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MMA Summer and ESL Camp 2005: Guts, Glory and Going All The Way

Not even Hurricane Emily could dampen the indomitable spirits of this year's enthusiastic group of Summer and English As A Second Language (ESL) campers. The Academy welcomed 284 summer



**Don't miss out
on next year's
camp--Mark
YOUR
Calendar Today!**

**ESL and Summer
Camp 2006:**

**July 2, 2006
to
July 29, 2006**

"IF MY GYM TEACHER COULD SEE ME NOW!" Charlie Company Summer Campers discover their personal best on MMA's brand new Circuit Course. The course, comprised of 14 individual exercise stations, provides a full body workout with direct emphasis on muscle development in the arms, legs, back and stomach.

campers from 35 states and three foreign countries: Egypt, Hong Kong and Saudi Arabia; and 49 English as a Second Language campers from Mexico, China, and Saudi Arabia during camp registration held Sunday, July 3, 2005. Both camps ran four weeks in duration, with graduation held on Saturday, July 30th.

During the four-week Summer Camp

session, young men ages 13-17 years of age underwent physical fitness and military-style training, learning about the power of teamwork, the importance of respect for self and others and building the confidence to achieve what the young man may have previously perceived as impossible. Campers learned about loyalty, leadership, manners and perseverance

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from Drill Instructors who are former United States Marines, and MMA Cadet Instructors selected from MMA's academic program. Summer Camp activities are designed to increase the physical and mental confidence of the camper. Activities, which began with First Call at 5:55 a.m. every morning and ended with Taps/Lights Out at 9 p.m. every evening, included a Marine Corps-styled obstacle course, rappelling, mud course, paintball competition, rifle range, pugil stick bouts, hikes, rock-climbing, close-order drill, an inter-unit boxing competition, flag football, soccer, softball, dodge ball, volleyball, swimming, circuit course training, and basketball. Also included was an Iron Man activity--both an individual and team competition using the same course as local Marine Reservists.

MMA's ESL Camp, a four-week intensive total immersion experience, was taught by MMA Foreign Language, English, and Math teachers in which campers learn to speak, read, and write contemporary American English. Focus was placed on practical vocabulary needed to study subjects offered at MMA during the regular academic year. Weekly proficiency exams tracked the campers' progress. After school, the campers participated in the same kinds of activities enjoyed by summer campers, focusing on sports and physical fitness in a military environment. Field trips to cultural and sports events and local points of interest including the Gladys Porter Zoo and local bowling facilities gave the students practice in using English in the "real world."



YOUR LEFT! No, your other left! Summer Campers learn the power of teamwork as they strategize and maneuver through The Tank Walk, an important Crucible event designed to develop and enhance courage, determination and stamina.

To gain a pictorial perspective into daily activities of both camps, visit MMA's web site at: <http://www.mma-tx.org/whatsnew.htm>. These images will be archived at: <http://www.summer-camp-mma.com/summercamp2005.htm> upon commencement of MMA's Academic Year 2005-2006.

MMA Admissions Department accepts Summer Camp and ESL Camp applications on a rolling basis. It's never too early to begin planning for Summer Camp 2006. To apply, call Admissions Officer J. Perez at (956) 423-6006 Ext. 251 or e-mail perez@mma-tx.org.

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Youthful 'Yetter-Campbell Racing' fans strike a pose during "Kids' Night" at the Speedway.

TAPS

CITATION: "For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty..."

--President Harry Truman

The Academy expresses its profound sympathy to the family of General Louis "Lou" Hugh Wilson, Jr., a World War II recipient of the Medal of Honor and 26th Commandant of the Marine Corps. General Wilson passed away peacefully at his Birmingham, Alabama home on 21 June 2005. General Wilson was a longtime, staunch supporter and friend of Marine Military Academy for many years, joining the Academy's Board of Advisors in 1980.

- 11 February 1920: Born in Brandon, Mississippi
- 1941: Earned Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1941 from Millsaps College, Jackson, Mississippi, where he competed in football and track.
- May 1941: Enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve
- November 1941: Commissioned as a second lieutenant; Attended officers' basic training; Assigned to the 9th Marine Regiment at Marine Corps Base, San Diego, California
- February 1943: Overseas with 9th Marines making stops at Guadalcanal, Efate, and Bougainville
- April 1943: Promoted to Captain earning the nation's highest honor for heroism in line of combat

As Commandant, General Wilson stressed over and over the modernization of the post-Vietnam Marine Corps, insisting on:

- Force Readiness
- Responsiveness
- Mobility

- December 1944: Transferred to Washington, D.C., presented the Medal of Honor by President Truman
- March 1945: Earned promotion to rank of Major
- June 1946 through August 1951: Served consecutive tours as Dean and Assistant Director, Marine Corps Institute; Aide-de-Camp, Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force (FMF), Pacific; and Officer in Charge, District Headquarters Recruiting Station, New York City
- November 1951: Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel while stationed at Quantico, Virginia, serving consecutively as Commanding Officer of The Basic School's 1st Training



General Louis H. Wilson
26th Commandant of the Marine Corps,
July 1975 - June 1979

- August 1954: Completed Officer's Senior Course
- June 1946 until August 1951: Following brief tour as Senior School Instructor, Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, departed for Korea to serve as Assistant G-3, 1st Marine Division
- August 1955: Returned to US with 1st Division, and appointed Commanding Officer, 2d Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division.
- March 1956: Assigned to Headquarters Marine Corps (HQMC), serving two years as Head, Operations Section, G-3 Division. Following assignment, returned to Quantico, first as Commanding Officer of Test and Training Regiment, later as Commanding Officer of The Basic School
- June 1962: Graduation from National War College, assigned as Joint Plans Coordinator to the Deputy Chief of Staff (Plans and Programs), HQMC
- August 1965: Transferred to 1st Marine Division, deployed, making a stop at Okinawa before assignment in Vietnam--earning Legion of Merit and the Republic

of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Gold Star awards

- August 1966: Assumed command of 6th Marine Corps District, Atlanta, Georgia upon return to US
- November 1966: Earned promotion to rank of Brigadier General
- January 1967-July 1968: Assigned to HQMC as Legislative Assistant to Commandant of the Marine Corps
- July 1968 - March 1970: Earned a second Legion of Merit award while serving as Chief of Staff, Headquarters, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific
- March 1970: Advanced to grade of Major General assuming command of I Marine Amphibious Force, 3d Marine Division on Okinawa, earning a third Legion of Merit award
- April 1971: Returned to Quantico for duty as Deputy for Education/Director, Education Center, Marine Corps Development and Education Command
- August 1972: Promoted to Lieutenant General
- September 1972: Assumed command of Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, presented the Korean Order of National Security Merit, GUK-SEON Medal, 2d Class and the Philippine Legion of Honor (Degree of Commander)
- July 1975: Promoted to General assuming Office of Commandant of Marine Corps.

As Commandant, General Wilson stressed over and over the modernization of the post-Vietnam Marine Corps, insisting on force readiness, responsiveness, and mobility by maintaining fast-moving, hard-hitting expeditionary units, each consisting of a single integrated system of modern ground- and air-delivered firepower, tactical mobility, and electronic countermeasures.

- 30 June 1979: Retired and returned to home in Mississippi, receiving Defense Distinguished Service Medal (First Oak Leaf Cluster), in recognition of "exceptionally distinguished service" during four-year tenure as Commandant and his contributions as member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.



(Above) 2005-2006 Battalion Commander David Miller is promoted to his new rank by Acting President and Chief of Staff Col R. Glenn Hill, USMC (Ret).

Leadership Orientation '05

By special invitation, twenty-seven upperclassmen attended and completed the Marine Military Academy's Leadership Camp. During the week-long training, cadets discuss core values; leader roles, responsibilities and authority, hold close order and sword drill; learn about parade conduct, room inspection, class on-time management, the role of the officer, levels of leadership; participate in COPE, Confidence, Obstacle, Paintball, and Speed March Reaction

Courses, the LEAD (Leadership Education and Development) Complex, Rifle Range; and prepare company mission statements.

In keeping with tradition, the program wrapped up with the traditional promotion ceremony and sword issue, conducted by the Academy's Chief of Staff Colonel Glenn Hill, USMC (Ret) in the Academy's Yeckel Hall. SgtMaj Ford Kinsley, Commandant, promoted the Battalion Staff and each drill instructor promoted the company staff. **Congratulations** to all and best wishes for an exciting year ahead!

Leatherneck Band Camp '05

Threads of enthusiasm trickled through the Band Room as returning Cadets Karfunkle, Castora, Davis, Duncan, Frascella, Lashbrook, Meek, Shannon, Suffield, Slape, Tesar, Villanueva and Davis fine-tuned their instruments under the watchful eye of CWO3 Ed Harris, MMA Band Director.

"This is my fifth year at MMA," says Villaneuva, "This year I'm hoping our band travels more--that gives us more opportunities to represent MMA. Here in camp we warm up for the school year--kind of like a 'jump-start'.

Cadet Cooper, in his 3rd year at MMA, explains, "As a band officer, we learn our responsibilities and how to teach new members how to do things right. Cooper plays the saxophone and says his favorite selection is jazz which he hopes will be the Band's focus in the latter part of the year.



(Above) NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA--MOVE OVER! CWO3 Ed Harris, Band Director, leads Band Campers Karfunkle, Castora, Davis, Duncan, Frascella, Lashbrook, Meek, Shannon, Suffield, Slape, Tesar, Villanueva and Davis in an energetic number.

The Ballots Are In!

The *Valley Morning Star*, a leading local Valley newspaper, honored MMA's Scott Swinnea at an Awards Presentation held Wednesday, 27 July 2005. Scott was voted the Best Teacher in the Best Professional Individual category, receiving over 24,000 votes from local readers. Scott is entering his sixth year at Marine Military Academy. He teaches Social Science assistant coaches football in his spare time. You've got our vote, Scott!



Pictured left to right: Assistant Dean Charles Reiningger, Ed.D; Scott Swinnea; Acting President and Chief of Staff Col Glenn Hill, USMC (Ret); Dean John Butler, Ed.D.

H.O.G. (Harley Owners Group) Observance at Iwo Jima Monument



Photograph courtesy of SgtMaj Larry Carson, USMC (Ret)

MMA Facilities Director and H.O.G. Member David Miller addressed H.O.G. enthusiasts at a patriotic observance held at the Iwo Jima Monument on Memorial Day. Cadets from MMA's Drill Team and Color Guard joined in the solemn salute in memory of all who have paid the ultimate price protecting our Nation's freedoms.

Take a hike in these Campers' boots...



JOHN ERIC D'AMICO
Alpha Company

"I learned a great amount about myself, and what I can accomplish with enough commitment and effort. As a Fire Team leader, I took on greater responsibility and used organizational skills. I liked rappelling 'Aussie-style' the best--definitely an awesome rush!"



TOM AGUILAR
Charlie Company

"I learned that if you put your mind to it and try your best, you'll be able to do



anything. What did I like best? Everything--the pushups, situps, pullups, mud course confidence and O courses--every single thing!"



HARSHIL MATTA
Charlie Company

"I learned that respect and greatness are earned, not given. My favorite things at camp were sports at King Gym and going down the rappelling tower. This camp is true--you come as a boy and you leave as a man."



ARTURO CERNA
Fox Company

"I learned to be a team player and how to achieve my goals. My CI's helped me along and were like family. The

DI and ADI were strict--taught me to be motivated and have more discipline. I hope to come this year to school and be a true FOX. Horah!"

BRIAN CHAPMAN
Delta Company

"I built better character and learned leadership, respect, organization, discipline,



and land navigation. This camp was everything I expected it to be--great on the mind, body and spirit. I am looking forward to the school year and my future."



JASON UTNICK
Golf Company

"I learned to appreciate the things that I have. I can achieve some of the things I never thought I could do, like the confidence course. I liked the practice field day and the leadership course in the 'Back 40.' "

QUINN GORDON
Alpha Company

"I learned to get over my fears. I did things I did not think I could do. This camp



has been the best experience for me. It taught me a lot about myself. My favorite? Rappelling Tower and the discipline. Oorah!"

EDUARDO QUINTERO
Echo Company

"I learned more discipline, team work, and never say 'I can't do it',



never give up and beat my fears. This is the best summer camp ... I learned a lot of things I thought I wouldn't have."

JACOB SANDOVAL
Charlie Company

"I learned that a lot of different people from all over the country, and other countries,



can come together as brothers and not minorities. I like the rappelling tower and zip line the best. This summer camp brings out the best in all of us!"

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How I spent my summer vacation

There was a lot of 'splishin'...



...and splashin' amongst newly-discovered friends!



...crashin', rattlin', and rolling!



... learning to speak and write a different language.



... reaching new heights.

... hanging around at the Rapelling Tower.



... learning to wait until SgtMaj Wilson says, "FIRE!"



... using teamwork to achieve a common goal.

... reaching deep inside to discover a new personal best.





...stretching towards the horizon.



... FLYING HIGH!



I'm in it to win it...



... whether I go under...



... pushing beyond my limit.



... feeling all right!



... or over...



... or through it...



... aerobicizing by the dawn's early light.



... it's 'thumbs up' all the way!



JOHN HAREN
Alpha
Company

"I learned how to deal with and overcome pain and fear. This camp has been a life-changing

experience, helped me develop teamwork, leadership and character. I'd suggest this camp to a friend."

CHRISTOPHER COOPER
Delta Company

"I learned I needed to overcome my fears. It's just mind over matter, and you just need to do it. I learned to control my attitude and that people do care about me and



want to help. Delta D.I. is really a great guy 'cuz he is down-to-earth and helped us out alot. He's a good mentor."



ROBERT GONZALEZ
Charlie
Company

"I learned I can do a LOT of push-ups! I liked the rifle range and paint ball the best. I really want to come

back for school and become a C.I. (cadet instructor)."

BLAKE ALLAGAS
Fox Company

"I learned to work as a team and the meaning of discipline. I learned to give it my all and that I can go further than I

ever thought I could. I really enjoyed this camp. It was hard, but fun. The food was really good. I got a great experience, and I got over my fear of heights."



BLAKE HENTON
Alpha
Company

"I learned my body does have limits-both physically and mentally. I learned how to surpass those limits and

achieve goals I've never dreamed of attempting. I may not have excelled at many things, but the effort it took to try will have a lasting impact on my life."



FRANKIE DIAZ
Golf
Company

"I learned how to appreciate more things in life, how to give respect

and how to earn it. I faced my fears and learned to never give up. I learned how to be a leader and a lot of other things. I've had one heck of an experience, and I'm glad I came because I'm not afraid to do things any more. I accomplished things that when I came here I never thought I'd do."



NORMAN HAYDEN GROSS
Charlie
Company

"I learned what people need to have to be a leader and how to shine boots. Learned how

to box and use close combat skills, how to use a map so if me and my dad get lost in the fog I'll be the HERO! More than anything, I liked the zip line and confidence course--loved King Gym and the swimming pool."



CODY MULLVAIN
Charlie
Company

"I learned there's nothing I can't do, and can't means won't. Thanks to Corporal Steeg,

Sergeant. Golden, Corporal Brach, Gunny Long and to all the people who helped me this summer."

TOM MCDONOUGH
Alpha
Company

"I learned that with a little encouragement from my peers, I can accomplish anything, and that hard

work is worth the pay-off. MMA helped me overcome fears of mine, and I made some great friends in the process."



Straight Talk: Coach Morton's Season Outlook



COACH MORTON SETS THE RECORD STRAIGHT. "We have a very young team with very little varsity experience. This will definitely be a rebuilding year, but every team we play will know they've been in a 'dog-fight!'"

outdoors on the practice field next to Bowman Stadium. Each day's practice wrapped up around 7:30 p.m.

Newcomers who have caught the eye of Coach Morton and his staff are: **Jacob Stringer**-Punter, **Tate Landin**-QB; **Ryan Tracy, Joe Vella, Jake Haren**-Linemen; **Dane Hudnall, Ross Shepard, Brad Pair, Kameron Yellin**-Linebackers; **Chris Cooper, Dezawn Jackson, Nick Rhodes**-Running Backs; **Tyler Ray, Charlie Gurney,** and **David Alderman**- Defensive Backs.

Check out Leatherneck Football action weekly starting September 2 at home versus University of Tamaulipas, then September 9th once again at home versus Lyford. Let's fill the stands and support our team as they take it to the competition. **GO LEATHERNECKS!**

Football pre-season camp kicked off on August 4, 2005. Reporting to camp were 13 players from last year's team and 30 new faces.

Returning letterman are: **Justin Toth**-TB/LB; **David Nekuyi** -TB/DB; **Cameron Nordbak**-LB/QB; **Billy Hardee**-TB/LB; **Joe Martinez**-OT/DT; **Peter Jager**-G/DT; **Donald Spiering**-TE/DE; and **Zach Bowen**-OG/DT. Other returners showing promise are: **Mike Black**-OL/DE; **Robert Motheral**-TE/DE; **Michael Schwerin**-DB; **David Stokes**-OL/LB; **Andrew Walker**-OL/DL; and **Brooks Artigue**-OL/LB.

Workouts were held outside from 8:00 am to 10:00 am, with a multitude of water breaks compliments of the Rio Grande Valley heat. "Just gives us more of an edge condition-wise," grunted a camp participant as he gargled a cheekful of water, spat it on the grass, wiped his sweat-beaded upper lip on his shirt sleeve, reinserted his mouth piece and jaunted back to practice.

Mid-day practices have been held inside the cool, air-conditioned 53 yard-long King Gym. Evening practices got underway at 5:30 p.m sharp

2005 Football Schedule

September

02	University of Tamaulipas	Home	7:00 pm
09	Lyford	Home	7:30 pm
15	Progreso	Away	7:00 pm
23	Santa Rosa	Away	7:30 pm
30	La Villa	Away	7:30 pm

October

06	St. Joseph (Brownsville)	Away	7:00 pm
15	Central Catholic	Away	2:00 pm
22	Holy Cross	Home	4:00 pm
28	Antonian	Home	7:00 pm

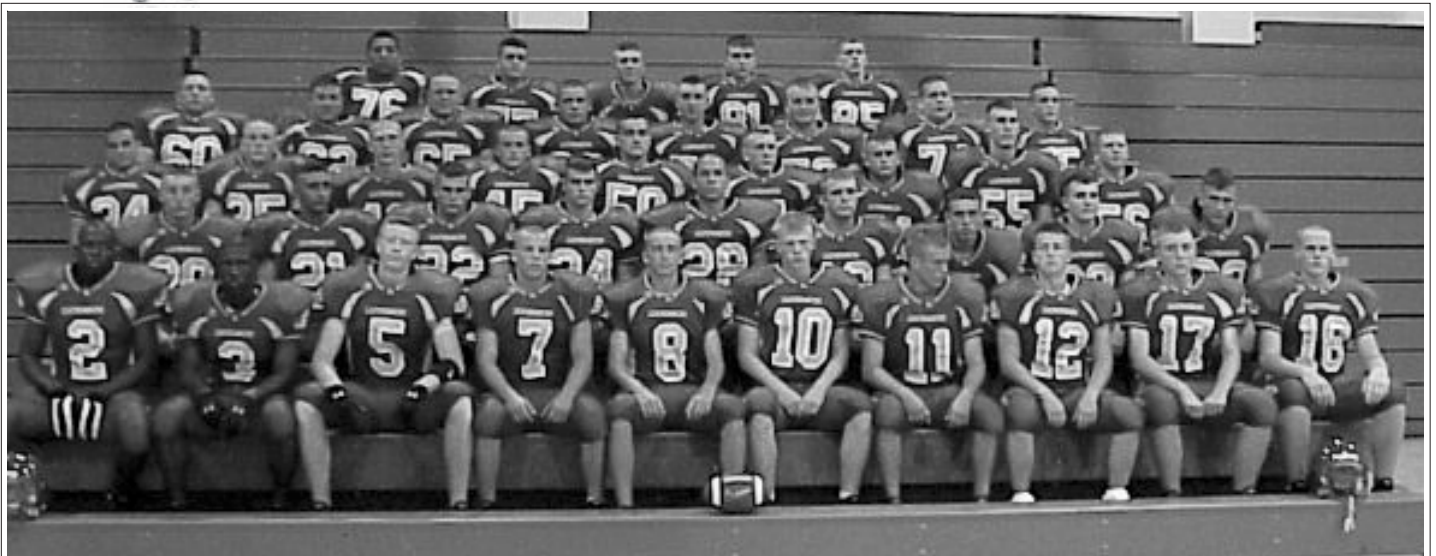
November

04**	University of Tamaulipas	Home	7:00 pm
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**Parents Weekend/Homecoming/Birthday Ball



Leatherneck Football I camp 2005



go leathernecks!

A Word from Institutional Advancement



LtCol Robert R. Grider, USMC (Ret)
Director of Institutional Advancement

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Be sure to drop us a note about what's going on in your life. E-mail to:

wieland@mma-tx.org

for possible inclusion in the Leader.
Don't forget to attach pictures if you have them!

Address changes only
should be sent to Ester Reyes at:

reyes@mma-tx.org

A grand salute goes out to MMA Parents Organization (MMAPO), once again a Silver Club level contributor to the Academy for Fiscal Year 2004-2005.



Parents Organization

The MMAPO is a self-governing, self-supporting, non-commercial, non-sectarian, non-profit, non-partisan group comprised of parents, grandparents and/or guardians of cadets currently enrolled at MMA whose sole purpose is to support MMA.

And what vital support MMA has received over the years from this group! From organizing fundraising events like the annual Parents' Leatherneck Golf Tournament, to purchasing a new school van, bus, supplies for paintball, end-of-year company parties and numerous events throughout the school year--MMAPO members write the check and get the job done.

To all members of the MMAPO, we salute you on a job well done. Keep up the good work!

Semper Fi,

Detach here and return with gift to MMA in the postage-paid envelope provided.

I would like to become an H.M. Smith fellow and friend of Marine Military Academy at the PLATINUM Club level: \$100,000

I would like to become a friend of Marine Military Academy at the GOLD Club level: \$50,000

I would like to become a friend of Marine Military Academy at the SILVER Club level: \$25,000

I would like to become a friend of Marine Military Academy at the BRONZE Club level: \$15,000

I would like to become a friend of Marine Military Academy at the PRESIDENT'S Club level: \$1,000

Here's my contribution of: \$ _____

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'70: Allen Alexander
alexander1_747@hotmail.com - Major accounts manager for Bellsouth in Orlando, FL married with two teenagers.

'72: LtCol Michael Forrester
forrestermf@cssemnf-wiraq.usmc.mil

'75: Chip Hayward
chip@sbsarchitecture.com - Senior architect in charge of construction administration for Smith-Barnes-Santiesteban, and the new 52 story Trump Tower Condominium in Tampa, FL, scheduled for completion in 08.

'80: Humberto Zuniga
humberto05@shaw.ca - Owns a Mexican furniture store in Vancouver, Canada.

'82: Robert Baker
stratcatrwb@aol.com - Member of the blues band Brother2Brother in Houston - www.brother2brother.net - first CD due out this summer

'83: Brian DiFrank
brian@whetstoneaudio.com - Owns an audio business in Austin, TX.

'83: Lucas Ward
lucas.ward@hotmail.com - In Colorado Springs, CO, working for Adelphia, two children.

'85: Maj. Keith Ward (brother of Lucas)
keith.ward@CAMARC.ang.af.mil - Chief of Weapons and Tactics for the 163rd Air Refueling Wing at March Air Reserve Base, Marino Valley, CA, married, no children.

'87: Bill Stedman (PG)
bstedman@elitegrp.com - Consultant with Elite Group in the areas of human resources, insurances, pensions, and payrolls for companies in NY, NJ, and Penn., married, two daughters, son due in Aug., looking for Mike Schultz, Matt Roth, Mike Valecce, Alejandro Alonso, and Tom Trelenberg.

'89: Steven Baltazar
steven_baltazar@hotmail.com - Works in the restaurant business in Sugarland, TX.

'89: Don Hinderliter
dhinderliter@maol.smu.edu - In second year at SMU School of Law concentrating on real estate, bankruptcy, and wills and estate planning, married, no children.

'89: GySgt Les Timmons
leslie.timmons@usmc.mil - Heading to Iraq to assist units in country to learn, install, and implement new communications systems, glad he'll be moving around because "I'm not too keen on...catching mortars." married with twins



"HEY, PUT A LITTLE MORE GET-UP IN YOUR GO!" Alumnus and Board Trustee Craig Matteson, Class of '79 (left) and Alumnus Jim Mischel, Class of '80 (right) impart words of wisdom to summer campers during this year's Field Meet competition, 'egged' on by MMA Athletic Director Tom Morton (center).

'94: Dawson Ainsworth
sarac4a@yahoo.com - Works in Sales/Service for Colony One Auto Center in Sugarland, Tx. where he lives with his wife and year old son.

'94: Capt. Scott C. MacIntire
macintiresc@gcemnf-wiraq.usmc.mil

'95: David R. Smith yatyas96@yahoo.com - Currently a member of the 2nd Amphibious Assault Battalion, recently back from Iraq.

'96: Zephaniah L. Chalmers
zchalmers@deltastar.com - Junior control engineer for Delta Star, Inc. in Lynchburg, VA.

'96: 1st Lt. Marcus Johnson
johnsonml@gcemnf-wiraq.usmc.mil

'98: Joshua Knapp
josh.knapp@us.army.mil - After serving in Iraq is at Texas A&M where he will earn a degree in Agriculture Development in Dec.

'99: Alex Van Valkenburgh
shsuman152@yahoo.com - Assistant athletic trainer at Humble High School near Houston, TX.

'00: LCpl Adam W. Davis
davisaw@3mawyuma.usmc.mil - Stationed at Marine Corps Air Station in Yuma, AZ. and majoring in Business Management at the University of Phoenix.

'00: Luis F. Huchrak
lhuchrak@bilpolanco.com.mx - Working for a Volvo dealership in Mexico City, will earn a degree in Business Management in Dec.

'00: 2ndLT James D. Paine
james.d.paine@us.army.mil - Serving in Afghanistan.

'01: James Braudt (attended 99-01)
James.Braudt.2006@usmma.edu - In junior year at Merchant Marine Academy, e-mailed his thanks to Mrs. Figueroa, Mr. Thacker, and Miss Pickens for helping him achieve his academic goal, although he was here for only two years, "I attribute much of my time management, homework, and writing abilities to my time at MMA."

'03: LCpl Keith M. Allen
kmallen21@aol.com - In Iraq as an LAV commander.

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<http://www.mma-tx.org/alumni.htm>

Calendar of Events

August		November	
17	Classes Begin	4	Parents' Day (short classes)
September		5	Anniversary Ball Parade
9	Academic Awards Ceremony		Anniversary Reception and Ball
10	Introductory Training	11	Veterans Day Parade
	Graduation	18	Begin Thanksgiving Break
	MMA Parents Organization Meet	27	End Thanksgiving Break
October		December	
4-7	First Quarter Exams	3	SAT
8	SAT	10	ACT
12	PSAT	13-16	Fall Semester Exams
22	ACT	16	Begin Christmas Break

Memorials

LCpl Alexander Arredondo - KIA at NAJAF, Iraq, 8/25/04
Doris Catterlin
Matthew W. Freeman - MMA '00
Col Ray Funderburk, USMC (Ret)
Benjamin Phillips Hall
Lt Myron E. Ludvick, II, USN - MMA '96
Rosemary McKenna
Marianne Monfils
Col John D. Noble, USMC
Capt D.C. Shirk
John & Jean Sproatt
W.L. (Bill) Thompson
Gen Louis H. Wilson, USMC (Ret)

"How I spent my summer..."

CLAYTON MARTIN
Fox Company
 "I learned how to work as a team. When I came here, I thought it would be terrible. But then, I realized it could be fun.



Before the end of camp, I enjoyed it!"

Got Stronger,
Flew Higher,
YES SIR, I'm Proud!
Marine Military Academy

FRANCISCO MEDINA

Echo Company
 "I learned to understand more English and speak more. I also learned discipline, to do exercise, wake up early, DON'T MISS FOOD!"



TONY SAITZ

Alpha Company
 "I learned to do what I am told right away and DON'T ARGUE! I think this place is very fun and worth the money. It's a great experience."



MARCUS COLDEN

Golf Company
 "I learned it is better to face your fears than avoid them. I think this camp was good--pushed me to do things I never thought I could."

NICK GEORGE

Delta Company
 "I learned leadership, team work, discipline, responsibility, courage, friendship, mind-over-matter, respect. I enjoyed the food and when I have kids, they're coming to MMA!"



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