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'88 Graduate Selected As 39th Birthday Ball Special Guest

Family and Friends come to MMA for weekend of festivities.

Family members and friends, numbering in the thousands, descended on the Marine Military Academy campus, looking forward to the many events that make up the Academy's annual Anniversary Weekend, November 5-7.

The weekend honored not only the 39th anniversary of the founding of the Marine Military Academy, but also the 229th birthday of the United States Marine Corps, a revered occasion for Marines everywhere.

Parents began arriving on Thursday evening, greeted by the Parent's Organization President, Rhonda Bowen, her husband Rob and other members of the Parent's Organization Board.

The next morning began with an awards ceremony at Yeckel Hall, presenting the Cadet of the Month Awards (see page 4) and the Battalion Competition Awards. These awards are divided into three parts: Academics, Military and Athletics. The winning companies receive colorful streamers, which are then added to their guidon. The company which has the highest points overall is also presented the Gold Guidon, which replaces their traditional red guidon.

The Academic streamer, which is awarded to the company that had the highest number of cadets on the President's and Dean's List, the highest number of cadets passing all subjects, the lowest number of cadets

below 2.0 and the lowest number of cadets with any failures, was awarded to Echo Company.

The Battalion Competition and the Gold Guidon award went to Delta and Echo Company.

Afterwards, the parents spent the morning meeting with teachers and drill instructors, before departing the campus with their sons that afternoon.

The football game that night was held at Bowman Stadium against Tamaulipas, with the Leathernecks coming up a winner 48-0.

Saturday morning, parents and friends enjoyed a flawless parade, complete with performances by the Marine Military Academy Silent Drill Team and the Mighty Leatherneck Marching Band. It was an absolutely beautiful day for a parade.

The reception and ball that evening was an occasion all cadets and their families will long remember. Guest speaker was Major Joseph Bryan Dunn, Class of 1988.

General Wayne E. Rollings performed the traditional cake-cutting, presenting the first pieces to Major Dunn, the oldest alumnus present, Mr. Randy Bridgeman, class of '70, and to twelve-year-old Taylor Steven Roepke, the youngest cadet present. Roepke



Major Joseph Bryan Dunn, USAF (left) was honored during the Parent's Weekend parade for being selected as this year's Guest of Honor.

is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Steven M. Roepke of Denton, Texas

Major Dunn was born in Denver Colorado in 1970, and was a five year cadet, attending Marine Military Academy from 1983 to 1988. While at the Academy, Dunn participated in football and was on the boxing team. He was a Boy Scout and worked on the school newspaper. He graduated with the rank of Captain and was Bravo Company Executive Officer. He was awarded the DAR Award his senior year.

Speaking to a packed house, Major Dunn talked about his years at MMA and at the

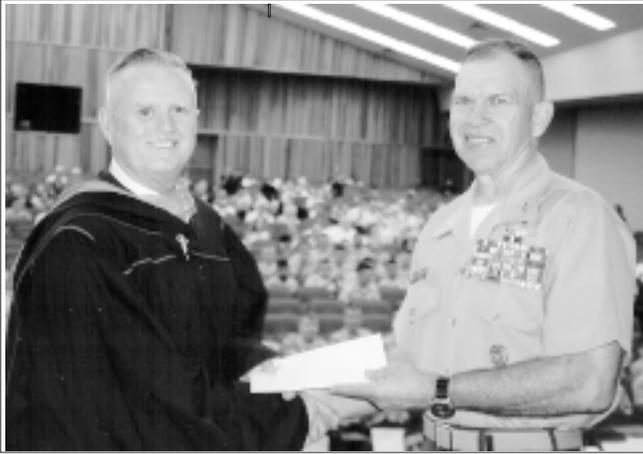
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Lt Col Ed Lewis, 2004 Teacher Of The Year Passes Away

Lt Col Edward Bascom Lewis, a man of true selflessness, died October 13, 2004. Col. Lewis enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1960 and attended boot camp at Paris Island. He attended Communications Electronics School in San Diego and became a telephone/teletype maintenance

technician. He rose to the rank of Gunnery Sergeant while serving in various assignments.

In 1978 he was selected for the USMC Limited Duty Officers (LDO) program and was commissioned a 2nd Lt and assigned duty as an electrical maintenance officer. Lewis



Lt. Col. Ed Lewis received the Teacher of the Year award for 2003-2004.

served in a variety of assignments as an LDO and excelled to the highest possible rank in that field when he was promoted to Lt. Col. He retired from active duty in 1994.

Lt. Col. Lewis served three tours in Vietnam and in Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

After retirement, he attended the University of Central Florida and graduated in 1998 with a masters in Social Science Education. He became the principal of Ed White Memorial Charter School in Kemah, Texas until he joined the faculty of MMA in August 2001.

Lt. Col Lewis is survived by his wife of 19 years, Mary Susan Lewis of Harlingen, his mother, Dorothy Lewis of White Lades, MT., his children, Edward and Holly Lewis of Anchorage, AK, Cinnamon Lepore of Cocoa Beach, FL, Kim Sweeder of Pontiac, MI; his grandchildren, Autumn Lepore of Cocoa Beach, FL, Amanda and Eddie Lewis of Anchorage, AK, Alex, Ben Jacob, Avery, Andres and Evan Sweeder of Pontiac MI and many close friends.

He was an avid sportsman and active within the MMA Boy Scout troop #22.

He will be remembered for his passion and devotion to young adults through his teaching, mentoring and public service.

Information Available for Scholarship Assistance for 2005-2006 School Year

The Marine Military Academy awards financial assistance to returning cadets on an annual basis. The number of applications and amount of financial assistance requested each year is far greater than the scholarship fund. Thus the cadet must compete for scholarships based on his performance and the family's ability to pay.

The largest single factor considered in the cadet's performance is his GPA, which must be at least 2.5 for the spring semester and at least a 3.0 cumulative MMA GPA. Other factors such as conduct, military leadership and participation in extracurricular activities are also considered.

To request an application, please contact: Institutional Advancement Department (Attention Scholarship Committee). Marine Military Academy, 320 Iwo Jima Blvd., Harlingen, TX 78550. If you have any questions, you may call Ester B. Reyes at (956) 423-6006 ext. 231.

An application will be forwarded immediately and must be completed and returned no later than 13 May 2005. Recipients of financial assistance will be notified by 10 June 2005. As part of the application process you must provide a copy of your 2004 federal income tax return (including copies of W-2 forms) or your application will not be considered.

Your cadet must be re-enrolled for the Academic year 2005-2006 before the Scholarship Committee meets in May 2005.

Applications received after 13 May 2005 will not be considered.



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History Of MMA “ Marching in Cadence” Now Available



Corinne and Ed Swaney, co-authors of *Marching in Cadence, The History of the Marine Military Academy*.

With the recent publication of their new book, *Marching in Cadence, The History of the Marine Military Academy*, Ed and Corinne Swaney of Harlingen finalized a project that has taken some five years to bring to fruition.

In the early 90's, Major General Harold Glasgow, then President of MMA, asked the Swaney's if they might undertake the writing of the school's history. Both the Swaney's had published previous books.

Agreeing to take on the task, they poured over Valley Morning Star newspaper accounts of MMA events, as well as reviewing the minutes of the MMA Board of Trustees and from *The Leader*, the school publication. Interviews with numerous individuals who played a part, great or small, were also included in

the book.

"From the founding father, Captain Bill Gary USMC (Ret), to the Trustees, staff, cadets and alumni, this true story memorializes the care and concern, the diligence, and the Marine pride and dignity encountered on a daily basis by MMA's Corps of Cadets," stated General Wayne E. Rollings, President of MMA about the Swaney's book.

Copies of the book, which would make great holiday gifts, are currently available from the Iwo Jima Museum and Gift Shop, located on the grounds of the Marine Military Academy. For more information, please call the Museum at (956) 423-6006, ext 676 or 678.

Academy Mourns Passing of Dedicated Trustee and Friend

Friend and dedicated Board of Trustee Member Alvin (Al) Glere Padilla, Jr. recently passed away on November 17, 2004 in Harlingen, Texas after a long illness.

Alvin graduated from San Antonio's Tech High School in 1950 after starting for three seasons as a two-way tackle for the late Pat Shannon, crowning his senior season as Captain of the team along with All-State honors in 1949 which in that era for a Mexican-American was frankly unheard of.

"Alvin was the finest down field blocker I ever coached", said Coach Shannon. Shortly after graduation in 1950 he proudly served his country as a United States Marine in 'A' company, 1st Battalion, 7th Regiment during the Korean War. Alvin was a member of the Chosin Few, an organization that derived its name from the battle in Korea, the Chosin Reservoir in which United States personnel fought their way from the Reservoir to the Sea of Japan in an offensive defensive action facing overwhelming odds against the Chinese army in late November and early December of 1950.

Alvin sustained frostbite to his fingers and toes in the course of this battle. Alvin attended numerous reunions to share in the fellowship of those who proudly and fiercely served to defend these United States.

Returning from Korea, Alvin married and enrolled in the machinist's program at Kelly AFB. This focused his attention as a machinist from which he eventually opened his own machine shop in 1964 called Quality Products Mfg. Co. In the years following, Alvin became involved in politics and was a leading advocate of Republicans in the state of Texas campaigning for future President George H. W. Bush in the sixties. In 1971, Alvin was appointed to the San Antonio city council and elected the following

year, serving as Mayor Pro-Tem during Charles Becker's administration. During his period as a city councilman, Alvin was a pioneer passenger on the first flight of Southwest Airlines, acquainting him with Herb Kelleher, an association which would again collaborate in the mid-nineties. During the course of his council days, Alvin was most proud of ramrodding the Emergency Medical System (EMS) for San Antonio and Bexar County. He was also the keynote speaker for the first EMS graduating class. In 1974, he resigned his seat on the city council to run for Bexar county clerk. This race being unsuccessful proved to be his last for political office.

In 1977, Alvin became a McDonald's franchisee opening his first franchise in Harlingen, Texas on August 16, 1977.

His success in the food business was unmatched by an Hispanic in the United States, as he grew his Rio Grande Valley business (17 stores and 500 employees, 49 store awards) to become the largest and most decorated Hispanic franchisee in McDonald's before retiring in 1999.

Alvin was extremely proud of his business endeavors as they always included his loving wife, Lupe and for the most part of 35 years all his children and finally his two oldest grandkids.

Mr. Padilla served as a San Antonio city councilman and as Mayor Pro-Tem. He also served on numerous boards in the San Antonio area and the Rio Grande Valley, such as McDonald's NOAB, representing the Houston region and the Ronald McDonald House Board of the Rio Grande Valley. As a founding member of that board, Alvin and his family were in the forefront of organizing, funding and opening the Ronald McDonald House in Harlingen, Texas.

Alvin's ultimate passion was the Marine Military Academy. Generals and CEOs of major



Alvin (Al) G. Padilla

corporations from across the United States sat on this board with retired Sergeant Alvin G. Padilla, Jr. (the Lone NCO).

He served on the MMA board beginning in 1989 until 2004. His proudest moment of his association came in 1998 as he watched his oldest grandson, Eliel Hinojosa, Jr. graduate from MMA, salutatorian of his class.

Memorials may be made to the Ronald McDonald House, 1720 Treasure Hills Blvd., Harlingen, TX 78550 or Marine Military Academy, 320 Iwo Jima Blvd., Harlingen, Texas 78550.

Alvin was preceded in death by his wife, Maria (Lupe) G. Padilla; by his parents, Alvin G. and Mary F. Padilla; son-in-law, Jude J. Magaro.

Alvin is survived by his children: Rose Padilla, Carl Padilla, Betty Magaro, Dorothy (Elie) Hinojosa and Alvin G. Padilla, III; grandchildren, Elie (Cecilia) Hinojosa, Jr., Nicole Hinojosa, Jude J. Magaro, Jr. and Noah Thaddeus Alvin Salvatore Magaro; sister, Elvira Cole; and brother, Robert F. Padilla.

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" - SgtMaj Ford Kinsley, USMC (Ret) Commandant

Alpha Company
Vincent Cervassi

Sophomore - Beaumont, TX
"He is one of the more mature and level headed young men in the company has shown a burning desire to be a leader.

Cervassi thinks hard and is prepared. He has been called upon by one of this teachers to assist a fellow student." -

MSgt Walter W. Field, USMC (Ret)



Charlie Company
Andrew Emerson
Alexander

Freshman - Houston, TX

"He established his goals, and is working towards achieving them. Trustworthy, intelligent and mature beyond his years, he has a stellar future at MMA." - SgtMaj Allen Szczepek USMC Ret



Delta Company

William Musa

Sophomore - Milburn, NJ

"Cadet Musa consistently demonstrates the kind of motivation and initiative expected of a MMA Cadet. He has a strong work ethic, can do attitude." -

SgtMaj Larry Carson, USMC (Ret)



Echo Company

Cameron Nordbak

Sophomore - Downey CA

"Cadet Nordbak will develop great leadership skills, and will be a great example for cadets in Echo Company. Great military appearance, and in good physical condition." -

GySgt Frank Martinez, USMC (Ret)

Fox Company

William T. Ballance

Junior - Grapevine, TX

"He's motivated, a team player as curtails the demanding duties of Academics NCO. He strives constantly to better himself in every aspect. He sets the pace for others to follow." -

MSgt Clifton Jones, USMC (Ret)



Golf Company

John D. Howe

Freshman - Cedar Rapids, IA

"A very hard working cadet! He leads by example and expects his cadets to do no less." -

SgtMaj Albert Wilson, USMC (Ret)



Bandsman

Cory Slape

Sophomore - Dallas TX

"An excellent leader who leads by example, with respect and dignity. One of those young men that set the standard high." -

CWO3 Ed Harris, USMC (Ret)



Drill Team/Color Guard

Jairo R. Medina

Senior - Guatemala, Mexico

"Cadet Medina is truly an asset to the battalion. He is dedicated towards becoming a better Cadet. He is a motivated team player." -

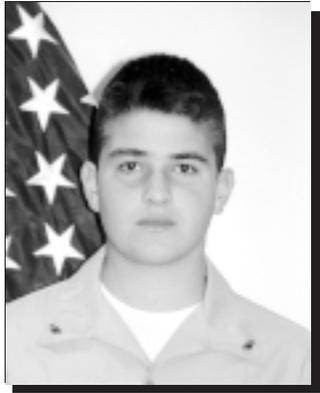
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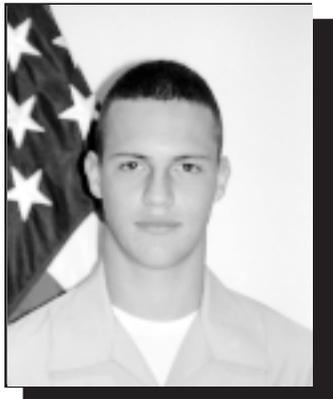
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Alpha Company
Jose Diaz Alatraste
Eighth - Mexico City, Mex
"He was selected because of his consistency of conduct and GPA that he has maintained. He was raised with high moral standards and conduct and it is reflected everyday by his actions and performance. He is a model cadet." - MSgt Walter W. Field, USMC (Ret)



Charlie Company
Jorge Enriquez-Longoria
Eighth - Saltillo, Mex
"Enriquez is an outstanding example of what an MMA cadet should be. He is hardworking, dedicated, and committed to excellence. He strives to do the best he can regarding any assigned tasks. He has a stellar future at the MMA." - SgtMaj Allen Szczepek USMC Ret

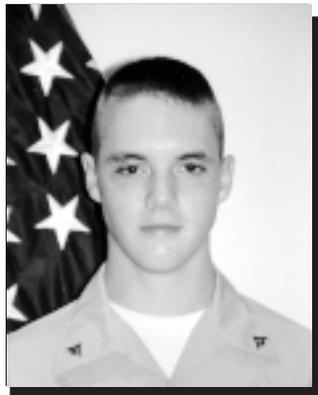


Delta Company
Rodrigo Franco-Medina
Sophomore - Aquascalientes, Mex
"Cadet Franco has demonstrated outstanding growth potential. He is a hard worker and is a good example of what the Marine Military Academy expects of a cadet." - SgtMaj Larry Carson, USMC (Ret)

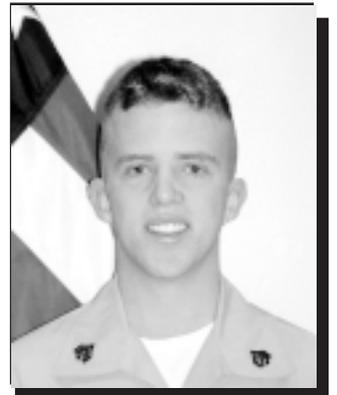


Echo Company
Steven E. Park
Junior - Birmingham, AL
"Park is an outstanding cadet who has tremendous growth potential. He has a great future here at the Academy and in any of his future endeavors. I am very proud he is one of mine." - GySgt Frank Martinez, USMC (Ret)

Fox Company
John G. Happel
Senior - Greenville, NC
"Happel has displayed true initiative and dedication towards becoming a better cadet. He's motivated and has gained the respect of others although this being his first year as a senior. He strives constantly to better himself in every aspect." - MSgt Clifton Jones, USMC (Ret)



Golf Company
Geoffrey Howard
Junior - San Antonio, TX
"He is the training NCO for the Company and has done a great job of keeping track of homework and related issues. He has been an asset in the company is truly the future of the leadership in Golf Co." - SgtMaj Albert Wilson, USMC (Ret)



Bandsman
Collin Shook
Freshman - Frisco, TX
"A cadet I can always count on to set the example. He is always ready and willing and is a team player. It is a pleasure to have him in the band." - CWO3 Ed Harris, USMC (Ret)



Drill Team/Color Guard
Ronald W. Walters
Sophomore - Martinsburg, VA
"Walters has demonstrated outstanding motivation as well as growth potential. He's very serious about working with as well as being a part of the drill team/color guard. He's a team player and up for any challenge put before him." - MSgt Clifton Jones, USMC (Ret)

Cadets Honor Our Veterans during Veterans Day Parade

On November 11, 2004, the cadets of the Marine Military Academy paid special honor and tribute to area veterans during their annual Veterans Day Parade.

Moving performances were made by the MMA Band, playing such tunes as Boom Boom and Pretty Fly. Cadet Juventino Martin Villanueva serves as the Drum Major.

Additionally, the Silent Drill Team performed several maneuvers, showcasing their abilities to perform complicated drill movements. They were led by Cadet Gunnery Sergeant Samuel Edwards, the Drill Team Commander.

Marching in front of the Iwo Jima Monument, close to 350 young men, in their dress blues paid tribute to all veterans - past, present and future.

During the pass in review, the approximate 120 veterans in attendance were asked to step out onto the parade deck and be recognized.

Several veterans commented that they were very happy to be at the parade, and noted that they thought America was seeing a renew wave of patriotism spread across the nation.

In 1954, President Dwight Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming November 11 as Armistice Day, now known as Veterans Day. However, a law was passed in 1968, changing the day to the fourth Monday in October, but in 1978 Congress returned the



(Left) Maj Gen Wayne E. Rollings, along with hundreds of veterans from various conflicts take the pass in review during the Veteran's Day Parade. (Below) Members of the Leatherneck Marching Band performed for the many veterans and friends of the Academy during the Veteran's Day Parade.



observance to its traditional date.

The Academy is proud to express its gratitude to all veterans who have sacrificed so much for this country.

Cadet Miller Receives Prestigious General Megee Award

One of the most prestigious awards a cadet can receive, the General Vernon E. Megee award, was presented to Cadet Captain Scott Evan Miller of Arlington, Texas

Miller, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Andrew H. Miller is a senior cadet at the Academy, Company Commander of Delta Company, a member of Boy Scout Troop 32, a HOST volunteer and a member of the Rotary Interact Club. He is also on the Fighting Leathernecks football team.

The Megee Award is presented each year to a senior cadet officer who participates significantly in sports or extracurricular activities, possesses commendable conduct and typifies the kind of cadet that best represents the Marine Military Academy.

The award is named for General Vernon E. Megee, the first superintendent and long-time trustee of the Academy, who during his 40-year Marine Corps career, rose from private to Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Cadet Captain Miller would like to attend the University of Texas at Austin and major in business.



(Left) Cadet Scott Miller received the General Megee Award from MajGen Wayne Rollings and special Guest of Honor, Major Joseph Dunn during the Parent's Weekend parade.

Cadet Corner

National Honor Society Installs New Officers



Twelve outstanding cadets were inducted into the National Honor Society at the Fall Academic Awards Ceremony in September. The new NHS members include Jared Perry, Walter Sweeney, William Thompson, Yiming Wang, Stephen Cooper, Victor Ferrara, Clinton Behrens, Zachary Bowen, Mark Ferris, Kevin Gurganious, Jefferson Thacker and John Thomas.

The NHS Faculty Council evaluated the military and academic records of each nominee and cast their vote accordingly. These new members bring the total membership to 24.

Officers for the NHS were selected at the second chapter meeting of the year. The 2004-2005 officers are President - Andrew

Winney, Vice-President - Winston Elliott, Secretary - Gangshan Shi, and Historian - Ben Hubbard. A special officer installation dinner took place on September 16 in Neuhaus Messhall, where Major General Rollings presented each officer with their guard pins. Also on hand to help with the officer installation were the members of the faculty council, SgtMaj Ford Kinsley, Kathleen Charrey, Patricia Flores, and Jose Michi. Each faculty member represented the outgoing officers in the candle lighting ceremony.

The new officers expressed a strong desire to make this a successful and productive year for the National Honor Society.

Cadet Behrens Wins Rifle as Result of Essay Contest



After writing a winning essay on the second amendment, Cadet Clinton Behrens, a 3rd year cadet at MMA won a trip to the NRA Whittington center for a training camp and shooting competition. He won that competition with a score of 287 out of 300 and was awarded a Ruger 223 rifle. Cadet Behrens is a member of the MMA rifle team. He is pictured here with MajGen Rollings and his prize, the 223 rifle.

Academy Has An Active Junior State Of America Chapter

Group addressed by Sen Lucio, hears address by former Pakistan Prime Minister Bhutto

The Junior State of America (JSA) is a non-partisan organization whose purpose is to educate American youth as voters, statesmen, and loyal citizens of the United States of America, and to raise their moral standards in order to preserve, perpetuate, and develop American democracy.

The MMA chapter of JSA was founded in the Spring of this year by Cadet Winston Elliott. Currently JSA has 26 members. The meetings are held to discuss current political issues, have debates on political issues, or to have speakers on political issues.

The chapter had Texas State Senator Lucio speak to the group on Monday, September 20, 2004. They had the county

chairman of the Libertarian Party speak to them back in the spring and heard the editorial editor of the Valley Morning Star speak.

Twenty-one members of the JSA attended the Students Distinguished Lecture Series 2004 at the University of Texas at



Brownsville on October 15. Mr. Wendell Drye(center), JSA sponsor, and Schyller Beech listen intently to Senator Eddie Lucio during a recent visit and discussion.

They heard former Pakistan Prime

Minister Benazir Bhutto speak about "A View Into the Muslim World".

Birthday Ball 2004

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1. Cadets and family enjoyed a light buffet before the Ball. 2. Presentation of the cake. 3. Enjoying the mother/son dance is cadet Andrew Alexander and his mother, Kimberly Alexander. 4. Parents had a chance to make visits to their cadets classes. 5. Parents, grandparents, friends and girlfriends enjoyed the Homecoming Football game. 6. The Marine Military Academy Band performed for a full house during Birthday Ball festivities.



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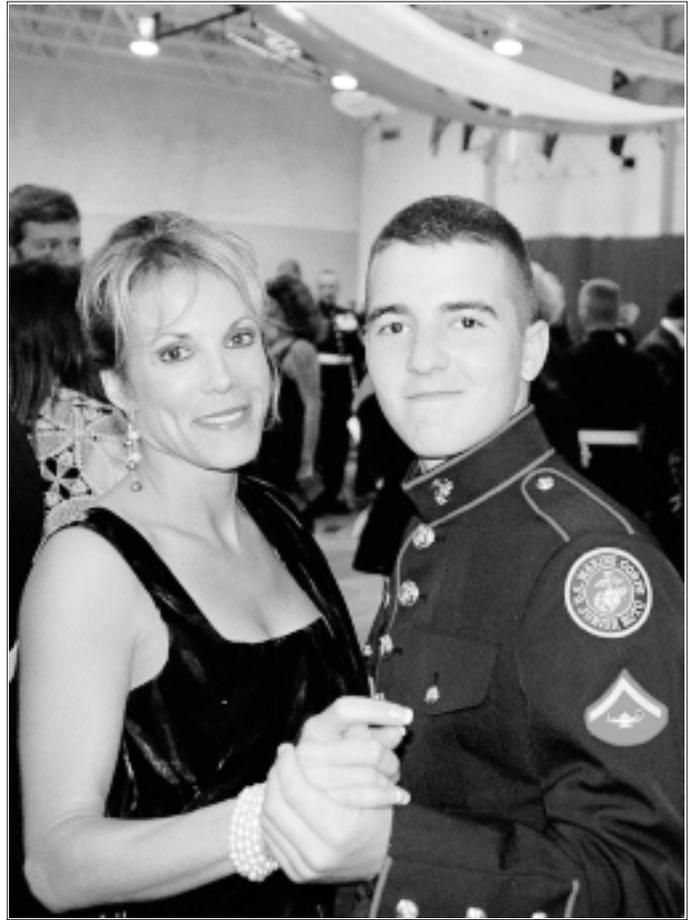


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Football

MMA 56 – Santa Rosa 0

The Leathernecks controlled every aspect of their game as they scalped the Santa Rosa Warriors, 56-0. MMA's defense was very stingy, allowing the Warriors only 79 yards in total offense. Leading the assault on defense were linebackers Andrew Winney and Scott Miller.

The offense amassed 418 yards of total offense. Fullback Josh Gasaway was the workhorse for the 'Necks, rushing for 115-yards on 12 carries and four touchdowns. Gasaway scored his first two touchdowns on 1 and 9-yard runs in the first quarter to put MMA up 14-0. He also scored in the second quarter, a 41-yard touchdown and again in the third on a 15-yard run.

Quarterback Mike Sanchez was also impressive, completing 8 of 11 passes for 114 yards and two touchdowns. Leo Deng caught a 17-yarder and Jake Tucker reeled in a 28-yard touchdown catch. Sanchez also had a rushing touchdown on a 1-yard quarterback sneak.

The final touchdown of the night was scored by back-up quarterback Domonic Rocco on a 28-yard scamper. Rocco had three carries for 45 yards and one touchdown.

MMA 49 – La Villa 0

On a beautiful Friday night, Leatherneck football was at its best. The offense racked up a total of 339 yards and 49 points.

Leading this charge was a solid offensive line made up of Adam Gilles, Peter Jager, Brian Simpson, Andrew Schirm and Alvaro Johnson. The holes they opened led to a 270-yard 6 touchdown performance by tailback Jamahl Randle. Fullback Josh Gasaway added 50 more hard earned yards on 9 carries. Randle was voted the team's offensive player of the week for his efforts.

The defense sported its third shutout of the season and allowed La Villa's multiple offense to rush for a mere 69 yards and pass for only 98. They were able to get the ball back in Leatherneck possession on 3 fumble recoveries and one interception. Donald Spiering, a Leatherneck defensive end was named defensive player of the game with his 5 tackles, one sack, one fumble recovery and three quarterback pressures.

Other defensive standouts were cornerback David Nekuyi (2 tackles, one interception, one fumble recovery); cornerback Sean McCarver (2 tackles, one tipped ball, one fumble recovery); offensive linebacker John Thomas (4 tackles, one caused fumble); offensive linebackers Cameron Nordbak and Scott Miller, fullback Josh Gasaway and the ever present Andrew Winney (6 tackles, one tipped ball, one quarterback pressure).

MMA 48 – St Joe Brownsville 21

The Leatherneck football team opened district play against Brownsville St. Joe. MMA entered the game with a 3-1 record, while their biggest rival carried a 4-1 record, including a win over the only team to beat the Leathernecks.

St. Joe was highlighted by a talented offense, which was complimented by a stingy defense. Nonetheless, the proud cadet football players came to play their best game of the young season.

MMA's offense started cohesively and maintained their effectiveness throughout the game. Jamahl Randle ran for 196 yards and three touchdowns. His 21 carries proved his speed and endurance. Christopher Wyse entered the game at quarterback and stymied the defense with twelve elusive carries. Wyse had 175 yards and scored twice.

The starting quarterback, Michael Sanchez, managed the game effectively and threw a touchdown pass to Scott Miller. Josh Gasaway once again showed why he is so valuable on offense and defense. On offense, he ran for 75 yards and one touchdown, while he helped the defense shut down a powerful offense. The defense also included stand-out Andrew Winney. Winney continually frustrated St. Joe's offense by running down a number of Bloodhound ball carriers. He finished the game with 13 total tackles.

The defensive line featured Justin Roach with 10 total tackles and Adam Gilles tallied four total tackles, four pressures and a crucial sack.

The fighting Leathernecks played hard throughout and defended Bowman Stadium with a 48-21 drubbing of St. Joe Brownsville.

MMA 0 – Central Catholic 25

San Antonio Central Catholic came into Bowman Stadium with a game plan and it worked. Central Catholic improved their record to 1-1 in district play as MMA fell to 1-1 in district play.

Highlights for MMA were Jamahl Randle, who led the team in rushing with a 72 yard performance on just seven carries. Quarterback Michael Sanchez completed 12 of 22 passes for 92 yards, but threw two interceptions.

Central Catholic seemed to have been keying on Randle and Wyse, who have been a threat in the more recent games. Leatherneck head coach Tom Morton felt that Central Catholic came in well prepared against the Leathernecks, who had been averaging over forty points a game prior to the Central Catholic game.

MMA sputtered a bit in the early going of the game and did not show the crispness of the offense in the past. However, MMA did show signs of life in their offense during the second

half, but just could not get the ball in the end zone.

Still in the playoff hunt, MMA faced a tough Holy Cross team in San Antonio.

MMA 7 – Holy Cross 17

MMA 7 – Antonian College Prep 33

Back to back road trips to San Antonio against Holy Cross and Antonian College Prep proved to be bitterly destructive as the Leathernecks dropped two district games and were eliminated of any chances for post-season play.

MMA committed six turnovers against Holy Cross on a wet field and still only trailed 10-0 at the half. At the beginning of the fourth quarter, Scott Miller's 56-yard catch and touchdown run was called back for an illegal block. This would have cut the score to 10-7. Holy Cross scored in the fourth quarter and MMA answered on their next possession when Jamahl Randle took a toss from Michael Sanchez, reversed his field and slipped into the end zone on an 8-yard run to make the score 17-7.

Antonian College Prep's quarterback, Rush Harnigan threw for 286 yards as the Apaches won 33-7 and claimed first place in district 4-6A. The Leatherneck defense controlled the Apaches running game completely, but could not stop the passing game with their young and inexperienced secondary.

With the score 24-0 at the half, Coach Morton reminded the Leathernecks that they trailed by the same score last year, only to lose by a margin of 6 points.

Antonian showed why they were in first place in District and only lost two games in the season as they held Jamahl Randle and Josh Gasaway to 120 yards rushing. Gasaway did score in the fourth quarter on a 31-yard trap up the middle.

Defensively, the Leathernecks held the powerful running game of the Apaches to a total of 107 yards. Justin Roach, Adam Gilles, Andrew Winney, Scott Miller and Josh Gasaway were in on the tackle or around the ball all night!

MMA's season record at that point was 4-4 with only one game remaining on Birthday Ball weekend.

MMA 48 – Tamaulipas 0

The "Fighting Leathernecks" finished regular season play on Homecoming, with a 48-0 win over Tamaulipas, Mexico. MMA ended the season with five wins and four losses.

Five different MMA players scored touchdowns and Juan Saldivar was good on six of seven extra point attempts. Jamahl Randle carried the ball 13 times for 108 yards and one

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Activities & Sports

Cross Country

On Saturday October 16th, MMA's Cross Country team participated in its eighth and last meet of the 2004 cross country season.

The meet was held at the Harlingen Sports Complex and was hosted by Harlingen High School. The 5k course made two large loops around the park. Finishing times were unexpectedly fast at this race.

The first place time in the varsity 3A race was 16min 38sec which is 6 secs slower than the fastest race of this season and between one and two minutes faster than previous years.

Completing the course first for MMA was Cadet Rodrigo Franco with a time of 19min 41secs. He was followed, in order, by cadets Brian Yaw, Seth Cobb, Thomas Carroll and Roland Zamora.

Our team roster this year included: Rafael AVILES-COVARRUBIAS, Thomas CARROLL, Seth COBB, Carl FOSTER, Stephen KANG, David MILLER, Philip PARKEY, Nicholas RHODES, Adrian SOLIS-ZAPIAIN, Eduard SOLIS-ZAPIAIN, Kyle WOOD, Brian YAW, Roland ZAMORA, Guillermo GIL, Oscar DIAZ, and Rodrigo FRANCO.



(Left) MMA closes out the 2004-2005 season with an overwhelming win against Tamaulipas. MMA won 48-0.

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touchdown. Josh Gasaway rushed 8 times for 43 yards and three touchdowns. On a trick play, offensive guard Peter Jager ran the "old guard around" for 52 yards and pay dirt!

Sean McCarver intercepted a pass at mid-field and returned it 53 yards for the Marines sixth touchdown of the evening. On third down and eight to go in the fourth quarter, Michael Sanchez hit Leo Deng in the flats for an apparent first down, but Deng broke a tackle and raced 82 yards for the final score.

VISA VOLLEYBALL

On October 16, the Marine Military Academy hosted the Valley Independent Sports Association's annual volleyball tournament. This year nine schools produced seventeen teams to compete at the junior varsity and varsity levels. The tournament was played on eight fields across the MMA campus.

MMA's varsity team began the tournament by dominating their first two games over St. Paul of McAllen and Calvary Christian of Harlingen. The cadets played selflessly as they worked together as a team to control the momentum of both games.

After winning their first two games the Fighting Leathernecks faced First Baptist Church in the semi-finals. Even though they played hard and never gave up, MMA never gained any momentum against First Baptist. MMA eventually lost the match in two straight games.

The Leathernecks ended the season with a record of 7-2.

2004-05 MMA Soccer Schedule

- Dec 3-4 @ St Anthony Tournament
- Dec 11 MMA vs Central Catholic
- Jan 14 @ Antonian San Antonio
- Jan 22 @ Central Catholic San Antonio
- Jan 28 @ Holy Cross San Antonio
- Jan 29 @ Holy Cross San Antonio
- Feb 5 Bi District playoffs
- Feb 12 Regional playoffs
- Feb 18 State Finals



(Above) Jason Franks (#8) and Victor Ferrara (#23) played a good game during the soccer tournament held at MMA.

Fighting Leathernecks Wrestling Schedule

- Dec 2 @ PSJA Memorial
- Dec 4 @ Mission
- Dec 9 @ McAllen
- Dec 11 @ San Benito
- Jan 15 @ La Joya Tournament
- Jan 20 @ Nikki Rowe
- Jan 22 @ McAllen Tournament



Leatherneck Soccer Team Showing Signs Of Promise

The Leatherneck Soccer Tournament was held the weekend of 12-13 November at the Marine Military Academy. This year we had teams for Houston St. Pius X, San Antonio St. Anthony, Antonian College Prep and MMA. Each team played three games over the two day period.

MMA faced Antonian in their opener and was very inconsistent throughout the game. Antonian pulled out to an early lead but the Leatherneck battled back twice to bring the score to 5-4 with less than 15 minutes remaining. At this time their inconsistent play again cost them as they gave up three goals late in the game for a final score of 8-4.

Houston St. Pius remained undefeated during the first round of play defeating St. Anthony in their opener and later that afternoon dropping Antonian in their second round. MMA notched their first victory against St. Anthony that afternoon after making a line change that proved successful.

The second day of play pitted Antonian against St. Anthony and MMA against St. Pius. Antonian proved they were a solid team by notching a shutout against St. Anthony 2-0. The MMA-St. Pius game was going to prove to be the toughest game of the tournament with neither team backing down. When a St. Pius player went down with a leg injury that delayed play for almost 30 minutes the players all steeled themselves for some solid soccer. MMA had taken an



early lead 1-0 but a penalty call and conversion by St. Pius tied the score at halftime. MMA pressed throughout the second period and again scored on a hard crossing shot to Federico Flores who hit the open side of the net to take a 2-1 lead late in the second half. Luck did not stay with the Leathernecks as they were again called for a penalty which St. Pius converted to tie the game. Play was fast and hard during the closing minutes with both teams looking for the opening but the defenses held and the game ended in a 2-2 tie.

Houston St. Pius finished the tournament with a record of 2 wins and 1 tie to take the top honors while Antonian College Prep finished with 2 wins and 1 loss to take the

runnerup position. The Leathernecks finished with 1 win, 1 tie and 1 loss for third place.

High scorer for the Leathernecks was Jose Orantes with 6 goals, second was Rodrigo Franco with 2 goals and Federico Flores with 1 goal.

Although the Leathernecks did not finish as well as they had hoped, this tournament provided valuable experience for the players and allowed the coaches to make some minor alignment adjustments after their opener which proved to be beneficial in their final two games. The players are excited about the upcoming tournament in San Antonio next month and should do well this season.

2004-2005 Leatherneck Basketball Season Opens



(Right) Ben Hubbard #21 gets ready to pass the ball to Chris Davies (#20) during the Leatherneck vs Harlingen South High School game played just before Thanksgiving. MMA won in overtime 70-67.



Leatherneck Basketball



MMA VARSITY SCHEDULE 2004-2005

Tuesday	Dec. 7	Port Isabel	HOME	7:30
Thurs-Sat	Dec. 9-11	Southwest Christian	Away	TBA
Thurs-Sat	Dec 16-18	Nikki Rowe	Away	TBA
Friday	Jan. 14 th	* Austin St Michaels	Away	7:00
Saturday	Jan. 15 th	* Holy Cross	Away	7:00
Tuesday	Jan. 18 th	* Brownsville St. Joe - Bloodhounds	HOME	7:30
Friday	Jan. 21 st	* Holy Cross	HOME	7:30
Saturday	Jan. 22 nd	* Austin St Michaels	HOME	7:30
Tuesday	Jan. 25 th	* Brownsville St. Joe - Bloodhounds	Away	7:00
Friday	Jan. 28 th	* Antonian	Away	7:00
Saturday	Jan. 29 th	* Central Catholic	Away	7:00
Friday	Feb. 4 th	* Central Catholic	Away	7:00
Saturday	Feb 5 th	* Antonian	Away	7:00
	Feb. 12 th	Bi-District	TBA	
	Feb. 19 th	Regionals	TBA	
	Feb. 24-26 th	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?

'72

Robert Dolard –
photosbydolard@mindspring.com

'73

David Dickerson -
davidickerson@comcast.net 766 Silverberry Lane, Golden, Colorado 80401 (303) 526-0762 Children: Brooks (7), Cooper (5). Wife Jody is a pediatric nurse practitioner.

'74

Lt Col Warren Driggers – DriggersWI@l-mef.usmc.mil currently Deputy G-7At I MEF, supervising pre-deployment training of west coast MEU SOC units.

'75

Britt A. Duncan – britt.Duncan@nwa.com currently flies for Northwest Airlines, married, two daughters, one son.

'77

Ted M. Burns III - married 12 June, living in McAllen, self-employed

'78

Gunnery Sergeant Robert Atkinson, USMC, (Ret) – gunny99@hotmail.com - was at MMA for only his junior year, currently in tactical security. While on active duty worked at various times with David Hitchcock (84) and the older brother of Jim (77) and Tim (79) Seybert.

Ernie Matacotta –
EMATACOTTA@comcast.net president of Pre-employment Screening Services, Inc., screening applicants for US corporate clients, married, two children.

'79

Lt Col Tim Herndon –
HerndonTA@2mawnr.usmc.mil

Casey Lowery – caseyl@houston.rr.com 1124 Green Valley, Houston, TX. 77055-6628 with Marathon Spa & Bath, selling to builders and dealers.

'80

Mike Gross - according to proud father Jack, former MMA Director of Development, Mike is named in the Oct. Texas Monthly as one of "Texas' Super Lawyers" (p.78 under Criminal Defense) and "in the top five percent of the criminal attorneys in Texas" Also named in the Aug. issue of San Antonio's Scene in SA as one of San Antonio's best attorneys, as voted by area lawyers.

'81

Rick Anderson –
pi@northcentralinvestigations.com private investigator, married, baby on the way.

Will Watson - will@willisapu.com - vice president, sales and marketing, Auxiliary Power Dynamics, LLC, Kent, WA, last June teamed up with Dr. David Shepard (77) and Hal Bishop (81) for some marlin fishing off Cabo San Lucas, caught a 175 pounder. Looking forward to April reunion weekend.

Lt Col Giles Kyser
kyserjg@2mardiv.usmc.mil
C o m m a n d i n g
Officer, 2nd
Battalion, 2nd Marine
Regiment, 2nd
Marine Division,
Camp LeJeune, NC
28542 just back
from seven and a
half months in Iraq
where he
commanded " some
of the most
magnificent Marines and Sailors in the
Corps' history." sends his best to former
Academy Sgt. Maj. Bill Steigerwald and "all
of the fine faculty at MMA."

'82

Jay Howe – Jay.Howe@wnco.com - still working for Southwest Airlines in Dallas, lives in Irving with wife and three sons.

Lt Col Stephen Waugh –
stephen.waugh@navy.mil Deputy for Operations for NAVAIR, Patuxent River,

MD., buying planes for Navy/Marine Corps, married, two boys.

'83

Mark McGuiness –
marksellshomes@earthlink.net sales associate for Keller-Williams in Oklahoma City, OK.

'84

Joe Berning Ph.D. C.S.C.S. –
jberning@nmsu.edu exercise physiologist at New Mexico State University, hopes to make reunion weekend with wife Michelle.

'85

Major Rick Rodriguez, USMC –
majorrickrodriguez@earthlink.net - e-mailed Mrs. Murray to say that all is well so far in Iraq, sees former Director of Facilities SgtMaj Dave Miller at least once a week, says at least 7 alum are in his battalion and will try to get information to LEADER ASAP.



(Above) Will Watson ('81) teamed up with Dr. David Shepard ('77) and Hal Bishop ('81) for fun and fishing in Cabo San Lucas.

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'86

SSgt Tim Parkhurst – t.a.parkhurst@worldnet.att.net instructor of advanced parachuting skills with Airborne Mobile Training Team, married 12 yrs., two daughters. Talked with Maj. Brian Barthoff (PG '86) who is at Marine Corps Combat Development Command at Quantico, VA., married, two children.

'87

Ron Marosko, Jr. – rmarosko@wirelessfrontier.net vice president of engineering, Wireless Frontier Internet Inc. spending a lot of time in Germany (work-related). Hopes to make reunion.

'89

Matt Sanders – sandmankma@hotmail.com running networking of an IT consulting firm, getting married in March, brother Todd (90) – sanderstb@manpower.usmc.mil - as best man, Trevor Stolzenburg (89) as groomsman.

'92

David Chaney – david@chaneycpa.com has own accounting firm in Houston, keeps in touch with (all '92) Glen Fountain who runs a furniture importing business in Dallas, Chris Arnoldy, working in finance; Daniel McKnight, a police officer at LSU attending classes there. Also stays in touch with former DI Ed Johnson and wife Fredna.

'01

Jose Alfredo Sedano-Bacher – josealfredo.sedano-bacher@bakernet.com wrote Mrs. Dio Dye that he is in his fourth year of law school in Mexico and clerking for the firm of Baker&McKenzie.

David Zambrano – davidzampi@hotmail.com working at an Audi dealership while working on a degree in International Business in Leon, Guanajuato, Mexico.

'02

Richard Martinez – martinezr1@citadel.edu - in his Junior year at the Citadel.

Christopher Oakman – oakmac@rpi.edu - in his Junior year at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY, will become Air Force officer upon graduation in 06.



(Left) David Chaney, Class of '92, sent in a picture of he and his new bride. Chaney owns his own accounting firm in Houston, Texas.

Ben Pepich – AZMarine83@aol.com - LCpl. Pepich 2/24 Wpns. Co. MST1 FPO AP 96426-3515 in infantry unit in Iraq, doing two patrols a day.

Midshipman Andre Testman – m076684@usna.edu - in his Sophomore (Youngster) year at the Naval Academy.

'04

Christopher Boyls-White – boyls-whitecm@vmi.edu - wrote Mr. Senterfitt to say that MMA helped to prepare him for VMI by teaching "time management and work habits."

Robert C. Houser IV – houser1@citadel.edu in plebe (Rat) year at Citadel, sees Joe Pollard (03) and Chris Duggins (04) "every now and then."

Hang Li – HangLi@usma.edu - wrote Mr. Senterfitt to say that he is adjusting to life at West Point, "... We do most of the learning ourselves."

Torrey Mirow – g4m3g0d@yahoo.com taking classes at Richland College and planning, eventually, to transfer to a school with video game production and/or computer animation courses.



(Left) Midshipman Jared Spencer ('03) got a surprise visit from Mrs. Farris recently at the Naval Academy. Spencer is a sophomore at the Academy, majoring in engineering.

Calendar of Events

December		January	
4	SAT	8	Mid-Term Registration (Plebes)
11	ACT	9	Mid-Term Check-in (Return)
14-17	Fall semester final exams	9-11	Military Orientation (Plebes)
17	Begin Christmas Break	12	Third Quarter Classes begin

Travel Reminder

Christmas Leave

All cadets are required to depart the campus after 1200, 17 Dec. 2004 and must return by 1800, 9 Jan. 05

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Air Force Academy. Additionally, he told the cadets and their friends and family about his experience in the Middle East, specifically about an extremely tense moment during a flight mission there. "I can definitely attribute my reaction time and how quick I reacted to that incident based on the training I got while at MMA and at the Air Force Academy," stated Major Dunn. "That's how good the leadership training is here at MMA.

To the parents, Dunn commended them for giving their son a chance to become a true leader in the future. "This place is a phenomenal place," noted Dunn.

Major Dunn attended the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science, currently completing a Masters degree in Business Administration from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. While at the Academy,

Dunn was one of their outstanding boxers, being inducted into the United States Air Force Academy's Hall of Fame.

Major Dunn received his regular commission through the United States Air Force Academy in 1993. He has a broad spectrum of Air Force skills having started his first two assignments in supply and logistics. Following those assignments he was selected to attend Joint Undergraduate Pilot Training and followed on to a superior Aviation career in the KC-135.

Major Dunn is currently the Chief of Combat Readiness and Unit Deployment Manager for the 92d Air Refueling Wing Operations Group, Fairchild Air Force Base Washington.

He is an instructor pilot in the KC-135R Stratotanker with more than 130 combat sorties in Iraq and Afghanistan supporting operations ENDURING FREEDOM AND

Memorials

- Ralph Bentley
- John G. Bouker
- Rebecca A. (Becky) Gasaway
- Katherine Gayle
- Adam W. Hall - MMA '98
- LtCol Edward B. Lewis, USMC (Ret) - MMA employee
- Cpl John Joseph Murphy, Jr.
- Capt George Roper, USNR (Ret) - US Navy 1941-1971
- MajGen Richard C. Schulze, USMC (Ret)
- Pfc Brian B. Thornton, USMC - KIA Korea 1950

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Major Dunn has been awarded the Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Aerial Achievement Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Combat Readiness Medal, the National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Air Force Expeditionary Medal, the War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, and the War on Terrorism Service Medal

In 1994, he married Stacey Ann Easterday from Chandler, Arizona, and has two children, Kendall (9) and Casen (6).

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