

# '83 Graduate Selected As 38th Birthday Ball Special Guest

**Mr. John McKenna returns to MMA for weekend of festivities.**

Mr. John McKenna, a two-year post graduate cadet from the MMA class of '83, will be the guest of honor at the Academy's annual Anniversary Ball, November 1, 2003. Mr. McKenna was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1964 and raised in the area before attending the Marine Military Academy.

"I first met John McKenna as a midshipman at the United States Naval Academy," stated LtCol Bob Grider, Director of Development at MMA. "He immediately impressed me as a young man who had the entire package to be successful in life. Drive, leadership, personality, common sense and intelligence. He has molded those qualities over the years and is now successful in business and a devoted husband and father." Grider added, "We are very fortunate that John and family are joining us and look forward to catching up on old times!"

After completing his postgraduate year in 1983, John received an appointment to the United States Naval Academy and attended until his graduation in 1987, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Oceanography. John was a member of the Naval Academy football team and was the starting fullback his junior and senior year.

Upon graduation from the Naval Academy, John accepted a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps and attended the Basic School in Quantico, Virginia. Following the Basic School, he was assigned to Okinawa, Japan, where he served as the Supply Officer for the 9<sup>th</sup> Marines. Only one year into his three-year tour,

Lieutenant General Henry C. Stackpole, Commanding General of the 3rd Marine Division, selected John to become his Aide-de-Camp. After two years as the Aide-de-Camp and completing his three-year tour in Okinawa, John was reassigned to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Division at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina where he assumed the duties as the Supply Officer for the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 6<sup>th</sup> Marines.

In 1992, after leaving the Marine Corps, John began his career with Clarke American, one of the leading check printers and customer management solution firms in the United States, serving more than 4,000 financial institutions. He began his career as an Account Executive and has held po-



sitions as Regional Sales Manager, Vice President of all East Coast sales and Vice President of Partner Development. He is currently the Vice President of Clarke American's Customer Management Solutions Division.

John has received numerous Sales Awards throughout his career to include three Superior Contribution Awards, two sales Leadership Awards and two awards for the Top Sales Performing Region.

John and his high school sweetheart, Peggy, live in Marlton, New Jersey and they have two daughters, Danielle (14), and Chelsea (12).

# MMA Benefit Dinners Held Recently

Three members of the Board of Trustees of the Marine Military Academy once again sponsored a fundraiser on September 26th, 2003 in the "Windy City" of Chicago.

Richard Moore, Jack Heiner and Craig Matteson planned and held the 4th Annual Chicago Fundraiser.

The keynote speaker was General William "Spider" Nyland, the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps. General Nyland provided the audience (composed of many former Marines) with an update of how the Marine Corps was doing in terms of recruiting and retention. He also provided current information concerning the ongoing efforts in Iraq.

The money raised from the Chicago fundraiser is used for scholarship assistance for young men from the Chicago area who would never have a chance to attend MMA.

There were six current cadets from the Chicago area who attended and made up the Color guard for the ceremony. Cadets **Luis Paz, Angel Roldan, Ben Ferris, John Williams, Mark Kettenhofen** and **Fredrick Hoff** did a superb job and were an inspiration to those attending the fundraiser.

Former cadets Kyle Rudolph and Elliott Campbell, both attending college in Chicago, also attended the fundraiser.

As with the previous three fundraisers, the 4th Annual proved to be a huge success and preparations are underway for the 5th Annual that will be held on the 1st of October 2004.

Turning right around, on October 7th, the Marine Military Academy ventured to the "Big Apple" for the first ever New York City fundraiser.

Mr. Edgar Aronson, a member of the Board of Trustees, was the catalyst for this venture that proved to be a tremendous success.

The keynote speaker, New York City Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly enlightened the audience with a current update on the status of security in New York. He spoke about the quality of his Police Forces and how many of the members of the Police Force were former Marines. He then tied this into how the Marine Military Academy is able to prepare young men for the challenges in their lives with a primary focus on leadership.

Commissioner Kelly is also a retired Marine Colonel with two tours in Viet Nam.

Four current cadets from the New York area made up the Color Guard and, as in Chicago, were an inspiration for the audience.

Cadets **Jason Green, Alex Rosolovsky, Daniel Carrero** and **Christopher Latos** were exemplary in their performance.

"This will now become an annual fundraiser and has already been scheduled for the 14th of October 2003," stated LtCol Bob Grider, Director of Institutional Advancement.

## Admissions sets recruiting schedule

The Office of Admissions and Recruiting has set their schedule for the months of November and December.

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.

- Nov. 4 Austin Renaissance Arboretum  
Austin, TX
- Nov. 5 San Antonio Marriott Riverwalk  
San Antonio, TX
- Nov. 10 Renaissance Dallas North  
Dallas, TX
- Nov. 11 DFW Airport Marriott South  
Ft. Worth, TX
- Nov. 12 Oklahoma City Marriott  
Oklahoma, OK
- Nov. 13 Tulsa Marriott Southern Hills  
Tulsa, OK
- Nov. 17 Marriott North @ Greenspoint  
Houston, TX
- Nov. 18 Marriott @ Galleria  
Houston, TX
- Nov. 19 Courtyard Marriott  
Lafayette, LA
- Nov. 20 New Orleans Marriott  
New Orleans, LA
- Dec. 3 Warner Center Marriott  
Woodland Hills, CA
- Dec. 4 Irvine Marriott  
Irvine, CA
- Dec. 5 San Diego Marriott La Jolla  
San Diego, CA
- Dec. 8 Santa Clara Marriott  
Santa Clara, CA
- Dec. 9 Rancho Cordova Marriott  
Rancho Cordova, CA
- Dec. 16 Marriott @ Galleria  
Houston, TX
- Dec. 17 Renaissance Dallas North  
Dallas, TX
- Dec. 18 DFW Airport Marriott South  
Ft Worth, TX



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(ABOVE) SERVING as the Color Guard for the Chicago Fundraiser were cadets (l-r) Hoff, Roldan, Ferris and Paz. (RIGHT) General Wayne E. Rollings visits with NYC Police Commissioner, Raymond Kelly, at the New York Fundraiser held recently.



# College Board Announces Advanced Placement Awards

Four students from the Marine Military Academy have earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement (AP) Exams.

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program offers students the opportunity to take challenging college-level courses while still in high school, and to receive college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP Exams. Almost 15 percent of the more than one million high school students in more than 14,000 secondary schools worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to merit the recognition of AP Scholar.

Students took AP Exams in May 2003 after completing challenging college-level courses at their high schools. The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on the number of yearlong courses and exams (or their equivalent semester-long courses and exams).

At MMA, **Alberto Brandon Pina** qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. Pina was a junior last year when he qualified for this award. He has one more year in which to complete

college-level work and possibly earn another AP Scholar Award.

Three students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Examinations, with grades of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars are **Jason Merriam, Creighton Rea** and **Jared Spencer**. These three cadets graduated in the spring and are now attending college.

Most of the nation's colleges and universities award credit, advanced placement, or both based on successful performance on the AP Exams. More than

1,400 institutions award a full year's credit (sophomore standing) to students presenting a sufficient number of qualifying grades. Thirty-four AP Exams are offered in a wide variety of subjects

areas, each consisting of multiple-choice and free-response (essay or problem-solving) questions (except for the Studio Art exam which evaluates students' original artwork).

The College Board is a national nonprofit membership association whose mission is to prepare, inspire and connect students to college and opportunity. Founded in 1900, the association is composed of more than 4,300 schools, colleges, universities and other educational organizations. Each year, the College Board serves over three million students and their parents, 23,000 high schools and 3,500 colleges through major programs and services in college admission, guidance, assessment,

financial aid, enrollment, teaching and learning. Among its best-known programs are the SAT, the PSAT/NMSQT, and the Advanced Placement Program.

The Marine Military Academy, along with the College Board, is pleased to recognize these young men who have earned AP

Scholar Awards on the basis of their outstanding academic performance. Congratulations to all the cadets on a job well done.



**Alberto Brandon Pina qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award after taking AP Exams last year.**

## National Honor Society 2003-2004

THE 2003-04 National Honor Society members are: (bottom row l-r) Ling Bo Chang, Ben Hubbard, David Miller, Jason Hiller, ####, Hiroyoshi Ohara, ####, (second row l-r) Aubrey Snider, Thomas Smay, Nicholas Lugo, Sean McCarver, Jeremiah Lowe, David Square, Jarod Faulk, (third row l-r) Charles Wulz, Scott Miller, Winston Elliott, ####, ####, Jorge-Alejandro Zamora-Legoff, (top row l-r) NHS Sponsor Wendell Drye, Spencer Mennis, Andrew Winney, Miquel Sanchez, Alberto Pina, Hang Li.



# MMA Boy Scouts Are Off To An Active Year

As the school year kicked off, MMA's Boy Scout Troop 22 also started its activities. In spite of the unusually heavy rains in Deep South Texas this fall, troop activities have moved on.

Rather than canceling a scheduled campout, Scouts participated in a one-day merit badge program at BSA's Camp Perry, where 20 boys chose between Swimming Merit Badge, First Aid or Lifesaving Merit Badges. Participants included **Ben Osadchey, David Martens, Jonah Mitchell, Chris Hobart, Steven Wittekiend, Tyler Read, Jeffrey Lam, Christian Dean, Guillermo Limon, David Frascella, Douglas Stephens** and **Hiroyoshi Ohara**. **Andrew Winney, Chase Cooper, Bendel Rushing** and **Alex Driscoll** attended and assisted with the instruction.

Twenty-eight Scouts spent the next weekend camping and assisting with the Rio Grande Council's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Law Enforcement Exploring Competition Weekend. The U.S. Border Patrol sponsors this event, with assistance from the D.E.A., F.B.I., A.T.F., Texas A.B.C., Texas Parks & Wildlife Rangers, Texas State Police, Cameron County Sheriff's Dept and the Harlingen Police Department. Each of these agencies sets up a competitive scenario for the Explorers to solve for time and accuracy. For the fourth year, Troop 22 Scouts acted as the victims and perpetrators in each scenario (not particularly challenging for some). Under the watchful eye of USBP Firearms Instructors, everyone also had the chance to shoot about 50 rounds from a 9mm pistol. This was the first time many of these scouts had held, much less shot, a pistol. It was quite an experience for the many of them.

Eight Troop 22 Scouts volunteered to conduct a Cub Scout Family Adventure Weekend for almost 400 people. Our Scouts set up and ran a specially designed obstacle course for the little guys and their families. **Cody Steves, Edward Steeg, Tyler Read, David Stokes, John Williams, Douglas Stephens, Sean McCarver** and **Jason Green** were the Scouts participating. Scouts **Guillermo Gonzalez, Ovais Khalil, Aubrey Snider, Jonah Mitchell, Zachary Bowen** and **Gangshan Shi** also volunteered for the same day, to assist in an annual MMA trash pick up along the highway behind MMA.

There have also been two Order of the Arrow weekend activities since school



AT THE (left) COURT of Honor recently, many cadets received merit badges and advancements in rank.

*Water-skiing, Motor boating, Camping, Na-*

started. Several MMA Scouts have been elected into the "National Honor Society of Scouting." Participants so far this year have included **Bendel Rushing, Cody Steves, David Miller, Aubrey Snider, David Martens, Jeremiah Lowe, Kostas Lazanas, Tom Carroll, Omeed Ghaffarian** and **Mark Ferris**.

**Spencer Mennis** and **Alex Driscoll** are both in the process of completing their Eagle Scout Community Service projects. Both are building new outdoor classrooms in "the back forty" at MMA. At least ten other MMA Scouts are expected to complete a project this school year, as well.

Troop 22 conducts four award ceremonies each school year (Court of Honor). Recently recognized at the first Court of Honor were: **Rafael Angel, Christian Dean, David Frascella, Nikki Hill, Daniel Knox, Courtlandt Kramer, Blake Kaelin, Gannon Mennis, Matthew Pritchett, Steven Phan, Tyler Read, Senator Zavala, Ryan Williams, Steven Wittekiend** and **John Williams** with the *Scout Rank Award*. **Chris Hobart** earned the *Second Class Award*. **Zachary Bowen, Ovais Khalil, Clayton Duncan** and **Clinton Behrens** were presented with the *First Class Scout Rank*. **Hiroyoshi James Ohara, Omeed Ghaffarian, Spencer Mennis, Tom Carroll, Alex Driscoll, Sean McCarver** and **Ben Osadchey** each earned the *Life Scout Award*.

Seventeen MMA Boy Scouts also attended Boy Scout Summer Camp for a week at Camp Perry during July and earned a total of 107 Merit Badges, including subjects from *Backpacking, Pioneering, Archery, Rifle Shooting, Environmental Science, Lifesaving, Wilderness Survival, Canoeing, and*

*Water-skiing, Motor boating, Camping, Nature, Small Boat Sailing, Shotgun Shooting and Astronomy*. Participants were: **Alex Driscoll, Andrew Winney, Spencer Mennis, Clinton Behrens, Joel Birden, Ovais Khalil, Sean Darby, Tom Carroll, Charlie Wulz, Ben Osadchey, Hiroyoshi Ohara, Omeed Ghaffarian, Robert McFadden** and **Zachary Bowen**.

This past summer, several MMA Scouts also hiked the trails at the BSA's National Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. They are: **Alberto Pina, Spencer Mennis, Zachary Bowen, Forrest Macomber** and **Warren Davis**. In addition, **Kostas Lazanas** and **David Miller** served on the staff of the Rio Grande Council's weeklong Junior Leader Training Course at Camp Perry. MMA participants in the course were: **Jefferson Thacker, Omeed Ghaffarian, Charlie Wulz, Clinton Behrens, Ovais Khalil** and **Gangshan Shi**.

Once a Scout has earned the Eagle Award, he may continue to advance by earning Eagle Palms. **Alberto Pina** was presented with the *Bronze Palm*, **Chris Boyls-White** his second *Gold Palm*, and **Aubrey Snider** earned his *Silver Palm*.

During the past several weekly meetings, Detectives from the Harlingen Police Department have been conducting instruction for the Scouts on Fingerprinting Merit Badge. Over 60 boys are working to complete this award.

Since the beginning of school in August, over 100 cadets have visited MMA's Boy Scout Troop 22. With 85 of them continuing to be active on a regular basis, Boy Scouts is the biggest activity on campus.

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”* - SgtMaj Ford Kinsley, USMC (Ret)  
Academy Sergeant Major

**Alpha Company  
EARLEVAN FRYE**

**Junior - Granite Bay, CA**

*“He has shown a burning desire to be a leader. His determination and drive has earned him the position of squad leader. His ability to balance academics with leadership duties is noteworthy.”* - 1stSgt Bruce McPeters, USMC (Ret)



**Charlie Company  
ALEX ROSOLOVSKY**  
**Senior - Poughkeepsie, NY**

*“Cadet Rosolovsky has demonstrated outstanding growth potential. He is unquestionably a hard working cadet.”* - SgtMaj Allen Szczepek, USMC (Ret)



**Delta Company  
JOSE ANGEL NEGRETE  
FREBAULT**

**Senior - Veracruz, Mexico**

*“This cadet is one of the hardest working cadets in Delta Company. He continues to set an outstanding example for all to follow. He has great growth potential.”* - SgtMaj Larry Carson, USMC (Ret)



**Echo Company  
ROBERT SCOTT  
BIRDWELL**

**Junior - Aledo, TX**

*“Cadet Birdwell sets an excellent example of a good cadet - academically sound, mature and respected by his platoon and squad members.”* - GySgt Frank Martinez, USMC (Ret)

**Fox Company  
FEDERICO FLORES  
MONTUFAR**

**Sophomore - Monterrey, MEX**

*“He has always strived to be the BEST at everything he does. His drive and can do attitude are ‘TOP NOTCH’.*  
*His growth potential is unlimited.”* - MSgt William Lunday, USMC (Ret)



**Golf Company  
BRIAN MICHAEL  
GERVAIS**

**Freshman - Cedar Rapids, IA**

*“A very hard working cadet! He continues to lead, and sets an outstanding example to others in Golf Company. He will go far.”* - SgtMaj Albert Wilson, USMC (Ret)



**Bandsman  
NATHANIEL EDWARD  
KEEGAN**

**Eighth - Brasilia, Brazil**

*“Nathaniel has been a great asset to the MMA Band. He has proven himself to be a good musician and is dedicated to the growth and success of this unit. He will be a leader among his fellow cadets.”* - CW03 Ed Harris, USMC (Ret)



**Drill Team/Color Guard  
MATTHEW JOEL DARBY**  
**Senior - Henderson, NV**

*“Cadet Darby displays true leadership skills daily. His dedication to duty while serving as the platoon commander for exhibition drill are noteworthy. He thinks ahead, sets the example and strives constantly to enhance the skills of his troops.”* - MSgt Clifton Jones, USMC (Ret)

# Cadet Corner



## SENIOR CARWASH

### Seniors Hold Carwash For Upcoming Trip

On Saturday, September 27th, the MMA senior class had a carwash fundraiser to benefit their class trip.

Cadets **Brandon Pina** and **Cris Vega** organized the event, which was held at Wal-Mart in Harlingen, from 8 am to 4 pm. Over 40 seniors participated by volunteering to work in shifts.

It was a great day for a carwash, the sun was shining and there were plenty of dirty cars in Harlingen.

The seniors reached their goal of 100 cars in only 6 hours, raising \$600 towards their class trip.

A special thanks to the teachers and staff that stopped by to support the fundraiser and to Cici's Pizza for donating food for the cadets.



## GLOW BOWLING



### Midnight Outing!

Recently, twenty-five cadets went “midnight glow bowling” at Creasey’s Bowl in Harlingen. The outing started at 10:30 pm and ended at 1:30 am.

The cadets enjoyed the music, food and fun atmosphere of the evening.

There was a friendly competition among the cadets for the highest score of the night, and that score went to Cadet Ang Li of Alpha Company.

The group paused long enough for a group shot (left).

## Chaplain Meets Spiritual Needs of All MMA Cadets Here

### A Word from Chaplain Mahoney.....

As the program mission statement says, “The mission of the MMA Religious Program is to encourage and facilitate the religious development and involvement of the individual cadet in the faith of his choice; to help cadets in understanding the necessity for growth and maturity in the moral and spiritual realm of life as well as the intellectual and physical realms”.

To assist in the fulfillment of this mission there are several services we offer: facilitation of transportation to the various religious services in the local area attended by cadets according to their respective faith, developing the foundational relationships with these various groups to enhance off campus involvement of cadets when pos-

sible within the structure and schedule of the Academy, facilitation of the observance and attendance of Holy Day activities within the calendar of the cadet’s faith, and to the best of our ability provide alternate food items and meals for cadets whose faith mandates certain dietary considerations.

There are also various on-campus activities during the week for the cadet. One is a mid-week evening service called Vespers. It is an ecumenical service that emphasizes the common character and moral values inherent in most of the faith systems represented by the cadets. The remaining activities, which are Christian centered and voluntary, are Fellowship of Christian Athletes which is a student led group meeting on Monday evenings, and two different Bible studies that are also available – an in depth study on the book of Romans and a survey study through the book of Proverbs, both of which meet on Thursdays.

In addition to these regularly scheduled services and activities, there are times when parents, drill instructors, or cadets themselves request I spend time with a cadet regarding some family, personal or spiritual issue. I can be reached at (956) 423-6006, ext 679 or mahoney@mma-tx.org if you need to contact me.



# Football

## MMA 41 - Tamaulipas - 14

MMA was able to fill its October 25th open date with a team from Mexico.

The Leathernecks amassed 395 total yards on offense, while 345 came on the ground.

**Nick Keating** tallied the first score on a 5-yard run up the middle with 9:34 to go in the first quarter. **Joel Birden's** extra point was good for a 7-0 lead.

With 3:35 to go in the first quarter, **Matthew Radzovich** scored on a 56-yard "razzle-dazzle" end-around reverse play to make the score 13-0. **Emmanuel Hawkins** scored next on a 46-yard run and **Jason Quinn** followed with a 25-yard scamper for a 27-0 half-time lead.

At 10:05 in the third quarter, **Hawkins** scored his second touchdown of the night on a 46-yard run off right tackle behind the blocking of **Adam Gilles** and **Gates Griffis**. **Hawkins** carried the ball 20 times for 200 yards for the night.

The final score came in the 4th quarter when quarterback **Michael Sanchez** hit **Omeed Ghaffarian** with a 17-yard touchdown pass to make the score 41-14.

Tamaulipas scored on a 55-yard punt return and a 24-yard pass play with 2:00 to go in the 4th quarter.

The "Red Plague" defense smothered the Roadrunners for three and a half quarters. "**Shawn Smith, Josh Gasaway, Andrew Winney, Adam Gilles** and **Markus Werner** led the way on defense all night," exclaimed Head Coach Tom Morton.

## MMA 31 - Laredo LBJ - 6

MMA and a new 5-A school out of Laredo, Texas (LBJ High School) fought to a 6-6 half-time score.

The Leathernecks scored first on a 7-yard run by **Jason Quinn** with 6:03 in the first quarter. With 50 seconds to go in the half, Laredo scored on a 4-yard run to tie the score at 6-6 to end a "so-so" half.

After the coaching staff made some "half-time changes," the Leathernecks came out for the second half determined to demolish the Wolves. The hard hitting defense of **Andrew Winney, Josh Gasaway, Bonner Loven, Scott Miller, Markus Werner, Adam Gillis, Jason Myers, Ryan Soqui, Omeed Ghaffarian, Leo Deng, Shawn Smith** and **Chris Maldonado** were superb, holding Laredo to 137 yards and three touchdowns.

**Emmanuel Hawkins** carried the ball 20 times for 232-yards and three touchdowns "in the second half alone!" stated Coach Morton. "Hawkins scored on runs of six, 44 and 91-yards to seal LBJ's fate!"



COMING UP with the ball after a fumble by the Tamaulipas Roadrunners was #35, Josh Gasaway. The Leathernecks won 41-14.

**Ryan Soqui** was "awesome" at special-teams play, returning punts for great field position and setting up two touchdowns. **Michael Sanchez** completed a spectacular 49-yard, third down pass-play to **Omeed Ghaffarian** to set up **Nick Keating's** 3-yard touchdown run to make the final score 34-6.

MMA had 422-yards total offense and 351-yards were on the ground. The offensive line of **Brian Simpson, Adam Gilles, Peter Jager, Alberto Pina, Joshua Denny** and **Gates Griffis** continues to improve each game in preparation for the district opener October 24th in San Antonio.

## MMA 21 - San Antonio St. Anthony - 18

The Leathernecks survived a fourth quarter rally by the St. Anthony Yellowjackets and held on for a 21-18 win.

The Yellowjackets scored first on a 30-yard field goal with 6:19 in the first quarter.

MMA answered back in the second quarter when **Michael Sanchez** found **Emmanuel Hawkins** in the "flats" for a 13-yard touchdown toss at 11:48. **Joel Birden** hit on the first of three extra point attempts to make the score 7-3.

St. Anthony pushed the ball down to MMA's 14-yard line and attempted two passes into the end zone, but **Ryan Soqui** and **Jason Myers** came up with "big time" plays and deflected both passes.

On fourth down at MMA's 12-yard line, St. Anthony threw what appeared to be a touchdown in the corner of the end zone, but was knocked out of bounds by **Josh Gasaway** and the play was ruled NO GOOD!

The Leathernecks took over at their own 12-yard line and began their march for a second score. **Michael Sanchez** connected on two dramatic third down passes to keep the drive alive. Sanchez hit **Omeed Ghaffarian** on a 21-

yard completion and **Ryan Soqui** on a 14-yarder to put the ball at St. Anthony's 14-yard line. On the next play, **Jason Quinn** went off the right side for a 14-yard touchdown run, making the score MMA 14 - St. Anthony 3.

In the fourth quarter, MMA had the ball at the Yellowjacket's 15, when Sanchez hit Soqui at the 6-yard line for a first down. Three plays later, **Nick Keating** scored from 3-yards out as he "bullied" into the end zone, dragging two St. Anthony defenders with him. That touchdown at 10:25 left in the game made the score 21-3.

MMA was forced to punt with 7:00 to go in the game and St. Anthony scored on a 15-yard pass with 5:16 remaining.

Everyone in the stadium knew what was coming next! St. Anthony on side kicked and reconnected at the 34-yard line. Four plays later the Yellowjackets scored from 3-yards out and went for the two-point conversion. The score was now 21-18, with 3:46 on the clock.

Again, everyone knew what was coming! On-side kick! However, this time, **Jamahl Randle** knocked the ball out-of-bounds and it was MMA's possession. After three plays, the Leathernecks had to punt and the Yellowjackets took over at the 25-yard line, 75 yards away from the winning score. The best St. Anthony's could do was make it to mid-field. **Adam Gilles** made a crucial tackle on the quarterback, not allowing him to get out-of-bounds and stop the clock and the game ended at the 47-yard line.

**Jason Quinn** was the leading rusher for MMA with 110 yards on 12 carries and one touchdown. **Nick Keating** carried the ball eight times for 53-yards and one touchdown. **Michael Sanchez** was 11-18 passing for 168 yards. **Omeed Ghaffarian** had four catches for 80-yards and **Ryan Soqui** caught three passes for 47 yards. MMA had a total of 345-yards on offense. The Leathernecks enter quarter exams week at 4-1.

# Activities & Sports

## VISA VOLLEYBALL 2003-2004

Members of the VISA Volleyball Team for 2003-2004 are (l-r) (1st row) **Virgilio Sanchez, Alex Cooke, Courtlandt Kramer, Jonathan Meeker, Kyle Gannon, Daniel Knox, David Martens, Edgar Steeg,** (2nd row) **Jason Tanowitz, Diego Hinojosa Flores, Shayne McRae, Joseph Barnett, Corry Phelan, Juan Toussaint, Maurico Alvarez Maldonado,** (3rd row) **Gannon Mennis, Jose Flores Padilla, Samuel Gasaway, Christopher Fleming, Fernando Villar, Brian Gervais,** (4th row) **Craig Desantis, Coach Rhonda Bowen, Hunter Logan, Abdur Olajuwon, Khrystian Hadden, Jorge Inigo, Mario Rubio and Coach MSgt Michael Krauss.**



## Cross Country

### LA FERIA MEET

On Saturday October 4th, **Bannon Lomahquahu** claimed MMA's first top-ten finish of the season at the La FERIA Meet. Cadet Lomahquahu also won a trophy by finishing 6th in a field of 68 runners in a time of 18:31. The meet, the team's 5th of the season, was held at the Harlingen Sports Complex. The course made three mile-long loops around the park. The first place time in the race was 17:14. Also competing for the Leathernecks were Cadets **David Miller** (19:38), **Christopher Boyls-White** (19:59), **Andrew Novak** (20:26), **Yiming Wang** (20:39), **Gustavo Lara** (20:59), **Stephen Kang** (22:05), **Harrison Truscott** (22:37), and **David Square** (22:51).



**BANNON LOMAHQUAHU** (left) and **David Miller** run during the La FERIA Meet recently.

### PSJA/ALAMO MEET

Saturday, October 11th, MMA's Cross Country team participated in its sixth meet of the 2003 cross country season at PSJA Memorial High School in Alamo. The 3.1-mile course looped around the school and included three hills. The first place time was 18:34. Cadet **David Miller** finished first for MMA in a time of 20:55 and was 21st in a field of 46 runners. He was followed by Cadets **Guillermo Gill** (21:30), **Yiming Wang** (21:43), **Gustavo Lara** (22:18), **Andrew Novak** (22:26), and **Stephen Kang** (23:46). None of the team's seniors participated in this race because they were all taking the SAT.

### HARLINGEN HIGH SCHOOLS MEET

On Saturday October 18th, MMA's Cross Country team participated in its last meet of the 2003 cross country season. The meet was sponsored by the Harlingen High Schools and was held at the Harlingen Sports Complex. The 3.1 mile course looped twice around the park. The first place time in the race was 17:54. Cadet **Bannon Lomahquahu** finished first for MMA in a time of 19:35 and was 26th in a field of 95 runners. He was followed by Cadets **David Miller** (20:38), **Stephen Kang** (21:04), **Yiming Wang** (22:02), **Harrison Truscott** (22:08), and **Andrew Novak** (22:21).

## 2003-04 MMA Soccer Schedule

Nov 14-15	MMA Soccer Tournament Home
Dec 2	Antonian College Prep Home
Dec 5-6	St. Anthony Soccer Tourney Away
Jan 9	St. Joe, Victoria Away
Jan 10	St. Joe, Victoria Away
Jan 16	Antonian College Prep Away

# Leatherneck Swim Team Showing Early Signs Of Promise

The MMA swim team has started this year with the smallest team they have had in at least the past 12 years. They are competing with a total of four dedicated swimmers who are working hard to do their best and be competitive.

The MMA swim team has competed in three double dual meets and one invitational tournament so far this swim season.

The first competition was a double dual meet with Harlingen South and Porter High School. Finishing top three in each event are as follows:

200 medley relay - 3rd place - time 2:11.81

200 free - 3rd place - time: 2:09.90

**Brent Paterson**

200 IM - 2nd place - time: 2:38.23

**James Caldwell**

100 Fly - 2nd place - time: 1:19.58

**James Caldwell**

500 Free - 2nd place - time: 5:51.99

**Brent Paterson**

200 Free Relay - 3rd place - time: 2:01.15

The second competition was a double dual meet with Pace High School and St Joseph Academy. Finishing in the top three in each event were:

200 free - 3rd place - time: 2:08.15

**Brent Paterson**



**LEATHERNECK SWIMMERS** line up at the pool's edge during a recent swim meet.

200 IM - 2nd place - time: 2:39.47

**James Caldwell**

500 Free - 2nd place - time: 5:42.43

**Brent Paterson**

The third competition was a double dual meet with Weslaco High School and Los Fresnos CISD. Official results and times for this meet have not been announced yet.

The fourth competition was the RGVSCA Invitational Tournament at Weslaco. The team placed 6th out of the 9 teams that were there. Coach Earl Gander felt this was not too bad since MMA only had three swimmers present at the meet.

Finishing in the top three and earning medals in each event were:

200 Free - 3rd place - time: 2:08.15

**Brent Paterson**

500 Free - 2nd place - time: 5:30.44

**Brent Paterson**

Finishing 4th through 8th and earning ribbons were:

200 medley relay - 6th place - time: 2:19.89

100 Fly - 7th place - time: 1:33.31

**Daviss Collins**

100 Breaststroke - 6th place - time: 1:28.29

**Daviss Collins**

200 Free Relay - 8th place - time: 2:02.90

## 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 eight of their best Judakas to Houston.

Members of the Judo team making the trip consisted of **Bannon Lomahquahu, Alexander Moser, Kevin Edwards, Davis Brown, Daniel Guillotte, Romeo Resurreccion, Harrison Woods** and **Stephen Smith**.

MMA won First Place Team with 33 points. The second place team had 11 points and the third place team won only 6 points. Additionally, the Leathernecks swept three divisions.

The team received three first place wins, four second place wins and two third places.

First placer winner, **Alexander Moser**, won all his matches with throwing techniques. It was the first match of the tournament, the first match for MMA this year and his first match ever.

Also placing first was **Bannon Lomahquahu**. He won all his matches with his fine mat technique.

**Kevin Edwards** lost his first match, then won

his remaining matches with firm choking techniques. Because of these wins, he won first place in his first Judo tournament.

Placing second were cadets **Davis Brown, Daniel Guillotte, Romeo Resurreccion** and **Harrison Woods**.

Brown lost one match by a standing technique but won all his remaining matches. **Guillotte** won his matches with a mighty Koshiguruma Kaeshi (a hip throw with an arm

around the opponents neck, with replaced leg). "He lost one match by being choked," stated Sensei (Coach) Robertson. "It was a good scuffle."

**Resurreccion** won his first match with a major outer reap. Sensei Robertson asked him what throw he used but Resurreccion replied, "I don't know, I just did it!"

**Woods** lost by throwing techniques, but came back with some good throwing and mat work to win a second place.

**Stephen Smith** won both third places. Smith had more matches than all the other competitors, but "quitting never entered his mind," stated Sensei Robertson. "Smith fought extremely well. I am pleased with his results because he is just an eighth grader and weighs in at only



**PICTURED (l-r) are: Sensei Robertson, Bannon Lomahquahu, 130 lbs., Davis Brown, Daniel Guillotte, Harrison Woods, Kevin Edwards, Romeo Resurreccion, Alexander Moser and Sensei Sandra.**

# Leatherneck Basketball



## MMA VARSITY SCHEDULE 2003-2004

Thursday	Nov. 13 <sup>th</sup>	TRI- Scrimmage - Rio Hondo	Away	5:00
Saturday	Nov. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Corpus Christi Academy Cavaliers	Away	4:30
Tuesday	Nov. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Harlingen South - Hawks	Away	7:30
Thursday	Nov. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Santa Rosa - Warriors	HOME	7:30
Tuesday	Dec. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Port Isabel - Tarpons	Away	7:30
Thurs - Sat.	Dec. 4-6	Port Isabel (Tournament)	TBA	
Tuesday	Dec. 9 <sup>th</sup>	La Feria - Lions	HOME	7:30
Tuesday	Jan. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Lopez - Lobos	HOME	7:30
Friday	Jan. 9 <sup>th</sup>	Santa Rosa - Warriors	Away	7:30
Tuesday	Jan. 13 <sup>th</sup>	*Laredo St. Augustine -Knights	Away	7:30
Friday	Jan. 16 <sup>th</sup>	*Antonian - Apaches	HOME	7:30
Saturday	Jan. 17 <sup>th</sup>	*Victoria St. Joe - Flyers	HOME	7:30
Monday	Jan. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Weslaco East - Wildcats	Away	7:30
Tuesday	Jan. 20 <sup>th</sup>	*Brownsville St. Joe - Bloodhounds	HOME	7:30
Friday	Jan. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Harlingen High - Cardinals	Away	7:30
Tuesday	Jan. 27 <sup>th</sup>	*Laredo St. Augustine - Knights	HOME	7:30
Friday	Jan. 30 <sup>th</sup>	*Antonian - Apaches	Away	7:30
Saturday	Jan. 31 <sup>st</sup>	*Victoria St. Joe - Flyers	Away	7:30
Tuesday	Feb. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	*Brownsville St. Joe - Bloodhounds	Away	7:30
Friday	Feb. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Los Fresnos - Falcons	HOME	7:30
	Feb. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Bi-District	TBA	
	Feb. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Regionals	TBA	
	Feb. 26 <sup>th</sup>	State Tournament	TBA	

\*Denotes T.A.P.P.S. District Games

President: Major General Wayne Rollings  
 Athletic Director: Tom Morton  
 Head Coach: Rene Cardenas  
 Assistant Coach: George Sierra



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# Alumni News

## Where are they now?

'71

**Larry Neblett** - *lneblett@rgv.rr.com* Still around, but moved out to Harlingen Country Club (5324 Palm Valley Drive South, same phone) a couple of months ago. Doing fine; just still traveling quite a bit. The last 4 weeks has been to Puerto Rico, Canada, San Francisco and Nogales MX. Still lurks the board.

'73

**Jay Meyers** - *jmeyers@biomed.org* Married his high school sweetheart, Barbara Hansen, from Harlingen. She was one of the first girl cheerleaders at the Academy. He states things are going well. Just celebrated 25th wedding anniversary. Son Jay II is 10 years old and daughter Mary is 9. Still living in Shreveport. Was a recruiter at MMA from 1984-1988. Did some Alumni Affairs activities though main responsibility was recruiting. "You know how it is.. I was a tennis coach, recruiter, alumni affairs, some fundraising and chief bottle washer!" Sorry to hear about Ski — a great guy. It's been a great life and still a lot more to do.

'74

**Tom Earwood** - *earwood382@comcast.net* 3131 Switzer #10 Augusta, GA 30909 (706) 737-8201. All is well. About a quarter of the way through intern year. Decided to stay here in Augusta and chose to be a shrink, although is also applying to do an aerospace medicine residency with NASA for next year. Augusta isn't too bad and has been dating this lady now for about two years and she has four little granddaughters here. So, there were some good reasons to stay. The kids are so young that they basically know me as their grandfather. His dad (Guadalcanal and Tarawa) turns 80 early next month. "Hard to believe he's that old. Damn! Hell, I'm 47! I think that's about the age some of y'all were when I was at The Academy!"

'80

**LtCol Stephen Waugh** - *stephen.waugh@navy.mil* Was leaning against the bar in the O'Club, and guess who wandered up? John Rood - United Airlines. He was down at NAS Patuxent River taking his boat out for some fishing, and look-

ing for crew. Sadly had to turn him down (previous engagement, sailing in a race that day). He seems to be doing OK, and feisty as ever!

'86

**Robert Scott** - has a new E-mail address. It is *scottfamily@hawaii.rr.com* and you can also find it in the CC Block. "We are well here and moving right along as we prepare for our deployment."

'88

**Blane Moore** - *blanemoore@hotmail.com* Right now is an International High Threat/High Risk Executive Protection Specialist (Like a bodyguard, just more highly trained) Trains military, law enforcement and private security and also goes out and does the same. Has protected some very high profile clients, stars and celebrities. Brother is well - recently married and is expecting a baby girl! Has been married seven years with a five year old boy named Chance. My wife is Russian, I met her there while doing "Work and Analysis" for a gov'n't agency. I loved the country (Ukraine) and people. Still love to visit every chance we can to get her home to see her family. Keeps up with the Leader and hopes to get down there maybe this next spring for the ball. I am always on the go and on call. Group just got back from a quick trip to Afghanistan. "It seems like a blink of an eye, I still dream of MMA, being late, missing classes, not being able to find a clean or pressed uniform, which rarely if never happened, but seems to permeate my thoughts." Adds "So many good people have passed away lately, all of whom made such an impact on me then, and who I am now. The kids there just won't understand the big picture or know the long term benefits of being there. Sure you miss out on some things, but I was always leaps and bounds ahead in college to those who had just left home and could not lead to save their own lives." Tried very hard to fly for military but not a candidate -eyes just outside of regs. Had LASIK knowing would never be able to fly and now at 33 is going through the process for the Army to fly helicopters for a LASIK study to see if it will help get better candidates. Has been flying since MMA, learned to fly helicopters, have a degree so maybe will be accepted. Has a lot of good people

and pilots in the Army pulling for him - greatest hurdle is age, about 2 years too old - trying for an age waiver. Five year old son, Chance, just started school and is so excited, he loves it. Now hopes to just keep that interest and enthusiasm going to 18 to 24 more years. Tells Ms Pickens that he hopes he has a teacher like her and that it makes all the difference. His mom and grandfather said to tell her hello. They still talk to Mrs. Gilmore and a few others.

'89

**Chris Migura** - *chris.migura@bglng.com* started working at BG LNG (as in liquefied natural gas) Services, LLC as an in-house commercial attorney. It all happened very fast. New contact information is as follows: BG LNG Services, LLC 5444 Westheimer, Suite 1775 Houston, Texas 77056 Phone: 713-599-3826 Cell: 832-276-4562 Fax: 713-403-3781 Personal cell: 713-703-6366.

**Matthew B. Watkins** -

*www.watkinsselfdefense.com* Received a brain injury seven years ago in El Paso, Texas, breaking up a fight in a bar. Was trying to defend a stranger - a defenseless woman. Was looking for work after graduating from the United States International University with a Bachelor's degree in International Business. Life has changed a lot. Has a small business that includes a few websites for income. Sells self protection products on web site. Got into that business "so no one has to suffer any injuries, harm or death." His four years at the Academy helped him develop a strong love for country and all it stands for. Also has a website selling patriotic products at *www.patrioticpalace.itcstore.com*. Living on his own in Brownsville, Texas.

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# Calendar of Events

## November

1 Birthday Parade  
Birthday Reception and Ball  
11 Veteran's Day Parade  
21 Begin Thanksgiving Break  
30 End Thanksgiving Break

## December

6 SAT  
9-12 Fall semester final exams  
12 Begin Christmas Break

## Travel Reminder

### Thanksgiving Leave

**21 November-30 November**

All cadets are required to depart the campus. Cadets may not leave until 1600, 21 Nov. and must return by 1800, 30 Nov.

### Christmas Leave

All cadets are required to depart the campus after 1200, 12 Dec. 2003 and must return by 1800, 4 Jan. 04

## Memorials

*MSgt Joseph W. Britsch, USMC (Ret)*

*LtCol Norman W. Hicks, USMC (Ret)*

*Virginia T. James*

*John Walton Koonce*

*Donald F. Lewis*

*Myrtle Mason*

*Mendel H. Perry*

*In Honor Of:*

*Edgar & Nancy Aronson*

*In Honor Of:*

*Richard E. Moore*