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REMEMBER, RECOGNIZE, REDEDICATE



A MONUMENTAL MOMENT IN 46 MMA GRADUATING SENIORS' LIVES. MMA President Brigadier General Stephen Cheney, USMC (Ret) gathers the graduating Class of 2010 for the traditional senior photograph and, following the photo shoot, bestows words of wisdom that will most likely be remembered throughout these young men's lives as they continue along their separate pathways. Fair winds and following seas, MMA graduates ... a lifetime of success awaits you!

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*-Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Dylan Reece Joslin
MMA Class of 2010 Salutatorian*

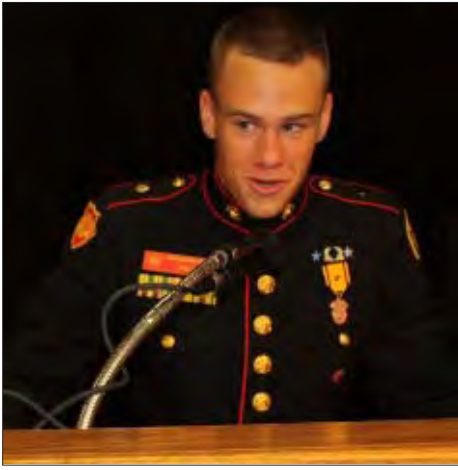
"This is the message I want to pass on ... Marine Military Academy (MMA) is what you make it. You, as an individual, have the power to shape your life. Once you fully realize this, MMA becomes a tool to help you strengthen your resolve and forge your path. Develop yourself here; become strong. That is the meaning of MMA. That is the meaning of strength."

*-Cadet Captain Michael Robert Miller
MMA Class of 2010 Valedictorian*

"Graduates, rededicate yourself to uphold those things the Corps holds so dear ... they are so important that Marines give their lives for them ... HONOR, COURAGE and COMMITMENT. These are the hallmarks of our Corps. These are the things that are burned indelibly into our souls."

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MMA Class of 2010 Guest Speaker*

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"It's our last day here at MMA. We've all been here for too long, ha, but it was worth it. I've lived here at MMA for almost three whole years (I was a summer camper first). I've met many really cool people during my stay ... My three years here at MMA have changed me so much as a person, and definitely influenced my life more than I would have expected. I've awakened before dawn, eaten, ran, relaxed, worked, laughed, complained, and suffered through recurring reprimand or IPT all alongside the unforgettable people seated in front of me today. I've grown close to many of you, and as close as family to a few. But, all of us in the Class of X are family. Here we have a single person to call Mom, Dad, Sister...we're all brothers. The changes I've experienced are for the better, and I hope all of you can say that as well. SgtMaj Carson has played a major role in my development and functioning as a contributing member of society. MGySgt Hamilton also helped out with that...together they've critiqued me and given their guidance. I've also received encouragement from home. Dad has been another key part to my metamorphosis, giving me his thoughts, opinions, advice support and a motivational speech from time to time, taught me to make my own decisions and make them well. Mom has given me an ear to complain to, hugs to make it better, and her understanding and love. The faculty and staff have always been helpful, whether they be an amazing chemistry teacher, a helping hand in Military Dept., a coach, Logistics or Maintenance staff. So, what all this is saying is 'thank you, MMA'. Now, let's go get our diplomas, celebrate and begin our lives. Good luck to you, brothers!"

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Cadet Captain Michael Robert Miller
MMA Class of 2010 Valedictorian

"First off, I need to thank some people. I thank God for giving me the strength to persevere and succeed. I thank my parents and family for always being there for me when I needed them. I thank my teachers for having the ability and intelligence to help me with my questions. I thank my friends, those who are brothers to me, who have encouraged me to be the best I can. Lastly, I thank the Military staff for helping to develop the leadership abilities I used to get here. What I have achieved has not come about as some natural gift. It was not granted to me like a wish that came true. To get where I am today, I have worked very hard. This leads to my main point. There is something about MMA that most people don't stop to consider. While day-to-day activities are scheduled, while most of your life here is planned out step-by-step outside of your control, there are few places other than the outside world when you're supporting yourself in which individual choice has such a profound impact on your life. The choices you make here affect who you will become. For those who make the right choices, this place grants a moral and mental strength like none other. This strength, the strength of the individual, is one of the most important keys to success in life. Making the right choices is not always easy, but strength doesn't come without challenge. It may not be without criticism to do right, but you must be able to persevere. I prayed to God time and time again for the ability to persevere, and I have attained that strength. I know that I can stand on my own two feet regardless of what others think. This is because I have made myself this way through my choices and actions. This is the message I want to pass on to those who will attend here next year. MMA is what YOU make it. You, as an individual, have the power to shape your life. Once you fully realize this, MMA becomes a tool to help you strengthen your resolve and forge your path. DEVELOP yourself here; become STRONG. That is the mean of Marine Military Academy. That is the meaning of STRENGTH!"



William E. McHenry EdD
MMA Class of 2010 Guest Speaker

"What a wonderful and exciting day this is! Today is time for celebration, acknowledgment, hope and expectation. Today is a way station on life's journey; surely this is a suitable moment to reflect on the importance of this event and what it means to all gathered here. And as we reflect, let us do three things. Let us remember, let us recognize, and let us rededicate. Remember, Cadets, you did not arrive here by accident or by some quirk of fate. Look around...surrounding you are those who have been your biggest fans for all of your life. They have sacrificed...they have toiled...they have hoped and dreamed for your success from the moment you were born. Here you learned about people, about their strengths and weaknesses, about trust and teamwork. Here you learned life's lessons that are not contained in a textbook but are the key to success in life. Here you learned keeping your word and telling the truth are far more important than the amount of stuff you can accumulate. Here you learned that you cannot do things by yourself...that you need to be a part of a team to accomplish the most important things in this world. And learning these things was tough, for the Academy is not an easy place. But you have been forged and tempered in the hot fire...you have succeeded...and because of this you will be all the stronger. Cadets, before you walk across this stage, I would ask you to rededicate yourself to the principles of the Corps and the Academy. In our Corps there are values and beliefs and ethical principles that translate into a way of life...things like honor and integrity, a strong work ethic, and a belief in God. Rededicate yourself to uphold those things the Corps holds so dear...they are so important that Marines give their lives for them...HONOR, COURAGE and COMMITMENT. These are the hallmarks of our Corps. These are the things that are burned indelibly into our souls. These are the things worth both living and dying for. Cadets, those who have gone before have given you the opportunity for an education. Those who have gone before have given you the chance to make a difference in the world. Those who have gone before have given you the chance to be a good citizen, spouse, and parent. Those who have gone before expect you to grasp the torch they have passed to you. They cared

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for you when you were sick, protected you when you were in danger, and gave up things they wanted so that you could have what you needed. They worked hard to provide for you. Sure, there may have been some speed bumps along the way, but they did the very best they could. You should often thank them and tell them you love them. Your parents, relatives, teachers, pastors and coaches may have helped you along the way, but we must recognize that you did the heavy lifting. You decided to take the harder path...you decided to apply your talents and abilities and not squander them...you decided that in spite of all hardships, you would seek excellence in your life. You rose up to meet those challenges, you learned from your mistakes, and - most importantly - you accepted personal responsibility for your actions. For unlike so many other places, here at the Academy you can't hide, you cannot blame, you cannot shirk. Here at the Academy not only more was expected, but also more was learned. Those who have gone before are watching from the past and present to see what you of the future will do. Cadets, I know you will not let them down.

Congratulations on this achievement. May you have fair winds and following seas all the days of your life."



TEXAS-SIZED TOKEN OF APPRECIATION.

On the right, MMA President Brigadier General Stephen Cheney, USMC (Ret) presents Dr. McHenry (left) with a desktop rendition of the Iwo Jima Monument and globe on behalf of the Marine Military Academy Corps of Cadets, Board members, staff and faculty.

Dr. McHenry is the National Director of the Marine Corps' Junior ROTC Program (GS-15). He holds a Master's Degree in Public Policy/Political Science and a Doctorate of Education with a concentration in organizational planning. As an Infantry/Reconnaissance Officer in the Marine Corps, Dr. McHenry commanded at the platoon, company, and battalion levels serving in Viet Nam, Beirut, and Southwest Asia. He was responsible for strategic and force structure planning for United States' Naval Forces Korea and Special Operations Forces in Europe, the Near East, and Africa. He was assigned to Special Operations Task Force as a Special Activities Officer for clandestine/covert operations in Europe. He participated in covert operations in Beirut, sub-Saharan Africa, and the Near East with the Central Intelligence Agency's Special Operations Group. After retiring from the military, Dr. McHenry was a classroom teacher in public schools for ten years. Married to Holly in 1969, they have two grown children and reside in Belmont Bay, Virginia.

DIOLANDA DYE Named MMA's 2010 Teacher of the Year

The **Teacher of the Year Award** is presented to one faculty member in recognition of their quality of instruction and for a recognized commitment to the learning of our cadets. Teaching colleagues, cadets and the administration participate in the selection process. Factors strongly considered when selecting the recipient include the instructor's commitment to teaching excellence, leadership, and an exhibited sense of professionalism both in and out of the classroom. The teacher selected is presented with a \$1,000 check. Their framed portrait, complete with their name engraved on a plaque, resides in Coleman Hall. For the 2009-2010 Academic Year **Diolanda Dye, English Composition and Speech** teacher, earns this prestigious selection.



Diolanda Dye is a bundle of energy aboard the Academy. Not only does she teach **Marine Military Academy English Composition and Speech**, she sponsors **MMA's chapter of National Honor Society**; cosponsors **KEY Club**; and in the summer she instructs **English-As-A-Single Language Camp**. She has taught numerous subjects at the secondary level including Speech, Journalism, English, and Study Skills.

Teaching has been an important piece of her life for many years. In high school, she began working at the local Boys and Girls Club where she soon discovered the joy of working with adolescents. She continued to work at the Club until graduation from University of Texas. It was then that she decided to make teaching her career. As the English Composition teacher at MMA, she enjoys the discipline and structure that allows her the freedom to teach. She has an opportunity to become acquainted with her students and tailor her teaching to their needs. She says her colleagues at MMA are a wonderful source of inspiration and information when it comes to finding new ideas and methods for teaching. For Mrs. Dye, this support and structure makes teaching at MMA both fulfilling and promising.

Mrs. Dye is fearless when it comes to working on community service projects with her cadets! Whether the job entails assisting with putting up tents at Boggus Stadium during Relay For Life to helping out staff and cadets setting-

up equipment during United Blood drives and intaking donors' information; taking cadets shopping at the local Wal-Mart for toy drives during the holidays; arranging an evening of guitar instruction for cadets who are interested in learning the finer art of playing the guitar; or tucking her hair under a plastic cap and donning plastic gloves to serve trays of food during local grocer HEB's Feast of Sharing - she always musters a smile and has a good time doing whatever she sets her mind to...and incites enthusiasm in all those around her, too! In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her husband, Craig, and her daughter, Isabel. This fall, she will have taught 11 years aboard MMA. Please join us in a hearty round of applause for MMA's Teacher of the Year **DIOLANDA DYE...OORAH!**

Cadets of the Month for April '10

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.



ALPHA COMPANY CODY BROWN

Freshman - Missouri City, Texas USA

"Cadet Brown is an exemplary cadet that has realized his full potential here at MMA. He wears his uniform with an obvious pride that is indicative of his genuine concern for excellence in all that he does. Cody can always be relied upon to accomplish whatever task/assignment he is given. Honest, loyal and trustworthy, I expect to see Cadet Brown assume stronger leadership roles during his remaining time here at MMA."

- CWO3 Ed Harris, USMC (Ret)

"Being selected as Cadet of the Month for ALPHA Company is important to me. It shows my peers that I have worked hard, and it proves to me that if I work diligently I will be rewarded. Earning this award also showed me that my drill instructors have taken notice of the effort I put in. It is truly an honor for me to receive this award, and this will continue to inspire me to maintain my goal of excellence in the future."

- Cody Brown



DELTA COMPANY RUBEN CRUZ, JR.

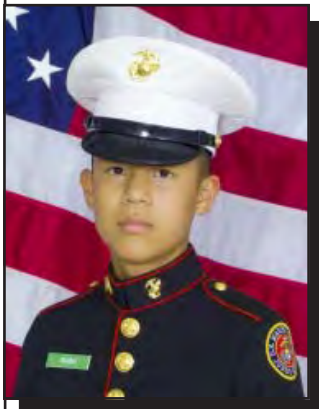
Sophomore - Los Angeles, California USA

"Cadet Cruz is Squad Leader for Delta Company's Second Platoon, and he has done a tremendous job. He continues to impress me with his dignified bearing, confident attitude and willingness to go the extra mile to complete tasks assigned to him. Cadet Cruz is a positive influence among his peers and insists on sharing his understanding of honor, courage and commitment. It is indeed a pleasure to nominate Cadet Ruben Cruz Jr. for this prestigious honor."

- SgtMaj Larry Carson, USMC (Ret)

"I believe I was selected to represent DELTA Company as Cadet of the Month because I have worked very hard to improve who I am in every aspect since Day One at MMA. From 'surviving' introductory training to finishing off my first year here, the experiences here have been everything but unforgettable. From these experiences I have learned to have the courage to face nearly anything. I have taken initiative by setting the example both academically and inside my barracks. I am committed to do the right thing and to maintain integrity, and show great enthusiasm and endurance within DELTA Company. Most importantly, perhaps, I have stayed loyal to Delta Company, and my dependability is forefront. Not only have I learned to follow, I've also learned what it takes to lead."

- Ruben Cruz, Jr.



ECHO COMPANY MICHAEL J. HUANG

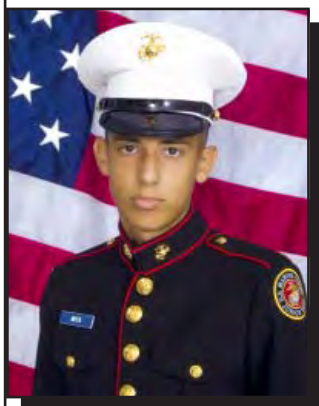
Freshman - Houston, TX USA

"Cadet Huang has done a superb job in his platoon. He strives hard to maintain a top GPA. He is Fire Team Leader for 1st Platoon and is also on the Company Laundry Crew. Cadet Huang takes pride in wearing his uniform, displays a positive attitude, is motivated, works hard to maintain his grades at all times, and serves as an excellent example for the other cadets in his platoon and Echo Company. It's GREAT to have Cadet Huang in my company!"

- GySgt Frank Martinez, USMC (Ret)

"Being selected as Cadet of the Month has been something I've worked hard to achieve, always making sure I give 110%, whether it be a PT (physical training) run or doing morning cleanup. Gunny (Drill Instructor Gunnery Sergeant Frank Martinez, USMC [Ret]) has always been a factor in keeping me on the right track...he keeps me focused on the task at hand. I am a member of the Laundry Crew and the Company Clerk. Upon graduation from MMA, my future goal is to attend Harvard University or earn acceptance to the Naval Academy."

- Michael Huang



FOX COMPANY ALFONSO MOYA CASTILLO

8th Grade - Houston, Texas USA

"As a first-year cadet, Alfonso has demonstrated exceptional conduct in the barracks and the ability to lead by example. As Company Guide he carries out all orders with attention to detail; he possesses the ability to inspire others; and he is respected by all peers and subordinates. Cadet Moya's pride and Esprit de Corps makes him deserving of this prestigious award. It is truly a pleasure to have him on our team. Cadet Moya has reflected great credit upon himself and has upheld the traditions of the Marine Military Academy and the JROTC program."

- MSgt Robert Fracasso, USMC (Ret)

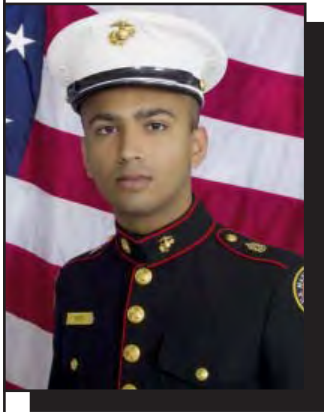
"In Fox Company, I always make certain to respect the decision(s) my superiors make. It doesn't matter how much time and effort doing the right thing takes. I've earned the position of Company Guide through consistent hard work and dedication to Fox Company. In Academics, my grades and perception have improved greatly since coming to MMA. I consistently respect the professionalism of my teachers and adhere to their guidance."

- Alfonso Moya Castillo

"Those selected are to be commended for their outstanding performance."

- SgtMaj Ford Kinsley, USMC (Ret)
Commandant

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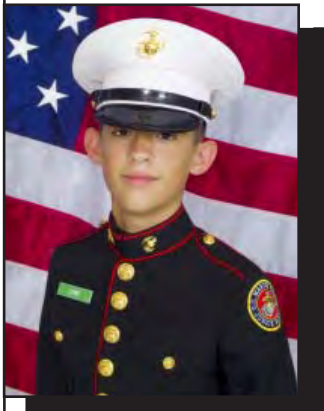
GOLF COMPANY

SUFYAN AHMED

Senior - Houston, Texas USA

"Cadet Ahmed is a 5th year cadet that has done an outstanding job since arriving at the Marine Military Academy. He has adjusted well and continues to excel in all areas. He is currently Platoon Commander. He has been a pleasure to have in Golf Company and is always willing to give another cadet assistance in whatever area is needed. This prestigious recognition is well deserved." - SgtMaj Al Wilson, USMC (Ret)

"For me, spending five years of my life at MMA seemed like a great sacrifice, leaving my family, friends, and my normal teenage ways back home. I hated MMA at first, but I soon realized MMA was the best thing that happened to me in my short lifetime. I not only excelled in academics, but physically and mentally too – preparing me for what comes next. My grades were not the best before MMA, and now I'm maintaining a top-notch GPA. The school's environment and the teachers' interaction with students helped me so greatly – something I didn't find to be true in public school. I have now been accepted to Texas A & M University and numerous other universities and am looking forward to continuing my educational career in Business Management." – Sufyan Ahmed



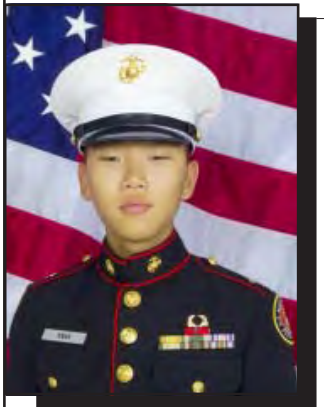
BANDSMAN

JOSHUA LUNN

8th Grade - Round Rock, Texas USA

"Cadet Joshua Lunn has been a loyal, steadfast member of the MMA LEATHERNECK Band. He has worked diligently at improving his skills as a trumpet player. Joshua has never missed a day, always been on time, and in general has been a real pleasure to have in Band. I'm proud of Josh, as he very much deserves, and he has certainly earned this recognition!" – CWO3 Ed Harris, USMC (Ret)

"Being named Bandsman of the Month is important to me, and it's also very important to me that my parents are proud of me. I've tried very hard to excel in Band practice and persistently trying to improve. I started playing in the beginning of the school year and feel that I have made improvement" – Joshua Lunn



DRILL TEAM/COLOR GUARD

EUN KYUK KWAK

Freshman - Bay City, Texas USA

"As a second year cadet, Cadet Sergeant Eun Kyuk Kwak has made his presence known within the Color Guard. His ability to adapt to routines with precision movements and a stand-out presence for our community to witness is why he has been selected as Cadet of the Month. Cadet Kwak reflects great credit upon himself and upholds the traditions of the Marine Military Academy as well as the JROTC program." – MSGT Robert Fracasso, USMC (Ret)

"Working hard on the Color Guard at all times, giving 100% effort, staying after practice to clean the armory, helping other cadets on the Drill Team every day, maintaining a positive attitude, and always being respectful and loyal to my Drill Team Commander...these are the reasons I believe I was selected as Drill Team Cadet of the Month. My immediate goals are to improve my movements and knowledge in Drill, and in my senior year become Drill Team Commander." – Eun Kyuk Kwak

Cadet Promotions 2010

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

ALPHA Company:

MILLER, MICHAEL R: Cadet Major/Battalion Staff Officer

ECHO Company:

CIMINO III, VICTOR: Cadet Sergeant/Squad Leader

HORNE, ANDREW R: Cadet Corporal/Platoon Guide

JOHNSON, JOSHUA N: Cadet Sergeant/Squad Leader

KISSEL, WILLIAM J: Cadet Staff Sergeant/Platoon Commander

LEDESMA VILLARREAL, JORGE A: Cadet First Lieutenant/Platoon Commander

MILLER, BRAYDEN W: Cadet Lance Corporal/Squad Member

ECHO Company - continued

MORENO SLOAN, NICHOLAS S: Cadet Lance Corporal/Squad Member

SCOTT GARCIA, SAMUEL G: Cadet Lance Corporal/Fire Team Leader

SIMPSON, JACOB : Cadet Lance Corporal/Fire Team Leader

SMITH, WILLIAM : Cadet Lance Corporal/Squad Member

VOGEL JR, PHILIP C: Cadet Corporal/Platoon Guide

FOX Company:

BENDITZ, AUSTIN M: Cadet Corporal/Platoon Sergeant

FERNANDEZ GUTIERREZ, FRANCISCO: Cadet Corporal/Platoon Sergeant

NGO, THIEN B: Cadet Second Lieutenant/Public Affairs Officer

NOLEN, PATRICK J: Cadet Private First Class/Squad Member

CLASS OF 2010 TOP TEN



VALEDICTORIAN

Cadet Captain Michael Miller

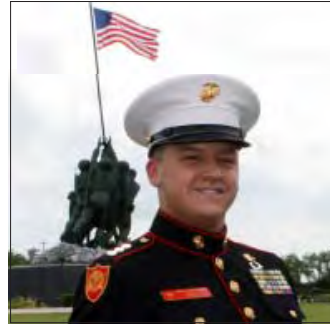
"The Academy presented to me the hardest challenges I've encountered this far in my life. I'm most proud of the level of mental toughness I've achieved. My parents, drill instructor and coaches all pushed me to achieve more – giving me a great deal of encouragement and especially showing me the right way to go about accomplishing the given tasks."



SALUTATORIAN

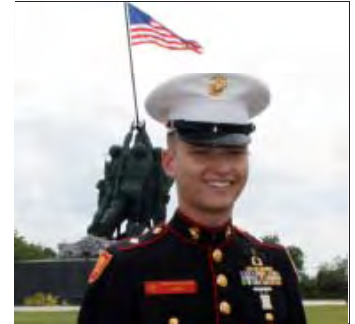
Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Dylan Joslin

"MMA has helped me become who I am in so many ways, providing me an environment that catalyzed improvement in my personal character. I'm most proud of the improvements I've made in maturity and morality. My father and my drill instructor inspired me to keep working and improving. They went about it differently, but they still push me even today to continue to do better."



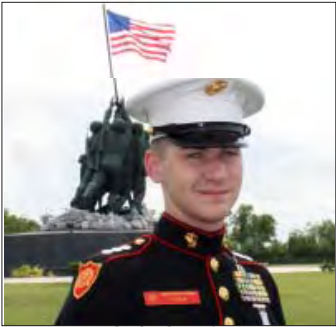
Cadet Captain
David Bood

"Pulling my grades up, getting into the top ten percent of my class, and gaining acceptance to Texas A & M-WOW! It took a lot of pushing me in the right direction from my grandfather, mother, and Drill Instructor GySgt Martinez. My grandfather was the one who found MMA on the internet. My Mom knew that I'd be better off here at MMA, and she made sacrifices to send me."



Cadet Major
Mitchell Coleman

"The high point of my 4 years here at MMA is the day I received my first varsity letter on the LEATHERNECK Swim Team. Coach Hood never quit on me, pushed me constantly – both physically and mentally – to always put my best effort first. MMA showed me how to focus on my studies, how to attain self-discipline, motivation and develop a work ethic that continues to serve me in whatever I do."



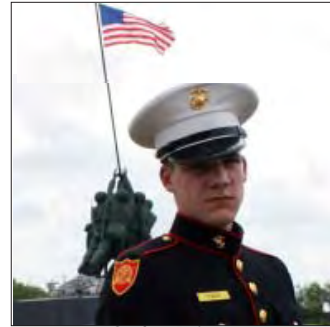
Cadet Captain
Stewart Fasolak

"MMA provided an outstanding environment for my development, wherein exists unique opportunities that may otherwise not be available. There have been many people that have inspired me to achieve all that I possibly can - their guidance, ceaseless encouragement and moral support...all very essential to my success. To underclassmen, stick with it and work hard...worth any sacrifice on your part!"



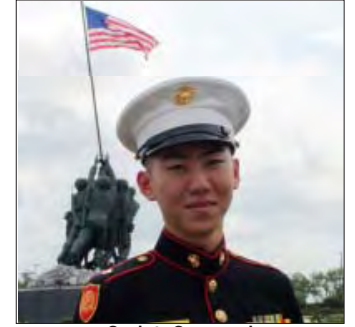
Cadet 1st Lieutenant
David Jerome

"When the Academy's LEATHERNECK Swimming Coach 'Gunny' Hood congratulated me and handed me my first Varsity letter for swimming, I realized I had received so much more from him. He taught me that the real men are the ones that finish what they start. I started as a freshman here at MMA, and I graduate this year as a senior. To underclassmen I offer this, 'Be the change that you wish to see.'"



Cadet Private
William Sigler

An extremely motivated young man, William is interested in entering the invention and idea development field. He credits the Academy with providing him the environment, learning skills and leadership traits to discover his self potential. To his underclassmen he offers these words of advice, "Live long and die free."



Cadet Corporal
Jin Zuo Sui

"My parents and cousin continually encouraged me to reach all my goals and told me I could achieve success. MMA showed me studying techniques and skills which helped me greatly increase my grades. In fact, what I am most proud of accomplishing here at MMA is placing in the top 10% of my senior class, being a member of the National Honor Society. To underclassmen, 'Never give up and do your best.'"



Cadet Lieutenant Colonel
William Tipton

"One of the achievements I am most proud of is earning the billet of Battalion Commander and influencing underclassmen to become mentally strong and morally fit individuals. I received a great amount of guidance and sound advice from an upper-classman, and that inspired me to achieve new heights during my time at MMA. The Academy helped me become a physically fit, morally strong and mentally-aware member of society. What words of advice can I offer underclassmen? 'All good things come to you in time.'"



Cadet Major
Jonathan Webster

"I'm very proud to be a 5-year 'plank-holder' here at MMA, and working my way up to earn the billet of Alpha Company Commander. My DI, his assistant and MMA Commandant were always there for me, guiding me in the right direction. I really appreciate their inspiration, it made me achieve more than I ever thought possible. The Academy helped me become self-disciplined towards academic studies, showed me the skills and techniques that assisted me in maturing into the man I want to be."

FIVE YEAR PLANK HOLDERS

L-R: Cadets Ashton Walzer, Brandon Barker and Jonathan Webster have attended the Marine Military Academy for five years and as such, are designated as **PLANK HOLDERS**. They receive an engraved plaque. With this plaque goes the thanks and appreciation of the Marine Military Academy administration, faculty and staff to not only them but also their parent's decision choosing MMA as the school to attend. We truly do appreciate their decision and wish them well as they continue their education.



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.

William P. Tipton

Marine Military Academy Commandant of Cadets' Award

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

William Hasbrook

Senior Marine Instructors Award

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

Mitchell Coleman

Marine Military Academy Alumni Outstanding Senior Award

Each year MMA Alumni awards the Marine Corps Mameluke Sword to an outstanding senior cadet.

William P. Tipton

National Sojourners Americanism Award

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

George S. Loos

5th year Cadets:

*Brandon Barker
Ashton Walzer
Jonathan Webster*

Drill Instructor's Award

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

Company A - *Samuel Arnholz, II*
Company D - *Aboira Irumudomon*
Company E - *William Kissel*
Company F - *David Bendis*
Company G - *Michael Mackie*

Scouts of the Year

8th Grade - *Michael Huang*
9th Grade - *Patrick Church*
11th Grade - *Jonathan Jones*
12th Grade - *Patrick Cassidy*

Scout Spirit Award

Awarded to:

*Eun Hyuk Kwak
Zachary Garner*



MMA
PRESIDENT'S
AWARD
RECIPIENT

L-R:
Cadet Tipton,
BGen Cheney,
Dr. McHenry

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.

Stewart C. Fasolak

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.

Michael R. Miller

American Veterans (AMVETS) JROTC Medal

Awarded to:

Jeffrey A. Drake

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.

Brandon T. Barker

Colonel H.Wm. Card Jr., USMC (Ret) 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.

Jonathan G. Webster

The Daedalian JROTC Achievement Award (MCJROTC)

Awarded to a member of the junior cadet who has demonstrated an understanding and appreciation of patriotism, love of country and service to the nation.

Crawford Engelking

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.

Brian J. Croskey

H.L. Hunley JROTC Award

Awarded to:

Ashton A. Walzer

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.

Richard K. Cook

Marine Corps Association JROTC Award

Presented to member of the senior class who is the honor graduate of his JROTC unit.

John R. Malone

Military Officers Association Award

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

Curtis C. Hamilton

The Military Order of the Purple Heart Leadership Award

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

Thomas O. Parrott

The Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) Bronze Medal

Awarded to:

Ruben A. Hays

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.

Steven R. Swanson

The Navy League Youth Medal

Awarded to:

Nicholas A. Gerhard

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.

David W. Bood

Scottish Rite JROTC Medal Award

Awarded to:

Charles J. Beverly

Sons of the American Revolution Medal

Awarded to a cadet who has good character, adherence to military discipline, leadership ability, and patriotic understanding of the importance of JROTC training.

Alexander Carlstedt

Below: CADET CARLSTEDT RECEIVES MEDAL



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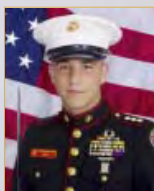
Michael Miller
of Arlington, TX
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• Rensselaer
Polytechnic Institute
• TX A&M U. - College
Station
• Trinity U.

CLASS OF 2010



Sufyaan Ahmed
of Houston, TX
• TX A&M U. -
Kingsville *
• Lamar U.
• U. of Houston -
Downtown
• U. of Incarnate
the Word

Brandon Barker
of Chino, CA
• TX A&M -
Corpus Christi *
• Howard Payne
U.
• U. of Kansas
• U. of Redlands
• Cal Poly
Pomona
• U. of La Verne

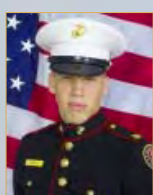


David Bendis
of Oregon, IL
• United States Navy*

Santiago Bernal
of Monterrey, NL
MEXICO
• U. of TX -
Brownsville *
• U. of TX - Pan
American



Patrick Cassidy
of Corpus Christi, TX
• TX A&M U. -
Corpus Christi *
• Angelo State U.
• TX A&M U.
Commerce
• Blinn College



**Mitchell
Coleman**
of Bakersfield, CA
• Westmont College -
Santa Barbara, CA *
• Point Loma Nazarene
College - CA
• Concordia U.
• Dominican U.
• St. Mary's College
• Loyola Marymount
U.

Brian Croskey
of Benicia, CA
• California
Maritime
Academy *
• Cal State East
Bay
• Cal State
Sacramento
• Cal State
Fresno

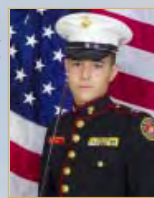


Jeffrey Drake
of Cave Creek, AZ
• Norwich U. *
• U. of Mississippi
• Arizona State U.



Rodrigo Franklin
of San Fernando,
Tamaulipas MEXICO
• U. of TX - Pan
American *
• U. of TX -
Brownsville

Moises Garcia
of Monterrey, NL
MEXICO
• Monterrey
Tech, Mexico *

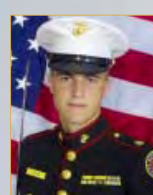


Andrew Gonzalez
of Arlington, TX
• TX A&M U. -
Corpus Christi *
• Houston Baptist
U.
• Lubbock
Christian U.
• Baylor U.
• Mary-Hardin
• Baylor U.

**Andrew
Hampton**
of Chicago, IL
• Kilgore
College - TX *

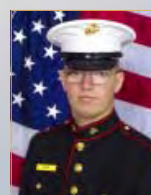
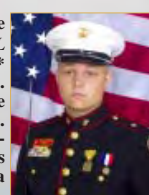


Kevin Leurig
of Lewesville, TX
• Stephen F. Austin
State U. *
• Sam Houston
State U.
• U. of TX - San
Antonio
• U. of New Mexico



Andrew Lugo
of Aurora Hills, CA
• TX A&M U. - Corpus
Christi *
• San Francisco State U.
• TX Tech U.
• Cal State - Los
Angeles
• U. of TX - El Paso
• U. of TX - San Antonio
• Johnson & Wales U.

John Malone
of Pensacola, FL
• U. of Mississippi *
• Auburn U.
• SUNY Maritime
• TX Tech U.
• U. of Houston -
Main Campus
• U. of Alabama

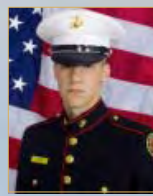


Joshua Moon
of Richardson,
TX
• Collin
College *



**Matthew
Orozco**
of Los Angeles,
CA
• TX A&M U. -
Kingsville *
• TX A&M U. -
Kingsville

**Christopher
Patterson**
of Houston, TX
• Angelo State
U. *
• TX A&M U. -
Kingsville



**William
Sigler**
of Texas City,
TX
• U. of
Houston,
Main
Campus *



Adam Snider
of Dallas, TX
• Auburn U. *
• Clemson U.
• TX A&M U. -
College Station
• TX Christian U.
• TX Tech U.
• U. of Mississippi
• Air Force ROTC

Witthaya Van Horne
of Macungie, PA
• Kutztown U. -
Pennsylvania *



Ashton Walzer
of Houston, TX
• Lamar U. *
• TX A&M U. -
Kingsville
• U. of Houston,
Downtown

**Jonathan
Webster**
of Pahump, NV
• Norwich U. *
• Sam Houston
State U.
• U. of Idaho

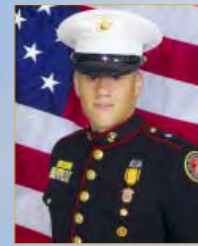


Tianyi Yang
of Shen Yang
CHINA
• U. of Houston -
Main Campus *
• U. of TX - San
Antonio
• St. John's U. -
New York

Colleges Applied To And Accepted To

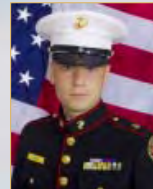
Salutatorian

Dylan Joslin
of Forney, TX
• U. of TX - Dallas *
• Southwestern U.
• Trinity U.
• Texas Christian U.
• Georgetown U.



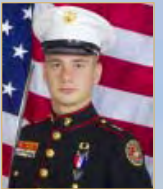
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of Kingwood, TX
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• Lone Star College

Blake Bozer
of San Antonio, TX
• San Antonio College *
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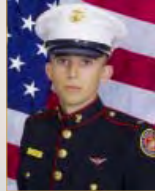


Sean Byers
of Spring, TX
• TX A&M U. - Corpus Christi *
• Sam Houston State U.
• TX A&M U. - Kingsville
• Tarleton State U.
• U. of TX at San Antonio

Alexander Carlstedt
of Rochester Hills, MI
• Michigan Technology U. *
• Michigan State U.
• Grand Valley State U.

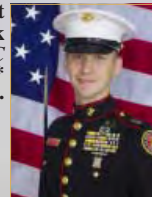


Christopher Egan
of Bartonville, TX
• Baylor U. *



Andres Elizondo
of San Pedro Garza Garcia, NL MEXICO
• Monterrey Tech, Mexico *

Stewart Fasolak
of Pinehurst, NC
• U. of Tulsa *
• Drexel U.

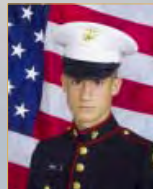


Marco Flores
of Victoria, Tamaulipas MEXICO
• Universidad de La Salle, Mexico *



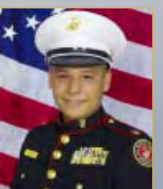
Charles Hood II
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• TX A&M U. - Galveston *
• TX A&M U. - Kingsville
• Tarleton State U.

David Jerome
of Naples, FL
• United States Military Academy *
• Navy ROTC
• Virginia Military Institute
• U. of TX - Austin



Michael Keels
of Austin, TX
• TX A&M U. - College Station *

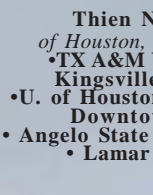
Jorge Ledesma
of Tampico, Tamaulipas MEXICO
• Universidad Anahuac, Mexico *



Andrew Moss
of Spring, TX
• Full Sail University - Florida *
• U. of TX - Arlington



Russell Murrell
of Cypress, TX
• Sam Houston State U. *
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• U. of Houston - Downtown
• Texas Tech U.

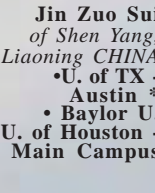
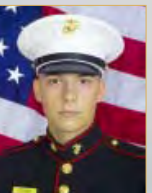


Thien Ngo
of Houston, TX
• TX A&M U - Kingsville *
• U. of Houston - Downtown
• Angelo State U.
• Lamar U.



Nam Nguyen
of Pearland, TX
• Houston Community College *
• U. of Houston - Downtown
• TX A&M U - Corpus Christi

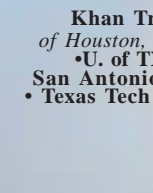
Ryan Stenger
of Londonderry, NH
• U. of New Hampshire *
• Nassau Community College
• Manchester Community College



Jin Zuo Sui
of Shen Yang, Liaoning CHINA
• U. of TX - Austin *
• Baylor U.
• U. of Houston - Main Campus



William 'Park' Tipton
of Houston, TX
• Baylor U. *
• Southwestern U.
• Colorado State U.



Khan Tran
of Houston, TX
• U. of TX - San Antonio *
• Texas Tech U.

MARINE MILITARY ACADEMY
...developing disciplined, morally strong, college ready
young men
who are prepared for responsible leadership.

Military Awards, cont'd.

TAWANI Charitable Foundation.

Incorporated Award

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

9th Grade - *John M. Hay*

10th Grade - *Michael K. McGraw*

11th Grade - *William A. Hasbrook*

12th Grade - *Jonathan G. Webster*

Best Overall - *William A. Hasbrook*

Third Marine Division Association

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. *Charles F. Hood*

United States Marine Corps Semper

Fidelis Award

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

Tyler F. Furtado

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.

Dylan R. Joslin

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.

Michael K. McGraw

MMA Admissions Director Col Tom Hobbs, USMC (Ret) delivers a firm handshake along with Cadet Michael McGraw's award!



Many, Many Heartfelt Thanks To:

A supportive Parents' Organization. These parents pitch in and support the Corps of Cadets with many different endeavors...from birthday and pizza parties to off-campus field trips and generous contributions. They offer great support to MMA Faculty and Staff--they're an integral part of MMA.

PRESIDENT: Rene Reed
VICE-PRESIDENT: Bob Parrott
SECRETARY: Tina Fasolak
TREASURER: May Huang

COMPANY PARENTS:
ALPHA Company Parent:
 Forres & Joan McGraw
DELTA Company Parent:
 Tina Fasolak
ECHO Company Parent:
 William Hasbrook; Rene Reed
FOX Company Parent:
 Loren & Paula Cook
GOLF Company Parent:
 Elizabeth Tipton



MMAPO President Rene Reed presents MMA President BGEN Cheney with this year's plaque engraved with the names of the 46 graduating seniors amidst a round of applause.

ATHLETIC AWARDS

POST SEASON ATHLETIC AWARDS - These cadets earn recognition for exceptional athletic performance during post-season competition in their chosen sports:

- *Brandon Barker:* 1st Team All-District Baseball
- *Clint Bender:* 3rd Place in State Wrestling
- *Blake Bozer:* 2nd Team All-District Football; 1st Team All-District Baseball
- *Joshua Camarena:* 2nd Place in State Wrestling
- *Alexander Carlstedt:* 1st Team All-District Basketball
 - *Chase Clemmons:* 4th Place State Wrestling
 - *Mitchell Coleman:* State Finals in Swimming
 - *Rodrigo Franklin:* 1st Team All-District Soccer
 - *Carlos Garcia:* 2nd Team All-District Soccer
 - *Moises Garcia:* State Finals in Swimming
 - *Andrew Gonzalez:* 1st Team All-District Soccer
 - *Hayden Gross:* 1st Team All-District Baseball
 - *Wei Huang:* 1st Team All-District Basketball
 - *William Jarrell:* 1st Team All-District Baseball
- *William Kane:* 1st Team All District Baseball; 1st Team TAPPS All-State Baseball
 - *Michael Keels:* 2nd Team All-District Soccer
 - *Kevin Leurig:* 1st Team All-District Soccer
- *Edward Lopez:* 1st Team All-District Baseball; 2nd Team TAPPS All-State Baseball
 - *Thomas Parrott:* 1st Team All-District Baseball
- *Christopher Patterson:* 2nd Team All-District Football; 1st Team All-District Basketball
 - *Ryan Reed:* State Finals in Swimming
- *David Roberts:* Golden Gloves Champion in the 116 lb. Weight Category
 - *Timothy Schlossin:* State Finals in Swimming
- *Will Traylor:* 1st Team All-District Baseball; Honorable Mention TAPPS All-State Baseball



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.

Michael Robert 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.

Dylan Reece Joslin

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.

Christian Tyler Bishop

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.

Stewart Christian Fasolak

Mariner of the Year Award

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

Pavel Gorodnichin

Rolls-Royce Trophy for Excellence in Aerospace

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

Gabriel Andrew Gonzales

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.

George Spencer Loos

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.

Mitchell Coleman

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.

Samuel Arnholz, II

The Rotary Scholarship Award

Awarded by Rotary Club to an Interact student who exhibits strong community regard through active community service, and who maintains high academic standards.

Alexander Carlstedt

National French Contest Award

The American Association of Teachers of French sponsors the National French Contest each year. Receiving a Laureat Pin and Certificate for placing first in South Texas in the National French Contest, Level 4:

Andrew Horne

Rensselaer Mathematics and Science Award

Given by the Rensselaer 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.

William Andrew Hasbrook

United States Power Squadron Boating Course

Awarded to cadet(s) in the Marine Science Program who have successfully completed a comprehensive boating course as part of the Marine Science Curriculum. The exam assesses skills and knowledge of safe boating practices, including boat handling, radio communications, emergency procedures and navigation.

Pavel Gorodnichin

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.

Ruben Acosta Hays

U.S. Marine Corps' Distinguished Athlete Award

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

David Warren Bood

U.S. Marine Corps' 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.

Michael Robert Miller

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.

Christopher Tim Patterson

Top Students in Subject

English
Mathematics
Science
Social Studies
Foreign Language
Computer Science
Band

Michael Robert Miller

Michael Robert Miller

Michael Robert Miller

Jonathan Joseph Jones

Jonathan Joseph Jones

Michael Robert Miller

Nicholas Bailey-Haag

Top Students in Class

Eighth
Freshman
Sophomore
Junior

Michael Jin Huang
William Ernest Bood
Gabriel Andrew Gonzales
Ruben Acosta Hays

Earning United States Military Academy Appointment:

David Jerome

Earning Air Force ROTC Scholarship:

Cadet Adam Snider

Earning Army ROTC Scholarship:

Cadet Alexander Carlstedt

Earning Navy ROTC Scholarship:

Cadet David Jerome

Receiving Scholarship to Universities other than Service Academies*:

- *David Bood:*
Texas A & M University – College Station
 - *Mitchell Coleman:*
Westmont College – Santa Barbara, CA
Dominican University – CA
 - *Jeffrey Drake:* Norwich University
 - *Christopher Egan:* Baylor University
 - *Stewart Fasolak:* University of Tulsa
 - *Andrew Gonzalez:*
Houston Baptist University
Lubbock Christian University
 - *Andrew Lugo:* Johnson & Whales University
 - *John Malone:* University of Mississippi
 - *Michael Miller:*
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Texas A & M University – College Station
Trinity University
 - *William Tipton:* Baylor University
 - *Jonathan Webster:* Norwich University
- * MMA recognizes that other senior cadets will receive scholarships that are not listed here.

The following senior cadets are recognized for their exceptional academic achievement during the last semester of this academic school year. The **SILVER WREATH** signifies an earned GPA of 3.5 and membership on the **Dean's List**. Senior cadets receiving **SILVER WREATHS** are:

- *Sufyaan Ahmed*
- *Mitchell Lewis Coleman*
- *Stewart Christian Fasolak*
- *David Sinclair Jerome*
- *Dylan Reece Joslin*

The **GOLD WREATH** signifies an earned 3.75 GPA or higher and membership on the **President's List**. Receiving a **GOLD WREATH** is:

- *Jonathan Garrett Webster*

The **BLUE STAR** signifies membership on the **President's List** or the **Dean's List** for two consecutive semesters. Earning a **BLUE STAR** and a **GOLD WREATH** is:

- *David Warren Bood*

The **GOLD STAR** signifies membership on the **President's List** for two consecutive semesters. Cadets earning a **GOLD STAR** and a **GOLD WREATH** is:

- *Michael Robert Miller*

CAMERA, LIGHTS...ACTION!

Academy Superintendent Col R. Glenn Hill, USMC (Ret) Named Guest of Honor at RGV Scouting Centennial Dinner

Rio Grande Council of Boy Scouts of America celebrated 100 years of Scouting on Thursday, May 20th and unanimously named Academy Superintendent Colonel R. Glenn Hill, USMC (Ret) as the event's Guest of Honor. Sponsors for the Centennial event were Academy Board members *Alice G.K.K. East; Tony McIntyre, and Velma Bowman; MMA Alum '74 Bobby Farris and Academy College Placement Director Robin Farris; Boggus Ford; First Community Bank; Harlingen Medical Center; and Valley Baptist Medical Center Endowment.* Guest Speakers were *Harlingen Mayor Chris Boswell* and local KGBT Action 4 News Chief Meteorologist *Bryan Hale.* Besides overseeing daily operations aboard the Academy, Colonel Hill spends those few precious personal hours working with the Rotary Club of Harlingen, local Loaves and Fishes Board and serving on the Executive Board of the Rio Grande Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Colonel Hill is the Council's Vice President for Properties overseeing the Council's Risk Management program, and improving and maintaining the facilities aboard Camp Perry and Laguna Station (S. Padre Island). He also participates in the Area 2/3 Camp Visitation Program. He has been an assistant Cub and Webelos leader, assists with Troop 206, and is the Committee Chair for the Academy's Troop 22. A staunch supporter of MMA Cadets learning the basics of scouting, Colonel Hill can often be seen shoveling dirt, planting sod and trees, etc. while assisting our Scouts and Scoutmaster Jim Poe with completion of projects; tending a scout outing's campfire; and so much more! During his tenure with Troop 22, 87 Life Scouts have attained the rank of Eagle Scout. Colonel Hill began his scouting experience as a Cub Scout and continued through the Explorer program. Following in Grandad's boots, Colonel Hill's grandson is an avid and enthusiastic scouter, too!



Historical 'Shin gunt'
Generously Donated to Academy Museum



You've heard the adage, 'The pen is mightier than the sword', right? Well, on May 12th, the Hohnadel, Phillips and Flinn families presented a mighty historical sword - the 'Shin gunt' shown in the photograph above - to MMA President BGen Stephen Cheney, USMC (Ret) and MMA Battalion Commander Cadet William Tipton for display in the Academy's Museum. 'Shin gunt' is Japanese for new army sword and is a style of Japanese tachi designated as part of the Imperial Japanese Army officers' uniform from 1934 through the end of WWII. A cherry blossom - one of the symbols of the Imperial Japanese Army - theme is incorporated into the guard, pommels and ornaments. The scabbard is made of metal with a wood lining to provide protection for the blade. The scabbard fittings also sport the cherry blossom design. The Shin gunt was acquired by Lieutenant John Kuppinger while he served as part of the occupational forces in Japan after WWII, part of the Navy Medical Corps attached to the Marines stationed there. The sword was passed down to Dr. Kuppinger's great-grandchildren. Above, left to right: Cadet William Tipton; John Phillips; John Flinn (peach shirt); John Flinn II; and BGen Cheney. Be sure to drop by the Academy's Museum and Gift Shop and check out this new exhibit. You're sure to be amazed at all the new additions!



Who's Ready For Some Leatherneck Football?

- Chris Elliott - Athletic Director
- David Robledo - Head Football Coach, 956-423-6006 Ext. 550
- Jim Greenwood - Offensive Coordinator, Max Torres - Defensive Coordinator
- Rey Elizondo - Assistant Coach, Mike Espinosa - Equipment Manager

Schedule 2010

Date/Opponent/Site/Day/Time

Aug. 20	Brownsville Pace JV, Scrimmage-Brownsville Sports Park	
	/Away/Fri. 6:00 pm	
Aug. 27	Santa Maria H.S./Home/Fri. 7:30 pm	
Sept. 3	Bruni H.S./Away/Fri. 7:00 pm	
Sept. 10	Brownsville Pace JV/Home/Fri. 7:30 pm	
Sept. 17	St. Joseph's Academy/Home/Fri.	7:30 pm
Sept. 24	Ben Bolt H.S./Away/Fri. 7:30 pm	
Oct. 1	Grulla H.S (Rio Grande City)/Home/Fri. 7:30 pm	
Oct. 7	Sharyland JV/Home/Thur. 6:00 pm	
Oct. 15	Brownsville Veterans H.S./Home/Fri. 7:30 pm	
Oct. 22	Open	
Oct. 30	Cornerstone (San Antonio)/Away/Sat. 2:00 pm	
Nov. 6	Sharyland JV (Birthday Ball)/Home/Sat. 11:00 am	

How many pounds of chocolate can a 5 inch ice cream dish hold?



Each academic month, the General and his wife treat the Cadets of the Month to a super-special dinner aboard the Cheney dining table - Quarters 1 in special recognition of the cadets' outstanding achievement. The dinner is always topped off with self-served (and created!) sundaes. Yum.....those sundaes look fabulously delicious! Photograph is courtesy of Mrs. Cheney and her trusty CANON.

SPOTLIGHT SERIES

Working towards a common vision, the Board of Trustees and Advisors and the employees of Marine Military Academy are committed to academic excellence and to the development in our Cadets of self-discipline and a sense of responsibility to the community at large. Who are these individuals? The Academy is excited to bring you the SPOTLIGHT SERIES, highlighting a Board Trustee or Advisor and an Academy staff member in each edition of the Academy's newsletter, The LEADER.

William "Bill" Beckman
Chief of Network Management



Lieutenant Colonel Gregg Yetter, USMCR
Marine Military Academy Board Trustee



So you're having one of 'those' days...your e-mail is on the fritz, your Powerpoint project which you had nearly completed before turning out the lights just the evening before has seemingly disappeared, and you are ready to pitch the whole 'kit and kaboodle' right out the window...who ya' gonna' call? William "Bill" Beckman, MMA's Chief of Network Management, to the rescue! He'll teasingly taunt you, all the while deciphering computer screen after screen of 'mumbo jumbo', and as he gets you chuckling about some absurd, lighthearted concept, he'll point to the screen and inquire, "So, what's the problem? Looks to me like your e-mail is up...wow, you have about 100 e-mails to answer!...and there's your Powerpoint presentation, just like you left it last night!" If Bill can't fix the problem on the spot, he sticks with it until he discovers just the right answer. In his position as Chess Coach, he won't give his cadets the answers...what he will do is ask leading questions until they discover their own correct solution. And during his evening post as Library monitor, you better stick to your research and homework, 'cause Mr. Beckman is checking his list - twice!

A man of great character; incredible energy and unending action, courage and commitment; and a dedicated, outstanding patriot, Lieutenant Colonel Gregg Yetter, USMCR is a welcome addition to the Academy's Board of Advisors. He remains active and current on the Board even though the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve mobilized him in April 2009 to the post of Deputy Branch Head, MMFA with M&RA at Headquarters Marine Corps in Quantico, Virginia. Prior to his re-mobilization and after his voluntary leave in 2003 from the Marine Corps following 12 years of active duty, Mr. Yetter pursued a career in NASCAR racing as an owner/driver under the Yetter Racing banner; was profiled in 2004 in a book entitled Above & Beyond: Former Marines Conquer the Civilian World; and started up SportCoins, Inc. out of Concord, North Carolina. Mr. Yetter enjoys racing fast cars, reading books in the military history and biography genres, writing, working out. Ask him for a list of important influences in his life - you can bet your boots his reply will include his Dad, Chesty Puller, and 'anyone who puts on a uniform and goes into harm's way in order to protect country and/or community'!



L-R: Patrick Church, Coach William Beckman, and Jacob Trimmer.

Accompanied by MMA Chess Coach William Beckman, Cadets Jacob Trimmer and Patrick Church did a great job representing MMA's Chess Team at the last chess tournament for the year held mid-May. Says Coach Beckman, "MMA Chess Team did an outstanding job at the 1st Annual Region VIII Prep School Championships. Trimmer did extremely well with a tie for 1st place, but took home 2nd place trophy because his US Chess Federation rating was lower the other player. Church did very well earning a 10th place medal. As a team they took 3rd place at the tournament. I am very proud of them both, they did a outstanding job. After the tournament I took them out to the movies to watch Ironman 2 and have some pizza. Good job, Chess Team! We also held our end-of-year party in May with pizza and goodies. I kicked off the party by presenting awards to the top 3 chess players. Joshua Moon received a chess certificate '3 Years of Outstanding Achievements in Chess'. As a MMA Senior Moon also received a Tournament Chess Set for his continued hard work and dedication during his 3 years with the Chess Team. Patrick Church was awarded 'Most Improved Player,' and Jacob Trimmer received the 'Most Valuable Player' certificate. I'm very proud of all my chess team players. Keep up the good work and always think before you move your piece!"

Alumni News

MMA ALUM REUNION 2011

April 29th-May 1st

**Back to S. Padre Island...
Mark your calendar TODAY!**



“FALL IN!”

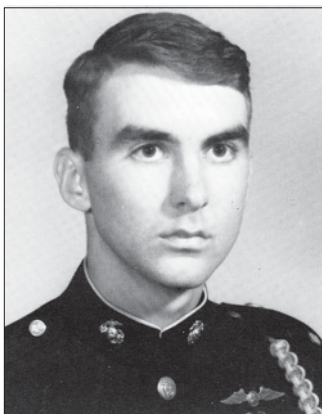


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Yes, Mrs. K...there IS
a Santa Claus,
and his name is
Dr. Michael Walker,
MMA Class of 1970!



**Colonel Hobbs reminds all MMA brethren,
“Each new accession referred by the Alumni
gets a \$1,000 tuition scholarship in the name
of the alumnus. This is a great way to give
back to the Academy that has done so much
for so many young boys.”**



Head Librarian Mrs. Judy Kutzenberger repairs the spine of a frequently-used reference book using the CoverOne Book Repair machine, a very welcome addition to MMA's Harold James Library technology...compliments of MMA Alum Dr. Walker.

During this year's Alumni Reunion 2010, Dr. Michael L. Walker (1970 Alumni) ventured over to MMA's Harold James Library. Wow, was he ever amazed at the reference updates since his years as a MMA cadet!

Following a great deal of 'catching up' and 'where we're headed aboard MMA' with Head Librarian Mrs. Judy Kutzenberger, Dr. Walker inquired what other updates might top Mrs. K's 'wish list' - references and/or technological advances that would further benefit MMA's Corps of Cadets. Mrs. Kutzenberger followed up on Dr. Walker's request, and even outlined the items in correspondence the following Monday...exactly what the items were, the benefits the cadets would experience, where the items could be purchased...in that special 'Mrs. K' way, of course. Much to Mrs. K's surprise and delight, a 13 volume set of GREAT ATHLETES with online access and a CoverOne Book Repair Machine complete with supplies arrived just a short time later...compliments of Dr. Walker!



The 13 volume set of GREAT ATHLETES had scarcely graced the athletic reference section of MMA's Harold James Library before catching the eyes of Cadets Richard Cook (left) and Patrick Church (right). The set is also online in the library.... all compliments of the kind generosity of MMA Alum Dr. Walker.

Isn't that just like a MMA cadet graduate...true to his word and pure of heart...OORAH!

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*



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!

Troop 22 News

Scoutmaster SgtMaj Jim Poe, USMC (Ret)

Rio Grande Council Boy Scouts of America



Shotgun Shooting Merit Badge



Several Scouts from Troop 22 recently conducted a Shotgun Shooting Merit Badge event and campout. Pictured above, enjoying early morning breakfast are Cadet-Scouts (above, left to right) **Nick Bailey, Anthony Diaz, Ruben Cruz, Zachary Garner, Michael Huang, and Christopher Jack-Favro**. A few of these Scouts had little experience in firearms use. But facing challenge and adding commitment to a steep learning curve resulted in quick success as they all qualified for the badge. They also shared in the bonds of Scouting by honing their individual camping and outdoor skills. Great job Scouts!!

First Aid Merit Badge

Mr. Ben Upton led Troop 22 Scouts in earning the First Aid Merit Badge. Mr. Upton is a retired firefighter from the Detroit, Michigan area who relocated to the Rio Grande Valley a few years ago. He's a savvy Scouting leader with vast emergency medical experience. He sacrificed several evenings over a month period to assist our Scouts in achieving the badge (shown below demonstrating on Troop 22 Senior Patrol Leader Patrick Church).



Mr. Upton impressed our Scouts with his knowledge and sense of humor. He and is responsible for a large group of boys earning this important, Eagle required badge.

The Path to Eagle

On Saturday, May 8th, 2010, Cadet and Life Scout George George Loos of Golf Company, Boy Scout Troop 22, led a group of 14 volunteers at First United Methodist Church in Harlingen, TX, in completion of his Eagle Scout Community Service Leadership Project. The team excavated a 60 ft. long, 18 inch deep, 18 inch wide trench on the east side of the church building. They then installed a new foundation drainage pipe the entire length and backfilled the area with gravel and topsoil. The team expended well over 100 man-hours in hot weather conditions towards this effort. This sizable project involved heavy, strenuous digging, measuring, and soil removal/replacement. Cadet/Scout Loos met the challenge and did a superb job in leading his motivated crew to completion. *Way-to-Go!*



(Above, Left to Right): Patrick Church; Tyler Furtado; Samuel Fusaro; Michael Mackie; George Loos (kneeling); Zachary Garner; John Clark; Micheal Keels; and Pavel Gorodnichin.

Court of Honor

A Troop 22 Court of Honor and dinner event was held the evening of Monday, May 17th, aboard campus. A Court of Honor an impressive, formal ceremony recognizing individual Scouts for rank advancement, earned merit badges, and other achievements. This event is held in front of an audience of family, friends, chartered organization officials, troop leaders, and Scout peers. The following Scouts were recognized at the Troop 22 Court of Honor:

Rank advancement: Jonathan Jones; John Hay; Charles Beverly; Michael Huang; Zachary Garner; Robert Pearson; Christopher Jack-Favro; and Eun Hyuk Kwak.

Earning one or more merit badges:

Patrick Cassidy; Jonathan Jones; John Hay; Charles Beverly; Michael Huang; Zachary Garner; Robert Pearson; Christopher Jack-Favro; Eun Hyuk Kwak; Nicholas Bailey; Samuel Fusaro; Ryan Stenger; Anthony Diaz; Ruben Cruz; George Loos; John Singletary; Jonathan Leary; Patrick Nolen; Yu Cheng Tsai; Gabriel Gonzales; and Patrick Church.

Patrick Cassidy (below, left) and **Patrick Church** (middle) both recently completed all requirements towards Eagle Scout. They passed their Eagle Scout Board of Review and accepted the Eagle Scout award, along with **Billy Boykin III** (right), at the Eagle Scout Court of Honor held on Campus Friday, May 28th.



Order of the Arrow (OA)

Cadet-Scout Nick Bailey recently completed his weekend ordeal and earned induction into the Order of the Arrow (Scouting's Honor Roll). OA nomination is for Scouts of the highest caliber. Nick worked hard and overcame each challenge by applying a positive attitude mixed with courage. Wow!

A hearty congratulations to these Scout-Cadets for their personal achievements!



Memorials

- Leon Bence
- BGen T.T. Gentry, USMC (Ret)
- LTG James F. Hollingsworth, USA (Ret)
- Cpl Jack M. Hopkins - KIA, RVN
- Myrtle Mason
- Shirley D. McDonald
- Miriam Elizabeth (Libby) Morton
- Robert (Bob) V. New, Jr. - MMA '70, MMA Former Trustee
- Conrad C. Rief
- Capt Robert J. Shirk, USMC (Ret)
- June E. Sundmacher
- Herschel Taulbee
- Pfc Brian A. Thornton, USMC, KIA, ROK 1951

In Honor Of:

- Marine Military Academy Class of 2010
- SgtMaj William (Bill) E. Steigerwald, USMC (Ret)

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.

Calendar of Events

June

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| 1 | Re-Enrollment Contracts Deadline |
| 29 | Summer Camp Instructors Report |

July

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| 3 | Summer Camp/ESL Camp 2010 Registration |
| 30 | Field Meet |
| 31 | Summer Camp/ESL Camp 2010 Graduation |

August

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| 8 | Football Camp |
| 14 | Leadership Orientation Check-In Registration/Check-In for 1st Year Cadets |
| 15 | Check-in for Returning Cadets |
| 16-17 | Military Orientation for Plebes |
| 18 | Teacher In-Service Days |
| 18 | Classes Begin |

September

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| 11 | MMA Parents Org. Meeting |
| | Introductory Training 0830 |
| | Graduation (Plebes) 1000 |

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Pillsbury refrigerated rolls
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Totino's Pizza Rolls
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- Benjamin Franklin

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