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Parents Weekend is one to remember

PRESIDENT'S *Reflection*



Dear Families, Friends, Alumni, and Donors,

Our entire Marine Military Academy (MMA) team values our connection with parents and supporters as we work together to educate and mentor young men so they may have a fulfilling and successful experience at MMA. You will find many exciting things happening at MMA this Fall. We had an eventful Parents' Weekend, culminated by our annual Birthday Ball. Our Cadets are doing well in the classroom and our athletic teams are performing at top levels. I am extremely proud of all our MMA students, faculty, and staff and what they have accomplished in the last several months.

What separates MMA from other military boarding schools is the great bonding experience that your young men have not only with each other in brotherhood, but with their adult mentors – whether it is our educators, our Drill Instructors, or our support staff, everyone here at MMA is helping to provide an experience like no other. That is one of the reasons why our Alumni feel so proud of their experience at MMA. Thank you for all your support throughout the years which has allowed MMA to continue to provide the same opportunities to young men.

Alumni, please start planning for the 2024 Alumni Reunion on South Pade Island. The Development team has put together some fun events for you all and I look forward to meeting you. The MMA alumni network is strong, and MMA alumni can connect with fellow graduates through MMA Alumni Club and other unique events held around the country. We encourage you to take advantage of this alumni network and reconnect with MMA in your area and support our mission.

Have a very Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "C. S. Dowling".

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



MARINE MILITARY ACADEMY

CADETS HAVE FUN IN CHEMISTRY



ACADEMICS



Chemistry can most definitely be fun! In Mrs. Cervantes' class, cadets practice personal and lab equipment safety before beginning their class lab assignments. Mrs. Cervantes explains the lab, and with their step by step instructions and the cadets complete their hands on lab assignments as instructed. Great job, gentlemen!

HIGH SCORES ON CALCULUS AP EXAM EARNS CADETS A STEAK DINNER

Cadets encourage others about Calculus and the AP exam

Cadets Patrick Omey, Dominic Hiatt and Tymur Podkovryov enjoyed a nice steak dinner at Texas Roadhouse after taking on Ms. Garcia's bet - a big steak if you score a 3 or higher on the Calculus AP exam. A bet Ms. Garcia was happy to lose! After their deserved reward, these cadets spoke to the current class cadets about the importance of calculus and taking the AP exam.



Cadet earns semifinalist spot for National Merit Scholarship

Congratulations to Cadet Crawford, who because of his excellent ACT score, is now a semifinalist for the National Merit Scholarship! Academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,140 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$28 million that will be offered next spring. To be considered for a Merit

Scholarship® award, Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition.

Way to go, Cadet Crawford! You make us proud and we wish you all the best!



Congrats!

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE FOCUSES ON ENDANGERED SPECIES RECOVERY PLAN



Mrs. Vento's Environmental Science class presented a PowerPoint Presentation focusing on an Endangered Species Recovery Plan. Each team selected an endangered species and provided historical information such as geolocation, population decline, ecosystems, threats, and a population

recovery plan. This PowerPoint Project serves as a plan to restore and secure self-sustaining wild populations and realize how students can contribute to population recovery. This was a three-week project that allowed students to critically think about how the fall of certain species can relate to the critical health of an ecosystem.



3.0 LUNCH

3.0 Lunch was celebrated for over 180 cadets who have a 3.0 GPA or higher at the end of the first quarter!

Each of these cadets received a footlong Subway sandwich and those with a 3.75 or higher received \$10 cash!

Great job, cadets!
Keep those amazing grades up!



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V'S UP! WITH UTRGV VISIT

Local UT system university, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, came by to speak to the cadets about their

program offerings, tuition, application process, deadlines and even scholarships available!



COLONEL MICHAEL FOSSUM USAFR (RET) SPEAKS TO CADETS

Fossum encourages cadets interested in sea and space



Colonel Michael Fossum, USAFR (Ret), spoke to cadets Travis Ashley and Everett Estipona about Texas A&M Galveston, careers on the sea and in space, and the advantages of being an Aggie.

Fossum was the first Aggie astronaut and also the first Rio Grande Valley astronaut. He was

able to share with the cadets the amazing programs Texas A&M is offering in their expansion and encourage them that the sea, nor the sky, is their limit! What an encouraging visit!

SENIOR bRAG

100% of seniors applied to at least one college or university by the end of September!

SENIORS GET THEIR TESTING DONE FOR COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

Our seniors are hustling these days getting their tests done, essays written and applications completed. We are extremely proud of their hard work this semester as they make their final push towards acceptance into their respective academies and universities!



IMPORTANT DATES

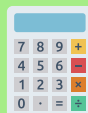
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DEC**

8:00AM
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: NOV 2
LATE REGISTRATION: NOV 21

**09
MAR**

8:00AM
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FEB 23
LATE REGISTRATION: FEB 27



ACT

**09
DEC**

8:00AM
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: NOV 3
LATE REGISTRATION: NOV 17

**10
FEB**

8:00AM
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JAN 5
LATE REGISTRATION: JAN 19



Teachers of the Month

FALL 2023



Mr. Sergio Galvan

"He is a great teacher who is great at explaining things."

"I think Mr. Galvan should be teacher of the month due to how well he teaches, the patience he has with our class, and his charismatic view of everything that uplifts us all. This is why he should become teacher of the month."

"He helps me and is supportive."

Mrs. Mona Cervantes

"She is a caring and gracious teacher who seeks to both challenge and help her students..."

"She is kind and generous and her lectures are very engaging."

She is a very good teacher and when a student doesn't understand something she enters "mama bear mode" and does her best to help us understand..."



Ms. Belinda Duran

Extra Yard Teacher

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Ms. Duran received the "Extra Yard Teacher" award during the halftime presentations at the Parents Weekend Homecoming football game. This award is presented to the teacher whom cadets have selected that "go the extra yard."

Teachers are bestowed this honor by student vote. As part of this honor, the chosen teacher of the month will hang a beautiful wreath outside of their classroom door for the entire month they are honored. The honored teacher will also receive a certificate and a cash gift card as an award. This recognition is made possible through the generous donations given through MMAPO. Join MMAPO today to get involved and assist in this and other exciting opportunities at our school.

Celebrating our newest cadets

Plebe status no more...these fine young men have completed their introductory phase and they celebrated by earning their company letter pins and a beautiful graduation and parade held in front of their family and friends.

After all of their hard work during the plebe training, they are now cadets of Marine Military Academy! Their determination and perseverance was second to none as they conquered the start of their new life here at MMA. We are thrilled to have them join our family! Congratulations to all!

MILITARY



City of Harlingen honors JLAB

National Champion JLAB team receives honors at Harlingen city meeting



Our national champions JLAB team was honored by Mayor Norma Sepulveda and the Harlingen city commissioners during their September meeting. Commissioner Ford later presented each cadet with their own keepsake award.



DINNER WITH GENERAL MATTIS

BATTALION STAFF ATTENDS MARINE CORPS ASSOCIATION PROFESSIONAL DINNER

Our Battalion Staff had the pleasure of attending the Marine Corps Association Professional Dinner on October 28, in Dallas, Texas.

Guest Speaker, General James Mattis, USMC (Ret) and the 26th U.S. Secretary of Defense, gave an outstanding speech over a lovely dinner.

The cadets were able to visit and chat with General Mattis during the weekend about life at MMA and their plans for the future.

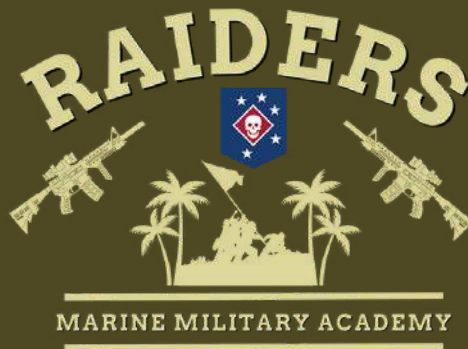
What a wonderful opportunity for our cadets!



Pictured L to R: Cadet Omev, Cadet Glass, Cadet Montes, SgtMaj Smythe, Cadet Eckstein, Cadet Velez and Cadet Smith



Raiders team collaborates with another team to get the event win!



Everyone counts! Everyone's effort determines the team win!

RAIDERS TEAM CASHING IN ON THEIR HARD WORK

Under the direction of SgtMaj Cece, our Raiders team has kicked off another year of competitions! The Raider Competition is a very popular athletic competition held within Junior ROTC programs around the United States. These cadets have been competing against other JROTC programs from around the state. Making us proud in every town!



LEATHERNECKS WRAP UP ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SEASON

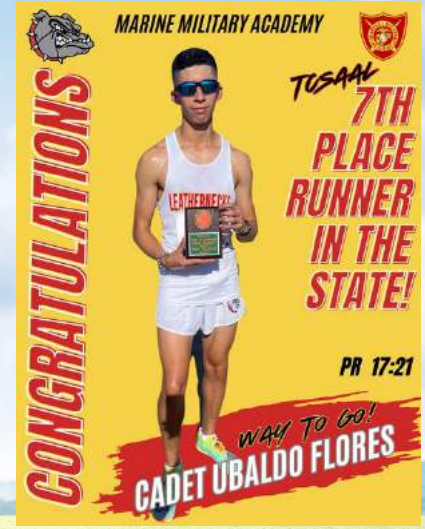
The Leathernecks worked hard in the offseason and put their determination to use as they closed up another successful season! With early season wins over Progreso and Harmony Katy, the Leathernecks used that as a driving force as they moved on to some tougher competition. Although they took some losses, the Leathernecks bounced back and put on a spectacular show against Rio Hondo for their parents and fans during Parents Weekend. Seniors, Ben Smith and Makhai Blue, were leaders on and off the field helping lead their team to victory and also overcome the obstacles. We are proud of our Leathernecks and their great efforts this season!

ATHLETICS



CROSS COUNTRY MAKES ITS MARK CADET UBALDO FLORES HEADS TO STATE IN WEBBERVILLE, TEXAS

Our Cross Country Leathernecks team has had an outstanding season! Although they were just a few points shy from qualifying for state as a team, runners earned a lot of hardware this season! Cadet Ubaldo Flores qualified individually for the state meet in Webberville, TX and placed 7th! Unbelievable achievement to be a top 10 runner in Texas! Bravo to our team this season!



VISA VOLLEYBALL STUNS... CAPTURES CHAMPIONSHIP



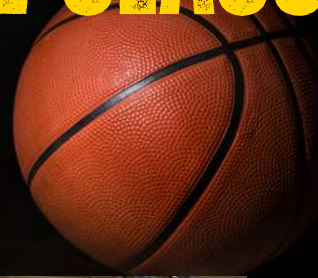
Congratulations to our end of season tournament champions! They went 3-0 to capture the title!



Our VISA volleyball team had a stunning season! Coach Johnny Rodriguez helped lead the team to a winning season. They finished 2nd in the league with a regular season 6-4 record. Using what they learned, they turned it around and went 3-0 in the end of season tournament to capture the Championship title! Way to go Leathernecks!

TIPPING OFF A NEW SEASON

LEATHERNECKS LOOKING FOR A RETURN TRIP TO THE STATE TOURNAMENT THIS SEASON



Basketball season has reached tip off time and the Leathernecks are ready to go! After the retirement of legendary coach, E. Molina, Coach Jim Morton looks to keep the momentum going with this new team and hopeful for a return to the final four state tournament. With returning seniors leading the way, no doubt the Leathernecks will be right back clawing for the top prize!

CADETS PUT IN THE OFFSEASON

Work

OFFSEASON MEANS FOCUSED PREPARATION TIME



At MMA, our cadets work hard after school in their offseason activities time. Whether doing cardio, weights or getting better in their respective sports, these cadets have been giving it their all!



From cycling to swimming, baseball to soccer, even tennis and golf, each cadet is pushing their hardest to get better for their teams. Coaches are doing a tremendous job with these boys in preparation for their upcoming seasons! Go Leathernecks!





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NEW INDUCTIONS INTO HONOR SOCIETY CELEBRATED

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY AND NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Character, scholarship, leadership and service are all qualities our members exemplify. Our newest inductees into the National Honor Society and the National Junior Honor Society have taken the oath to set a model standard at MMA. Mrs. Marroquin, Ms. Garcia and Ms.

Duran lead these amazing cadets in their service projects, community work and ensuring they are always upholding the highest standard. We congratulate MMA's newest members!

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES



ROBOTICS ON THE MOVE...

Under the direction of Robotics Coach Gander, Cadets Yu, Breger, and Crawford kick off their Robotics competition season. At the kickoff, the game play for the season was revealed. There were many teams in attendance from the Rio Grande Valley.

In this year's events, the robots will have a multitude of tasks they can perform to score points during the competition. The team will be competing in the FTC (First Tech Challenge) – South region division along with other Valley schools.



CADETS IN THE COMMUNITY

FROM SUN UP TO SUN DOWN, OUR CADETS ARE PROUD TO SERVE IN OUR COMMUNITY

SCIENCE CLUB ATTENDS BEACH CLEAN-UP

Our science club knows the importance of keeping our environment clean. Together, with other groups, they participated in a South Padre Island beach clean up.



ANIMAL CARE CLUB GETS VISIT FROM THE HUMANE SOCIETY

The Animal Care Club is learning from community leaders what it takes to serve in this capacity. Club members are doing amazing things to help our animals!



COMMUNITY

NHS / NJHS HOST BLOOD DRIVE

NHS/NJHS teamed up with Vitalant to host a successful blood drive at MMA. Cadets lend a true helping hand!



CADETS SUPPORT LOCAL LITERACY CENTER

Cadets Cox, Holleman and Satyam supported the local Literacy center in their annual Spelling Bee!



INTERACT HELPS LOCAL CHURCH

Rotary Interact Club members helped a local church with their pumpkin patch fundraiser. Great job, gentlemen!



FAMILIES KICK OFF PARENTS WEEKEND WITH HOMECOMING FESTIVITIES

PARENTS WEEKEND



The annual Parents Weekend bonfire kicked off a weekend of fun where cadets and parents alike enjoyed the bonfire, food and games. Battalion Commander, Cadet Omev, lit the bonfire to start the night, a long standing tradition. Company competitions, mingling and laughter filled the fresh air of the fall evening. On Friday, we hosted a fabulous Leathernecks tailgate where families and staff gathered to rally behind the Leathernecks ahead of their big Homecoming game! During the game, company moms were honored along with all the senior fall sport athletes and their parents! As the football team looked behind them, the sea of cheering fans were loud and proud!



PARENTS TOUR *First Class* ACADEMICS

PARENTS VISIT WITH DEAN, TEACHERS, DRILL INSTRUCTORS AND PLAN AHEAD FOR COLLEGE



Morning colors kicked off a full day of academic activities! Parents were able to enjoy the awards presented for October and celebrate their accomplishments. After, parents were able to meet privately with teachers, the college counselor and even the dean. Social media etiquette presenter, Ben Tracy, held a class to help educate the parents on supporting the cadets on the importance of social media etiquette. Parents really enjoyed being able to visit with so many college representatives and discuss real options for their sons. An amazing glimpse into our first class academic department!



Birthday Ball 2023



The best way to close out such an amazing Parents Weekend is with a ball! Celebrating the 58th anniversary of the Marine Military Academy and the 248th birthday of the United States Marine Corps, together with families, made it a night to remember! Major Louis B. Harrington, United States Army and MMA 2003 graduate, was our guest of honor and gave a moving speech to guests. The traditional adjutants call and posting of the colors led to the traditional cake cutting presentation with the guest of honor, Colonel Dowling and our Battalion Commander, Cadet Omev. What is a ball without a dance? Our cadets invited their beautiful mothers to the dancefloor for the anticipated Mother Son dance before letting loose and enjoying an evening of dancing with family and friends.



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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Cadets are blessed to have a faith based resource on campus, and Chaplain Treviño has truly made himself available for each cadet. This quarter, cadets were able to attend Saturday services, participate in FCA and held "Prayer at the Pole," a national recognized day for like minded students to gather and pray together. Fields of Faith was also a great event to meet teens from the RGV and worship and pray together!



PSALM 91:1-4

1 THOSE WHO LIVE IN THE SHELTER OF THE MOST HIGH
WILL FIND REST IN THE SHADOW OF THE ALMIGHTY.

2 THIS I DECLARE ABOUT THE LORD:

HE ALONE IS MY REFUGE, MY PLACE OF SAFETY;
HE IS MY GOD, AND I TRUST HIM.

3 FOR HE WILL RESCUE YOU FROM EVERY TRAP
AND PROTECT YOU FROM DEADLY DISEASE.

4 HE WILL COVER YOU WITH HIS FEATHERS.
HE WILL SHELTER YOU WITH HIS WINGS.

HIS FAITHFUL PROMISES ARE YOUR ARMOR AND
PROTECTION.

THIS PSALM REMINDS US THAT THE LORD HAS A PURPOSE FOR
OUR LIVES. GOD OFFERS US SHELTER FROM HARM AND HIS
FULL PROTECTION.



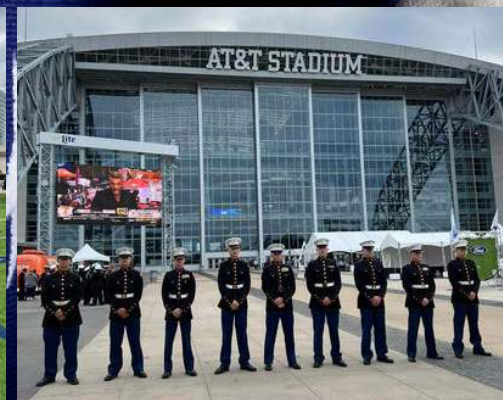
ALUMNI

Spotlight



On September 29, alumni gathered for some Leathernecks football under the Friday night lights. Alumni attending had time to reminisce before the game at a tailgate gathering by the monument. They were honored with a shout out during the game and even got to watch from the sidelines. We love our alumni!

VETERANS DAY



Our cadets participated in several events across the state for Veterans Day. What an honor for MMA to be invited and participate in such memorable events!

SEPTEMBER



BOHDAN TYCHNA
Alpha Company



PATRICK MCBRIEN
Delta Company



FEDERICO SAFI BARRAZA
Echo Company



ZEIN ALI YAFFAR
Fox Company



MICHAEL RUF
Golf Company



ANTHONY SOSNOVSKIY
Drill Team / Color Guard



CHRISTIAN TEBBS JR.
Rifle Team



LOREN MORRIS
Band



ARTEM LOGVYENKO
Alpha Company



MASON NESSLEIN
Delta Company



DAVID OSUNKOYA
Echo Company



COOPER SCOTT
Fox Company



LEANDRO VIETH
Golf Company



NICOLAS CHESTNUT
Drill Team / Color Guard



BAILEY CHU
Rifle Team



PATRICK MCBRIEN
Band

OCTOBER



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

SEPTEMBER



JON COWART
English



TYMUR PODKOVYROV
Mathematics



JOHN SEASTRUNK
Science



PETER KOMINAK
Social Studies



JINZHOU YANG
General Studies



JACOB BENDER-BERG
Foreign Language

OCTOBER



ALEXANDRE BENEY
English



HUGO SERENO PADILLA
Mathematics



FERNANDO MARTINEZ
Science



TREVOR TAYLOR
Social Studies



GABRIEL ESTEVES CORTES
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← On the left:
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their newest cadets as they
promote from plebe status.
Welcome to Alpha
Company!

On the right:
Alpha company cadets
promote in October. Super
proud of their hard work to
earn their new rank!



Thanks to the Reasor family for
our new company TV! We are so
grateful!

BOYS JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN



A little paintball fun never hurt anyone!

INSPECTION DAY



Alpha Company cadets are always in
order, but even they need to be
inspected to make sure they are always
looking sharp! Great job, Alpha!

TRUNK OR TREAT



Halloween was
great with games,
trick or treating and
even a costume
contest! What a fun
night for Alpha
Company!



DELTA



DELTA COMPANY HAS BEEN BUSY ON THE MOVE! FROM THE INVITATION TO DINNER WITH GENERAL MATTIS TO OUR PARENTS COMING THROUGH AND EARNING OUR COMPANY SOME MONEY WITH MMAPO OUR CADETS ARE EVER SO GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITIES! OF COURSE, WE LIKE TO HAVE FUN TOO! HALLOWEEN WAS A FUN NIGHT WITH FRIENDS AT OUR ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT. WE PLAY JUST AS HARD AS WE WORK AND SUPPORT EACH OTHER ALONG THE WAY!





ECHO

MIGHTY ECHO MARVEL MOVIE NIGHT!



Echo Company enjoyed a movie night for a company bonding night!



Echo cadets enjoy pool time when its warm and sunny!



Teamwork makes the dream work! Cadets work together on their studies!



**BEAST
COMPETITION
WINNERS!!**





Fox Company celebrates Halloween with the annual MMA Trunk or Treat! Great costumes everyone!



FOX USING THE MUSCLE IN BEAST COMP!



ANNUAL BEAST COMPETITION READY!

Always enjoy time with our Fox family whether celebrating a birthday or just a quiet breakfast together.



GOLF

THE GOLF GLADIATORS HAD A FUN TIME AT THE ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT! THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CAME OUT TO GIVE US TREATS!



WE ALWAYS MAKE TIME TO CELEBRATE AND HAVE BONDING TIME WITH EACHOTHER! OVER PIZZA IS EVEN BETTER!



WE LOVE OUR LEATHERNECKS! GOLF SHOWING A LOT OF MUSCLE ON AND OFF THE FIELD!



CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS WITH OUR BROTHERS!



BONFIRE WAS SO MUCH FUN WITH OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES. OUR FLAG IN THE CONTEST WAS A HIT!



IN MEMORY OF

SGTMAJ
**DAVID
MILLER**
USMCR, (RET.)

1957 - 2023

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of David Allen Miller at the age of 65 on September 24, 2023. Born in Louisville, Kentucky on November 1, 1957, David was a beloved husband to Rosie, father to Trae (Sarah), Robert (Maggie), and Rick (Valerie), and grandfather to Gage (Robert) and Alyssa (Robert).

He was preceded in death by his parents Bernie Ford Miller and Janet Louise Doddy, as well as his sister Nancy.

David served his country with honor as both an active duty and reserve United States Marine for a total of 26 years. During his decorated career, he achieved the rank of sergeant major and completed two deployments to Iraq.

In addition to his military service, David was also a highly skilled facilities professional. He worked as a plumber, electrician, and physical plant supervisor at St. Mary's University for 19 years before transitioning to the Director of Facilities role at the Marine Military Academy, where he served for 23 years with dedication and expertise.

David will always be remembered as an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing with friends and family. He also cherished traveling the world with his beloved wife Rosie. David had a special talent for storytelling and was known for sharing a cold drink and cigar with friends while talking about his family. He dearly loved his two grandchildren and would always find time to play games with them.

A memorial service was held at the Colonel Phillip J. Yeckel Memorial Auditorium at the Marine Military Academy in Harlingen, Texas, on Friday, October 6, 2023. A funeral mass took place at St. Pius X Catholic Church in San Antonio on Thursday, October 12, 2023, and was followed by his burial at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery's Shelter Number 2.



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Memorials

Walter E. Fleming

Sgt David Fuller, USMC (Ret) – 9th Marines RVN

MGySgt James W. Hager, USMC (Ret)

Katherine Marie Hitchcock "Kat"

Maj Edward T. McGee, USMCR (Ret)

SgtMaj David A. Miller, USMCR (Ret)

1stSgt Billy J. Rogers, USMC (Ret)

Richard Spann – VMF 422

Sgt John Haddock Stevenson, IV, USMC

SSgt Dennis Studenny – 5th Marines, RVN

SSgt Edward L. Walsh "Knobby", USMC – 7th Marines, Korea

Col Jerry C. Wulf, USMC (Ret)

In Honor of

Jon Cowart – MMA Cadet

Thank you!

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IMPORTANT DATES

JANUARY

12	Cadet Instructors Return.....	By 1800
13	Mid Term Check-In for New Cadets (Plebes).....	0800-1200
14	Mid Term Check-In for Returning Cadets.....	By 1800
15-16	Military Orientation for Mid-Term Cadets (Plebes)	
15-16	Teacher In-Service Days	
17	Begin Third Quarter Classes	

FEBRUARY

9	Academic Awards Ceremony.....	1430
9	MMA Parents Organization Meeting @ Hilton Hotel.....	1930
10	Introductory Training Graduation (Plebes).....	1000
10	ACT.....	0800
16	Iwo Jima Parade.....	0800
23	TECOM IG Inspection.....	1500

MARCH

1	Leadership Forum.....	0800-1300
6-7	Third Quarter Exams	
8	Spring Break.....	Departure after 1200
17	End of Spring Break.....	Return by 1800
18	Classes Resume	

APRIL

3	HM Smith Dinner.....	1800
5-7	Alumni Reunion	
6	ACT.....	0800
19-20	Spring Fling Family Weekend	
19	Colors - COM/SOM/TOM Streamers Presentations.....	0815
19	Parents Day - No Classes (Meet & Greet at CAC).....	0845
19	Parents Visit Classrooms.....	0915
19	MMAPO Meeting at Hilton Hotel.....	1930
19	Jr/Sr Prom.....	1900
20	John & Jane Wayne Day / MMAPO Block Party	
25	Deadline for Financial Aid Application 2024-2025	
26	Re-Enrollment Contracts 2024-25 Deadline	

MAY

4	SAT.....	0800
17,20-22	Second Semester Exams	
23	Senior Dinner.....	1730
24	Eagle Scout Ceremony.....	1000
24	Academic / Sports / Military Awards.....	1330
25	Graduation Parade.....	0900
25	Graduation.....	1100
25	All Cadets Schedule Departure.....	1300

JUNE

18	2024 Summer Camp Instructors Report By.....	1800
22	2024 Summer Camp Registration.....	0800-1200

JULY

19	Family Social.....	1700
20	Summer Camp / Graduation	0900



Cadet Chukwu dancing the traditional Mother Son dance at the 2023 Birthday Ball.