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Special Events

Introductory Training Graduation

Thirty-three new students, or "plebes," graduated from Introductory Training and became official members of the MMA Corps of Cadets on Feb. 8.

At the graduation ceremony held in Yeckel Auditorium, the young men took the oath of an MMA cadet and then pinned the Marine Corps emblem to their covers. Then they walked across the stage to receive their certificate of completion. After the ceremony, the newly minted cadets enjoyed their first weekend of liberty with friends and/or family members.

To view and/or download photos of this or other events, go to Flickr.com/Photos/MMAHarlingen.

The plebes pin the Marine Corps emblem to their covers and join the MMA Corps of Cadets.



Sophomore Stephen Shave of Plano, Texas, and Freshman Edward Skoog of Selma, Texas, look forward to graduating.



Eighth-grader Brice Kolle of Sugar Land, Texas, plays with the MMA Leatherneck Band during the ceremony.



Junior Keon Burton of Manassas, Va., a member of the MMA Color Guard, flashes a smile prior to the ceremony.



Eighth-grader Zhongyuan Wei of Beijing accepts his certificate of completion from Drill Instructor SgtMaj Larry Carson and Superintendent Col R. Glenn Hill.

Special Events

Iwo Jima Parade

Seventeen veterans of the Battle of Iwo Jima turned out for the Iwo Jima Parade on Feb. 19. Including those of Iwo Jima, at least 25 World War II veterans attended this year's parade — at least nine more compared to 2013.

Even more impressive was the number of parade-goers who came out to honor the World War II veterans. More than 350 people were at the 2014 Iwo Jima Parade, the largest parade crowd to date.

This year marked the 69th anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima, a major battle that took place in 1945 in the Pacific during World War II. MMA is the only place in the nation that holds a battalion-size parade on the actual anniversary (Feb. 19) of the battle.

One of the Iwo Jima veterans to attend the Iwo Jima Parade was Glen Cleckler of Harlingen, Texas. Mr. Cleckler was the best friend of Cpl Harlon Block, the South Texas Marine who is depicted at the base of the flagpole in the Iwo Jima Monument. Cpl Block's gravesite resides behind the Iwo Jima Monument and his Marine Corps ring is housed inside the Iwo Jima Museum.

The MMA Color Guard prepares the flags for the national anthem.



A Navy Iwo Jima veteran rises for the national anthem.



The cadets of Delta Company march proudly during the pass in review.



Eighth-grader Kade Peacock of Cypress, Texas, participates in his first parade.



World War II veterans assemble in front of the Iwo Jima Monument after the parade.

Recent Events

MCJROTC Inspection

This year, 174 cadets, or nearly 64 percent, received an Outstanding rating at the Marine Corps Junior ROTC (MCJROTC) Inspection held Feb. 27 and 28.

During this annual review, each cadet is meticulously examined on his grooming and uniform, and drilled on his knowledge of Marine Corps history, regulations, customs, ethics and leadership traits. Commandant of Cadets SgtMaj Ford Kinsley led the 2014 inspection.

The MMA Corps of Cadets again earned the top rating in every category: Mission Capable in Functional Areas, Outstanding in Personnel and Outstanding in Close Order Drill. Delta Company held on to its title and was named Best Inspected Company.



(Left) Commandant of Cadets SgtMaj Ford Kinsley quizzes a cadet as he checks the fit of his coat.

(Top) Operations Chief MSgt Mike Krauss properly positions a cadet's cover.



Senior José Rodríguez, commander of Delta Company, and Drill Instructor SgtMaj Larry Carson (left) accept the Best Inspected Company award from Commandant of Cadets SgtMaj Ford Kinsley.

3.0 & Above Lunch

On Feb. 5, 130 cadets enjoyed a special lunch for earning a GPA of 3.0 or higher with no failures in any subject for the second academic quarter. Not only were the cadets treated to a Subway sandwich with refreshments, they were given \$10 to spend the afternoon either at the mall or movie theater.

Cadets who meet the criteria for the third academic quarter will receive the same reward in April.



Freshman West Lataille of DeLand, Fla., really likes the day's lunch menu.



Junior Ian Manson of Flagstaff, Ariz., enjoys the payoff of good grades.

Blood Drive

The National Honor Society helped United Blood Services of Harlingen collect 120 units of precious blood on March 25. Seventy people from MMA, mostly cadets, answered the call for blood donations. Thanks to NHS, the blood bank harvested enough blood to help save at least 300 lives.

Under the leadership of teacher Diolanda Dye, NHS sponsors a blood drive each semester.



(Top) Senior Zachary Schmitt of Plano, Texas, takes the opportunity to read as he donates blood. (Bottom) Senior Logan Workman of Tomball, Texas, makes a new buddy at the blood drive.

Recent Events

Shotgun Shooting Merit Badge

Twelve Boy Scouts earned their Shotgun Shooting Merit Badge on March 22. SgtMaj Al Wilson taught the course during a Troop 22 weekend campout at Camp Perry. SgtMaj Wilson first taught the cadets how to safely handle a shotgun. He then taught them how to shoot it with a reliable degree of accuracy. To earn the merit badge, the boys needed 24 successful hits out of 50 targets.

After the merit badge course, the Boy Scouts went hiking. Then the Scouts built a camp fire and spent their Saturday evening eating, relaxing and jesting.



SgtMaj Al Wilson, an adult troop leader, teaches a Boy Scout how to aim and fire a shotgun.

Jalapeño 100

On Feb. 22, the MMA Cycling Team took part in the 24th Annual Jalapeño 100. Composed of five different courses, riders could travel up to 100 miles. The full route went from Harlingen to Raymondville to Rio Hondo and back to Harlingen.

Including three tire changes, sophomore **Kevin Lau** of West Covina, Calif., completed the 100-mile ride in 7.5 hours. Senior **Logan Workman** of Tomball, Texas, accidentally took a wrong turn when the routes overlapped and knocked out 75 miles instead of 100 in four hours. Junior **Emmett Marsden** of Toronto finished the 62.5-mile course in 4.5 hours.



Senior Logan Workman of Tomball, Texas, lines up at the Jalapeño 100 starting line. (Photo courtesy of the Valley Morning Star.)

The cadets had to battle the wind in this event. The wind was initially seven miles per hour. Within two hours, however, it picked up to 15 miles per hour, and the cadets had to pedal against the wind the entire way back to Harlingen.

Recognition

Academic Awards Ceremony

Superintendent Col R. Glenn Hill and Dean Dr. John Butler presented 62 cadets with a Gold or Silver Wreath for their academic achievement in the first semester at the Academic Awards ceremony held Feb. 7.

The Gold Wreath is awarded to cadets who make the Superintendent's List, which requires a GPA of 3.75 to 4.0. The Silver Wreath is awarded to cadets who make the Dean's List, which requires a GPA of 3.5 to 3.74. The cadets wear the wreath on their uniform until the end of the school year.

This year, 36 cadets made the Superintendent's List for the first semester while 26 made the Dean's List.

The 36 cadets who accepted the Gold Wreath were: sophomore **Zachery Alexander** of Georgetown, Texas; junior **Niko Bakanec** of Salem, Wis.; freshman **Lars Berggren** of Sunnyside, Wash.; eighth-grader **Giovanni Betti Hernández** of Huixquilucan, Mexico; senior **Charles Beverly** of Diamond Bar, Calif.; senior **Masoom Chauhan** of Irving, Texas; senior **Dylan Che** of Sugar Land, Texas; sophomore **Brooks Dickerson** of Golden, Colo.; junior **Matthew Dorris** of Crystal Springs, Miss.; eighth-grader **Maxime Dowla** of Castro Valley, Calif.; post-graduate **Victor Edet** of Ikeja, Nigeria; junior **Diego Espinosa Valdéz** of Monterrey, Mexico; junior **Daniel Fago** of San Diego; junior **Richard Farr** of Schertz, Texas; junior **Alfonso García Garza** of Monterrey, Mexico; senior **Mateo Hernández Ramírez** of Dallas; senior **Michael Huang** of Bellaire, Texas; senior **Cody Hubbard** of Stafford, Va.; junior **Irvin Ie** of Temple City, Calif.; junior **Jinting Jiang** of Beijing; sophomore **Preston King** of Dallas; sophomore **Chaunce Lee** of Pudong Shanghai, China; senior **Bruno López Álvarez** of Mexico City; junior **Daniel López Álvarez** of Mexico City; sophomore **Michael Lucas** of Dallas; junior **Emmett Marsden** of Toronto; post-graduate **Josiah Neliaku** of Abuja, Nigeria; junior **Nikita Nemchuk** of Moscow; junior **Jacob Roopchand** of Katy, Texas; sophomore **Jordan Sartor** of LaPorte, Texas; freshman **Daniel Tames Torres** of Mexico City; senior **Ivan Vidishev** of Spring, Texas; junior **Meng Yu Wang** of Taipei, Taiwan; junior **Xichen Wang** of Shenyang, China; senior **Shuai Ye** of Beijing; and sophomore **George Zenner** of Houston.

The 26 cadets who accepted the Silver Wreath were: sophomore **Jacob Bredenkamp** of Durant, Ohio; freshman **Emilio Carranza Sitton** of Mexico City; senior **Kevin Casey-Sawyer** of San Diego; sophomore **Mark Cruz** of »»»



Junior Nikita Nemchuk of Moscow accepts the Gold Wreath from Superintendent Col R. Glenn Hill.

»»» Houston; eighth-grader **Inaki Falcon** of Mexico City; junior **Herberto Felan Carreno** of Monclova, Mexico; senior **Samuel Fusaro** of Bay City, Texas; senior **Drew Hopkins** of Harlingen, Texas; junior **Yuri Juárez Segón** of Mexico City; junior **Conor Knapp** of Charlestown, R.I.; junior **Ian Manson** of Flagstaff, Ariz.; junior **William Martin** of Houston; freshman **Seth McNair** of Frisco, Texas; sophomore **Rhett Middleton** of Dallas; sophomore **Blake Moore** of Victoria, Texas; sophomore **Jack Newbury** of Richmond, Texas; freshman **Jack Parker** of Newcastle, Calif.; freshman **Nolan Peet** of Bentonville, Ariz.; senior **Guiliano Postek** of Thomasville, N.C.; senior **Mauricio Rosas Hernández** of Tecamac, Mexico; junior **Jeremiah Ruvalcaba** of Belmont, Calif.; junior **Gustavo Salazar Mar** of Papantla, Mexico; senior **Cade Simmons** of Spring, Texas; sophomore **Owen Swarthout** of Red Bluff, Calif.; senior **Julian Vandamme** of Panama City, Panama; and senior **Baker Weil** of Austin, Texas.

In addition to the Gold Wreath, four cadets received a Gold Star for making the President's List for two consecutive semesters. The recipients were Chauhan, Jiang, Ye and Zenner.

Three cadets also earned a Blue Star for making the Dean's or Superintendent's List for two consecutive semesters. They were Fusaro, Moore and Weil.

Eagle Scout Project

Senior **Cody Hubbard** of Stafford, Va., finished his Eagle Scout Service Project on Feb. 1.

Hubbard and his team constructed nine bat houses for the local Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to support its North American Bat House Research Project. The houses will be used to create three separate bat communities. Each community will have a larger maternity house and two smaller bachelor houses.

The habitats were built at MMA and then transported to various wildlife sites. At the sites, Hubbard and his crew erected his houses 12 feet into the air and grounded the poles in cement.



(Top) Freshman West Lataille of DeLand, Fla., (left) and Senior Cody Hubbard of Stafford, Va., finish a bat house. (Bottom) Hubbard finishes mounting a bat house.

Recognition

MSBA Honor Band

Four cadets were selected as members of the Military School Band Association (MSBA) Honor Band and traveled to the Washington, D.C., area to perform in the 38th Military School Band & Choir Festival Concert on Feb. 23. The band “all-stars” were: senior **Kevin Casey-Sawyer**, flutist, of San Diego; junior **Alfonso García Garza**, percussionist, of Monterrey, Mexico; freshman **Seth McNair**, percussionist, of Frisco, Texas; and junior **Maxwell Pascal**, drum major, of Westfield, N.J.

The MMA cadets arrived at Randolph-Macon Academy in Front Royal, Va., on Feb. 21. For two long and demanding days, Casey-Sawyer, García Garza, McNair and Pascal rehearsed with the best high school and college musicians from other U.S. military schools. On Feb. 23, the entire MSBA Honor Band played a concert at The Westin Alexandria in Alexandria, Va.

This year, MSBA held its event in conjunction with the Association of Military Colleges and Schools of the United States (AMCSUS). The MSBA concert served as the opening ceremony for the 100th Anniversary AMCSUS Meeting.

The MSBA Honor Band rehearsals also served as a competition, and all four MMA cadets received individual recognition. Casey-Sawyer took first chair in the flute section and received the MSBA Silver Medal. Garcia Garza earned second chair in the percussion section while McNair — the only freshman in the percussion section — made sixth chair. Pascal placed fifth among the drum majors.

The four young musicians are taught by CWO3 Edward Harris, director of the Leatherneck Band.



(Left to right) Junior Alfonso García Garza of Monterrey, Mexico; senior Kevin Casey-Sawyer of San Diego; junior Maxwell Pascal of Westfield, N.J., and freshman Seth McNair of Frisco, Texas.

Recognition

Leatherneck Soccer



Chukwuemeka Atuma of Abuja, Nigeria, takes control the ball on the soccer field.

Nearly undefeated, the MMA Soccer Team enjoyed a banner season with a record of 15-1-1.

The Leathernecks tied only once to the Pharr Oratory Ocelots in September but beat them in the October rematch. The Leathernecks lost only once to the Brownsville St. Joseph Bloodhounds on Feb. 11, but they avenged themselves and defeated their rival Bloodhounds on Feb. 21.

The 2013-14 soccer team was fairly new, with only seven returning members. Unlike most line-ups, the 25 players originated from nine countries: China, Columbia, England, France, Mexico, Nigeria, Russia, the United States and Venezuela.

Volunteer Luncheon

The Iwo Jima Museum & Gift Shop recognized its volunteers at the 27th Anniversary Volunteer Luncheon on March 6. At this year's event, Neil Bagley of Rio Hondo, Texas, and Plymouth, Maine, accepted the 2014 Volunteer of the Year award. After the luncheon, the guests gathered at the museum's memorial sidewalk to honor the lives of Tom King and Ron Losey, who both passed away in 2013.



2014 Volunteer of the Year Neil Bagley accepts his gift certificate from Gracie Galarza, assistant manager of the Iwo Jima Museum & Gift Shop.



(Left to right) Sitting: Assistant Manager Gracie Galarza, Caroline Macmanus, Venetta Losey, Rachel Eisenbeis, Teona Henry, Hilda King, Martha McLemore, Delores Simmons, Virginia Hill, Jodie Hill, Barbara Bagley and Director Gloria Boling. Standing: Gerald Macmanus, Gerald Carey, Jesse McCall, Max Henry, Gary Betts, Larry Crow, Dan Montes, Bob Bloedorn, Tom Laney, Neil Bagley, Chaplain Chris Elliott and Superintendent Col R. Glenn Hill.

DAR Award

In addition to the Good Citizen award, senior **Michael Huang** of Bellaire, Texas, accepted a \$300 scholarship from the Lt. Thomas Barlow chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) on Feb. 15.

Huang received the scholarship for winning the DAR essay competition, "Our American Heritage and Our Responsibility for Preserving It." He had the privilege of reading his powerful essay to the audience.



Senior Michael Huang of Bellaire, Texas, accepts the Good Citizen award from Superintendent Col R. Glenn Hill.



Senior Michael Huang of Bellaire, Texas, accepts a scholarship check from Dana Clark with the local Daughters of the American Revolution chapter.

Eagle Scout Project

Junior **Alfonso García Garza** of Monterrey, Mexico, completed his Eagle Scout Service Project on Feb. 22.

For his project, he and his team took on the following repair improvements for the local Family Crisis Center: modify, reinforce and add new shelving to the facility pantry; build and finish a child-size therapy table; relocate and re-landscape the children’s outdoor playset; replace and refinish the broken exterior siding panels of the laundry facility; and build and finish a media shelf to accommodate a DVD/VCR unit for children’s movies.



(Top) Alfonso García Garza of Monterrey, Mexico, steps inside the remodeled pantry. (Bottom) García Garza places new mulch in the play area.

Recognition

Battalion Competition

For the second straight quarter, Delta Company accepted the Golden Guidon in the 3rd Quarter Battalion Competition. Announced March 27 during morning colors, Delta Company received the Athletics and Military streamers while Golf Company received the Academics streamer.



Commandant of Cadets SgtMaj Ford Kinsley attaches the Military streamer to the Delta company flag.

CyberPatriot Teams

The MMA middle school team took second place at the CyberPatriot VI National Championship on March 29 in National Harbor, Md. The eighth-graders on the middle school team were: **Giancarlo** and **Giovanni Betti Hernández** of Huixquilucan, Mexico; **Maxime Dowla** of Castro Valley, Calif.; and **Trevor Hanks** of Austin, Texas (captain). Because the middle school division is new, it was the first time for the eighth-graders to compete in CyberPatriot.

This year’s championship event was particularly exciting because General Colin Powell stopped by to encourage the CyberPatriot finalists on March 29.



(Left to right) Air Force Association Chairman George MuelIner; eighth-grader Trevor Hanks of Austin, Texas; eighth-grader Giancarlo Betti Hernández of Huixquilucan, Mexico; CyberPatriot Commissioner **Bernie Skoch**; eighth-grader **Maxime Dowla** of Castro Valley, Calif.; eighth-grader **Giovanni Betti Hernández** of Huixquilucan, Mexico; and coach/sponsor Bill Beckman.

College Corner

The New SAT by Jennifer Caballero

As most of you students have heard, changes have been made to the SAT college admission exam. DON'T BE ALARMED! The changes are intended to work in your favor.

The questions on the redesigned SAT will be more straightforward and more relevant to what you are learning in the classroom. In other words, the focus of the new SAT will shift to better measure your scholastic knowledge rather than your ability to reason. Interestingly, the new SAT will more closely reflect its rival, the ACT.

What does this mean for you? Quite simply, the better you perform in your Advanced Placement classes, the better you should perform on the new SAT — and the ACT for that matter!

Below is mostly everything you need to know about the new SAT.

- It will roll out in spring 2016.
- It will no longer require an essay. It will have two required sections, math and evidence-based reading and writing, and an optional essay.
- For the optional essay, students will need to read a source document and analyze the author's use of evidence, reasoning and persuasive or stylistic technique.
- It will no longer penalize for wrong answers. Test-takers are encouraged to answer all of the questions to the best of their knowledge.
- It will once again be scored on a 400-to-1600-point scale. Both sections will be scored on a 200-to-800-point scale. The essay will be scored separately.
- The math section will focus on three key areas: linear equations; complex equations or functions; and ratios, percentages and proportional reasoning.
- Calculators will no longer be permitted on certain portions of the math section.
- In the reading and writing section, students will be asked to support answers with evidence.
- It will replace obscure vocabulary words with ones students are more likely to use in college and at work.
- An electronic version, i.e. on the computer, will be offered at certain locations.
- It will include a passage from an American founding document, such as the Declaration of Independence, or from an important text discussion, such as the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "Letter from the Birmingham Jail."
- The length of it will be about three hours, with an added 50 minutes for the essay.

Though the SAT is changing, the game plan remains the same: take both the SAT and ACT! If you want to improve your odds of getting accepted into the college of your choice, remember to test, test ... and test again!

Jennifer Caballero is the College Placement Director at MMA.

Appointments

Senior **Michael Huang** of Bellaire, Texas, received an appointment to both the United States Naval Academy and the United States Military Academy at West Point. Huang learned of the good news on March 18.

Huang, a fifth-year cadet, is not only the battalion commander but the valedictorian for the Class of 2014.



Senior Michael Huang of Bellaire, Texas

Don't Forget!

The last opportunity to take the SAT at MMA before the end of the school year is Saturday, May 3 at 8 a.m. in Coleman Hall.

FAFSA (financial aid) applications are due Monday, May 5. Go to FAFSA.ed.gov to apply.

AP exams run from May 5 to May 16. To see the schedule, visit the College Placement Office or search for the AP schedule at CollegeBoard.org.

Cadet of the Month - February

Bryce Vallot of Erath, La. - Alpha Company

Rank: Cadet Lance Corporal

Grade: 11, Activities: Baseball and jui jitsu

Future education goals: Obtain a degree in both architecture and sound engineering

Career goals: Serve in the Marine Corps and then start a recording business after retiring

Michael Durak of Mission, Texas - Delta Company

Rank: Cadet Private First Class

Grade: 10, Activity: Swimming

Future education goals: Attend Texas A&M University

Career goals: Become a law enforcement officer

Carlos Inman of Seabrook, Texas - Echo Company

Rank: Cadet Corporal

Grade: 10, Activity: Weightlifting

Future education goals: Join the corps of cadets at Texas A&M University

Career goals: Become a law enforcement officer

Chukwuemeka Atuma of Abuja, Nigeria - Fox Company

Rank: Cadet Private First Class

Grade: 10, Activity: Soccer

Future education goals: Attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology, major in engineering

Career goals: Pursue a career in the astronomy field

David Ige of Abuja, Nigeria - Golf Company

Rank: Cadet Corporal

Grade: Post-graduate, Activities: Cinematography & weightlifting

Future education goals: Study economics at Baze University in Abuja, Nigeria

Career goals: Pursue a career in international business

Kevin Casey-Sawyer of San Deigo - Leatherneck Band

Company: Golf, Rank: Cadet Private First Class

Grade: 12

Future education goals: Attend The Citadel and major in chemical engineering

Career goals: Become a Marine Corps infantry officer

Niko Bakanec of Salem, Wisc. - Silent Drill Team

Company: Alpha, Rank: Cadet Gunnery Sergeant

Grade: 11

Future education goals: Attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison and major in forestry

Career goals: Become an officer in the Marine Corps



Cadet of the Month - March

Luis Cervantes Fabela of Naucalpan de Juarez, Mexico - Alpha Company

Rank: Cadet Corporal
Grade: 10, Activity: Football
Future education goals: Attend a California college and major in engineering
Career goals: Join the U.S. Navy

Rene Rodriguez Ehrli of Mexico City - Delta Company

Rank: Cadet Private First Class
Grade: 8, Activity: Track
Future education goals: Attend a college in Mexico City
Career goals: Take over the family business and expand it

Logan Workman of Tomball, Texas - Echo Company

Rank: Cadet First Sergeant
Grade: 12, Activity: Weightlifting
Future education goals: Attend the United States Naval Academy, major in political science
Career goals: Become an attorney in the Navy and then start my own law firm in New York

Grant Taylor of Houston - Fox Company

Rank: Cadet Private First Class
Grade: 9, Activity: Baseball
Future education goals: Attend a Texas college, most likely the University of Texas at Austin
Career goals: Most likely become a petroleum engineer

Irvin Ie of Temple City, Calif. - Golf Company

Rank: Cadet Staff Sergeant
Grade: 11, Activity: Weightlifting
Future education goals: Attend medical school at UCLA, earn a medical degree
Career goals: Open a family health clinic

James Salter III of Houston - Leatherneck Band

Company: Alpha, Rank: Cadet Corporal
Grade: 12
Future education goals: Major in unmanned aerial systems at Kansas State University
Career goals: Become a drone pilot and "boldly go where no man has gone before"

Keon Burton of Manassas, Va. - Silent Drill Team

Company: Delta, Rank: Cadet Private First Class
Grade: 11
Future education goals: Attend Virginia Tech and major in political science
Career goals: Become an Army officer



Important Dates

- **May 3:** SAT, 8 a.m.
- **May 5:** FAFSA application due
- **May 17, 19-21:** 2nd Semester Exams
- **May 23:** Eagle Scout Ceremony, 10 a.m.
- **May 23:** Academic & Sports Awards Assembly, 1:30 p.m.
- **May 24:** Graduation Parade & Military Awards, 9 a.m.
- **May 24:** Graduation Ceremony, 11 a.m.
- **June 1:** Re-enrollment contracts for 2014-15 due
- **June 24:** Summer Camp Instructor check-in, by 6 p.m.
- **June 28:** Summer Camp registration, 8 a.m. to noon
- **July 25:** Summer Camp Field Meet, 5 p.m.
- **July 26:** Summer Camp Graduation, 9 a.m.
- **August 10:** Football Camp check-in, by 3 p.m.
- **August 10:** Leadership Orientation check-in, by 6 p.m.

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South Texas Senior Pageant

The MMA Color Guard participated in the South Texas Senior Pageant on Feb. 23. The cadets not only posted the colors at this event but escorted the contestants on and off stage. With their style, good looks and debonair, the cadets of MMA left quite an impression!



(Left to right) Senior Charles Beverly of Diamond Bar, Calif.; junior William Martin of Houston; senior Drew Hopkins of Harlingen, Texas; and post-graduate Ciaran Maguire of Davie, Fla., pose with a contestant at the South Texas Senior Pageant.

Institutional Advancement

Recent Donations

In Honor Of

- Brent J. Beverly
- Mrs. Gwendolyn Carson – MMA Delta Company Drill Instructor's Wife
- Bobby & Robin Farris
- Capt John D. Hall, III – MMA '95, NAPS '96, USNA 2000, USMC 2000-2009
- CWO3 Edward D. Harris, USMC (Ret) – MMA Alpha Company Drill Instructor
- 1stSgt Felix Hernandez, USMC (Ret) – MMA Golf Company Drill Instructor
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