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MMA Trustee Tony McIntyre Addresses MMA Class of 2005



MR. ANTHONY J. MCINTYRE, MMA Board of Trustees Chairman and MajGen Wayne Rollings salute seniors one last time as cadets during the Graduation Day Parade.

Sixty-four seniors crossed the stage during the 40th Annual Commencement Exercises held Saturday, May 21, 2005 in the Philip J. Yeckel Memorial Auditorium. Marine Military Academy Board of Trustees Chairman Mr. Anthony J. McIntyre stepped forward to deliver the commencement address to the proud cadets, their families and friends.

"It is truly an honor today to have as our speaker for the graduating Class of 2005 Mr. (Anthony) Tony McIntyre," stated MajGen Wayne E. Rollings, USMC (Ret), president of the Marine Military Academy, during his introduction of Mr. McIntyre. "This is a truly unique situation we have here. Not only is Tony our newly-elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees, but also a graduate of Marine Military Academy...a man who has walked in your shoes and is now a successful business leader."

Mr. Anthony J. McIntyre, Chairman of MMA's Board of Trustees, is a graduate of Cinnaminson High School where he lettered in football and track. Following high school, McIntyre attended MMA completing the one-year postgraduate program. While at MMA, McIntyre earned a Varsity Letter in football and track, setting MMA's shot put record.

In 1980, McIntyre graduated from Temple University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. At Temple, McIntyre took on an active role in leadership as President of his fraternity ALPHA CHI RIO, President of the Interfraternity Council, a member of the ROTC Unit, and a Varsity Athlete in track and football. McIntyre proved instrumental in developing The Office for the Disabled at Temple University and its entire volunteer program. He also co-organized the largest wheel chair sporting event in the United States and wrapped up his tenure at Temple University as recipient of the Sol Finestone award for outstanding business school graduate.

Upon graduation from Temple University, McIntyre received his commission in the United States Army Reserve and served one year of active duty in Fort Eustace, Virginia in the Transportation Corps. After active duty, he served an additional five years in the United States Army Reserves in the capacity of Company Commander of a floating craft company located in Pedricktown, New Jersey.

In 1982, McIntyre was hired by Xerox Corporation and worked in a variety of marketing positions in both the reprographic and computer

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**VALEDICTORIAN
Jarod Faulk delivers
his commencement
address during the
40th graduation
ceremony.**



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divisions.

In 1987, he joined the Graham Company and eventually became one of six stockholders, a board member, and assisted in developing the firm from a midsize company to the 48th largest insurance broker/consultant in the United States. McIntyre sold his interest in the company and founded The McIntyre Group in 2002 for which he serves as President and CEO. The McIntyre Group is currently listed in the top 5% Agency/Brokerage firms in the United States.

In 1987, McIntyre became a Marine Military Academy Board Trustee. Both he and his wife, Christine, are H.M. Smith fellows. In 2005, McIntyre was awarded MMA's General Davis Award for exceptional service as outstanding Trustee. In May 2005, McIntyre was unanimously elected as MMA Chairman of the Board.

McIntyre and his wife reside in Medford, New Jersey with their two daughters, Jennifer and Caroline.

"I came to Marine Military Academy for the postgraduate year on a scholarship. Since I didn't have the money to go back home on the breaks, I slept in a tent on South Padre Island. That year changed me. What you've learned here you will apply throughout your lives, whether you're an "A" student or a "C" student. I was a "C" student, and now I employ "A" students. In fact, I have now in my employ a Naval Academy "A" student grad."

Salutorian Yi-Ming Wang shared his international perspective, "As an international student from China, I see not only a military high school, but also a whole new world through MMA's gate. The school life I have here has enriched my experience a great deal. Socially, I've learned



"As an international student from China, I see not only a military high school, but also a whole new world through MMA's gate," says Salutorian Yi-Ming Wang as he addresses MMA's graduating Class of 2005.

how to deal with all kinds of people and learn from them. I've also learned to think in a different way other than the one I knew before. Academically, I've received a totally different education compared to the one I had back in China. It has made me be more interested in studying and in thinking more creatively." Wang closed with expressions of gratitude to his parents, teachers, drill instructors, Nurse Carson and Mrs. Field, with best wishes to the Academy.

Valedictorian Jarod Faulk took the podium amidst a round of applause. "Today is the culmination of twelve years of hard work to prepare us for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. Our future accomplishments, great or small, will depend less on others and more on ourselves. Our future lies in our hands now... We pray that one day we may meet again and re-

flect on great accomplishments. To the Class of 2005, I bid farewell and good luck!"

As each graduate's name was announced, they stepped forward to receive their diploma from Chairman McIntyre, then received a hearty congratulations from General Rollings, Dean Butler, SgtMaj Kinsley and their drill instructor.

Chaplain Leo McDonald delivered a face-to-face benediction. As the faculty commenced the recessional, Battalion Commander Andrew Winney took the stage and signalled the traditional celebratory hat toss.

The Academy extends congratulations to the graduating class of 2005 and their families. Best wishes to you as you embark upon your future.

P.S. Don't forget to write!!!

Teacher of the Year Selected by Corps of Cadets



**2005 Teacher of the Year
Michele Wood**

Each year the Academy Corps of Cadets selects a Teacher of the Year through a secret ballot process. The teacher selected is presented with a \$1,000 check and has his/her photo and name engraved on a plaque which resides in Coleman Hall.

This year, the Corps of Cadets selected Michele Wood, English teacher. Mrs. Wood earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of Texas at Brownsville. Mrs. Wood believes that effective teachers support their Cadets in their extracurricular activities in addition to the instruction provided within the classroom. Her favorite teaching activity is the research process that she undertakes with her middle school Cadets as "it is always amazing to see the final product and the pride on their faces when they know they have done well." During leisure time, Mrs. Wood enjoys reading and spending time with her family.

Marine Military Academy salutes Michele Wood.

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MMA Boy Scout Troop 22 Wraps Up The Year In Style

In keeping with MMA's goal of developing a young boy into a responsible young man, Boy Scout Troop 22 encourages cadets to be kind, obedient, trustworthy and to learn leadership and teamwork skills in a positive environment. SgtMajor Jim Poe, a 30-year retired Marine and MMA Admissions recruiter, is Troop 22's Scoutmaster. The program is the single largest activity offered to cadets at MMA, and about one fourth of cadets are registered Scouts.

MMA's Troop 22 meets every Tuesday night on campus to work on earning merit badges, outdoor skills, and occasional guest speakers. Activities are held on campus and off. Every month, a campout is conducted at nearby Camp Perry. Field trips and other off-campus events are organized through the academic year.

Efforts are made yearly to keep scouting interesting and relevant to cadets. In fact, scouting has expanded to be much more than just campfires and knot tying. There are now 119 different badges available to those scouts who step up and accept the challenge. Besides the traditional badges such as first aid and archery, cadets can pursue badges in areas as diverse as graphic arts, theater, and truck transportation.

The Boy Scout organization has been in existence for over 90 years. Thousands of adults discovered their future career



Scout John Shelton lights the candles at the Court of Honor Ceremony.



Scoutmaster SgtMaj Poe and General Rollings congratulate badge earners.



Order of the Arrow Inductees Cory Slape, Douglas Stephens, and David Cooper (l-r)



Assistant Scoutmasters Rob Bowen (MMA Parent) and Trey Smith (l-r).

endeavors through the merit badge program. Studies have shown many successful men in all areas of our nation are former Scouts. Nearly all NASA astronauts began in the Boy Scout program. Over 12% of those accepted to the U.S. Naval Academy and West Point are Eagle Scouts.

Strains of "I Want To Fly Like An Eagle" by the Steve Miller Band filled the Philip Yeckel Memorial Auditorium on May 20,

2005 as proud parents, grandparents, faculty and staff gathered to watch three members of Troop 22 receive their Eagle Scout badges during the Eagle Scout Award Ceremony. Just the day before, Cadets David Miller, Thomas Carroll, and John Shelton underwent a strenuous, in-depth review of their entire scouting record by The Rio Grande Council Board of Review to ensure

the esteemed order of the Eagle Scout rank would be upheld. "Waiting for their ruling was one of the longest, most difficult things I've ever done," grimaced Cadet Shelton. All three candidates passed the Review with flying colors. Troop 22 Scoutmaster SgtMaj Jim Poe explains, "To achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, a lot of hard work must occur. It doesn't come easy. The scout must earn 21 merit badges, exhibit leadership traits, plan and supervise an Eagle service project among many other things. Achieving Eagle Scout status is an adult level responsibility."

In a separate Court of Honor held May 10th, 82 Merit badges were awarded along with six rank advancements, and other awards and patches signifying camporee and volunteer participation. Cadets Cory Slape, Douglas Stephens, and David Cooper, recent inductees into the Order of the Arrow, were recognized during the dinner. The Order of the Arrow is the honor roll of Scouting. Those selected to attend the ordeal initiation are selected through Troop vote amongst fellow Scouts. Potential inductees are required to complete a weekend-long ordeal to earn the right of passage into the Order of the Arrow. Col Glenn Hill, an avid supporter of Boy Scouting, recognized Scoutmaster SgtMaj Poe and Assistant Scoutmasters Rob Bowen and Trey Smith for their valuable contributions, support and personal sacrifice to Troop 22 over the past several years.

Marine Military Academy commends Troop 22 on an outstanding year of scouting.



NEWLY-AWARDED EAGLE SCOUTS Thomas Carroll, David Miller, and John Shelton (left to right).

Fifth-Year Cadets Awarded Planks During Senior Banquet



CHARLIE COMPANY
JOSHUA AARON GASAWAY
Mercedes, Texas



GOLF COMPANY
BEAU WHITTEN FLOWERS
Boerne, Texas



GOLF COMPANY
JASON MICHAEL GREEN
Valley Stream, New York

The Plankholder Award is presented to MMA cadets who have completed all of the secondary grades offered at the Academy, 8th through 12th.

MMA Alumni Outstanding Cadet Award



Cadet Battalion Commander **Andrew Winney** received the MMA Alumni Outstanding Cadet Award for 2005. Presenting the award was Jim Mischel, Class of '80. Andrew is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Justin Winney of Falls Church, Virginia. He will be attending University of Wyoming this fall and will receive a scholarship.

Earning a Marine-Option scholarship to Texas A & M University but accepting an appointment to the United States Naval Academy is **Cadet Jarod Faulk**, the son of Ms. Janet Faulk of Dallas, Texas. He earned several military honors including Military Order of the Purple Heart Leadership Award, promotion to Cadet Captain in August 2004 and has remained on the President's List for eight semesters. Jarod participated in Swimming as Team Captain, Boy Scouts of America achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, and Marine Military Academy's Aerospace program. His career plans are to become a Naval or Marine Aviator or an astronaut. Summarizing the

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SMILES AND HEARTY LAUGHTER filled the Senior Banquet as Alumnus Jim Mischel reminisced about his trials and tribulations as a young MMA cadet.

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five years spent at Marine Military Academy Jarod states, "MMA has prepared me for life in the real world where it is necessary to be self-sufficient, dependable, and—most importantly—carry on the traits of honor, courage and commitment, whether it be in the military or as a civilian."

Cadet William Elliott IV is accepting an Army ROTC Scholarship to the University of Houston. William is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Winston Elliott of Houston, Texas.

Accepting three Army ROTC scholarships to Murray State University is **Cadet Daniel Taylor**. Daniel is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Lew Taylor of Denton, Texas.

Cadet Schyler Beech, son of Mr. and Mrs. Schyler Beech of Lutchter, Louisiana, received a scholarship to Maritime College.

Cadet Arturo Brana, son of Ms. Romely Garcia Aldrete of Tampico, Tamaulipas Mexico, received a scholarship to Monterrey Technology University.

Cadet Michael Burtis, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Burtis of Colchester, Connecticut, received a scholarship to Johnson State College.

Cadet Heng Chen, son of Ms. Qu Rong Hui of Houston, Texas, received a scholarship to Baylor University.

Cadet Chris Collins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Collins of Smithville, Texas, received a scholarship to St. Edwards University.

Cadet Adam Gilles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Gilles of Harlingen, Texas, received a scholarship to Tarleton State.

Cadet Jason Hawkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Hawkins of McAllen, Texas, received a scholarship to Texas A & M University.

Cadet Miguel Heinonen, son of Dr. Paula Heinonen of Oxford, England, received a scholarship to Johnson & Wales University.

Cadet Ben Hubbard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hubbard of Houston, Texas, received a scholarship to Southern Methodist University.

Cadet Sean McCarver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCarver of Bellaire, Texas, received a scholarship to Texas A & M University.

Cadet Scott Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Miller of Arlington, Virginia, received a scholarship to Texas Tech University.

Cadet Jared Perry, son of Ms. Jaqueline Perry of Tulsa, Oklahoma, received a scholarship to Wabash College.

Cadet Gangshan Shi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jun Qing Shi of Shenyang, China, received a scholarship to Johnson & Wales University.

Cadet Jaskeerat Singh, son of Ms. Joy Saphia of Round Rock, Texas, received a scholarship to McMurray State University.

Cadet Yi-Ming Wang, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daping Wang of Shenyang, China, received a scholarship to Rice University.

Cadet Charles Wulz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Wulz of Richardson, Texas, received a scholarship to Texas A & M University.

Lights, Camera, ACTION!

Keep your eyes wide open while on MMA's campus or you just may become the primary subject of MMA's Photography class.

Instructor Gary Howard, winner of the Air Force Photography Contest sixteen years in a row, opens the door to the world of photography to students beginning with camera basics and down-to-earth technical knowledge such as copyright infringement issues. From there, the class moves on to explore the history of photography and the evolution into today's digital market. Next, students learn how and when to apply different types of film speed and digital sensors and how to develop film into the final image. Mr. Howard, also a Mathematics instructor, combines Photography and Math when explaining which tools are used to get proper exposure and how to "do the math" to estimate the exposure when light meters are not available.

Advancing on, students explore digital photography and the similarities between film and digital. Then, it's on to how to shoot sports with a video camera. During this segment the class works directly with the Athletics Department and becomes the official videographer for MMA's football games and other sporting events.



CADET SHANNON attended the April 2005 Alumni Weekend activities and shot this photograph from atop MMA's Rappelling Tower.

Besides learning how to operate the equipment and to develop film properly within the darkroom, students learn how to manipulate and enhance images through Microsoft Photoshop software.

The darkroom and much of the computer photography equipment used by the class were made possible through the generosity of MMA Parent and Professional Photographer E. D. Shannon of San Antonio, Texas. MMA

Board Trustee Edgar Aronson generously contributed several pieces of camera equipment.

Cadet Zachary Shannon is one of Mr. Howard's "rising" photographers you'll see about campus covering various events like football and basketball games, Alumni weekend events, the annual Ring Dance, and Boy Scout Troop 22's Court of Honor—just to name a few. "I was born with a camera in my hands," relates Shannon. "Both my parents are photographers. I can't draw very well, and I like art. Photography is my way to express true art. My favorite is using black and white film to capture the depth of the picture. Black and white is so much more expressive than color."

Although Cadet Shannon has been successful in many national photography contests, his plans are to study biotechnology at Texas A & M following graduation from MMA, then eventually do medical research in the U.S. Army. "Photography will always be my favorite hobby," he hastens to add.

So, when on campus you turn to find an MMA Photography student snapping your picture, you might hear, "Smile, you're on MMA's Candid Camera!"

Successful completion of the Photography class awards one Fine Art credit. 5

MILITARY AWARDS



The following selections were made by the President of the Academy, based on recommendations by the Military Department Awards Board.

Marine Military Academy President's Award

Awarded to the senior cadet who has demonstrated outstanding leadership ability, excellence in scholastic achievement, has actively participated in extracurricular activities, and who, in all respects, best personifies the most outstanding cadet.

Cadet LtCol Andrew J. Winney

Marine Military Academy Commandant of Cadet's Award

Awarded to the junior cadet who has demonstrated the most outstanding leadership ability; excellence in scholastic achievement, active participation in extracurricular activities and who best personifies the underclass cadet with the most potential for a leadership role in the next academic year.

Cadet SgtMaj David A. Miller

American Legion Bronze Medal for Scholastic Excellence

Awarded to the senior cadet who has achieved scholastic excellence in all academic courses, to include JROTC subjects. The cadet must have demonstrated qualities of leadership and actively participated in student activities such as student organizations, constructive activities or sports.

Cadet 1stLt Yi-Ming Wang

American Legion Bronze Medal for Military Excellence

Awarded to a member of the senior class who has maintained an excellent academic standing, including all JROTC subjects, and who has demonstrated outstanding qualities in military leadership, discipline, character and citizenship.

Cadet Capt Scott E. Miller

Daughters of American Revolution Award

Awarded to a cadet with an excellent academic record, who has demonstrated dependability and good character, adherence to military discipline, leadership ability and a fundamental and patriotic understanding of the importance of JROTC training.

Cadet 1stLt Arturo Brana



CADET LTCOL ANDREW J. WINNEY is awarded the prestigious MMA President's Award by MajGen Wayne E. Rollings, USMC (Ret), President of MMA and Mr. Anthony J. McIntyre, MMA Board Chairman, special guest and Commencement Speaker. Winney served as Battalion Commander this year.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Award

Awarded to the cadet who has shown the most overall improvement in academic and military standing during the current school year.

Cadet 2ndLt George A. Gilles

Senior Marine Instructors Award

Awarded to a cadet who distinguishes himself through superior performance and outstanding proficiency and achievement in all facets of the MCJROTC program.

Cadet Capt Bing Y. Chen

National Sojourners Americanism - Junior Award

Awarded to a member of the junior class, who has demonstrated by his actions and attitude, outstanding patriotism and Americanism, as well as noteworthy leadership within the Corps of Cadets.

Cadet GySgt Robert A. Long Jr.

National Society Daughters of Founders and Patriots Award

Awarded to a member of the sophomore class who has demonstrated by his actions and attitude, outstanding patriotism and Americanism, as well as noteworthy leadership within the Corps of Cadets.

Cadet Sgt James R. Golden

Semper Fidelis Award

Awarded to a first-year cadet who has been faithful to his school, displayed selfless and steadfast spirit and devotion to the MCJROTC program as well as the school and its activities, maintained excellent academic achievements, and demonstrated outstanding citizenship habits.

Cadet Cpl Andrew E. Alexander



CADET 2NDLT George A. Gilles (above) accepts the Veterans of Foreign Wars Award as presented by SgtMaj David Miller. This is awarded to the cadet who has shown the most overall improvement in academic and military standing throughout the current school year.



Reserve Officers Association Award

Awarded to a first-year cadet who has demonstrated an outstanding combination of military, academic and athletic achievements during the academic year.

Cadet Cpl Michael C. Schwerin

Association of Military Schools and Colleges of the United States Award

Awarded to a cadet who has demonstrated to a high degree, the combination of academic and military excellence and leadership potential.

Cadet Capt Christopher A. Smith

American Defense Preparedness Association Award

Awarded to a member of the senior class who distinguished himself through superior performance in the "Leadership Education" phase of the MCJROTC curriculum, and through outstanding proficiency and achievement in all other facets of the MCJROTC program.

Cadet Major Christian D. Stana



CADET 1ST SGT MAXWELL O. CYPHERS is presented The Military Order of the Purple Heart Leadership Award by SgtMaj Albert Wilson. The award exemplifies a cadet who has demonstrated an outstanding degree of leadership potential and ability.

(BELOW) CADET SGTMAJ David A. Miller (below) receives this year's Commandant of Cadets Award from 1st Sgt Rudolph Johnson, U.S. Army, (Ret). The award is presented to a member of the junior class who demonstrates outstanding leadership ability, excellence in scholastic achievement, active participation in extra-curricular activities and exhibits most potential for leadership in the upcoming academic year.



The Military Officers Association Award

Awarded to a member of the junior class who is in the top ten percent of his class, has an "A" in military science, holds a staff noncommissioned officer billet with the capability and expectation of being promoted to a cadet officer rank in his senior year.

Cadet 1stSgt Lorenzo L. Estrada

National Rifle Association Club Championship Award

Awarded to a cadet for excellence in marksmanship as a member of the General Vernon E. Megee Rifle Club. This award can only be received once.

Cadet SSgt Steven E. Park

The Weisenberger Distinguished Marksmanship Trophy

Awarded to the outstanding overall shooter on the MMA Varsity Rifle Team.

Cadet 1stLt Daniel L. Taylor

John Philip Sousa Music Award

Awarded in to a cadet who has demonstrated outstanding achievement and interest in instrumental music, singular merit in loyalty and cooperation, and who has displayed those high qualities of conduct that school instrumental music requires.

Cadet GySgt Stephen C. Cooper

Colonel H. Wm. Card Jr., USMC (Retired) Inspirational Leadership Award

Awarded to the graduating cadet officer who best personifies the qualities of honor, integrity, responsibility and loyalty to subordinates so essential to effective leadership.

Cadet Capt Sean K. McCarver

The Military Order of the World Wars Medal

Awarded to the most-improved cadet in the unit, who has advanced both his military and scholastic grades, and who has shown, by his achievements, a desire to serve the United States of America.

Cadet Sgt Jason R. South

The Women Marines Association MCJROTC Award

Awarded to the most outstanding second-year MCJROTC cadet with excellent academic accomplishment and citizenship, with the highest leadership education grades for his group.

Cadet Staff Sgt Ryan A. Law



(ABOVE) CADET LANCE CORPORAL ERICA SPERLING receives the Delta Company Drill Instructor Award. Each company Drill Instructor selects a cadet who is worthy of special recognition. Presenting the award is SgtMaj Larry Carson, USMC (Ret).

MILITARY AWARDS

The Third Marine Division Award

Awarded to a member of the senior class who has demonstrated an outstanding combination of military and academic achievement, given in the name of those who have served under the banner of the Third Marine Division.

Cadet Capt Earl E. Frye

The Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution Award

Awarded to a cadet, 18 years of age or younger, who has participated in school and community activities, fulfills the qualities of honor, service and courage, exhibits leadership ability, is patriotic, understands and appreciates his American heritage and the sacrifices necessary to gain and keep his American freedom, is in good standing militarily and academically at the time of presentation of the award.

Cadet Capt Beau W. Flowers

The Military Order of the Purple Heart Award

Presented to a cadet who has demonstrated an outstanding degree of leadership potential and ability.

Cadet 1st Sgt Maxwell O. Cyphers

Drill Instructor's Award

Awarded to a cadet, selected by his Drill Instructor, who is worthy of special recognition.

Company A *Cadet LCpl Jose Alariste-Diaz*

Company C *Cadet 1st Lt Markus R. Werner*

Company D *Cadet LCpl Eric A. Sperling*

Company E *Cadet 1st Lt Miguel N. Heinonen*

Company F *Cadet Pvt 1st Class William T. Lashbrook*

Company G *Cadet LCpl Nathaniel E. Keegan*

TAWANI Charitable Foundation, Incorporated

Awarded to cadets in grades 9 through 12 who best exemplify the concept of the "Citizen Soldier" through academic achievement, physical fitness, community service and military knowledge.

9th Grade

Cadet Cpl Travis R. Duncan

10th Grade

Cadet Sgt James R. Golden

11th Grade

Cadet GySgt Stephen C. Cooper

12th Grade

Cadet 1st Lt Yi-Ming Wang

Best Overall

Cadet GySgt Stephen C. Cooper



TAWANI Charitable Foundation, Inc., selected Cadet Corporal Travis R. Duncan as 9th Grade selection who best exemplifies the concept of the "Citizen Soldier" through academic achievement, physical fitness, community service, and military knowledge. Presenting the award was MMA Chief of Staff Col Glenn Hill, USMC (Ret).

Scouts of the Year

8th Grade

Cadet LCpl Charles W. Morrison III

9th Grade

Cadet LCpl David C. Cooper

11th Grade

Cadet Sgt David A. Miller

Cadet Assistant Scoutmaster of the Year

Cadet LCpl Cody Steves



CADET GYSGT Stephen C. Cooper received the John Philip Sousa Award presented by CWO3 Edward Harris. It is awarded to a cadet who has demonstrated outstanding achievement and interest in instrumental music and displays the required high qualities of conduct, loyalty, and cooperation.

CLASS OF 2005: Colleges Applied To and Accepted At; Where MMA Grads Are Going*

Caution: Bright Futures listed below. Use of sunglass protection strongly encouraged when reading.

<u>Schlyer Beech</u>	Nicholls State University Sunny: Maritime College*	<u>Jason Green</u>	Daniel Webster College* University Of Alaska at Anchorage	<u>Justin Santolaya</u>	Baylor University Johnson & Wales University *
<u>Arturo Brana</u>	Monterrey Tech University *	<u>Dan Guillotte</u>	Collins College*	<u>A.J. Schirm</u>	Richland College* Stephen F. Austin State Texas A&M: Galveston
<u>Michael Burtis</u>	Johnson State College*	<u>Kris Guyton</u>	Blinn Community*	<u>John Shelton</u>	Estrella Mountain Community College*
<u>Benjamin Cao</u>	Cal State Fullerton* Cal State Sacramento San Diego State	<u>John Happel</u>	Appalachian State East Carolina University N. Carolina State University *	<u>Gangshan Shi</u>	Baylor University Husson College Johnson & Wales University *
<u>Thomas Carroll</u>	Texas A&M: Galveston Texas Tech University The Citadel*	<u>Jason Hawkins</u>	Texas State University*		
<u>Bing Yin Chen</u>	Texas Tech University U Of Houston: Main*	<u>Mika Heinonen</u>	Johnson & Wales University *		
<u>Heng Chen</u>	Baylor University Texas Christian University UT Austin*	<u>Chris Hobart</u>	Texas A&M*		
<u>C.J. Collins</u>	St Edwards University *	<u>Dian Yun Hou</u>	University Of Houston *	<u>Brian Simpson</u>	Blinn College: Brenham Stephen F. Austin State*
<u>Lin Cook IV</u>	Military: US Army * UT Arlington UT San Antonio	<u>Ben Hubbard</u>	Southern Methodist UT Austin*	<u>Jaskeerat Singh</u>	McMurry University University Of Houston UT San Antonio*
<u>Marcus DeBlasio</u>	College Station, TX Sam Houston State* UT San Antonio	<u>Barton Isbell</u>	UT San Antonio*	<u>Chris Smith</u>	The Citadel* University Of Nevada at Las Vegas
<u>Yile Deng</u>	Penn State at Dubois Penn State-Park Campus UT Austin*	<u>Alvaro Johnson</u>	UT San Antonio*		
<u>Winston Elliott IV</u>	Army ROTC TCU Texas A&M University Of Georgia*	<u>Stephen Kang</u>	Blinn College Military: US Navy* Glendale Community College*		
<u>Jarod Faulk</u>	University Of Mississippi Embry-Riddle Marine Option ROTC Purdue University Rensselaer Poly Tech Inst Texas A&M U.S. Naval Academy* UT Austin Wabash	<u>Guillermo Limon</u>	Glendale Community College*		
<u>Clark Fletchinger</u>	University Of Louisiana at Lafayette* University Of New Orleans	<u>Sean McCarver</u>	Texas A&M*	<u>Chris Stana</u>	University Of Nevada at Reno
<u>Beau Flowers</u>	Baylor University *	<u>Scott Miller</u>	Texas Tech University UT Austin*	<u>Daniel Taylor</u>	Blinn College Of Bryan Murray State University*
<u>Carl Foster</u>	Texas State University Texas A&M: Galveston*	<u>Derek Mills</u>	The Citadel* University Of Mass. at Dartmouth University Of Mass. at Boston		Texas A&M: Commerce University Of Alaska at Fairbanks
<u>Earl Frye</u>	Texas State University Sierra College*	<u>Frank Morales</u>	University Of Mass. at Dartmouth University Of Mass. at Boston	<u>Jake Thompson</u>	University Of North Texas Embry-Riddle*
<u>James Garcia</u>	Texas A&M: Galveston Texas Tech University *	<u>Nasser Nagi</u>	Universidad Autonoma De Mexico*	<u>George Vasquez</u>	UT Brownsville*
<u>Josh Gasaway</u>	Sam Houston State Texas A&M*	<u>Leland Operacz</u>	University Of Cincinnati* University Of Toledo	<u>Donald Walton</u>	Stephen F. Austin State*
<u>Adam Gilles</u>	Sul Ross State Tarleton State*	<u>Jose Orantes</u>	University Of Toledo Maine Maritime Academy Marymount College Texas A&M: Galveston*	<u>Yi-Ming Wang</u>	Cornell University Penn State at Park Campus Purdue University Rensselaer Poly Tech Inst Rice University *
<u>Guillermo Gonzalez</u>	Incarnate Word University UT San Antonio*	<u>Matthew Parker</u>	Texas A&M: Galveston* Universidad Ibero Americana*		UT Austin Wabash Washington University East Central University Oklahoma State*
		<u>Jared Perry</u>	Collin County Comm.* Texas Tech University Berklee College Of Music*	<u>Markus Werner</u>	Sam Houston State University Of Mississippi Beloit College Kansas Wesleyan University
		<u>Derryl Piper III</u>	Oklahoma State UT Austin Wabash Lamar University Louisiana State Northeastern University Texas Tech University *	<u>Andrew Winney</u>	Texas A&M Texas Lutheran University Of Wyoming*
		<u>Jamahl Randle</u>	UT Arlington Baylor University Sam Houston State University Of Cincinnati University Of North TX*	<u>Charles Wulz</u>	Virginia Military Institute Purdue University Texas A&M*
		<u>Antonio Romero</u>	Stephen F. Austin State UT San Antonio*	<u>Ying-Qi Zhao</u>	Sam Houston State Stephen F. Austin State University Of Houston*

* indicates cadet's college of choice

Of Special Note: Approximately 25% of MMA's graduating class received financial assistance through MMA's scholarship fund.

MMA Senior Class of 2005

Schylar Jude Beech
Arturo Braña
Michael Todd Burtis
Benjamin Chi Tai Cao
Thomas Jonathan Carroll
Bing Yin Chen
Heng Chen
Christopher John Collins
Linwood Paul Cook IV
Marcus Anthony DeBlasio
Yile Deng
William Winston Elliott IV
Jarod Ryan Faulk
Clark Caffery Fletchinger
Beau Whitten Flowers
Carl Justin Foster
Earl Evan Frye
James Matthew Garcia
Joshua Aaron Gasaway
George Adam Gilles
Guillermo González Rodríguez
Jason Michael Green
Daniel P. Guillotte
Kristopher Thomas Guyton
John Griffin Happel
Jason Robert Hawkins
Miguel Niko Heinonen
Christopher Todd Hobart
Dian Yun Hou
Ben Wilson Hubbard
Barton Lee Isbell
Alvaro Joseph Johnson
Stephen Chung-Dae Kang
Guillermo Limón



CLASS OF 2005 Seniors stand to attention in front of Yeckel Auditorium in anticipation of the upcoming Commencement Exercises.

Sean Kent McCarver
Jairo Rolando Medina
Scott Evan Miller
Derek Anthony Mills
Frank J. Morales
Nasser Aref Nagi
Leland Operacz
José Luis Orantes Costanzo
Matthew Anthony Parker-Williams
Jared O'Neill Perry
Derryl Dale Piper III
Jamahl Randle
Antonio Romero, Jr.
Justin Santi Santolaya
Andrew Joseph Schirm
John William Shelton

Gangshan Shi
Brian William Simpson
Jaskeerat Singh
Christopher Alexander Smith
Christian David Stana
Daniel Lewis Taylor
William Jacob Thompson
George Raphael Vasquez
Donald Ray Walton
Yi-Ming Wang
Markus Roy Werner
Andrew Jenkins Winney
Charles Caleb Wulz
Ying Qi Zhao



THE Battalion Commander signals and Class of 2005 Seniors respond: COVER TOSS!



ACADEMIC AWARDS

Valedictorian Plaque

Given to the graduating senior cadet who has attended MMA the last three or more years, with the highest grade point average.

Jarod Faulk

Salutatorian Plaque

Given to the graduating senior cadet who has attended MMA the last three or more years, with the second highest grade point average.

Yi-Ming Wang

Colonel Phil Yeckel, USMCR, Award for Athlete of the Year

Presented to the graduating senior who has contributed the most to the athletic program of MMA and who has been enrolled at the academy for at least two years. The name of this year's recipient will be added to the plaque on a trophy permanently displayed at the Academy.

Adam Gilles

USMC Scholastic Excellence Award

Presented to a cadet who has consistently distinguished himself in the area of academics and whose personal traits of courage, poise, self-confidence and leadership serve as an example for younger cadets.

Scott Miller

USMC Distinguished Athlete Award

Presented to the junior athlete who is the best role model for younger cadets, and who best exhibits the personal traits of courage, poise, self-confidence and leadership.

Sean McCarver



Cadet Adam Gilles is the Col Phillip Yeckel Athlete of the Year trophy holder.

President's Athletic Award

Presented to the cadet who is an unselfish team player, a tireless worker and an individual who has parlayed sheer hustle, sacrifice and intestinal fortitude into recognition and respect as a two-sport varsity athlete.

David Miller

Dean's Award

Presented to the senior who, in the opinion of the Dean, has demonstrated the most improvement scholastically, over the three or more years he has attended MMA. His name will be added to a plaque permanently displayed in Coleman Hall.

Heng Chen

Mariner of the Year Award

Presented to an MMA mariner who has demonstrated exceptional leadership, seamanship and personal courage during marine science boating activities.

Bing Yin Chen

Rolls-Royce Trophy for Excellence in Aerospace

Presented to the cadet who exhibits an outstanding devotion to his aerospace studies.

Jarod Faulk

Daughters of the American Revolution

Thomas Barlow Chapter American History Award

Presented to the cadet who exhibits maximum effort in his class in American History.

Adam Harris

Rensselear Mathematics and Science Award

Given by the Rensselear Polytechnic Institute to the junior class cadet who is the most outstanding student in mathematics and science, and who demonstrates the potential for success in science or a technologically oriented profession.

Stephen Cooper

Cadet Graham Forssman is the Heard Scholarship Award recipient. The scholarship is established in memory of former Cadet Chris Heard and is awarded each year to a junior or senior cadet who maintains at least a 3.0 gpa for one year and demonstrates character, leadership and esprit de corps.

Top Students in Subject

English
Mathematics
Science
Social Studies
Foreign Lang.
Computer Science

Yiming Wang
Stephen Cooper
Yiming Wang
Yiming Wang
David Miller
Jarod Faulk

Top Students in Class

Eighth
Freshman
Sophomore

Junior

Michael David Karfunkle
Nathaniel E. Keegan
Zachary C. Bowen
James Travis Fuqua
James Robert Golden
Tian Zhang

U.S. Naval Academy Appointment

Jarod Faulk

NROTC Scholarship, Marine Option

Jarod Faulk

Army ROTC Scholarship

William Elliott IV
Daniel Taylor

Mastery of Leadership Studies Award

Awarded to cadets who have achieved Mastery of Leadership Studies by successfully completing all four years of the MMA Leadership Program, consisting of leadership and ethics, theory and the nature of leadership, leadership as a behavioral science and operational leadership.

Thomas Carroll
Linwood Cook
Christopher Hobart
Sean McCarver
Forrest Macomber
Douglas Stephens
Juventino Villanueva
Markus Werner
Andrew Winney





ACADEMIC AWARDS

★ Red Cross Award

Presented by the National Honor Society to a cadet for outstanding work and leadership during the 2004-2005 school year blood drives.



Andrew Winney

★ MajGen Robert E. Friedrich Award

Awarded to a senior who has the most outstanding record in both academics and military science.



John Happel

★ Christopher Heard Scholarship Award

Presented to a junior or senior cadet who maintains at least a 3.0 GPA for one year and demonstrates character, leadership and esprit de corps.



Graham Forssman

★ US Marine Corps' "Semper Fidelis"

Music Excellence Award

Presented to the cadet who has exhibited the personal traits of diligence, dedication and music excellence while performing as a bandsman or soloist.



Cory Slape

★ National French Contest Award

The organization for the National French Contest sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of French presents a Laureat pin and certificate from the South Texas Chapter for First Place in French Level Two.



Frank Vianello



★ South Texas French Contest Award

The organization for the National French Contest sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of French presents a Fraternalite pin and certificate from the South Texas Chapter for Second Place in French Level Two.



Brian Travis Smith



★ Gold Star Award

The Gold Star recognizes exceptional academic achievement by seniors during last semester of the 2004/2005 academic year and signifies membership on the President's list for two consecutive semesters.



*Jarod Ryan Faulk
Ben Wilson Hubbard
Scott Evan Miller
Jared O'Neill Perry
Yiming Wang*



Cadet Heng Chen is the recipient of the Dean's Award. The award goes to the senior who has demonstrated the most improvement over the three or more years he has attended MMA. Presenting the award is MajGen Wayne Rollings, USMC (Ret), President of MMA. Academic Dean John Butler looks on (far right).

Gold Wreath Award

The Gold Wreath recognizes exceptional academic achievement by seniors during last semester of the 2004/2005 academic year and signifies a GPA of 3.75 or higher and membership on the President's list.

*Jarod Ryan Faulk
Ben Wilson Hubbard
Scott Evan Miller
Jared O'Neill Perry
Yiming Wang*

Silver Wreath Award

The Gold Wreath recognizes exceptional academic achievement by seniors during last semester of the 2004/2005 academic year and signifies a GPA of 3.5 or higher and membership on the Dean's list.

*Arturo Brana
Heng Chen
Yile Deng
John Griffin Happel
Jason Robert Hawkins*

Blue Star Award

The Blue Star Award recognizes exceptional academic achievement by seniors during last semester of the 2004/2005 academic year and signifies membership on the President's or the Dean's list for two consecutive semesters.

Heng Chen



Pomp and circumstance are the order of the day as MMA Class of 2005 processional advances.

2004-2005 Eighth Grade Graduation

Jose Gabriel Alatrisme
Mexico City, MEXICO
Curtis Carroll Bearden V
Fort Worth, Texas
Chad Michael Bruneman
Dallas, Texas
Robert Cheng
Corsicana, Texas
Clay Patrick Crocker
Austin, Texas
Liam Dawson-Thomas
Vallejo, California
Roland Douglas DeMarco
Granite Bay, California
James Stewart Dowdell
Underwood, Minnesota
Jorge Hector Enriquez-Longoria
Saltillo, Coah MEXICO
Joshua Edward Eplett
Eagle Point, Oregon
Jonathan Colin Ewer
McAllen, Texas
Gleb Fedorenko
Fair Lawn, New Jersey
Thomas Del Gallardo
Castro Valley, California
Alexander Nikolas Gierczyk
Kingwood, Texas
Daniel Christopher Goodman
Plantation, Florida
Brian Jacob Hart
Granada Hills, California



MICHAEL DAVID KARFUNKLE receives the "Top Student in the Class" award for the Eighth Grade Class.

Michael David Karfunkle
Spring, Texas
Roman Mikhail Kazakevitch
Carlsbad, California
KC Callahan Lanski
Huntington Beach, California
William Taylor Lashbrook
San Antonio, Texas
Malcolm Alexander Liverpool
Plano, Texas
Michael B. Lorraine-Blanton
Plano, Texas
Felix Joseph Lozano IV
Fort Worth, Texas
Jesus Raphael Meza
Laredo, Texas
Issac Andrew Miller
Glendora, California
Charles William Morrison III
Jarrell, Texas

Logan Alan Murdock
Houston, Texas
Zachary Don Phillips
Fort Worth, Texas
Taylor Steven Roepke
Denton, Texas
Cameron Mitchell Rux
Las Vegas, Nevada
Kelly Paul Smith
Oviedo, Florida
Gerad Jonathon Stratton
Cedar Park, Texas
Amir Armon Taymoori
Missouri City, Texas
Rosendo Valdez
McAllen, Texas
Adam Jacob Winakur
San Antonio, Texas
Flint Cole Yerian
Ash Fork, Arizona



MMA PARENT ORGANIZATION PRESIDENT RHONDA BOWEN receives a token of appreciation from MajGen Wayne Rollings, USMC (Ret), MMA President. The Parents Organization is an integral part of MMA. Members pitch in and support the Corps of Cadets with many different endeavors ranging from pizza and birthday parties to purchasing vans and buses.

IWO JIMA Revisited

"This picture rug is presented to Marine Military Academy as a small token of thanks for the first Marines taking and holding the Island of Guadalcanal... For those of us who worked and observed from a distance (United States Coast Guard Lunga Boat Pool), there is little one may add except *thank you.*" The sincerity in U.S. Coast Guard Retiree Fred Mann's voice reverberated against the bright inner walls of MMA's Cadet Activity Center as General Rollings, Mrs. Rollings, neighbor Angie St. Clair and others looked on.

Mr. Mann's rug creation depicts the February 19, 1945 U.S. recapture of Iwo Jima, a primary objective in American plans to bring the Pacific campaign to a successful conclusion. The small island of Iwo Jima lies 660 miles south of Tokyo. One of its outstanding geographical features is Mount Suribachi, an extinct volcano that forms the narrow southern tip of the island and rises 550 feet to dominate the area. On the morning of February 19, 1945, the 4th and 5th Marine Divisions invaded Iwo Jima after a somewhat ineffective bombardment lasting 72 hours. The 28th Regiment, 5th Division, was ordered to capture Mount Suribachi. They reached the base of the mountain on the afternoon of February 21 and by nightfall the next day had nearly surrounded it. On the dawn of February 23, Marines of Company E, 2nd Battalion, started the tortuous climb on rough terrain to the top. Around 10:30 a.m., men all over the island thrilled to the sight of a tiny American Flag flying atop Mount Suribachi. Later that afternoon when the slopes were cleared of enemy resistance, a second, much larger, flag was raised by five Marines and a Navy hospital corpsman. The afternoon flagraising was captured by a newsphotographer in a Pulitzer prize-winning photograph which then became the inspiration for sculptor Dr. Felix W. de Weldon's famous scale model, and the original working model was gifted to Marine Military Academy in 1981.



THE IWO JIMA FLAG RAISING AS DEPICTED BY Frederick Mann, USCG (Ret) on left, MajGen Wayne Rollings, USMC (Ret) on right.

Mr. Mann, then CWO4 with the U.S. Coast Guard, was assigned to the Lunga Boat Pool, stationed nearby at Lunga Point, Guadalcanal during the Pacific campaign. The Coast Guard's first major participation in the Pacific war was at Guadalcanal, playing a large part in the landings on the islands. The Coast Guard's task proved so critical that they were later involved in every major amphibious campaign during World War II. During the war, the Coast Guard manned over 350 ships among other amphibious type assault craft with the goal of getting Marines to the beaches. The initial landings were made on Guadalcanal in August 1942, and were dispatched from nearby Lunga Base. Eighteen of the twenty-two naval troop-carrying ships attached to the campaign's task force carried Coast Guard personnel. These men were assigned a very important part in the landings—the operation of the landing craft. Many of the Coast Guard coxswains came from Life-Saving stations and their experience with small boats made them the most seasoned small boat handlers in government service. Mr. Mann received the Silver Medal of Honor in recognition of his Coast Guard service.

"See this notch in the black portion of the rug?" Mr. Mann pointed to the rug, indicating the area under the third soldier "I've always wondered why that area under the soldier's boot dips like that."

General Rollings, who recently revisited Iwo Jima with wife Gwen explained, "That

area is filled with black sand and white jagged rocks. It's rugged terrain, so you can imagine how tough it was for the Marines of Company E to maneuver through, dragging guns and gear at the same time."

U.S. Coast Guard Retiree Fred Mann served a total of 31.5 years in the Coast Guard, stationed at the S. Padre Island post as Group Commander before retiring in 1971. He became such a fan of the Rio Grande Valley that he, his wife, three children and two dogs relocated permanently to Harlingen, Texas where he remains amazingly active at 86 years of age.

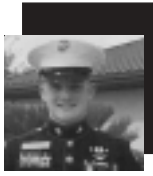
The Coast Guard motto "Always Ready" aptly describes Mr. Mann's cheerful philosophy towards living a full and productive life. Not one to remain idle, he contemplated taking up the hobby of rug hooking after being retired for a few years. "Not sure if I had the patience to hook a whole rug, I started out on an old onion sack many projects ago. Now, I use pre-made patterns," relates Mr. Mann. When asked how many hours went in to the finished 'Iwo Jima Monument' creation, Mr. Mann smiled and replied, "Couldn't tell you. I just start with one piece, then move on until I can't go on. Later, I pick it back up where I left off and go again."

The art of rug hooking has existed for approximately 200-300 years originating in the United States out of necessity. The rugs were used on floors in summer and on beds in winter to provide warmth. The first rugs were made out of all types of materials. Latch hooking uses pre-cut yarn strips, one strip per knot, and forms an open, knotted pile on the surface of the rug.

To view Mr. Mann's rug depiction of the Iwo Jima conflict, visit Peacher Cadet Activities Center located on Marine Military Academy's campus.



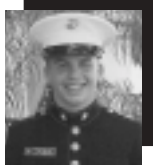
Class of 2005 Top 10



**JAROD RYAN
FAULK**
Dallas, Texas



**YIMING
WANG**
Shenyang, China



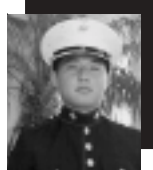
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MILLER**
Arlington, Texas



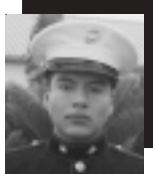
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HUBBARD**
Houston, Texas



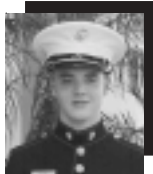
**JARED O'NEILL
PERRY**
Tulsa, Oklahoma



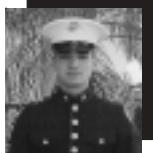
**YILE
DENG**
Houston, Texas



**JAIRO ROLANDO
MEDINA**
*San Fernando,
California*



**JOHN GRIFFIN
HAPPEL**
*Greenville,
North Carolina*



**ARTURO
BRANA**
*Tampico,
Tamaulipas Mexico*



HENG CHEN
Shenyang, China

***Congratulations
and
Best Wishes!***

"More than ever, our cadets need you!" Word from Institutional Advancement

It's not a secret--the cost of financing a young boy's education here at Marine Military Academy (MMA) is a hefty financial commitment. To educate, clothe and feed a cadet for the upcoming academic year comes with a yearly price tag of \$23,000. That's not pocket change by any means. Yet, that's minimally what it takes to provide quality teachers, exceptional facilities and leadership opportunities that shape young boys into responsible, capable leaders.

This academic year, MMA graduated 64 leaders. **Sixteen of those 64** attended MMA through the grace of financial assistance--scholarships--made possible through the foresight of friends of the Academy. That's roughly **25% of MMA's graduating class!** Factor in **six of our top ten grads (60%)**, promising young men who may not have been able to attend because of financial issues without the assistance of MMA's scholarship fund.

Take a good look at this graduating class. Yi-Ming Wang, Salutarian, did not speak English when he arrived on campus two years ago. On Saturday, 21 May 2005, he stood confidently behind MMA's podium as class salutarian, addressing the jam-packed auditorium of class mates, staff, faculty, and friends of the Academy. Yi-Ming has applied to, and been accepted, at eight prestigious universities with aspirations to attend Rice University in the fall.

Then there's Class Valedictorian Jarod Faulk, recipient of the Marine Option ROTC scholarship, accepted at no less than eight top-notch universities and service academies, opting to accept appointment to United States Naval Academy, and I enunciate "opting". Without a doubt, MMA's Graduating Class of 2005 is destined to do great things.

I was humbled during the graduating ceremony when I overheard an exchange between a cadet, an award presenter, and the



LtCol Robert Grider
Director of Institutional Advancement

Dean. The cadet had just received a monetary award which he graciously accepted. Without hesitation, he asked for a pen and signed the award over to supplement one of MMA's programs. This selfless response from one who is walking the walk, that second-nature dedication to give back to the institution that provides the opportunities for his bright future, giving back so that other aspiring young men will be afforded the opportunity to walk in his shoes. His philanthropic dedication to MMA at such a young age deeply touched me. I hope it touches you, too.

I'm asking those of you who are able to dig deep into your pockets and give generously to MMA's scholarship recipients. More than ever, these young men need your financial assistance. Write that all-so-important, tax-deductible check today, place it in the envelope provided, and expand a young boy's horizon so he, too, can stride proudly across Yeckel Auditorium's stage, prepared to meet tomorrow's challenges.

Semper Fi,

LtCol Robert Grider
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2004-2005 In Retrospect



Sandra Williams, retiring College Placement Counselor, receives a dozen red roses and gift in recognition of 20 years of dedicated service to MMA.



Graduates pause to reflect upon the past and ponder the future.



Not even a broken wrist can deter this cadet from lending a helping hand at MMA's Iwo Jima Parade!



Eagle Scout project underway ... these cadets really "dig" scouting!



Red Cross Blood Drive ... every last drop counts!



Put me in, Coach. I'm ready to play!!!

Lori Murray, retiring General Services Department Chair and SAT instructor receives a dozen red roses and gift in recognition of 23 years of dedicated service to MMA.



Alumni Corner

Where are they now?

Greetings

**from LtCol Michael F. Forrester, USMC
CSSE CE Ge Liaison Officer,
currently stationed in
AlTaqqadum, IRAQ.**



*LtCol Forrester is MMA Alumnus
(MMA Class of 1972)
and MMA Board Advisor.*

ALUMNI:

Be sure to E-Mail your updates to pickens@mma-tx.org or wieland@mma-tx.org for inclusion in the Leader. Don't forget to attach pictures if you have them!

P.S. Class of 2005--This applies to you, too!!!

Calendar of Events

June

- 1 Deadline for Re-Enrollment
- 29 Summer Camp Instructors report by 1800

July

- 03 Summer Camp/ESL Registration
- 29 Summer Camp/ESL Field Day
- 30 MMA Parent's Organization Meeting 0800
- Summer Camp/ESL Graduation

August

- 4 Football Camp check in by 1500
- 7 Band Drill Team Camp check in by 1500
- Leadership Orientation check in by 1800
- 13 Registration for First Year Cadets 0800-1200
- 14 Returning Cadets check in by 1800
- Military Orientation for Plebes
- 15-16 Teacher In-Service Days
- 17 Classes begin

Counting down the days until I cross the stage
Does it have to go so slow?
The exact answer I don't know.

Slowly letting go of my life here
Sometimes making me shed a tear
I'm leaving behind memories of fun
Put them together--weigh more than a ton.

All the miles I've run in my shoes
Showing up at church and sitting in the pews
Chilling with friends, hanging out in town
When I'm with them, you'll never see a frown.

Memories of class will never go away
The reason why? 'Cause they were mad to stay
When it comes to chits, those I've collected
When it comes to getting them, I'm never neglected.

Teachers and friends, gonna' leave them behind
Looking for the future I was meant to find
So I'll never forget, those times I've had
Every single one of them, good and bad.

Authored by Cadet Captain Stephen Kang, Class of 2005

Memorials

Doris Catterlin
Matthew Freeman - MMA '00
Patricia Y. Ging
Capt G.E. Goff - U.S. Army
Pfc Roger Gonzalez, USMC
Brandon Grafa
Adam W. Hall - MMA '98
Benjamin Phillips Hall
Lt Myron Ludvick - MMA '96
Myrtle Mason
Pfc Reuben Robledo

In Honor Of

Jack H. Brouse VMF 422
Barry Zale

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