

Rain or shine, Summer Camp was a success!

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of Summer Camp,
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The Rio Grande Valley hasn't seen too much rain this summer. However, several thunderstorms attempted to play havoc with the schedule, but only managed to keep



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the campers cool, a treat in South Texas in July. Overall, Summer Camp 2002 was a great success.

The 2002 MMA Summer Camp program began June 30 with approximately 370 boys from 29 states, Mexico, France and six other countries. After registration, campers were placed in platoons, according to age. English as a Second Language (ESL) campers were also divided into two platoons.

Each day began with reveille at 0550, followed by physical training and then first

mess. Mornings and afternoons were reserved for intense military activities and events. In addition to close order drill, campers faced such challenges as the mud course, obstacle course, paintball combat, the confidence course, the Leadership Reaction Course, rappelling, the climbing wall, boxing and pugil stick fighting. Sports activities were held in the evenings that in-

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Gillis wants to focus on “mentoring” cadets

Like any new person on the job, MMA Commandant of Cadets Col James A. Gillis, III, USMC (Ret) has arrived with a few ideas of his own on how he thinks his department should run.

“The first thing I want to do is to establish a good relationship with the Corp of Cadets and form them into a tight unit where morale is good, standards are high and leaders are properly developed,” Gillis said. “I want to mentor and teach them to take care of themselves as a unit. With adult supervision, I want to let them handle their problems, listen to them on how to make things better and set them in the right direction and keep them on the right track.”

“I don’t anticipate any drastic changes, as we have good leadership and good solid cadets,” observed Col Gillis.

In June, Gillis, a third generation Marine, replaced Acting Commandant SgtMaj Ford Kinsley, USMC (Ret) as Commandant of Cadets. SgtMaj Kinsley will now be the Assistant Commandant as well as the Academy Sergeant Major.

Col Gillis was commissioned on June 1, 1972 following graduation from Boston College in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts. Upon completion of the Basic School, Col Gillis was assigned the Infantry MOS and has served in that capacity as a Platoon Commander, XO, Company Commander, Bn S-3, Bn Commander, Brigade Deputy G-3 and Brigade G-3, and Regimental Commander. Gillis served in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Divisions and also the 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade.

Gillis served two tours on recruiting duty and also served as a Platoon Commander and a Tactics Instructor at Officer Candidate

School. Additionally, he spent two years in Korea as an Amphibious Plans and Operations/Exercise Officer. He served as the Executive Assistant and Deputy Chief of Staff to the US CINCPAC Deputy Commander in Chief. Gillis also served as the Chief of Staff to the Commander Marine Forces Pacific/Marine Forces Central Command/Marine Forces Korea.

Col Gillis is a graduate of the Amphibious Warfare School, Naval Command and Staff, and the Air War College.

He has earned an MBA from Salve Regina College in Newport, Rhode Island and a Masters Degree in Strategic Studies from the Naval War College. Col Gillis will be officially retired from the Marine Corps on September 1, 2002 after 30 + years of service.

His personal decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with two Gold Stars, Joint Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation and the Navy Achievement Medal with two Gold Stars.

Married to his wife, Gina, for over 30 years, they have two children, son James IV, who resides in Houston, Texas, and daughter Kate, who is a student at the University of Texas in Austin.

Summer Camp gave Gillis his first opportunity to learn the operation of his department and become familiar with his staff. “I have a new appreciation for the Drill Instructors and their families. I know how hard their job is, requiring an unusual leader,” Gillis said. “They play the role of mother, father, doctor, teacher, friend, mentor and cheerleader.”

Realizing that cadets come from a broad spectrum of locations and personal situations, Col Gillis understands that they are



not fully knowledgeable of Corps values. With that in mind, Gillis states, “during the school year, the Academy will teach them to differentiate between right and wrong, instill honor, commitment and respect within themselves and towards the Academy, their seniors, teachers, military staff, families and fellow cadets.”

“I expect the cadets to try their best, and I will give them my 100% effort. I will be firm and fair,” said Col Gillis. He added that he expects them to “obey the law, which means no drugs, no tobacco, no alcohol and I expect them to obey all of them to the fullest.”

The commandant said he intends to keep in close contact with parents during the school year and notify them of all-important information through the Academy website, letters, or articles in *The Leader*.

“I will be open and honest with the parents. I would like to see the parents work through their drill instructor on any situation that may arise. I don’t want to break that relationship between the two parties involved,” noted Gillis. “I don’t want to replace the drill instructor.”

Gillis added, however, that he does welcome emails from parents and “will make every effort to answer them promptly.” Additionally, Gillis stated that he “will be available to visit with a parent to answer any questions or discuss issues, as will Sgt Maj Kinsley.”

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Leadership Orientation '02

By special invitation, forty-two upperclassmen attended and completed the Marine Military Academy's week-long Leadership School.

In addition to participating in all of the events available at our LEAD (Leadership Education and Development) complex, cadets, along with their drill instructors, developed new company mission statements and goals, accomplished in-depth leadership assessments on all returning cadets and studied enhanced teamwork techniques.

As in the past, the program ended with the traditional promotion ceremony and sword issue, which was conducted by the Academy's President, MajGen Wayne Rollings, USMC (Ret)

Leatherneck Band Camp '02

The goals of Band Camp 2002 were on quality performances and increased enthusiasm, and according to CWO3 Ed Harris, the band director, "We reached those goals and more!"

A mix of new and returning cadets spent many hours improving their marching skills, brushing up on basic theory and holding section rehearsals in preparation for the upcoming school year.

The band members spent a great deal of time preparing new music for the football games, pep rallies and other appearances throughout the year.



Cheerleader Camp '02

The 2002-2003 MMA cheerleading squad has been working hard this summer preparing for a long season of Leatherneck athletics!

This year's squad consists of (freshman) **Kendra Lee, Joslin Aquino, Jennifer Martinez, Danielle Contreras**, (sophomores) **Karina Paris, HollyAnne Farris - co-captain, Jenna Pena, Karina Sanchez**, (seniors) **Jessika Thomas - captain, Kristen Poe, Crissy Sanchez, Kayla Elizondo, Kim Silva and Sky Hale - mascot.**

Longtime Donor and Friend of the Academy Passes Away

LtCol Horace S. Mazet, USMC (Ret) passed away recently at his home on the Monterey Peninsula. Mazet, served in the United States Navy as an aviator, then transferred to the USMC during World War II as an officer pilot. He retired from the Marine Corps Reserve in 1963.

A world traveler, photographer, big game hunter, Hollywood extra and publisher, Mazet was also longtime donor and supporter of the Marine Military Academy. He established an endowment fund that has provided for the annual awarding of a Marine Officer's sword. This award is given to a member of the senior class who has the intent, desire and best chance of becoming a career com-

missioned officer in the United States Marine Corps. This is a cadet whom the Academy also believes will actively endeavor to perpetuate those sound principles and patriotism so evident in the early patriots.

The Academy wishes to extend its heartfelt condolences to the family of this much admired and interesting man, LtCol Horace S. Mazet.



Senior Benjamin Pepich received the Marine Officer's sword during the 2002 Graduation Parade last May.

Young Men come to Summer Camp to.....

overcome adversity!

learn how to fly!



push themselves to the limit!

sharpen their aim!

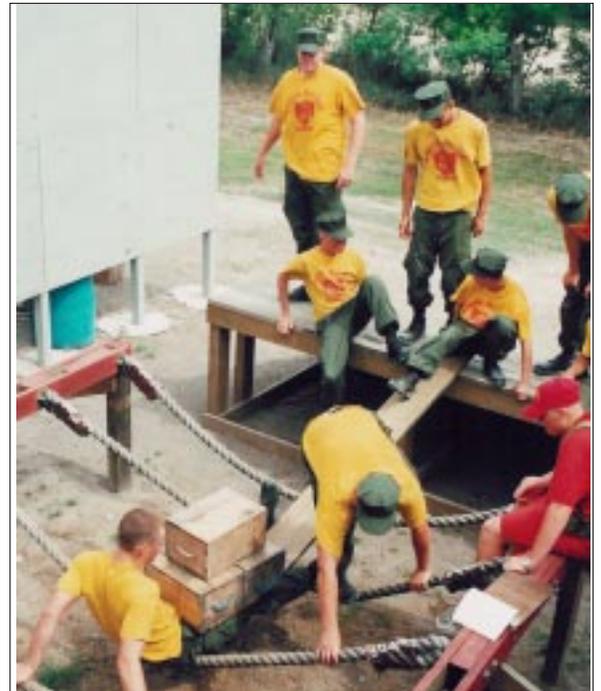


Mark your Calendar Now!
Summer Camp 2003
June 26, 2003
to
July 26, 2003

learn a new language!



learn about teamwork!



make new friends!



pay attention to details!



defend their honor!



protect their territory!



We asked campers. . .

“What do you like the best and the least about the MMA Summer Camp?”

**Luis De La O
16
Torreon, Mex.**

“I liked the paintball and doing all the obstacles that challenge you physically and mentally.

I would like less close order drill. However, I’ve learned that it is hard to be a leader.”



**Aaron Nelson
13
Houston, Tx.**

“This camp was fun! I really liked going to Camp Perry. I liked the Marines there and shooting the M-16 rifles.

The thing that was most important that I learned was team work. That will help you in the long run.”



**Brendon Nolan
15
New Braunfels, Tx.**

“It’s a lot harder than I expected. The way camp pushes you to your full potential makes me want to do my best in everything I do. I learned to believe in myself and give 100% to whatever I do.”



**Andrew Novak
15
Phoenix, Az.**

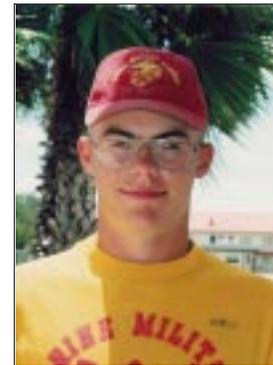
“I liked the rappelling, COPE course and the speed march reaction course.

I learned that if you are afraid of something, then learn to conquer your fear and don’t be afraid of it for the rest of your life.”

**Diego De La Cruz
16
Laredo, Tx.**

“I enjoyed the boxing smokers and the Iron Man Competition.

I learned that I could accomplish anything as long as I try and never give up. I also learned how to interact with other people.”



**Rick Hanley
15
Houston, Tx.**

“This camp proved to be less about conditioning future Marines and more on building self-confidence and having fun.

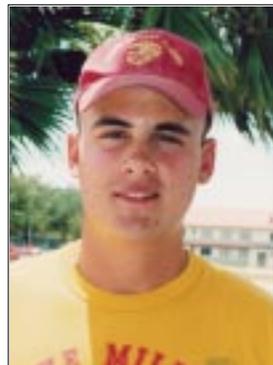
I learned the value of teamwork and the appreciation for how difficult it is to be a leader. I also learned how to kick some of my fears and how important self-discipline is in everyday life. ”

**Benjamin Mandli
17
Fort Lauderdale, Fl.**

“I thought this was going to be a ‘mini’ boot camp.

I enjoyed the times at the pool.

I have learned that people of every size, shape and color can re-set their limitations. I know I have.”



**Nicholas Tubertini
14
Dallas, Tx.**

“I thought camp was going to be a lot tougher and less fun.

I liked all the courses and the sports.

I learned to pay more attention to detail.”

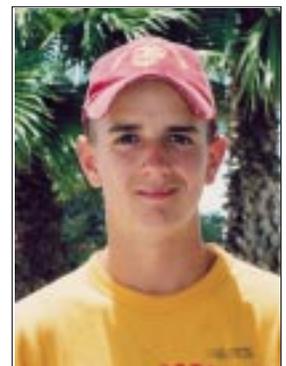


**Jarrett Mooneyhan
13
Nashville, Tn.**

“I thought we weren’t going to have any fun at all.

I liked pretty much everything we did except close order drill. I would buy more boxes of Lucky Charms cereal.

I learned not to take for granted what you have and to work as a team and don’t doubt anyone”





Andrew Hughes
15
Montgomery, Al.

“I liked the ‘brotherhood’ that has developed in my company. I also liked the COPE course and the obstacle courses.

I was surprised at what my body could do that I didn’t know about.”

Aaron Schriver
17
Celina, Tx.

“I liked rappelling ‘australian’ style on the wall and the helicopter pad.

I would like to see more military situations and overnight campouts.

I learned that even if things are tough, it is better to complete the job than to quit. I can do a lot more than I thought.”

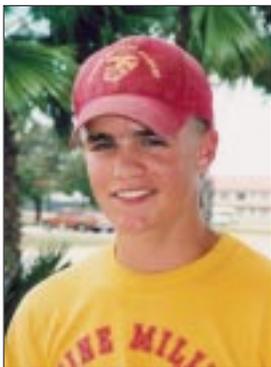


Shane Hart
15
San Francisco, Ca.

“I liked all of the activities.. rappelling, swimming, boxing, paintball, etc.

I wish we had more time

for all of the activities, but I learned self confidence, discipline, how to handle a rifle and much more.”



Darran Hauptfleisch
12
Houston, Tx.

“I liked the Flying Squirrel and the Zip Line. I would like to see them make it harder and more challenging.

I did discover that you can do anything if you put your mind to it. I also learned self discipline.”



Steven Sontog
13
Lomira, WI.

“Camp was what I expected to be. I loved the COPE course events but would like more time at the rappelling tower and the climbing wall.

This camp makes you fit and stronger. It also teaches you how to respect your elders.”



Joseph Boone
16
McAllen, Tx.

“This camp got me in better shape and gave me more discipline. I also stayed out of trouble.

I would have liked more time to write my

family and more time to make my rack better in the morning.

I learned how to be a better leader and to show a lot more respect to my peers and to the cadet instructors and drill instructors.



Tom Curran
14
So Padre Island, Tx.

“It was a lot different than I expected. I expected to march around in the hot sun all day. I loved all the different activities we did everyday.

I loved the COPE course and the food. I’ve never tasted food so good.

I learned that there is only so much time in a day and I’ve learned to prioritize my time and overcome laziness.”

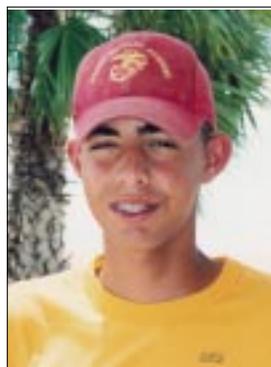


Anthony Spaise
15
Foot Hill Ranch, Ca.

“What I liked the best about summer camp was getting over my fear of heights by doing the COPE course

and the rappelling courses. I’ve learned how to box and to eat really fast.

I’d like to see less morning runs.”

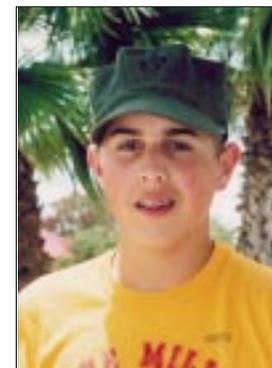


Bryan Robinson
14
Brownsville, Tx.

“Camp took my fear of heights away.

I would have more discipline for the kids that mess it up for everybody else, but other than that, it was perfect.

I learned to believe in myself.”



Football 2002

A Word from the Coach

On August 4th, 16 returning football athletes reported to this year's Football Camp 2002. In addition to those returning players, 25 new players also reported to try out for the MMA varsity team.



Returning letterman for the 2002 Leathernecks are **Xavier Anderson** (off/def

tackle), **Andy Aristizabal** (O/D Tackle), **Jason Berry** (O/DT), **Tyler Freeze** (C/DE), **Josh Gasaway** (FB/LB), **Emmanuel Hawkins** (RB/CB), **Jacob Mayo** (TE/DE), **Brad Miller** (G/DT), **Corey Owen** (R/CB), **Adam Perry** (R/Safety), **Brandon Pina** (DE/OT), **Shawn Smith** (G/LB), **Markus Werner** (DE/TE) and **Andrew Winney** (LB).

Workouts were outside from 8:00 am to 10:00 am, with many scheduled water breaks due to the 90 degree heat and lack of the traditional South Texas breeze. Mid-day practice was held inside the air-conditioned King Gym, which is 53 yards long. The evening practice was outside on the practice field, next to Bowman Stadium.

"We have quite a few players to watch," stated Coach Tom Morton. "We've got a lot of players with a lot of drive." Those newcomers Coach Morton is watching are **Joe Boone** (FB/LB), **Winston Elliott** (R/CB), **Nick Keating** (RB/LB), **Will Nelms** (LB/K), **Aaron Schriver** (FB/LB) and **Ryan Soqui** (R/CB).

2002 Football Schedule Go Leathernecks!

August

23	Santa Rosa (Scrimmage)	Home	TBA
30	Open (Scrimmage)		

September

7	Univ. of Tamaulipas	Home	7:30
13	Lyford High School	Away	7:30
20	Progreso High School	Home	7:30
27	I Am Academy (Dallas)	Away	TBA

October

4	Houston Lutheran South	Away	7:00
11	St. Anthony (San Antonio)	Home	5:00
25	Antonian College Prep	Home	7:30

November

1	St. Joseph (Brownsville) **	Away	7:30
8	St. Joseph (Victoria)	Home	7:30

** Homecoming/Parent's Weekend

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Alumni News

Where are they now?

'66

David McElwrath - Bigmac47@pdq.net Now living in Baytown, east of Houston. 5016 Inverness Drive, Baytown, TX 77521. Currently working for Hilco Industries. Oldest son is married and in the Navy. Second son is married and lives in Denton, TX, and daughter is married (at last) and lives north west of San Antonio. Another startling revelation: **More pleasure from having time with family, quality time.**

'69

Harold Zurlo - zurlo@hiline.net Has to be another proud parent. Son doing the Cadet Instructor thing also. Recently visited his other son in Arlington, VA with the Coast Guard Honor Guard stationed in Alexandria, VA. Took side-trip to Arlington National Cemetery to visit SgtMaj Bruton's gravesite.

'70

Craig McKelvy - Craig.Mckelvy@diavik.com 604-881-6929 or FAX 604-881-8337. He and friend attempting to track down old buddies from their Dallas High School Days who also attended MMA. If anyone has eyeballs on Pat Bearce '70 contact Craig.

'71

James Sproul IV - FactoryJS@aol.com Finished his New Mexico adventure with Boy Scout Troop 22. Has to be proud of son who is a Cadet Instructor this summer camp.

'75

John Deitle MSgt USMC (Ret) just happened to be in the local Whataburger recently. Introduced himself and said he would drop by for a visit. Did drop by and updated some of the class of '75. Doc C, you were the subject of a pretty good discussion.

Bruce A. Schmitt Stopped in for a few minutes. Living back in the valley now. Coming back soon to update info.



'79

James L. (Sonny) Payne, III - SonnyP3855@earthlink.net New e-mail address.

Rob Rood - roodrr@dodmedia.osd.mil Major USAF as of 1Jun02. Serving with DOD in an Air Force billet as Chief, Information Technology Division, American Forces Radio & Television



Service-Broadcast Center/Defense Visual Information Center at March Air Force Base, Riverside, CA. All former and current Cadets welcome to visit. 909-413-2309 or DSN 248-1309.

'81

Patrick Redmon - redmonpl@mcbh.usmc.mil. LtCol Redmon assumed command of 1st Battalion, 12th Marines on 25Jul at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. Currently searching for new CP for family and killer "weenie dog" over there in "Primo" land. Selected to attend Resident Commanders Program in October.

MAJ RICHARD Jarlowe and Paul Bertholf, both class of '84, pose prior to a Tactical Recovery of Aircraft and Personnel demonstration at the MCAS Beaufort Air show.

Jim Kyser - Kyserg@hqmc.usmc.mil LtCol, USMC recently selected to attend Resident Commanders Program in October 2002. Kyser also recently awarded The Navy Marine Corps Medal for his actions at the Pentagon on 11 September. *See related photo on page 11.*

'82

Robert (Bones) Baker - Robmeister64@cs.com Still attempting to get a Houston gaggle together for a BBQ and **what-not**. Keeps in touch with Barden Ambroze '82; Robert Baron '82 and Roger (007) Moore '84.

Carlos Carrera - chomby_@hotmail.com Toured campus with his wife and enrolled their son in ESL for the summer.

James Humason, GySgt, USMC (Ret) - GunnyJHumason@comptron.net In his capacity as President, Texas Association of Former Marines recently met with General James Jones, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps and SgtMaj McMichael, USMC, Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps up in Houston. E-mailed us a picture of he and General Jones. One of them has joined the "hairing impaired" club. Won't mention any names, but he wears two rockers. *See related photo on page 10.*

Steven M. Waugh - Steven.Waugh@psab.af.mil Promoted to LtCol 1Jul02 by MGen Walter E. Buchanan III, USAF at Prince Sultan Air Force Base, Saudi Arabia. (*see photo above left*) Assigned as Chief of Combat Operations. Steve is closing in on 2000 Hairy Harrier Hours. Up for the Command Screen/Slate, competing with 30 others seeking command of one of five AV-8 Squadrons. Still has his MMA letter jacket and may eventually pass it on to one of his two sons. Wife Myra obviously needs the closet space. **Sees David (the dead-beat fighter pilot) Hitchcock '84** from time to time. Rotating home in about 90 days. Good luck on the Command Screen/Slate.

Alumni News

'83

Rob B. Roberson - rmcsd@msn.com Sent in his Alumni Application Profile. Major USMC down in Sanford, FL, 5834 Autumn Chase Circle, 32773. 407-688-8961. Wife, Maire and Children Conor 6yrs, Shannon 2 yrs. Can be reached at 407-894-2001, Marine for Life Program.

'84

David M. (Sneech) Hitchcock - david.Hitchcock@jaber.af.mil Major USMC driving fighter aircraft in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Southern Watch. Heading home this summer and will be attending Naval Command and Staff in Newport, RI next year.

Ken Zieleck Major, USMC recently made the Marine Corps Admin Message Traffic by being named as point of contact for the USMC KC-130J transition project.

'85

James B. Carr - bluenobles@cox.net Attended those two years. Served as Fleet Marine Force Corpsman (God Bless those Corpsmen) and in USMC. Married for two years now and about to be commissioned as a Physician Assistant. Can be contacted at OC James B. Carr, MSC, USN, 1310 Santa Rita E. #180, Chula Vista, CA 91913. 619-934-8530.

Thomas P. Johnson Stopped by the Visitor's Center/Museum on a visit to the valley. 14302 Rushwood, San Antonio, TX 78232, 210-494-7021. Should be getting the Alumni Profile back to us soon. Thanks Monte Catterlin for the info.

'86

James Boyle - jameseboyle@yahoo.com Will be in touch with some exciting news soon. Also looking for any Houston area alumni CPA oriented.

Chris Wisnoski - nitachris1@aol.com One of the six year plank-owners from that era came down from Austin recently with Nita to visit with his youngest Father. Pretty nice week-end.

John J. Zuhowski LCdr USN, jzuhowski@swonet.com Commanding Officer, USS Shamal (PC-13) has extended a personal invitation to MGen Rollings and any member of the Marine Military Academy to visit the ship currently homeported at the U. S. Coast Guard Station, Galveston. As we speak, they're assigned to direct support of Maritime Homeland Security Operations (MHLS) for the next four

months. He's willing to come down to MMA and brief cadets on the current status of MHLS.

'87

James Hart - james@jameshart.org Enlisted in the Navy after graduation. Got out in 91 as an E-4 after Desert Shield/Desert Storm. Worked with High Rise Window Cleaning company in San Diego; moved up to Division Manager in 96 then went to work with his brother in computers until 99. Started own web hosting business (www.stormerhosting.com) in Vermont. (Must be a lucrative business since it puts chow on the table for himself, wife and four children. After having "character" thumped into his brain housing group by SgtMaj Gilmore he has come up with a startling revelation: **Character – to discern right from wrong, and to "willingly" choose right.**

'88

Mark Meaders - meaders@metronet.com He and Stefanie, along with son, Wade, are surviving layoffs. Still employed at Ericsson in Plano. Plans to attend reunion in 2003 (made one 5 years ago).

Roberto Ordorica - mexrob@earthlink.org Says reveille around his place goes at 0430 and he's in his office by 0600 running an investment management group for Prudential Financial. Invests Prudential's money in real estate projects (including residential, industrial, office, hotel, and retail) in Mexico and Brazil. Good chance he, wife Maite (they're still honeymooning) and Mother may get to the valley around New Year. Planning on attending reunion in April 03.

Stefan Wisnoski Five year plank-owner with no current e-mail address. Drove in from Charlotte, NC for a quick visit.

'89

Kyle Hood - kwhood13@hotmail.com Says things are going great now that the fiancée is state-side. He's thinking about heading to Vietnam to assist in recovery of some KIA/BNR. If it comes to past, it will be next spring after the monsoons. The "Prince of Grace" aka "Twinkle Toes" assures me he will be especially wary of UXOrd. Those inert little critters can't distinguish between a water buffalo and a homosapien.

'99

Byron Slanker No e-mail. Stopped by on his way to party at the island and to see SgtMaj Wilson,. Left new home phone: 512-472-3278 in Austin.



James Humason '82, GySgt, USMC (Ret) and General James Jones, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps.



The Wisnoski clan made a trip to visit dad GySgt Ski (center). With him are (l-r) friend Ben Fisher, son Stefan, class of '88, daughter Lisette and her children Mark and Chris and son Chris, class of '86.

BAD ADDRESSES:

Mrs. Veronica Yznaga vynaga@mma-tx.org, yesterday, provided me with a list of bad addresses that we have for alumni. I started counting and got up to 504 (1966-1989) when my M-35 Target Acquisition Devices went fuzzy. Ms. Connie Flores flores@mma-tx.org has assured me that if I don't come up with a plan to update our information, there's more than an even chance that I'll become a soprano. Having said all that, could use some assistance. For those who request it, I can e-mail the list to you as an attachment. SKI

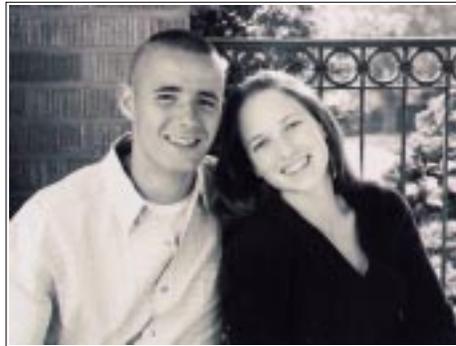
Alumni News

From the Gunny!

Planning is underway for the Birthday Parade (1000) and Birthday Reception and Ball (1830) on Saturday, 2 November 2002. If you are planning to attend, please let us know as soon as you can. Traditionally, the oldest alumni present, is a participant in the cake cutting ceremony, and would sure like to be able to identify that individual a little earlier than two minutes before the cake cutting. Our Guest of Honor this year will be Major Robert R. Scott, United States Marine Corps, MMA '86.

Also on drawing board is planning for reunion 4, 5 and 6 April 2003. If you attended last April, please let us know what you think worked and what didn't work. Any comments, recommendations, thoughts, ideas, etc., are solicited. It's a team effort.

Frank Walker Corporal USMC. Will be getting married on 24 August to Stefanie Beeman of Mount Vernon, Washington. Both are still in college and Walker is in the PLC program with USCM. Announcing engagement and marriage to all the old friends from MMA.



FRANK WALKER, class of '99 and his fiancée **Stefanie Beeman**. Getting married 8/24/02.

'01

Abe Kamzan Currently in Jerusalem. Would like to address Cadets at next reunion. (Abe, what's this free enterprise system you have going with Marlboros?)

Jake Lambuth - muniton@mail.com Trying to contact Andre Testman '02.

LTCOL JAMES Giles Kyser IV, USMC, (below) class of '81 was recently decorated for actions at the Pentagon on 11 September 2002.



Tyler Harrison
Nick Boire

Lura Harrison updated us on Tyler & Nick. Both are USMC recruits at MCRD San Diego in Bravo Company, 1st Battalion. Tyler & Nick were among the only four recruits of 180 who qualified as first class in Combat Water Survival. Both due to graduate 16 August 2002. Thanks Ms. Harrison for the info.

(LEFT) 2NDLT
J O S E P H
M u r p h y ,
USMC, class of '96 (left) achieved Expert in both his rifle and pistol training. His marksmanship instructor was Sgt Tim

Meredith, (right), class of '96. Murphy is in the Basic School at Quantico. Upon graduation in October, will be attending Marine Flight Training in Pensacola, Florida.



'02

Nicholas Santillo - sent word that things were going well for him at the Merchant Marine Academy. Finished plebe summer and started classes. Says professors are pretty good. States that "MMA did help me a great deal. I can manage my time like no other. The military stuff was a breeze and I am looked at with high regard by both my peers and superiors."



Nick Santillo receives information from an upperclassman at the Merchant Marine Academy.

Taps

LtCol Courtney Chinn, United States Marine Corps (Retired), MMA '71 expired Friday, 2Aug at his home in Carlsbad, California.

Courtney had been waging a valiant battle against cancer for some time.

Wife Joan said he was very brave and so positive throughout the time.

His family can be reached at 6397 Ebb Tide St., Carlsbad, CA 92009. 760-602-0321. joan.h.chinn@icn.siemens.

The Academy wishes to express its heartfelt sympathy to LtCol Chinn's family.

Another Marine has gone to guard the streets of Heaven.

Calendar of Events

August

- 4 Leadership Registration (by invitation only)
- 10 Registration for New Cadets
- 11 Registration for Returning Cadets
- 11-13 Military Orientation
- 12-13 Teacher In-Service Days
- 14 Classes Begin

September

- 6 Academic Awards Ceremony
- 7 Introductory Training Graduation

October

- 12 SAT
- 15 PSAT

- 16-19 First Quarter Exams
- 26 ACT

November

- 1 Parents' Day
- 2 Anniversary Ball Parade
Anniversary Reception and Ball
- 11 Veterans Day Parade
- 22 Begin Thanksgiving Break

December

- 1 End Thanksgiving Break
- 6 MCJROTC Inspection
- 7 SAT
- 14-15 Closed Weekend
- 16-19 Fall Semester Exams
- 19 Begin Christmas Break

Memorials

MajGen George S. Bowman, Jr., USMC (Ret) - Former Superintendent and Trustee of MMA

*Marvin L. Childers
Maurine H. Crockett
SSgt Francisco L. Colunga, Jr., USMC (Ret)*

*Mr. Peter Graf
Dorothy Hansen
L/Cpl John Kuchta - KIA 2-6-69, RVN, 1st Recon BN*

*LtCol Horace S. Mazet, USMCR (Ret)
Edward E. McKeon - former Marine
Newton S. Liddell, Jr.*

*Mr. Mendel H. Perry
Mr. Jack Pollard
John Sobolewsky - former Marine
Col Howard Walter, USMC (Ret)
Col Hensley Williams, USMC (Ret)*

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cluded such sports as football, basketball, softball, dodgeball, boxing and soccer.

Thanks to the proceeds from the silent auction held during the Birthday Ball, summer campers were also able to use the newly installed COPE course, which proved to be both challenging and exciting.

One of the favorite COPE course activities was the Zip Line. It not only allowed the campers to overcome their fear of heights, but it also gave them an exhilarating ride of their life.

Special competitive activities were also held, such as the boxing smoker, pugil stick competitions, a field meet and a wall-climbing event. An eight-mile hike to Camp Perry, a nearby Boy Scout retreat, gave the campers a chance to canoe, shoot M-16s and the opportunity to test out their team build-

ing skills. Camp Perry's COPE course was also completed by all of the summer campers.

All of the training and sports activities culminated in the final test - the Crucible - which consisted of two grueling hikes, flanked by a four-hour series of physically and mentally-demanding challenges, which all campers successfully completed.

The Crucible started at 2200 and ended at the Iwo Jima Monument at 0600 the next morning. Except for a short snack period, the campers were on the go at all times. The Crucible was the mastery test for the completion of the summer program.

With temperatures soaring to near 100 degrees every afternoon, just completing the four-week camp was a real test, but apparently all were up to the challenge. Ninety-two have already signed

up to return to the Academy for the fall semester.

As in recent years, boys who complete the summer camp program and enroll at the Academy in the fall do not have to participate in plebe training at the beginning of the school year. However, changes have been made to bring the summer camp training more in line with what is received by new cadets.

The summer camp ended July 27 with a parade in front of the Iwo Jima Monument and a graduation ceremony in Yeckel Hall.

"The summer camp was a huge success in which the campers learned much about themselves, about leadership, character and determination," stated Col James Gillis, Commandant of Cadets. "A special thanks to our cadet instructors, who did so much to make the summer a learning experience and a worthwhile event to attend."