



MMA Leader

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Calendar of Events

August		November	
14	Classes Begin	5	Parents' Day
September		6	Anniversary Ball Parade
3	Academic Awards Ceremony		Anniversary Reception and Ball
4	Introductory Training Graduation	11	Veterans Day Parade
October		19	Begin Thanksgiving Break
5-8	First Quarter Exams	28	End Thanksgiving Break
9	SAT	December	
19	PSAT	4	SAT
23	ACT	14-17	Fall Semester Exams
		17	Begin Christmas Break

Memorials

MajGen Walter H. Baxter, III, USAF (Ret)
 SgtMaj Walter E. Bussey, USMC (Ret)
 LtCol John Lloyd Carnegie, USMCR (Ret)
 Mary Lou Painter Carr
 Bill Dear
 LtCol Morton Dupree, USMCR
 Robert Guzman
 Arthur W. Hellwig
 Georgia McDonald
 Donald A. Taylor
 Beverly Tilley
 Rebecca (Becky) Gasaway
 Adam W. Hall - MMA '98
 Col Bernard T. Kelly, USMC (Ret)
 Lcpl Thomas Casey Murillo - Silver Star RVN
 Cpl John Joseph Murphy, Jr. - Navy Cross Tulagi
 Charles Stapf
 Pfc Brian B. Thornton, USMC, KIA Korea
 Mrs. Warren Buffett (Susan)
 Allen & Nina White

In Honor Of:

Chaplain Leo J. McDonald
 Barry Zale
 Mary Dell Burkholder
 Charles S. Green

Going....



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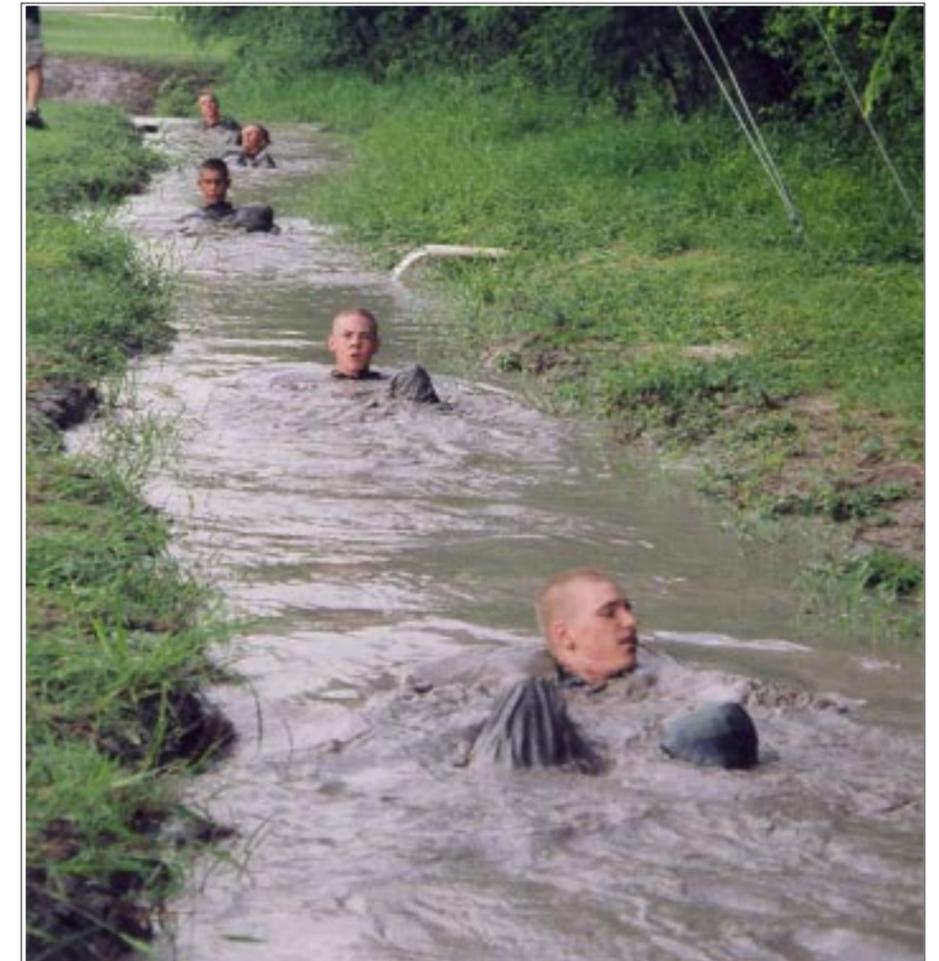
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August 2004

MMA Summer Camp 2004

"..an experience I'll never forget!"

Despite soaring temperatures and very little rain this year, Summer Camp 2004 was a great success!
 The 2004 MMA Summer Camp program began June 27 with approximately 320 boys



Summer campers make their way through the mud course. Even the mud course was a great place to cool off during the heat of the day.

from 32 states, Mexico, China, Colombia, London, Italy and the Dominican Republic.

After registration, campers were placed in platoons, according to age. English as a Second Language (ESL) campers were also divided into two platoons.

Each day began with reveille at 0550, followed by physical training and then first mess. Mornings and afternoons were reserved for intense military activities and

events. In addition to close order drill, campers faced such challenges as the mud course, obstacle course, paintball combat, the confidence course, the Leadership Reaction Course, rappelling, the climbing wall, boxing and pugil stick fighting. Sports activities were held in the evenings that included such sports as football, basketball, softball, dodge ball, boxing and soccer.

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Summer campers also mastered the COPE course, (Challenging Opportunities for Personal Enrichment) which proved to be both challenging and exciting.

One of the favorite COPE course activities was the Zip Line. It not only allowed the campers to overcome their fear of heights, but it also gave them an exhilarating ride of their life.

Special competitive activities were also held, such as the boxing smoker, pugil stick competitions, a field meet and a wall-climbing event. An eight-mile hike to Camp Perry, a nearby Boy Scout retreat, gave the campers a chance to canoe, shoot bows and arrows and play a few rounds of volleyball.

All of the training and sports activities culminated in the final test - the Crucible - which consisted of two grueling hikes, flanked by a four-hour series of physically and mentally-demanding challenges, which all campers successfully completed. Except for a short snack period, the campers were on the go at all times. The Crucible was the mastery test for the completion of the summer program.

With temperatures soaring to near 100 degrees every afternoon, just completing the four-week camp was a real test, but apparently all were up to the challenge. Seventy-three have already signed up to return to the Academy for the fall semester.

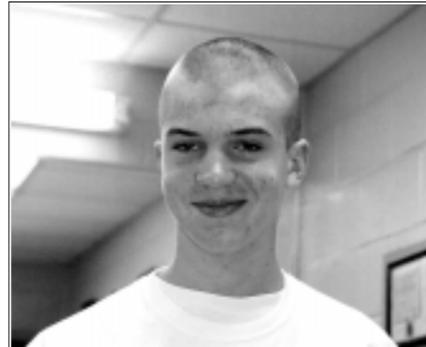
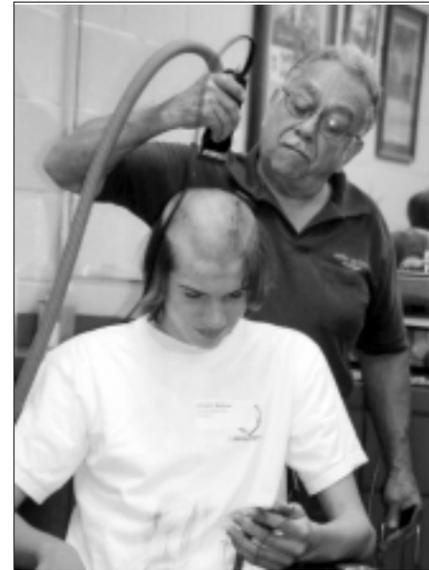
As in recent years, boys who complete the summer camp program and enroll at the Academy in the fall do not have to participate in plebe training at the beginning of the school year. However, changes have been made to bring the summer camp training more in line with what is received by new cadets.

The summer camp ended July 24 with

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A Haircut Story!



Summer Camper Matthew Johnson gets his first haircut during Summer Camp '04.

a parade in front of the Iwo Jima Monument and graduation ceremonies in front of the campers respective barracks.

"The summer camp was a huge success in which the campers learned much about themselves, about leadership, character and determination," stated SgtMaj Ford Kinsley, USMC (Ret), Academy Sergeant Major. "A special thanks to our cadet instructors, who did so much to make the summer a learning experience and a worthwhile event to attend."

Tree Dedication Ceremony Held

On Thursday, 5 August a memorial tree was dedicated at the MMA Memorial Garden in appreciation of the support provided to the Lt. Thomas Barlow Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

In attendance at this event were Elizabeth Garret, Mary Hardy, Stella Buchen (speaker), Peggy Goode, Taffie Herridge, Chaplain McDonald, Candice Heath, Betty Jo Dunlap, Marge Chapin, Col Hill, Betty Mackenzie and Major. Rollings.



Mrs Stella Buchen speaks to members of the Lt Thomas Barlow Chapter of the Daughters of the American Republic.

Cries of Honor

By James Griswold

*In a quiet South Texas town
Six giant heroes, their uniforms
Black in the pre-dawn light,
Struggle to stand upon volcanic rock
That seems to move beneath their feet.
Their grunts split the morning stillness
As their arms strain to raise Old Glory.*

*I sit with reverence and watch
as the sacrifices of the warriors honored here,
blazed in bronze, come alive and dance
in the brilliance of the mid-morning sun.
Two hundred years of glory and honor
given by men and women, young and old,
with the same cry heard around the world.
Semper Fidelis!*

*Under the wilting afternoon sun
I seek shade beneath the young oak trees.
They stand proudly at attention in full dress uniforms,
a perpetual living honor guard for those who have died.
Each tree whispers the story of love, pride and loss
etched in stone at its base; these memorials
given by parents, spouses, children and friends
cry to the humanity of all who are remembered here.*

*I stand before the burial place of one of the six heroes.
At twenty-one then, he was the age of my children now.
In my heart he becomes my son and I feel the tears.
One more glance as the shadows lengthen into twilight;
How many more conflicts will be added to the wall?
How many more oak trees will need to be planted?
How many more men and women will need to die?
I have no answer but the one inscribed on the wall,
Semper Fidelis - Always Faithful.*

This poem was written and donated by Mr. James friend of the Iwo Jima Museum. High quality frameable copies of the poem are for sale through the Visitor's Center/Iwo Jima Museum. Proceeds from the sale of the poem will be donated to the Museum building fund. For more information, contact Monte Catterlin at (956) 423-6006 ext 678.

A Word from Institutional Advancement



Greetings from Lt Col Robert (Bob) Grider, USMC (Ret)

First off, I would like to thank all the alumni who have responded to my letter in regards to reaching out to MMA alumni and asking for their support. As of the printing of this newsletter we have received responses from 108 alumni. We have received information on alumni that we had lost contact with through the responses of other alumni. We have 59 alumni and family members who have already committed to attending the 40th reunion in April. Another 25 have tentatively marked the dates on their calendar.

The alumni, as I stated in my letter, are the key to the success of any school and as you, the alumni of MMA, make your mark in the world your support will help MMA continue to grow and graduate more future leaders of America. Growth is not only measured monetarily but also through our military and academic curriculum.

We started receiving money for the "Gunnery Sergeant Ski" endowed scholarship and parade field naming opportunity. I have provided a graph to show you how we are doing in our quest for the needed \$500,000.00 that will enable a young man to attend MMA who otherwise may never have had the opportunity. I want every alumni to remember that the \$500.00 that I have asked each alumni to raise will go towards the endowed scholarship in memory of Gunny "SKI". Thank you to everyone who has already started raising the money.

I want to thank those alumni that have provided the addresses of alumni that we haven't had contact with in the recent past. We are contacting these individuals and getting the information that is needed to ensure our database is current and accurate.

Over the course of the year Sergeant Major Steigerwald, Connie Flores, Ester Reyes, Randy Bridgeman and myself will do whatever to make sure that you, the alumni, always feel you are part of MMA. If there is ever anything that you need and we can help please don't hesitate to contact us.

Semper Fidelis,
Robert R. Grider
Lieutenant Colonel, USMC (Ret)
Director, Institutional Advancement

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Alumni News

Change of Command for Lt Col Tim Herndon, USMC (Class of '79)



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Pat Redmon Augie Uribe - (right) shown shaking hands with former President Ronald Reagan and Roger Stauback during a visit to the Marine Military Academy during the 1980 campaign.



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Major Dwight C. Neeley, USMC - PSC 559 Box 5634, FPO AP 96377-5634 PH: 011-81-611-722-6626 NEELEYDC@3DIV.USMC.MIL. Is now the 3D Marine Division Air Officer.

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Cpl James Tucci - 10715 Vernon Ave., Huntington Woods, MI 48070 (248) 302-4375 tuccijam@msu.edu Attending Michigan State University, getting a degree in Marketing/Public Relations. Served his entire enlisted time with the 3rd FSSG in Okinawa.

Major Rick S. Rodriguez - Commanding Officer "C", 1/23 Marines, Corpus Christi, Texas H: (956) 971-2436; W: (956) 992-8400 majorrickrodriquez@msn.com Unit activated in June for one year. Departed for Camp Pendleton to commence support and stability operations training until late August/early September. Will then deploy to OIF (Iraq) to replace Marines currently there.

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Mark Your Calendars Now MMA Alumni Weekend 15-17 April 2005

Taps

Word received recently of the passing of former cadet Adam W. Hall, Class of '98.

Hall died June 8, 2004 as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was employed by Enterprise Leasing Inc. in Dallas at the time of his death.

After graduating from the Academy, Adam joined the United States Air Force and served four years. He was deployed to Saudi Arabia in 2000 and in 2001 was stationed in Germany. After September 11, 2001, Hall's unit was deployed to participate in the war in Afghanistan, arriving in Kuwait on Christmas Day 2001.

Memorial services were held in Dallas, Texas and in Atlanta, Georgia.

Adam is survived by father and step mother Carol and J. Dan Hall II of Atlanta, Ga. In addition, Adam is survived by his brother and sister-in-law 1st Lt and Mrs. John D. Hall III, USMC of San Diego, Ca.; three step-siblings: Allison Brown of NYC, Jennifer Brown of California and Kevin Brown of Atlanta, Ga. He is also survived by his mother, Harriet Hall of Tennessee; grandmother Thelma Hall of St. Petersburg, Florida and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Leadership Orientation '04

By special invitation, 42 upper classmen attended and completed the Marine Military Academy's weeklong Leadership School.

In addition to participating in all of the events available at our LEAD (Leadership Education and Development) complex, cadets, along with their drill instructors, developed new company mission statements and goals, accomplished in-depth leadership assessments on all returning cadets and studied enhanced

teamwork techniques. "We brought in some of our 'best and brightest' for leadership camp again this year," stated SgtMaj Ford Kinsley, USMC (Ret), Academy Sergeant Major. "They have set concise and attainable goals for their individual companies, and for themselves. We are looking forward to a great year for the Corps of Cadets."

As in the past, the program ended with the traditional promotion ceremony and sword issue, which was conducted by the Academy's President, MajGen Wayne Rollings, USMC (Ret)



(Above) 2004-2005 Battalion Commander Andrew Winney receives his new rank from MajGen Wayne Rollings and SgtMaj Ford Kinsley.

Leatherneck Band Camp '04

The goals of Band Camp 2004 were on quality performances and increased enthusiasm, and according to CWO3 Ed Harris, the band director, "We reached those goals and more!" A mix of new and returning cadets spent many hours improving their marching skills, brushing up on basic theory and holding section rehearsals in preparation for the upcoming school year.

The band members spent a great deal of time preparing new music for the football games, pep rallies and other appearances throughout the year.



Cheerleader Camp '04

The 2004-2005 MMA Cheerleaders started their "cheer year" in July. The girls met for practice over the summer and attended UCA Summer Camp in San Marcos, Texas.

Returning cheerleaders are: Capt. Karina Paris (12th), Danielle Contreras (11th), Analisa Villegas (12th), Sandy Valley (9th). Our first year cheerleaders are: Elyssa Berg (10th), Kayla Cortez (10th), Amanda Jimenez (10th), Danelle Rivera (9th), Lisa Sanchez (9th), Daysha Atencio (8th), Celeste Oviedo (8th), Gabrielle Bates (8th).

Congratulations to Capt. Karina Paris and Sandy Valley for receiving "All Star Cheerleader" awards at the UCA Summer Camp. The MMA Cheerleaders are looking forward to a great year!



Fox Company Cadet "Mom" and Friend of the Academy, Rebecca (Becky) Gasaway Passes Away

The Marine Military Academy was saddened recently by the unexpected and sudden death of one of their beloved and special "company moms"

Rebecca (Becky) Gasaway was born on July 30, 1949 in Mobile, Alabama to Irvin and Margaret Stewart. She was a former resident of Charleston, SC and Atlanta, GA before moving to the Valley several years ago. She was a former teacher at St. Alban's Episcopal Day School, a former trainer and Marketing Rep for Budget, and Realtor with Shoreline Realty.

She also will be remembered as being a "Company Mom" for the Marine Military Academy.

Becky is survived by her husband, Michael Gasaway of Mercedes, TX; sons, Josh and Sam Gasaway of Mercedes, TX, Jason Baxter of Burlington, NC, Shawn Gasaway of Eden, MD, Jason Gasaway of Gaithersburg, MD, mother, Margaret Stewart of Pensacola, FL. She was preceded in death by her father, Irvin Stewart and brother, Bobby Stewart.

Funeral services were held at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Harlingen, 10 a.m., Monday, June 14, 2004 with the Rev. Bill Reagan and Chaplain Leo McDonald officiating. Pallbearers were the sons of Becky - Josh Gasaway, Sam Gasaway, Jason Baxter, Jason Gasaway, Shawn Gasaway and Mark

Gasaway.

In lieu of flowers, the family requested that memorial donations be made to the Marine Military Academy, Rebecca "Becky" Gasaway 320 Iwo Jima Blvd., Harlingen, Texas 78550.

The Academy extends its sincerest condolences to the Gasaway family. She will be sorely missed.



We asked campers. . .

“What do you like the best and the least about the MMA Summer Camp?”

Curtis Bearden V
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“This was a great experience for me and it taught me a lot of respect and discipline. Most of the courses were fantastic and because of camp, my body is more fit!”



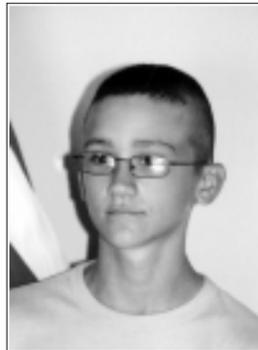
Christopher Davidson
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“This is a very awesome summer camp. It is fun and cool. If I could, I would come to school here. It was worth every cent and penny and I’m glad I got to come here, and I’m not lying!”



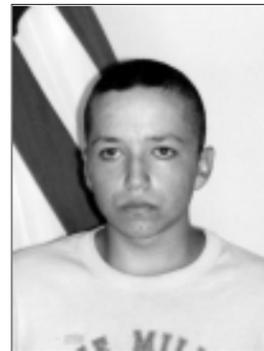
Ethan Leavitt
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“Summer camp is something I’ll never forget. It has made me mentally and physically stronger and has strongly influenced my outlook on a lot of my fears and all of my life.”



Anthony Marquez
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“I really believe that MMA is a good summer camp or school to send your kids to. It builds leadership skills, makes your confidence higher and it even makes you more responsible. Because of the skills learned at camp, one will respect life more.”



Isaac Lappert
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“Camp has done what I hoped it to do and more! My parents will be really happy!”



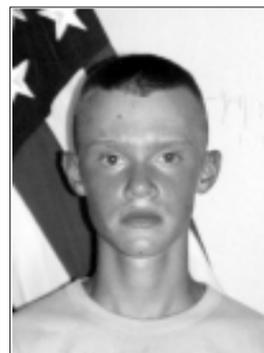
Joshua Anderson
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“It was great. I think it was a great way to mature and become a man. It was one of the greatest things that has happened to me.”



Jayro Medina
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“I had a great time! I liked everything. The mud course was not fun. I learned how to be a team - no matter how hard it gets, I learned I should always stick with my team. I overcame many of my fears and reached limits that I didn’t know I could. Thank you for making me a better man!!!.”

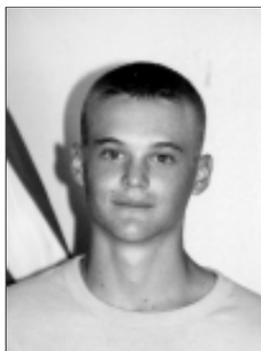


Anthony Panchella
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“After the first week, I began to really enjoy the camp. I had a great time here at MMA and gained high levels of confidence I NEVER knew I had. I overcame things I couldn’t do before and would do it again if I could. I even got in shape here. It was great!.”

Andrew Steppe
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“It’s okay, except for the really long days. I’d like to have been able to sleep more and have more time to eat. I hated that fact that we couldn’t sit or lay on our racks when we were in the barracks hanging around.”



Alumni News

Where are they now?

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Bob New - 3315 Georgetown, Houston, Texas 77005 H: (713) 667-6358; W (713) 435-5075 bnewjr@hotmail.com. Newly appointed as Hibernia’s Houston city president. Was with Bank of America. Graduated from Trinity University in San Antonio with a degree in business administration. He and wife, Pam, have one son, Rob.



(Left) Aaron Davis relaxes in his apartment after attending teachings by the Dalai Lama.

Aaron Davis - 14292 Copper Oaks Drive, Herriman, UT 84065 (801) 556-0599 janrdavis@msn.com. Served in the USMC from 72-76 and in the USMCR from 76-80. Also in the USAR from 80-92 as a Lt Major. Graduated from Brigham Young with a BA in Communications in 1978; Master degree in Criminal Justice/Human Relations from Webster University in 1983. Is a Buddhist lay leader/Reiki Master. Currently drives for the Utah Transit Authority. Also serves as leader of the local Veterans for Peace/Military Families. Has 5 children and 5 grandchildren. Sons Corban and Caleb recently returned from one year tour of duty in Iraq.

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joe.d.hardee@smithbarney.com website:www.fc.smithbarney.com/joehardee. Wrote in to say hello to his friends at the Academy.

Louis N Yarbrough - OS1(SW) USN calesnavy@aol.com. After leaving MMA, joined the Caddo Parish Sheriffs’ Department in Shreveport, La. Served as a Patrolman, Field Training Officer, Captain of the Pistol Team, Rescue Dive Team member, and K-9 Patrolman. Studied Criminal Justice at Louisiana State University-Shreveport. Joined the United States Navy – Served onboard USS



(Above) Louis N. Yarbrough - OS1(SW) USN

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Donald H. “Skip” Albee - LCDR, USNR 3910 Navaho Drive, Antelope, CA 95843 H: (916) 338-1565; W (916) 780-8957 skip@albee.com. Works as a claims adjuster with Allstate and is on the University of Phoenix Faculty. “I am a strong supporter of MMA as it is! With that said, if you ever start a separate, but equal, girls school, LET ME KNOW!” Married to Laura and has two daughters, Katie (14) and Jennifer (9).



(Above) Photo recently received of Donald H. “Skip” Albee and wife Laura.

Joe Hardee - Vice President of Investments at Smith Barney, Inc. 1345 Avenue of the Americas, 21st Floor. New York, NY 10105

Crommelin, F F G - 37 stationed at Pearl Harbor, as an Operations Specialist, Intelligence Photographer, and Combat Information Watch Supervisor. Served at

Fleet Combat Training Center Pacific as a Naval Instructor transferring to USS Chosin, CG-65 stationed at Pearl Harbor, served as Leading Petty Office of Operations Intelligence (OI) Division and Combat Information Center Watch Officer. Served as a Naval Link 11/16 Instructor at AEGIS Training and Readiness Center San Diego, currently as-

signed to Alfoat Training Group Pacific as an Instructor. Married to Faith Ann Yarbrough of Shreveport Louisiana, daughters name is Alexis Michelle Yarbrough.

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Lt Col Timothy Herndon - herndonTA@2mawnr.usmc.mil Recently had a change of command, assuming command MHTS 302. States that command is going great and is loving every minute of it. Notes that most of his Marines are under 21 years old. “Many weren’t even born when I first started flying CH-53’s! They are a different generation, but still the same basic drive - to be challenged, to excel and to be provided leadership.” Adds that he wouldn’t be where he is today if it weren’t for MMA. Notes that the staff and Sgt Maj Steigerwald developed the core traits in him that allowed him to excel. See related photos on page 10.

Football 2004

A Word from the Coach

Football pre-season camp reported in on August 1, 2004.

Reporting to camp were 19 players from last year's team and 15 new faces.

Returning letterman are: linebackers Andrew Winney, Josh Gasaway, Brian Simpson and Scott Miller; lineman Peter Jager, Gates Griffis, Justin Roach and Adam Gilles; receivers



Leo Deng, Matt Tadnavich, Donald Spiering and Jamahl Randle; quarterback Mike Sanchez and running backs Jason Quinn and Sean McCarver. Zachary Bowen, Alvaro Johnson, Szymon Czerniak and John Thomas were members of last years squad and will be counted on for valuable playing time this year.

The coaching staff was pleased with the players and enthusiasm displayed by the 2004 Leathernecks during the week of three-a-days. Workouts were outside from 8:00 am to 10:00 am, with many scheduled water breaks due to the 90 degree heat and lack of the traditional South Texas breeze. Mid-day practice was held inside the air-conditioned King Gym, which is 53 yards long. The evening practice was outside on the practice field, next to Bowman Stadium.

"We have quite a few players to watch," stated Coach Tom Morton. Newcomers who have caught the eye of Coach Morton and his staff are: Will Hardee (FB/LB), A.J. Schirm (G/DT), Jake Tucker (TE/DE), Chris Wyse (SE/FS), Joe Martinez (OG/DT) and Mark McEachern (DB).

2004 Football Schedule Go Leathernecks!

August

14	Rio Hondo (Scrimmage)	Away	TBA
20	Santa Rosa/Progreso (Scrimmage)	TBA	TBA
27	OPEN		

September

2	Univ. of Tamaulipas	Home	7:00
10	Lyford High School	Away	7:30
17	Progreso High School	Home	7:30
23	Santa Rosa	Home	7:30

October

1	La Villa	Home	7:30
8	St. Joseph (Brownsville)	Home	7:30
15	Central Catholic	Home	7:30
22	Holy Cross	Away	2:00
29	Antonian (San Antonio)	Away	7:30

November

5	Univ of Tamaulipas**	Home	7:30
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** Homecoming/Parent's Weekend

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Michael Elizondo
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"I had a nice time here for a month, getting to know people and working as a team. Learning to discipline yourself and police yourself

comes easy. I might not have wanted to come, but now I'm glad I came. Also, I'm in much better shape than I was when I got here.

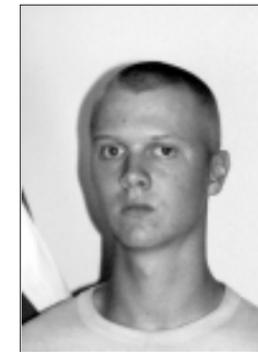
Tyler Parnell
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"I think the summer camp is really good to go to, to learn discipline and respect for others, leadership skills and all other good things."



Ovay Golias
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"To come here, you've got to be prepared. It's tough, no lie. If you don't expect to get anything out of it, you are wrong. This place humbles you down to the hot water in your canteens. It isn't a 'fun' summer camp, but a lesson in life!"



Forrest Clark
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"Once you reach the second or third week, it gets really fun. Days seemed to go by slow at first, but then, the days seemed to fly by towards the end. ALPHA RULES!!!"



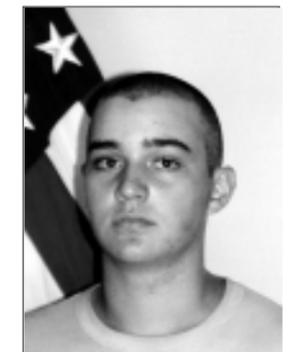
Alan Valdez
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"I really like that the fact we get to have fun, but some of the CI's are too hard on us. Also, the summer campers that like to get into trouble or play around make it harder on the rest of us. PT in the morning was okay, but the runs were hard, but I got used to it. I got stronger and stronger."



Thomas Goldman
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"At first, I saw this camp as horrible... but now I feel I have achieved a whole lot and I have gained a lot of confidence."



Cory Hochman
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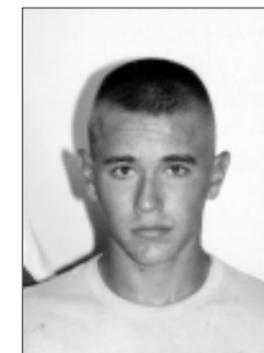
"It was fun. Our DI and CI's were kind and showed me the discipline I need to get my mom and



dad to gain my trust and get good grades. I also learned more about what drugs and alcohol can do to me than at my school.

Emilio Davila II
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"It was great to return and conquer MMA! It was fun and worth the whole month! I learned new things and experienced other new things once again."



Joe Mlachak
15

"This was a very fun adventure and I would recommend it to anyone. I learned many things about myself and

about my platoon. Great camp!

“On my summer vacation, I learned

to run DOWN a wall!”



what a pugil stick was!”



climbing UP a wall is hard!”



how to handle a weapon safely”



Mark your Calendar Now!
Summer Camp 2005
July 2, 2005
to
July 30, 2005

a new language!”



friends can come from all over the country”



that my fear of heights is GONE!”



about teamwork!”



that I can succeed!”



playing in the mud is STILL fun at any age!”

