

## NMMI SELECTS NEW ACADEMIC DEAN

ROSWELL, NM – Following a comprehensive national search, New Mexico Military Institute proudly announces the appointment of Dr. Orlando V. Griego, PhD, as Chief Academic Officer and Academic Dean. He joins the Institute after serving as Dean of the College of Business & Health Administration at the University of St. Francis in Joliet, Illinois. Griego's career spans more than 30 years, from military officer to Dean, developing students, including preparing the nation's top government employees to be influential leaders. In this role, he will report to Major General Jerry W. Grizzle, President and Superintendent of New Mexico Military Institute.

An alumnus of San Jose State University, Griego graduated with a Bachelor's in Social Services. He next attended Golden Gate University, San Francisco, CA, where he earned a Masters in Human Resource Management. He was awarded his PhD in Vocational Education from Colorado State University, at Fort Collins, CO.

"It is an honor to welcome Dr. Griego to the Institute," said General Grizzle. "At this moment in education, he will take the training and skills that he honed and exuded as a student, educator and leader and share that wisdom with the cadets, faculty and staff. I can think of no individual better suited to take on this role. His passion for student engagement and success makes him a perfect fit for the role of NMMI's Dean."

Highlights of an extensive academic career, including author or co-author of 4 books and nearly 70 publications, proceedings, or academic presentations; honored as Teacher of the Year and twice nominated for Best Teacher of the Year at two universities. He has taught or developed undergraduate, graduate, degree completion, non-traditional, and online students, and served high-level government officials in an academic leadership development program at the Federal Executive Institute in Charlottesville, VA.

His many experiences include having developed co-curricular programs with a multitude of academic programs. He led faculty to create new majors, certificates, and new concentrations that boosted school enrollments. His effort also moved two colleges internationally, to programs in Europe, the Middle East, and Asia. One program he helped develop was a Millennial Master of Business Administration, where high achieving, focused students traveled to six different continents as part of their education. Griego also possesses a variety of course teaching experience, including: on-campus, cohort, two-way interactive, distance learning, blended, and online courses. Having had responsibilities as an admissions counselor to professor to Dean during academic timeline, Griego understands the importance to NMMI of enrollment, retention, educational and leadership outcomes assessment, and graduation, and strategies and actions to improve "the numbers."

"It is a privilege to be selected and serve as Dean of the New Mexico Military Institute and to work with the Institute Administration, faculty and the Corps of Cadets, said Griego." I am a native New Mexican and quite familiar with the excellent reputation that NMMI enjoys as an international educational institution. I find compelling the values of NMMI: duty, honor, and achievement. As part of such an organization, I hope to inspire and prepare students to higher achievement by helping create a premier educational institution where the focus is on their success."

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