

Plebe Class of Fall 2002 found to be “a Good Group of Motivated Young Men”

Those are the words from Commandant of Cadets Col James Gillis, USMC (Ret) about the recent graduates of the Marine Military Academy’s Introductory Training program.

Ninety-four first-year cadets (plebes) also added a rigorous training schedule to their already busy schedule.

During their four weeks of introductory training, these young men learned drills, military terminology, basic military skills, followership, self-discipline and what would be expected of them throughout the rest of the year.

These four weeks culminated with a final test - the Crucible - that consisted of several grueling hikes and a series of physically and mentally challenging events.

On 7 September, on a beautiful south Texas morning, parents, friends, teachers and staff watched as these 94 young men proudly marched on to the Iwo Jima Monument Parade Grounds. After a few short words from Col Gillis and GySgt Larry



Wisnoski, they pinned the Marine Corps emblem to their covers and, together, recited the Cadet Oath.

Following the Cadet Oath, MajGen Wayne E. Rollings, USMC (Ret), stepped out onto the parade ground to take the Pass in Review.

Upon completion of the introductory training and graduation, the 94 plebes are now considered full-fledged members of the Corps of Cadets.

“All of the positive results could not have been achieved without the hard work of the DI’s, SgtMaj Kinsley, Top Krauss, the ADI’s and the Leadership Department. All gave up their weekends to teach, drive buses, and to ensure the plebes got what they needed,” stated Col Gillis.

Gillis added that, in addition to the adult leaders, “the cadet plebe handlers were there moti-

vating the plebes, getting them to chow, teaching them to drill and always setting the perfect example for them to follow.”



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Enrollment Up Again for 2002-2003 Year

“The 2002-2003 registration for the Marine Military Academy was a huge success,” stated Admissions Director LtCol Robert Grider, USMC (Ret). “We are off to a great start and look forward to the remainder of the year.”

The Admissions Department reported that the final numbers for the fall term is 407 plebes and returning cadets. With the final numbers in, there are young men from 32 different states and six foreign countries, to include Panama (1), Egypt (1), Germany (1), China (9), United Arab Emirates (1) and Mexico (54). Enrollment from Mexico was up ten cadets this year.

“Thanks to the internet, the name Marine Military Academy is drawing more interest from other states,” observed Col Grider. He added that of the 407 cadets, 200 are from Texas.

Other states that have significant numbers are California (44), Louisiana (9), Ohio (9), Florida (9), Illinois (7), Arizona (6) and Virginia (6).

Classes began on 14 August, with cadets learning their way around campus, as well as learning what would be expected

from them in the classroom.

The Admissions Department will now focus on mid-term and ask that anyone who has a friend or relative interested in finding a school that is challenging and oriented in preparing young men for the future to let them know.

The Admissions Department can be reached at (956) 423-6006, ext 25.

GETTING A haircut is one of the first things new cadet Spencer Conroy got when he enrolled at MMA. Mr. Joe Handy has been cutting cadets hair for almost 20 years.



MMA Plays Host to Loyal Friend of the Academy

Recently, Mr. and Mrs. John Des Jarlais of Seattle, Washington visited the Marine Military Academy campus for the second time. Ten years ago, the Fourth MarDiv held a reunion in San Antonio and the Des Jarlais joined a group of other veterans and came down to MMA by bus.

Both the De Jarlais were very impressed by what they saw here and returned to Se-

attle to have their will re-written to leave the bulk of their estate to the Marine Military Academy.

On this return visit, Mr. and Mrs. Des Jarlais found many wonderful changes in the campus of the Academy, but they also found the caliber of the cadets to be just as impressive. “They felt a part of the MMA family and are gratified to have a future part in assisting us in our task of educating and training young men in the Marine Corps way,” stated Chaplain Leo McDonald, USN (Ret), Director of Planned Giving and personal friend of Mr. and Mrs. Des Jarlais.

About John Des Jarlais, Chaplain McDonald noted that “De

Jarlais was the right-hand man, in the right-hand squad, in the right-hand platoon, in the right-hand company, in the right-hand regiment which landed on Iwo Jima directly into the face of what was accurately called “The Meatgrinder.” He noted, “anyone in the Marine Corps would understand what De Jarlais faced on the island of Iwo Jima.”



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2002-03 Battalion Commander and Staff Named

Recently, in a ceremony held in Peacher Memorial Hall, the Academy recognized its battalion staff for the school year 2001-2002.

Named as Battalion Commander, the highest-ranking officer in the cadet corps, was **Cadet LtCol Louis Harrington**. Harrington is a third-year cadet from Buenos Aires, Argentina.

When asked where he intends to attend college, Harrington states, "I want to attend the United States Naval Academy, Boston College, Boston University or West Point. I want to study business, specifically international business." He adds, "I see myself becoming a pilot for some years in the Marine Corps, then becoming a successful businessman."

Col James Gillis, USMC (Ret), Commandant of Cadets says, "Cadet Harrington is bright, articulate and always thinking ahead. He has a strong desire to succeed and to make MMA a better place. He is motivated for the right reasons and the betterment of his Battalion. I am impressed with his maturity and his sense of responsibility."

Harrington, along with the other members of his staff, **Cadet Maj Tyler Freeze**, **Cadet SgtMaj Alberto Pina**, **Cadet 1stLt Miguel Ancira**, **Cadet 1stLt Colin**



BATTALION STAFF for 2002-2003 are (front) **Cadet LtCol Louis Harrington**, Battalion Commander (middle l-r) **Cadet Major Tyler Freeze**, Battalion Executive Officer; **Cadet SgtMaj Alberto Pina**, Battalion Sergeant Major; (back l-r) **Cadet 1stLt Miguel Ancira**, Battalion Administrative Officer (S-1); **Cadet 1stLt Colin Edwards**, Battalion Logistics Officer (S-4); **Cadet 1stLt Cesar Barba**, Battalion Operations/Training Officer (S-3); **Cadet 1stLt Edward Cullins, II**, Battalion Public Affairs/Unit Historian.

Edwards, **Cadet 1stLt Cesar Barba** and **Cadet 1stLt Edward Cullins**, set goals for themselves. Those goals include such things as improving morale among the Corps of Cadets, improving appearance, creating an attitude in which cadets feel "whole" in their current environment and to have a great year with minor problems.

"Overall, this Battalion Staff is made up of some of the most "take charge" young men we have here at the Marine Military Academy. These young men are hard working, effective leaders and always willing to give that extra effort or support for the Corps of Cadets. I look forward to a positive year under their command," stated Col Gillis.

Company Commanders

Alpha



Aaron Rodriquez

"A leader in Alpha Company long before becoming Commanding Officer. Mature beyond his years, insightful, demanding, compassionate, well spoken."

CWO Ed Harris

Charlie



Xavier Anderson

"Anderson is a mature, dedicated cadet leader who will undoubtedly take Charlie Company closer to their academic and professional goals."

SgtMaj Al Szczepk

Delta



Jared Spencer

"Cadet Captain Jared Spencer is without doubt a leader of unlimited potential."

SgtMaj Larry Carson

Echo



Michael Altiere

"Altiere is an outstanding cadet and was the #1 selectee last school year for his current position. Neat & trim in appearance, always setting the example and a poster cadet for MMA."

GySgt. Kosta Maravellis

"Cadet Captain Keith Allen is a 5th year cadet. He knows the ropes and uses them quite well."

1stSgt Al Thomas

Fox



Keith Allen

"Cadet Captain Diego Medina is the consummate example of honor, courage and commitment."

SgtMaj Al Wilson

Golf



Diego Medina 3

MMA Academic Staff for School Year 2002-2003



ACADEMIC STAFF for 2002 school year (back row L-R) Fern Ovenden, academic clerk; Felicia Carlisle, registrar; Mozelle Barr, secretary to the dean; Chuck Reininger, counselor; (Seated) Dr. John Butler, Dean.

2002-2003

MMA Teachers



Lori Alexander*
Math



David Allen
Biology



Caroline Chapman*
English



Kathleen Charrey
Chemistry



Sylvia Cranfill*
English



Wendell Drye
Math



Diolanda Dye
English



Trisha Edwards
Foreign Language



Sheila Figueroa
English

2002-2003 MMA Teachers



Patricia Flores*
English



Ruth Garrett
German



Fritz Hastings
Social Studies



Ed Harris
Band



John Hinkle
Science



Gary Howard
Math



Troy Kaznowski
English/Coach



Jackie Kyger
Computer Application



Chris Lee*
Aerospace



Ed Lewis
History



Mike Mahoney
Math



Jim McCurdy
Social Studies



Jose Michi
Math



Mike Morton
Health/Coach



Charity Munoz
Math



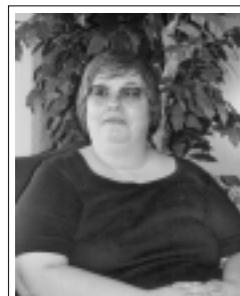
Lori Murray
SAT Prep



Stacey Neaville
Foreign Language



Darrell Nimerick
Science



Mickie Pickens
Fine Arts



Robert Rhoda
Science

2002-2003 MMA Teachers



Dr. Mary Ricciardi
Foreign Language



Tim Robinson
Social Studies/
Coach



Hilda Saldivar
Foreign Language



Eric Schmitt
Strength Training/
Coach



Jacay Seelhorst
Computer Application



Phil Senterfitt*
English



Jodie Stryker
Computer Systems



Scott Swinnea
Social Studies/
Coach



Jada Thacker
History/Naval Science



Dorothy Timm
Math



Tommy Watt*
Biology/Coach



Claudia Wilson*
Math



Michelle Wood*
English



College & Career Counselor Sandra Williams

SANDRA WILLIAMS works with senior Joseph Pollard, Jr. on his essay which is required by Texas A&M, College Station Admissions Department. Mrs. Williams works with cadets to give them information about various colleges and universities, as well as career options.



2002-2003

Military Staff



THE MMA Military Department staff includes (L-R) Assistant DI 1stSgt Bruce McPeters; Assistant Commandant of Cadets SgtMaj Ford Kinsley; Commandant of Cadets Col James Gillis; Chaplain Fred Clark; Assistant DI MSgt Jesus Trevino; Assistant DI GySgt Frank Martinez; Operations Chief MGySgt Michael Krauss and (seated) Administrative Assistant Paula Frizzell. Not pictured is Assistant DI GySgt Jose Villarreal.



Drill Instructors



ACADEMY DRILL INSTRUCTORS for 2002-2003 are (L-R) CWO3 Edward Harris, Alpha Company; 1stSgt Alvin Thomas, Fox Company; SgtMaj Allen Szczepek, Charlie Company; SgtMaj Larry Carson, Delta Company; SgtMaj Al Wilson, Golf Company and (seated) GySgt Kosta Maravelias, Echo Company.

School of Leadership



THE SCHOOL of Leadership staff for this year is comprised of (L-R) GySgt Raul Garcia, LtCol Robert Mills, Leadership Studies secretary Barbara Bean, Capt Vincent Yznaga and Leadership Studies Director LtCol Gary Andreson.



President's List

Cadets with a second semester GPA for 2001-2002 of 3.75 or above



Altieri, ML
Warren, Ohio



Alvarez, RR
Houston, Tex



Americus, M
Tampico, Mexico



Ancira, MM
Nuevo Leon, Mexico



Aristizabal, A
Kingwood, Texas



Bahlburg, GC
Plano, Texas



Bajsel, MA
Houston, Texas



Burke, SM
Katy, Texas



Caskie, AA
Mexico City, Mexico



Faulk, JR
Dallas, Texas



Ghaffarian, ND
Los Gatos, California



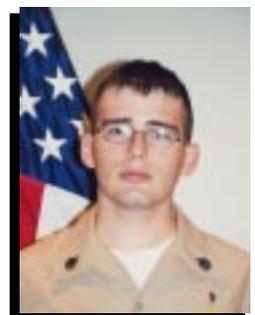
Hanak, BD
Broaddus, Texas



Harrington, LB
Buenas Aires, Arg



Li, H
Houston, Texas



Lugo, ND
Palm Harbor, Florida



McCord, MH
Richardson, Texas



McDougall, KS
Santa Clara, California



Merriam, JA
Fremont, California



Miller, DA
Harlingen, Texas



Pina, AB
San Antonio, Texas

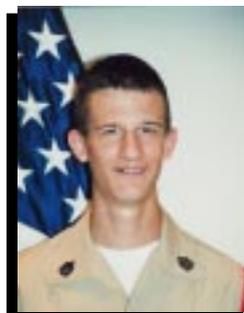
President's List (continued)



Rodriquez, A
Dallas, Texas



Runkle, HJ
Hidalgo, Texas



Snider, AH
Spring, Texas



Spencer, JB
New Orleans, Louisiana



Zamora-Legoff, JA
Mission, Texas

Dean's List

Cadets with a second semester GPA for 2001-2002 between 3.50 and 3.74

Anderson, X

Olmito, Texas

Birden, JC

Kingwood, Texas

Deng, Y

Houston, Texas

Ghaffarian, OM

Los Gatos, California

Lambuth, FW

Chapultepec, Mexico

Lang, NJ

Fremont, California

Mayo, JA

Corpus Christi, Texas

Newell, NR

Colfax, California

Palomares, AC

Coral Gables, FL

Pham, D

Sugar Land, Texas

Pollard Jr, JW

Plano, Texas

Smay, TV

Landing, NJ

Winniey, AJ

Waipahu, Hawaii

What the Marine Military Academy means to me....

Editor's Note - This is the first in a series of articles in which various members of the MMA family describe what MMA means to them.

Cadet Private Craig Darby is a first-year cadet from Copley, Ohio. He is 13 years old and in the eighth grade. Darby is the son of Mrs. Tracie Jennings and Mr. Rick Darby. His brother, Matthew, also attends MMA.

Leader: What are your thoughts about Introductory "Plebe" Training. What are your thoughts about these four weeks?

Darby: It was very hard the first two weeks, being away from home and I got a little home sick. I only had one picture from home. Also, being in your room all cooped up when all the other cadets were out and about, ordering pizza, going places so you just feel like you are being left out. Then it started getting easier these last two weeks. I got a lot more pictures and a lot more mail and everyone was keeping me informed about what was going on back home so I don't miss too much, but it's just not the same being at home.

Leader: What kinds of things are you learning in your plebe training?

Darby: Basic things like drills, salutes, marching, military science, how to wear our uniforms, how short to wear our hair and all the ways of the Marine Corps. In E-L classes, we learn about the ROTC Programs.

Leader: What is the hardest thing to get used to?

Darby: Being away from home.....

Leader: What has surprised you about yourself and what have you seen differently about yourself?

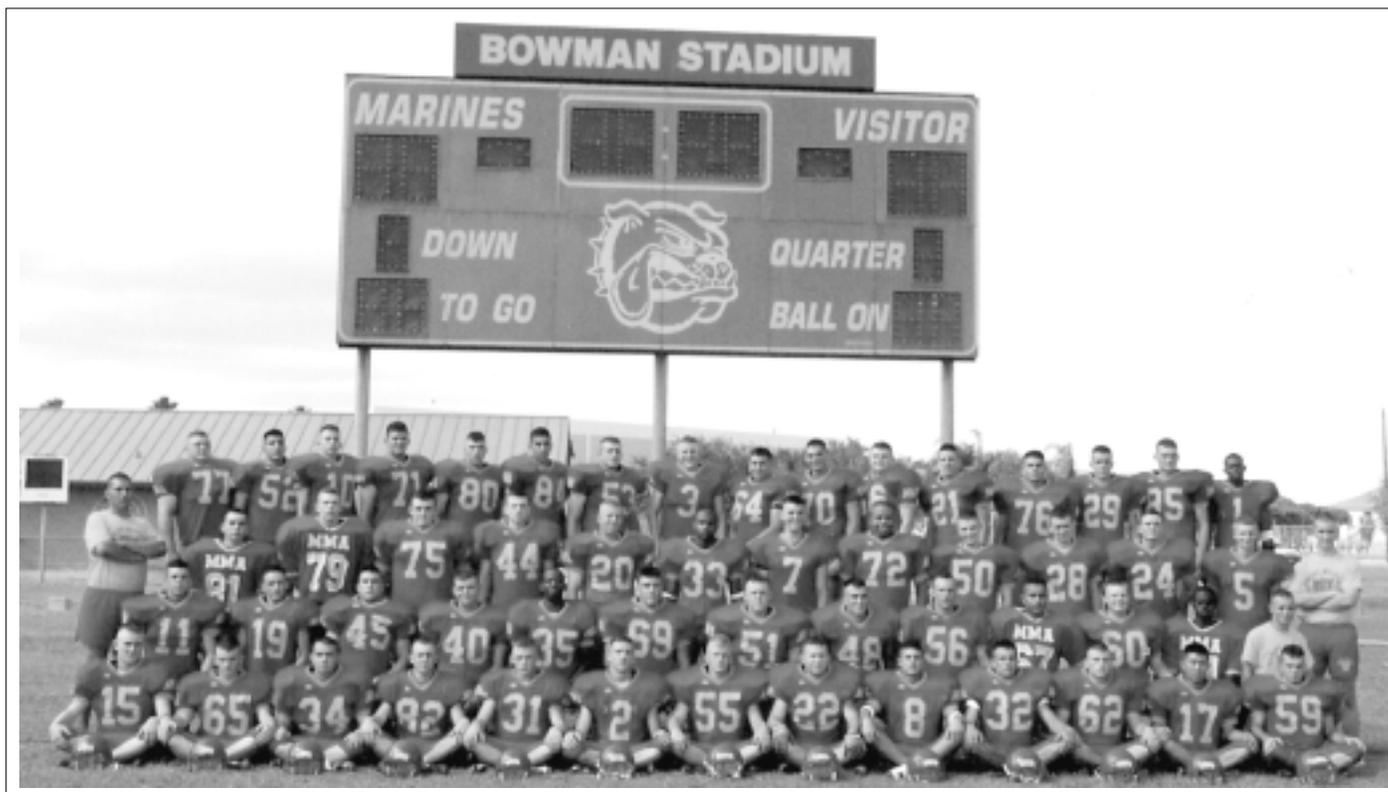
Darby: Well, when I came here I was, well I don't want to say I was snotty, but I had really no respect for others, but now that I have some knowledge about that, I've become a lot more respectful and I like that in myself. It makes me feel more motivated, and I know I can get a better life, not only here, but in the future too.



Leader: What will your parents see/feel/notice about you when they see you for the first time that is different?

Darby: Well, hopefully they will see that I've grown a few inches. Hopefully they will see that I am learning and that I am becoming a young man. I hope they see that I have the determination and motivation to actually do something with my life and that I care about myself and know that I can change those bad habits I've got.

2002 MMA Leatherneck Football Team



Game Highlights

MMA 26 - Tamaulipas 6

The Leathernecks opened the 2002 football season with a 26-6 win over Tamaulipas, Mexico on Saturday, September 7.

MMA scored first on a 14-yard pass from **Parker Betts** to **Adam Perry**. The field goal was good by **Josh Graves**, who was 2 for 4 on the night.

After a turnover by the defense, Aaron Schriver plowed in from the 2-yard line to make the score 13-0.

The defense played a solid game on the night and was led by Most Valuable Defensive Player, **Tyler Freeze**. **Emmanuel Hawkins** rushed for 148 yards on the night and had an 80-yd touchdown run called back. **Hawkins** was voted Most Valuable Offensive player for the week.

The final two scores were a 21-yard touchdown pass to **Adam Perry** and a 24-yard touchdown pass to **Cory Owens**, both from quarterback **Parker Betts**, who was 5 of 14 completions for 105 yards.

Nick Keating was voted as having the "Big Hit" of the game, while **Tyler Freeze** received the "Pancake" award.

MMA 25 - Lyford 35

MMA traveled to the farming community of Lyford, Texas to take on the Bulldogs on "Friday the 13th."

The omen fell on the Leathernecks as they let a 25-20 fourth-quarter lead slip away with an 80-yard kick-off return and a botched punt snap at the 8 yard line, making the score 35-25, Lyford.

Lyford scored first on a 26-yard pass, but MMA marched right back and scored on a 19-yard pass from **Parker Betts** to **Adam Perry**.

The Leathernecks and the Bulldogs traded touchdowns back and forth. **Jacob Mayo** caught

an 8-yd pass from **Betts** and **Emmanuel Hawkins** grabbed a 10-yard scoring pass from **Betts** to make the half-time score 20-19, Lyford.

Parker Betts threw for three touchdowns and 168 total yards as he was voted Most Valuable Offensive Player. The defense showed signs of brilliance as they swarmed to the ball and were led by Most Valuable Player, **Edward Barrera**, who had 16 individual tackles and a fumble recovery.

The "Big Hit" award went to **Will Nelms**, who crushed the Lyford quarterback and **Emmanuel Hawkins** had a bone-crushing crack-back block

to receive the "Pancake" award.



COACH TOMMY WATTS gives (l-r) **Ryan Soqui**, **Jon Amour** and **Andrew Winney** some advice during a time-out.

MMA Starting Line-ups 2002



DEFENSIVE BACKS - (l-r) Ryan Soqui, John Marti, Jon Amour.



RECEIVERS - (l-r) Ryan Soqui, Jacob Mayo, Corey Owens, Adam Perry.

Leatherneck Football

OCTOBER

4	Houston Lutheran South	(Away)
11	St Anthony (San Antonio)	(Home)
25	Antonian	(Home)

NOVEMBER

1	St. Joseph (Brownsville)**	(Away)
8	St. Joseph (Victoria)	(Home)



QUARTERBACKS & RUNNINGBACKS - (l-r) Nick Keating, Emmanuel Hawkins, Miguel Sanchez, Parker Betts, Aaron Schriver, Josh Gasaway.



OFFENSIVE LINE - (l-r) Jason Berry, Adam Gilles, Tyler Freeze, Brad Miller, Xavier Anderson.



DEFENSIVE LINE - (top l-r) Edward Barrera, Josh Gasaway, Shawn Smith, Andrew Winney, (bottom l-r) Jacob Mayo, Brad Miller, Andy Aristizabal, Tyler Freeze.

Alumni News

Where are they now?

'75

John T. Tamlyn - ttamlyn@tamlyn.com 13623 Pike Road, Stafford, TX 77477; 281-499-9604 (work). He and wife, Cindy with three children, Rachel almost seven; Evan, four (adopted from Russian) and Grace, almost three (adopted from Russia) attend Grace Fellowship United Methodist Church. Tom is into golf (time permitting), baseball and a follower of UT football. He was UT class of '79. Presently with RH Tamlyn & Sons, LP (President), manufacturer/distributor of building products nationally.

'79

Gregory Zingler - zingler@usna.edu Back at USNA Brought us up to date on his brother, Gary. Greg's quote of the day on 15Aug02: "Great day to be alive".

'80

Gary Zingler - 3011 Oak Tree Court, Marietta, GA 30066, 770-517-8271. Blessed with a solid marriage to Cathy. Two children, Raymond and Hannah.

David Christopherson -

davemasterc@hotmail.com 1980 was his last year with us. Went from here to Allen Academy In Bryan, Texas for his senior year where he was promoted to Cadet Sergeant Major and eventually the Cadet Battalion Commander. Married now to Tammy and they're raising David Kenneth, three years old. Graduated from Texas A&M with a degree in History and is now owner of Metro Tickets up in Dallas. metrotickets.com Swapped a few very interesting sea stories.

'81

Mike Stahlman -

mkmstahlman@adelphia.net New e-mail for him, Kim and McKenna.

Enrique

Montfort

montfort_Enrique@terra.com.mx Married twelve years with three children, Laura 10, Sofia 8 and Andres 6. He's working with a Wireless TV Company in Chiapas, Mexico and doing great. Children are attending the American School Foundation and Enrique is a Board Member. Several of his friends have sent their children to MMA and it has made a tremendous difference in their lives. Of his cousin, Mauricio Orantes in Charlie

Company, Enrique says "His first year was like mine, looking for a way out. Now he is eager to start with the program and take some responsibilities"

Jose Alfredo Aguilar -

afalco@prodigy.net.com Living and working in Chiapas, Mexico and doing great.

Levi Noguess - lnoguess@vvm.com He and

co-pilot flew in for a brief lunch, met with Major General Rollings, got invited to come down to speak with cadets and flew out. Figure this one out, they were supposed to fly into Colorado Springs. Is that loyalty or bad navigation?

'82

Steve Waugh - Scheduled to depart Prince Saudi Air Base on 4 Sep 02 and arriving at 1535 Gateway, Yuma, AZ 85364 on 6 Sep 02 for reunion with wife, Myra, and sons, Phillip and Nicholas. Slated for Black Sheep Squadron Executive Officer and Senior Training Officer.

'83

John J. McKenna -

johnjmckenna@caradon.com In the valley on a business trip. Stopped by for a brief visit with Colonel Hobbs & Tom Morton. Declined offer for free haircut.

'86

Les Simmons - New e-mail Zrk97@aol.com

His quote of the day on 29Aug02: "I sure do miss it (MMA), but I guess we all have to eventually grow up sooner or later". Will be sending out wedding invitations soon announcing his forthcoming marriage to Caryn Click. Caryn is an elementary Bastrop ISD teacher going on her seventh year.



CW-3 LEVIS Noguess (right), class of '81, now serving in the USA, flew in recently to see the Academy and have 2nd mess with Gunny Ski.

'87

Albion Norman - netcourt@aol.com

Daughter, Jordan will be 2 in January and he and Angela are expecting their second child in February.

'89

Matthew Watkins -

mbwatkins12345@yahoo.com New e-mail address.

'90

Abiud Escalante - abiudesca@yahoo.com

Out of touch with the Academy for many years but would like to contribute more to its development and keep in touch with old friends. Trying to contact Peter Forbes and Matthew Ray. Hopes to make the reunion next April.

STOPPING BY to visit (below l-r) Gunny Ski and SgtMaj Steigerwald recently was Gordy Clements, class of '82 and his friend.



'02

'91

Abel Honigsblum -

Ahonigsblum@nuvox.com NuVox Communications, Senior Account Executive. Office, 770-225-5144; Cell, 678-358-6110; FAX, 770-392-1127. Recently attended a workshop in Atlanta, GA and discovered two military schools recruiting there. Would welcome the opportunity to assist MMA in its recruiting efforts in the Southeast or Georgia. He, Jennifer & Makale just welcomed (Last May) home, Sister & Daughter, Alexa.

'92

Daniel McKnight -

danielmcknight@cox.net 13415 Parkwood Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70816. Home: 225-275-8965; Work: 225-389-5061. Homicide Detective and firearms instructor for Baton Rouge PD. Keeps in touch with Bubba Rutland, Dave Chaney, Tim Page and Jason Smith. Would like to hear from Sean Healy, Spencer Padgett, Doug Monroe and Dave Voeller. Married to Gina for four years and they have son Markham, three years old. Sent picture of himself, Fredna, and SgtMaj Ed "long story short, hoghead" Johnson taken on 22Aug down in Meridian, MS.

'96

Matthew Brigrance - We offer our most sincere condolences to Matt and his dad, Ron **rvlb@msn.com** on the loss of Matt's mother Rachel on 14Aug. Rachel was such an ardent supporter of MMA, as is Ron. A gracious lady has left an empty space in so many lives.

'97

James Parker - 5023 Camp St., New Orleans, LA 70115. 504-899-6327. Stopped by the Visitor's Center recently and wanted to be added to our mailing list.

'01

Pedro Said - pierreicles@hotmail.com Starting his third semester and says "I have a feeling I'm going to do extremely well".

NICK SANTILLO, class of '02, checked in to say "hi" and to let all know things are going great.

Chris Oakman -

oakmac@rpi.edu Started classes 26Aug at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Won a Type 1, four year Air Force ROTC Scholarship which pays full college tuition. Passed the Cadet Orientation four day mini boot camp for ROTC with flying colors. Tells us that before he left for school his dad kept asking "How do you feel, Son"? Chris's response was "I feel ready, Dad". Chris's quote of the day: "I cannot imagine where I would have been today if it had not been for the Marine Military Academy. It certainly would not have been here".

Travis Schendel - tx_trav@yahoo.com Attended Blinn Junior College in July, took one class and came out with an "A". Started back at Blinn on 2 Sep for the fall semester. Looking forward to getting back up to College Station and doing well. Playing drums with a Texas Country Band in College Station for the Geoff Spahr Band. Check him out at **www.geoffspahrband.com**

Robert Shields - rtshields@msn.com Attending Southwest Texas State right now and loving it. Might join the Air Force ROTC but is undecided. Robert, the old Gunny says "Jump on it like a duck on a June bug"

Andre Testman II - testmana@yahoo.com New e-mail address.



CLASS OF '01 Tyler Harrison (left) and Nicholas Boire recently graduated from USMCR Basic Training in San Diego.

From the Gunny

Anniversary & Birthday Ball is approaching with something less than the speed of light but will be upon us before we know it. As far as I know HJZ '69 is the **most seasoned** alumni attending. If anyone pre-HJZ '69 is planning on attending please let us know.

Bad addresses continue to plague us. Should you perchance hear rumors of an alumni popping up to the surface let us know. We pursue rumors of alumni existence.

Sincere thanks to Mike Forrester '72 for his time management skills. Don't know how he does it, but attempting to continue to be gainfully employed, care for a family, contend with the EU and still come up with a sound working document for the Alumni Association is a daunting task.



Calendar of Events

October			
		22	Begin Thanksgiving Break
12	SAT		
15	PSAT		
16-19	Firt Quarter Exams		
26	ACT		
November		December	
1	Parents' Day	1	End Thanksgiving Break
2	Anniversary Ball Parade	6	MCJROTC Inspection
	Anniversary Reception/Ball	7	SAT
11	Veterans Day Parade	14-15	Closed Weekend
		16-19	Fall Semester Exams
		19	Begin Christmas Break

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Leader: Tell me a special memory you will have from these four weeks that you will carry with you for a long time.

Darby: One memory will be with Gunner Harris. If I had a problem, he was there for me. When I would get really homesick, Gunner Harris was always there for me. I joined the band because of him and also so I'm now on his better side. One time he let me call my mom and that's what kept me going and it's still keeping me going.

In Honor of Mrs. Peggy Myers

Leader: Anything you want to add or want people to know about MMA?

Darby: MMA is not a prison. It may feel like it for the first four weeks, but it's really not. All these people are here to help you get a better life....Everyone will and wants to help you make a better life for yourself. It's a very good school and I'm glad to be here.

Memorials

Henry J. Baron
William B. Boyd
SSgt Francisco L. Colunga, Jr.,
USMC (Ret)
Col William Frankling Cappleman, Jr.,
USMCR (Ret)
Marvin L. Childers
Harry E. Lewis
Cpl Alger Corbert Libby,
KIA - Iwo Jima -
Feb. 24, 1945
Mrs. Myrtle Mason
LtGen John N. McLaughlin,
USMC (Ret)
John S. Sproatt
PFC Brian B. Thornton, USMC -
KIA in Korea in 1951
Mrs. Dolores (Dee) Zachwieja

In Memory & In Honor of
Our Fallen Brothers
and ALL who served
3rd Battalion 9th Marines
Republic of Vietnam