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General H.M. Smith Foundation Honors Inductees

Four new members were inducted into the General H.M. Smith Foundation at a gala dinner, February 25, 2005, 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, General Alfred Gray, the 29th Commandant of the Marine Corps and Chancellor of MMA Board of Trustees and Advisors.

The new members present for their induction were Mr. Jerry R. Dunn, Ms. Alice East, and Mrs. Christine McIntyre. LtGen James F. Hollingsworth, USA, (Ret) was also inducted in absentia.

The evening began with honors to the Guest of Honor, General Gray, 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 sampled and declared "fit to eat" by Cadet Battalion Commander Andrew Winney.

After a delicious prime rib of beef dinner, General Gray addressed the audience regarding the war on terror stating, "This is a war we must and will win."

General Gray enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1950. He attained the rank of sergeant before being



GENERAL ALFRED Gray, 29th Commandant of the Marine Corps, speaks to the audience during the Gen H.M. Smith Foundation Dinner and Celebration.

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General Krulak, Former Commandant of the United States Marine Corps, Addresses Cadets

Former Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Charles C. Krulak, recently spoke to the Marine Military Academy Corps of Cadets in an assembly at Yeckel Memorial Auditorium.

General Krulak had served 35 years in the U.S. Marines Corps before being promoted to the position of Commandant. Krulak was the 31st Commandant.

Krulak commanded a platoon and two rifle companies during two tours of duty in Vietnam, and then held a variety of command and staff positions. These included Deputy Director of the White House Military Office, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, and Commander of Marine Forces Pacific. During his military service, General Krulak was awarded the Defense Distinguished Service Medal,



GENERAL CHARLES C. KRULAK addresses MMA Corps of Cadets, faculty and staff during an assembly at Yeckel Memorial Auditorium.

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MMA Trustee Lowder, Keynote Speaker at Leadership Forum

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

On Saturday, February 5, 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. Lyn Lowder, MMA Board of Trustee member. Mr. Lowder was born and raised in Illinois where, upon graduating from high school, he attended Northern Illinois University on a football scholarship. During 1964 - 67, he was a standout defensive safety for the Northern Illinois football team. He further continued his education receiving a BA degree from University of Illinois in 1976. In 1980, Mr. Lowder received his law degree from DePaul University.

Mr. Lowder is currently a lawyer with Piper Rudnick, a national and international law firm in Chicago, Illinois. He is a senior trial lawyer with over 20 years of trial experience in state and federal courts.

Prior to joining the Piper Rudnick Firm, Mr. Lowder served as chief operating officer at Colt's Manufacturing, an \$80 million international company with 500 employees, and as executive vice president and general counsel for Mail Boxes Etc., the largest non-food franchise system in the United States.

Mr. Lowder developed his exceptional leadership skills through 16 years of military experience. Between 1967 and 1983, he served in the U. S. Marine Corps, rising from the rank of private to major. His service included 10 years in the infantry and Force Reconnaissance and six years as judge

advocate. He earned several distinguished awards, including the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and Navy Commendation Medal for combat service in Vietnam.

An author and public speaker, he is frequently asked to speak to health care, insurance, military, religious and other organizations on leadership and litigation-related matters.

The morning began with a breakfast in the President's Mess, allowing Mr. Lowder the opportunity to meet and talk with members of the Battalion Staff and other cadet leaders. Afterwards, Mr. Lowder addressed the entire Corps of Cadets in Yeckel Auditorium, in which he described and spoke about significant people in his life who lifted him up and believed in him and helped him to develop his leadership qualities.

"Your potential right now is limitless," noted Mr. Lowder to the Corps of Cadets. "There are going to be some great stories coming out of here -doctors, lawyers, military men, even Marine Corps Generals-sitting right here in front of me, right next to you."

Mr. Lowder reminded the cadets that



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

nothing worthwhile comes easy or be given to them. "Anything and everything in your life is going to have to be earned."

He added that most of the things learned in life are learned by making mistakes. "Don't be afraid to make mistakes. I've certainly made plenty of mistakes along the way, but I've learned valuable lessons from them."

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.

US Senator Cornyn Addresses Valley Water Summit

The Marine Military Academy was pleased to play host again to the 2005 Valley Water Summit.

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 breakout sessions, approximately 300 men and women had the opportunity to discuss, exchange and prioritize ideas on how to get water, save water and methods to obtain money to save water.



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commissioned a second lieutenant in April 1952.

General Gray served in a variety of command and staff positions both in the USA and abroad. On 1 July 1987 General Gray became the 29th Commandant of the Marine Corps.

In 1991, General Gray retired from the Marine Corps after 41 years of service. He is married to the former Jan Goss of Burlington, Vermont.

After General Gray's speech, Captain Bill Gary, Chairman of MMA's Board of Trustees and founder of the Academy, introduced the new fellows of the General H.M. Smith Foundation, beginning with LtGen James F. Hollingsworth, USA, (Ret) who was inducted in absentia. LtGen Hollingsworth is a member of the MMA Board of Trustees.

MMA Board Trustee and H.M. Smith Fellow Joe W. Pollard inducted Mr. Jerry R. Dunn, presenting Mr. Dunn with the traditional navy blazer and gold watch. Mr. Dunn is a major donor, a former MMA parent and MMA Board Advisor.

MMA Board Trustee and H.M. Smith Fellow Anthony J. McIntyre inducted Mrs. Christine McIntyre, thanking her for sharing his passion for furthering MMA and honoring her personal sacrifice of time and financial commitment to MMA.

MMA Board Trustee and H.M. Smith Fellow Ms. Evelyn East inducted and presented Ms. Alice East with her blazer and watch. Ms. Alice East is a major donor whose recent contributions were instrumental in the start up of MMA's wrestling program in Academic Year 2004-2005.

The General H.M. Smith Foundation is named for one of the most famed United States



STANDING to the left of the bronze bust of Gen H.M. Smith are two of the Academy's newest Foundation fellows, Mr. Jerry R. Dunn and Mrs. Christine McIntyre. Standing to the right is Ms. Alice East.

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."

According to MMA tradition, the Cadets of the Marine Military Academy usually pay honor to the new members of the Foundation with a parade. However, Mother Nature didn't cooperate, and the parade cancelled due to heavy rain.



General Gray (left) and Major General Rollings (right) salute new fellows of General H.M. Smith Foundation.

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF IWO JIMA PARADE HELD AT THE MARINE MILITARY ACADEMY

Saturday, February 19, 2005 proved to be a picture perfect day for a parade. Approximately 800 visitors must have thought so as well.

The program began with a performance by the MMA band 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 Mr. Liborio Hinojosa, accompanied by Major General Wayne Rollings, USMC (Ret), President of the Academy. Mr. Hinojosa has been a long-time supporter of the Marine Military Academy. He was instrumental in securing funds for the Iwo Jima Monument mold to be brought to the Academy. Additionally, he not only donated the granite which is located at the base of the monument, but also supplied manpower for its erection.



For the pass in review, all Iwo Jima Veterans 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.

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)
Commandant

ALPHA COMPANY

ANDREW J. DAVIS
Sophomore - Aurora, CO

"Cadet Davis has done an exceptional job as squad leader. He is quick to take charge and sets a good example of other leaders to follow academically and in military." - MSgt Walter Field, USMC (Ret)



CHARLIE COMPANY

GLEB FEDORENKO
Freshman - Fairlawn, NJ

"Cadet Fedorenko is a stellar young man and the most promising 8th grader in Charlie Co. to date. Mature well beyond his years, he strives to excel in everything he does, both academically and militarily." - SgtMaj Al Szepeck, USMC (Ret)



DELTA COMPANY

DANIEL SANDLAND
Junior - Houston, TX

"Cadet Sandland is the most improved cadet in his platoon. His renewed motivation and participation in the company has made an impressive impact on the morale of his platoon and Delta Company." - SgtMaj Larry Carson, USMC (Ret)



ECHO COMPANY

RYAN A. LAW-CRIDER
Junior- Jenks, OK

"Cadet Law has done a great job for his platoon and company, has the patience to teach cadets right from wrong. Young cadets look to him for knowledge and guidance. He exhibits outstanding study habits and military appearance in uniform and is in great physical condition." - GySgt Frank Martinez, USMC (Ret)



FOX COMPANY

CHRISTOPER A. SMITH
Senior - Henderson, NV

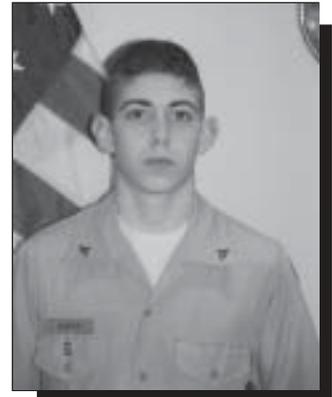
"Lt. Smith is an outstanding individual who continues to demonstrate outstanding initiative as well as self control. He's motivated, sets the example for others to follow, and can be counted upon to make it happen. Truly an asset to the Corps of Cadets." - MSgt Clifton Jones, USMC (Ret)



GOLF COMPANY

KYLE T. GANNON
Freshman- Denton, TX

"Cadet Gannon has done a superb job since he arrived. He can be counted on to perform any task he is assigned. He is truly an asset to the company." - SgtMaj Albert Wilson, USMC (Ret)



BANDSMAN

JONATHAN T. MEEKER
Freshman - Fort Worth, TX

"Cadet Meeker has done a superb job since he arrived. He can be counted on to perform any task assigned. He is absolutely an asset to the company." - CWO3 Ed Harris, USMC (Ret)



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Commandant

ALPHA COMPANY
ROBERT C. GURLEY

Freshman - Raleigh, NC

"Cadet Gurley is one of the best first year students I've seen.

Initiative, academics, and unselflessness are his strong points. Has done excellent job as squad leader and is very consistent in balancing self discipline in the classroom and barracks."

- MSgt Walter Field, USMC (Ret)



CHARLIE COMPANY
GRANT F. WALKER

Junior - Sugarland, TX

"Cadet Walker is a mature, dependable young man that takes his Squad Leader responsibilities seriously. He works hard to ensure that he takes advantage of every opportunity that MMA has to offer."

- SgtMaj Al Szcpeck, USMC (Ret)



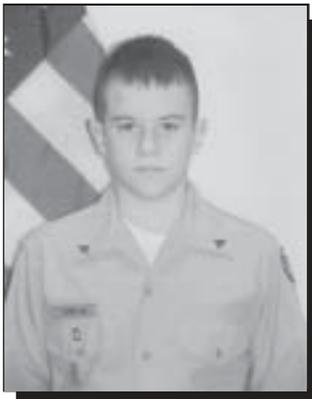
DELTA COMPANY

ERIC A. SPERLING

Freshman - Brookfield, CT

"Cadet Sperling is one of my most improved cadets in Delta Company. His motivation and participation in the company has made an impressive impact on the morale of his platoon."

- SgtMaj Larry Carson, USMC (Ret)



ECHO COMPANY

NICHOLAS P. RHODES

Junior- Alameda, CA

"Cadet Rhodes is a superb platoon guide for 1st Platoon. He is a great example for the younger cadets in his platoon. and a good teacher in the barracks. Great to have in my company."

- GySgt Frank Martinez, USMC (Ret)

FOX COMPANY

WILLIAM T. LASHBROOK

Freshman - San Antonio, TX

"Private Lashbrook has done a fine job even though he's brand new to the company. He's motivated and sets the example for others to follow. He's working very hard to better himself as a cadet and a student. Spit and polish on a daily basis."

- MSgt Clifton Jones, USMC (Ret)



GOLF COMPANY

DANIEL J. CARRERO

Sophomore- Queens, NY

"Cadet Carrero has shown great achievement and leadership in the past year as a platoon sergeant."

- SgtMaj Albert Wilson, USMC (Ret)



BANDSMAN

ANDREW P. CASTORA

Sophomore - Ocala, FL

"Cadet Castora has done a great job this year. He helps with every step of preparation and learning with his section. He can always be relied upon and is always very courteous, prompt and prepared. I look forward to great things from him."

- CWO3 Ed Harris, USMC (Ret)



DRILL TEAM/COLOR GUARD

PETER A. GROSSO

Sophomore - San Antonio, TX

"Cadet Grosso is doing a fine job on the team and has been put to the test lately. He's proven he can step up to the plate and do a good job. More motivated now, he's working very hard to better himself as a cadet and student."

- MSgt Clifton Jones, USMC (Ret)

President's List

Cadets with a first semester GPA for 2004-2005 of 3.75 or above



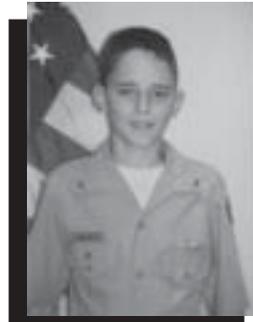
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Houston, Texas



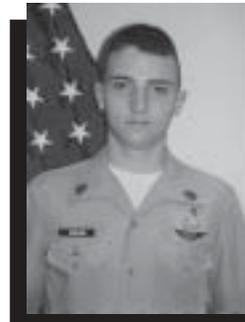
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Bowen, ZC
Harlingen, Texas



Cooper, DG
Orcas, WA



Cooper, SC
Orcas, WA



Curry, JG
Katy, Texas



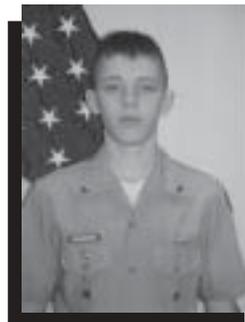
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Aurora, CO



Duncan, TR
Houston, Texas



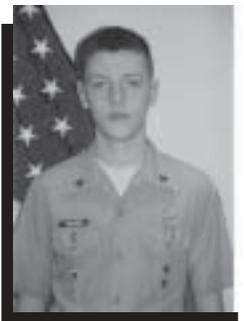
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Dallas, Texas



Fedorenko, G
Fair Lawn, NJ



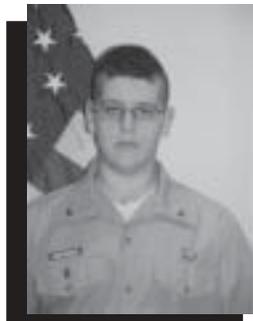
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Corpus Christi, Texas



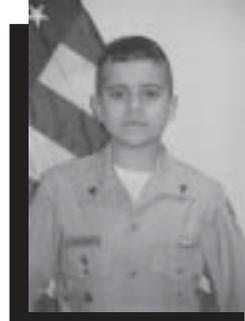
Golden, JR
Berwyn, IL



Hubbard, BW
Houston, Texas



Karfunkle, MD
Spring, Texas



Keegan, NE



Lam, JT
Rohnert Park, CA



Miller, DA
Harlingen, Texas



Miller, SE
Arlington, Texas

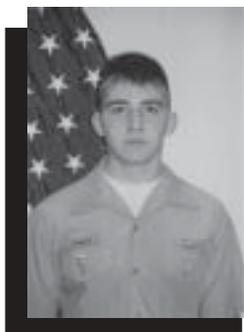


Nekuyi, DS
San Antonio, Texas



Perry, JO
Tulsa, OK

President's List (continued)



Schwerin, MC
Fort Collins, CO



Wang, Y
Shenyang, China



Zhang, T
Cupertino, CA

Dean's List

Cadets with a first semester GPA for 2004-2005 between 3.50 and 3.74

Cheng, H
Houston, Texas
Deng, L
Pearland, Texas
Flores, F
Nuevo Leon, Mexico
Forsman, GM
New York, NY

Gurley, RC
Raleigh, NC
Landies III, RW
Chardon, OH
Law-Crider, RA
Jenks, OK
Logan, SS
Houston, Texas

Meyer, PQ
Dallas, Texas
Valka, PA
Praha Czech Republic
Walker, GF
The Woodlands, TX
Wulz, CC
Richardson, TX

Harlingen Border Patrol "Head of the Class" Honors



DELTA COMPANY
CHRISTIAN DAVID STANA
Senior - Frisco, TX
March 2005 Harlingen Border Patrol's "Head of Class" Candidate
"Cadet Stana has established himself as a valuable asset to Delta Company and the Corps of Cadets. His enthusiastic performance has been evidenced in his consistent performance in academics and military science."
-SgtMaj LarryCarson, USMC (Ret)

Harlingen Border Patrol's "Head of the Class" is a community awareness program where local student participants promote abstinence from using illegal drugs.

Every month, students from across the Rio Grande Valley who exhibit outstanding leadership and participation in the program are recognized by Harlingen Border Patrol at recognition events such as awards ceremonies and banquets.

REUNION 2005

**Commemorates
MMA Alumni's
40th Anniversary
14-17 April 2005**

*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 2005- 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. 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 or

You can call Connie Flores at 956-423-6006 ext 232.

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SgtMaj Steigerwald*
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Cadet Corner

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



Junior State of America Chapter Members attend State Convention

Nine members of the MMA Chapter of the Junior State of America attended the Winter Congress Convention in Galveston, Texas this past week-end. They were Cadets Clint Behrens, Mike Black, Linwood Cook, Winston Elliott, Jason Hiller, Scott Miller, Leeland Operacz, Brian Simpson, and Charlie Wulz.

Cadets Elliott and Hiller represented the school as Senators and the others represented the school as Representatives. About two hundred students from various schools in Texas attended the two-day meeting.

The cadets presented five of the thirty-one bills before the two houses and two of the five passed. They were divided into eight

committees to consider the bills to see if they would be presented to Congress for vote.

Cadets Elliott and Miller were voted best speakers in each of their committees.

Cadet Hiller threw his hat into the ring to run for Senator of the Gulf Coast Region for next year. The elections will be held at the Spring State Convention at the end of April in Houston, Texas.

The cadets were quite busy working from 9:45 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Saturday and again from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. They had activities and a dance Saturday night and all of them seemed to have a great time.



YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE - SUMMER CAMP 2005

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 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.



Activities

Rifle Team

The Marine Military Academy "Big Dawgs" Varsity Air Rifle Team participated in the 36th Annual Texas Hill Country Military Skills Championships this Saturday, 19 Feb 2005 in New Braunfels, Texas.

The "Big Dawgs" varsity team is comprised of **Cadets Daniel Taylor** of Golf Company, **Steven Park** of Echo Company, and **Robert Landies** and **William Musa** of Delta Company.

The "Big Dawgs" simply dominated the competition from the time they walked on to the Rifle Range until the last round went down range at the end of the day.

The team brought home five first place trophies:

- 1st Place Team Prone by 4 points
- 1st Place Team Standing by 19 points
- 1st Place Team Kneeling by 33 points
- 1st Place Team Over-all by 55 points

Some individual accomplishments are as follows: **Cadet 2ndLt Daniel Taylor**, the "Big Dawgs" Team Captain placed 1st Individual Prone firing a 99/100, 3rd Individual Standing firing a 89/100, 4th

Individual Kneeling firing a 93/100 in a 3 way tie with two other members of the "Big Dawgs" and finally 4th Over-all Individual firing 281/300.

Cadet Cpl Steven Park placed 2nd Individual Prone firing a 98/100, 4th Individual Standing firing a 87/100, 4th Individual Kneeling firing a 93/100 in a 3 way tie with two other members of the "Big Dawgs" and finally 5th Over-all Individual firing 278/300.

Cadet Willam Musa placed 9th Over-all. **Cadet Robert Landies** placed 4th Individual Kneeling firing a 93/100 in a 3 way tie with two other members of the "Big Dawgs" and placed 13th Over-all.

The Team did exceptionally well considering this was the first away Shoulder -To- Shoulder Competition for all of the

Team except for Cadet Taylor. The Team has fired in several Air Rifle Postal Matches this year and have done well.

The Team is currently waiting for the results of the qualifying round of the National Marine Corps JROTC Championships which could get the "Big Dawgs" invited to compete in and for the National JROTC Championships at Fort Benning, Georgia on 20 - 24 April 2005.

The Team also has several more matches this year--a mixture between Postal and Shoulder - To - Shoulder.

The next away match is a National JROC Junior Olympic Committee Match on 19 March in San Antonio followed by the Bluebonnet State Military Skills Championships 1 - 2 April in Houston.



MMA RIFLE TEAM
Left to Right: Cadets Joseph Tannehill, Daniel Taylor, William Musa, Steven Park, Robert Landies. Front: Cadet Eric Sperling.

VISA Basketball

On Saturday, February 12, 2005 the Cadets of MMA went into the VISA Basketball Tournament as the number one cede. MMA would start the tournament matched up against Faith Christian Academy.

The cadets came out strong and dominated both ends of the floor and went on to coast to an easy win in the first round.

The second round would see the cadets matched up against First Baptist, the only team to defeat MMA in the regular season. Once again the cadets came out strong. In the first half First Baptist and MMA pretty much went bucket-for-bucket and went into halftime with the game still close. In the second half MMA could only stand by and watch as First Baptist shot the lights out of the gym and went on to win the game.

With a loss in the second round the cadets of MMA went into the third round trying to secure third place. This round would see MMA match up with Calvary Christian.

From the opening tip of the game the cadets were plagued with turnovers and poor rebounding. Even though the cadets fought hard until the final whistle, they could not overcome the good passing and rebounding by Calvary Christian. The cadets of MMA would end the tournament in fourth place.



SPRING SPORTS

LEATHERNECK BASEBALL

The M.M.A. Leatherneck baseball team opened up the 2005 at Raymondville.

We started out strong in the game taking an early 6-0 lead but a few mistakes later on left us on the short end of a 14- 9 game.

Notable standouts in the game were:

- Daniel Sandland - 3 for 4, triple, 2 runs
- Ryan Baines - 3 for 4, triple, double, 2 runs
- Cameron Nordbak - 3 walks, sacrifice, 2 runs



LEATHERNECK BASEBALL

MARCH

- 1 Harlingen South J.V. - *Away*
- 3 San Isidro - *Cancelled*
- 4 La Villa - *Away*
- 26 Holy Cross (DH) - *Away*

APRIL

- 2 S.A. Central Catholic (DH) - *Away*
- 9 St. Michaels (DH) - *Home*
- 13 Brownsville St. Joseph - *Home*
- 16 Antonian (DH) - *Home*
- 20 Brownsville St. Joseph - *Away*
- 22 San Isidro - *Away*
- 30 TBA Bi-District *

* denotes district game
(DH) denotes doubleheader



LEATHERNECK GOLF TEAM OPENS 2005 SEASON

The MMA Leathernecks opened up their 2005 golf season at the Edinburg Economedes Jaguar Invitational. MMA took part in the 5A and 4A division.

Geoff Howard led the Leathernecks with a score of 77 and 70 on the par 72 at Los Lagos GC. Geoff Howard won 1st individual honors for the 4A division and was 2nd overall in both the 5A and 4A division among 140 participants.

Other members of the team who took part in the tournament were: Max Cyphers, Cody Steves, Ryan Heumann, and Thomas Swan.

MMA finished the tournament in 5th place among the 4A division and 14th place overall, out of 25 teams.

Craig DeSantis took part in the Progreso Invitational as an individual. For his very first tournament ever played, Craig shot a score of 113 and finished among the top 25 out of 50 participants.

The MMA Golf Team participated in the River City Shootout in San Antonio on March 4th and 5th. Geoff Howard led all MMA golfers with a two-day total of 158 (81-77) to finish in 8th place individually out of 160 players. MMA finished 16th overall out of 25 Texas teams. Other members of the team taking part: Max Cyphers, Ryan Heumann, Cody Steves and Tommy Swan.

The Leathernecks take part in the Bulldog Invitational to be held in Mercedes at the Llano Grande Golf Course on Thursday, March 24th.



MMA LEATHERNECK GOLF TEAM *Left to Right: Coach Almos Salas; Cadets Tommy Swan, Cody Steves, Ryan Heumann, Alex Portillo, Geoff Howard, Craig DeSantis, Max Cyphers.*

T.A.P.P.S. 2-6A Soccer Season Results

ALL STATE

Rodrigo Franco



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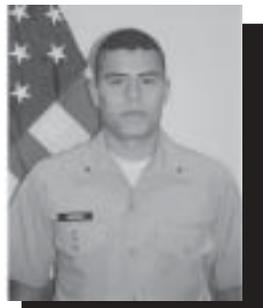
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Alumni News



Gunny Ski Memorial Bike Ride 2005 April 12-14, 2005

Calling all bicycle riding enthusiasts! Beginning April 12, 2005 and wrapping up on April 14th, alumni and friends of the Marine Military Academy will take part in the 2nd Annual Gunny Ski Memorial Bike Ride. The Ride kicks off in Round Rock, just north of Austin, Texas, and ends in Harlingen, Texas.

April 12th/Day 1: *Round Rock, TX to Kenedy, TX (136 miles)*

April 13/Day 2: *Kenedy, TX to Kingsville, TX (108 miles)*

April 14/Day 3: *Kingsville, TX to Harlingen, TX (98 miles)*

The annual ride is a charitable event established in memory of Gunny Ski, a dedicated and loyal member of the Marine Military Academy. Gunny Ski passed away on May 15, 2003 after a courageous and long battle with cancer.

Gunny Ski graduated from Cy-Fair High School in 1953, then enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He served for 20 years, retiring with Honorable Service at the rank of Gunnery Sergeant. In 1979, he joined the staff at the Marine Military Academy. Serving as Operations Chief his first year, he then became a Drill Instructor for seven years. The remainder of his years at the Academy was as Operations Chief and Director of Alumni Affairs.

On April 1, 2004, two Alumni successfully completed the last leg of the 1st Annual Gunny Ski Memorial Bike Ride. Jim Mischel, MMA Class of 1980 and Craig Matteson, MMA Class of 1979 started out on their bicycles from Austin Texas to begin the first annual GySgt 'Ski' Bicycle Charity Ride. The ride began at Jim Mischel's house in Austin. 250 miles later and two days of hard riding brought the two to Kingsville. On the third day they were joined by two of the Marine Military Academy's cycling team, Lingbo Chang

and Christopher Boyles-White, who rode the final miles with the alumni to the Marine Military Academy. There they were greeted by a large group of cheering fans. The total trip lasted three days for a total of 343 bicycle miles, and a successful annual tribute to the memory of Gunny Ski was established.

The goal of the Gunny Ski Memorial Bike Ride is to eventually raise \$500,000 to permanently endow an annual scholarship, and to raise funds towards another permanent endowment for maintenance and upkeep of the Iwo Jima Memorial.

If you would like to participate in and/or contribute to this year's charitable event, clip out the donation form below and send to MMA along with your donation or visit MMA's web page located at: <http://www.mma-tx.org/cashdonations.htm>.

Additional information regarding the Ride is available on-line at: <http://www.mischel.com/mma/skiride2005/index.htm>

If you have further questions regarding the event, please contact:

- Kim Hofstetter: Kim@cjohnson.com
- Jim Mischel: Jim@Mischel.com
- Craig Matteson: craig@matteson.cc

Gunny Ski 2nd Annual Memorial Bike Ride Participation/Donation Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ E-Mail: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Yes, I am participating in the *Gunny Ski 2nd Annual Memorial Bike Ride*. Here's my donation of: \$ _____

No, I'm not participating in the *Gunny Ski 2nd Annual Memorial Bike Ride*, but here's my donation of: \$ _____

I have enclosed a check/money order. Make payable to: *Gunny Ski Memorial Scholarship Fund.*

Charge to: Visa: ** MasterCard: **

**Cardholder: _____ Account #: _____ Expiration date: ____/____/____

I am making my donation through MMA's web page located at: <http://www.mma-tx.org/cashdonations.htm>

Return this form to the Marine Military Academy at: **320 Iwo Jima Blvd., Harlingen TX 78550.**

For information on how to make your donation, call MMA Development Dept. at **(956) 423-6006 Ext. 231.**

For information on the event, **E-mail** Jim Mischel at Jim@Mischel.com, Craig Matteson at craig@matteson.cc or Kim

Hofstetter at Kim@cjohnson.com. or **visit the event's website:** <http://www.mischel.com/mma/skiride2005/index.htm>

Alumni News

Where are they now?

'66

Brant Welty – aduncan3@cox.net

'73

Oscar J. Garza – ogarza@riogrande.net.mx - President/CEO Crane Industries Corp., Brownsville, plans to make April reunion.

Jay Meyers – jmeyers@biomed.org - Senior Director of Development for Biomedical Research Foundation of Northwest Louisiana, married to Barbara whom he met when he was an MMA ninth grader, two children: Mary (11) and Jay II (12).

'80

Bobby Dodd (PG) – DoddR@cliu.org - Has his Ph.D. in Human Development, currently special education administrator for several counties in Pennsylvania, married with two sons, 12 and 15, looking for **Carson Carroll** and **Andy Bonner**.

Ernie Uribe – Does statistical planning and budgeting for the Agency for International Development in DC area, wife expecting first child.

'87

David Dils – eedwade@yahoo.com - "Married my best friend Carrie Ward" on 4 Feb., living in Fort Worth.

'91

Captain Terry D. Brannan (PG) – terry.brannan@us.army.mil - Operations Officer, 90th Personnel Services Battalion.

'94

Alex Fotopolous – N301ER@aol.com - Pilot for American Airlines - Dallas.

'96

Micah R. Jackson – micahjackson911@yahoo.com - Change of address – 2701 Pilgrim Place, Bedford, TX 76021.

'97

Billy Bohlke – In pilot training in Corpus Christi, learned about the 21st annual 10K Causeway Run and Wellness Walk on South Padre Island, and on Sat. 15 Jan. won the men's division with a time of 33:18. In an article in the 16 Jan. Valley Morning Star, he credited MMA as the "core for my running abilities."

Michael Spencer – kingspencer20@yahoo.com - Looking to network with alumni in DC area, particularly those in politics, as that is his career choice.

'98

Wesley Harris – wes_has_arrived@yahoo.com - Recruiter for Continental General Insurance Company in Houston.

'98

Tim Lavoie – tlavoie@mail.colgate.edu - Finished his undergraduate work at Colgate and is currently at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville as a graduate assistant Strength and Conditioning coach.

'99

James Lugo – Jaylugo23@yahoo.com - Working for Wackenhut Corporation in Orlando, FL, recently accepted to Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

'02

LCpl. Travis Green – GreenTE@cssemnf-wiraq.usmc.mil - Looking forward to coming home and being married.

Peter Vincer – With Hewitt, a human resource outsourcing company in Milwaukee, WI.

'03

Aaron Rodriguez – arod861@aol.com - Change of address – 234 Missouri Ave. Dallas 75224.

'04

Jeremiah Lowe – Jeremiah.lowe.2008@usmma.edu - In freshman year at the Merchant Marine Academy, wishes he had taken calculus with Ms. Munoz and AP Physics with Mr. Hinkle.

*** ALUMNI: Be sure to E-Mail your updates to pickens@mma-tx.org for inclusion in the Leader! ***

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the Silver Star Medal, the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V" and two gold stars, the Purple Heart with gold star, the Meritorious Service Medal, and many other decorations and medals.

General Krulak is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and has a master's degree in labor relations from George Washington University.

Through three very moving and touching vignettes, occurring during his combat days, General Krulak described to cadets what it takes to be a leader in today's society. "The single most important leadership trait, whether on the battlefield or in the boardroom is to be a man a character," stated General Krulak.

The stories, two involving Krulak, and one involving his best friend, portrayed young men who, when faced with tough decisions, knew what needed to be done

and did the right thing. "These valuable lessons in my life helped to shape me into a successful leader today," noted Krulak. "To be a man of character, a person must be selfless, possess moral courage and be a person of integrity."

He spoke of the selfless young Marine, out in the battlefield, doing the right thing and protecting his fellow Marines, even knowing that he was in harms way. "Selflessness is doing the right thing, putting the other person before yourself and not worrying about who gets the credit," he told the cadets. "Watch out for each other, even if you don't particularly care for that person. That's selflessness."

General Krulak noted "To be a leader, you need a high dose of moral courage." He spoke of the young 1stSgt, when faced with a judgment call, had the moral courage to do something about it, putting everything

on the line and make a decision.

Finally, Krulak noted that one of the most important traits of being a leader was that of being a person of integrity. "Integrity is the only thing you own," stated Krulak. "You may think you own that jacket you are wearing, but someone can take it away from you. You may think you own your car, but somebody can steal it from you. Nobody can take your integrity from you. Only you can give it away and it's awfully hard to get it back."

General Krulak applauded the cadets for being at the Marine Military Academy, stating, "MMA is a fine institution and being here will open up many doors of opportunity." He encouraged the cadets to take advantage of the fine men and women "who are here to develop you into the leaders of tomorrow."

Calendar of Events

March

8-11 Third Quarter Exams
 12-19 Spring Break
 21 Begin Fourth Quarter

April

8 ACT
 8-10 Parents Org. Golf Tournament
 14-17 Alumni Reunion
 15 Alumni Parade
 22 Sports Banquet
 23 Ring Dance/Ceremony

May

7 SAT
 14 *and*
 16-18 Second Semester Exams
 17 Deadline for Financial Aid Applications
 19 Graduation rehearsals
 20 Eagle Scout Ceremony
 8th Grade Graduation
 Academic Awards
 Senior Banquet
 21 Graduation Parade, Awards
 Graduation

Memorials

- *Francis Lee Connolly*
- *John H. "Jack" Delap - Chosin Reservoir Veteran, USMC, 1950*
- *MajGen Mitchell J. Waters, USMCR*

In Honor Of

- *David Moxley - MMA Class of 1986*
- *John Moxley - Attended MMA 1978-79*
- *Richard Moxley - MMA Class of 1986*

History Of MMA "Marching in Cadence" Now Available



Marching in Cadence, The History of the Marine Military Academy, written by Ed and Corinne Swaney of Harlingen is now ready for purchase.

Copies of the book, which would make great Father's Day or graduation 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 or e-mail at visitorcenter@mma-tx.org.

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

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