

General H.M. Smith Foundation Honors Inductees

Five new members were inducted into the General H.M. Smith Foundation at a gala dinner, February 20, 2004, at the Marine Military Academy.

The inductions were made during a formal dinner and observance at the beautifully decorated Florence E. King Memorial Gymnasium before approximately 300 parents, cadets, Academy staff and supporters, including the guest speaker, Lieutenant General James T. Conway, Commanding General, I Marine Expeditionary Force.

Two of the new members were present for their induction. Those were Mr. Charles S. Green and Mrs. Virginia Schulte. Mrs. Linda Stagg Long Mazet was inducted in absentia.

Two members were inducted in memoriam. Those were Mr. Henry C. Schulte and LtCol Horace S. Mazet, USMCR (Ret).

The evening began with honors to the Guest of Honor, Lieutenant General James T. Conway, and the introduction of the head table. Major General Wayne E. Rollings, USMC (Ret), President of the Marine Military Academy, welcomed everyone, followed by the tradition of parading of the beef, which was declared "fit to eat" by Cadet Battalion Commander Alberto Pina.

After a delicious prime rib of beef dinner, Lt Gen Conway addressed the audience. He began by asking everyone to remember all the brave young men and women

"When I talked to the troops, one thing that they really wanted to know was whether or not the country was behind them," stated General Conway. "It was critically important that they knew that we were behind them and that continues to be their thoughts today, and I ask that the citizens of this country support them."

LtGen Conway detailed many of the battles and sorties he experienced while in Iraq. He praised the men and women of the United States Marine Corps on the many "unreported" success stories taking place in Iraq. "There are some great things going on," noted LtGen Conway. "The commitment and dedication of the Ma-



LTGEN JAMES Conway, USMC, speaks to the audience during the Gen H.M. Smith Foundation Dinner and Celebration.

rines is incredible. They just refuse to be left out of the fight." Conway added, "Marines doing the right thing at the right time - you can't train for that!"

LtGen Conway noted that many of his generation "weren't too sure how this joy-stick video game generation was going to fare." He assured the audience that "our country is in great hands and great shape for many years.

To the cadets, LtGen Conway stated, "Whatever decisions you make today will certainly affect you down the road, will shape your lives." He told them that one day his generation



STANDING NEXT to the bronze bust of Gen H.M. Smith are two of who are currently serving in the Academy's newest Foundation fellows, Mr. Charles Green and Mrs. Virginia Schulte.

Richard Miller, CEO, Keynote Speaker at Leadership Forum

Leadership is one of the key ingredients of an education at the Marine Military Academy, and it's what sets the school apart from most public and private schools.

On Friday, February 8, some specially chosen cadets had the opportunity to get a closer look at leadership principles during the Academy's annual leadership seminar.

Guest speaker for this year's event was Mr. Richard E. Miller, former CEO of Pirelli Tire North America. Mr. Miller recently retired from Pirelli and now serves as a business consultant and advisor to major corporations and businesses.

The morning began with a breakfast in the President's Mess, allowing Mr. Miller the opportunity to meet and talk with members of the Battalion Staff and other cadet leaders. Afterwards, Mr. Miller addressed the entire Corps of Cadets in Yeckel Auditorium, in which he described many lessons in leadership he had learned throughout his lifetime, as well as his own thoughts about leadership.

"Leadership is learned, is practiced and is a behavioral system that anyone and everyone should work towards," stated Mr. Miller. "Leadership is worth the effort. Being a leader will make your life better."

Giving an insight into his background, Mr. Miller stated that growing up in Oakland, California, being a "rebellious repeat offender" and a frequent runaway all contributed to his desire to join the Marine Corps. He noted that family members on both sides of his family "had a history of serving in the military and service

to this country, so as a young guy, I had a fantasy of going off to war and was sure that that would turn me into a man."

Miller added, "I acquired, without even thinking about it, core values - the moral compass - and success generating behavior while in the Marine Corps." Miller served as a Marine Officer in Vietnam.

He then tied the skills he learned in the USMC to his success in the business world. "Core values and success generating behavior helped me to stand out from my peers and succeed," stated Mr. Miller. "It was the execution and willingness to divert MY view to that of the team that helped me to be successful today."

Miller ended with a reminder that leadership comes from learning and practice, and "that is how I evolved from a young guy standing on the yellow footprints



Mr. Rick Miller, Leadership Forum special guest, speaks to Trustees, Faculty and Corps of Cadets during an early morning assembly.

to where I am today."

Following his address, a select group of cadets met for panel discussions on various aspects of leadership. Each panel was chaired by a drill instructor, an alumnus, a member of the Academy staff and an MMA trustee. The four topics of the panels were leadership traits, leadership styles, leadership principles and leadership standards.

Cadets were chosen for the panels by their drill instructor based on their leadership ability and performance within the company.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE - SUMMER CAMP 2004

Each year, the Admissions Department receives numerous applications from young boys who want to experience the adventures of Summer Camp.

A number of these individuals can't afford to pay the full cost for attending Summer Camp. Col Tom Hobbs and the Admissions Staff appeal to readers such as you to contribute to the Summer Camp Fund.

By raising money to help offset the cost of Summer Camp, 10 to 20 young boys can realize their dreams. In many instances, this will be the one opportunity that makes a difference in their life.

If every person who reads this and then sends a \$25.00 to \$50.00 donation, they will be contributing to the youth of tomorrow.

Please consider being a part of this worthwhile investment. If you decide to contribute to this endeavor, please send your check to the Admissions Department at the Marine Military Academy and annotate for Summer Camp Fund. Your help will be greatly appreciated.



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Marine Military Academy Hosts Valley Water Summit

US Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson, Congressman Ruben Hinojosa, State Rep. Eddie Lucio attend

The Marine Military Academy was pleased to play host recently to the 2004 Valley Water Summit, the first of its kind in the Rio Grande Valley.

Water, or the lack of, has been a hot topic for many years in the Rio Grande Valley, the State and the Nation.

During the day of speeches and break-out sessions, approximately 300 men and women had the opportunity to discuss and prioritize ideas on how to get water, save water and get money to save water.

A wireless voting system was used by the participants to vote on key issues. Using state of the art technology, the participants were able to distinguish those issues they felt were most important. They were: to work as a region, improve water distribution systems and educate the public about the problem.

This was a great learning experience for some MMA cadets. Approximately 20 Cadets from various classes were able to witness local, state and national leaders discuss this extremely important and pressing issue.



Texas Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson (center) answers questions from the media during the Valley Water Summit. Looking on are (l-r) State Senator Eddie Lucio, Texas Agricultural Commissioner Susan Combs and Congressman Ruben Hinojosa.

The Summit was organized by a partnership of water utilities, irrigation districts, environmental interests, economic development entities and agricultural groups with the goal of taking action on water supply issues affecting the region.

Texas Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson gave the "Charge to the Summit", addressing the drought, the increasing demand for water and how the Mexican water debt affects the state. She will be meeting soon with Arturo Duran,

the recently appointed commissioner of the International Boundary and Water Commission - U.S. Section, to emphasize the need for water in the Valley.

Also attending and participating in the conference were Congressman Ruben Hinojosa; Texas Agricultural Commissioner Susan Combs; Texas State Senators Eddie Lucio, Jr., and Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa; and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Chair Kathleen Hartnett White.

LtGen Gary Hughey, Deputy Commander, USTRANSCOM Addresses Corps of Cadets

LtGen Gary H. Hughey, Deputy Commander, United States Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, recently spoke to the Corps of Cadets at the Marine Military Academy in an assembly at Yeckel Memorial Auditorium.

USTRANSCOM is the unified command responsible for deploying and sustaining U.S. forces worldwide. It exercises command over service transportation components of the Army, Navy and Air Force.

LtGen Hughey started out his talk and power point presentation, joking that he "knows that the Corps of Cadets were happy to see him because he got them out of PT this morning!"

"I have heard about this fine institution since I first became a Marine," stated LtGen Hughey. "I am extremely impressed with what I have seen so far" and told the cadets that he felt they were very fortunate to be at

the Academy. "I encourage you to take advantage of the leadership from SgtMaj Kinsley and MajGen Rollings."

LtGen Hughey emphasized the interrelationships and interdependence of the three transportation modes: Air Force - air mobility command, which is the largest component of USTRANSCOM; Navy sealift command, which supplies the fleets out in sea with supplies and equipment and the Army's surface deployment and distribution command.

"Nothing starts out on a ship or an airplane," noted LtGen Hughey. He discussed the use of railroad, truck and bus transpor-



MAKING A presentation to LtGen Hughey are (l-r) Battalion Commander Alberto Pina and Cadet SgtMaj Andrew Winney.

tation from land bases to ports, seaports and airport operations in the United States and overseas.

"Logistics - General Patton understood that if you can't move and sustain your forces, you are not going to win the battle," stated LtGen Hughey. "This is our mission - in time of peace and in time of war. We are on 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year."

Cadets of the Month for January

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 January 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
STEPHEN C. COOPER
Sophomore - Orcas, WA
"Cooper has proven he has the skills and ability to perform well academically (President's List) and militarily (Squad Leader). This cadet has great potential" - 1stSgt Bruce McPeters, USMC (Ret)



CHARLIE COMPANY
BENDEL S. RUSHING
Junior - Pearland, TX
"He has been a consistently outstanding cadet in every respect. Attentive, meticulous and industrious. He has a great sense of honor and dedication." - SgtMaj Al Szczepeck, USMC (Ret)



DELTA COMPANY
PETER VALKA
Sophomore - Praque, Czech Republic
"Cadet Valka has been, without question, one of the most improved new joins. He has the best attitude and has a consistent performance in military science and academics. He is a notch above his contemporaries." - SgtMaj Larry Carson, USMC (Ret)



ECHO COMPANY
DERECK GALLARDO
Sophomore - Great Terrace, CA
"He has outstanding military appearance, is motivated and helps other cadets in the company with homework. He is a great role model for the younger cadets and works hard to make sure things are done correctly." - GySgt Frank Martinez, USMC (Ret)

FOX COMPANY
VICTOR M. QUINONES
Senior - San Antonio, TX
"He consistently puts forth whatever effort is required to do the best job. He has truly matured into a fine young adult, one that I am very proud to know." - MSgt William Lunday, USMC (Ret)



GOLF COMPANY
JUAN FRANCISCO HERNANDEZ
Freshman - Pearland, TX
"This cadet demonstrates outstanding leadership potential and is dedicated and focused. He is quiet but shows a lot of potential and is a valued member of the company." - SgtMaj Albert Wilson, USMC (Ret)



BANDSMAN
THOMAS VICTOR SMAY
Senior - Landing, NJ
"Cadet Smay has been steadfast in his loyalty, devotion and commitment to the MMA Band for many years. He is one of my most trustworthy and reliable leaders in the band." - CWO3 Ed Harris, USMC (Ret)



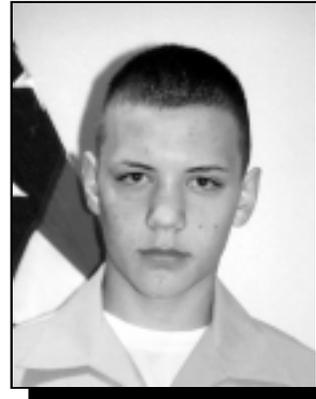
DRILL TEAM/COLOR GUARD
JASON RICHARD SOUTH
Sophomore - Garland, TX
"This cadet has displayed true drive and professionalism throughout the month of January. He displayed outstanding dedication to duty and is constantly striving to better himself." - MSgt Clifton Jones, USMC (Ret)

Cadet Corner

55 Mid-Term Plebes Become Full Members of the Corps of Cadets



PLEBE COMPANY CADET OF THE MONTH



RYAN A. LAW-CRIDER
Sophomore - Jenks, OK
"Cadet Law has displayed incredible leadership in the short time he has been here. He has tremendous dedication and honor and will be a great asset to the Marine Military Academy. He is a shining star." - MSgt Clifton Jones, USMC (Ret)

Junior State of America Chapter Formed On Campus By Cadets

Several cadet leaders recently organized and formed a local chapter of the Junior State of America, a non-partisan student-run organization. "We formed this chapter of JSA in order to have an opportunity to discuss current events and to give cadets interested in politics a place to voice their opinions and beliefs," stated Cadet Winston Elliott, President of MMA's newly formed JSA chapter.

The newly formed chapter at the Academy is part of the country's largest student-run non-partisan political organization.

Since the JSA was founded in 1934, over 500,000 students have gained an appreciation of the American system of law and democratic government and have gained hands-on experience by running their own organization.

Faculty member, J. Wendell Dye is serving as the organizations sponsor.



Officers for the newly formed Junior State of America chapter at MMA are (seated l-r) Vice President Andrew Winney, President Winston Elliott, IV, (standing l-r) Treasurer Omeed Ghaffarian and Secretary Sean McCarver.

Cadets Gasaway and Winney attend Rotary Youth Leadership Camp

On January 15, 2004, two Marine Military Academy cadets participated in an informative and enjoyable weekend experience during the Rotary Youth Leadership Award Camp. Additionally, two other cadets, Aubrey Snider and Mark Kettenhoffen, who attended RYLA last year, were selected as counselors for the weekend.

Cadets Josh Gasaway and Andrew Winney, members of the Academy's Interact Club, which is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Harlingen, were chosen to represent MMA. The camp is conducted at Camp Zephyr on Lake Mathis, just outside of Corpus Christi, Texas.

The camp was attended by approximately 160 young men and women from numerous high schools throughout southern Texas.

The purpose of the camp is to provide a program designed to shape leadership skills in

students who already possess and demonstrate outstanding leadership characteristics in their high schools and communities. RYLA Camp is a youth retreat with the main objective being to expose students to the many phases of leadership by learning from individuals who are already leaders in their community and businesses.

Students attending the RYLA Camp leave the seminar with a better understanding of how to assume a positive leadership role in their school and community. The camp is built around the axiom "strong leaders are made, not born and leadership principles are learned, not inherited."



ATTENDING THIS years RYLA Camp as camp counselors were (l-r) Mark Kettenhofen, Aubrey Snider and as campers, Josh Gasaway and Andrew Winney.

President's List

Cadets with a first semester GPA for 2003-2004 of 3.75 or above



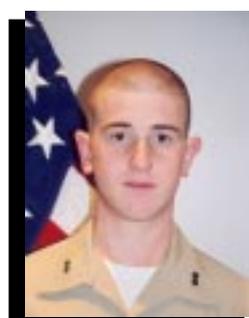
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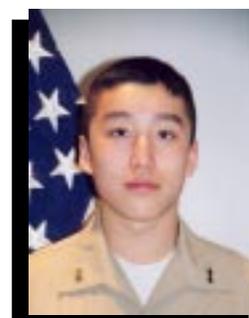
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Harlingen, Texas.



Brana, AF
Tampico, Mexico



Boyls-White, CM
Fairfax Station, VA



Chang, LB
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Cooper, SC
Orcas, WA



Czerniak, SZ
Houston, Texas



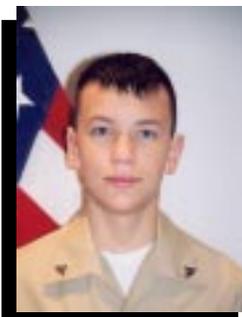
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Houston, Texas



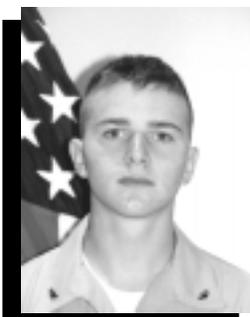
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Faulk, JR
Dallas, Texas



Gervais, BM
Cedar Rapids, IA



Harris, AH
Ft Lauderdale, Florida



Hawkins, JR
McAllen, Texas



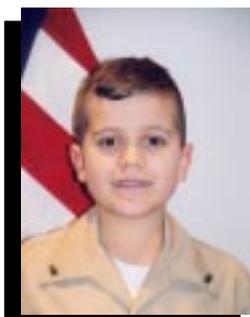
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Houston, Texas



Johnson II, HV
Houston, Texas



Kaelin, BL
Austin, Texas



Keegan, NE



Labit, MM
Los Altos, CA



Lam, JT
Rohnert Park, CA

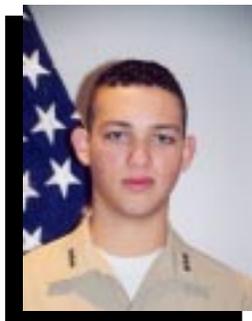


Li, H
Houston, Texas

President's List (continued)



Lugo, ND
Palm Harbor, Florida



Medina, FA
Miramar, Florida



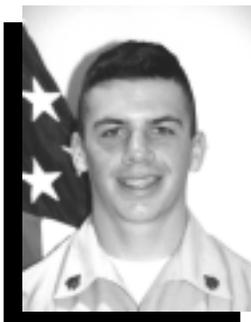
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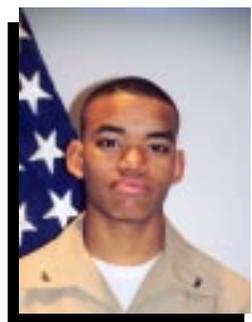
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Tulsa, OK



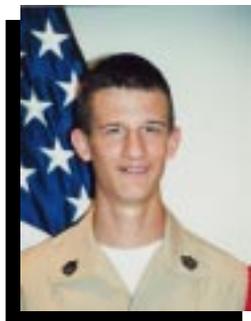
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Landing, New Jersey



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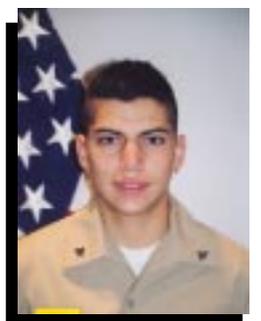
Square, DH
Tampico, Mexico



Sun, HC
Houston, Texas



Wang, Y
Houston, Texas



Yamin, A
Toluca, Mexico

Dean's List

Cadets with a first semester GPA for 2003-2004 between 3.50 and 3.74

Birden, JC
Houston, Texas
Chen, BY
Shenyang, China
Chen, Heng
Houston, Texas
Clifford, GM
Glendora, California
Cole, CL
Cypress, Texas
Elliott IV, WW
Houston, Texas

Enderle, DG
Houston, Texas
Ferris, MA
Aurora, Illinois
Flores, F
Monterrey, Mexico
Frye, EE
Granite Bay, CA
Ghaffarian, ND
Los Gatos, CA
Howard, GA
San Antonio, Texas

Lowe, JA
Coppell, Texas
Maldonado, NL
Harlingen, Texas
McGee, NJ
Dallas, Texas
Nazif, NR
Dubai, UAE
Nelms, WS
Houston, Texas
Rodriquez-Velesco, J
Guadalajara, Mexico

Rosito, MP
Prescott, AZ
Rubio, MA

Rushing, BS
Pearland, Texas
Shook, CC
Frisco, Texas
Stegg, EE
Palm Desert, CA
Valka, PA
Czech Republic

Wittekiend, SR
Burnet, Texas
Yuen, A
Cupertino, CA
Zamora-Legoff, JA
Mission, Texas

T.A.P.S. Soccer Season Results for 2003-2004

The MMA soccer team's season came to an end in Dallas with a 3-1 loss to Bishop Lynch. The Friars will advance to the TAPPS state tournament next week.

Bishop Lynch was big, fast, and skilled, and they controlled the ball for most of the game. However, MMA's defense was up to the challenge. Defenders Yiming Wang, Chris Eaton, Will Loveless, and Jose Villarreal were under constant pressure, but they consistently thwarted the Friars' attacks.

If the Friars got past them, they had to face Leatherneck goalkeeper Eddy Gracia, who definitely brought his "A" game. Gracia made great save after great save, drawing compliments from the PA announcer and "oohs" and "aahs" from fans on both sides of the field.

The Friars also missed some good chances. At halftime, the score was 0-0. It seemed that if the offense could somehow get a goal, victory was possible.

Five minutes into the second half, though, Bishop Lynch finally scored on a 25-yard direct kick that rocketed just inside the far post. Gracia dived, but it was just out of reach. The cadets could have folded then. The offense had been so ineffective, a one-goal deficit seemed insurmountable. But instead of letting down, they continued to fight, and Gracia continued to make great saves.

As time went by, the pressure lessened, but Bishop Lynch still controlled play. Then, with about 17 minutes remaining, disaster struck.

Gracia went wide to try to pick up a ball. The ball rolled past him, but the onrushing forward kicked Gracia on the inside of the knee of his planted leg. The knee bent outward, and Gracia fell to the ground in pain. His day was over, and freshman forward Guillermo Gil took over in goal.

The scoreboard clock, which is not the official time, continued to run during the long stoppage, making the time remaining uncertain for the rest of the game.

Gil made a couple of good saves early, and MMA finally started to generate some offense.

With about 14 minutes to play MMA earned a corner kick. Joel Birden made a great kick, and Felipe Sanchez headed it past the keeper toward the goal, but an alert Bishop Lynch player cleared the ball before it crossed the goal line. Immediately after that, MMA went on the attack again.

Luis Meneses, Gary Clifford, and Navid McGee worked the ball up the middle of the field, and then Meneses sent the ball toward the goal. In the scramble that ensued, Clayton Duncan found the ball at his feet, and he punched it in for the tying goal with

about 12 minutes to play, making the score 1-1.

The Friars, stunned to find themselves in a tie game after controlling play, tried to regain momentum. They started attacking relentlessly, and with about five minutes to play, a shot threaded its way into the goal to make the score 2-1. With three minutes to play the Friars struck again on a header off of a line drive cross for a 3-1 margin. MMA moved the ball within striking range a couple of more times but never got off another shot before the game ended with Bishop Lynch ahead 3-1.

MMA had its best crowd of the season. About 45 Leatherneck fans were in attendance. Notable were the family of Gil, who drove to the game from Monterrey, Mexico, and the family of Ryan Williams, who flew in from Amarillo. Also appreciated were the many non-relatives in attendance, including Rick and Anna Holt, Janet Faulk, Kim Dunn, Bob and Sheila Frasier, and others too numerous to mention. The chants of "MMA, MMA, MMA" were loud and surely appreciated by the team and coaches.

This was the team's best season in years. Congratulations and thanks are due to Coach Harold Compton and Assistant Coach Rick Ross. With many fine underclassmen on the team, the outlook for next year is positive.

MMA's Golf Team Plays Well In 2004 Season Opener

SANTA ROSA INVITATIONAL

The MMA Leatherneck Golf Team opened their 2004 golf season by placing second at the Santa Rosa Invitational.

Due to the cold weather and rain, the tournament was called after nine holes.

The Leathernecks were led by Geoff Howard, who shot a 37, on the par 36 course. Howard won first place medallists honors.

ECONOMEDES TOURNAMENT

The Leathernecks took part recently in a two-day tournament, hosted by the Edinburg Economedes Jaguars.

MMA was led by Geoff Howard, who shot a 79 on the first day and an 83 on the second. Also contributing was Max Cyphers, who shot a 95 on the first day and a 90 on the second.

MMA placed 14th out of a field of 25 teams and 125 competitors.



THE 2003-2004 Leatherneck Golf team consists of (front row l-r) Marcus DeBlasio, Max Cypher, Geoff Howard, Michael Mulhauer, (back row l-r) Coach Amos Salas, Jason Tanowitz, Beau Flowers and Cody Steves.

SPRING SPORTS

BASEBALL 2004 OUTLOOK

After having just missed the TAPPS 5A-District 4 playoffs last year, the M.M.A. Leathernecks will look to make a new name for Leatherneck Baseball as they embark on the 2004 campaign.

Entering the season this year, M.M.A. returns just two starters of four returnees and welcome 16 newcomers. Although the Leathernecks are a young team (only 2 srs.), they are not necessarily an inexperienced team. Four of the newcomers played year-round baseball at their previous schools.

ON THE MOUND

The Leathernecks will look to a solid pitching staff to anchor their 2004 endeavor. Junior Zach Eskue (Ft. Bend Elkins) leads



The Leatherneck Baseball team: (front row l-r) N. Maldonado, Simpson, Dunn, Goodenough, Cook, Rhodes (back row l-r) Coach Esparza, Rushing, Middleton, Burns, Eskue, Stratton, C. Maldonado, Romero, Austin, Frye, Espinosa, Coach Wood, Coach Maldonado.

LEATHERNECK BASEBALL

MARCH

- 5 vs San Perlita
- 9 @ Santa Rosa
- 11 Raymondville Tournament
- 16 vs Brownsville St. Joe*
- 18 JV @ Evins Monte Christo
- 30 @ Laredo *

APRIL

- 1 JV vs Evins
- 2 vs San Perlita
- 6 @ Brownsville St. Joe*
- 8 JV vs Evins
- 13 @ Harlingen
- 17 vs Antonian* (DH)
- 20 vs Laredo St. Augustine*
- 23 @ Victoria St. Joe* (DH)

* denotes district game
(DH) denotes doubleheader



the starting rotation with sophomore Danny Middleton (Houston Christian) and freshman standout Nick Maldonado rounding out the rotation. Freshmen Jacob Romero, David Espinosa, Phillips Goodenough and senior Chris Maldonado complete the staff.

BEHIND THE PLATE

Returning starter Chris Stratton, along with junior Linwood Cook provide strong plate coverage and also bring powerful bats to the lineup. Sophomore Derek Gallardo also may see playing time.

AT THE CORNERS

Power hitters Chris Maldonado (sr.) and Brian Simpson (jr.) will be called on to play 3rd base and 1st base respectively. Although both are new to their positions, they have displayed the ability to adapt and play well at their new positions.

UP THE MIDDLE

The Leathernecks will be strong up the middle as Zach Eskue and Nick Maldonado split short stop duty and junior Brandon Allen moves over from third base to anchor the second base position.

WAY BACK DEEP

Losing all three outfielders was a concern in the off-season; however, the emergence of three newcomers erased that concern. Sophomore Danny Middleton captains the OF in center, with freshmen David Espinosa, Jacob Romero and sophomore Nick Rhodes working the OF corners, depending on who is pitching.

Other Leatherneck players are IF/OF

players Bendel Rushing, Michael Ehlenburg, and Earl Frye, who will be called upon for duty at different points in the season.

COACHES

The Head Baseball Coach this year is D.J. Wood. Also on the staff are talented Assistant Coaches Jorge Maldonado and Albert Esparza. All three coaches have many combined years of coaching baseball at all age levels from T-ball through Junior College.

THE COMPETITION

M.M.A. plays district games against the Antonian Apaches, Laredo St. Augustine, Brownsville St. Joseph, and Victoria St. Joseph. All teams in the district are very talented and very capable of making the State Playoffs. Other non-district opponents include Raymondville, Lyford, and the Harlingen Cardinals.

IN SHORT

The M.M.A. Leathernecks completed their off season program with quality scrimmages against Brownsville St. Joseph, Rio Hondo, Raymondville and Lyford. Our group of young men has worked very hard all year and expects to represent M.M.A. in this years State Playoffs.

"We as educators always tell our students that if they work hard to succeed, then that hard work will pay off," states Coach Wood. "I urge you to reward this group of hard-working young men with your presence at any game you can attend. Regardless of the outcome of the contest, you will not be disappointed in these athletes."

Alumni News

Where are they now?

'69

Arthur Holmes, III - 14018 N Hills Village Dr., San Antonio, Texas 78249-2534; Home: (210) 691-2602; Work (210) 977-4697 aholmes@satx.rr.com

'84

Major Paul F. Bertholf - BertholfPF@4MEB.usmc.mil Trying to round up class of '84 for reunion. Knows how invaluable reunions can be. Reluctantly went to a reunion of Marines he served with in Somalia - best trip he ever made. Is in the same brigade as Doug Bell. Doug is currently in Afghanistan in command of a company task force. Says that even though he wasn't at MMA for a long time, men like SgtMaj Steigerwald, Gunny Ski and SgtMaj Gilmore made a lasting impression that "keeps on living in us who now try to take care of Marines and get the mission done!"

'90

Michael Naoom - naoom@nationwide.com Contacted Ms Pickens and updated her on what was going on with him. Is living in Florida, working for Nationwide Insurance as an auto claims adjuster. Married for three years now and has 2 children. Jacob (10) (son from wife's previous marriage) and Nathan, who will be 2 in April.

'00

Thomas Duff - Recently received word that he was going to be a Marine Corps Aviator. Service selection was held and he got his first choice. Mrs. Duff states "he is a very happy guy."

'02

Brian Cripps - Word from parents is that Brian is currently attending USMC Recruit Training in San Diego, California and won't be able to attend the Alumni Weekend. He reported for active duty on January 19th and is scheduled to graduate as a PFC, on April 16th. He will have a MOS of a TOW Missile Gunner. Parents plan to attend graduation.



TYRONN MITCHELL, '01, at a basketball game in San Antonio against UTSA. He attends Northwestern State University in Louisiana and is a point guard for the NSU Demons.

Col C.O. Myers, former MMA Commandant of Cadets, will also be attending Brian's graduation ceremony. Brian can be reached at: Recruit Cripps, Brian C., 1st RTBN, Charlie Company, Platoon 1154; 40002 Midway Ave, San Diego, CA 92140-1154.

Attention Alumni

Announcing the "A.C.E." program. This trial program will attempt to get all alumni involved in any level. The "Alumni Charity Events" program will follow all events in various cities around the country. From Fund Raising Dinners, 5K Runs, Charity Bicycle rides, Luncheons, Cookouts - You name it.

Look for future page to be listed under the alumni section that will allow anyone to look at upcoming events, to make donations directly on line, etc. One such event coming soon is the First Annual Gunnery Sergeant Wisnoski Memorial Ride. Craig Matteson, Bryan Zurlo, Jim Mischel are riding from Round Rock (Austin area) to MMA (approximately 350 miles) for reunion on April 1. Several cadets from the Academy will be participating as well.

30th Anniversary Can you believe it???

Yes- its later than you think. Like an old song: "The years go by, quicker than a wink; so enjoy yourself, while you're still in the pink; it's later than you think."

You can think of dozens of reason not to make Reunion 2004- but you will be missing many good memories- creating new ones & reliving old ones- seeing old buddies not seen in decades. Make plans to attend- make the effort- you won't regret it I assure you. MMA has a special place in your heart & memory bank. It has come a long way- you won't believe the advances it has made. It will be a fun-filled weekend- lots of laughs. So register now- don't put it off- or it'll pass you by. It would be lots of fun to see all of Class of '74 together again. Any Alumni you can communicate with- encourage them to attend. You all need to get registered so plans can be made for all events.

If you need info on the Reunion or registration- email: alumni@mma-tx.org or flores@mma-tx.org

You can call Connie Flores at 956- 423-6006 ext 232 - or call me & I can direct you to right contact.

Semper Fidelis, W.E.S. or SgtMaj Steigerwald



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and others "will pretty soon hand you the responsibilities to continue the momentum of this great nation."

LtGen Conway concluded with a charge to the cadets to "give something back to this great country and find a way, because in the very near future, it's going to be yours. Keep what it is today going."

LtGen Conway attended Southeast Missouri State University. He was commissioned in 1970 as an infantry officer and served initially with the 3d Battalion, 1st Marines, Camp Pendleton.

LtGen Conway served in a variety of command positions to include Infantry Company Commander; Executive Officer of the Marine Detachment aboard the USS Kitty Hawk; Operations Officer, tactics officer, company commander and subsequently Commander Officer of The Basic School; Battalion Commander; President, Marine Corps University; Commanding General, 1st Marine Division; and Deputy Commanding General Marine Forces Central Command.

LtGen Conway has also held staff positions at various levels to include Headquarters Marine Corps and with the Joint Staff, where he was also the senior aide to the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

In November of 2002, LtGen Conway was promoted to his current rank and assumed command of the I Marine Expeditionary Force. In this position, he commanded all Marine forces participating in "Iraqi Freedom".

His personal decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with gold stars in lieu of second and third awards, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon.

LtGen Conway graduated with honors from The Basic School, the U.S. Army Infantry Officers' Advanced Course, the Marine Corps Command and Staff College, and the Air War College.

After LtGen Conway's speech, Mr. James E. Warren, Jr. introduced the new fellows of the General H.M. Smith Foundation.

First to be inducted was Mr. Charles S. Green. Mr. Green was introduced by MMA Trustee Joseph Pollard, who also presented the traditional navy blazer and gold



PARADING OF the beef is one of the traditions during the Gen H.M. Smith Foundation Dinner. Leading the parade were Cadets Drew Alvord (left) and Jeremiah Lowe.

watch to him.

Mr. Green and his wife, Susan, are from Valley Stream, New York. He is the owner of Mail Chute. Their son, Jason, is currently a junior at the Marine Military Academy. "My reason for the H.M. Smith gift is a basic desire to help continue the educational goals of MMA," stated Mr. Green. "I personally can't think of a better place to contribute to."

Following Mr. Green's induction was the introduction of Mrs. Virginia Schulte and Mr. Henry C. Schulte (in memoriam). Major and Mrs. Orinn Johnson spoke about the wonderful contributions Mr. and Mrs. Schulte made and continue to make to the Marine Military Academy.

Mr. and Mrs. Schulte have been longtime supporters of the cadets of the Marine Military Academy. Mr. Schulte passed away on June 8, 2003. In his memory, Mrs. Schulte made a major gift to the Academy, which will allow the Academy to transform an empty lot, west of the Hill Cocke Administration Building, into a park. The proposed name of the park is the Henry C. "Hank" Schulte Memorial Garden of Faith, Hope and Love.

Fellow H.M. Smith Foundation member, Col H. William Card, Jr., USMC (Ret), had the honor of inducting (in absentia) Mrs. Linda Stagg Long Mazet and (in memoriam) LtCol Horace S. Mazet.

Mrs. Mazet makes her home in Big Sur, California, living on a remote mountain where all utilities are provided by nature.

Col Mazet, who passed away in 2002, served in the United States Navy as an aviator, transferring into the United States Marine Corps during World War II as an officer pilot. He retired from the Marine Corps Reserve in 1963.

LtCol Mazet was a world traveler, photographer, big game hunter, Hollywood extra and publisher. He was also a longtime donor and supporter of the Academy.

The General H.M. Smith Foundation is named for one of the most famed United States commanders in the Pacific theatre of World War II. Until his death in 1967, General Smith was a staunch supporter of education and one of the first members of the MMA Board of Trustees. He was the first person to leave his bequest to MMA. The Foundation was formed in 1970 as a means of expressing the official gratitude of the Academy for extraordinary support given toward its growth and development. Major donors who have given the school \$100,000 or more are inducted as "Fellows" in the foundation and have their names engraved on a larger than life bust of the General.

The evening concluded with the presentation of the General Smith bust and the traditional toast by cadets and guests to "Corps and Country."

Saturday morning, the cadets of the Marine Military Academy, paid honor to the new members of the Foundation, along with veterans of the Battle of Iwo Jima with a flawless and memorable parade.

Calendar of Events

March

16-19 Third Quarter Exams
 19-28 Spring Break
 15 Begin Fourth Quarter

April

2-4 Alumni Reunion
 2 Alumni Parade
 3 ACT
 20 Ring Dance/Ceremony

May

1 SAT
 15 Deadline for Financial Aid Applications
 17-19 Second Semester Exams
 20 Graduation rehearsals
 21 Eagle Scout Ceremony
 8th Grade Graduation
 Academic Awards
 Senior Banquet
 22 Graduation Parade, Awards
 Graduation

Memorials

LtCol Jesse L. Altman, Jr., USMC (Ret)
 Sgt Maj Richard F. Bull, USMC (Ret)
 Melda Demetropoulos
 J. Frank Keegan
 Tug McGraw
 Nestor Rodriguez
 Pfc Brian Thornton, USMC
 Maybell H. Troop
 Col Philip J. Yeckel

BATTLE OF IWO JIMA - GEN H.M. SMITH PARADE HELD AT THE MARINE MILITARY ACADEMY

Saturday, February 21, 2004 proved to be a picture perfect day for a parade.

Approximately 800 visitors must have thought so as well.

The program began with performances by the MMA band and silent drill team at 10:00 A.M. in front of the Academy's Iwo Jima Monument, followed by a parade by the MMA Corps of Cadets, concluding with a pass in review.

The reviewing officer for the parade was Lieutenant General James T. Conway, Commanding General, I Marine Expeditionary Force, accompanied by Major General Wayne Rollings, USMC (Ret), President of the Academy.

General Conway was MMA's guest of honor and guest speaker at the school's H.M. Smith Foundation Observance on Friday when five donors, each of whom have given the school \$100,000 or more, were inducted as "Fellows" into the Foundation.

For the pass in review, all Iwo Jima Veterans and the newest members of the Gen H. M. Smith Foundation were asked to step forward, be recognized and take the pass in review.

The cadets of the Marine Military Academy paid tribute to the men who served and fought during one of the best-known, and costliest battles in Marine Corps' history.

Members of the 3rd, 4th and 5th Marine Divisions who stormed the tiny Pacific island on February 19, 1945 expected little resistance. However, unknown to the Allied forces, the Japanese had spent months fortifying the island through underground tunnels.

During the month-long struggle that ensued, over 6,000 Marines and 20,000 Japanese died.

The battle of Iwo Jima is also known for the flag raising that took place there on Mount Suribachi on the



battle's fifth day. There were actually two flag-raising that day. The second was captured in a photograph by AP photographer Joe Rosenthal, which inspired Dr. Felix de Weldon to create his famous Iwo Jima Memorial statue. The Academy has had the mold of the original monument on its school grounds since 1984.