and the word “tacocat” turning the palindrome world upside down, or backwards, everyone has their taco hot spot. But my place is Amigos, across the street from Farley’s. It’s a little dive that I discovered last year and have been loving ever since. I’m happy to say that I may have converted some fellow employees to the local mom and pop.

Before I continue my rave, here’s a quick list of NM restaurants that I like:

Chik-Fil-A, Chipotle and Dion’s in ABQ, Casablanca and Cafe Rio in Ruidoso, Adobe Rose and the Bulldog burrito place in Artesia. Local Mexican food I enjoy are Burritos and More, Cerritos and even Popos (although I do not like to think about what lies deep in the carpet or wish to visit the kitchen). I like Big D’s but my favorite burger is at Julie’s Place (next rave) or Whataburger. If you like any of the above, you might want to check out Amigos. I suggest going during 11am-2pm from Wed-Fri as they offer a buffet so you can try a little of everything. Chicken tacos are not included, but chicken fajitas are available and those are very delicious.

**REVIEW** - Space is running low, so I need to get to my review. I would encourage you to watch Quentin Tarantino’s “Once Upon a Time in Hollywood”. It’s not a movie for kids as it has your typical Tarantino language and violence, although it’s not a gratuitous as Kill Bill, as unsettling as Reservoir Dogs or as traumatic as Pulp Fiction. It’s a great movie with great performances by DiCaprio and Pitt. The cinematography is gorgeous and it’s a beautiful period piece paying homage to 60’s Hollywood.

It is hard to talk about the movie without me spoiling it. It’s a fairy tale ending for a tragic event that happened that altered the face of Hollywood and forced America to lock their doors at night. You may go to the interwebs for a better summary. I chose to write about this movie because there’s information you need to know before viewing the film. When I first watched it at home, I was bored. There were certain scenes in the movie that did not add to the story and would normally end up on the cutting room floor. The movie is over two hours long and about an hour into it I was ready to shut it off.

But I thought to myself that this was an Oscar nominated film for Best Picture. I knew I was missing something. Tarantino was not just placing scenes in the movie or positioning the camera without a purpose. I finished the movie and…I still didn’t like it.

So I did a little research and discovered some facts (I will not allude to them) that made the movie SOOOO much better. In fact, I kept the movie another night (paid Redbox the fee) and watched it again. I ended up buying the movie and have watched it two more times. The additional background information turned my opinion from lackluster to fanatical. I would highly recommend the movie to everyone.

My final recommendation: have a nice dinner at Amigos, purchase some Cookie Two Step ice cream and, while at Albertsons, rent the movie. Until next time, farewell and do well.
----from Memorial Day, pg.4

a full complement of students, a color guard, a drill team and a saber line. We lined the veterans up in the center’s lobby by age and brought them into the dining room, and introduced each by name and the conflict in which each served. There were WWII Veterans, Korean Veterans, two of whom had served in both conflicts, Vietnam Veterans and Veterans who had served without engaging in armed conflict. As each came through the saber line and were introduced, I met and shook each one’s hand and awarded them one of my coins.

Once everyone was introduced and honors rendered, the colors were posted and the drill team performed a rousing routine.

As we departed, I was reminded of the words of President Abraham Lincoln:

“Honor to the soldier and sailor everywhere, who bravely bears his country’s cause. Honor, also, to the citizen who cares for his brother in the field and serves, as he best can, the same cause.”

I was honored and humbled to have participated in this event.

----from Business Ethics, pg.5

issues. The case study consisted of audio tapes from phone calls, various email, definitions, news articles, and other documents from the company files. The first step we took was to look over each piece of evidence from the case and take notes while discussing what we thought was happening. Then we wrote down the main points we wanted to present. Finally, we created our presentation, including a PowerPoint, and rehearsed what each cadet would present. The allotted four hours flew by quickly.

During our presentation we maintained confidence and presented strong points on the questionable ethics of the company we studied. The judges would nod and smile every now and then, assuring us we were on the right track.

Finally, after the rest of the teams presented it was time to announce the winners. Despite the age and experience difference between the team of cadets and other schools, the New Mexico Military Institute Business Ethics Case Competition team earned second place!

This was an amazing experience and I encourage others to compete even if they have little to no experience with business ethics. I learned a lot that I never would have thought of before when thinking about what happens behind the scenes of companies. This experience is one that I will never forget due to the learning process and comradery with the team.

----from International, pg.7

Germany, leading a group of five cadets. Another group of cadets is scheduled to go to Germany next summer.

We continue to explore new opportunities to expand our international programs. We are now focused on expanding our Study Abroad programs – short-term and semester long. We are working on establishing collaborative agreements with schools abroad where students will attend classes for a semester and upon their return, transfer the course credits they took. These past weeks, we welcomed international partners to NMMI and during our meetings they agreed to not only assist us to increase diversity on Post, but also help us identifying schools in their home countries that could potentially become NMMI partners.

Brigadier General Murray, NMMI Dean and Chief Academic Officer, highlighted the importance of Study Abroad when he said, “If America’s place in the world is to be in the 21st century what it was in the 20th, Americans, in all walks of life, must learn to lead again. That learning, namely leadership development, is the NMMI mission. But it requires that our graduates understand the challenges and opportunities of living, working and leading in a global society and economy. Study Abroad programs facilitate that learning by enabling our cadets to engage other cultures and societies”.

With this in mind, we need to prepare our cadets to be active participants in the international arena. We need to instill in them the spirit of collaboration and the recognition of the value of different cultures and developing the ability to work together and share experiences. Working together with others at a young age becomes the linkage when they assume positions of leadership whether in the economy, in education, in the government or any other field of choice.

As reflected in the Dean’s comments, he is a strong supporter of our Study Abroad program. He would like to invite those who are interested in learning more about it and how they might participate or provide support to contact him at (575) 624-8020 or at breen@nmmi.edu.

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THE BRIEF WITH NMMI JROTC

Annual JPA Inspection Results - NMMI receives Gold Star

The Mustang Battalion JROTC Department completed the JROTC Program Accreditation (JPA) on Friday, 24 January 2020. NMMI high school cadets delivered a superior performance by achieving 194 points out of 200 possible points earning a 97% rating. This score earns our cadets the highest possible rating of Honor Unit with Distinction! CONGRATULATIONS

Meet JROTC SFC Jerry Mendez

SFC Jerry Mendez is a Retired United State Army Sergeant First Class instructor in the JROTC department where he teaches the Leadership Education Training (LET) I Classes. SFC Mendez served 26 and a half years in the Army National Guard. He has four years of active duty activations, with one deployment overseas. Graduated from ENMU-ROSWELL in May of 1997, with an AA in University Studies with an emphasis in Education. Graduated May 2006, with a BA in University Studies from ENMU-PORATALES, with the emphasis in Social Studies and a Minor in Bilingual Education. Background in military he worked as a first line supervisor, Platoon SGT., mechanic, heavy wheeled operator, security police, and gathered intelligence for national security from a foreign country.

“I was born in Mexico December 4, 1968; my family came across when I was five. I am the only one out of seven children to graduate high school and attend college, and join the military. I became a Citizen in Sept. of 2006. Retired from the Military May 7, 2017, at the rank of SFC. I am married to my best friend Victoria we have seven children that we love and adore, we have seven grandchildren that we love and adore”.

United Way Annual Luncheon Recap

The NMMI JROTC Color Guard Drill Team was invited to the Roswell United Way Annual Luncheon to present the Colors for their opening meeting on February 4, 2020 at the Roswell Convention Center.


Upcoming News:

JCLC Camp for NMMI JROTC CADETS

JUNE 1 - 5, 2020

Camp will take place here at NMMI on June 1-5, 2020. This camp emphasizes in Leadership, Team Building, Drown proofing and Ropes Course. It is for NMMI High School cadets Let 1 through Let 3 cadets. If interested you can pick up a packet at the DLC Bldg. Room 111 in the JROTC department or ask your Let Instructor for a packet.
Roswell High Trio Stays Local, Set to Attend NMNI

NMNI Sports Press - Peter Dindinger

One major reason why the Roswell Coyotes were able to capture back-to-back state titles in football during the 2018 and 2019 seasons was because of the major contributions from seniors Xavier Lomeli, Joel Sanchez and Jasia Reese.

In front of friends and family Thursday afternoon, the trio had a ceremony to announce the news that they will be attending New Mexico Military Institute.

Roswell head coach Jeff Lynn, a former head football coach and cadet at the Institute, is excited for the opportunity his players are receiving.

“It feels great. I was a cadet. It was one of the best things I ever did for myself,” Lynn said. “For these guys to get an opportunity to go up there and do the same things … it’s awesome.

“I know they’re in good hands. Coach (Joe) Forchtner’s one of my good friends and a great coach. I’m excited for the next step in their career.”

Xavier’s brother, Dominic, is a former baseball player at NMNI who is now attending Adams State.

A 285-pound offensive lineman, Xavier had to overcome an injury during his career but it didn’t put a damper on his goals of becoming a back-to-back state champ.

“I felt good coming off a broken foot,” Xavier said. “I saw the team we had and I knew it was going...see RHS Trio, pg.15

Ruidoso Senior Gets Opportunity of a Lifetime

Tom Ruiz - Special to the NMNI Dispatches

Ruidoso quarterback Gage Guardiola will attend New Mexico Military Institute.

He’ll celebrate that moment before his classmates at the gym. It’s a tradition at the school to acknowledge their athletes as they move to the next phase.

Gage will forever carry fond memories of being a Ruidoso Warrior which began as a young boy.

“I grew up being the ball boy. I always jumped at the chance of being a Warrior,” he recalled.

His father Manny Guardiola also played at the school alongside current Warriors head coach Kief Johnson.

“He told me what he would expect of me and that competition would be open for the quarterback position and that’s when I decided I wanted to play for them (NMNI),” Gage said.

Gage also was considering Ft. Lewis College in Durango, CO, New Mexico Highlands University and Friends University in Wichita, KS.

Casey Guardiola, Gage’s mother, said Gage choosing to go to the Institute made sense.

“We’re really a close knit family and being close to Roswell cuts down on the travel to home games,” she said.

Although Gage always wanted to play for the Warriors, he did not begin his high school career in Ruidoso.

His father established a construction business in Las Cruces and the family moved there from Ruidoso.

Ruidoso quarterback Gage Guardiola scrambles for a first down against Artesia on Oct. 5, 2019. Guardiola was responsible for more than 400 yards of offense. Artesia won, 73-46. Guardiola will attend New Mexico Military Institute.

(Photograph by Shawn Naranjo)

-----see Ruidoso Senior, pg.15
Pitching Part of Key to Bronco Baseball Campaign

NMMI Sports Press- Peter Dindinger

One big thing the Broncos will lean on this season is their pitching, which is spearheaded by sophomores Tyler Hardwick and Jose Cabanillas.

Cabanillas went 5-3 in six starts with a 4.98 ERA and 40 strikeouts his freshman year.

Hardwick, who is expected to be the ace of the staff, compiled a 6-6 record last season that included a team-best 3.20 ERA with 64 strikeouts.

“We’ll do pretty well. Everyone specializes in a different way,” Hardwick said. “Everyone brings a key piece into what will make us good.”

The Broncos begin their season hosting a doubleheader Saturday against Otero Junior College at noon and 2 p.m. The series concludes with another twin bill Sunday beginning at noon.

“The theme going into this year ... I feel like we’re as strong as we’ve ever been on the mound,” NMMI head coach Chris Cook said. “We’ve got a handful of guys who can throw it.

“If we’ve done our job as coaches, I feel like we’ve got a chance to be competitive every weekend because of our pitching,” Cook said.

The offense is a big question mark at the beginning of this year, but plenty of progress has been made.

One of the biggest challenges is finding the right lineup for each game because there are plenty of players on this year’s roster that can step up during any situation and deliver.

Hobbs native and sophomore infielder Jaden Hutchins put together a team-high .358 clip with 38 hits and 20 RBIs last year. The coaching staff is hoping his numbers translate into this season.

Sophomore first baseman Julian Galindo had a knack for delivering the clutch hit last season, and he’ll be looked upon to be one of the leaders on offense.

Galindo hit seven homers and drove in a team-best 41 runs last season while batting .323 with 41 hits.

“I just hope all our young hitters learn the game and have a feel for the game,” Galindo said. “From what I saw over fall, everybody’s starting to learn.

“Overall, I feel like we’re going to be good. We’re way different than last year. We’re working on putting all the pieces together.”

>>KEEPING IT LOCAL: This year’s roster includes five Roswell natives.

Hardwick, freshman pitcher Ty Villareal and sophomore transfer Cameron Stevenson all played at Goddard.

Stevenson was at the University of New Mexico last season. He and Hardwick helped lead the Rockets to a state championship in 2017.

Freshmen Jaydon Stephens, of Gateway Christian, and former Roswell High pitcher Langston “Drew” Graham round out the local players.

“It was a goal of mine when I took this job over eight years ago ... to try to get more regional kids,” Cook said. “It’s just more exciting, more fun. It’s easier for the kids to get to know what the program’s about when they can be around it on a daily basis.”

>>COMPETITIVE SCHEDULE: NMMI’s nonconference schedule doesn’t shy away from playing the best programs in the region as it meets North Central Texas College, Colby Community College, Cisco College and Ranger College.

---see Baseball, pg.15
“This is my eighth spring and this is by far the most challenging schedule we’ve had,” Cook said. “I did purposefully want to get a tougher nonconference schedule.

“This could be great playing these more competitive teams and worst-case scenario it could be bad. You’re trying to figure out who can fill this role, but at the same time, you’re trying to win. We hope to have all our answers by the time we get to March when we’re playing the first conference series.

Throughout the past couple of years, the Galindo name has become synonymous within the NM MI program.

Four different Galindos, who all hail from El Paso, Texas, have played for the Broncos. Only two are actually related.

Julian Galindo’s brother Bobby played for the Broncos before landing at the University of the Southwest in Hobbs. Then there’s Joe Galindo who was drafted by the San Diego Padres in the 13th round in 2016 after competing at NM MI and New Mexico State University.

Current Broncos assistant coach Tony Galindo, who played two seasons for the Broncos from 2016-18, adds to the list.

--from Baseball, pg. 14

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--from RHS Trio, pg. 13

to be something special. I worked harder than ever because I knew it was my last year.

“I had a great visit with NM MI. My brother went for two years, so I liked it a lot.”

During last season’s 13-0 campaign, Roswell High’s offense averaged 47.3 points a game.

Sanchez was responsible for 18 touchdowns as a wide receiver. He proved to be versatile throughout his career as he also saw time as a placekicker and defensive back.

“Coach Lynn gave me a chance to play. My sophomore year I played corner and this year coach Lynn made me strictly offense. I was a little mad at him, but I think it paid off,” Sanchez said.

Reese, a flashy and speedy wide receiver, scored nearly 20 touchdowns his senior year. Being able to beat Los Lunas twice in the state title game to capture the coveted blue trophy will be a memory etched in Reese’s mind forever.

“Football is my life,” Reese said. “So, go back-to-back … I’ve been wanting to do that since I was a child.”

When asked about his decision to further his education at NM MI, Reese replied, “I just feel like I need the structure and I feel like it’s the best way to get me to where I want to be, and the education is really good. I’ve always had a passion for football.”

“I think they’re going to be a great fit up at New Mexico Military Institute,” added coach Lynn about his players moving on to the next level. “I just think it’s going to be great for all three of them.”

--from Ruidoso Senior, pg. 13

Gage played his freshman and sophomore years at Mayfield. His grandparents lived in Ruidoso and when his grandfather died, Gage volunteered to take care of his grandmother, Maria.

“We had to make that decision as a family and it wasn’t an easy one,” said Casey.

The opportunity to care for his grandmother and his dream of playing for the Ruidoso Warriors was the chance of a lifetime. His parents frequently drove to Ruidoso to keep close tabs on the situation.

“I had to be more disciplined and manage my time with my grandmother to make sure her needs were met, keep my grades up and be at football practice,” Gage said. “She would not let me get up from the dinner table until I finished everything on my plate.”

Maria couldn’t make some of the home and away games this past season, so she listened to them on the radio from home.

She was especially excited about the game between Ruidoso and Artesia where both teams engaged in a competitive battle before Artesia pulled out the win in the fourth quarter.

“What a crazy game that was,” Gage reflected. “We scored touchdowns on our first three drives. In the huddle we believed we could take them (Artesia). I am going to remember that game forever.”

Now a new phase of his life awaits him at NM MI.

“They have a great academic program … among the best in the country. I am going to be a part of great military tradition. I can’t wait to be a Bronco,” Gage proudly said.

Gage will be pursuing a career as a football coach.

“I aspire to be among the best players at NM MI and be a great teammate,” said Gage. “As my dad reminds me, doing it the right way.”
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