

# MMA Leader



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## Amazing Summer Strides

From 34 different states and seven foreign countries, over 320 ESL and Summer Campers, their parents, families, and friends made their way to Marine Military Academy's Camp Registration Day on Sunday, July 1st...some by airplane, others by bus, taxi, auto—no matter what mode of transportation brought them, the mode changed to high gear, EXTREME EXCITEMENT, upon arrival!

Greeted by Academy President Brigadier General Cheney, USMC (Ret) and Superintendent Colonel Glenn Hill,



### DELTA COMPANY - ESL 2



Alejandro Islas  
Torreon, Coahuila  
MEXICO

*"As Squad Leader, I learned how to become a GOOD leader, which I wasn't good at before. I became more disciplined, mentally mature, and learned to work as a team. I liked the Leadership, Reaction and Confidence courses...and the Field Meet. The food is GREAT, especially hamburgers, and all the desserts...EXCELLENT!"*

### Cadence

When I came to MMA  
At first sight I was blown away  
Then the scary things came out  
Sergeant Major screams and shouts  
Get in step or IPT  
These CI's are killing me  
Delta is my company  
I'm proud of it, and I'm proud of me  
Now I don't want to go home  
Having a good time on my own!

--written by Alejandro Islas,  
ESL 2007 Advanced Group

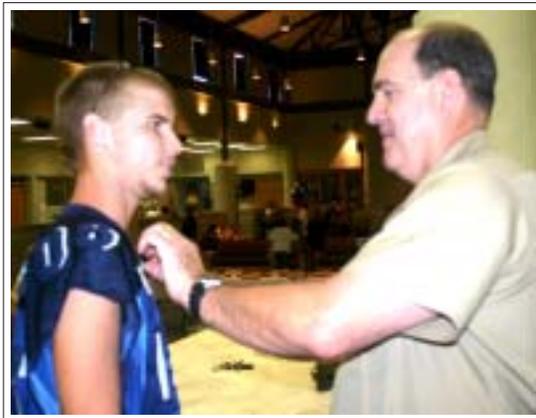
MMA's ANNUAL SUMMER AND ESL CAMP FIELD MEET FRENZY got underway Friday evening, July 27<sup>th</sup>, at 1700 on the dot. As strains of "Eye Of The Tiger" (theme song from the movie "ROCKY") filled the stadium air parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, and friends clamored to their feet in applause as 324 accomplished summer and ESL campers strode proudly onto the stadium track. "You'll be able to pick out your camper...he's the one wearing the red ball cap and the yellow shorts!" quips Commandant SgtMaj Kinsley. Campers rotated through competitive events: 100 yard sprint; 440 relay; Paul Revere; and the ever-popular Izzy Dizzy...and then it was parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters and friends turn to sprint onto the field to greet their campers, sounding off in amazement to see how tall their camper grew in such a short time...both in mind and body. Yes, as the evening shadows grew, a few tall tales grew even taller - destined to reach legendary proportions before Summer's end!

MORE, just like this, on Pages 6-7 and Back Cover



AT EASE! MMA President General Cheney, USMC (Ret) greets and quickly puts an incoming camper at ease.

USMC (Ret) each camper soon became easily-recognizable via a nametag administered by Admissions Director Lieutenant Colonel Robert Grider, who



LtCol Robert Grider, USMC (Ret) administers incoming Camper John Collins' nametag and a few words to the wise.

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also gave each camper the key to verbal success at Camp MMA: “YES, SIR and YES, MA’AM”, administered at 10 decibels. Then, it’s on to each stop along the in-processing route:

REGISTRATION DAY ABOARD MMA SUMMER & ESL CAMP 2007



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BUSINESS OFFICE



MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

A stop to 'look-see-SIGN UP' at the Aerospace table  
*(yes, a young man can get a healthy taste of flying the friendly skies as an airplane pilot aboard MMA's Summer Camp!)*



MMA's Aerospace Program is under the direction of Gulf Aviation's Flight Instructor Mitri Garib (on left).

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And, on to **Military** -where each Camper is first assigned to a Company and Drill Instructor (D.I.), then introduced, along with their families, to their D.I. and Cadet Instructor (C.I.)



On to Barber Joe Handy's famous Barber Shop for that much yearned-after buzz cut -



A pit stop at the Quartermaster's for new duds -



For Moms, Dads, siblings, family and friends, it's hugs, kisses, and "see you in 4 weeks" – some more gleeful than others, some a wee-bit tearful—



...and, finally, on to tasty chow at the Mess and bunk assignment in the barracks!



At Marine Military Academy's Summer and ESL Camp, these young men soon discover it's not how many hours you put in each day, but what you put into each and every hour. They join campers from all over the globe—experience team sports Marine Corps-style, learn how to build interpersonal relationships based on mutual respect and trust, and discover how important these relationships are—not only in sports but in many other areas of life. They participate every day in new activities designed to turn ordinary summers into extraordinary adventures they're destined to remember the rest of their lives. They develop self confidence, maximize physical endurance and mental sharpness, plunge into intense leadership learning experiences, enhance team-based problem solving capabilities, strengthen focused leadership techniques...and even enjoy a whole lot of fun while they're at it!

# Summer and ESL Camp '07:

## HEADS UP IN DA' MORNING...PT BEFORE DAWN BREAKS!!!

First call rings out loud and proud at 5:55 A.M., reveille at 6 A.M., and the most enjoyable way to begin the day – P.T. outside at 6:10 A.M.! Cadences rang out loud and proud across Campus as nearly 400 bodies comprised of campers, drill instructors, cadet instructors, MMA President Brigadier General Cheney, USMC (Ret)...even Medical Department's Gwen Carson turned out before dawn so much as shed the first ray of light. A variety of unsynchronized stretches, situps, pushups, and a brisk jog in the early morning breeze ensue.

### One Mile, No Sweat

**One mile no sweat, Two miles better yet,  
Three miles think about it, Four miles thought about it,  
Five miles feeling good like I should.  
In my legs, In my head, In my chest,  
Feeling good, Super troop.**

### MESS BELL'S A CLANGING!

**"IN OUR CORPS: EVERY DAY IS A HOLIDAY, AND EVERY MEAL IS A BANQUET"**...so reads the plaque overhanging the entrance to MMA's Mess Hall 'Buffet' line. First Mess of the day is truly a **break'feast** following a healthy round of Summer and ESL Camp PT, and a quick glance at this year's campers' mess trays are solid proof! All breakfast, lunch and dinner meals meet USDA nutritional guidelines in accordance with U.S. Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Each meal offers five key ingredients: protein, calcium, iron, vitamin A and vitamin C. Overseen by retired USMC Chef Carlos Centeno, the dining facility staff serves up tasty renditions of popular entrees—lemon pepper chicken, cavatini, barbeque ribs, beef fritters, the ever-popular hamburger and fries, sloppy-joes, chili dogs, roast beef, spaghetti, pizza, turkey...and, on every-other Friday, the campus-wide favorite: enchiladas or fajitas. Fresh fruit is available for each breakfast, topped off with cold or hot cereal, eggs, bacon, sausage, and bagels. A salad bar option is provided for both lunch and dinner, along with fresh celery, carrot sticks, jello, peanut butter and jelly, and—of course—lots of tasty desserts. There's plenty of ice cold water, fruit juice, milk, and lemonade ...what you won't find is carbonated, caffeinated beverages!

Chef Carlos keeps on top of the latest nutritional trends, "I like to keep an ear out, find out what campers are hungry for, then change things up. Each cadet can come back for seconds, thirds...as much as they want. Whatever they take, they eat. No one leaves this dining facility hungry! Some meals are made from the original Armed Forces recipe cards, some from nutritional seminars I attend each year, some recipes are brought in by our staff. Everything is cooked from scratch...there are no microwaves in this Mess Hall!"

Great eats, always a treat...OORAH!



# Logs from the Front Lines!

## SWIMMING, PAINTBALL WARS, and Pumping It Up in the Weightlifting Gym ... OH MY!

There's always a whirlwind of activity on legendary Academy Paint Ball grounds. Campers are briefed on how the wars will go down—12 man teams, red caps against no caps...take cover and the strategic wars begin. Once shot with a yellow paint ball, the “warrior” raises his weapon over his head and exits the grounds, and if he doesn't move fast enough there's plenty of Cadet Instructor “Referees” standing by to shout ‘encouragement’ to move along a bit more quickly! The team with the last team member standing, squatting, crouching... whatever... WINS! *A word to the wise for ALL spectators: Stand too close to the action and you're certain to become a participant!*



Over in the Weightlifting Gym, companies are briefed how to properly execute each weight station—whether spotting or lifting. All campers rotate through each station, and sweating is not an option...it's mandatory...although the industrial size indoor fan makes up for the absence of the brisk southern breeze.



With temps hitting the triple digits, Gracey Swimming Pool provides a cool challenge to all campers. GySgt Caleb Hood briefs each group on swimming technique—the first day working on the breast stroke, then stands by with play-by-play critique to get the job done right. “Is this the right way to do the ‘breath stroke?’” a swimmer hollers out as he grabs a breath between splashes. GySgt Hood responds, “Everybody to THIS side of the pool...we're going to do this...ONE MORE TIME!”



**This IS Rocket Science!** ESL Camp '07 took on a brand new approach to learning the English language and associated comprehensive skills. Rocket kits, purchased at the local *Hobby Lobby*, arrived in several assorted pieces, complete with instructions...all in English. Reading and following illustrated diagrams, under the supervision and direction of ESL Instructors *David Allen, Diolanda Dye, Jose Michi, and Patricia Flores*, advanced ESL campers assembled rockets and prepared completed units for launch. According to ESL Instructor Diolanda Dye, very little direction from instructors was required as these campers have tackled their studies with a vengeance and “really know their ENGLISH!” A rotation of two ESL campers rigged the rockets, then drew back to an area of safety, attached to the launch base by a few connective wires. The “signal” camper prompted the audience to countdown loudly, “5-4-3-2-1”, at which point the “launching” camper threw the ejection switch, sending the rocket far, far, far into the blue...followed by a swift descent to the ground. OORAH!



# Summer and ESL Campers:

## ALPHA COMPANY

### Platoon 101



Devon Rankin

"At MMA Summer Camp I learned I could be more than I ever thought possible. I even tackled the Obstacle Course (thought that was the most difficult!), although the Paint Ball Course was my favorite...that, and the hamburgers. Thinking back, all the chow was good!"

"The most difficult thing for me at Summer Camp was getting over being away from home. I learned alot about leadership, self confidence and self respect. I liked the Confidence Course the best. I'd like to have more time for weightlifting. My favorite meal? Cheeseburger and fries...seconds, please!"



Kyle Schenck



Ryan Vineyard

"At MMA Summer Camp, I BEAT my fear of heights! I was able to keep up during P.T., and that was difficult. This Camp is a real challenge - definitely worth it. I really liked Paintball, and the chow was really good...especially the spaghetti and pizza--they're the best!"

"Mind over matter...if you don't mind, it doesn't matter--that's the most important thing I learned. The most difficult thing I accomplished was, without a doubt, the Challenge Course. The chow was better than I expected...I even got RIBS! Can't wait to start the school year here at MMA!"



Jeb Blalock



Ben Gier

"I learned alot about others and how they live, their views on life. One of the hardest things I accomplished was the Obstacle Course. My favorite was Paintball. The chow was all right...I really liked steak!"

"The hardest thing I tackled at Camp...listening to people my own age and calling them 'Sir'. Paintball was the best. Teamwork, cooperation and respect for authority were things I learned here. I could've used more time to eat, although most of the chow kind of sucked, except for fajitas...my favorite meal!"



Chris Pohl

## CHARLIE COMPANY

### Platoon 501



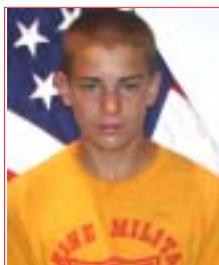
John Haynes

"Here at Camp I learned to be morally strong, work as a team and to respect everyone--no matter what their background. I got over my fear of heights. Loved paintball ( just do it and have a GOOD time!), loved chow--looked forward to it every day!"

"Dodgeball and the Mud Course are the best! I learned how to maintain good character and discipline, but the hardest thing was keeping my room in perfect condition! I love the chow, and my favorite meal at MMA is cheese enchiladas."



Andres Hughes



Ryan Osbourn

"Rappelling was the most difficult thing I did at Camp. I learned 8 important words: Yes, ma'am; no, ma'am; yes, sir; no, sir! I also learned to face my fears head-on and go on to accomplish what I thought I couldn't. I loved paintball, teamwork in combat!"

"I learned it isn't always about YOU, but more about your team...and all about having integrity. The greatest obstacle I overcame at Camp was FEAR. I liked paintball, boxing and pugil sticks. The chow was really good, especially cheeseburgers and french fries!"



Michael Apt



Dylan Joslin

"I've learned to shine shoes, fold clothes, make a bed, march, ranks, rappell, obstacle courses, work harder, not be lazy, climb a rope, TO BE PROUD, and appreciate what I have. I now believe in myself to be able to do things I think are difficult. Also, my favorite chow is cheeseburgers n' fries!"

"I learned teamwork, discipline, organization, and that I would like to go to school here at MMA. The most difficult thing I accomplished was rappelling, because I used to be afraid of heights. The best was King Gym, paintball, boxing smokers, rappelling, spaghetti, and cinnamon rolls!"



Blake Bozer

## DELTA COMPANY

### ESL 1



Miguel Garcia Acosta

"The Challenge and Leadership Reaction courses were the best. I learned to be responsible and quit 'my lazy'. I would like to do more of the activities and have less hours of school time. I really liked the fajitas, pizza and spaghetti."

"MMA Summer Camp was awesome, especially during morning runs. They were long and exhausting but very good - I NEVER fell behind! I really liked the Obstacle Course. The most difficult was rappelling. I learned to not quit until I tried my hardest."



Rafael Hinojosa



Diego Vargas Castro

"Drill was the BEST, and the Obstacle Course was the hardest. I learned English, how not to be afraid and instead to be proud of myself. The chow is the best I have ever seen. My favorite meal? Hamburgers and cheesecake. Thanks, MMA, for EVERYTHING!"

"I liked the Mud Course and Swimming the most. The Obstacle Course was the most difficult for me. I learned many things: To march, live alone, obey orders, clean my room, clean my bathroom, do more exercises, make my bed, and TO BE A MAN."



Claudio Cardenas



Virgilio Guajardo

"The most difficult things at Camp were the SUN and the Circuit Course, and I accomplished them both! We went Bowling, and I liked that best, along with desserts, cookies, brownies and cakes at chow. I learned leadership, respect, and that I missed my mom's cooking and my bed at home!"

"I liked doing a lot of stuff, the burgers, and alot of the courses. My favorite is the Challenge Course. I learned that everything you do is in a team and you have to work together. The hardest accomplishment was rappelling off the Tower."



Juan Mendoza

# Layin' It On the Line . . .

## ECHO COMPANY

### Platoon 701



Ryan Brown

"At MMA Summer Camp I learned to work together as a team. The most difficult thing I accomplished was navigating the Confident Course. The boxing and paintball were awesome. The chow was okay. I really enjoyed the burgers and fries. Could have used more sleep time!"

"Those morning runs were difficult to keep up with! The Rappelling Tower was great, but the Mud Course was AWESOME. I learned discipline, self respect, teamwork, and to believe in myself. Chow was really good, especially enchiladas!"



William Hightower



Joseph Van Donk

"MARCHING, I learned all about marching at Camp. The hardest thing I accomplished was rappelling over the Tower-I DID IT! I like the Mud Course best...please get bigger boots 'cause half the guys can't put any on. Oh, the fajitas were the best choice by far!"

"What was great about Camp - the CIs. They're fair and push you as hard as you can go. The hardest things were getting up early and getting over my fear of heights. I learned respect and to have confidence. Chow took a few days to get used to, then it was great. My fav? Chicken."



Randy Graham



Drew Hasbrook

"Aerospace was awesome, then I'd say my fav is rappelling. The Confidence Course was the hardest. I learned discipline, leadership, teamwork, marching moves, and how to make a rack right. I didn't care for doing PT every single morning. The Salisbury steak and mashed potatoes-amazing!"

"Teamwork...that's what I learned at Camp. I think the hardest accomplishment I experienced was The Stairway To Heaven. The Confidence Course was so much fun. The chow's good...I like the burgers a whole lot!"



Kenneth Waite

## FOX COMPANY

### Platoon 301



Nicholas Drake

"Discipline, I learned all about discipline in Summer Camp...and I had so much fun! I really liked doing the Pugil Sticks. The hardest challenge for me was rappelling, and I got it done. I enjoyed the chow, especially the eggs and bacon!"

"Rappelling was the best! Running 3 miles nonstop was what pushed me the hardest. Chow was great...pizza, jello, and cake. I learned that with great power comes great responsibility...the few, the proud, SEMPER FI!"



Rowdy Wessels



Robert George

"Difficult? Oh, it was all pretty easy, except I was challenged on the Australian Balise at the Tower. I learned how to march and about Marine traditions. All in all, I can't wait until I am a Cadet Instructor here. Oh yeah...the enchiladas are the best chow by far!"

"During MMA Camp I learned 'You must overcome your fears to succeed.' The hardest thing I overcame was the Rappelling Tower, and then it became my favorite, along with the Shooting Range. I may not like every single thing here at Camp, but I respect what the Camp has done for me."



Austin Hendrick



David Sanchez

"I've learned alot about myself, like how I need to push myself and have more confidence and self discipline. One of the toughest courses I accomplished was the Confidence Course. The most fun was the Mud Course and the Gym. Camp was difficult but rewarding at the same time."

"First off, Aerospace is awesome, although I also enjoyed the Rappelling Tower. The most difficult thing I learned to do was to keep my mouth shut, and that everything is 80% mental and 20% physical. The chow is...interesting, to say the least. My favorite meal...HOAGIES!"



David Rogers

## GOLF COMPANY

### Platoon 901



Josh McLemore

"I learned so much at Summer Camp...don't know where to begin! The hardest part was doing the Circuit Course and what I liked the best was Paintball and the Reaction Course. The chow's awesome--chicken with white gravy is tops!"

"MMA ROCKS! Although all the courses were difficult to accomplish, I did it all - everything! For me the Rappelling Tower is the BEST! I learned to have a better appreciation for what I have. The chow's okay...my favorite? Chicken-fried steak."



Justin Perez



Jaime Wolkoff

"Most difficult thing I accomplished? Climbing the long, long, LONG rope! Paintball and the Obstacle Course were my favs. I learned to be a leader, how to lose my fears...thank you all very, very much! Hamburgers in the Mess Hall were very good. I'd like to add: I LOVE MMA!"

"At MMS Summer Camp, I found out I can do alot more things than I thought I could! It was difficult to be so far away from my parents for so long. I really like doing the Confidence Course, and the chow, especially CAKE! I enjoyed the CIs' sense of humor."



Cody Fuller



David George Jr.

"I now know alot more about esprit de corps and Semper Fidelis. SgtMaj Wilson and GySgt Garcia helped me accomplish the most difficult thing - rappelling...thank you! I enjoyed swimming 'cause it's fun and exercises my whole body. Chow's great, my fav is rice with chicken, shrimp and vegetables."

"Marching and that I could get along by myself for a whole month...that's what I learned during Camp. The hardest for me was the last event of the Confidence Course, and the funnest was paintball and the Reaction Course. Oh, tomato soup's the best chow. By the way, GOLF COMPANY RULES!"



Frank Morrell 7

# More Logs from the Front Lines

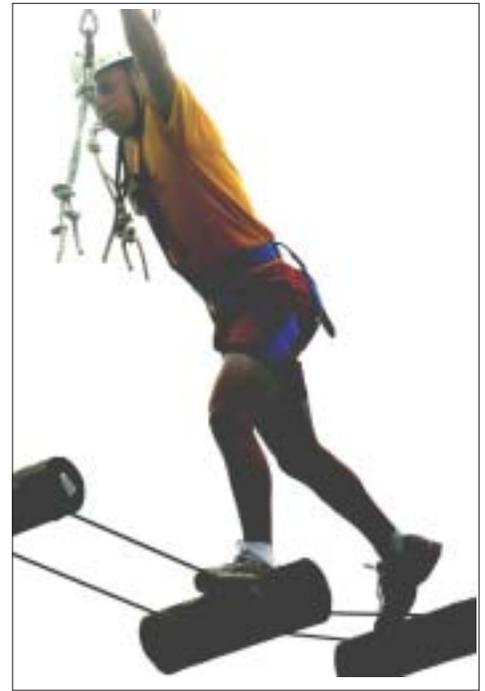
**"I BELIEVE I CAN FLY..."**

Conceivably the smallest movement, planting the second foot firmly atop a 30' foot power pole, equates to one huge "elephant" step forward for campers in terms of growth in self-confidence and overcoming fear of heights on



**HIGH CHALLENGE!**

Campers were first to tackle the newly-constructed **High Challenge Course**. In addition to the POWER POLE and the 'HEE BIE JEE BIE' challenges, there's the new PIPE DREAMS and RAIDER BRIDGE challenges, designed by MMA's own Major Harold Compton, USMC (Ret), built and implemented the first week of Camp by Major Compton and Gunny Raul Garcia, blessed and inspected by *The Association of Challenge Course Technology's Level 4* vendor ROPEWORKS.



the POWER POLE challenge event. As soon as the second foot moves on to the pole top, the encouraging shouts from below demand, "Straighten your arms!", and in finality to the ultimate goal, "JUMP!" With the grace and poise of a moose performing a high wire act, campers catapult towards the 'carrot' which dangles from the highest wire, a leap forward and UPward of about eight feet, in hopes of tapping the prize with their outstretched hand. No worries, Mom and Dad, the entire operation is done with safety harness in firmly in place, secured by a suspension rope tightly restrained by Cadet Instructors and Campers with BOTH boots firmly planted aboard Mother Earth.

Each camper tests their 'mettle' during **Pugil Stick competition**. Clad with a helmet and full face mask, groin protection and protective neck roll, loads of padding and a cushioned pugil stick - wooden base wrapped with lots of styrofoam and cloth, campers mock-battle one another as they vie for recognition as the victors. Aside from earning bragging rights, these campers are learning self-confidence, coordination and—when going 2-on-1 and 3-on-1, the value of teamwork.



**"Yee-haw, Mom never told me I could have THIS MUCH FUN!!!"**

Every single camper enjoyed ample opportunity to check out the special brew cooked up in their honor over on the Mud Course, basking in the sweet coolness of MOTHER EARTH's finest as they rotated through each challenging and extremely muddy obstacle.

Lather, rinse, repeat, repeat, repeat take on special meaning following a therapeutic bath in the muddiest mud offered this side of the hemisphere. Yes, this is one fine spa treatment, and Mom and Dad didn't pay a single cent extra for all this fun!!!



**HIGHER HEIGHTS...  
and**

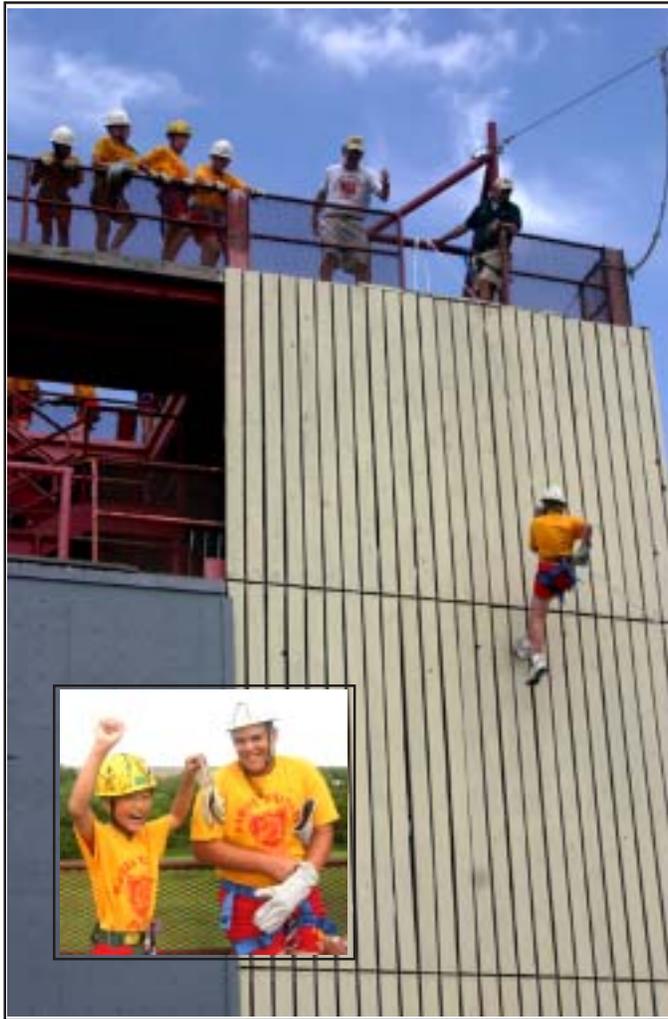
**It's A Very  
Long Way**

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N!!!**

What MMA Summer and ESL experience would be complete without a good solid rappell off "THE TOWER"?

In Germany, they call it **abseiling** - the process of descending on a fixed rope; in Britain, **abbing**; in Australia -**jumping, roping down, roping, seiling**; in American slang it's referenced as **rapping**; in Israel - **snapling, snapping or snappeling**; in Hindi slang... **rapping**.

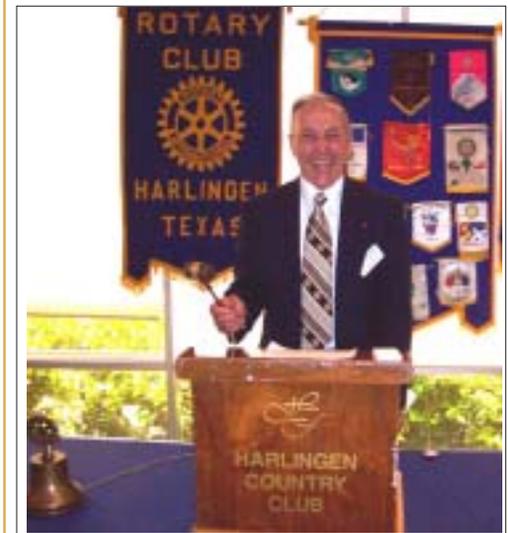
However, there's only one phrase that applies universally on the way **d o w n** :  
"Aahhrrrgghh...OORAH!"  
**Oh, what a feeling!!!**



**Meanwhile,  
About Campus...**

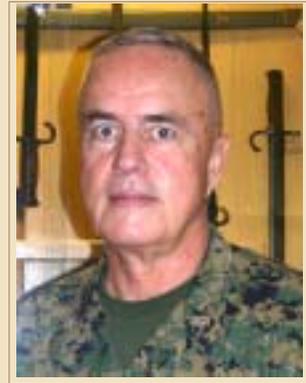


**TOE'S ARE A'TAPPIN' TONIGHT!** Campers and RGV's general public were treated to an evening of the finest in military music as performed by **The Texas Army National Guard 36th Infantry Division's Lone Star Band** on Thursday evening, July 5<sup>th</sup>. The performance began at 6:30 p.m. in MMA's Phil Yeckel Memorial Auditorium with all campers, several Academy staff and faculty, and area residents comprising the audience...and ohhhh...what a receptive crowd to this outstanding, incredible concert performance! The evening's performances racked up three standing ovations and an ample array of camper "OORAH's" o'plenty.



With a resounding thud of his newly-acquired gavel, MMA Superintendent Colonel Glenn Hill, USMC (Ret) accepted his post as President of Rotary Club of Harlingen, District 5930, for 2007-2008. Key projects on board are: SHRIMP FEST; Paul Harris; Adoption Awareness; Interact - 3 chapters, inclusive of Marine Military Academy's; Scholarships, Club Service, Vocational Service; Membership Service; International Service; Foundation; Youth Exchange, Literacy, including a Spelling Bee fundraiser; 4-way Speech Contest; Public Radio; among many, many other endeavors...and, most likely next year's tally will include quite a few new innovations. Carry on, Harlingen Rotary...Colonel Hill's got your back!

# “FALL IN!”



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Mark Your Calendar and  
Don't Miss Out:  
MMA Alumni Celebration 2008  
March 28th - 30th

## Fresh off the wire.....

**HELP WANTED.** Looking for at least two volunteers from **each** MMA Graduating Class to assist in researching location and contacting their fellow graduates. MMA will provide copy of Academy data. Please e-mail your contact data to:  
ATTN: Colonel Tom Hobbs,  
hobbs@mma-tx.org. *Semper Fidelis.*

### '82 2nd Generation of WAUGH Arrives at MMA!



Meet Nicholas Waugh, 16, son of Stephen Waugh, MMA Class of '82 and U.S. Naval Academy grad. Nicholas got on board the MMA Summer Camp train this summer, getting his first exposure to military lifestyle and Marine Corps culture. Nicholas has set his goals upon applying to the U.S. Naval Academy, Class of 2013.

Change of Command

A hearty round of applause goes out to MMA Alum Lieutenant Colonel Owen R. Lovejoy II, U.S. Marine Corps. He transferred to 3d Marine Regiment in June 2004 serving as Regimental Executive Officer, deployed to Haditha, Iraq as Battalion Military Iraqi Training Team Advisor in January 2006. Personal decorations include 2-Bronze Star, 3-Meritorious Service, Navy/Marine Corps Commendation medals, and the U.S. Army Achievement and Combat Medal and Combat Action Ribbon. **OORAH!**

### TAPS...



A longtime friend of the Academy and MMA Alumni alike, Charles "Chuck" Lindberg always made time to visit MMA, the IWO JIMA monument and MMA Alum on his frequent trips through S. Texas. Pictured above, Chuck shakes the hand of MMA Alum '96 Peter Hobbs as proud Dad - Col Tom Hobbs, USMC (Ret) looks on.



Charles "Chuck" Lindberg, original IWO JIMA flagraiser, passed away June 22, 2007 in his hometown of Edina, Minnesota. Chuck was 86 years of age, and June 26th would have marked his 87th birthday. In the photograph above, Chuck is on the left, photographed a couple of years ago during a visit to MMA Museum and a spirited chat with fellow IWO JIMA survivor and MMA Museum Volunteer Joe Kite (on the right).

During the IWO JIMA conflict, Chuck manned a flamethrower, earning the Silver Star for valor. Later, during a ferocious battle, Chuck was evacuated after being shot in the right forearm, and he received the Purple Heart.

**ALUMNI: Be sure to E-Mail your updates to pickens@mma-tx.org for inclusion in the Leader! Include graduation year or last year of attendance, and very importantly, we need your *express* permission to print home addresses, wives' names and children's names/ages! Thanks, Mickie Pickens**

**Wait, there's more...E-Mail your favorite photos, too: wieland@mma-tx.org. We're GLOBAL...Tell US, we tell the world!**

**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!**



Second Lieutenant  
Shane Alexander Farrar  
U.S. Marine Corps



Dear Colonel Hill,  
Shane Farrar was a MMA 2000 Summer Camp graduate. We thought MMA might be interested in the path Shane has followed. We have no doubt that Shane's MMA Summer Camp experience contributed greatly to his motivation and success to date.

Shane has chosen to serve in the U.S. Marine Corps Infantry following graduation (from United States Naval Academy earning the degree of Bachelor of Science with a major in Systems Engineering, Class of 2007).

Semper Fi,  
Michael and Claudi Farrar



MMA Alum '82 Quirino Baderas and family turned out for MMA's 2nd Annual National Media Day. With family in tow (and occasionally Quirino as 'toweel') there was ample opportunity for a stroll down memory lane. Oorah!

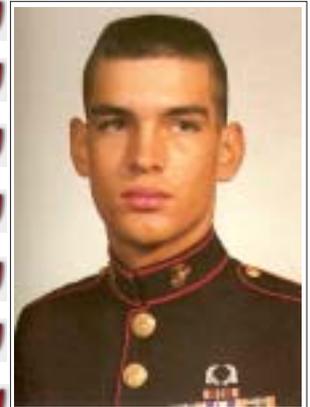


Our boys graduated from Marine Military Academy in 2000 and 2003. We are very proud of MMA and the foundation the boys received. They both recently graduated from The Citadel Military Academy of South Carolina. We are SO PROUD OF THEM! Matthew (Golf Company MMA-00): Was accepted in 2003 to the Citadel Military College, and has graduated in May of 2007; Civil Engineering program. He now works for Parsons Corporation and doing very well. He plans to marry this October. Nicholas (Golf Company MMA-03): Was also accepted in 2003 to the Citadel Military College, graduating in May of 2007; The Citadel School of Business Administration.

He has just accepted a position with Valley Forge Engineering as Communication Coordinator. We are very proud of them and their roots at MMA. Chase and I still recommend parents to send their boys to MMA. I was on your website this morning and decided to update you. Chase and I know the value of sending the boys to MMA and are happy to speak on behalf of the Academy to parents. We plan to keep attending the San Francisco events. keep us on your list. We missed it this year due to the boys' graduation events. We feel very strongly about MMA and the importance of staying involved.

Best always, Jacklyn Lang

**NO GUESSING ABOUT IT:  
LIKE FATHER...LIKE SON!!!**



Levi Benedict Noguess  
MMA Class of '81  
Company Commander



Things are going well, and we're just about at the 1/2 way mark of our year out here. We're doing some great things for the people of Anbar and have seen tremendous changes for the better. Our young Marines are true heroes for what they do for their country and the Iraqi people...

Looking forward to getting back home and seeing everyone at the next reunion.

Semper Fi,  
Tim  
MMA Class of '79



II Marine Expeditionary Force (Fwd) Air Shop - Al Anbar, IRAQ. L-R: LTC Tim "Curly" Leake, USA; LtCol Walt "Wally" Powers; Col Tim "Dawg" Herndon, MMA Class of '79; GySgt David Parks; MAJ Brad "Treats" Frazier, USAF; and LtCol Andy "Opie" Macoit.



Levi Noguess Jr.  
MMA Summer Camp Grad '07  
GOLF Company

# Memorials: In Honor Of:

- Dr. Victor Gonzalez
- Hugh Rains
- Gabriel Rodriguez, Jr. - MMA '98
- Sam Seawright
- John H. Stevenson, USN, WWII
- Pfc Brian A. Thornton, USMC, KIA ROK 1951
- CWO3 Edward D. Harris, USMC (Ret) - MMA A-Co. DI
- Cap Leo J. McDonald, CHC USN (Ret)
- William Joseph Murphy, II, USMC - Stationed in Iraq
- 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

August	
15	Classes Begin
September	
7	Academic Awards Ceremony
8	MMAPO Parents Meeting
8	Introductory Training Graduation
October	
6	SAT
10-12	1st Quarter Exams
17	PSAT
27	ACT
November	
1 -3	Parents' Weekend
3	Birthday Parade, Reception, Ball
10	Veterans' Day Parade
16	Begin Thanksgiving Break (1600)
25	End Thanksgiving Break (1800)

### Dear Friend of the Academy,

This edition of the **Leader** is 'chock' full of proof-positive what the four short weeks of **MMA Summer and ESL Camp** can mean to an impressionable 12-17 year old adolescent. Year after year, this firmly structured, yet understanding environment provides a valuable platform for the young men, primarily 12 to 17 years of age, whose families are fortunate to afford the opportunity, and a handful who attend through the kind generosity of a few friends of the Academy ... friends who realize the importance of instilling in our future leaders self confidence and discipline, leadership and team building skills. In today's fast-paced world where many adolescents prefer to take shortcuts and

offer less than their personal best effort, the **Marine Military Academy continues to challenge each camper to strive for excellence and his highest potential...**in athletics/physical activities, moral and other personal endeavors. An envelope has been provided **should you choose to financially support bringing the MMA Camp opportunity to another young boy who, without your assistance, will not be able to attend next year's Camp. Be sure to annotate "MMA Summer Camp 2008" on your check.**

*Semper Fidelis,*



Bob Grider  
Lieutenant Colonel, USMC (Ret)  
Director, MMA Institutional Development

## "MMA, All The Way!"

### CHARLIE COMPANY



Summer Camper  
**Kevin Kiefer**  
Glenview, Illinois

### Platoon 501

*"MMA Summer Camp taught me a lot about building character and self-discipline. The most difficult thing I did was rappell off the Tower...I used to have a fear of heights. I liked rappelling and paintball the best of everything...and the chow was actually*

*pretty good. For me, it's MMA - ALL THE WAY!"*

**MORE, just like this, on Pages 6-7**

## YOUR Opportunities to Support MARINE MILITARY ACADEMY



### 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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