



## Special Events

### Iwo Jima Parade



Sophomore Zane Nichols of Pearland, Texas, (left) and freshman Denys Chepulsyyk of Milpitas, Calif., are the starring drummer boys at the parade.



Cadet Battalion Commander Grant Taylor of Houston accepts the MacArthur Cadet Award from Superintendent Col R. Glenn Hill (left) and LtGen Dennis Hejlik, USMC (Ret).

Thirteen World War II veterans, eight of which fought at the Battle of Iwo Jima, attended the Marine Military Academy Iwo Jima Parade Feb. 18.

The 2017 parade had a higher count of World War II veterans than the year before. One Iwo Jima survivor even traveled from out of state to be at the parade. More than 300 people of all ages turned out for the event to pay their respects to the veterans.

The MMA Leatherneck Band kicked off the parade and mixed things up by

performing the pop-rock tune "Walkin' on the Sun" with the addition of an electric guitar and a percussion section.

LtGen Dennis Hejlik, USMC (Ret), guest reviewing officer, and Superintendent Col R. Glenn Hill then presented Cadet Battalion Commander Grant Taylor of Houston the MacArthur Cadet Award from the General Douglas MacArthur Foundation.

The Iwo Jima veterans, who sat in special seats on the parade ground, joined the MMA superintendent during the parade pass in review.

This year, MMA fired the cannon and closed the Iwo Jima Parade with a literal bang. Afterwards, a group photo of all the World War II veterans was taken. The 13 veterans ranged from age 94-99.

Many parade-goers stayed to thank and shake the hands of the World World II veterans.



<<< Survivors of the Battle of Iwo Jima wait for the tribute parade to begin.



Thirteen World War II veterans gather before the Iwo Jima Monument on Feb. 18.

## Recent Events

### Motivational Speaker



**Chad Robichaux**

Motivational speaker Chad Robichaux spoke to the Marine Military Academy Corps of Cadets Feb. 10. The former Force Recon Marine and mixed martial arts champion shared his story of tragedy and triumph to help teach the cadets about resiliency and decisions.

"Life will give you challenges, and you've got to be prepared," the Marine veteran said. "Prepare yourself not just physically, but mentally and spiritually, too."

Mr. Robichaux told the MMA cadets that after he returned from his eighth deployment to Afghanistan in 2007, he suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder, and his condition was tearing his marriage and family life apart.

"My kids and my home, it wasn't a happy place for me to be. My children were scared of me, and my wife was scared of me," he said. "I was ashamed to admit I had a problem."

Mr. Robichaux, however, was able to turn his life around thanks to mixed martial arts. It seemed like a good

passion for him to pursue since he participated in wrestling and jiu jitsu when he was younger.

"When I started wrestling again for the first time, I thought I found the cure," he said.

The sport helped relieve Mr. Robichaux's PTSD because it required him to focus and forget about his flashbacks in Afghanistan. He began spending 10 to 12 hours a day in the gym. Mr. Robichaux, or "Robo," soon began competing, and he became an MMA champion. He also opened successful jiu jitsu gyms.

Mr. Robichaux's inner wounds, however, did not heal until he put God back into his life. Thanks to the support of a devout Christian, he reclaimed his faith and changed his life. He was able to mend his relationship with his wife and children, and finally find balance, peace and purpose.

"You don't have to go to Afghanistan to find yourself on the X," Mr. Robichaux said. "The choice is whether to stay in the X and die, or make a choice and move forward."

After his life change, Mr. Robichaux and his wife founded the Mighty Oaks Foundation. The organization helps veterans and active duty service members and their families deal with the crisis from post-military service to help prevent suicides as well as divorces.

Before leaving, this guest gave each cadet a copy of his book, "Path to Resiliency." The Robichaux presentation was possible thanks to MMA parents Anita and Dale Kunneman.

### Blood Drive

Marine Military Academy helped United Blood Services of Harlingen collect 81 units of precious blood March 22. Fifty-one people from MMA, mostly cadets, answered the call for blood donations. The MMA National Honor Society sponsors this event each semester.



**Sophomore Jimmy Mai of Renton, Wash., gives blood like a pro.**

### 3.0 Luncheon

On Feb. 15, 133 Marine Military Academy cadets were treated to a Subway sandwich for lunch for earning a GPA of 3.0 or higher with no failures in any subject for the second academic quarter. After the luncheon, the young men enjoyed a well-earned afternoon of liberty.



**Junior Giancarlo Betti Hernández of Huixquilucan, Mexico, finishes his sub.**

### Cemetery Clean-up

Thirteen members of the Marine Military Academy Key Club picked up trash at the Harlingen City Cemetery March 25. The club cleans the cemetery twice a year.



**Freshman Francisco Oliveros Picazo of Atizapan de Zaragoza, Mexico, scopes his area for any litter.**

### Astronomy Night

On Feb. 10, Delta Company traveled to an observatory at Resaca de la Palma State Park in Brownsville, Texas, for its annual Astronomy Night. The Marine Military Academy cadets were greeted by a team from the Center for Gravitational Wave Astronomy and were allowed to view Mars through a super-sized telescope!



**Senior Jonathan Hardy of Houston takes a peek at Mars.**

## Recent Events

### BSA Camping Trip

Marine Military Academy's Troop 22 took a camping trip March 24-26 at Camp Perry, the local Boy Scout reservation. A large group of 23 cadets attended the campout.

Camping trips are not only an opportunity for the scouts to have fun, but to earn merit badges and/or fulfill requirements for rank advancement. On this trip, the boys jumped in the pool for the Swimming Merit Badge.

Scouts must develop their swimming skills as part of rank advancement. The Swimming Merit Badge, however, requires deeper skill and knowledge.

To earn the merit badge, Scouts must take a test demonstrating different swim techniques and endurance. They must also learn how to prevent water-related accidents, rescue an imperiled swimmer and survive in open water

while awaiting rescue. Seven boys earned the Swimming Merit Badge that weekend.

Highly active, Troop 22 also took a camping trip Feb. 24-26.



**(Left to right) Eighth-grader Ian Petko of Spring, Texas, eighth-grader Tyler Oakley of Boulder, Colo., and sophomore Ashton Haresnape of Schertz, Texas, learn proper use of flotation devices.**

### Charro Days Parade

On Feb. 25, the Marine Military Academy Leatherneck Band and Color Guard participated in the 80th Anniversary Charro Days "Grand International" Parade in Brownsville, Texas. Impressed

by their demeanor and performance, Senator Eddie Lucio Jr. (TX-27) greeted and commended the cadets at the end of the parade. This is the second year MMA participates in the parade.



**The MMA Leatherneck Band and Color Guard pose with Senator Eddie Lucio Jr.**

**Recognition**

**Academic Awards**

Superintendent Col R. Glenn Hill presented 47 Marine Military Academy cadets with a Gold or Silver Wreath for their academic achievement in the first semester at the Academic Awards ceremony held Feb. 3.

The Gold Wreath is given to cadets who make the Superintendent's List, which requires a GPA of 3.75 or above. The Silver Wreath goes to cadets who make the Dean's List, which requires a GPA of 3.5 to 3.74. The cadets wear the wreath on their uniforms until the end of the school year.

The 14 cadets who accepted the Gold Wreath were:

- Junior **Giancarlo Betti Hernández** of Huixquilucan, Mexico\*\*
- Senior **Aaron Frahm** of Corpus Christi, Texas
- Freshman **Ethan Fuhrman** of Fort Mill, S.C.\*
- Sophomore **Gage Hayne** of San Antonio\*
- Sophomore **Huan He** of Shanghai\*\*
- Freshman **Ryan Kardos** of Sugar Land, Texas
- Junior **Yu Chen Khew** of Shanghai
- Senior **Tyler Ledbetter** of Fort Worth, Texas\*\*
- Junior **Zihao Liu** of Jinhua, China\*\*
- Sophomore **Richard Popp** of Fort Lee, N.J.\*\*
- Sophomore **Trevor Roberts** of Fairbanks, Ala.\*\*
- Junior **René Rodríguez Ehrli** of Mexico City\*\*
- Sophomore **Alan Said Maccise** of Naucalpan de Juarez, Mexico\*\*
- Freshman **Tyler Zhou** of Suwanee, Ga.\*\*

The 33 cadets who accepted the Silver Wreath were:

- Junior **James Beamon Jr.** of Missouri City, Texas\*
- Junior **Juan Carmona Villarreal** of Cancun, Mexico
- Freshman **Alexander Chen** of Shenyang, China
- Eighth-grader **Samuel Cran** of Corpus Christi, Texas
- Freshman **Jan Daniec** of San Antonio
- Senior **Carlos De León** of Rancho Viejo, Texas
- Junior **Jadyn Dusbabek** of Peoria, Ariz.
- Freshman **Maxwell Fortin** of Austin, Texas
- Senior **Aram Gerahian** of St. Pete Beach, Fla.
- Freshman **John Hayne** of San Antonio
- Sophomore **Hiolong Hong** of Shanghai
- Junior **Harrison Kunneman** of Spring, Texas
- Junior **Zheyuan Lin** of Shanghai
- Freshman **Jayden Massengale** of Montgomery, Texas
- Freshman **Caleb Montgomery** of Houston >>>



**Senior Miguel Zapata Domínguez of Monterrey, Mexico, accepts the Silver Wreath from Superintendent Col R. Glenn Hill.**

- >>> • Junior **Cameron Montgomery** of Houston
- Junior **Axel Munch Ruiz** of Monclova, Mexico
- Junior **Maxim Pepper** of Austin, Texas\*
- Sophomore **Everardo Ramírez Nuñez de Caceres** of Tampico, Mexico
- Senior **Kevin Schiefelbein** of Rio Grande City, Texas
- Eighth-grader **Logan Shannon** of Richmond, Texas
- Sophomore **Bryan Streiff** of Nevada City, Calif.
- Junior **Chase Tomlinson** of Katy, Texas
- Senior **Xiaolong Tong** of Beijing
- Sophomore **Tuan Tran** of Broken Arrow, Okla.
- Junior **Chikemefola Umeorah** of Sugar Land, Texas
- Junior **Matthew Wisely** of Waterford, Calif.\*
- Senior **Kaijie Xia** of Jiangyin, China\*
- Senior **Miguel Zapata Domínguez** of Monterrey, Mexico
- Sophomore **Jinsong Zhang** of Kunming, China\*
- Junior **Zhaoyang Zhang** of Beijing\*
- Junior **Yuhan Zhou** of Beijing\*
- Junior **Edward Zidd** of Austin, Texas

\*\*Gold Star (Two Consecutive Semesters on Superintendent's List)

\*Blue Star (Two Consecutive Semester's on Dean's List or Higher)

## Volunteer Luncheon

Mike McKinney of San Benito, Texas, and Bethel, Okla., was named the 2017 Volunteer of the Year at the Marine Military Academy 30th Anniversary Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon March 2.

Mr. McKinney has loyally volunteered at the Iwo Jima Museum & Gift Shop for three years. He is a retired Navy man and Vietnam War veteran.

Fifteen other volunteers attended the luncheon in the MMA Mess Hall and were personally thanked by Superintendent Col R. Glenn Hill.

MMA holds the event each year to honor its volunteers for their vital role in promoting the historic Iwo Jima Monument and sustaining the Iwo Jima Museum & Gift Shop. The Iwo Jima Monument is Harlingen's top tourist attraction.

To volunteer at the Iwo Jima Museum & Gift Shop, contact Gloria Boling at [visitorcenter@MMA-TX.org](mailto:visitorcenter@MMA-TX.org) or (956) 421-9234.



**Mike McKinney**

## Recognition

### STAR DAY Award

Marine Military Academy received the 2017 Service Achievement of Merit (SAM) Award from the STAR DAY Foundation Feb. 20. The ceremony took place in the Texas State Capitol Rotunda, and the MMA Color Guard presented the flags.

The STAR DAY Foundation recognized MMA for its educational legacy and its assistance in making Feb. 19 officially Iwo Jima Day in Texas.



**Superintendent Col R. Glenn Hill addresses the audience at the STAR DAY Foundation award ceremony in the Texas State Capitol.**

## AMCSUS Drill Competition

Out of the 18 military schools that competed from across the country, the Marine Military Academy Drill Team won the inaugural Close-Order Drill Competition sponsored by the Association of Military Colleges and Schools of the United States. AMCSUS announced the winners Feb. 27 at its annual conference.

Twenty-one MMA cadets, ranging from grades 8-12, volunteered to participate in this marching competition.

On the day of the event, each drill team received a sealed envelope. The cadet drill team commander had 60

seconds to review it and then execute the movements on the card.

The entire drill had to be videotaped continuously and only once under the supervision of the school's commandant of cadets. The videotapes submitted were all judged by a panel of impartial military officers.

Under the leadership of senior Daniel Calvert Mata of Saltillo, Mexico, drill team commander, assistant drill instructor SSgt Hector Jimenez and Commandant of Cadets SgtMaj Ford Kinsley, the MMA Drill Team took home the first-place plaque.



**MMA takes first place in the AMCSUS Drill Team Close-Order Drill Competition.**

## Recognition

### Service Academy Appointment

Senior **Aaron Frahm** of Corpus Christi, Texas, received an appointment to the United States Merchant Marine Academy Feb. 3. The Marine Military Academy cadet was nominated by Congressman Blake Farenthold and Senator Ted Cruz. He will study maritime logistics and security at the academy.



»» Senior Aaron Frahm of Corpus Christi, Texas

### MCJROTC Inspection

Delta Company was named Best Inspected Company at the annual Marine Corps Junior ROTC Inspection at Marine Military Academy Feb. 24.

All five companies were inspected as well as the MMA Battalion Staff and the MMA Color Guard. Though Delta was the overall victor, all the companies and units earned high scores. Commandant of Cadets SgtMaj Ford Kinsley led the 2017 inspection.

During this evaluation, every cadet is meticulously examined on his grooming and uniform. He is also drilled on his

knowledge of U.S. government, Marine Corps history and leadership traits.



Operations Chief MSgt Michael Krauss begins inspecting the cadets of Fox Company.



Senior Austin Cunningham of Austin, Texas, and drill instructor SSgt Alejandro Diaz accept the 2017 Best Inspected Company award on behalf of Delta Company from Superintendent Col R. Glenn Hill (far left) and Commandant of Cadets SgtMaj Ford Kinsley (far right).

## Battalion Competition

Delta Company won the Marine Military Academy 3rd Quarter Battalion Competition March 31. Delta Company will carry the Golden Guidon for the fourth quarter and receive a Friday evening liberty. The winning company is evaluated on its overall performance during an academic quarter.

Delta Company took home the Military and Academics streamers while Echo Company took home the Athletics streamer.

This is the last Battalion Competition recognition for the school year, as the winner for 4th Quarter will be announced in August 2017.



Commandant of Cadets SgtMaj Ford Kinsley secures the Academics streamer to the Delta Company flagstaff.



Superintendent Col R. Glenn Hill (left) and Commandant of Cadets SgtMaj Ford Kinsley slide the Golden Guidon onto the Delta Company flagstaff.

**Correspondence**

**Citizenship Ceremony**

Re: Citizenship Ceremony on February 17, 2017

Dear Colonel Hill:

I would like to thank you and the Academy for allowing the United States Courts and the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services to use the Iwo Jima Monument and surrounding park to swear in over 50 new citizens. We could not have picked a better scene.

I think I can speak for all who participated in organizing the event, the guests and the new citizens, when I say that your facility and the monument, itself, really made the occasion special. The fact that the sculptor of the monument was, himself, a veteran of World War II and an immigrant from Austria who became a naturalized United States citizen after the war was really icing on the cake.

Andrew S. Hanen  
U.S. District Judge



**A woman proudly holds up her framed United States citizenship document.**

**Spotlight**

**LtCol Robert Bey**

In April 1954, Marine Military Academy friend LtCol Robert Bey, USMC (Ret), received the Silver Star Medal for his bravery in the Battle of Chosin Reservoir during the Korean War.

The Battle of Chosin Reservoir (Nov. 27 – Dec. 13, 1950) was one of the bloodiest battles in the Korean War, and one of the coldest battles in history.

It was during the coldest winter in 100 years in North Korea that 15,000 fighters, mostly Marines, were surrounded by 120,000 Chinese and North Korean soldiers at Chosin Reservoir. The men needed to break out of the encirclement, and their only "lifeline" was to walk down a steep and narrow mountain road they called the MSR, or main supply route.

The MSR would lead the troops to safety at the port of Hungnam, but they had to walk 78 miles in sub-zero temperatures to reach it. They also had to fight waves of enemy soldiers as they made their way toward the sea. Against all odds, most of the Allied troops reached the Hungnam port — and managed to save the lives of 98,000 civilian refugees along the way.

LtCol Bey's Silver Star Medal was for his actions against enemy forces on Nov. 27, 1950, the first day of the Battle of Chosin Reservoir. The citation reads: "For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Platoon Leader of Company E, Second Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division (Reinforced), in action against enemy aggressor forces in Korea on 27 November 1950. With his company disposed in defensive positions on a hill north of Yudam-ni when a vastly outnumbering enemy



**LtCol Robert Bey, USMC (Ret)**

suddenly attacked in force and inflicted heavy casualties in the ranks, First Lieutenant Bey promptly established a temporary aid station in the platoon warming tent and supervised the transporting of casualties into it. When the company commander was killed, he organized several of his men into a relief unit under the command of his platoon sergeant and dispatched them to the company command post to reinforce two other platoons that were without leaders and being hard pressed. After supervising the evacuation of wounded through the infiltrating hostile forces, he further exposed himself to intense small-arms, mortar and machine-gun fire to lead his remaining men to the command post where he reorganized the depleted company for the final drive to repel the onslaught and retain the key terrain until relief arrived. His daring and aggressive leadership, indomitable fighting spirit and superb courage served as an inspiration to all ..."

LtCol Bey is still a selfless Marine who supports MMA and other organizations. He resides in Florida with his wife Anne.

**Alumni Affairs**

**Boot Camp Story**

Email received Dec. 27, 2017

Ms. Garcia:

As I was reading the MMA Leader, I came across the Alumni Honor Plaque article. I don't know if I am presently on the current plaque list, but I was among the first graduating class (all six of us) from 1966 (Cadet Captain of all 63 cadets).

I came back for additional credits in an attempt to apply for Duke University. I got to play on our first MMA football team as the first and only post-graduate until leaving to enlist in the Marine Corps in February of 1967. My draft board said I was 1-A due to only taking three classes so I went home and enlisted.

As I was the very first cadet to enlist, when my drill instructors found they had one of those cadets from some school called the Marine Military Academy in Harlingen, Texas, boy, were they thrilled!

Both Parris Island and San Diego boot camp drill instructors had been seeing the academy advertised in Leatherneck magazines, all thinking, "Wow, sure would like to see what one of those cadets are made of."

During my platoon's rifle issue, one of our six drill instructors came to the half who had been issued their rifles and asked, "Who knows the rifle manual movements?" I was in the back rank and put my hand only half-way up as I was thinking, "Don't get caught lying, but don't get selected as that might lead to questions as to where did you learn the rifle manual?" Fact is, that is why he selected me out of four or five

guys because I was the one who wasn't flagging his hand.

Well my rifle movements to all positions and making the stock of the M14 "crack" at port-arms really impressed this sergeant.

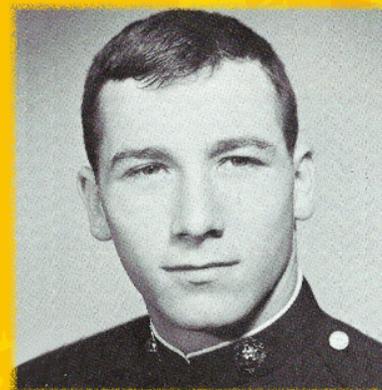
Sure enough, he asked where I learned the rifle manual. I replied, "Military school, sir." He replied, "Oh, really. I thought your daddy might have taught you. Which military school would that be?"

Knowing that I was the very first cadet from the Marine Military Academy to be standing in front of these drill instructors who had been waiting for this very moment scared the living hell out of me! I mumbled, "Ma-marine Military Academy, sir."

This drill instructor's eyes got as big as silver dollars! He said, "Repeat that again and speak plainly." I spoke in a more articulate manner and pronounced with honor (no sense in trying to hide it now), "MARINE MILITARY ACADEMY, sir!"

He ran from my front to the side yelling, "Senior, Senior, we got one of those damn cadets from that military school in Texas." I heard him trying to whisper, saying, "You have to see this kid. Damn, he's good!"

I had a feeling that this senior drill instructor was going to put me through the rigors of the manual, but he would eventually give me a test of an "improper" command. I didn't know what it might be, but the only one I could think of at the moment was a movement from Parade-Rest before first being brought to Attention.



**Ronald Doyle, Class of 1966**

He gave me Parade-Rest and then gave Port-Arms. I didn't move from Parade-Rest. He said, "I gave you a command you (expletive)!" I brought myself to Attention and said, "Request to speak to the drill instructor, sir!" "What is it, maggot?" he replied. "Sir, the drill instructor gave the private an improper command." He smiled and said, "Oh, you're pretty good. We'll see how good you are!"

Before being given the position of Platoon Guide, instructions on proper saluting to properly making and dressing a bunk (rack), I would be called on by the senior drill instructor with, "Where's my cadet?"

I believe I may have been the only one from the Class of 1966 to enlist and serve in the Marine Corps. I served proudly from February 1967 to February 1971.

One of these future graduation ceremonies, I would love to come down to MMA and participate as the school's first Cadet Commander.

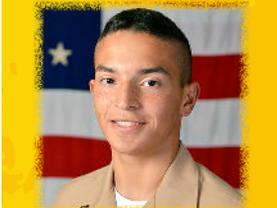
Ronald K. Doyle, Sr.  
MMA Class of 1966

**Cadet of the Month - February**



**Jadyn Dusbabek of Peoria, Ariz. - Alpha Company**

Rank: Cadet Corporal  
Grade: 11, Activity: Boxing  
Future education goals: I will earn a degree in business at Northern Arizona University.  
Career goals: I plan to own a professional business.



**Santiago Martínez Alfaro of Mexico City - Delta Company**

Rank: Cadet Private First Class  
Grade: 10, Activity: Soccer  
Future education goals: I will attend Tec de Monterrey and earn a master's degree in economics.  
Career goals: I would like to manage a large bank or investment firm.



**Aram Gerahian of St. Pete Beach, Fla. - Echo Company**

Rank: Cadet Second Lieutenant  
Grade: 12, Activity: Weightlifting  
Future education goals: I will study finance at the University of South Florida.  
Career goals: I intend to pursue a commission in the United State Marine Corps.



**Maxim Pepper of Austin, Texas - Fox Company**

Rank: Cadet First Sergeant  
Grade: 11, Activity: Boxing  
Future education goals: I will major in computer science at Texas A&M University.  
Career goals: I am going to become a computer programmer.



**John Paul Boerschig II of Washington, Texas - Golf Company**

Rank: Cadet Corporal  
Grade: 10, Activities: Rifle team, swim team & Boy Scouts  
Future education goals: I plan to graduate from Texas A&M University School of Law.  
Career goals: I plan to become an attorney who specializes in oil and gas law.



**Charles Bass of Grapevine, Texas - Leatherneck Band**

Company: Golf, Rank: Cadet Corporal  
Grade: 11  
Future education goals: I will study mechanical engineering at The University of North Texas.  
Career goals: I plan to become a mechanical engineer or a Marine pilot.



**Jared Walker of San Antonio - Drill Team**

Company: Fox, Rank: Cadet Private First Class  
Grade: 10  
Future education goals: I will attend Texas A&M University and most likely study architecture.  
Career goals: I plan to become an architect or something related to that field.

**Cadet of the Month - March**



**Logan Shannon of Richmond, Texas - Alpha Company**

Rank: Cadet Private First Class  
Grade: 8, Activity: Boxing  
Future education goals: I would like to attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology.  
Career goals: I plan to become a computer programmer.

**Wei Cui of Montgomery Village, Md. - Delta Company**

Rank: Cadet Lance Corporal  
Grade: 10, Activity: Weightlifting  
Future education goals: I plan to attend Penn State and study business and economics.  
Career goals: I would like to start my own business.

**Jonathan Laube of Richmond, Texas - Echo Company**

Rank: Cadet Sergeant  
Grade: 11, Activity: Boxing  
Future education goals: I plan to major in business or psychology at Texas A&M University.  
Career goals: I intend to become an officer in the Marine Corps.

**Pierre Bonnimond of Paris - Fox Company**

Rank: Cadet Lance Corporal  
Grade: 10, Activities: Drill team & Boy Scouts  
Future education goals: I plan to attend Texas A&M University and major in business.  
Career goals: I plan to become an officer in the Marine Corps.

**Richard Popp of Fort Lee, N.J. - Golf Company**

Rank: Cadet Lance Corporal  
Grade: 10, Activity: Basketball  
Future education goals: I would like to attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology.  
Career goals: I will earn a degree in mechanical engineering and work as an engineer.

**Alejandro Sánchez Guzmán of Uriangato, Mexico - Leatherneck Band**

Company: Golf, Rank: Cadet Sergeant  
Grade: 11  
Future education goals: I plan to major in business at a university either in Mexico or the U.S.  
Career goals: I want to start my own restaurant chain in Mexico and become an entrepreneur.

**Conner Clawson of Cartersville, Ga. - Drill Team**

Company: Alpha, Rank: Cadet Private First Class  
Grade: 9  
Future education goals: I will attend Texas A&M University and study business.  
Career goals: I will work in the family business as a job recruiter.

## Important Dates

- **April 21:** Alumni Reunion Parade, 4 p.m.
- **April 22:** Alumni Reunion Dinner, 7 p.m.
- **April 28:** Jr.-Sr. Ring Ceremony, noon
- **May 6:** SAT, 8 a.m.
- **May 8:** Deadline for FAFSA Application
- **May 15-17:** Final Exams
- **May 19:** Eagle Scout Ceremony, 10 a.m.
- **May 19:** Annual Awards, 1:30 p.m.
- **May 20:** Class of 2017 Graduation Parade & Military Awards, 9 a.m.
- **May 20:** Class of 2017 Graduation Ceremony, 11 a.m.
- **June 1:** Re-enrollment Contracts Due
- **June 27:** Check-in for Summer Camp Cadet Instructors, by 6 p.m.
- **July 1:** Summer Camp Registration
- **July 28:** Summer Camp Field Meet
- **July 29:** Summer Camp Graduation

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## Extra! Extra!

### Summer Camp Programs

Marine Military Academy is now enrolling for its summer camp programs: SAT & ACT Prep at MMA; and MMA Summer Camp.

SAT & ACT Prep is a weeklong day camp for college-bound boys entering grades 9-12. It offers four intense days of review and practice for the SAT and ACT exams, and one morning of ziplining, rappelling and rock climbing. Lunch, test materials and the outdoor activities are included in the cost. SAT & ACT Prep at MMA is June 19-23, 2017. To learn more or to apply, visit MMA-TX.org/SAT or call (956) 423-6006.

MMA Summer Camp is a four-week adventure camp for school boys ages 12-18. Highly physical, campers participate in more than 30 military activities and sports — from archery to mud diving, from paintball to ziplining. MMA Summer Camp is July 1-29.

MMA also offers a simultaneous English immersion camp. At ESL Summer Camp, campers spend 25 hours per week in the classroom learning English. In the afternoons and weekends, they participate in the same activities as the

regular MMA summer campers.

To learn more or to apply for MMA Summer Camp or ESL Summer Camp, visit MMA-TX.org/SummerCamp or call (956) 423-6006.



**A prep camper cracks a smile after a big test.**



**A summer camper makes quite a (mud) splash!**

## Institutional Advancement

### Recent Donations

#### In Honor

- Richard C. Haw
- Robert Komnick
- MSgt Timothy Allen Parkhurst, USMC (Ret)

#### In Memory

- Jack H. Brouse – VMF 422
- James Glen Cleckler "Doc"

- Jerry K. Clements
- Max Young Harris, Jr.
- Virginia Walker Hill
- George Joseph John
- Maj Edward T. McGee, USMCR (Ret)
- Raquel Renee Sanchez
- Pfc Brian A. Thornton, USMC, KIA, ROK 1951
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