

Major General Thomas S. Jones, USMC Brings Words of Wisdom to Corps of Cadets Recently

“He’s been one who has lead Marines all the way from platoon level, company, battalion, regiment and now has huge numbers of Marines and Sailors under his command,” stated MajGen Wayne Rollings, USMC (Ret), President of the Marine Military Academy, about Major General Thomas S. Jones.

The Academy recently had the pleasure of having MajGen Jones speak to the Corps of Cadets during an assembly held in Yeckel Auditorium.

Touching on many topics, such as teamwork and leadership styles, General Jones shared many personal stories with the cadets, as well as insights into his own personal leadership traits. General Jones’ presentation was both dynamic and inspirational according to a number of the cadets.

“My favorite acronym I like to use to describe my approach to leadership is MEPS, which stands for Mental, Emotional, Physical and Spiritual,” said Gen Jones. “You need a balance of mental, physical and spiritual for completeness, but the emotional is the most important part. It’s what you develop in your leadership style that helps you to connect with other people.”

“I don’t care how strong a person you are, how high your GPA might be or how spiritual you are, if you can’t connect or convey your message to others, you will fail as a leader,” noted Jones.

MajGen Jones currently serves as the Commanding General, Training and Education Command, Marine Corps. Training Doctrine Command is the senior sponsor of all MCJROTC programs.



Jones entered the Marine Corps after graduating from Eastern Illinois University in 1969. Upon completion of The Basic School, he served as a Platoon Commander in the Republic of Vietnam.

After returning to the United States, MajGen Jones joined Company C, 1st Battalion, 8th Marines as Executive Officer. He later became Company Commander in 1972. Jones also served as Executive Officer of Recruiting Station Chicago from 1973 to 1976. After attending Amphibious Warfare School, MajGen Jones transferred to the 3d Marine Division in Okinawa where he served as Company Commander, Company L, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines.

In 1978, General Jones had the unique opportunity to serve as an Exchange Officer with the 42 Commando, British Royal

Marines, located in Devon, England. Jones served as Company 21C (Executive Officer) and Company Commander, deploying twice to Norway and once to Hong Kong. Afterwards, he returned to the States and was assigned as a Tactics Instructor at the Amphibious Warfare School in Quantico, Virginia.

After completing Marine Corps Command and Staff College in 1984, General Jones reported to 1st Marine Division to serve as Executive Officer, 3d Battalion, 9th Marines with 7th Marine Regiment. In 1988, he was selected to attend the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. After graduating, he was assigned as the G-3A of the 2d Marine

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37th Annual Birthday Ball Guest of Honor is Major Robert Scott, USMC - Class of '86

Major Robert Ryan Scott, USMC, a five-year cadet from the MMA class of '86, will be the guest of honor at the Academy's annual Anniversary Ball, November 2, 2002.

Major Scott, a native of Queretaro, Mexico, was the Cadet Battalion Commander his senior year. During his years at MMA, he was very active in many areas. Scott was a member of the Varsity Track Team, Varsity Cross Country Team and Varsity Soccer. Additionally, he coached the 8th grade VISA teams.

While serving as the Cadet Battalion Commander, he also served as the President of the Senior Class. Cadet Scott was the recipient of Cadet of the Month (twice); the Exemplary Conduct Award (twice); the Griffis Memorial Award; Elks Achiever of the Month Award; Commandant of Cadets Award; the Legion of Valor Bronze Cross for Achievement; the Superintendents Award and the Society of Colonial Wars Award, which was a Marine Officer's sword.

Upon graduation from MMA, Major Scott entered the U.S. Naval Academy and graduated with merit with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science and was commissioned a Marine Second Lieutenant.

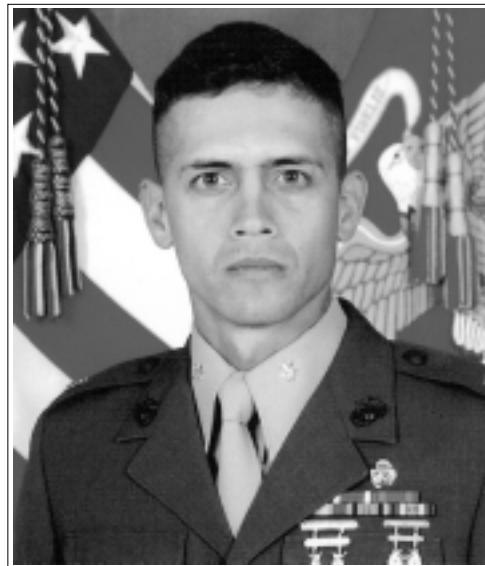
Following Officers Basic School, Major Scott served as an infantry officer in a variety of command billets. He has served in Okinawa, Japan; Panama and Ecuador. In 1994, he reported to Quantico, Virginia where he served in various staff positions and as aide-de-camp to the Deputy Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Center.

In 1998, he assumed command of a company in 1st LAR Battalion and in 2000, he was assigned to the Operations Directorate, US Southern Command.

His personal decorations include: the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

Major Scott is married to the former Maria Gabriela Garcia from St. Louis, Missouri. They have three children; Isabel, Elena and Joseph.

The Academy welcomes Major Scott and his family to the 37th Annual Birthday Ball.



Anniversary Ball Schedule of Events

Thursday, 31 October 2002

TBA - Cadet Assembly - Major Robert R. Scott, USMC
1900 - PepRally - Bowman Stadium

Friday, 1 November 2002

0730-0825	Parents Reception	Cadet Activities Center
0830	Morning Colors Ceremony	Battalion Street
0840-1205	Classroom Open House	Various Classrooms
1215-1400	Second Mess (lunch)	Neuhaus Messhall
1400-1600	Parent/Teacher Conferences	Classrooms
1630-1730	3rd Mess (Dinner)	Neuhaus Messhall
1930	Football Game	St. Joseph - Brownsville
		Liberty Call after Game

Saturday, 3 November 2002

0730	Overnight Liberty expires	Neuhaus Messhall
0730-0900	Pancake Breakfast	Yeckel Hall Auditorium
0830-0930	Parent's Club Meeting	Iwo Jima Parade Grounds
1000	Cadet Parade	Peacher Hall Cadet Activities Center
1730	Photographs	Neuhaus Messhall
1730-2300	Anniversary Ball Reception	King Athletic Center
1830	Anniversary Ball	King Athletic Center
2030	Anniversary Ceremony/Cake Cutting	King Athletic Center
2100-2300	Dancing	King Athletic Center
2300	Liberty Commences	

Sunday, 3 November 2002

0900-1130	Brunch	Neuhaus Messhall
1200	Liberty Call	For Cadets not with Parents
1730	Third Mess	Neuhaus Messhall
1900	Liberty Expires	
1930-2130	Closed Call to Quarters	

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Mr. Tim Smith, Chief Weather Forecaster at KRGV-TV, Addresses Geography Classes

Mr. Tim Smith, the chief weather forecaster of the local ABC affiliate KRGV-TV in Weslaco, Texas came to the Marine Military Academy to speak to the Geography classes on 17 September.

"One reason we like to have Mr. Smith speak to the cadets is because weather and climate are a very important part of world geography, and these students were just completing the primary lessons in World Geography classes. All social studies classes are based on the subject of world geography or the stage on which all of history is built," stated Col Fritz Hastings, USA (Ret) and Social Studies Department Chair.

Mr. Smith has been coming to MMA since 1988 and teaching a similar class to other classes at the Academy. Smith explained to MajGen Wayne Rollings, USMC (Ret), President of MMA, that MMA



was very special to him and that he enjoyed his visits to the campus to speak to the cadets. Because of his special interest in MMA, Smith was made an "honorary" cadet of the Marine Military Academy during his 1995 visit.

Col Hastings not only shares a love of Social Studies and weather with Mr. Smith, but both men share a special love of "Hoosiermania" - Indiana Basketball. Smith grew up 35 miles down the road from Col Hastings in Batesville, Indiana and attended Indiana University.

Admissions sets recruiting schedule

The Office of Admissions and Recuritng has set their schedule for the months of October and November.

They invite all parents of current cadets to attend, as well as any alumni in the area. Please feel free to bring any prospective families with you.

- Oct. 29 Marriott N. @ Greenspoint
Houston, TX
- Oct. 30 Marriott @ Galleria
Houston, TX
- Oct. 31 Renaissance Dallas North
Dallas, TX
- Nov. 01 D/FW Airport Marriott South
Ft. Worth, TX
- Nov. 13 Austin Renaissance Arboretum
Austin, TX
- Nov. 14 San Antonio Marriott Riverwalk
San Antonio, TX
- Nov. 26 Irvine Marriott
Irvine, CA
- Nov. 27 San Diego Marriott La Jolla
San Diego, CA

For Civil War History Buffs



Art Cohan, a former DI of the Academy, donated the series UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS IN THE CIVIL WAR to the Harold James Memorial Library in honor of its author David Sullivan.

This four-volume set is the first comprehensive history of the United States Marine Corps in the Civil War. Sullivan has spent more than 25 years researching this series and is in the process of writing a fifth volume which will be added to the collection at MMA as soon as it is published.

3rd Annual Chicago MMA Benefit Dinner



The 3rd Annual Chicago Marine Military Academy Benefit Dinner was held on 27 September at the Union League Club of Chicago.

Trustee Jack Heiner and former Marine and Friend of the Academy Dick Moore co-hosted the evening with General Alfred M. Gray, 29th Commandant of the Marine Corps, as the Guest Speaker.

The event was made special by Chicago area cadets **Ryan Conway, Michael Correa, Benjamin Ferris, and Steffen Woeckner** assisting in welcoming guests, serving as the Color Guard, being joined by members of their family for dinner and spending two evenings at home before anxiously returning to MMA!

Alumni Tony McIntyre '74, Craig Matteson '78, Jimmy Haley '96, Elliot Campbell '97 and Christopher Johnson '00 joined a growing number of Chicago supporters for a most enjoyable evening.

Boy Scout Court of Honor Held Recently

Boy Scout Troop 22 conducted a bustling, activity-filled campout the weekend of September 21/22nd.

MMA scouts completed many requirements toward rank advancement and merit badges. They also sharpened their camping, cooking, swimming, teamwork, and leadership skills. It was a fun and productive event, made so by the hard work, cooperation and initiative of the scouts.

Many of our scouts are attaining rapid advancements and achievements. The troop held a Court of Honor on Tuesday, September 24th, and recognized individual scouts as follows:

Mark McCord was promoted to Star Scout and awarded merit badges for *Skating; Pets, Aviation, Communications, Art, Camping, Environmental Science, Canoeing, Metalwork, Woodcarving, Leatherwork, Wilderness Survival, Reptiles & Amphibians, Rowing, Archery, Nature, Astronomy, Shotgun, Mile Swim, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Animal Science, Dog Care, Genealogy, Fishing, Electricity and Weather.*

The volume of his scouting achievements is very impressive, and even more so when considering that Cadet McCord is also a member of the MMA President's List by maintaining a grade point average of 4.0. Way to go!

Kostas Lazanas was promoted to Star Scout and awarded merit badges for



TYSON BASORA, (center) a candidate for Eagle Scout, and other Boy Scouts work on his project.

Basketry, Woodcarving, Leatherwork, Metalwork, Cooking, Nature, Rowing, Mammals, Wilderness Survival, Pioneering; Camping, Motor boating, Astronomy, Art and Mile Swim.

Ted Vandernaillen was awarded merit badges for *Small Boat Sailing, Cooking, Metalwork, Leatherwork, Fire Safety, Woodcarving, Basketry and Motor boating.*

Rafael Alvarez was awarded merit badges for *Aviation, Swimming and Lifesaving.*

Spencer Mennis was promoted to Scout & Tenderfoot, and awarded merit badges in *Swimming and Lifesaving.*

Neema Nazif was promoted to Scout & Tenderfoot, and awarded merit badges in *Swimming and Lifesaving.*

Joshua Paulson was awarded merit badges for *Leatherwork, Shotgun, Archery, Canoeing, Camping, Motorcycling and Environmental Science.*

David Miller was awarded merit badges for *Lifesaving, Camping, Canoeing, Wilderness Survival, Environmental Science, Swimming, Archery and Mile Swim.*

Jarod Faulk was awarded merit badges for *Motor boating, Water skiing, Camping, Wilderness Survival, Shotgun and Canoeing.*

Justin Stanton was promoted to Life Scout and awarded a merit badge for *Chemistry.*

Lifesaving merit badge was awarded to **Sean McCarver** and **Craig DeSantis**. Bronze Palms were awarded to the following Eagle Scouts: **Christopher Boyls-White**; **Michael Harnden**; and **Aubrey Snider**.

Promotion to Life Scout: **Jared Spencer** and **Alberto Pina**.

Promotion to Star Scout: **Andrew Novak** and **Jason Green**.

Promotion to Tenderfoot: **Ovais Khalil**, **Jefferson Thacker**, **Carter Hughes**, **Thomas Curran**, **James Curran**, **Anthony Spaise**, **Winston Elliott**, and **Chase Gray**.

Promotion to Scout: **Winston Elliott**, **Ovais Khalil**, **Douglas Stevens**, **Jason Tanowitz**, **James Curran**, **Anthony Spaise**, **Clinton Behrens**, **Thomas Curran**, **Carter Hughes**, **Chase Gray**, and **Jim Combs**.

Congratulations to all scouts on a job well done!

A Word from the Scoutmasters:

Parental involvement with Troop 22 is encouraged! We're also looking for donations of camping gear & associated equipment, and funds. Please contact our scoutmaster, Steve Gerber, (956-423-0250) or the assistant scoutmaster, SgtMaj Jim Poe, (956-423-6006x270) if you'd like to get involved, or have questions about the MMA scouting program.



MARK MCCORD receives congratulations from (l-r) scoutmaster Steve Gerber and MajGen Rollings during a recent Court of Honor.

Cadets of the Month for September

Each month a cadet is selected from each company, from the band and from the drill team, to be recognized for their outstanding attitude, conduct and performance. Below are the selections for September with a comment from their Drill Instructor or activity coordinator.

"Those selected are to be commended for their outstanding performance" - Col. James Gillis, USMC (Ret)
Commandant of Cadets

Alpha Company

**ALFREDO CESAR DE
LA FUENTE**

Junior - Brownsville, TX

"Cadet has shown unbelievable, vast improvement since last year." - CWO3 Ed Harris, USMC (Ret)



Charlie Company

**JOHN WILLIAM
RUSHAM**

Junior - Vancouver, WA

"Cadet Rusham is an outstanding cadet with a tremendous future at MMA. He continuously strives for excellence." - SgtMaj Allen Szczepak, USMC (Ret)



Delta Company

JESUS BIAS YAP

Freshman - Amarillo, TX

"Yap has what it takes to be an outstanding cadet. He has the respect of the seniors and his subordinates in the company because of his motivation and work ethic." - SgtMaj Larry Carson, USMC (Ret)



Bandsman

**MATTHEW LAMAR
BURNS**

Junior - McAllen, TX

"Burns has always been a very loyal and dedicated band member. His dedication is very strong and his contribution to the band immeasurable." - CWO3 Ed Harris, USMC (Ret)



Golf Company

**CLINTON MATHEW
BEHRENS**

**8th Grader -
Mercedes, TX**

"Cadet Behrens is a first-year cadet and has hit the ground running and has not stopped. This cadet is the future of MMA." - SgtMaj Albert Wilson, USMC (Ret)



Drill Team/Color Guard

**AHMED MOHAMED SAFY
EL-DIN**

Senior - Cairo, Egypt

"He has set the standard for all members of the Drill Team and Color Guard to emulate. He is first to practice and has not missed one day. He is a true example of leadership." - GySgt Kosta Maravelias, USMC (Ret)

Cadet Corner

If your cadet writes home and tells you that there is nothing to do at MMA...Don't believe him...just read for yourself!

Back to School Luau

Saturday, September 14, 2002, MMA hosted a Back to School Luau dance at the Cadet Activity Center.

The night started at 7 pm with music provided by Hot 101.1 radio station. The music was loud, the fog was thick and the disco lights turned the CAC into a party scene.

Cadets hosted over 70 girls from the Harlingen, Brownsville and Lyford areas.

The night included free party photos by Mrs. Robin Farris, a limbo dance, silly string surprise and a rap session by Cadet Nagi and friends. The rap session was a crowd pleaser, as cadets took control of the microphone and took turns rapping to the beat.

A special thanks to the wonderful parents and staff that assisted Ms Cavazos in chaperoning for the evening.

The next dance will be the Harvest dance on Oct 26th. See you then!

Cheerleaders Sponsor Pancake Breakfast

The MMA Leatherneck cheerleaders arrived at McDonald's at 6:30 am, Sunday, September 29th for a morning of hotcake production!

Over 200 people enjoyed the sale of all-you-can eat hotcakes, including our MMA cadets!

Ms Cavazos transported over 80 cadets who managed to wake up early and enjoy a non-mess hall breakfast.

The fundraiser was a success for the co-ed cheerleading squad, thanks to the support of MMA parents, faculty and staff.

A special thank you to Mickie Pickens, Coach Kaznowski, Lori Murray, Mr Senterfitt, Col Gillis, and all the MMA teachers that purchased tickets for cadets. Also, to parents (Golf) Mr & Mrs Flowers, (Delta) Ivy Kessel, (Echo) Victor Alvarez and (Alpha) Suzy Badger for providing tickets to cadets in their sons companies!



JASON BERRY, (front left) and cheerleader Jessica Thomas dance to music provided by a local DJ during the Luau Dance.

Companies Compete in Volleyball Competition

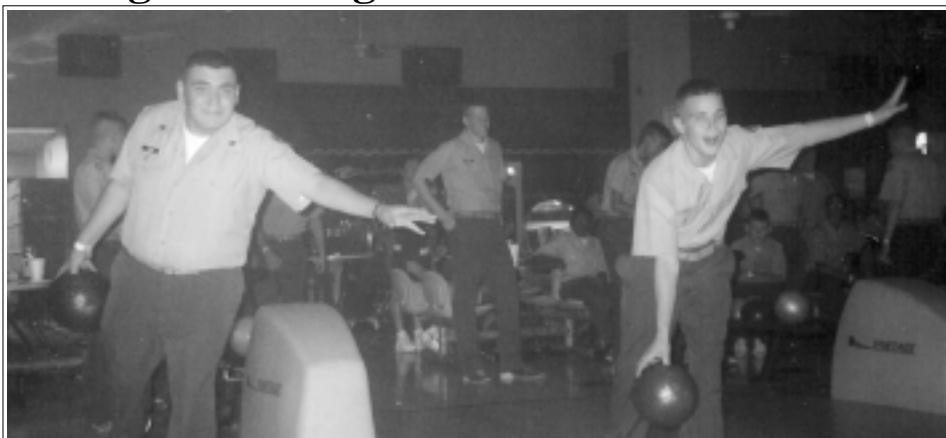


Four companies, on a beautiful September afternoon, competed in some outdoor volleyball competition!

The games started with Alpha being defeated by Delta Company. The second game was Echo against Golf company, but team conflict disqualified Echo from the competition.

The championship game was Delta vs. Golf Company. The game was close, but in the end, Golf Company proved to be the best team of the day! As the winners, Golf Company players received 12 large domino's pizzas, plus bragging rights until the next competition on October 20th!

Midnight Bowling



On Friday, September 27th, 43 Cadets enjoyed a night of 'glow' bowling at Creasey's Bowling in Harlingen. Ms Cavazos, along with SgtMaj Carson and MSgt Lunday, transported the cadets and supervised them for the night. For some cadets, it had been years since they had gone bowling, while others brought along their own bowling balls!

Community Spirit Alive in MMA Cadets

In September, MMA cadets joined Patty Cavazos and GySgt Maravelias for a beautiful day at South Padre Island earning community service hours as they volunteered with the Texas Adopt-A-Beach Clean-up.

The day started at 9 am, with the cadets walking to their designated cleaning area, zone 9, on the north side of South Padre Island. Cadets paired up and spread out as they documented every article of trash they picked up. Over 10 bags of trash were collected by the end of the three-hour session.

This is just one example of the many ways MMA cadets are involved in community related projects in the Rio Grande Valley. Cadets can be found, on any given weekend, serving as a color guard detail, cleaning up the highway during a "Trash Bash", collecting tickets at a local theater production, serving as parking detail during RioFest, the local arts festival, throwing a Christmas party for orphans of the Rio Grande Valley or serving as chaperones during a charity Children's Gala.

Other non-profit organizations routinely call on cadets to participate and help out in their own fundraising efforts. Cadets recently helped out at the American Heart Association's "Walk for Heart." They have also

served as ushers for the American Cancer Society's "Dining by Design" and will be working and running in their "Relay for Life" fundraiser this spring.

Additionally, they can be found during the week serving as HOSTS mentors to second graders in five local elementary schools.

In the fall of 1993, Mrs. Debbie Hardin, HOSTS coordinator at Austin Elementary School, visited the MMA Dean and asked him to consider the possibility of cadet involvement in the tutoring of elementary school students. The Dean asked for faculty input and Mrs. Lori Murray, then sponsor of the National Honor Society, volunteered to oversee a pilot



FIFTY MEMBERS of Alpha Company volunteered recently to help the American Cancer Society's annual Walk for Heart. Kostas Lazanas helped to pass out "goodie" bags to all walkers.

program with NHS members. And so it began in the spring of 1994: two cadets - Robert Sorrells and Daniel Swisher - became a part of the HOSTS program, tutoring once a week and being chauffeured by Chaplain Fred Clark driving Mrs. Murray's car.

The next year the program expanded to include all eight NHS members, and faculty/staff involvement grew with not only the chaplain but also then-Chief of Staff Col Bill Tilley providing transportation.

When Miss Lorraine Loyan replaced Mrs. Murray as NHS sponsor, she expanded the program yet again by including cadets who were not NHS members but would represent the school well. The program now stands by itself as a school project.

Mrs. Diolanda Dye and MMA board member Mrs. Earline Folsom are currently the HOSTS coordinators

for MMA. There are now five elementary schools, 80 cadet mentors and 18 volunteer drivers involved in the program. The five Harlingen schools include Treasure Hills, Dishman, Travis, Austin, and Bonham.

Through HOSTS, cadets are given the opportunity to become role models. They create a bond with their students and experience the joys of teaching someone to

read. In addition, the cadets earn community service hours.

Within the Academy, another organization involved with community service is the National Honor Society. NHS, comprised of cadets with outstanding grades and a willingness to serve, recently held, as one of its community service projects, its bi-annual blood drive as a part of the Lone Star

State High School Blood Challenge. The American Red Cross is giving a \$2,500 scholarship to the school in each size category that collects the most blood by the end of this year.

Members of the National Honor Society collected 109 pints of blood here at MMA, with cadets, teachers and staff participating in the drive.

The Boy Scout program, with over 80 cadets participating, is very involved in the community. To move up in rank, each scout must be active in a community project. Additionally, several boys are presently working on their Eagle Scout project. Each one is responsible for planning the project, finding volunteers, securing the proper equipment and giving directions.

One community program that the whole Academy really takes to heart is the Toys for Tots campaign.

The charity was founded in 1947 by a major in the Marine Corps Reserve to provide presents for needy children at Christmas. Members of the Academy staff not only make

donations, but also collect toys from other organizations within the community. Not only do the cadets contribute to the Toys for Tots from their pay call, but they encourage their parents

and friends to donate new, unwrapped toys as well.



MICHAEL HARNDEN, a HOSTS volunteer, helps a second-grader at Travis Elementary read and work a workbook paper.



ALEX HUTCHINSON recently donated blood during the NHS bi-annual blood drive. The American Red Cross collected 109 pint during the one-day event.

What the Marine Military Academy means to me...

Cadet LtCol Louis Harrington is the 2002-2003 battalion commander at MMA. The 18-year-old from Buenos Aires, Argentina, is a 3rd-year cadet at the Academy. He has frequently been on the President's List for maintaining a GPA of 3.75 or higher. He also serves as the president of the National Honor Society and is member of the Leatherneck swim team.

Leader: When you arrived at MMA in 2000 as a sophomore, what do you remember most about those early days?

Harrington: It was hard getting adjusted to the mornings, waking up so early. It was also hard getting used to wearing a uniform out in the community. Getting picked up by a bus to go anywhere was kind of weird for me.

Leader: When you first arrived, was the Academy everything you expected it would be?

Harrington: Pretty much, I wasn't surprised by anything. I knew it was going to be difficult, but I really wasn't surprised.

Leader: Looking back now, what advice would you give a new cadet to help him adjust?

Harrington: Be quiet, don't say a word, be humble and be sure to listen.

Leader: What's the most memorable experience you've had while at MMA?

Harrington: I guess I would say it was serving as cadet instructor at summer camp....because it was learning experience for me as leader....that's where I learned my leadership traits, as a summer camp leader.

Leader: What's the worst experience?

Harrington: Just waking up in the mornings.

Leader: In what ways do you think the MMA experience has changed you?

Harrington: It has made me more independent and it has definitely changed me as a leader. Being here has made me outgoing and not afraid. It has also gotten me used to being on a schedule....I find that when I go home, I am always ready for the next activity.

Leader: What are the most important lessons you've learned at the Academy?

Harrington: One of the most important lessons I've learned is how to work with a group, using teamwork to get something done.....I've also learned about dealing with people, especially adults....

Leader: How will those lessons help you later in life?

Harrington: They can help me in my job, at college....especially since I want to some day become a CEO. I can take these lessons with me....any leadership lesson in life will help me out.

Leader: If you could change one thing at the Academy, what would it be?

Harrington: I'd like to see more free time where the cadets could relax for a while.....



everyone needs that once in a whileI would like to see added to the uniform list a monogrammed polo shirt and khaki pants for activities like bowling, going out with parents to play golf, etc.....

Leader: Overall, is the Academy successful in what it tries to accomplish?

Harrington: Academically and leadership-wise, it is successful in what it tries to accomplish. However, I feel as far as retention, the school needs to address the needs of the cadet. They need to make the cadets feel some "ownership" of the Academy.

National Honor Society Officer Installation



THE OFFICERS for the NHS for 2002-2003 are (r-l) Louis Bozman Harrington, president; Miguel Mario Ancira, vice president; Alberto Brandon Pina, secretary; and Jorge-Alejandro Zamora-Legoff, historian. The new officers were installed at 2nd mess on Wednesday, October 2, 2002. The other members of the NHS are: Andrew Aristizabal, Michael Alexander Bajsel, Cesar Daniel Toscano Barba, Sean Michael Burke, Michael Christopher Correa, Branden Denis Hanak, Nicholas Dante Lugo, Jason Alan Merriam, Aaron Rodriguez, and Thomas Victor Smay.

Football Wrap-Up

MMA 21 - Progreso - 6

The Leathernecks exterminated the Progreso Red Ants on September 20, to run their record to 2 and 1.

Emmanuel Hawkins scored first on a 14-yard run with 3:30 in the first quarter and **Oscar Guerrero's** point-after-touchdown was good.

With 11:53 on the clock in the second quarter, **Emmanuel Hawkins** took a pitch from quarterback **Parker Betts** and raced 6 yards untouched for his second touchdown of the night. **Oscar Guerrero** kicked his second of three extra points for the game.

MMA's final score came in the third quarter when **Aaron Schriver** busted up the middle on an 11-yard drive to make the score 21-0.

The Leatherneck defense held Progreso in check until 9:43 in the fourth quarter when the Red Ants connected on a 38-yard touchdown pass.

Andrew Winney was voted the defensive Most Valuable Player for the game and received the "Big Hit" award as well.

Other defensive standouts were linebackers **Josh Gasaway**, **Shawn Smith** and **Omed Ghaffarian**.

MMA 38 - I Am Academy - 6

The Marine Military Academy football team traveled on September 27th to Fort Worth to take on the Stars of I Am Academy.

Playing on Fort Worth Christian's \$1.3 million dollar synthetic grass field, the Leathernecks piled on 27 first-half points and finished with a 38-6 win.

After Josh

Gasaway's fumble recovery at mid-field, the Leathernecks drove the ball to the 2 yard line where **Emmanuel Hawkins** sliced in from 2 yards out. The next two touchdowns were scored by Hawkins on runs of 7 and 5 yards.

The defense played a superb game for the day,



COACH MORTON gives advice to the Leathernecks about upcoming plays during a waterbreak taken during the game against the Red Ants of Progreso.

recording six fumbles: **Josh Gasaway**, **Jacob Mayo**, **Aaron Schriver**, **Chris Echols** and **Marcus Werner** (with two). Werner was voted the defensive Most Valuable Player for the game.

MMA's fourth score of the game was a 17-yard touchdown pass from quarterback **Parker Betts** to **Adam Perry**. The final touchdown was a quarterback sneak by back-up quarterback **Ryan Soqui** from 4 yards out. **Oscar Guerrero's** kicking was perfect with 5 extra points and a 21-yard field goal.

The offensive line controlled the line of scrimmage and manhandled the Star's defensive front. Those receiving praise were **Jason Berry**, **Adam Gilles**, **Tyler Freeze**, **Brad Miller**, **Xavier Anderson** and **Alberto Pina**.

MMA 41 - Houston Lutheran South - 0

The Leathernecks journeyed to Houston, Texas on October 4, 2002 to do battle with the Pioneers of Lutheran South.

When the dust settled, the Leathernecks left town with 41-0 win and improved their record to 4 and 1 for the season.

Five different players reached pay dirt and the defense turned in another stellar performance!

After **Jon Marti** intercepted a South pass, **Emmanuel Hawkins** scored on a 4-yard run and **Oscar Guerrero** kicked his first point-after-touchdown as he went 5 of 6 for the night. With 4:19 to go in the first quarter, Lutheran was forced to punt. **Adam Perry** fielded the punt and scampered 84 yards, untouched, to make the score 14-0.

In the second quarter, **Parker Betts** tossed two touchdown passes; a 32-yarder to **Cory Owens** and a 43-yarder to **Jacob Mayo**, with 1:51 to go before half-time to make the score 27-0.

Offensive MVP **Parker Betts** tacked on two more scores in the third quarter with a 24-yard touchdown pass to **Perry** and his first touchdown run of the season - a 4-yard quarterback sneak.

The offensive line gave **Betts** plenty of time and protection as he went 9-13 passing for 185 yards. **Shawn Smith** was selected as the game's defensive MVP and he received the "Big Hit" award. **Xavier Anderson** was the "Pancake Award" recipient for his blocking.



PUNTING THE ball away to the Houston Lutheran South Stars is Oscar Guerrero. Additionally, he was 5 of 6 for the night in extra point kicks. MMA won the game 41-0.

Activities & Sports

VISA VolleyBall

On 3 October, MMA's VISA volleyball team hosted First Baptist (Brownsville) and won the match in two games — 15-9 and 16-14.

MMA remains undefeated with a record of 3 (wins) and 0 (losses).

On 11 October, MMA's VISA volleyball team hosted Central Christian School (McAllen). The results:

Game	1:	MMA	15
		CC	8
Game	2:	MMA	15
		CC	13

MMA is now 4 (wins) and 0 (losses).



VISA Volleyball members are (bottom) Coaches Leavitte and Paulson, Khalil, Folmsbee, McFadden, Tamowitz, Coaches Newell and Tomelli, (middle) Goodenough, Wood, Wright, Carpenter, Gamez, Peever, (top) Leal, DeSantis, LeHaye Czerniak, Hoff, Latos and Bowen.

Leatherneck Rifle Team In Training for Upcoming Match

The Rifle Team is in training for an upcoming Air Rifle Match in Corpus Christi on the 26th of October.

MMA will be taking five of their best hooters to this match. "All the guys are hoping that they are one of the five to be chosen (the final selection will be announced on 18th of Oct), but that's all up to them and how well they perform not only at the Rifle Range, but also in the classroom;" stated MSgt Bill Lunday, coach for the Rifle Team. "If any parent needs details concerning this match or any others in the future please don't hesitate to contact me at: Office (956)423-6006 ext. 363 (has Voice Mail), Cellular (956)245-2004 or E-mail (lunday@mma-tx.org)," he added.

The Team currently has 21 members: (10) are shooting .177 caliber Air Rifles and the other

(11) are shooting .22LR caliber Small bore Rifles.

Recently some of the cadets lent a helping hand at the range during their liberty time on the weekend to re-paint the inside of the lobby area and the indoor range. They were cadets **Justin Meaders, Herbert Johnson, James Loomis, Timothy Carter, Daniel Taylor, and Hiroyoshi "Jimmy" Ohara**.

"The team and I wish to give our profound thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Robert H. Meaders, grandparents of Cadet Justin

Meaders and this year's Rifle Team Captain, for their gracious contribution of (\$1200.00) to the MMA Rifle Team," said Lunday.

MSgt Lunday noted that this money would be used to help purchase some very much-needed equipment for the Academy Rifle Team. He added that if anyone else is interested in contributing to the MMA Rifle Team to please contact him at the above mentioned numbers.

To the parents, Lunday said "I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible during the upcoming Parent's Weekend and to please feel free to call or write me."



SHOOTING FOR MMA this year are cadets (bottom l-r) Toce, Tippen, Stratten, Stephens, Behrens, Hogan, Marroquin, (center l-r) Taylor, Hood, Merriam, Carter, Meaders, Isbell, Quinones, (top l-r) Larson and Stepletton. They are coached by MSgt and Mrs. Bill Lunday.

Swim Team Showing Great Promise Early in the Year

The MMA Swim Team had a great showing against Weslaco High School and Brownsville Porter on Tuesday, October 8.

The Leathernecks defeated both schools, winning all but 2 events. The Relay teams took first and second place in the 200 Medley, 200 Freestyle and 400 Freestyle Events.

This was a great boost for our guys who have been working very hard over the past 2 months.

The Leatherneck swimmers are now 2-1 and are looking forward to meeting Los Fresnos again and Brownsville Pace at home on Thursday October 17.



THE LEATHERNECK swim team for 2002 is (l-r bottom) Coach Flinn, Faulk, Perez, Gonzalez, O'Hara, Li, McCord, Wilson, Harrington, Labit, Caldwell, Ahmad, (top row l-r) Hanak, Allen, Hutchinson and Howington.

Cross Country

This past weekend the MMA Cross Country Team participated in its sixth meet of the 2002-03 season.

The meet was held near La Feria High School and included schools from across the Lower Rio Grande Valley. MMA's race took place during a break in Saturday morning's rain squalls.

The cadets who completed in the meet include (listed in the order in which they finished the race) **Alejandro Sandoval Navarro, Jonathan Marshall, Maxwell Cyphers, Nicholas Cassidy Van Ourkerk, Matthew Darby, Peter Jager, Kellen Mahone, and David Davis.**

Our best placement was made by **Alejandro Sandoval Navarro** who finished 12th in a field of 49 runners and completed the three-mile course in a time of 20 minutes 46 seconds. Both **Alejandro Sandoval** and **Johnathan Marshall** earned trophies for their race placements.



TEAM MEMBERS are (l-r) Coach Hinkle, Kinder, Cornett, McCord, Merrill, Marshall, Runkle, Darby, Mahone, Cassidy, and Sandoval. Not shown are Jager, Davis and Cyphers.

Judo

The Leatherneck Judo team traveled to Houston, Texas recently to participate in the Houston Open Judo Tournament. Over 80 contestants competed in the tournament, with MMA taking four of their best Judokas to Houston.

Captain of the team Bannon Lomahquah (green belt), Jose Cortina (white belt), Sean McCarver (white belt) and Andrew Novak (white belt) made up the traveling team.

All four Judokas placed in their division.

Andrew Novak placed first in the 155-170 lb class. He won with a body drop within the first fifteen seconds of his match. It was the first match of the

tournament, the first match for MMA this year and his first match ever.

Bannon Lomahquah took second place with



Members of the 2002 Judo team are (l-r) Sensei Robertson, Bannon Lomahquah, Jose Cortina, Luis De La O, Sean McCarver and Andrew Novak.

some powerful mat work that forced his uke (opponent) to submit with a convincing chokehold.

Sean McCarver won third place with a Koka (1/8 point); a Yuko (1/4 point) and a Warzari (1/2 point). He then held the uke with a modified Kesa gatame to score the victory. It was required that he holds the uke for 20 seconds for another 1/2 point. Thus, the win.

Fighting well, Jose Cortina brought home a fourth place spot, competing in the 146 lb class, fighting with the most experienced Judokas.

Alumni News

'75

John Deitle, MSgt, USMC (Ret) - He and wife Doreen attending East Carolina University. John, through his affiliation with the Marine Corps League, has met a WWII Marine (anonymous), who has pledged to sponsor a 10th or 11th grader out of the Camp Lejeune area next fall. John, Doreen along with John II and Lisa Ann reside at 309 Baytree Drive, Greenville, NC 27858-6112. 252-353-4151 (Home); 252-328-4180 (Work).

'78

Greg E. Mitchell - gem@insightbb.com Partner at the law firm of Frost Brown Todd LLG (Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio and Tennessee). Practices in the area of trade regulation, international trade compliance and insurance regulatory matters. Describes wife, Michelle as a miracle worker. Four boys, Jacob, Zach, Noah and Eli (sent pictures of that handsome fire team) Eager to assist in recruiting efforts. Says that perhaps some of his fire team may attend the Academy.

'83

Stace Hayward - SNYP2000@aol.com 1409 S. Lamar #443, Dallas, TX 75215. Finally checked in and seeking information on 2003 reunion. Signed off as Major S. Hayward. Doesn't seem that long ago that Colonel Tom Parsons pinned your 2dLt bars on over at the Monument.

'85

Martin O. Gemoets - mgemoets@yahoo.com Checked in with Ms. Pickens and let us know it is now Martin Owen Gemoets, AAGO, ChM, Chair, Department of Music and Liturgy, St. Luke's Parish and Preparatory School, Irving, Texas. Says everything is just SWIMMING along here at St. Luke's; student enrollments are up, and our program is thriving.

'88

Jacien G. Carr - 81 West Lakeview Ave., Columbus, OH 43202 Sent us an article from The Columbus Dispatch dated 12 September 2002. After eight years defending a country not even his own against all enemies foreign and domestic he spent his first full day as a citizen of the United States on Sep-

tember 11, 2002. Was sworn in on as a United States citizen on 10 September 2002 in Dress Blues. Sends his regards to Mrs. Gilmore, SgtMaj Steigerwald, Gunny Ski, SgtMaj Robertson, Mrs. Ovenden and all the staff. "MMA was my platform into the United States"

Douglas V. Glasgow Post Graduate, USNA Graduate, Helicopter Driver, all around good-guy. Congratulations on being selected as an alternate on the Recruiting Station Commanding Officer Slate for FY 03.

Stefan A. Wisnoski -

eldesk2@bellsouth.net 866-344-1236 (Toll free number) Just e-mailed info describing himself as now officially property of the U. S. Army. Got a great enlistment deal and signed up under 18X (Special Ops). Please tell Mom. (Dirty job, but someone has to do it)

'90

Benjamin Trimmer -

ben.trimmer@solidsystems.com Called to let us know that Miss Abigail Trimmer made her debut into this world at 0800, 24 September 2002. 7 pounds, 8 1/2 ounces; 19 3/4 inches tall. Everyone doing well. (Just remind her Ben, that we are not co-ed yet). Abigail attended her first MMA football game up in Houston recently.

'92

Joe Matlega - New home address is 318 Ridgewood, Magnolia, TX 77355. Anticipating attending Birthday Ball weekend and Houston football games.

Where are they now?

Bryan Foster - bfoster@ikon.com 3 year Cadet, 6455 Center St., New Orleans, LA 70124, 504-913-0075. Was in Corpus Christi for a wedding and decided to drop on down (147 miles) with friend Megan. Bryan graduated from Tulane and did his time with Army Airborne.

'93

Ivan R. Radcliff - Mrs. Sandra Williams found him at United States Bobsled and Skeleton Federation.htm -An interesting site that gives team member's biographies, accomplishments and photographs. All I have to do now is figure a way out to contact him through that site.

Scott Vinson -

mvcattlecompany@hotmail.com Entry Level Separation out of boot camp due to heels and knee injury but says he will probably try again after the healing process. Moving to Glendale, AZ to return to college and finish up his degree. Looking forward to 2003 reunion. Did manage to visit us five years ago.

'94

Reginald Jayne -

reggiejayne@earthlink.net Just browsing on the internet and just wanted to let Colonel Fritz Hastings know "I am now living in Houston, and I am married and have a little girl. I plan to be at the ten year reunion in 2004 – I can't believe it's almost here."

Gunny Ski asks....Who - What - When - Where & Why? Do You know?



More Alumni News

Nathanael Herman -

N.Herman@kuwait.army.mil Captain, USMC. Obviously had a few spare moments while sitting in the CFLCC command center at Camp Doha, Kuwait, where he will be until February. TAD from 1st Tank Battalion. Has done his time as platoon commander, executive officer and 3A. Looks like he will be able to teach Spanish at Naval Academy. Anxious to get back on a tank.

'95

John D. Hall III -

jdhallusmc@hotmail.com 1stLt just got his wings at Corpus Christi and will soon be driving C-130's at Cherry Point. 13986 Fortuna Bay Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78418; 361-949-1304 (Home); 850-291-5153 (Mobile). Hoping to touch base with Major Ken Zieleck '84, project officer for the new KC-130J. Congratulations on those "Wings of Gold".



MMA GRADUATES attending James Ward's wedding in August were (l-r) Trey Colvin -'96, 2nLt Joe Murphy -'96, Lt (j.g.) James Ward - '96, Lt John Hall - '95, Ryan Murphy - '97 and Holden Murphy - future class of 2018.

Robert P. Sorrells - Hangs his cover with H&S Company, 1st Tank Battalion.

'99

Matthew Buzzard - can be reached through his Mom vbuzzard@pfjd.com Matt is a junior at LSU majoring in construction management. Was asked by Uncle Sam to take a little vacation time and spend it working with the 769th Engineering Battalion, Louisiana National Guard in Kandahar, Afghanistan. Matt's current mailing address is: Bussard, Matt SPC, C Company 769 ENGR. GN, APO-AE 09355. Thanks Mrs. Buzzard.

'00

Dan Montez - New address & phone number: 2225 South Hickory Place, Ontario, CA 91762; 909-702-4630

'01

Patrick Moore - w8lift270@cs.com Checked in to let us know that he will be attending Birthday Ball. May be bringing his date with him and also his old buddy, Bitonti.

Pedro Said - pierreicles@hotmail.com Checked in with Colonel Hastings recently and let us know that he just finished mid-term week, did alright on his exams but admitted there is room for improvement.

From the Gunny

Anniversary & Birthday Ball is approaching with something less than the speed of light but will be upon us before we know it. As far as I know HJZ '69 is the most seasoned alumni attending. If anyone pre-HJZ '69 is planning on attending please let us know.

Bad addresses continue to plague us. Should you perchance hear rumors of an alumni popping up to the surface let us know. We pursue rumors of alumni existence.

Sincere Thanks To all of you who came out to support MMA at the football games.

Ms. Pickens - Alumni Mom: pickens@mma-tx.org Sends reminder about Alumni Corner (she addressed this at last reunion). If you've had anything published, fiction or non-fiction, autograph it to include your graduation year, and send her a copy(ies).

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.

Trivia: Graduating class of '84 had 84 graduates.

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REUNION
2003
4-6 April
for
All Alumni**

Calendar of Events

November

- 1 Parent's Day
2 Birthday Parade
Birthday Reception and Ball
11 Veteran's Day Parade
22 Begin Thanksgiving Break

December

- 1 End Thanksgiving Break
6 District MJROTC Inspection
7 SAT
14-15 Closed weekend
16-19 Fall semester final exams
19 Begin Christmas Break

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Division. In 1990, he assumed command of 1st Battalion, 6th Marines and sent to Saudi Arabia as part of 1 MEF. He commanded the battalion during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

In 1993, General Jones assumed command of 2d Marines. In 1994, he was designated Commanding Officer, Special Purpose MAGTF, Carib during Operation Support and Uphold Democracy in Haiti. The following year, Jones became Director

of the Amphibious Warfare School. He was then assigned as the Deputy, J-3, NMCC-3, Joint Staff, Washington. On July 1, 2000, Jones became the Commanding General, Training and Education Command.

MajGen Jones' personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with 2 gold stars, the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V", the Meritorious Service Medal with gold star and the Combat Action Ribbon with gold star.

Memorials

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

SSgt Clarence W. Johnson, USMC

BGen George W. McHenry, USMC

LtGen John N. McLaughlin, USMC (Ret)

Travel Reminder

Thanksgiving Leave

22 November-1 December

All cadets are required to depart the campus. Cadets may not leave until 1600, 22 Nov. and must return by 1800, 1 Dec

Christmas Leave

All cadets are required to depart the campus after 1200, 19 Dec. 2002 and must return by 1800, 5 Jan. 03