

# MMA Leader



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## (EM) POWERED BY THE EDUCATION OF A LIFETIME

### Mid-Term Aboard The Academy

Second semester got underway 7 January 2007 at MMA with the arrival of approximately 50 mid-termers, joining a student body 350-strong enrolled in grades 8 through 12 with one year available for postgraduate study. MMA's Corps of Cadets this academic year originate from 31 different states and 5 foreign countries.

Mid-term joins, parents, families and friends were greeted January 7th by the "Welcome Wagon" Admissions crew headed by LtCol Robert Grider, USMC (Ret). Branded with a tell-all adhesive name tag by LtCol Grider, the secret to immediate success at MMA ("yes, SIR and no, MA'AM!"), and an encouraging clap on the back, each new join made their way through several stations set up to minimize Registration tasks and speed them on to the ever-famous MMA ritual, 'The Hair Cut', compliments of MMA Barber Joe Handy. "See you soon" and parting hugs aside, parents, families and friends familiarized themselves with MMA's Campus by joining tours conducted by MMA's Colonel Tom Hobbs, USMC (Ret), Commandant SgtMaj Ford Kinsley, USMC (Ret) and Academic Dean John Butler. Besides touring Campus, parents



SMILES ALL AROUND! INCOMING MID-TERM JOIN WRIGHT LANE AND FAMILY ARE GREETED WITH A FIRM HANDSHAKE FROM MMA SUPERINTENDENT COLONEL GLENN HILL, USMC (RET).

purchased MMA 'wares' from the MMA Parents Association table, visited with Drill Instructors, Faculty and Staff, and investigated the Iwo Jima monument and Visitors Center.

Parents, families and friends...hang on to your hats as you will be truly amazed at

your young men's achievements on Saturday, 3 February 2007—Introductory Training Graduation. These young men's journey to personal excellence has just begun...empowered by the education of **their lifetime!**

Pictured below is incoming Cadet Jacob Lemons of Corpus Christi, Texas... now making Delta Company "HOME SWEET HOME." Welcome to MMA, Jacob!



# HEAR YE! MMA LEADERSHIP FORUM IS NOW IN SESSION

Friday morning, 0700 sharp, kicked off a great day of leadership growth aboard MMA. Slated to speak at the 0830 Leadership Forum, Lieutenant General (LTG) John A. Van Alstyne, 38th Commandant of Cadets and Head of the TX A & M University's School of Military Sciences joined MMA's Battalion Staff for a hearty breakfast served up MMA-style before adjourning to the Academy's Colonel Philip J. Yeckel Memorial Auditorium.

LTG Alstyne is no stranger to the world of education delivered in a military structure. He is the 38th Commandant of Cadets and Head of the School of Military Sciences at Texas A&M University, named Commandant in October 2002 upon completion of 36 years of service with the United States Army. Just prior to retiring from active duty, his post was that of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Military Personnel Policy. Other notable milestones include:

- Earned B.A. in Marketing - TX A&M
- Commissioned as 2nd LT through TX A&M University's Army ROTC program
- Earned M.S. in Military Science - Army Command and General Staff College
- Earned M.A. in National Security and Strategic Studies - Naval War College '86
- Served as Commanding General of U.S. Army Training Center, Fort Jackson SC
- Served as Deputy Commanding General for Initial Training, Fort Monroe VA
- Served as Infantry Platoon Leader, Company Commander, Mechanized Infantry Battalion Commander, Motorized Infantry Brigade Commander, Assistant Division Commander of 1st Armored Division
- Served as Advisor to Vietnamese combat forces during Vietnam conflict
- Served as Chief of Staff - 24th Infantry Division during combat engagements during Persian Gulf War
- Military Decorations include: 3 Defense Distinguished Service medals; Army Distinguished Service medal; 4 awards - Legion of Merit; 2 Bronze Star medals; 5



**"YOU CAN NOT BEGIN TO LEAD OTHERS UNTIL YOU CAN LEAD YOURSELF!"** Lieutenant General John A. Van Alstyne, 38th Commandant of Cadets and Head of the School of Military Sciences at TX A&M University, delivers a "HEADS UP" address to MMA Corps of Cadets at Leadership Forum held Friday, January 26th, in MMA's Colonel Philip J. Yeckel Memorial Auditorium. Pictured above is LTG Van Alstyne (left) accepting a Texas-sized token of appreciation from Cadet Battalion Commander Vincent Cervassi.

Meritorious Service medals; 2 Air medals, 5 Army Commendation medals; Combat Infantryman, Expert Infantryman and Parachutist badges.

LTG Van Alstyne and his wife Anita reside in College Station, Texas. They have one son, two daughters, and five grandchildren.

LTG Van Alstyne challenged MMA's Corps of Cadets, "So let me propose that you commit to doing something great...commit to being a person who makes a difference in the lives of others and in the world every day. Ensure that your life will be meaningful and count for something. At the end of your days, when you ask yourself where all the time went...make certain you have a good answer."

With LTG Van Alstyne's words still resounding in their minds, Cadets broke into four panels and discussed leadership traits, principles, styles, and U.S. Marine Corp's core values. Comprising **Panel 1**, moderated by MMA Support Services and Alumni Director **Colonel Tom Hobbs, USMC (Ret)** with guests **LT James Ward, USN**, and **Bobby Farris, MMA Alum '74**, were *Cadets Zachary Bowen, James Corsentino, Andrew Davis, Jason Franks, Kyle Gannon, Steven Godfrey, Jose Martinez, Robert*

*Mothersal, Sapan Patel, Tyler Ray, Derek Sooby, and Edgar Steeg.* Comprising **Panel 2**, moderated by MMA's Computer Services Director **Major Harold Compton, USMC (Ret)** with guest **Robert Duncan** and **MMA Board Trustee Jim Ezell**, were *Cadets Andrew Alexander, Aadil Alidina, Patrick Davis, Craig DeSantis, James Fuqua, Tyrel Genoff, Kevin Gurganious, William Hardee, Charles Morrison III, Abdur Olajuwon, Juan Saldivar-Gonzalez and Joseph Tannehill.* Comprising **Panel 3**, moderated by MMA's Fox Company Drill Instructor **MSGT Rob Fracasso, USMC (Ret)** with guests **Trey Colvin** and **Harold Zurlo, MMA Alum '69**, were *Cadets Victor Blanchard, Liam Dawson-Thomas, Travis Duncan, Thomas Gallardo, Nikki Hill, Michael Karfunkle, Tate Landin, Christoffer Latos, William Musa, Luis Paz, Austin Shuffield, and Hunter Tesar.* Comprising **Panel 4**, moderated by MMA's Alpha Company Drill Instructor and Band Director **CWO-3 Ed Harris, USMC (Ret)** with guests **LT James Ward, USN**, and **Bobby Farris, MMA Alum '74**, were *Cadets Tian Dai, Jimmy Enos, Albion Ewton, Cody Gebert, Nathaniel Keegan, Colt Marcyan, Preston Meyer, Cameron Nordbak, Angel Roldan, Tyler Secrest, Manuel Sierra, and Flint Yerian.*

**Go forth, lead...and make a difference. 🍷**

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# BOY SCOUT TROOP 22 NEWS



Troop 22 NEWSMAKERS, pictured left to right: Cadets Travis Duncan, Robert Potter, William Akin, Patrick Davis, Charles Morrison, Zachary Bowen, Jonathan Webster, Caleb Fox, Lionel Rodriguez, Chris Egan, Phillip Garcia, and Michael Nye. Not pictured: Troop 22 Scoutmaster SgtMaj Jim Poe, USMC (Ret).

## Indian Lore Weekend

Troop 22 Scouts - Patrick Davis, Chris Egan, Caleb Fox, Phillip Garcia, Charles Morrison, Thomas Parrott, Robert Potter, Michael Nye, Lionel Rodriguez, David Rodriguez, and Jonathan Webster attended the exciting **Indian Lore weekend at Camp Perry** in December, with Chris, Lionel, David and Jonathan earning the **Indian Lore Merit Badge**. Indian Lore teaches Scouts about the history, beliefs, family traditions, clothing, and much more about North American Indian cultures. All Scouts had the opportunity to learn Indian style outdoor skills through practical application. Although some of Troop 22 Scouts attending the event earned the badge previously, they chose to attend and assist with the campout duties and engage in the spirit of Scouting. All participants had fun and did a great job that weekend!

## Winter Camp 06

Four dedicated Scouts - Callan Collins, Chris Egan, James Flowers, and Lionel Rodriguez - took a week away from their Christmas Break to attend the Rio Grande Council Boy Scout Winter Camp in Texas' Rio Grande Valley. Collectively they earned over 20 merit badges, with most

of those counting towards the Eagle Scout merit badge requirement. This is an impressive and mature group of Scouts who demonstrated high levels of leadership and motivation at camp. Good going, Scouts!

## Order of the Arrow (OA) Conclave Weekend

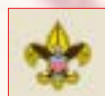
The Order of the Arrow is Scouting's National Honor Society. OA candidates must be nominated by their Troop through a voting process, then complete a rigorous weekend ordeal and ceremony as a rite of passage. While there are no ranks in the **Order of the Arrow**, Arrowmen can later reaffirm their commitment to OA ideals by devoting another weekend to joining the **OA Brotherhood**. The OA Conclave Weekend, held January 5-7, wrapped up with two new Troop 22 **OA** inductees -William

Akin and Zachary Bowen - and three who earned **Brotherhood** status: Patrick Davis, Travis Duncan, and Kyle Gannon. Nomination and induction into the OA is a great honor and achievement reserved for those Scouts of the highest caliber. 🏆

**Congratulations to these outstanding young men on their outstanding accomplishments... OORAH!**



**BROTHERS BY CHOICE...** Pictured, left to right: Order of the Arrow Inductees Cadets William Akin and Zachary Bowen.



# Cadets of the Month for November '06

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 November 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 PATRICK DAVIS

Junior - Brenham, TX

*"Cadet Patrick Davis has done a superb job, both academically and militarily, this year. His performance is steady, and he proves himself over and over to be reliable and trustworthy. Recently promoted to Corporal and named Company Police Sgt. due to continued growth and excellence, I look for great things from this OUTSTANDING Cadet."* - CWO3 Ed Harris, USMC (Ret)



## CHARLIE COMPANY TAYLOR SMITH

Freshman - Telluride, CO

*"Cadet Smith is currently the 1st Platoon 2nd Squad Leader and is doing an outstanding job. He demonstrates exemplary leadership skills while maintaining his military bearing at all times. He assists other cadets in academic and military subjects and provides an excellent example for all to follow."* - GySgt Antonio Aguilar, USMC (Ret)



## DELTA COMPANY OISIN CROWLEY

Sophomore- Plymouth, MA

*"I have personally watched this young man grow and mature to become an asset to Delta Co. Cadet Lance Corporal Crowley has represented himself and the Academy well. He is truly gifted and well-rounded, leaving no doubt in anyone's mind his priorities are that of a successful Academy Cadet."* - SgtMaj Larry Carson, USMC (Ret)



## ECHO COMPANY PATRICK VIERS

Junior- Coto De Caza, CA

*"Cadet Viers is an OUTSTANDING first-year Cadet who sets the example at all times, in particular as Squad Leader for 2nd Platoon. He is in excellent physical condition with outstanding military appearance--he wears his uniform with pride. He's GREAT to have in my Company."* - GySgt Frank Martinez, USMC (Ret)

## FOX COMPANY MITCHELL COLEMAN

Freshman - Bakersfield, CA

*"Cadet Coleman is a first-year Cadet who has demonstrated and displayed initiative, motivation, and an excellent attitude throughout the time I've known him. He's the caliber of cadet who shows inspiration, dedication and discipline for others to follow. He is truly an asset to both the Academy and his company."* - GySgt Ernesto Montemayor, USMC (Ret)



## GOLF COMPANY DANIEL TELOR

Junior - Woodside, NY

*"Cadet Telor is currently Platoon Sergeant. He takes his job seriously and has always done a GREAT job, demonstrating outstanding leadership skills and maintaining his military bearing at all times. He assists others in academic and military subjects and presents a fine example for all to follow."* - SgtMaj Albert Wilson, USMC (Ret)



## BANDSMAN TRAVIS DUNCAN

Junior - Houston, TX

*"Cadet Duncan has served as Drum Major for the MMA Band. He consistently performs his duties with an uncommon brilliance and dedication, continuing to set a new standard of excellence for his position that will be the benchmark for many years to come. I am extremely proud of Travis for his dedication and obvious will to succeed."* - CWO3 Ed Harris, USMC (Ret)



## DRILL TEAM/COLOR GUARD ARTURO CERNA

Senior- Lower Lake, CA

*"Cadet Cerna is a second-year Cadet who has demonstrated and displayed excellent attitude. He has done an excellent job on the Drill Team and Honor Guard...continues to be an outstanding asset to both the Drill Team and the Academy. When one speaks of a well-rounded, high-caliber Cadet, they speak of Cadet Cerna."* - GySgt Ernesto Montemayor, USMC (Ret)

# This Campus is happening 24-7!

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO SUNDAY LUNCH? RIO GRANDE VALLEY GAVE A GROUP OF 35 TEXAS STATE LEGISLATORS A FIRSTHAND LOOK-SEE AT AREA BUSINESSES, NATURE DESTINATIONS AND...LAST, BUT MOST CERTAINLY NOT LEAST, MARINE MILITARY ACADEMY AND THE IWO JIMA MONUMENT. MMA President General Cheney greeted the group as they gathered in front of the Iwo Jima memorial, explaining what the Academy does differently from any other private military boarding school in the country and how the very existence of Marine Military Academy positively impacts the Rio Grande Valley and Texas. The group was treated to a delicious lunch in MMA's Mess Hall, giving the General ample opportunity to answer each person's questions. "Some, not very many, were familiar with the Academy, whereas others were getting their first glimpse...and they liked what they were seeing!" exclaims General Cheney. "All went away with the knowledge there is a one-of-a-kind educational opportunity right here in the Rio Grande Valley for young males in the 8th-12th grade, AND IT'S spelled M-a-r-i-n-e M-i-l-i-t-a-r-y A-c-a-d-e-m-y!" 🇺🇸



Photograph courtesy of Cadet Tammehill.



Key Club and NHS officers accompanied Mrs. Dye to Wal-Mart on Dec. 13 with a mission to purchase toys for the USMC- Toys for Tots Annual Drive, funding made possible through a battalion-wide collection initiated by Key Club and NHS. Cadets donated over \$500 netting 100 toys purchased! 🇺🇸



'RIDE' ON"! GHOST RIDERS of RGV Motorcycle Club presented a contribution to MMA President General Cheney on Saturday, Dec. 9th. The funds are earmarked to benefit MMA Museum and Visitors Center. 🇺🇸



**HAPPY HOSTS!** Help One Student To Succeed volunteers gathered for the annual HOSTS Holiday celebration on Dec. 6th.

L-R: Mary Scheopner, Treasure Hills Elementary; Cadets Marcyan, Davis, Nate Keegan, Godfrey, Musa, Alexander; and Maggie Hernandez, Treasure Hills Elementary. 🇺🇸



**GOT GAME? TABLE TENNIS ENTHUSIASTS UNITE!** The Barlow Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), upon learning of the Corps of Cadets' passion for some good, old-fashioned 'ping-pong' competition, took up a healthy collection to purchase the Cadets a state-of-the-art STIGA Eurotech table tennis unit. DAR representative Mary Anne Olson presented the \$500 check to MMA President Steve Cheney, USMC (Ret) and Support Services Director Colonel Tom Hobbs, USMC (Ret) bright and early Monday morning, January 22nd. The Cadets have challenged the Daughters of the American Revolution to first game honors just as soon as the unit arrives and is set in place at MMA's Cadet Activities Center. OORAH! 🇺🇸



**SANTA, ELF, AND CORPS OF CADETS...**a toy, a giant-sized MMA hug, goodies, and a kid-styled dinner for each girl and boy! MMA Corps of Cadets treated the boys and girls from 3 area orphanages to an evening of holiday fun in none other than MMA's Mess. There were plenty of smiles, hugs, giggles, and unbridled expressions of appreciation from the children ages 6 months to 16. A special thanks to Chaplain Elliott and Social Directress Monica Bates for helping out Santa and Co. with endless hours in preparation for the BIG EVENT. TEAM AWESOME! 🇺🇸

# COLLEGE ROOM CORNER



Robin Farris, MMA College & Career Counselor  
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With Spring Break quickly approaching, I want to take this opportunity to encourage parents of juniors to begin thinking and talking about college with their cadet.

Currently in their English III class, they are filling out a four-page college questionnaire for my files. They will be answering questions such as “Do you want to be: \_\_\_able to come home in an hour or so every weekend? \_\_\_able to come home in a half-day’s drive? \_\_\_able to come home only on vacations?” or “Do you have a sense of size college/university might suit you best?” Another question I am asking them to consider is “What are your academic interests? Which courses have you enjoyed the most and which have been the most difficult for you?” I’m asking this question in order to better understand what area of interest they might be considering. I will use your son’s responses to the questions to better understand what type of college or university he is interested in attending when he comes in for his individual junior interview, which will take place later this semester.

Additionally, I will be meeting with them as a class to begin the serious and complicated process of college exploration. They will receive an “unofficial” transcript noting their current class rank and total number of quality points. Also, I will walk them through the process of how to research colleges through the use of the internet, college viewbooks, college handbooks and videos/dvd’s. Additionally, I will be giving them a notebook filled with lots of information concerning resume writing,

essay writing, checklists and handy websites. They will be well stocked to begin their college exploration. Because I feel fairly certain that information concerning financial aid and scholarships may not make it into your hands, be on the lookout in your mail for this information.

There are many things that you can do as a parent to help your son through this maze as well.

1. Anytime you are traveling, (especially during this Spring Break) if there is a college nearby, drive through the campus, stop at the student union building, talk to students informally and pick up the student newspaper. These types of visits can help you and your son compare size and locations of colleges.
2. Talk about your expectations as a parent – distance from home, size and type of college, costs of public vs private, scholarship options, etc.
3. Help your son recognize his special talents and how they can be used in the admissions process. When reviewing admission and scholarship applications, colleges look at the level of courses a student takes (AP/Honors courses), student’s grades, leadership roles and community service. Encourage your son to continue to strive for additional responsibilities within his company and to take advantage of the many community service organizations (Key Club, Rotary Interact, HOSTS, etc) we have on campus.
4. Be sure that your son’s list of colleges is realistic. Help him to narrow the list to 1-2 reach schools, 2-3 good chance schools and 1-2 safety schools. Visit the colleges on his list. It is not too early to begin visiting colleges now. Colleges should be contacted in advance for college visit appointments.

One last thing – remember that the right college is the one where your child will fit in scholastically and socially. Be realistic in your aspirations and support your son’s choice.

**It’s all about the right fit.** ■



# JUST THE FACTS...

Dear MMA Parent:

FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment will be conducting the financial need analysis for Marine Military Academy for the upcoming 2007-2008 school year. Families applying for scholarship assistance will need to complete an application and submit the necessary supporting documentation to FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment by 20 April 2007. Paper applications are available. Applicants can apply online at [www.factstuitionaid.com](http://www.factstuitionaid.com). The following information is required in order for FACTS to process your application:

1. Signed and completed paper application or completed online application. Faxed or copied applications will not be accepted. Paper applications received without a signature will not be processed. Please do not submit multiple applications. FACTS will process one application per household— either a paper application or an online application.
2. Payment of the \$20 nonrefundable application fee.
3. Copies of your 2006 IRS Federal Form 1040, 1040A or 1040-EZ U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, including all supporting tax Schedules C or C-EZ, Schedule E, Schedule F, Depreciation Form 4562, S Corporation Form 1120S & K-1, Partnership Form 1065 & K-1, Estates and Trusts Form 1041 & K-1 and Form 8825. If applicant and co-applicant file separately, we require both tax returns for the same tax year. We do NOT accept State tax returns.
4. Copies of all 2006 W-2 Wage and Tax Statements for both you and your spouse.
5. Copies of all supporting documentation for household Social Security Income, Welfare, Child Support, Food Stamps, Workers’ Compensation, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

Please allow 3 to 4 weeks for your paper application to be processed.

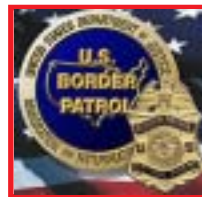
**NOTE: Award decisions are not made by FACTS, but by the Marine Military Academy. Award decisions will be announced in June 2007.**

If you have questions or concerns about the application process, you may speak with a FACTS Customer Care Representative at 1-866-315-9262. ■

Sincerely,

**LTCOL Robert Grider, USMC (Ret)**  
Director - Admissions and Development

# Border Patrol Honors Cadet Chris Ruwaldt November 2006 Pick-“Head of the Class”



**CADET CHRIS RUWALDT**

**CHARLIE COMPANY**

**CHRIS RUWALDT**

**SENIOR - Broomfield, Colorado**

*Son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary S. Ruwaldt*

*“Cadet Ruwaldt always does his job to the best of his ability and as the Company Officer he is a leader for his peers to follow. He has all the leadership qualities that this prestigious nomination exemplifies*

*--Gunnery Sergeant Antonio Aguilar, USMC (Ret)*

**Editor’s Note:** Chris participates in extracurricular activities including football and varsity swim team. He currently serves as Fellowship of Christian Athletes President. Chris’ long term goals are to attend college and major in International Business. Beyond college, he plans to make the Marine Corps a career. When asked how he incorporates what he’s learned at MMA into his personal life he responds, “I have a set standard of morals and ethics that I try to live by and influence others to do. I feel as a person that I must live by these standards in order to succeed in my life.”

*Harlingen Border Patrol’s “Head of the Class” is a community awareness program honoring local student participants who promote abstinence from using illegal drugs. Every month, students from across the Rio Grande Valley who exhibit outstanding leadership and participation in the program are selected and recognized by Harlingen Border Patrol at awards ceremonies and/or banquets.*

## Military Department Promotions

The following named CADETS have earned promotion to the Rank and Billet indicated below: \*

**ALPHA:**

**MCDONOUGH, THOMAS B:**  
Sergeant; Squad Leader

**CHARLIE:**

**DAI, TIAN W:** Cadet Second  
Lieutenant; Platoon Commander

**ECHO:**

**ADAIR II, ASA A:** Cadet Lance Corporal;  
Company Education SNCO

**BOSQUE, ALEXANDER G:** Cadet  
Corporal; Squad Leader

**CEPEDA CARDENAS, MARIO H:** Cadet  
Corporal; Company Laundry NCO

**ESCHER, ERIC N:** Cadet Lance  
Corporal; Squad Mbr.

**EZZELL, COLTON L:** Cadet  
Lance Corporal; Squad Mbr.

**GAAR, CHRISTIAN T:** Cadet  
Lance Corporal; Squad Mbr.

**GEORGE, NICHOLAS D:**  
Cadet Staff Sergeant;  
Platoon Sergeant

**HOUSER, KEVIN J:** Cadet  
First Lieutenant; Platoon  
Commander

**JACKSON, JONATHAN T:**  
Cadet Lance Corporal;  
Squad Mbr.

**KEYES, ANDREW D:** Cadet  
Private First Class; Squad  
Member

**MORRISON III, CHARLES W:**  
Cadet Lance Corporal;  
Squad Mbr.

**NEWMAN, BENJAMIN J:**  
Cadet Private First Class;  
Squad Mbr.

**SHELTON, JUSTIN H:** Cadet  
Lance Corporal; Squad Mbr.

**SHIN, DONG K:** Cadet  
Corporal; Squad Leader

**ECHO: (continued)**

**SPIERING, WILLIAM A:** Cadet Lance  
Corporal; Company Laundry NCO

**TACKITT, COTEY J:** Cadet Lance  
Corporal; Squad Mbr.

**TAHIRKHELI, ADAM A:** Cadet Lance  
Corporal; Squad Mbr.

**ULLRICH, PSALM A:** Cadet Lance  
Corporal; Squad Mbr.

**VIERS, PATRICK A:** Cadet Corporal;  
Squad Leader

**HILLIARD, JOHN V:** Cadet Corporal;  
Platoon Guide

**FOX:**

**CHAVEZ OSEGUERA, ALAN:** Cadet  
Private First Class; Squad Mbr.

**COLEMAN, MITCHELL:** Cadet Lance  
Corporal; Squad Mbr.

**CROSSLAND, WILLIAM J:** Cadet  
Private First Class; Squad Mbr.

**FLETCHER, GARRETT K:** Cadet Private  
First Class; Squad Mbr.

**FOX, CALEB B:** Cadet Private First  
Class; Squad Mbr.

**GERHARD, NICHOLAS A:** Cadet  
Private First Class; Squad Mbr.

**HOFF III, FREDRICK C:** Cadet Second  
Lieutenant; Platoon Commander

**KLEIN, TYLER M:** Cadet Lance  
Corporal; Squad Mbr.

**MAIMONE, MAX J:** Cadet  
Lance Corporal; Squad  
Mbr.

**MALCOM, JOHN W:** Cadet  
Private First Class; Squad  
Mbr.

**MARTIN, CHASELIN K:**  
Cadet Lance Corporal;  
Squad Mbr.

**MUNOZ CORONA, ANGEL:**  
Cadet Private First Class;  
Squad Mbr.

**PARROTT, THOMAS M:**  
Cadet Private First Class;  
Squad Mbr.

**REYES, RONALD:** Cadet  
First Lieutenant; Company  
Executive Officer

**SALDIVAR- GONZALEZ,  
JUAN M:** Cadet Gunnery  
Sergeant; Platoon  
Sergeant



**MMA COMMANDANT SGTMAJ FORD KINSLEY, USMC (RET) CONGRATULATES CADET CHASELIN MARTIN on earning promotion in rank and billet during an outdoor ceremony held at 1115 sharp, Tuesday, 9 January 2007. OORAH!**

\* List complete as of  
26 January 2007

# LEATHERNECK SPORTS



**TOM MORTON**  
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR  
HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

*"Taking Care Of Business"*



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

## LEATHERNECK SWIM TEAM - GySgt Caleb Hood, Head Coach

MMA's **LEATHERNECK SWIM** Team headed out to TAPPS regional finals in Houston on January 20<sup>th</sup>. The Swimming Leathernecks lost out to Brownsville Porter by just one point for third place in team standings out of a total of 16 teams at the

Invitational Meet. The Team came up short with important swimmers like Juan Pablo Lopez out with a eye injury and Flint Yerian who will be out the remainder of the season with a broken leg. Lopez is back to make up for lost time in TAPPS South



PICTURED, L-R: CADETS Zachary Hume, David Jerome, Gannon Mennis, Tyrel Genoff, Ryan Ewton, Nikki Hill, Nathaniel Keegan, Christopher Ruwaldt, Eddie Steeg, Kyle Wagener, Juan Pablo Lopez; AND HEAD COACH GYSGT CALEB HOOD.

Regionals. Here's results from the Regionals: 200 Medley relay: Jerome, Wagener, Keegan, Steeg—2:20.30; Ewton, Ruwaldt, Mennis, Genoff—1:53.68 3<sup>rd</sup> place. 200 Freestyle: Keegan—2:32.36; Hill—2:20.85. 50 Freestyle: Jerome—29.60 Cadet Jerome finally broke 30 seconds in this event - a big milestone! Ewton—23.82 5<sup>th</sup> place; Mennis—23.75 3<sup>rd</sup> place; Genoff—22.29 1<sup>st</sup> place A new New Years Classic Invitational record! 100 Butterfly: Keegan—1:25.61. 100 Freestyle: Jerome—1:07.98; Hume—1:10.08; Genoff—49.34 1<sup>st</sup> place - another New Years Classic Invitational Record! 500 Freestyle: Wagener—6:46.10 - another 2 second drop for Kyle. 200 Free Relay: Hill, Hume, Keegan, Wagener—1:52.41; Ewton, Mennis, Steeg, Genoff—2<sup>nd</sup> place. 100 Backstroke: Ewton—1:05.54 3<sup>rd</sup> place. 100 Breaststroke: Steeg—1:26.65; Wagener—1:21.58; Mennis—1:16.97; Ruwaldt—1:15.25 8<sup>th</sup> place. STAY TUNED for more Sizzling HOT-HOT-HOT Leatherneck Swimming Action from this team...they're churning up the waters

MMA-STYLE. 🏆

**ON TO STATE COMPETITION...GO BIG RED!!!**

## LEATHERNECK TENNIS Paul Jesudasan, Head Coach

Tennis, a year-round activity at MMA, began shortly after fall registration in August, and continues through April. Practices, held daily during afternoon activity period are focusing on stroke mechanics, drill performance and play practice matches. Practices end with long-distance conditioning, agility drills or wind sprints. The Team plays 6-8 high school tournaments in preparation for the state tournament in April. 🏆

**BRING HOME THE GOLD, LEATHERNECKS!**





## LEATHERNECK BASKETBALL

**Erasmio (Mo) Molina, Head Coach**  
**Edgar Valerio, Assistant Coach**

MMA's **LEATHERNECK BASKETBALL** Team wraps up the 2006-2007 season in full-fledged, all-out action on Friday, 2 February versus St. Joseph Academy of Brownsville. 🏀



**OORAH, HOOPSTERS!**

## LEATHERNECK WRESTLING

**Jason Ibarra, Head Coach**

MMA's **LEATHERNECK WRESTLER** Cadet Senior Zachary Bowen is tearing up the mats with 6 wins (5 PINS!) and 2 losses following Jan. 26th's "Rumble in the Rio Grande" at La Hoya.. The Team will face off on 2-3 February at the UIL Public Schools District Meets, then again on 10 February at the Big Granddaddy of Wrestling Tourneys - TAPPS State Tournament at Houston's St. Thomas High School. **TAKE 'EM DOWN, LEATHERNECKS.. SHOW 'EM THE LIGHTS!** 🏆



PICTURED, BACK, L-R: CADETS GURGANIUS, HUTCHINSON, LINTON, BOWEN, HEAD COACH JASON IBARRA, AND CADET WALKER. FRONT, L-R: CADETS GREEN, GANNON, HARRISON, VRETTOS AND MCCRAY.

## LEATHERNECK SOCCER - Anselmo Aparicio, Head Coach

MMA's **LEATHERNECK SOCCER** Team has put a total of six games under their belt thus far, playing both non-district and TAPPS district games. Two of the games versus local club teams were held early in the while the team was still forming and player placements underway. The Leathernecks lost both those games but gained valuable experience in the process. The Leathernecks first faced TAPPS rivals Central Catholic and St. Michaels Academy on 1-2 December, not emerging triumphant in either game but again gained experience and solidified positions. On 19-20 January, the Leathernecks went head-to-head with TAPPS opponent Holy Cross in two games. The first game, on Friday afternoon, the Leathernecks jumped out to a quick lead and were ahead 5-1 at halftime. Good team play with sharp passing proved to much for Holy Cross early but they fought back in the second half to a score of 5-3 before the Leathernecks added two more goals. A final goal by Holy Cross closed out the final score at 7-4. Saturday morning dawned with both teams again taking the field. Holy Cross played solid early but MMA took command midway through the first period and controlled the game right up to the end ... final score: 6-1! The Leathernecks now stand with a TAPPS record of 2 wins, 2 losses with four games remaining in the TAPPS season. Weather has caused the cancellation of one game against St. Michaels and another with Central Catholic The Leathernecks will face Antonian College Prep. at MMA on 2-3 February. 🏆

**GO LEATHERNECKS...GOAL!**



# Alumni News

Fresh off the wire...

'67

Randy Ralston – [thecoolestactor@mchsi.com](mailto:thecoolestactor@mchsi.com) - new e-address; “retired”, claims to fame include co-starring opposite Debra Winger in ‘Slumber Party ‘57, serving as bodyguard for Actor Dean Martin, “Surround yourself with excellence and you’ll BE excellent.”

'70

Aaron Davis – [aaronmdavis1950@msn.com](mailto:aaronmdavis1950@msn.com) - new e-address

'73

Martin Johnson – [mjohnson@pmglp.com](mailto:mjohnson@pmglp.com) - new e-address

'78

Glenn Hubbard – [GlennKona@aol.com](mailto:GlennKona@aol.com) - new e-address

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Maj. Rob Rood USAF – [rob.rood@peterson.af.mil](mailto:rob.rood@peterson.af.mil) - Chief of the Space Lifestyles Logistics Policy Branch at Air Force Space Command at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, CO, recently selected for Lt. Col. effective May 07

'81

Col. Giles Kyser – [EdelweissCGL@aol.com](mailto:EdelweissCGL@aol.com) - “frocked” to colonel last Oct. by Col. John Ripley and Gen. Peter Pace, currently Military Assistant to the Asst. Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict, married 20 yrs., one daughter

'82

Robert Baker – [stratcatrwb@yahoo.com](mailto:stratcatrwb@yahoo.com) - professional home inspector in Houston, TX, his band Brother2Brother is on the 2007 Grammy Awards ballot for best contemporary blues album and best blues/rock vocal performance

'84

LtCol. Paul “Dutch” Bertholf – [pbertholf@cox.net](mailto:pbertholf@cox.net) - currently in the G-4, will move in June to a command billet in I&I 6<sup>th</sup> Motor-T Battalion

'92

Christopher Krossschell – [krosschellc@hotmail.com](mailto:krosschellc@hotmail.com) - recently retired from the Air Force, now living in Waco, TX

'93

Captain Bryce D. Essary – recently completed a one year deployment in Iraq, heading to Camp Pendleton

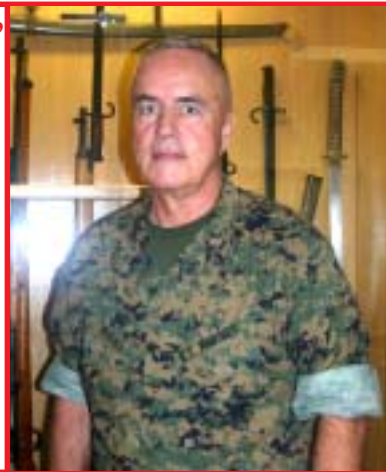
'05

PFC Michael Burtis - [mburtis6531@yahoo.com](mailto:mburtis6531@yahoo.com) - recently completed aviation ordnance school at Camp Pendleton, currently assigned to HMLA269 at MCAS New River, NC

Mark Your Calendar and Don't Miss Out:  
MMA Alumni Celebration 2007  
March 30th - April 1st

“FALL IN!”

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FIRESIDE CHATS...AN UNUSUALLY CHILLY AND ICY TUESDAY IN COLUNGA'S COLLEGE STATION, TX HOME sparked lively conversation between MMA's President General Cheney (left), MMA Alum '75 Dr. Frank Colunga (right), and MMA Support Services and Alumni Director Colonel Tom Hobbs, USMC (Ret) (not pictured). Dr. Colunga practices medicine as a Emergency Room Trauma physician, the first line of action when a patient presents in the ER Room. Those leadership classes 'back when' at MMA really paid off, along with a whole lot of HONOR, COURAGE and COMMITMENT...and Dr. Colunga will be the first to render an adamant “OORAH!” in agreement! OORAH to you, Dr. Colunga! Of special note: Dr. Colunga has agreed to chair the Alumni hot seat for MMA's exciting 5-year Capital Campaign. Who could say 'nay' to Dr. Colunga? Dig deep, brethren! All for a GREAT cause...MMA!

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

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!**

# BATTALION PAO, SOUNDING OFF...



Then...(MMA Alum '86)



Today...OOHRAH!



Cadet Dong-Kwon Shin, ECHO Company  
Cadet Public Affairs Officer

## HOT TOPIC: What's New In The Battalion? What are cadets talking about?

*The New Year has begun. It is hard to believe that First Semester has already gone by. From my viewpoint, based on last year's experiences, Second Semester goes by faster than First. Seniors are looking forward to graduation. A few of the seniors have already been accepted to colleges...I am sure they can't wait until graduation in May! Also, juniors are very busy with their SAT's and school work.*

*There are always new plebes when we return in the new year. Even though it will be demanding for plebes, they are already looking forward to joining the Corps of Cadets. At the same time, there are always new Cadet Instructors (CI's) ready to help plebes at any time. Plebes will go through all the challenging courses in the "Back 40". Although MMA's physical training is challenging, with the guidance of experienced cadet instructors and*

*instructors, they will complete their training successfully and go forward to become part of the Corps.*

*Before Spring Break there is one very important parade coming up--The Iwo Jima Parade held February 17th. I am sure Rifle Manuals in the early morning will lead this Parade to success just like those in the past. So far, it has been a GREAT Year. I am very positive that cadets will continue to take on any challenges with confidence and attitude. This is Battalion PAO...sounding off! --Cadet Shin, Echo Co.*

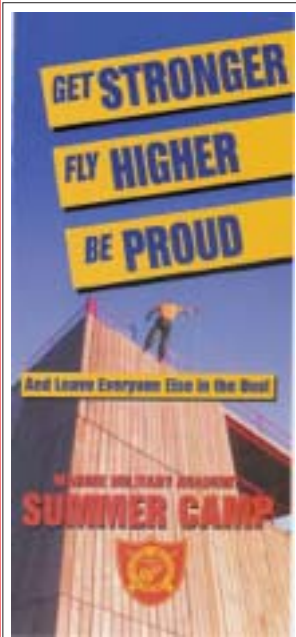
**Editor's Note:** Cadet Corporal Dong-Kwon Shin is a 2nd-year student at MMA, son of Mr. and Mrs. ChangSoon Shin of Chungcheongnam-do, KOREA. 🇰🇷



**ONE GOOD READ DESERVES ANOTHER!** MMA Cadets paid a visit to local Zavala Elementary on November 29th, inciting a reading frenzy amongst the elementary students. The endeavor was orchestrated by MMA Faculty Patricia Flores and Carla Haynes. Shown to the left are: Back, L-R Patricia Flores; Cadets Allen-Barker, Jerome, Fox, Davidson, Mouler, Egan and R. Rodriguez. Front, Cadets Witz and Gonzalez. Also participating: Cadets L. Rodriguez, Bearden, Spiering, Crowley, Khalil, and Karfunkle. **READ ON, CADETS...OOHRAH!** 📖



**BUSTIN' A MOVE!** MMA Corps of Cadets get down to the latest and greatest hits with local high school dates during the Winter Dance held Saturday evening, December 10th. Tunes were o'plenty, compliments of DJ Gill and MMA's Social Directress Monica Bates. **LOOKIN' GOOD, Holiday revelers!** 🎉



## What YOU do makes a difference... MMA's Summer Camp 2007

Each year, MMA Admissions Department receives numerous applications from young boys who want to experience the adventures of MMA Summer Camp. However, many of these individuals' families cannot afford to pay the full cost (\$3,750) for attending the four week action-packed session, and they are turned away.

In many instances, MMA's Summer Camp will provide the **one opportunity** that makes a **positive impact upon a young boy's life**. Consider being a part of this worthwhile investment. If you would like to make a **tax-deductible contribution** to this endeavor, please send your check **TODAY** to MMA's Admissions Department and annotate: *For Summer Camp Fund*. **Your financial assistance is GREATLY appreciated!** 🙏

Web Site:  
<http://www.mma-tx.org>  
Email Address:  
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# Memorials In Honor Of:

- John H. Austin
- 2nd Lt Jesse R. Baker, USMC - KIA, RVN, August 1967
- James Brown - Godfather of Soul
- Thomas R. Eubanks
- SgtMaj Harvey M. Gilmore, USMC (Ret) - former MMA employee
- JoAnn Johnson
- Myrtle Mason
- GySgt James A. Morton, USMC (Ret) - former MMA employee
- Maj Larry Robinson, USMC - KIA RVN 1969
- I. Doris Senour
- Capt Robert J. Shirk, USMC
- Missy Thorne
- Pfc Brian A. Thornton, USMC - KIA ROK 1951
- GySgt Larry L. Wisnoski, USMC (Ret) - former MMA employee

- GySgt Antonio Aguilar, USMC (Ret) - MMA C-Co. DI
- Jack H. Brouse - VMF 422
- SgtMaj Larry J. Carson, USMC (Ret) - MMA D-Co. DI
- Msgt Arthur B. Cohan, USMC (Ret) - former MMA employee
- J. Dan Hall, II
- CWO3 Edward D. Harris, USMC(Ret)-MMA A-Co. DI
- Mike Kitchen - American Legion Post 554 member
- GySgt Frank Martinez, USMC (Ret) - MMA E-Co. DI
- MSgt John G. McLaughlin, USMC (Ret) - former MMA employee
- Pat McMurry - former light/heavy weight USMC Boxing Champion
- GySgt Ernesto Montemayor, USMC (Ret) - MMA F-Co. DI
- SgtMaj William E. Steigerwald, USMC (Ret) - former MMA employee
- J. Rob Walker's Marine Military Service
- SgtMaj Albert S. Wilson, Jr., USMC (Ret) - MMA G-Co. DI

To make a donation to Marine Military Academy in memory or honor of, contact Ester Reyes at (956) 421-9231 or e-mail: [reyes@mma-tx.org](mailto:reyes@mma-tx.org).

## Calendar of Events

### February

- 2 Academic Awards Ceremony
- 3 MMAPO Meeting
- Introductory Training Graduation
- 16 H.M. Smith Foundation Dinner
- 17 IWO Jima/H.M. Smith Parade

### March

- 6-9 3rd Quarter Exams
- 9 Begin Spring Break @ 1200
- 18 End Spring Break @ 1800
- 19 Begin 4th Quarter
- 30.4/1 Alumni Reunion 2007
- 30 Alumni Parade - 1600

### April

- 13- MMAPO Leatherneck Golf
- 15 Tournament ([firm@tipton-law.com](mailto:firm@tipton-law.com))
- 14 Ring Ceremony
- ACT
- 20 Sports Banquet

## My new motto: GIVE WHILE YOU LIVE!

Dear Friends:

I was born and raised during the Depression. Although my Dad had a steady job, money was never plentiful. In fact, all during my military career, it seemed that we lived from one payday to another. Now, the good Lord is providing more than we need, and I have discovered the truth of: "IT IS BETTER TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE!"

I have never known this kind of joy before. We give to our children now while we live and take joy in seeing them put the monies to good use. We give to our church and to charities and see the blessings these gifts bring to others. While it is gratifying to give while living, we all fear that our wealth will not last as long as we do. There is a way to both give and have a guaranteed income for life. This can be achieved by making a Gift Annuity with the Marine Military Academy. This part gift, part annuity provides a tax refund for the year given, a payment for the lifetime of the donor(s) and a major gift to the Cadets of MMA.



CAPT LEO J. MCDONALD , CHC USN (RET)

A Gift Annuity of \$100,000 would provide \$5,700 annually to a couple ages 65 and 70 for as long as either lives. \$2,930 of this amount would be tax free, and the donors would receive a deduction of \$34,886 from their taxable income, making an outlay to them of \$90,232 (at 28%) for a \$100,000 Gift Annuity. We have Gift Annuities for as little as \$10,000 (gratefully). Call me for details (956-421-9225) with your age(s) and amount, no obligation.

*Semper Fi,  
Chaplain Mac*

## YOUR Opportunities to Support MARINE MILITARY ACADEMY

There's a number of options available to you in support of MMA:



### Scholarship Programs

- General Scholarship
- Endowed Scholarship Fund



### Planned Giving

- Charitable Gift Annuities
- Establishment of Trusts
- Bequests
- Gift of Residence with Right to Use the Property



### Naming Opportunities



### Brick Pavers



### Memorial Trees



### Athletic Equipment



### Tax-Deductible Cash Donation

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