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# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear MMA supporters,

I cannot say enough positive things about summer camp 2021 - not only did we meet our attendance goal, but it was a superb experience for all. This is the first year that I have

had so much positive feedback not only from campers and their families, but I also heard positive remarks from our Drill Instructors and our Cadet Instructors.

Our students are back in school at near-normal conditions. This academic year has had its challenges with respect to COVID-19 including county mandated restrictions/protocols, and fears surrounding in-person learning. I believe we have not only met these challenges head-on, but we are also making significant steps for a greater and stronger future. Our Corps of Cadets this fall have once again improved their first-quarter total grade point average. Overall, the Cadets are more focused, and the esprit de corps among these young men is at the highest level I have seen since arriving at MMA. I attribute much of the success we are seeing to the dedication and determination of the MMA community. My staff, administrators and all my employees are working tirelessly to ensure that our Cadets are well, trained, edu-

cated, and cared for. Your continued support of our mission is an extremely crucial factor in our success. Thank you to all that continue to believe in our mission and supply the necessary support to keep us going.

Semper Fidelis,

Christopher S. Dowling  
Colonel, US Marine Corps (Ret)  
President, Marine Military Academy



## 335 COMBINED YEARS OF SERVICE AT MMA



MMA staff was recognized for their years of service. We were very happy to celebrate Ms. Sandra Saenz who has been with MMA for 10 years. We also recognized Mr. Edgar Martinez and Ana Cerdan for 15 years of effort. Ms. Virginia Cruz and Celia Gonzalez have accomplished 20 years each. Ms. Veronica Martinez, Reymundo Castaneda, Carlos Centeno, Juan Rodriguez, Frank Martinez, Luis Alcantara,



LtCol Robert Grider, Guadalupe Longoria, and Dr. Butler have been at MMA for 25 years. Ms. Diana Williams has been a part of the MMA family for 30 years. You can see that our wonderful school is a great family that has been growing over the years with pride and honor and needs to be celebrated!



# SUMMER CAMP

## Survey Says...



What are your favorite 3 meals served in the Mess Hall?

- 1- Pizza
- 2- Hamburger
- 3- Mac and Cheese



What are your favorite 3 activities in MMA's Summer Camp?

- 1- PaintBall
- 2- Rappelling
- 3- Obstacle Course



What made you decide to come to MMA?

- 1- Physical Fitness
- 2- Learn new skills
- 3- Fun





# SUMMER CAMP



## Summer Campers' Quotes...



*This is what campers responded when we asked "of all the new things you learned, which one is the one that would be most helpful to you and how would you apply it in your everyday life?"*

*"Motivating myself to do more when I don't want to."*

-Andres Pilhes



*"Coming back for myself has made me stronger on the inside and outside too."*

-Christian Kuntz



*"I learned to be a better leader. This will help me help my community."*

-Mantle



*"You can do anything if you put your mind to it."*

- Lemas

*"I learned to take more initiative in my life."*

-Joseph Koh



*"Discipline helps me because it makes me respectful."*

-Jon Reller





# SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION



Summer Camp Registration On June 26, more than 390 boys from across the country and around the world checked in for MMA Summer Camp. In addition to boys, the King Gym parking lot was filled with parents, grandparents, aunts,

uncles, siblings and friends who saw the campers off. After leaving the company of their family, the campers left to get their COVID-19 test, then to get their heads shaved and collect their uniforms and summer gear.



## High & Tight

All new campers at Marine Military Academy receive a “high and tight” introductory buzz cut. After the first haircut, cadets can wear their hair closely cropped. Below are some transformation photos from Summer Camp registration.





# SUMMER CAMP SOCIAL



Hundreds of Marine Military Academy Summer Camp parents gathered along Battalion Street to see their son's march. The event marked the end of four weeks of physical training and character-development. MMA's Commandant of Cadets SgtMaj Delvin Smythe, USMC (Ret), welcomed parents as they anxiously waited to see their sons for the first time in four weeks. Each company marched proudly amid thundering cheers. MMA President Col Christopher S. Dowling, USMC (Ret),

spoke about the transformation the young men experienced during the four weeks.

"These are not the same young men you gave us 28 days ago," he said.

Col Dowling reminded campers that they can do anything if they put their mind to it.

Parents and campers later gathered outside their company barracks where they enjoyed a meal and introduced their families to their new friends from across the world.





# SUMMER CAMP AWARDS

Honor Man & Most Improved Awards Twenty-two campers were recognized for their distinguished achievement at the MMA Summer Camp graduation ceremony on July 28. Given to a camper from each platoon, the Honor Man award is given to a camper who best exemplifies the qualities and values upheld by the Marine Military Academy and the Most Improved award is given to the camper who showed the most significant physical and mental growth.



Charlie Company:  
Platoon 1201 Most Improved Camper Is: Riley McCormick  
Platoon 1101 Most Improved Camper Is: Carl Driscoll

Delta Company:  
Platoon 1001 Most Improved Camper Is: Sean Frayer  
Platoon 901 Most Improved Camper Is: Charles Bellomo

Alpha Company:  
Platoon 801 Most Improved Camper Is: Beau Burke  
Platoon 701 Most Improved Camper Is: Dinh To

Golf Company:  
Platoon 601 Most Improved Camper Is: Maksimilian Tanase  
Platoon 501 Most Improved Camper Is: James Moore

Fox Company:  
Platoon 401 Most Improved Camper Is: William Bozell  
Platoon 301 Most Improved Camper Is: Sebastien Diago

For Echo Company:  
Platoon 201 Most Improved Camper Is: Evans Amune  
Platoon 101 Most Improved Camper Is: Nathan Harvey

The following campers were the champions of their division:  
The lightweight fastest camper award is Olusegun Abitoye  
The middleweight fastest camper is Elijah Hardt  
The heavyweight fastest camper is Alexander Gregerson  
The lightweight strongest camper is Jacob Alexander  
The middleweight strongest camper is Jeremiah McCloud  
The heavyweight strongest camper is Isaac Brandt

70 campers participated in the Marine Military Academy aerospace introductory course this summer. The following campers distinguished themselves above others for their ability and willingness to learn, and their flying prowess. The following campers are the recipients of the Flying Ace Award:

In the 10-12 category:  
Alejandro Del Bosque  
Patrick Rohanna  
In the 13-15 category:  
Michael Mcenaney  
James Nystrom

In the 16-18 category:  
Ethan Nguyen  
Alexander Lemos



Adjusting to the pace, tempo, requirements, and rigors of the MMA Summer Camp is extremely difficult. Most worked diligently to become better than they were on day one. For some, the improvement and change were so great that they were recognized as the most improved camper in their platoon.

Receiving The Fastest Camper Award For Alpha Company is Alexander Davidson  
Charlie Company is Leo Brannan  
Delta Company is Olusegun Abitoye  
Echo Company is Alexander Gregerson



# SUMMER CAMP AWARDS



Fox Company is Olamide Mabadeje  
 Golf Company is Elijah Haardt  
 Receiving The Strongest Camper Award For  
 Alpha Company is Beau Burns  
 Charlie Company is Kyle Johnson  
 Delta Company is Jacob Alexander  
 Echo Company is Isaac Brandt  
 Fox Company is Rowan Keiser  
 Golf Company is Jeremiah McCloud



In each platoon, some stood out as the hardest worker, the most motivated, and the most dedicated camper. Those campers were honored as their platoon honorman.

For Charlie Company:  
 Platoon 1201 Honorman Is: Caleb Delsignore  
 Platoon 1101 Honorman Is: Gary Teal

For Delta Company:  
 Platoon 1001 Honorman Is: Desmond Rohanna  
 Platoon 901 Honorman Is: Nitorioluwani Esan

For Alpha Company:  
 Platoon 801 Honorman Is: Truman Mankowski  
 Platoon 701 Honorman Is: Daniel Acevedo Polosin

For Golf Company:  
 Platoon 601 Honorman Is: Alvin Molokwu  
 Platoon 501 Honorman Is: Joseph Koh

For Fox Company:  
 Platoon 401 Honorman Is: Olamide Mabadeje  
 Platoon 301 Honorman Is: Eduardo Gamboa

For Echo Company:  
 Platoon 201 Honorman Is: Hawkins Souffrant  
 Platoon 101 Honorman Is: Isaac Brandt



Each company drill instructor selected one camper that stood out above all others. These campers were recognized as their overall company honorman.

Charlie Company: John Bradley  
 Delta Company: Gebran Brannan  
 Alpha Company: William Appell  
 Golf Company: Isaac Mantle  
 Fox Company: John Shields  
 Echo Company: Ethan Nguyen

During this summer camp we had 62 cadets that willfully volunteered over a month of their summer to come back to the academy and impart their knowledge and experience to you as cadet instructors. Though all worked very hard to make this summer camp a success, one cadet instructor from each company earned the cadet instructor of the year award:

Charlie Company: Alexei Stepanov  
 Delta Company: David Knowlton  
 Alpha Company: Ryan Legg  
 Golf Company: Sean Eshbaugh  
 Fox Company: Suraj Rajesh  
 Echo Company: William Webb



# SUMMER CAMP AWARDS

All the campers had the opportunity to go to the air rifle range, learn precision marksmanship from highly skilled and trained United States Marine Corps instructors, and then apply that knowledge to refine their skills. In each company, one camper distinguished himself as that company's high shooter.



Charlie Company: Caleb Delsignore  
Delta Company: Slav Vologzhanin  
Alpha Company: Lukas Brodnax  
Golf Company: Ubaldo Flores  
Fox Company: Jacob West  
Echo Company: John Stewart



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# NEW BATTALION LEADERS 2021-22

## New Cadet Leaders Named



Five cadets became the official leaders of the Marine Military Academy Corps of Cadets for the 2021-2022 school year. The cadets were promoted by SgtMaj Smythe and President Col. Dowling.

Senior David Stilwell (E) of Spring, Texas, accepted the highest billet of battalion commander.

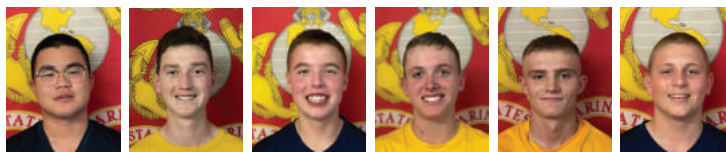
Aidan Kenney (E) of Midland, Texas was promoted to Battalion Executive Officer. William Webb (E) of Houston, Texas was promoted to Battalion Sergeant Major. Charles Drapela (D) of Boerne, Texas, was promoted to Battalion Adjutant. Dylan Divinia (D) of Red Oak, Texas, was promoted to Battalion Staff (BAND).

Cadet leaders are chosen on their exemplary attitude and example, and proven ability to take charge and follow through on their responsibilities.

Battalion Commander – c/LtCol David Stilwell (E)  
Battalion Executive Officer – c./Maj Aidan Kenney (E)  
Battalion Sergeant Major – c/SgtMaj William Webb (E)  
Battalion Adjutant – c/2ndLt Charles Drapela (D)  
Battalion Staff (BAND) – c/2ndLt Dylan Divinia (D)

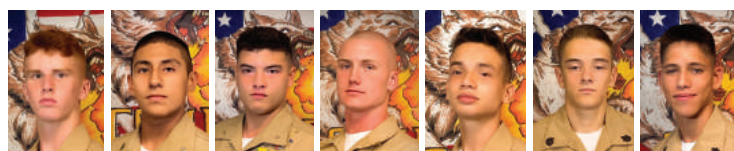


## Alpha Company



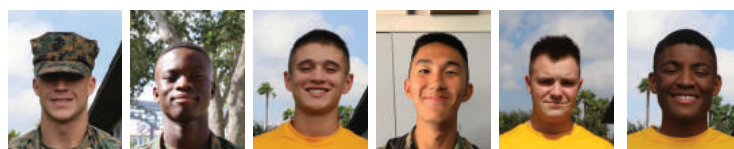
<b>Company Commander</b> Junseo Nam	<b>Executive Officer</b> Justin Blankenship	<b>Platoon Commander</b> Jack Place	<b>Platoon Commander</b> Drake Hirsch	<b>Company 1stSgt</b> Christian Hutto	<b>Company GySgt</b> Ryan Legg
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## Delta Company



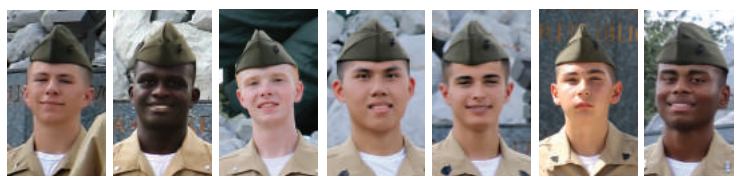
<b>Company Commander</b> David Knowlton	<b>Executive Officer</b> Isaiah Camara	<b>Platoon Commander</b> Zachary -Benge	<b>Platoon Commander</b> Steven Driscoll	<b>Company 1stSgt</b> Gilberto Flores-Gamboa	<b>Platoon Sergeants</b> Evan Gunderson	<b>Platoon Sergeant</b> Liam Elsner
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## Echo Company



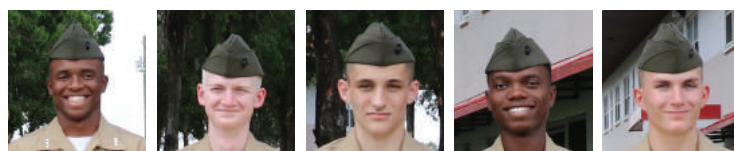
<b>Company Commander</b> Brandon Flowers	<b>Executive Officer</b> Omoluwakite Laure-Phillips	<b>Platoon Commander</b> Kyle Elsner	<b>Platoon Commander</b> William Liang	<b>Company 1stSgt</b> Bryan Anderson	<b>Company GySgt</b> Kenneth Jones
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## Fox Company



<b>Company Commander</b> Randall Stone	<b>Platoon Commander</b> Elijah Terry	<b>Platoon Commander</b> Jason Van Horn	<b>Company 1stSgt</b> Minh Nguyen	<b>Company GySgt</b> Patrick Omev	<b>Platoon Sergeant</b> Magnus Velez	<b>Academics SNCO</b> Suraj Rajesh
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## Golf Company



<b>Commanding Commander</b> Kennedy Uzuegbunam Jr.	<b>Platoon Commander</b> Zane Kester	<b>Platoon Commander</b> Cole Staples	<b>Company 1stSgt</b> Tamuda Tava	<b>Company Gunnery Sergeant</b> Lucas Boyer
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# REGISTRATION FALL 2021

## August 2021 Registration

More than 150 new students checked in for Marine Military Academy's fall semester Aug. 14. Registration day is always a busy day for both new and returning students. All students must get their COVID-19 test,

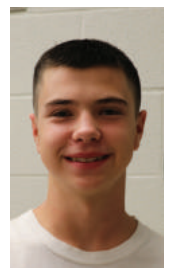
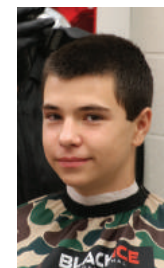
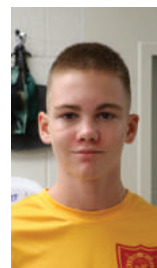


visit the barber and tailor, collect their gear, settle into their rooms and complete any other necessary tasks. In addition, "plebes," or new students who did not attend MMA Summer Camp, immediately begin their intense, four-week introductory training upon check-in. In just a short time, plebes must grasp the new daily routine and learn Marine Corps drill, terminology and protocol.



## High & Tight

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# GUEST SPEAKER

# SPORTS

## Navigating Life In The Digital Age



On August 17th MMA hosted speaker Ben Tracy caught everyone's attention by talking about an experience with social media that changed his life. Ben Tracy learned the hard way how comments made online - even as a teenager - can alter your life forever. Social media posts he made as a teenager caused Ben to be fired from a high-profile government job on his first day and landed his face on the cover of one of America's largest newspapers.

Since then, Ben has made it his mission to make sure young people don't repeat his mistakes and has taken his message to high schools, middle schools, colleges, and corporations across the country.

Ben shares his message with more than 100,000 students, parents, and professionals each year. In addition to his personal story, Ben discussed cyberbullying, sexting, how social media impacts mental health, and positive ways to use social media. Here is his website: <https://safesocialnetwork.com/>



## Great Start!



Football season started off in August with a scrimmage against Progresso and then the first game of the year was against Santa Maria and the Mighty Leathernecks took the WIN! The Leatherneck football team is off to a great start this season!





# CADETS' ACHIEVEMENTS

## Marine Corps JROTC Cyber STEM Camp



Cadets Stepanov and Copenhaver participated in a Marine Corps JROTC Cyber STEM Camp from July 19 - Aug 5. The cadets earned three college credits for successful completion of the camp. The cadets were able to keep a Hexapod robot that they built during the course.

## Academic Honors From The College Board's National Recognition Programs



Congratulations to our own Fox Company Cadet Yakobson of Ames, Iowa, who is one of 32,000 students from across the country to earn academic honors from the College Board's National Recognition Programs! These National Recognition Programs grant underrepresented students with academic honors that can be included on college and scholarship applications and connect students with universities across the country, helping them stand out during the admissions process. Colleges and scholarship programs use these honors to identify students from underrepresented groups through College Board's Student Search Service.

Cadet Yakobson earned this recognition by excelling on his PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, or AP Exams and in their classrooms. Students who may be eligible have a GPA

of 3.5 or higher and have excelled on the PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10 or earned a score of 3 or higher on two or more AP Exams; and are African American or Black, Hispanic American or Latinx, Indigenous, and/or attend school in a rural area or small town. Eligible students are invited to apply during their sophomore or junior year and are awarded at the beginning of the next school year.

## Naval Horizons Essay Winners



Cadet Aidan Kenney, 18, from Midland, Texas, who is in the 12th grade, was honored to have his essay posted on the Naval Horizons website. Cadet Charles Drapela, 17, from Boerne, Texas, and also in the 12th grade, received a cash reward as well.

Kenney wrote about seal whiskers and how they are a source of inspiration to how windmills work. Kenney was then inspired to keep researching about ways technology was developed by what happens in nature. He won the honorable mention because of how his essay was presented. "I didn't mean to win, but I thought it was a nice opportunity," Kenney said. Drapela wrote about mechanical engineering and chemical engineering and said he also did not imagine he would be winning. Both wrote their essays for leisure and because they are interested in the STEM industry.





# ALUMNI UPDATES



Brooks Dickerson – Class of 2016. Graduated from Metropolitan State University of Denver, and Navy OCS. He reported to flight school in Pensacola in June. His father is a 1973 MMA grad.



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# GOOD NEWS

## Marine Corps JROTC Naval Honor School



We are extremely proud to announce that the Marine Military Academy was once again selected for the prestigious Marine Corps JROTC Naval Honor School. This is indeed a significant achievement and a testament to the hard work of our Military Department and our Corps of Cadets. This award is distinguishing, and it allows MMA the opportunity to send nominations directly to the U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy, and the Military Academy at West Point. The award also provides students who have a desire to compete for the service academy the significant advantage of earning recommendation letters from the Commandant of Cadets and the President of MMA. This makes 13 in a row for MMA, and 32 total. This award is the top 20% of the MCJROTC schools in region 5 approximately 65 schools.



# IMPORTANT DATES

## October

2	SAT	0800
12-14	First Quarter Exams	
18	Fall Mid Point/Beast Competition	
23	ACT	0800
26	PSAT	0800
28 - 31	Parents Weekend	
28	Bonfire	1845
29	Colors - COM/SOM/Golden Guidon	0830 - 0930
29	Parents Day - No classes (Meet and Greet @ CAC)	0930 - 1000
29	Parents Visit Classrooms	1000 - 1145
29	Scheduled Individual Parent/Teacher Conferences	1300 - 1600
29	Tailgate	1600
29	COC March On	1745
29	Homecoming/Senior Night/Football Game	1800
30	Birthday Ball	1800
31	Halloween Celebration	1800 - 1930

## November

6	SAT	0800
11	Veteran's Day Parade	1600
19	Begin Thanksgiving Break	depart after 1600
28	End Thanksgiving Break	return by 1800
29	All Classes Resume	0800

## December

4	SAT	0800
11	ACT	0800
13 - 16	First Semester Final Exams	
16	Begin Christmas Break	depart after 1200

## January

7	Cadet Instructors Return	By 1800
8	<b>Mid-Term Check-In for New Cadets (Plebes)</b>	<b>0800-1200</b>
9	Mid-Term Check-In for Returning Cadets	By 1800
10-11	Military Orientation for Mid-Term Cadets (Plebes)	
10-11	Teacher In-Service Days	
12	Begin Third Quarter Classes	

## February

4	Academic Awards Ceremony	1430
5	MMA Parents Organization Meeting	0830
5	Introductory Training Graduation (Plebes)	1000
12	ACT	0800
19	Iwo Jima Parade	1000
25	Leadership Forum	0800-1300

## March

8-11	Third Quarter Exams	
11	Spring Break	departure after 1200
20	End Spring Break	return by 1800
21	Begin Fourth Quarter	
30	HM Smith Dinner	1800

## April

2	ACT	0800
1-3	<b>Alumni Reunion April 1 - April 3</b>	
1	Alumni Parade	1400
22-24	<b>Spring Fling Family Weekend</b>	
23	<b>Jr./Sr. Prom</b>	Spring Fling Ball 1900
24	<b>Jane Wayne Day</b>	
28	<b>Deadline for Financial Aid Application for 2022-2023</b>	
29	Re-Enrollment Contracts 2022 - 23 Deadline	

## May

7	SAT	0800
13,16-18	Second Semester Exams	
20	Eagle Scout Ceremony	1000
20	Academic/Sports/Military Awards	1330
21	Graduation Parade	0900
21	Graduation	1100
21	All Cadets Schedule Departure After	1300

## June

21	Summer Camp Instructors Report By	1800
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## July

22	Family Social	1700
23	Summer Camp/Graduation	0900



# JOIN & SUPPORT OUR CADETS

Join MMAPO and support projects that benefit MMA and all of our Cadets.

## BE INVOLVED WITH MMAPO

Wherever you live, joining MMAPO will get you connected at MMA.

## IMPACT OF MMAPO 2021-22

New MMA Cotillion program, A/V equipment for Athletics, liberty uniforms for cadets, Birthday Ball sponsorship, faculty and staff support and more!

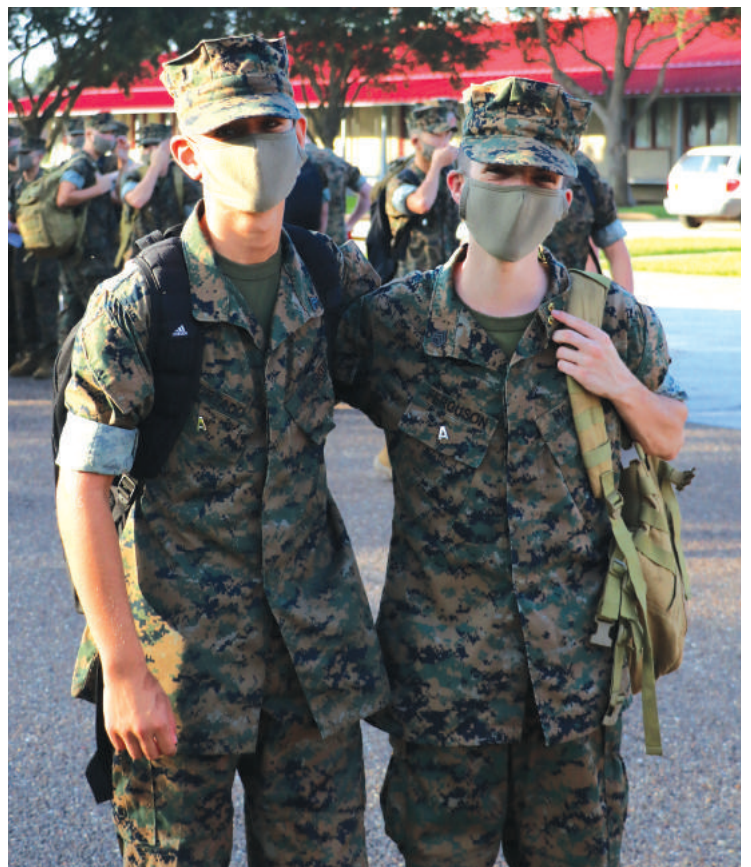
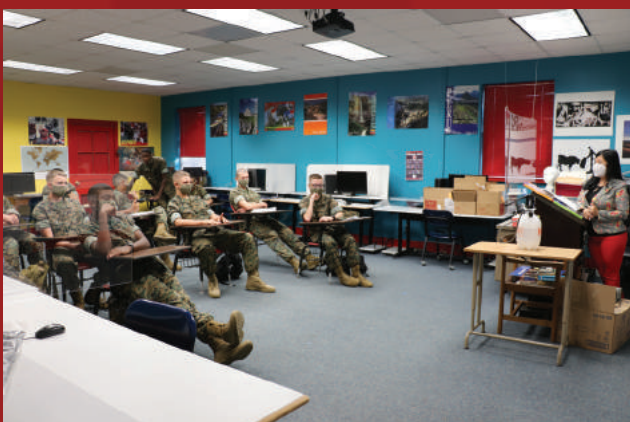
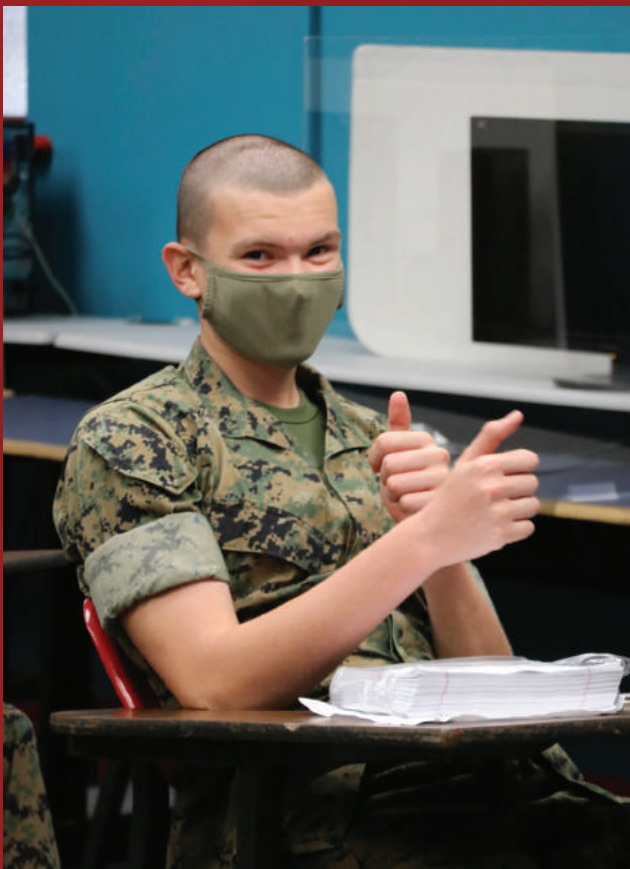
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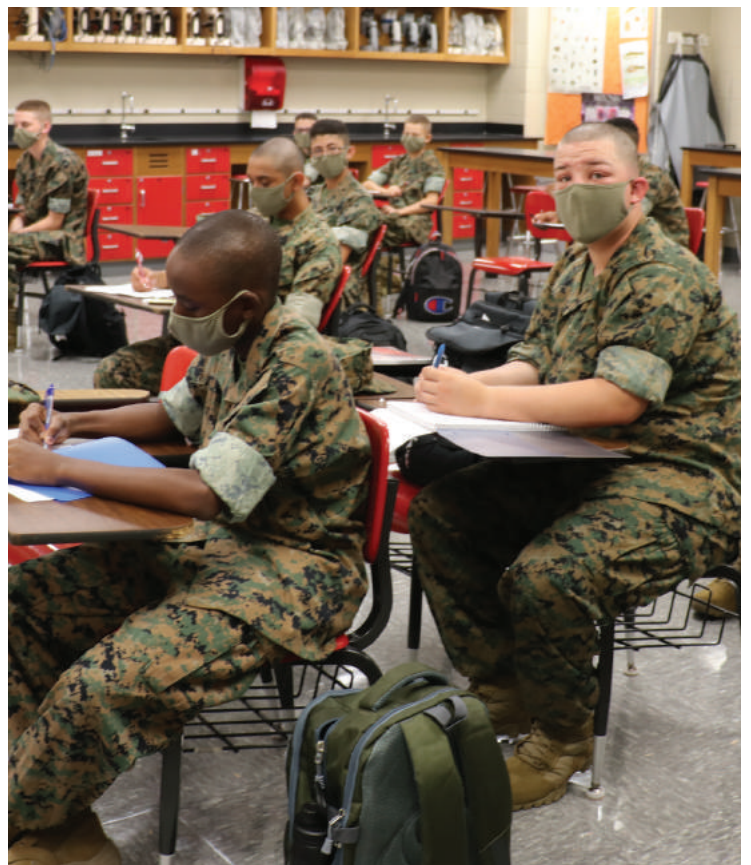
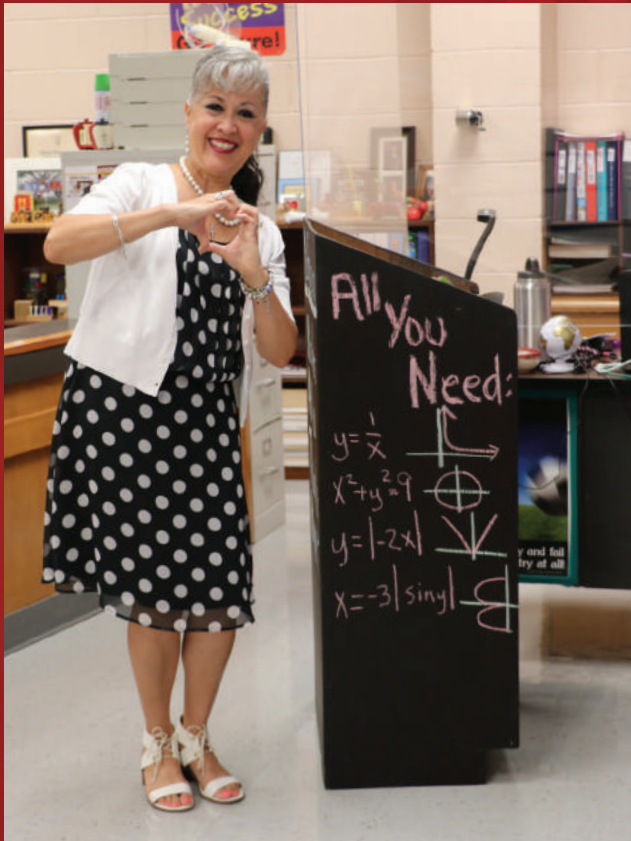
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# CADET OF THE MONTH

## SEPTEMBER



### **John Place of Kingston, MA- Alpha Company**

Rank: Cadet 2nd Lieutenant

Grade: 12th, Activity: Rifle team and Weight lifting

Education Goals: Graduate with at least a 3.75 GPA and go to Mass Maritime. Study Emergency Management.



### **Hunter Glass of Auburn, CA - Delta Company**

Rank: Cadet Private First Class

Grade: 10th, Activity: Cross Country, Track, Swim

Education Goals: My educational goals are to make Dean's list for my sophomore year, which requires me to get my biology grade up. I want to make the President's list in my junior year, eventually get selected into National Honor Society and graduate with my private pilot's license.

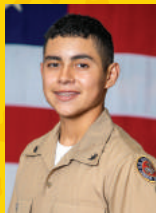


### **Rafael Martinez-Zertuche of Veracruz, Mexico - Echo Company**

Rank: Cadet Sergeant

Grade: 10th, Activity: Soccer

Education Goals: Graduate from MMA and attend a College in the United States.



### **Victor Hernandez of Fort Stockton, Texas - Fox Company**

Rank: Cadet Private First Class

Grade: 9th, Activity: Football

Education Goals: First is to have a 3.0 or higher at MMA and continue to pursue higher education in college.



### **Jack Tinsley of Houston, Texas - Golf Company**

Rank: Cadet Lance Corporal

Grade: 10th, Activity: Football

Education My Educational goal are to remain number 1 or 2 in my class and continue to remain on the Presidents list. I would like to attend the University of Arkansas



### **Jason Van Horn of Grand Prairie, Texas- Rifle Team**

Rank: Cadet Sergeant

Grade: 12th, Activity: Weightlifting, Rifle Team

Education Goals: My education goals are to finish my High-School education with an accumulative GPA of 3.5, as well as to score a 3 or higher on my AP tests for both calculus and physics. I also am striving to be accepted into Embry-Riddle in Daytona Beach, Florida on a ROTC scholarship.



# STUDENT OF THE MONTH

## SEPTEMBER



### **Isaac Brandt of Harlingen, Texas - English**

Company: Echo

Rank: Cadet Lance Corporal

Grade: 11; Activity: Football and Powerlifting

Education Goals: I would like to score higher than a 4.0 and take both my SAT and ACT this quarter.



### **Harley W. Hollingsworth IV of Santa Rosa Veracruz, Mexico - General Studies**

Company: Echo

Rank: Cadet Staff Sergeant

Grade: 10; Activity: Weightlifting

Education Goals: To finish high school with at least a 3.5 GPA in MMA and look for a good college in the US or Europe.



### **Kennedy Uzuegbunam of Porthaicourt, Nigeria - Math**

Company: Golf

Rank: Cadet Captain

Grade: 12th; Activity: Soccer, Football

Education Goals: My educational goals is to study electrical engineering.



### **Frankie Ratliff of Fort Worth, Texas - Science**

Company: Echo

Rank: Cadet Private

Grade: 11th

Activity: Football

Education Goals: Attend college at Texas A & M.



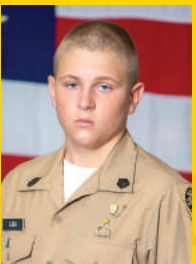
### **William J. Shardonofsk of Alamo Heights, Texas - Social Studies**

Company: Alpha

Rank: Cadet Private

Grade: 10; Activity: Tennis

Education Goals: Attend the United States Naval Academy where I will obtain my MD/PHD



### **Ryan Legg - Foreign Language**

Company: Alpha

Rank: Cadet Gunnery Sergeant

Grade: 11th

Activity: Football

Education Goals: My goals are to go to the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. I want to have a 4.6 GPA for the year.



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- SSgt Edward L. Walsh "Knobby", USMC – 7th Marines, Korea
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Please feel free to share an MMA post or create one of your own telling the world why you choose to support MMA. After all, Giving Tuesday is all about "ordinary people doing extraordinary things." To show our appreciation for our social media ambassadors, MMA will enter the names of all that have shared a post, using the hashtag #GivingTuesday\_MMA, into a drawing to win a free Apple iPad. The drawing will be held on or before December 03, 2021.

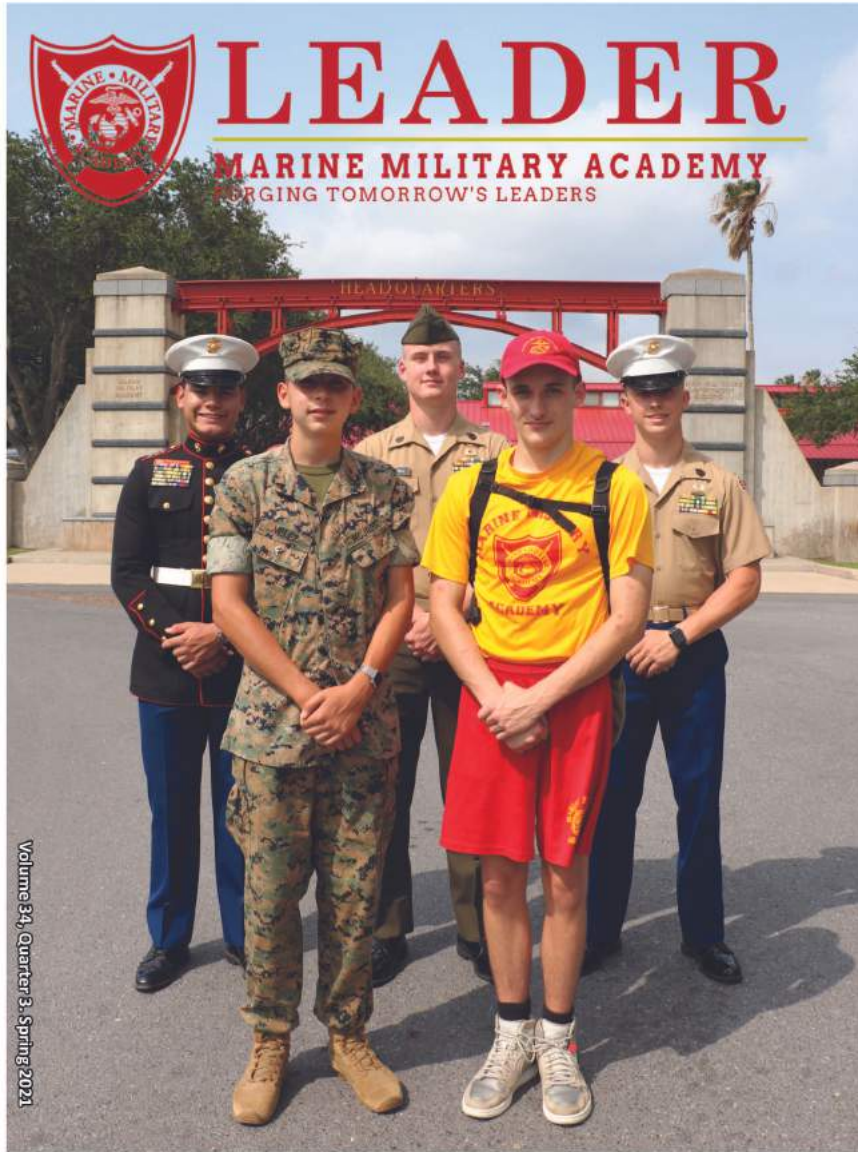
For the first time this year, Cyber Monday will also be celebrated as "Stock Monday" for charitable giving. Donating stocks to your favorite nonprofit organizations, on #GivingTuesday or through year-end, is a great way to make a big impact on all the causes you care about while at the same time giving in a tax-smart way. MMA has had the honor of receiving generous stock gifts from other loyal supporters like you and would be happy to assist you in giving in this way. Please contact our Development Representative, Leticia Oppermann, at [oppermann@mma-tx.org](mailto:oppermann@mma-tx.org) or at 619.980.9343 for further details.

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