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MMA CLASS OF 2006 STANDS READY

The Marine Military Academy (MMA) Corps of Cadets Band kicked off the traditional Graduation Parade at precisely 9 a.m. on the MMA Parade Grounds in front of the Iwo Jima Monument. The Band presented a stirring concert just prior to the Sound to Attention. During the parade, MMA Military Department and distinguished guests presented a number of end-of-the-year awards, honors and recognitions to cadets (see pages 5, 6). MMA Vice Chairman, Board of Trustees and Vice Chairman, General Motors Robert A. Lutz, a jet-attack aviator in the United States Marine Corps from 1954 to 1965, took his post as Reviewing Officer for the Parade as the Corps of Cadets marched proudly in review.

The graduating cadets had scarcely time to catch their breath before MMA's 40th

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"I'm confident that the likes of you will go forth from here and make the world a better place for the likes of us."

--Robert A. Lutz

MMA Class of 2006 Valedictorian Cadet Colonel David "Trae" Miller (right) presents MMA Vice Chairman, Board of Trustees and Vice Chairman, General Motors Robert A. Lutz, Commencement Speaker (left), with token of appreciation from the MMA Corps of Cadets during MMA's 40th Commencement held May 20th in Col Phillip J. Yeckel Memorial Auditorium.

Full photographic coverage of Graduation events, inclusive of Lutz speech in entirety, available on-line at: <http://www.mma-tx.org/Whatsnew.htm>

BRIGADIER GENERAL STEPHEN CHENEY NAMED AS NEW ACADEMY PRESIDENT



Brigadier General Stephen Cheney, USMC (Ret)

The search has ended! Brigadier General Stephen A. Cheney, USMC (Ret) has 'officially' been selected as President of the Academy. General Cheney, who will assume his post in July, replaces Marine Major General Wayne Rollings who served as the school's President from 1999 until 2005.

A strong proponent of higher education, General Cheney plans to work closely with colleges and universities to gain admission for MMA graduates, in particular the service academies, where a number of Marine Military Academy students matriculate. He also intends to be instrumental in increasing the student population at the Academy while simultaneously building the school's endowment and national ex-

posure.

MMA Board Chairman Anthony McIntyre stated, "We are thrilled to have found such a distinguished Marine who not only has had an exemplary Marine career, but also has extensive nonprofit experience in the business community. That, when combined with General Cheney's superb education credentials, compounds our belief we have found the right person to assume the leadership of this outstanding military academy."

For the last three years, General Cheney has been the Chief Operating Officer of the nonprofit, nonpartisan Business Executives for National Security (BENS) based in Washington, D.C. Comprised of 500 private sector Chief Executive Officers, BENS provides business advice and expertise to the

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MMA Class of 2006 Valedictorian Cadet David Miller (middle), "...let us remember those who have taken this step before us and keep in mind those who will take it after us so that we might perform our duty to society in such a manner that would leave this world a better place than we found it."

Commencement Exercises got underway at 11 a.m. in the school's Phil Yeckel Memorial Auditorium. The guest speaker for this year's graduation - MMA Vice Chairman, Board of Trustees and Vice Chairman, General Motors **Robert A. Lutz**, needed very little introduction. As he stepped forward to begin his address, he was met by a stealthy round of applause. *"To the seniors graduating today...yours is an accomplishment that really resonates with me, because of the value I place on education... it took me until I was 22 just to get a high school diploma! Thanks to a stern father and the United States Marine Corps, I finally found the self-discipline I'd previously lacked to succeed in school and in life. From my arrival at Parris Island for boot camp to the last mission I flew as a fighter pilot, each day brought new challenges and new lessons. Throughout my life since, not a day goes by that I don't draw on the core values of the Marines. It's where I learned to relish a challenge and turn it into opportunity...honor, courage and commitment...the lessons of leadership. America needs strong, intelligent, effective leaders, both in the service and throughout society...No matter where you go from here, you will find that you're incredibly well-prepared for it because of your time at the Marine Military Academy...it's when you reach the next level that you'll realize how much value this experience really had for you. You have an excellent foundation on which to build..."*

(See page 9 for complete list of graduates.)



the foundation of leadership. And you will take that with you. You will remember what you have learned here and why you are different, and why this is a school that works, as opposed to many civilian schools these days that are incapable of imparting a decent education...I'm sure most of you noticed that while you were here, there wasn't a great deal of time and energy spent on making everybody feel good about everything. I'm sure you noticed that if you wanted recognition you had to actually perform. If you wanted to be designated a cadet officer you actually had to work, and set yourself apart...We heard wonderful and poised speeches today from the salutatorian and valedictorian, and congratulations to both of them... but some schools today have even done away with those cherished, traditional honors. They can't do anything that makes anyone appear better than anyone else, because that means somebody else is not as good, and people apparently are incapable of dealing with that. It scars kids for life, and makes them grow up with an inferiority complex. Well, I say that's hogwash, and you know why? Because it totally ignores one crucial little detail: real life! ...the real world is in fact highly competitive. I have been in the automobile business for 40-plus years, and it's never been more competitive than it is right now. At General Motors, we are working hard everyday to improve our business, to protect what we have, to gain more ground, and to prove the naysayers wrong. And we don't expect to accomplish any of that unless we work hard and perform to the best of our abilities... your experience here has taught you that it's a competitive world and if you don't perform, there are no rewards; in fact you might not even make it. That is possibly the most important lesson you'll learn... be leaders. That's what you're trained to be. I can't stress enough the importance of having faith in your convictions and having the confidence to express them. My motto has always been, "Often wrong, but seldom in doubt."...Discipline, honor, courage, conviction... you put them together and they produce leadership...continue to learn. ..And



MMA Class of 2006 Salutatorian Cadet Stephen Cooper (middle), "Graduates of 2006, I am looking forward to sharing the leadership of this world with you as we move onto our new lives."

you lead. And it will pay off for you. In a time, like ours, of rapid and unpredictable change, when tomorrow's answers are totally different from yesterday's or even today's, your educational process has only just begun...In fact, it's never-ending...You've been given a great launching pad here at Harlingen, and a world of opportunity awaits people with your skills and makeup. I'm confident that the likes of you will go forth from here and make the world a better place for the likes of us. Congratulations, Class of '06 — to you and your families — and I wish you nothing but the best."

Amidst addresses by Valedictorian Cadet David "Trae" Miller of Harlingen, Texas and Salutatorian Cadet Stephen Cooper of Orcas, Washington, the 51 graduating seniors maintained a proud vigil--listening to speeches, shaking hands, receiving diplomas--all the while awaiting the Cadet Commander's signal for the traditional "cover" toss at the conclusion of the ceremony. Finally, the call came and MMA's Class of 2006 was officially solidified in the history of Marine Military Academy.

Congratulations to the Class of 2006, their families and supporters. **OOH-RAH**, and be sure to stay in touch!!!

MMA Corps of Cadets Names Teacher of Academic Year 2005-2006



MMA'S 2005-2006 Teacher of the Year Mrs. Charity Munoz

Each year the Academy Corps of Cadets selects the **Teacher of the Year** through a candid 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.

For the 2005-2006 Academic Year, the Corps of Cadets selected **Mrs. Charity Munoz**, Head of MMA's Mathematics Department.

Please join MMA Corps of Cadets in extending three cheers to Mrs. Charity Munoz:

Ooh-Rah! Ooh-Rah! Ooh-Rah!

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national security apparatus. In 2004, BENS honored H. Ross Perot with the Eisenhower Leadership Award in Dallas - an event that attracted the entire Joint Chiefs of Staff and 1,800 other "movers and shakers".

General Cheney is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy ('71), the Marine Corps Command and Staff College, and the National War College. He earned a Master of Science Degree from the University of Southern California and was a Military Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York City, where he remains a member.

Originally an artillery officer, General Cheney served with the 1st Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, and Headquarters Marine Corps. He was the Deputy Executive Secretary to Secretaries of Defense Cheney and Aspin and was a Marine Liaison to the Congressionally-mandated Commission on Roles & Mission



HOME, SWEET HOME, ABOARD MARINE MILITARY ACADEMY'S CAMPUS. The "Welcome" mat is out at President and Mrs. Cheney's house.

of the Armed Services. He also served as the Inspector General of the Marine Corps before assuming duties as Commanding General of the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island and the Eastern Recruiting Region (from which he retired in 2001). During his four tours of duty at the Recruit Depots in San Diego and Parris Island, he was privileged to help recruit more than 100,000 young men and women, making them United States Marines.

General Cheney states, "**The Marine Military Academy is a superb school that upholds the Marine's core values of honor, courage, and commitment. I promise to embody those traits as I work to make this Academy an internationally-renowned institution.**"

Please join MMA in extending a warm welcome to Academy President General Stephen Cheney and his wife, Roxanne.

Junior-Senior Ring Ceremony deemed 'The Premier Social Event of the Season'

On the evening of April 22nd, Marine Military Academy's Peacher Hall was transformed, as if by magic, into a vision of elegance in traditional observance of the Junior-Senior Ring Ceremony. Guests arriving were met by a background of string melodies as rendered by The Brownsville String Quartet. Amidst round tables cloaked in white linen cloths and colorful centerpieces, the Ceremony began at 7 p.m., with a welcoming address by Academy Sergeant Major Ford Kinsley, USMC (Ret) followed by MMA Superintendent R. G. Hill, USMC (Ret). Col Hill explained the significance of the ring and what each element symbolizes: The precious stone center, the ruby, portrays the primary school color; the engraved depiction of the Iwo Jima Monument on the side of the band symbolizes the U.S. Marine Corps core values of honor, courage and commitment upon which MMA is founded; and the other side of the band is engraved with the school shield.

Twenty-one juniors walked the scarlet runway, each joined by a predetermined senior cadet of their choosing on 'stage' under the glittering replica of the class ring. During the presentations, seniors stepped

into the seven-foot ring and shared solemn words of advice with the juniors.

The ceremony traces back to the Naval Academy tradition wherein the exiting seniors "pass" the school down to the rising senior class, along with a few select words of wisdom and, of course, the class rings.

Senior Cadet Colonel **David Miller**, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Miller, of Harlingen, Texas, served as master of ceremony (and

'toastmaster') for the evening's events.

At the close of the ceremony, Cadet Colonel Miller gathered all seniors to the stage, presenting a toast to the fellowship and future success of MMA's seniors and all that will follow in their footsteps.

A heartfelt OOH-RAH goes out to Social Directress Monica Bates for her incredibly special efforts which made this event a lasting memory for all in attendance. Superintendent Col Hill urges all who have not yet attended the annual event to earmark your calendars and plan to attend next year's ceremony slated for April 17, 2007.



"MAY YOUR GUIDING LIGHT BE STRONG" ... A TOAST TO YOU, MARINE MILITARY ACADEMY'S CORPS OF CADETS.

MMA Class of 2006 Senior Banquet

Amidst an air of scarlet, glittering gold and elegance, MMA Seniors, parents, staff and faculty turned out in record numbers to MMA Class of 2006 Senior Banquet held in the Florence E. King Athletic Center on the evening of Friday, May 19th, at 6 o'clock. Lending an arm to the ladies and seating guests were Cadet Chaplain Chris Elliott and MMA Social Directress Monica Bates. Cadet Col David



WHO'S PROUDER--MOM, DAD OR GRADUATING CADET? Cadet Max Cyphers, shown with his mother and father, plans to begin a career in the United States Marine Corps. A hearty OOH-RAH and best wishes to you, Max!!!

Miller, Battalion Commander, welcomed guests to the Banquet, followed by the Invocation by Cadet Captain David S. Nekuyi, Battalion

Executive Officer. Dr. John Butler, Academic Dean, addressed the crowd, keeping his message meaningful but brief and to the point. Guests enjoyed a delightful dinner of cordon bleu and all the "trimmings", catered by Harlingen's Magnolia Grille.

Following dinner, Cadet Captain David S. Nekuyi presented Cadet Col David Miller with the Plankholder Award. To be eligible for the Plankholder Award a cadet must complete all of the secondary grade (8th through 12th) at MMA. MMA Class of '80 Jim Mischel addressed the Class of 2006, reminiscing upon his experiences while a cadet at MMA and drawing a hearty round of chuckles from cadets, moms, dads, grandmothers and grandfathers alike. Mr. Mischel presented the MMA Alumni Outstanding Cadet Award to Cadet Col David Miller, citing Miller's lengthy list of accomplishments and noting only one deficiency on Miller's resume--the size of the fish he reels in!

Cadet Col David A. Miller delivered the Benediction, concluding MMA's Class of 2006 Senior Banquet.



A CELEBRATION OF BROTHERHOOD. A well-fed, lingering 'gaggle' of graduating seniors strike a pose following the Class of 2006 Senior Banquet. L-R: Cadets Jason Hiller, Lorenzo Estrada, Yasin Ansari, Armando Sanchez, Hunter Carmichael, Luis Cuevas, and Donald Spiering IV. Lookin' good!!!



Fifth-Year Cadet Awarded Plank During Senior Banquet



MMA Alumni Outstanding Cadet Award

At the top, Cadet Captain David S. Nekuyi (right) presents Cadet David Miller (left) with Plankholder Award. In bottom picture, MMA Alum Jim Mischel, Class of '80, uncloaks the coveted MMA Alumni Outstanding Cadet Sword in presentation to Cadet David Miller.



Marine Military Academy President's Award

Awarded to a member of the senior class who has demonstrated outstanding leadership ability, excellence in scholastic achievement, active participation in extracurricular activities, and who best personifies the most outstanding cadet in the academic year.

Cadet Colonel David A. Miller

American Legion Bronze Medal for Scholastic Excellence

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

Cadet Captain David S. Nekuyi

American Legion Bronze Medal for Military Excellence Award

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 Captain Geoffrey A. Howard

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 Sergeant Tate R. Landin

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 Gunnery Sergeant Andrew J. Davis

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 Captain Lorenzo L. Estrada

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 non-commissioned officer billet with the capability and expectation of being promoted to a cadet officer rank in his senior year.

Cadet Gunnery Sergeant Patrick O. Graves

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 First Sergeant William J. Musa

The Weisenberger Distinguished Marksmanship Trophy

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

Cadet Sergeant Joseph M. Tannehill

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 Private First Class Austin G. Shuffield

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 Captain Graham M. Forssman

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 Staff Sergeant Richard J. Powell

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 Sergeant Andrew E. Alexander

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 Captain Ryan A. Law

The Noncommissioned Officers Association JROTC Award

Awarded to the cadet noncommissioned officer who has consistently exhibited the best military bearing, personal appearance, deportment and leadership ability for the current academic year.

Cadet Sergeant Kyle T. Gannon

The Military Order of the Purple Heart Award

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

Cadet Lance Corporal Amauri D. Latham

Drill Instructor's Award

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

Company A

Cadet First Lieutenant Thomas L. Herman

Company C

Cadet Captain David C. Brown

Company D

Cadet Lance Corporal Roland DeMarco

Company E

Cadet Captain Steven E. Park

Company F

Cadet Lance Corporal Jason S. Utnick

Company G

Cadet Staff Sergeant Kevin N. Gurganious

Daughters of the 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 Sergeant Travis R. Duncan

Veterans of Foreign Wars Award

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

Cadet Lance Corporal Ricardo Rodriguez



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.

Cadet Colonel David A. Miller

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.

Cadet Staff Sergeant Stephen Chase Cooper

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.

Cadet Colonel David A. Miller

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.

Cadet Gunnery Sergeant Andrew Davis

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.

Cadet Corporal Brad Pair

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.

Cadet Sergeant Tate Landin

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.

Cadet Captain Lorenzo Estrada

U.S. Marine Corps' Music Excellence Award

The U.S. Marine Corps' "Semper Fidelis" Music Excellence Award is presented to the cadet who has exhibited the personal traits of diligence, dedication and music excellence while performing as a bandsman or soloist.

Cadet Sergeant Benjamin Schwartz

Mariner of the Year Award

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

Cadet First Lieutenant Grant Walker

Rolls-Royce Trophy for Excellence in Aerospace

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

Cadet Captain Geoffrey Howard

Major General Robert E. Friedrich Award

Established in memory of Major General Robert E. Friedrich, longtime supporter of MMA, who left a bequest that will, each year, provide award to a senior who exhibits the most outstanding record in both academics and military science.

Cadet First Lieutenant David Nekuyi

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.

Cadet Private Nathaniel Keegan

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.

Cadet Gunnery Sergeant Andrew Davis

Top Students in Subject

English	<i>Cadet David Miller</i>
Mathematics	<i>Cadet Stephen Cooper</i>
Science	<i>Cadet Stephen Cooper</i>
Social Studies	<i>Cadet Andrew Alexander</i>
Foreign Language	<i>Cadet Adrian Solis-Zapiain</i>
Computer Science	<i>Cadet Stephen Cooper</i>
Band	<i>Cadet Trent Davis, Jr.</i>

Top Students in Class

Eighth	<i>Cadet Robert Hoyle</i>
Freshman	<i>Cadet Michael Karfunkle</i>
Sophomore	<i>Cadet Andrew Alexander</i>
Junior	<i>Cadet Dylan Boldt</i>

Chris Heard Scholarship Award

Established in memory of former cadet Chris Heard. 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.

Cadet First Sergeant Vincent Cervassi



The traditional "cover" toss at the conclusion of the Graduation Ceremony gives new meaning to TAKE COVER!

Earning Navy ROTC Marine-Option Scholarship and Accepting U.S. Naval Academy Appointment

Cadet Colonel David A. Miller

Earning Appointment to U.S. Naval Academy but Accepting U.S. Air Force Academy Appointment:

Cadet Staff Sergeant Stephen Chase Cooper

Accepting Navy ROTC Marine-Option Scholarship to The Citadel:

Cadet First Lieutenant Steven Park

Receiving Scholarship to Universities other than Service Academies*:

Cadet Hunter Carmichael - Texas A&M

Cadet Lorenzo Estrada - Texas A&M

*Cadet Graham Forssman - Duquesne/
Texas A&M*

Cadet Geoffrey Howard - Texas Tech

Cadet Ryan Law - William Penn/Iowa State

Cadet David Nekuyi - Baylor

Cadet Patrick Perkins - Texas A&M/Baylor

*MMA recognizes that other senior cadets will receive scholarships that are not listed here.

Dustin Wade Tallichet Scholarship Award

Established in memory of Dustin Wade Tallichet, 1993 MMA and eventual Texas A&M graduate. Awarded to a senior cadet of good moral character and leadership who will be attending Texas A&M University.

Cadet Graham Forssman

National French Contest Awards

The organization for the National French Contest is sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of French.

• Earning **Laureat Medallion and Laureat Pin** for performance at National French Contest, earning 1st Place in Local Chapter and 7th place in Nation:

Cadet Corporal Adrian Solis

• Earning **Fraternite Pin and Certificate** from South Texas Chapter for 3rd Place in French Level Three:

Cadet Private Bryan Smith

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Colleges Applied To and Accepted At



ANSARI, Yasin Idris
of Weslaco, TX

- University of Texas- Pan American*
- University of Texas- San Antonio

COOPER, Stephen
Chase of Orcas, WA

- Rensselaer Poly Tech Institute
- University of Washington
- U.S. Air Force Academy*
- U.S. Naval Academy

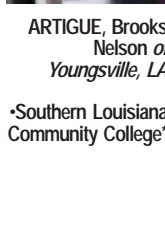


FLORES, Federico
of Nuevo Leon,
MEXICO

- Monterrey Tech University*

HUGHES, Britton
Carter of
Driftwood, TX

- Sam Houston State University
- University of Texas- San Antonio*



ARTIGUE, Brooks
Nelson of
Youngsville, LA

- Southern Louisiana Community College*



CUEVAS, Luis Jorge
of Zapopan,
MEXICO

- Pan America University - Mexico*



FORSSMAN,
Graham Musgrave
of New York, NY

- Duchesne University
- Texas A&M*
- Texas Tech University



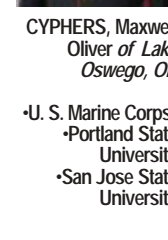
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Chardon, OH

- Norwich University
- Virginia Military Institute*



BROWN, Davis
Craig of Rockport,
TX

- U.S. Marine Corps*



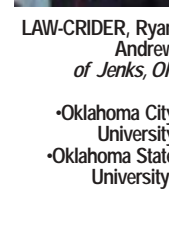
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Oliver of Lake
Oswego, OR

- U. S. Marine Corps*
- Portland State University
- San Jose State University



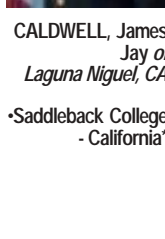
HANISH, Windsor
Charles of
Scottsdale, AZ

- Arizona Su Tempe
- The Citadel*



LAW-CRIDER, Ryan
Andrew
of Jenks, OK

- Oklahoma City University
- Oklahoma State University*



CALDWELL, James
Jay of
Laguna Niguel, CA

- Saddleback College - California*



DAVIS JR, Trent
Walter of Spring, TX

- Sam Houston State University
- Texas Tech University*
- University of North Texas



HERMAN, Thomas
Louis
of McAllen, TX

- University of Texas- Pan American*
- University of Texas- San Antonio



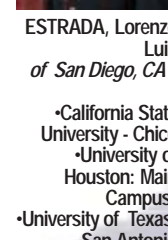
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of Dalian, CHINA

- Berkeley College*



CARMICHAEL, Hunter
Allison of Austin, TX

- Texas A&M*
- Texas Tech University



ESTRADA, Lorenz
Luis
of San Diego, CA

- California State University - Chico
- University of Houston: Main Campus*
- University of Texas- San Antonio



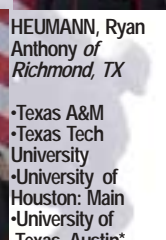
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Julio of Farmington, CT

- Moravian College, PA
- Purdue University
- Skidmore College, NY
- Texas A&M*
- University of Miami
- University of Texas- Austin



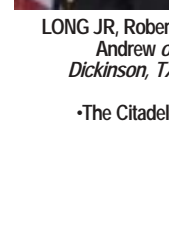
HILLER, Jason Paul
of Anaheim, CA

- Auburn University*
- University of Oklahoma



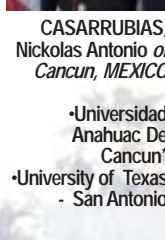
HEUMANN, Ryan
Anthony of
Richmond, TX

- Texas A&M
- Texas Tech University
- University of Houston: Main
- University of Texas- Austin*



LONG JR, Robert
Andrew of
Dickinson, TX

- The Citadel*



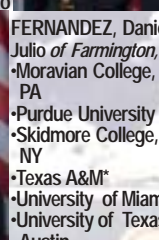
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Cancun, MEXICO

- Universidad Anahuac De Cancun*
- University of Texas - San Antonio



FERRERA ADAME,
Victor Amadeo of
Cd Mante, Tamps
MEXICO

- Embry-Riddle
- Monterrey Tech University*



HOWARD, Geoffrey
Austin of S an
Antonio, TX

- Texas Tech University



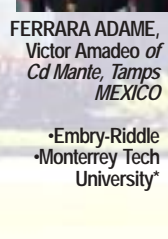
MENDOZA,
Alexander Jared
of Conroe, TX

- Blinn College of Bryan*



CHAPMAN, Brian
Alexander of Davie,
FL

- Norwich University*



MILLER, David Allen
of Harlingen, TX

- U.S. Naval Academy*



* Indicates College of Choice

MMA CLASS OF 2006 - STANDING READY

Colleges Applied To and Accepted At



MITCHELL, Jonah
Alexander of
Chesapeake, VA

- Military: U. S. Coast Guard*
- Texas A&M: Galveston



SANCHEZ-GONZALEZ,
Armando
of Reynosa,
MEXICO

- Monterrey Tech University*



VILLARREAL-SALDANA,
Jose Hugo
of Garza Garcia,
MEXICO

- Monterrey Tech University*



ZHANG, Chong
Yang
of Shenyang,
CHINA

- University of Houston*
- University of Texas-San Antonio



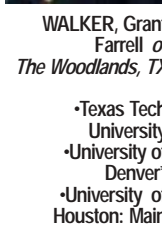
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of Dubai, UAE

- American University (Dubai UAE)*
- Seattle University
- Whittier College



SPIERING IV, Donald
of
North Kingstown, RI

- Texas Tech University*
- Tulane University



WALKER, Grant
Farrell of
The Woodlands, TX

- Texas Tech University
- University of Denver*
- University of Houston: Main



ZHANG, Tian
of Cupertino, CA

- University of Washington
- University of Texas-Austin*



NEKUYI, David
Solomon
of San Antonio, TX

- Baylor University
- Purdue University
- University of Texas- Austin*



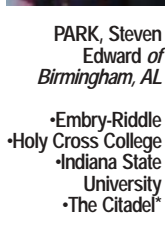
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Ray of Angel Fire,
NM

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- Montana State University
- Norwich University
- Pepperdine
- The Citadel*



WANG, Yu
of Houston, TX

- University of Houston*



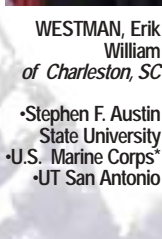
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- Embry-Riddle
- Holy Cross College
- Indiana State University
- The Citadel*



SWANN II, Thomas
Alden
of Helotes, TX

- San Antonio College*



WESTMAN, Erik
William
of Charleston, SC

- Stephen F. Austin State University
- U.S. Marine Corps*
- UT San Antonio



WILLIAMS II, David
Carson
of San Diego, CA

- California State University-Long Beach
- Humbolt State University
- San Francisco State University
- Sonoma State University*



PERKINS, Patrick
Jacob
of Katy, TX

- Baylor University
- Purdue University
- Texas A&M*
- Texas Tech University
- University of Texas-Austin



TORRES-AMAYA,
Julio Ceasar
of Monterrey,
MEXICO

- Monterrey Tech University*
- Universidad Autonoma de Nuevo Leon
- UDEM Monterrey



WOOD, Kyle
Jackson
of Houston, TX

- University of Missouri: Columbia*



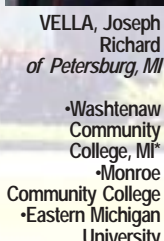
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Philip
of Alameda, CA

- U.S. Air Force*



VALKA, Peter
Alexander
of Boca Raton, FL

- Northeastern University
- University of Texas- Austin*



VELLA, Joseph
Richard
of Petersburg, MI

- Washtenaw Community College, MI*
- Monroe Community College
- Eastern Michigan University



XIAO, Yu Zheng
of Dalian, CHINA

- Houston Baptist University*
- University of Houston
- University of Texas- San Antonio

“The Man in the Glass”

*When you get what you want
In your struggle for self
And the world makes you king for a day,
Just go to a mirror and look at yourself,
And see what that man has to say.*

*For it isn't your father or mother or wife,
Whose judgment upon you must pass;
The fellow whose verdict counts most in your life
Is the one staring back from the glass.*

*He's the fellow to please, never mind all the rest;
For he's with you clear to the end.
And you've passed the most dangerous, difficult test
If the man in the glass is your friend.*

*You may fool the whole world
down the pathway of years
And get pats on the back as you pass.
But your final reward will be heartaches and tears
If you've cheated the man in the glass.*

*--Author Unknown
(Excerpted from MMA Alumnus Tom Kolongowski's address at MMA's 40th Birthday Ball celebration)*

* Indicates College of Choice

Cadets of the Month for April

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 April 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

KELLEN L. STUHLMILLER

Junior - Humble, TX

"Cadet Stuhlmiller has made huge strides in leadership and in maturing in general. He is very reliable, loyal and responsible, with the mental and moral strength to affect the changes he has made. Cadet Stuhlmiller has truly earned this recognition." - CWO3 Ed Harris, USMC (Ret)

- CWO3 Ed Harris, USMC (Ret)



CHARLIE COMPANY

DAVID S. NEKUYI

Senior - San Antonio, TX

"As Platoon Commander, Cadet Nekuyi's leadership, maturity and tenacity were instrumental to the overall success of this company. He consistently led by example with utmost proficiency, studying and keeping abreast of training schedules and keeping those under his charge well-informed, appropriately dressed and on time." - GySgt Aguilar, USMC (Ret)

- GySgt Aguilar, USMC (Ret)



DELTA COMPANY

DANIEL KHALIL

Freshman - San Antonio, TX

"Cadet Khalil has become an asset to this company through sustained performance. His accomplishments in both academics and overall performance are above reproach." - SgtMaj Larry Carson, USMC (Ret)

- SgtMaj Larry Carson, USMC (Ret)



ECHO COMPANY

WILLIAM A. SPIERING

Freshman - Austin, TX

"Cadet Spiering is a first-year cadet who has done a fine job academically, achieving excellent grades all year. He's a member of the company laundry crew and does a detail job. He wears his uniform with pride, and it's great to have him in my company." - GySgt Frank Martinez, USMC (Ret)

- GySgt Frank Martinez, USMC (Ret)



FOX COMPANY

ZACHARY BROYLES

Sophomore - Forney, TX

"Cadet Broyles is a first-year cadet who has demonstrated and displayed an excellent attitude. Because of his can-do attitude and initiative he has earned this selection. He has taken it upon himself to pick up the Company Guidon and lead from the front. I look for him to be an excellent to outstanding leader not only at MMA but also in the community."

- GySgt Ernesto Montemayor, USMC (Ret)



GOLF COMPANY

JACK KHANISHO

Sophomore - Scottsdale, AZ

"Cadet Khanisho is a fine young man with a very bright future. He can be counted upon to get the job done regardless of the task. He has a very bright future ahead at MMA and is the type of cadet that is the future leadership. He definitely has displayed the qualities to become a leader in Golf Company."

- SgtMaj Albert Wilson, USMC (Ret)



BANDSMAN

STEPHEN CHASE COOPER
Senior - Orcas, WA

"Cadet Cooper has been an extremely loyal and steadfast member and leader of the Band for the past 3 years, rising to Cadet Band Officer this past year. He's an excellent Saxophonist and a very talented musician. One of his strongest attributes has been his consistent willingness to take charge and be responsible as leader in charge. Chase will be very much missed."

- CWO3 Ed Harris, USMC (Ret)



DRILL TEAM/COLOR GUARD

JAMES J. CALDWELL
Senior - Laguna Miguel, CA

"Cadet Caldwell is a four-year cadet who has demonstrated motivation, dedication, discipline-- always displaying an excellent attitude. He is a well-rounded, knowledgeable cadet who continues to set the example among peers. Cadet Caldwell does an excellent job as a Drill Team Member and will no doubt be successful in the community."

- GySgt Ernesto Montemayor, USMC (Ret)



MMA Class of 2006 A Part of Texas History in the Making ...

Each day of the academic year the Marine Military Academy (MMA) offers a historical educational opportunity, and Friday, May 19th, was absolutely no exception to the rule! At 9 a.m. in MMA's Memorial Garden, directly adjacent to the Iwo Jima Monument, Sam Houston IV joined longtime MMA supporter and Board Advisor Billy F. Price in dedicating a live oak tree to MMA's Class of 2006. The live oak tree is a sapling grown from acorns harvested from The Stephen F. Austin Tree located on the site of Austin's death, aboard the Brazoria County plantation owned by Billy F. Price. The tradition of dedicating a live oak tree in honor of MMA's graduating class began forty years ago with the Class of 1966, and each sapling has been a product of The Stephen F. Austin Tree.

Attending this year's Dedication Ceremony were Sam Houston IV; Billy F. Price; MMA Superintendent Colonel R.G. Hill, USMC (Ret); MMA's graduating Class of 2006; MMA staff, faculty and media. Following remarks by Sam Houston IV, MMA's Battalion Commander - Cadet Colonel David "Trac" Miller, MMA Class of 2006, dug the first shovel-full of soil in preparation for planting the live oak sapling, then each member of the Class of 2006 gathered a cup-full of dirt and proceeded to the tree site to add their cup-full. Stephen F. Austin IV, Billy F. Price, Col Hill, Chaplain McDonald and MMA Facilities Director David Miller also added a shovel full of soil in tribute.



Sam Houston IV addresses MMA Class of 2006 during Friday's oak tree dedication ceremony.

Stephen F. Austin, often referred to as "The Father of Texas", is historically remembered for the 'colonization' of hundreds of families he recruited and brought to Texas, under the extremely poor economic environment in the United States in the early 1800's. Upon the death of his father, Moses Austin, he took over a grant bringing U.S. settlers to then Spanish Texas and, under special terms granted by the newly-independent Mexican government, was instrumental in 'colonizing' and settling more than 1,200 American families in what was to be referred to as 'Republic of Texas'. Austin served the Republic of Texas in the capacity of Secretary of State—a true visionary of a productive, thriving Texas—until death overtook him on December 27, 1836. According to historical accounts, just

moments before Austin drew his last breath he proclaimed, "Texas is recognized! Did you see it in the papers?" Upon hearing of Austin's passing, the President of the Republic of Texas Sam Houston declared, "The father of Texas is no more! The first pioneer of the wilderness has departed!" In recognition of Stephen F. Austin's "high standing, undeviated moral rectitude, untiring zeal and valuable service", Houston then ordered a 30-day period of mourning. Stephen F. Austin's place of death has been historically recognized aboard the plantation now owned by Billy F. Price, marked by The Stephen F. Austin Tree, a live oak. MMA Class of 2006 oak tree is the 40th class tree aboard MMA's Memorial Gardens. When at MMA, be sure to drop by the "old oak tree" in honor of MMA Class of 2006!

MMA Boy Scout Troop 22 ... Keeping It Real

(Real adventurous, that is!)

"Kind, obedient, trustworthy...AND ADVENTUROUS!" Thirty scouts from Marine Military Academy's Boy Scout Troop 22 wrapped-up this school year's camping schedule in fine fashion with a weekend trip to Laguna Station - South Padre Island. This was not a typical campout, but rather a chance to sample and enjoy a variety of water sports along with strengthening the bonds of Scouting. Activities included windsurfing, kayaking, canoeing, swimming, surfboarding, boogieboarding, campsite setup and takedown, and meal preparation and cleanup. The food menu ranged from ham and cheese sandwiches to rib-eye steak, corn on the cob, and baked potatoes. The Scouts also enjoyed a variety of snack items—and, of course the pleasures of Laguna Station, South Padre Island, the beach and water. Laguna Station, owned and operated by the Rio Grande Council, located on South Padre Island inside Isla Blanca State Park—just behind Dolphin Cove's Oyster Bar, provides an extraordinary camping experience and playground. Adding to Troop 22's weekend adventures were two historical notes: The Karankawa Indian Tribe

once camped on this very beach, and Pirate Jean Lafitte is rumored to have buried his treasure out among these dunes. Scoutmaster SgtMaj Jim Poe reports, "A great time was experienced by all. The event provided a wonderful

opportunity to conclude this year's camping activities... South Padre style!"

During Troop 22's Court of Honor held the evening of Tuesday, May 9th, in MMA's Neuhaus Mess Hall, the following Scouts were recognized and presented Merit Badges: *Cadets*

Charles Morrison, Robert Hoyle, Christopher Vasquez Jr., Callen Collins, Dillon Moore, Patrick Davis, Travis Duncan, William Hardee, Eric Harrison, Michael Alfieri, James Flowers, James Martinez, Zachary Bowen, David Miller, James Dowdell, Edgar Steeg, Colton Kempin, Taylor Fabian, Brandon Broden, Jonathan Yates, Jack Khanisho, James Rodriguez, William Akin, Dong Shin, Evan Olsen, Christopher Dougherty, Eduardo Solis, and Adrian Solis. Earning advancement to Life Scout were *Cadets Brandon Broden, James Flowers, and Adam Winaker.*

A GRAND OOH-RAH goes out to these Scouts on achieving yet another important milestone in their Scouting career...Scout's Honor!



HOW MANY SCOUTS DOES IT TAKE TO GET THIS THING AFLOAT... Oh, the Scout goes on TOP of the board?!



LEATHERNECK SPORTS 2005-2006 BANQUET



• Baseball•Basketball•Boxing•Cross Country•Football•Golf•Judo•Physical Fitness Training•Soccer•Swimming•Tennis•Track & Field•Volleyball•Wrestling •



TOM MORTON
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR
HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

"Taking Care Of Business"

Baseball • Basketball • Boxing • Cross Country • Football • Golf • Judo • PFT



Soccer • Swimming • Tennis • Track and Field • Volleyball • Wrestling • PFT

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Marine Military Academy Athletic Director (A.D.) Tom Morton, former Atlanta Falcon football player, graduate of Texas A & I University, teacher and coach for twenty-'something' years (including head **LEATHERNECK** Football coach) welcomed cadets, parents, staff and faculty to the 2005-2006 Sports Banquet shortly after 6 p.m. on Friday, April 21st. There was absolutely no mistaking school colors – MMA's Neuhaus Dining Facility was ablaze with **RED** and **GOLD** and the **LEATHERNECK** theme was proudly prominently displayed—EVERYWHERE!

Following a scrumptious dinner of roast beef, potatoes, gravy and as many



Pictured L-R: Col R.G. Hill, USMC (Ret); Cadet Ryan Law; Head Wrestling Coach Ron Lang.

desserts as a young man's eyes and accompanying appetite will allow, A.D. Morton turned the microphone over to **LEATHERNECK** Wrestling Head

Coach Ron Lang. Coach Lang congratulated the entire Wrestling Team on a 'season of growth'. Cadets Ryan Law and Taylor Fabian received honors as co-captains for the Team.

Serving up next was **LEATHERNECK** Tennis Head Coach Frank Martinez, Jr. with a special recognition for Cadet Colt Marcyan – Team Captain and Cadet Taylor Simmons – State Qualifier.



Pictured L-R: Col R.G. Hill, USMC (Ret); Cadet Taylor Simmons.

LEATHERNECK Soccer Head Coach Major Harold Compton, USMC (Ret) named the following outstanding Soccer Team members: Cadet Federico Flores – 1st Team All-District and Honorable Mention – All-State; Cadet Fernando Ledesma – 2nd Team All-District.

LEATHERNECK Swimming and Diving Head Coach SSgt Caleb Hood recognized the following: Cadet Nikki Hill – Diving, STATE CHAMPION; Cadet Preston Meyer – Diving, 2nd Place State; and Cadet Tyrel Genoff – Swimming, Team Captain.

Pictured below, L-R: Cadet Tyrel Genoff; MMA Superintendent Col R.G. Hill, USMC (Ret).



Pictured below, L-R: Col R.G. Hill, USMC (Ret); Cadet Fernando Ledesma; Head Soccer Coach Major Compton.



Cadet Chaplain Chris Elliott, V.I.S.A. Head Coach, rolled out the ‘skinny’ on the program for those unfamiliar to V.I.S.A. The V.I.S.A. program (Valley Independent School Association), provides opportunity for yearlong competition in volleyball, basketball, softball and track and field for eighth grade students who, because of their youth, are not permitted to participate in TAPPS competition. Those earning honors as Most Valuable Player of 2005-6 were: Cadet Aaron Smith II – Volleyball; Cadet Ricardo Rodriguez – Basketball; and Cadet Brandon Allen-Barker – Softball.



Pictured L-R: MMA Superintendent Col R.G. Hill, USMC (Ret); Cadet Aaron J. Smith II; Cadet Chaplain and Head VISA Coach Chris Elliott.

LEATHERNECK Football Head Coach Tom Morton recognized the following for outstanding performances during the season: Cadet David Nekuyi – Most Valuable Player; Cadet Joe Vella – Most Valuable Offensive Lineman; Cadet Donald Spiering – Most Valuable Defensive Lineman; Cadet Billy Hardee – Most Valuable Offensive Back; Cadet Charles Gurney – Most Valuable Defensive Back; Cadet Brad Pair – Most Improved Player.

Following a ‘cross-country mile’ of laughter from the audience resulting from an amusing round of anecdotes, Cross Country Head Coach Bill Hinkle recognized Cadet Brandon Broden who earned honors as **LEATHERNECK** Cross Country Most Valuable Player.

LEATHERNECK Golf Head Coach Amos Salas honored the following: Cadet Sebastian Garcia-Prieto – Varsity Golf Most Valuable Player; Cadet Max Cyphers – Varsity Golf Co-Captain; and Cadet Tommy Swan – Varsity Golf Co-Captain.

Although **LEATHERNECK** Basketball Head Coach Cardenas was unable to attend the Banquet, A.D. Tom Morton represented, recognizing Cadet Thomas Herman – Team Captain for his unwaivering and loyal assistance throughout the season.



Pictured above, L-R: MMA Superintendent Col R.G. Hill, USMC (Ret); Cadet Max Cyphers; Golf Head Coach Salas .



Pictured above, L-R: Col R.G. Hill, USMC (Ret); Cadets Billy Hardee; Joe Vella; Robert Spiering; Charles Gurney; Brad Pair ; Head Football Coach/A.D. Tom Morton, and Cadet David Nekuyi .

GO BIG RED!



Pictured below, L-R: Back Row: Col R.G. Hill, USMC (Ret); Cadets James Rodriguez; Orry Coursey; James Fuqua; Jayro Medina; Thomas Zachary ; David Miller; Head Boxing Coach/SgtMaj Robertson, and Cadet Jimmy Enos .Front Row: Cadets David Rodriguez; Chris Vasquez; and Donald Spiering.

‘Rounding’ out the Banquet was **LEATHERNECK** Boxing Head Coach SgtMaj Robertson, USMC (Ret) with the following recognitions and a well-earned pat on the back: Cadets Donald Spiering, Christopher Vasquez, David Rodriguez, Jayro Medina, James Rodriguez, Jimmy Enos, Orry Coursey, Eric Rychwa, James Fuqua, Thomas Zachary, and—last but most assuredly not least—David “Trae” Miller.



CATCHING AIR - MMA VISA PARTICIPANTS CHURN UP THE AIRWAVES IN HEATED COMPETITION

The Marine Military Academy (MMA) played host to eleven schools in the V.I.S.A. (Valley Independent School Association) Track Competition on Friday, April 5th. Competition got underway at 4 p.m. sharp, and all events ran like a 'well-seasoned' military maneuver under the organization and direction of MMA's Chaplain Chris Elliott. His slate was full, from securing an events announcer, making certain each timer had a working stopwatch, right on down to assigning each event runner a separate lane—each detail worked out to the 'umpteenth' degree!

Within the eleven schools entered into the competition were four different divisions—Boys and Girls 8 years and under; Boys and Girls 9-10 years; Boys and Girls 11-12 years; and Boys and Girls 13-14 years. MMA participated only in the boys 13-14 year old division, making a strong showing in these events:

First Place Ribbons

Cadet Ducote – Boys Running Long Jump

Cadet Barker – Boys Softball Throw

Cadets Gonzalez, Moreno, Rodriguez, Ducote – Boys 400M Relay

Third Place Ribbon

Cadet Moreno – Boys Running Long Jump

Fourth Place Ribbons

Cadet Ducote – Boys 100M Individual

Cadet Gayton – Boys 400M Individual



IS THAT A BIRD? A PLANE? NO, THAT'S CADET DUCOTE...IN FLIGHT!



"SOFTBALL'S GOING THAT WAY!" CADET RODRIGUEZ SHOWS 'EM HOW TO PUT THE HAMMER DOWN...WITH CONVICTION!



CADET MORENO GIVES NEW MEANING TO APPLIED THEORY AND AEROSPACE!

Pictures courtesy of Cadet Yu Wang of Gary Howard's Photography Class.

Sixth Place Ribbons

Cadet Rodriguez – Boys 100M Individual

Cadet Rodriguez – Boys Softball Throw

The V.I.S.A. program provides yearlong competition in various sports—volleyball, basketball, softball and track and field, an excellent extracurricular opportunity for MMA cadets to compete who may not be age-eligible or choose not to participate in

TAPPS (Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools) competition. For further information regarding the V.I.S.A. program, contact MMA Chaplain Chris Elliott at (956) 423-6006 Ext. 679 or e-mail: elliott@mma-tx.org.

“ARE YOU READY TO R-U-M-B-L-E?”

The Marine Military Academy **LEATHERNECK** Boxing Head Coach SgtMaj Robertson, USMC (Ret) entered six cadets in the April 29th Final Boxing Event of the 2005-2006 Season held in Kingsville, Texas: Cadets **Donald Spiering, David Rodriguez, Jayro Medina, James Rodriguez, Jimmy Enos, and Eric Rychwa**. Prior to the event, Kingsville Boxing Club Head Coach Cantu released the following comment to the Press, “*This show will be special because the Marine Military Academy from Harlingen has stated that they will attend our show, and we all know that the Marines always bring a good fight.*” Because of the one-day duration of the event, a 25-bout maximum limit was imposed. With a total of 25 Clubs from South Texas bringing boxers, MMA was very lucky to have three boxers matched...lucky for MMA but not so for the competition as MMA Leathernecks took the ring.

The evening got off to a fiery start with **Cadet Donald Spiering, 184 lbs.**, versus Matthew **14**

Lindsey, *Corpus Christi P.O.A.* Spiering got off fast with good combinations, and the fight was stopped in the 3rd Round - **SPIERING, THE WINNER, BY TKO.**

Our second fight of the night was **Cadet Eric Rychwa, 144 lbs.**, versus Edmeendo Dana, *Club Puro Gallo*. Rychwa won all three rounds with ease because he never let the other fighter get set, staying on top with good combinations. This was Rychwa's first fight - **RYCHWA, THE WINNER.**

Up for MMA's third fight of the night was **Cadet David Rodriguez, age 14**. Rodriguez started fast and took the 1st Round. In the 2nd Round, he didn't do much at all; but, in the 3rd Round it was all **RODRIGUEZ!** He really showed his boxing skills and was awarded the decision. **RODRIGUEZ, THE WINNER.**

Brimming with tremendous enthusiasm SgtMaj Robertson, Leatherneck Head Boxing Coach, summarizes the year in review, “*All in all, this has been one of MMA's BEST boxing seasons. We started in August 2005 and finished in May 2006. To all of the MMA*

Boxers who worked very, very hard I give a special thanks. YOU made our year!” --

--SgtMaj Robertson, **LEATHERNECK** Head Boxing Coach;

--GySgt Villarreal, **LEATHERNECK** Assistant Boxing Coach



“YOU MAKE ME FEEL LIKE DANCIN’!”

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LEATHERNECK Track Head Coach Mike Morton recognized the following State Qualifiers: Cadets Brad Pair, Tate Landin, Robert Long, and Jeff Aldredge – 1,600 meter; and Cadet Brandon Broden – 3,200 meter.



Pictured above, L-R: MMA Superintendent Col R.G. Hill, USMC (Ret); Cadets Robert Long; Brad Pair; Jeff Aldredge; Brandon Broden ; Track Head Coach Mike Morton .

Shooting straight from the hip was SgtMaj Albert Wilson, Head Rifle Team Coach, extending special recognition to the following Rifle Team members: Cadets Joseph Tannehill, William Musa, Flint Yerian and Thomas Patriquin.



Pictured to the right: MMA Rifle Team Member Cadet Joseph Tannehill

LEATHERNECK Judo Head Coach Charles Robertson and Assistant Coach Sensei Sandra Martinez recognized the following: Cadet William McLaird – Most Valuable Player; Cadet Jason Franks – Most Improved; Cadet Karl Rohloff – Team Captain.



L-R: Judo Sensei Sandra Martinez, Cadet Karl Rohloff, Head Judo Coach Charles Robertson.

Alumni News... Where are they now?

'75

William Rogers – contact him via Classmates.com – warehouse manager for nephew’s moving and storage company in Phoenix, AZ

'81

Col. (select) Pat Redmon – patrick.redmon@usmc.mil - will report in July to 5th Fleet Naval Station Bahrain and assume duties as Fleet Force Protection Officer for one year

Lt.Col. Mike Stahlman – michael.stahlman@usmc.mil - will report in August to 29 Palms, CA to become the base staff judge advocate
Tyronn Mitchell – in his senior year at Northwestern State University in Louisiana, has played for the NSU Demons basketball team for four years. Team, has also been invited to an NBA Basketball camp in New York after season ends

“AND MITCHELL SCORES TWO - TWO MORE FOR NSU!”

Photograph courtesy of MMA Faculty Member Diolanda Dye



'82

Lt.Col. Mike Killion (PG) – michael.killion@usmc.mil - currently CO of the antiterrorism battalion at Camp Lejeune, NC, will begin attending the National Defense University in July

Jay Howe – jay.howe@wnco.com - living in Irving, TX, married with three boys ages 6, 4, and 2, did not make reunion because of 3rd baby boy, still working for Southwest Airlines in Dallas

'83

Brian Knowles (PG) – www.cbre.com/BrianKnowles - works on behalf of CB Richard Ellis as First Vice President of Industrial Real Estate Services in East Brunswick, NJ, sends his best to the Mortons and Coach Mac

'92

Joe Turley - joe.turley@gmail.com - living in Alaska and working as the systems administrator for Risk and Benefit Management Systems LLC

'93

David Greuner – dgc@medesthetik.com - president and medical director of Med Esthetic Clinics and Skincare, New York, NY

'94

Malik Abbott – contact him via Classmates.com – in real estate in the San Francisco area, married, two children, would like to hear from Khalid Williams, Colin Whittle, Logan Lidster, Sean Barker, and Scot Williams

'05

Josh Gasaway – HellBentTexan05@hotmail.com - completed his first year at Texas A&M, heading to Kenya, Africa in June on a church mission trip



“WHAT THE HECK IS THAT THING???”
BRAND SPANKING NEW ALUMNUS YU WANG, MMA CLASS OF 2006, SPORTS THE UNOFFICIAL SENIOR CLASSIC T-SHIRT UNDER THE SCUTINIZING EYE OF LONGTIME FRIEND OF THE ACADEMY SGTMAJ WILLIAM STEIGERWALD.

● **ALUMNI: Be sure to E-Mail your updates to pickens@mma-tx.org for inclusion in the Leader!**
● “Thanks to all of you for making this section such a joy to put together. Keep the information coming in and the bonds of brotherhood strong.”

● Much love,
● Michele Pickens (Mickie)

Need to find out what’s going on with a fellow alum? Get on board MMA’s on-line “Alumni Bulletin Board”. Fill out the Alumni Information Request form located on-line: <http://www.mma-tx.org/alumni.htm> or call Connie Flores at (956) 421-9232.

Get on Board:
ALL ALUMNI, ALL THE TIME!

Calendar of Events

June

1-30 Summer Break

July

2 Summer and ESL Camp Registration
29 Summer and ESL Camp Graduation

August

5 Football Camp
6 Band/Drill Team Camp
Leadership Orientation Check-In
12 Registration for First Year Cadets
13 Check-In for Returning Cadets
Military Orientation for Plebes
14-15 Teacher In-Service Days
16 Classes Begin

Memorials

- Peggy Haggas
 - LCpl Jeffery Todd Hattaway, USMC
- KIA, Lebanon, 12/4/1983
 - Robert W. Hintz, Sr.
 - Capt Robert J. Shirk, USMC
 - Cpl Bruce W. Tress, USMC
 - GySgt Larry L. Wisnoski, USMC (Ret)
 - Tom Yates
- ## In Honor Of:
- E. Ross Kyger, IV - Company
Commander of "B" Co. - MMA 1999
 - Jay Mancini
 - Honorable George P. Schultz

Opportunities For YOU To Support Marine Military Academy: *Preparing Future Leaders for a Life of Leadership*

Marine Military Academy offers YOU a number of gifting opportunities. Credit card donations can be made anytime by visiting <http://mma-tx.org/opportunities1.htm> A brief description for each charitable opportunity is provided below. To visit personally with staff to determine which opportunity best fits your lifestyle, call (956) 421-9231 or send your E-mail request to development@mma-tx.org.*

Scholarship Programs - This past year the Marine Military Academy provided over \$640,000 in scholarship assistance through either the General Scholarship Fund and/or Endowed Scholarship Fund.

•**General Scholarship:** Gifts contributed to MMA General Scholarship Fund are donated during one fiscal year and awarded to deserving cadets the following academic year. Your contribution to General Scholarship Fund enables MMA to help parents who could not financially send their son to MMA. To gift to MMA General Scholarship Fund visit: <http://mma-tx.org/opportunities1.htm> on-line or contact MMA Development Office*.

•**Endowed Scholarship:** A perpetually endowed scholarship of \$500,000 equates to a lifetime scholarship named in honor of the individual who made the contribution. Your original gift is never touched and only the interest generated is used. To make an Endowed Scholarship Fund donation visit: <http://mma-tx.org/opportunities1.htm> on-line or contact MMA Development Office*.

Planned Giving - MMA offers you a number of opportunities to support the Academy through forms of financial giving: **Charitable Gift Annuities, Establishment of Trusts, Bequests and Gift of Residence with Right to Use the Property.** Explore these and other gifting opportunities by contacting Chaplain Leo McDonald at (956) 421-9225 or E-mail at: chaplainmc@aol.com.

Naming Opportunities - MMA provides many opportunities for the naming of buildings, offices and various facilities. To discuss this form of support contact LtCol Bob Grider at (956) 421-9230 or E-mail: grider@mma-tx.org.

Brick Pavers - The Brick Paver Program provides a beautiful and lasting memorial for loved ones, fallen comrades and friends. These pavers are permanently displayed along the Battalion Quadrangle, the Chosin Few Gate and at the Iwo Jima Monument. To purchase your Brick Paver contact LtCol Bob Grider at (956) 421-9230, E-mail: grider@mma-tx.org or visit <http://mma-tx.org/opportunities1.htm> on-line for a downloadable Brick Paver form.

Memorial Trees - This gifting opportunity not only assists the Academy financially but leaves a lasting reminder to be enjoyed by future generations. To purchase your Memorial (or "In Honor Of") Tree, contact LtCol Bob Grider at (956) 421-9230, E-mail: grider@mma-tx.org or visit <http://mma-tx.org/opportunities1.htm> on-line.

Athletic Equipment - "Developing Strong Bodies and Minds" is forefront at MMA, and the Athletic Department is no exception to the rule. MMA continues the process of upgrading and replacing worn pieces of athletic equipment, specifically weight room equipment. To assist in this endeavor contact Athletic Director Tom Morton at (956) 421-9405 or E-mail: TMorton@MMA-TX.ORG.

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MMA Superintendent Col R.G. Hill, USMC (Ret) notes, "Ultimately, our goal and responsibility is to provide the best service to our customers and to exercise the best possible stewardship of our resources. As always, we appreciate your support and cooperation."



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