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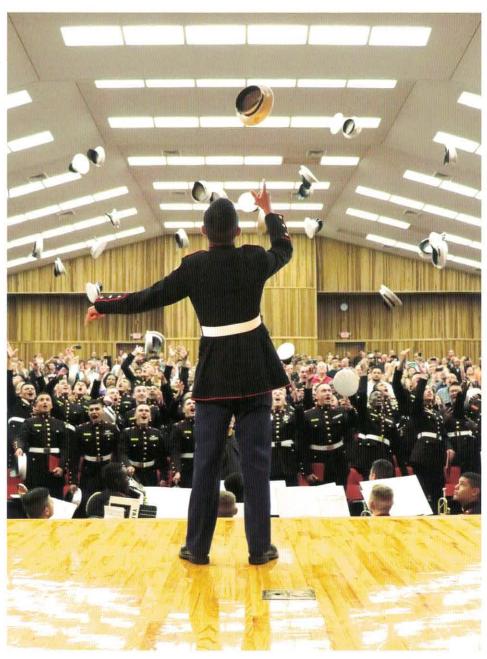
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Recent Events



Sophomore Ao Zhang proudly shows his book "Beiling Bus 375."

Young Authors

Cadets from Mrs. Sally Fuerte's ESL class became published authors thanks to a group project.

The students wrote and illustrated their books in their entirety. Many chose to write about their places of origin. Others delved into the fictional world and offered readers scary stories.

The project took four weeks to complete.



MMA's BSA Troop 22 participated in the annual Camp Perry Camporee recently.

Troop 22 Shines at Camporee

Cadets participate in series of events

MMA's BSA Troop 22 participated in the annual Camp Perry Camporee April 13. Forty patrols and 21 troops, comprised from more than 300 scouts from the Rio Grande Valley, took part in the event.

The patrols participated in activities that included building fires, tying knots, first aid, pioneering, campsite inspection, uniform inspection, flag raising, archery, rifle shooting, tent building, canoe race and scout knowledge.

Troop 22 had four patrols that

participated and were recognized for the following accomplishments: first place in the canoe race; second place for scout knowledge; second place for flag raising; third place for uniform inspection; third place for flag raising; third place for canoe race; and third place finish for scout knowledge.

Mr. Steve Gerber and Scoutmaster MSgt Robert Fracasso said they are proud of the scouts and accomplishments. They said the troop is looking forward to the annual Camp Perry Pow Wow in November.

MMA Spanish Students Excel at National Level

Several Marine Military Academy Spanish students earned national recognition for their excellent performance on the 2019 National Spanish Examinations.

Cadet **Pierre Bonnimond** earned a silver medal, while **Zachary Benge** brought home the bronze. Cadets

James Park, Thornton Christine and Cameron Daniel received honorable mentions.

"Attaining a medal or honorable mention on the National Spanish Examinations is very prestigious," said Kevin Cessna-Buscemi, National Director of the Exams, "The exams are the largest of their kind in the United States. More than 146,000 students participated in 2019."

The National Spanish Examinations are administered each year in grades 6 through 12, and are sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese.

Recent Events



MMA cadets enjoy the rides during the 2019 Spring Fling.

Spring Fling

Cadets, families enjoy weekend of fun

The Marine Military Academy Parents Organization hosted the 2019 Spring Fling April 26-27. Each Spring Fling, parents are invited to spend a weekend with their sons in warm and sunny South Texas and engage in some family activities.

On April 26, all parents and siblings joined the cadets for morning colors. The Junior-Senior Ring Ceremony happened immediately after.

The nine juniors and seniors who participated in the event were: senior Daylen Joshua Briseño; junior Ryan Anthony Barber; junior Noah Andrew Bouillion; senior Taniel Zaven Katanjin; junior Jayden Mark

Massengale; senior Derek Steven Mohos; senior Zane Christian Nichols; junior Amechi Joshua Obigwe; and junior Brian Michael Pritchard.

The cadets spent the morning with their parents visiting teachers.

That afternoon, they enjoyed the carnival rides and games set up near the Neuhaus Mess Hall. Cadets took turns trying to hit the mark to send their DIs into the water at the dunking booth.

Food trucks provided delicious snacks while a snow cone truck became the main attraction for the cadets.

On Saturday, a number of families headed to the South Padre Island for a day of fun in the sun.

Teacher of the Year

Math teacher Cristina Donovan was named the Marine Military Academy 2019 Teacher of the Year at the Annual Awards May 18 in Yeckel Auditorium.

Mrs. Donovan is known for her tireless work ethic and innovative instructional techniques. She has 21 years of teaching experience.

Mrs. Donovan holds a Bachelor of Science Mathematics and a Master's of Education in Curriculum and Instruction.



Math teacher Cristina Donovan stands on stage as the 2019 Teacher of the Year.

Cadets Share Memories, Autographs during Yearbook Party

Marine Military Academy released the 2019 Pass in Review at the Yearbook Party May 12. The theme for the yearbook was "Our Legacy." At the party, the cadets flipped through the yearbook pages to find photos of themselves and friends and then took turns "autographing" them. Faculty and staff also signed cadet yearbooks.



The 2019 Pass in Review staff poses with Marine Military Academy Superintendent Col R. Glenn Hill during the Yearbook Party at Neuhaus Mess Hall.

Cover Story

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

Class of 2019 ready for next chapter in life

Forty-seven young men from six different nations walked across the stage during the 53rd annual commencement exercises, May 18, at Marine Military Academy.

The event happened at Col Philip J. Yeckel Auditorium in the MMA campus. Jason Hiller, film archivist for Warner Brothers and MMA class of 2006 graduate, was the guest speaker.

Hiller encouraged cadets to take advantage of the lessons learned at MMA to forge a prosperous future. He told cadets they must continue their personal and academic development to reach their goals.

"Learning is an ever-evolving process," he said.

"Smart people become smart by asking questions," Hiller said.

"There are many people around you who want to help you. There is a wealth of experience around you ... take advantage of that," he said.

During the ceremony, the Class of 2019 valedictorian and salutatorian addressed their fellow cadets before the diplomas are awarded.

Valedictorian Trevor Roberts, of Fairbanks, Alaska, reminisced about his years at the academy. He spoke about how he became a disciplined and focused young man.



Marine Military Academy Class of 2019 members were all smiles after their graduation ceremony.

"Over time, I evolved. MMA gave me leadership and time-management skills. It gave me pride and self-confidence, but most importantly, it gave me a bond with a band of brothers," he said.

That discipline and focus helped Roberts earn a full scholarship to The Citadel. The scholarship is the only one of its kind to guarantee a commission as an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Then, it was time for the diplomas. Cadets walked across the stage to the cheers of their families and fellow cadets.

The ceremony concluded with the traditional tossing of the covers (hats) by the senior class. Parents and family members from across the country and around the world were present for the event.



MMA grads leave the school knowing they are part of a unique brotherhood.

Recent Events



MMA Superintendent Col Christopher Dowling presents Col R. Glenn Hill a special gift during the retirement event held at Quarters One.

End of an Era

Col R. Glenn Hill retires after 23 years of service to MMA

Marine Military Academy Superintendent Col R. Glenn Hill, USMC (Ret), retired May 18 after 23 years at the helm of the venerable institution.

Col Hill joined MMA in June of 1996 as Director of Support Activities. In September of the same year he assumed the duties of Chief of Staff, and in 2006 he was assigned the duties of Superintendent.

He graduated in 1966 from Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas, with a bachelor's degree in government. He also holds a master's degree in management, and a master's degree in strategic studies.

He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1966. He retired from the U.S. Marine Corps in June 1996.

Col Hill is very active in the community, serving in the Executive Board of the Rio Grande Valley Council of the Boys Scouts of America and as president of the Rotary Club of Harlingen.

He also serves on the Valley Baptist Medical Center Board of Trustees, the Loaves and Fishes Advisory Board and is an active member of his church.

Also retiring at the end of this academic year were Dr. Tim Jordan and Ms. Monica Bates. Jordan retired from his post as a science studies teacher after 17 years with MMA. Ms. Bates served the academic institution for 15 years as social director and secretary to the commandant.



Col R. Glenn Hill and his wife Jodi enjoy some marichiaci music during the retirement party held May 18 at the Cadet Activity Center.



John Klein, MMA class of 1999, traveled to Harlingen to join the celebrations for Col R. Glenn Hill.



Monica Bates and Col R. Glenn Hill share a laugh during the retirement party held May 18 at the Cadet Activity Center. Bates and Dr. Tim Jordan also retired after 15 and 17 years of service to MMA, respectively.



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Try not to become a man of success, but rather try to become a man of value. ~ Albert Einstein





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Annual Awards

Marine Military Academy honored the distinguished cadets for the 2018-19 school year at the Annual Awards May 17 in Yeckel auditorium.

Excellence Awards

Col Yeckel Athlete of the Year Award Senior **Jacob Alexander Thompson**

Dean's Award

Senior Santiago Martinez Alfaro

Outstanding Senior Alumni Award Senior Trevor Pharris Roberts

Rolls-Royce Pegasus Trophy for Excellence in Aerospace Studies

Senior Ruben Arellano Jr

Salutatorian Award

Senior Richard Blaine Popp

Senior Plank Holder

Anh Nam Le

Superintendent's Athletic Award

Senior Oluwalomose Debo-Ogunjimi

USMC Distinguished Athlete Award

Senior Anh Nam Le

USMC Music Excellence Award

Sophomore Hudson O'Brian Suarez

USMC Scholastic Excellence Award

Senior Benjamin Sterling Reading

Valedictorian Award

Trevor Pharris Roberts

Top Students by Class & Subject

- Grade 7: Yu-Chen Lu
- Grade 8: Jinzhou Yang

Grade 9: Dylan DeViney

- Grade 10: Michael Styskal
- Grade 11: Simeon Olawale Apanpa
- Computer Science: Senior Cameron

Joseph Daniel

English: Senior Matthew Valery
 Anderson



Trevor Roberts received a Navy ROTC Scholarship for \$180,000. He will attend The Citadel. His family joined him during the awards ceremony.

- Foreign Language: Senior Pierre
 Natale-Gerard Bonnimond
- Math: Senior Alan Said Macisse
- Science: Senior Pierre Natale-Gerard
 Bonnimond
- Social Studies: Senior Derek Steven Mohos.

AMCSUS Purple Hear Scholarship

Senior Trevor Pharris Roberts.

Auxiliary Scholarships

MajGen Robert E. Friedrich Memorial Scholarship

Richard Blaine Popp

Heard Memorial Scholarship Matthew Valery Anderson

Harlingen Rotary Scholarship Benjamin Sterling Reading

College Scholarship Recipients

 John Boerschig (Sam Houston State University)

- Pierre Bonnimond (Texas A&M)
- Cameron Daniel (University of Texas – Dallas)
- Oluwalomose Debo (University of Texas Dallas, Hofstra University)
- Alejandro Fonseca (Embry Riddle Aeronautical University)
- Ethan Gordon (Texas Tech University)
- Hiolong Hong (University of California – Riverside)
- Anh Le (Texas State University, University of Houston - Downtown)
- Victor Olawale Apanpa (West Point Military Academy)
- Benjamin Reading (Texas State University, University of Houston, University of Oregon)
- Trevor Roberts (Navy ROTC Scholarship – The Citadel)
- Silas Torres (Norwich University)

Academic Awards

Marine Military Aacdemy Superintendent Col R. Glenn Hill presented 63 Marine Military Academy cadets with a Gold or Silver Wreath for their academic achievement in the first semester at the Academic Awards ceremony held May 17.

The Gold Wreath is given to those who make the Superintendent's List, which requires a GPA of 3.75 or above. Those on the Superintendent's list for two consecutive semesters also receive a Gold Star.

The Silver Wreath goes to those 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. Those on the Dean's list for two consecutive semesters also receive a Blue Star.

ALPHA CO

Gold Wreath & Gold Star:

- Matthew Anderson
- Thornton Christine
- David Hunt
- Simeon Olawale-Apanpa
- · Victor Olawale-Apanpa

Gold Wreath & Blue Star:

- Spencer Kohlmyer
- · Jayden Massengale
- · Amechi Obigwe

Gold Wreath:

Alan Said Maccise

Silver Wreath:

- Brian Pritchard
- Feng Xie

DELTA CO

Gold Wreath & Gold Star

- Pierre Bonnimond
- Robert Drake
- Adrian Blanco Valencia

Gold Wreath & Blue Star:

Michael Styskal



MMA Superintendent Col R. Glenn Hill presents sophomore Adrian Blanco a Gold Wreath and Gold Star.

Jaiming Xu

Gold Wreath:

- Dylan DeViney
- Alejandro Salazar Mar
- Jonathan Vazquez
- Peiyuan Zhao

Silver Wreath & Blue Star:

- Zachary Benge
- Aidan Kenney

Silver Wreath:

- John Black
- Connor Odell
- Shi-Lun Yang

ECHO CO

Gold Wreath & Gold Star:

- Cameron Daniel
- Diego Hernandez Heredia
- Sabin Moiceanu

Gold Wreath:

- Maxwell Fortin
- James Neuhoff
- Paul Panzica
- James Park
- Joseph Ruiz Gamez

- David Stilwell
- Brian Streiff
- Jiahao Wang

Silver Wreath:

- Daixing Kuang
- Zachary Satterlee
- Andrew Stanley

FOX CO

Gold Wreath & Gold Star:

Jinzhou Yang

Gold Wreath & Blue Star:

- Aayan Haider
- Phuc Le

Gold Wreath Wreath:

- Samuel Clement
- · Yu-Chen Lu
- David Vazquez

Silver Wreath:

- Ransom Benfield
- Ouan Dinh

GOLF CO

Gold Wreath & Gold Star:

Ethan Gordon

Gold Wreath & Blue Star:

Abdoulage Diallo

Gold Wreath:

- Michael Hilliard
- Anh Le
- Runyu Liu
- Luong Nguyen
- Richard Popp

Silver Wreath & Blue Star:

- Joseph De Leo
- Cameron Tankersley

Silver Wreath:

- Daylen Ayers Briseno
- Christian Bryant
- William Jennings
- Mengyue Lu
- William Parrish
- Trevor Roberts
- · David Xu



Student of the Month - April

Axel A. Gill Ramos of Saltillo, Mexico - English

Rank: Cadet Lance Corporal Grade: 10, Activities: Drill Team

Future education goals: Study international business at Universidad de Monterrey. Career goals: Become an entrepreneur to take my father's business to the next level.

Dylan M. DeViney of Houston, Texas - Foreign Language

Rank: Cadet Sergeant

Grade: 9, Activities: Track and Band

Future education goals: I want to go to the University of California-San Diego, Rice

University, or Full Sail University.

Career goals: Have a career in marine biology or engineering.

Ethan F. Gordon of Spring, Texas - General Studies

Rank: Cadet Lance Corporal

Grade: 12, Activities: Weightlifting & Drill Team

Future education goals: Earn a bachelor's degree in computer science at either Texas Tech

University or West Virginia University.

Career goals: To join a prestigious game design company or design video games.

David Alejandro Vazquez of Atizapan de Zaragoza, Mexico - Math

Rank: Cadet Lance Corporal

Grade: 8, Activities: Drill Team and Weightlifting

Future education goals: Study medicine in Mexico and become a plastic surgeon. Career goals: Become one of the best plastic surgeons and open a restaurant.

Alejandro Sanchez Guzman of Oriauzato, Mexico - Social Studies

Rank: Cadet Second Lieutenant

Grade: 12, Activities: Baseball and Cycling

Future education goals: Pursue a law degree and a master's in political science and

geography.

Career goals: Get involved in the Mexican political system and perhaps open up my own law

Omoruyi O. Osagiede of Boston, Mass - Science

Rank: Cadet Corporal

Grade: 9, Activities: Basketball

Future education goals: I plan to graduate from MMA and then go to Boston College.

Career goals: I really will enjoy serving in the U.S. Marine Corp. It will give me the confidence

and discipline I plan to play basketball in college.



Cadet of the Month - April

Simeon O Olawale Apanpa of Houston - Alpha Company

Rank: Cadet Sergeant

Grade: 11, Activities: Aerospace

Education goals: To knock out the SAT.

Career goals: To become an innovative aeronautical engineer.

Adam R. Myers of Southlake, Texas - Delta Company

Rank: Cadet Sergeant

Grade: 11, Activities: Football

Education goals: Complete a four-year aviation program and earn a commercial pilot's license.

Career goals: Fly for a major airline all over the world.

James Park of Kwangju, Korea - Echo Company

Rank: Cadet Corporal

Grade: 11, Activities: Soccer/Weightlifting

Education goals: I would like to attend Rice University.

Career goals: My goal to serve as a fighter pilot. After my service I would like to be a

commercial airline pilot.

Yu-Chen Lu of Houston - Fox Company

Rank: Cadet Private

Grade: 7, Activities: Seventh- and Eighth-Grade Soccer

Education goals: Graduate from MMA and attend a university.

Career goals: Work as an electrical engineer.

Xiang Li of Guangzhou, China - Golf Company

Rank: Cadet First Lieutenant

Grade: 12, Activities: Rifle Team

Education goals: Attend the University of Nevada and get a degree in hotel management.

Career goals: Become a successful hotel manager and own a hotel.

Noah A. Bouillion of Erath, La - Leatherneck Band

Company: Golf, Rank: Cadet Second Lieutenant

Grade: 11. Activities: Band & Football Team

Education goals: Attend the U.S Naval Academy and major in English or history.

Career goals: Become a commissioned officer in the U.S. Marine Corps and have a great military

career.

James T. Neuhoff of Dallas, Texas - Silent Drill Team

Company: Echo, Rank: Cadet Corporal

Grade: 10. Activity: Drill team

Education goals: Graduate from MMA and attend college.

Career goals: Become a realtor.

Important Dates

- June 29: Summer Camp Registration, 8 a.m. to noon
- July 27: Summer Camp Graduation Parade, 9 a.m.
- August 11: Football Camp Check-in, by 3 p.m.
- August 11: Leadership Orientation, by 6 p.m.
- August 17: Check-in for First-Year Cadets, 8 a.m. to noon
- August 18: Check-in for Returning Cadets, by 6 p.m.
- August 19-20: Military
 Orientation for Plebes
- August 21: First Day of School
- August 24: SAT, 8 a.m.
- **September 14**: MMA Parents' Organization Meeting, 8:30 a.m.
- **September 14**: Introductory Training Graduation Parade, 10 a.m.
- October 5: SAT, 8 a.m.
- October 16-18: 1st Quarter Exams
- October 26: ACT, 8 a.m.
- October 30: PSAT, 8:45 a.m.
- · October 31: Parent's Weekend

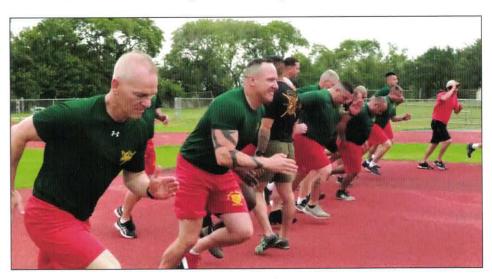
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Extra! Extra!

DIs, ADIs Undergo Training on New PT Drills



Marine Military Academy drill instructors, assistant drill instructors and other personnel learned the new physical training program instituted by the U.S. Marine Corps.

Marine Military Academy's staff recently underwent training on the new physical training program instituted by the U.S. Marine Corps.

The staff had to perform every activity under the watchful eye of the USMC trainers sent to teach the new PT routines.

The men ran, jumped and crawled as they learned the drills they will now teach to every cadet at the academy.

The arduous exercises put the men's stamina to the test, but they conquered every task.

The training is part of MMA's commitment to physical fitness.

Giving

Recent Donations

In Honor Of

- SSgt Alejandro E. Diaz, USMC (Ret) MMA D-Co. DI
- GySgt Howard Greene, USMC (Ret)
- 1stSgt Felix Hernandez, USMC (Ret)
- MMA G-Co. DI
- Col and Mrs. Robert G. Hill, USMC (Ret)
- Congressman Adam Schiff

In Memory Of

• James E. Boyle "Jim" - MMA '86

- Sgt David Fuller, USMC (Ret) 9th Marines RVN
- Senator John Sidney McCain, III
- Maj Edward T. McGee, USMCR (Ret)
- John Powers
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