

Cadets Earn "Outstanding" in All Areas During 2002 District Inspection

Despite frosty temperatures at the Academy, the Marine Military Academy Corps of Cadets passed the Marine Corps JROTC inspection, held on Friday, December 6, 2002 with flying colors. The inspection was conducted by members of the 8th Marine Corps District Office in New Orleans.

The Academy is one of 40 Marine Corps JROTC units in Texas and Louisiana that the District inspects each year to ensure each is following proper procedures as outlined by Headquarters Marine Corps.

The Academy and its Corps of Cadets are inspected in four main areas (Administration, Operations and Training, Cadet Events and Logistics) and a total of eight sub-areas.



CAPTAIN BIRGL from the 8th Marine Corps District Office looks over the cover of Cadet Troy Bernard while asking him a number of questions.



Cadet David Whittington stands at attention while the length of his trousers is checked.

In the past, MMA has done very well in the inspection, but this year was exceptional. The cadets received a resounding overall score of 99.22%, up from last year's score of 97.26%.

"Since September, the Corps of Cadets has been preparing for this inspection through weekly uniform inspection," stated MSgt Michael Krauss, Director of Operations. "On the day of the inspection, the cadets outdid the last sixteen years of inspection."

Cadets were graded on their personal appearance, performance in drill (as a team), military knowledge and leadership ability. Inspectors looked for such infractions as loose threads on uniforms and improperly worn covers, belts and rank insignias.

Additionally, the inspectors asked cadets questions about the Marine Corps and the government, such as who the Secretary of Navy is, or how many leadership principles there are. Any slipups along the way go down as a discrepancy.

Of the 378 cadets present for inspection, 240 received a noteworthy rank of zero discrepancies during the personnel inspection.

"The achievements described above could have only been accomplished by hard work on everyone's part," stated Commandant of Cadets Col James Gillis, USMC (Ret). "Their attention to detail, the unit leaders doing their jobs and the pride they all have for the Academy really came to light during the last three months getting ready

MID-TERM BRINGS IN NEW CADETS & CHANGES

On Saturday, January 4, 2003, the Marine Military Academy welcomed the new year with mid-term registration, a change of command at Alpha Company, and the beginning of another Introductory Training program.

Taking over the helm at Alpha Company is First Sergeant Bruce McPeters. He replaces CWO3 Ed Harris, who will return to give his full attention to the Marine Military Academy Band program.

"CWO Harris has done a tremendous job molding and leading Alpha Company. Alpha Company has performed very well under his charge and displayed the outstanding determination and attitude that is the hallmark of a professional and efficient unit. He deserves great credit for what he has accomplished and our personal

thanks. He has developed some outstanding leaders in the Company, but now that 1stSgt McPeters is on board and ready, WO Harris needs and wants to devote his attention and time to the Band and to teaching music. The Band has come a long way and with additional time and training, will be even better. Our best goes out to WO Harris and his family and a thanks for a job well done," states Commandant of Cadets Col Jim Gillis, USMC (Ret).

First Sergeant McPeters served 20 years and seven months of active duty in the Marine Corps before retiring last year. He served a majority of the time as a Field Artilleryman. Serving in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Marine Division as a cannoneer, he is a veteran of Beirut, Desert Shield, Desert Storm, and Somalia. His final assignment was the First Sergeant of Financial Management School, Camp Lejeune, N.C. He joined MMA on September 1, 2002 accompanied by his wife of 21 years, Cheryl. They are both Texas natives. They have one son, Bruce Jr.

"I am extremely excited and motivated about the opportunity to lead, mold, and develop the Cadets of Company "A". I



1stSgt Bruce McPeters

intend to put the major focus of effort on academics, while continually demanding self-discipline, courtesy, respect for others and positive growth. I will achieve these goals."

"1stSgt McPeters has my full confidence and trust that he will take the Company to the next level. The 1stSgt has extensive operational experience and first-hand leadership at the Company and Battalion levels. He will be a great asset to the Corps of Cadets and offers a new perspective from

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Hiring and retaining the best for cadet education

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The Annual Fund helps bridge the gap between tuition revenue and the actual cost of the operating budget. Sources for this fund are the donations received from friends of the Academy. These gifts provide the extras that are so important in the life of cadets.

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The Academy wishes to express its sincere sympathy to the family of Robert Eric Schmitt, who passed away on November 14, 2002.

Schmitt taught history and coached football and track for many years.

He married Kathleen Stearns in 1971 and graduated from Buena Vista College in Storm Lake, Iowa. He joined the USMC, serving as an artillery officer. After leaving active duty, he taught in several area schools in Iowa. In 1981, he returned to duty in the Army as a Captain at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and with the 82nd Airborne at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina.

Eric is survived by his wife, Kathy; daughter Lisa (Bill) Anders of Houston; daughter-in-law Jennifer Betham-Lang of Colton, California; mother Agnes and sister Paula of Boxford, MA; brother Gregory (Carol) of Annapolis, Maryland; sister Barbara (Brian) D'Arcy of Clarence,



New York and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his father, Jeremiah Robert Schmitt and son Jeremiah Alan Schmitt, who passed away in 2000.

Pallbearers were his friends and co-workers from the Academy. The family has asked that memorials be given to the Marine Military Academy.

MMA Boy Scouts Earn Special Awards this Semester

If you attended the Parents Weekend and Birthday Ball, you probably noticed quite a few of the cadets wearing a new medal on their dress blue uniform. Thirty-nine MMA Boy Scouts had successfully completed all of the requirements for the U.S. Heritage Award just in time for the big weekend.

Among the ten requirements, each Scout had to name all 50 states, know the significance of many of the important dates in U.S. history, identify the 12 parts of the U.S. Flag and flagpole, participate in a community service project and know the first two verses of the National Anthem. Do you know the 2nd verse of "The Star Spangled Banner?"

Thanks to the hard work and commitment of LtCol Ed Lewis, one of MMA's truly great teachers, the following MMA Boy Scouts earned the U.S. Heritage Award: James Curran, Thomas Carroll, Andrew Novak, Arturo Brana, Michael Harnden, Javier Bernal, Ted Vandernaillen, Joshua Paulson, Frank Stepleton, Anthony Spaise, Rafael Alvarez, David Miller, Andrew Aristizabal, Mark McCord, Jared Spencer, Kostas Lazanas, Neema Nazif, Jefferson Thacker, Clinton Behrens, Eduardo Cortina, Victor Garza, Lloyd Prince, Bannon Lomahaquahu, Joel Birden, Warren Davis, Zachary Bowen, Aubrey Snider, Thomas Curran, Alberto Brandon Pina, Omeed Ghaffarian, Jarod Faulk, Jason Merriam, Evan McCord, Alan Holt, Ronald Sylvest, Wenceslao Romo, Alexander Driscoll and Ovais Khalil.

Several additional Scouts are continuing to work towards this award and expect



MMA SCOUT David Miller throws his dad, David, during a self-defense demonstration at WinterCamp 2002. Photo taken by VMS photographer Ric Vasquez.

to finish in the near future. Thanks again to LtCol Lewis for his assistance to the Scouting program at MMA and for his extra time and support for each of the cadets.

In addition to the U.S. Heritage Award, the MMA Boy Scout Troop has conducted several camping trips and other activities during the Fall Semester. The following cadets have earned the First Aid Merit Badge: Remington LaHaye, Jim Combs, Amir Shah, Evan McCord, Thomas Curran, Ronald Petrie, James Curran, Zachary Bowen, Arturo Brana, Eric Folmsbee and Jonathan Hood.

The following MMA Boy Scouts have also advanced in Scout Rank: David Miller and Sean Darby, Star Scout and Spencer Mennis to Second and First Class ranks. Eric Folmsbee, Gangshan Shi, Robert McFadden, Christopher Latos, Jason

Hiller and Dane Sylvest have each earned both Scout and Tenderfoot. Zachary Bowen was awarded the Tenderfoot rank and both Xin Tan and Parker Betts were presented with their Scout ranks.

The Academy and Troop 22 are also very proud to announce that Tyson Basora, a senior from Vernon, Texas, is the first Scout to successfully complete all of the requirements for the Eagle Scout Award this year. He will be presented with the Eagle Badge at a special ceremony in May. Several other MMA Boy Scouts are also expected to earn the coveted Eagle Scout Award during this school year.

At the recently held Rio Grande Council Indian Lore Weekend, the following cadets earned the Indian Lore Merit Badge: Zachary Bowen, Robert McFadden, Hiroyoshi Ohara, Thomas Curran, James Curran, Neema Nazif, Eric Folmsbee, Chris Latos, Parker Betts, Ronald Petrie, Xin Tan, Jonathan Hood and Thomas Carroll.

With the semester coming to a close, nearly thirty MMA Boy Scouts stated they were planning to attend camp for a full week during their Christmas break at Camp Perry for the Rio Grande Council's Annual Winter Camp. Each of these cadets attending had the opportunity to earn several of the merit badges required for the Eagle Scout Award.

Over 90 cadets have participated in the Marine Military Academy's Boy Scout program during the first half of this school year.



DISTRICT ATTORNEY Yolanda De Leon recently spoke to Boy Scout Troop 22 during a their regularly scheduled meeting.

Cadets of the Month for November

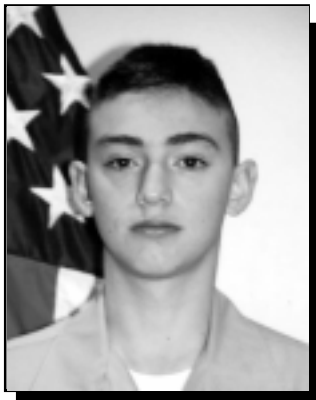
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"Those selected are to be commended for their outstanding performance." - Col. James Gillis, USMC (Ret)
Commandant of Cadets

Alpha Company
NICHOLAS JAY KEATING
Junior - Katy, TX
"He has shown consistent growth in responsibility and dependability. He has put his focus on his academics, raising his grades significantly from last year in public school." - CWO3 Ed Harris, USMC (Ret)



Charlie Company
BRYAN DUANE BUSHNER
Sophomore - Oceanside, CA
"Bushner is a mature, intelligent and dedicated cadet. He is always willing to help and can be relied upon in any situation to accomplish the mission." - SgtMaj Al Szczepek, USMC (Ret)



Delta Company
FRANK J MORALES
Sophomore - Brownsville, Tx
"As a result of Cadet Morales' motivation and work ethic, he has earned the respect of the seniors and subordinates in the Company. He is serious, conscientious and motivated." - SgtMaj Larry Carson, USMC (Ret)



Echo Company
MATHEW JOEL DARBY
Junior - Copley, Ohio
"Cadet Darby displays excellence in his academic and military duties. He follows a high set of personal standards in appearance and bearing." - GySgt Kosta Maravelias, USMC (Ret)

Fox Company
VICTOR MANUEL QUINOES
Junior - San Antonio, TX
"He is very proficient in his duties, very respectful and has the respect of his peers and company staff. He has a very bright future ahead if he keeps on this track." - 1stSgt Alvin Thomas, USMC (Ret)



Golf Company
CHRIS ABRAHAM VELASQUEZ
Post Grad - Kaufman, TX
"This cadet is a fine young man who has adjusted to life at MMA very well. His maturity is evident in everything he does. He will take action in the absence of orders." - SgtMaj Albert Wilson, USMC (Ret)



Bandsman
JUVENTINO MARTIN VILLANUEVA
Freshman - San Antonio, TX
"He shows exceptional enthusiasm as a musician. His dedication to music is only surpassed by his means to motivate other cadets. He is professional and determined." - CWO3 Ed Harris, USMC (Ret)



Drill Team/Color Guard
SCOTT JASON MCPROUTY
Freshman - Suttercreek, CA
"He has exhibited the determination to become the best member on the Drill Team. He displays outstanding growth potential as a leader." - GySgt Kosta Maravelias, USMC (Ret)

Cadets of the Month for December

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Commandant of Cadets

Alpha Company
ANDREW CONOVER
ENGLISH

Sophomore - Lake Jackson, TX
"He has shown major improvement over the past few months.

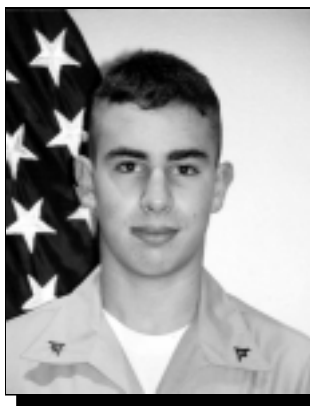
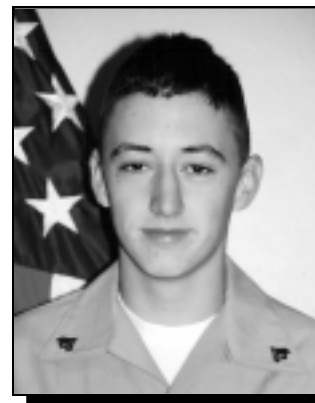
As a squad leader he has exercised exceptional leadership skills and a desire for increased responsibility." - CWO3 Ed Harris, USMC (Ret)



Charlie Company
CHAD SAMUEL
MYERS

Junior - Temple, TX

"An intelligent, dedicated young man. He is admired by the other cadets for his motivated demeanor and optimistic attitude. He has a great future here." - SgtMaj Al Szepeck, USMC (Ret)



Delta Company
ADAM BENJAMIN
KESSEL

Sophomore - Calabasas, CA

"Cadet Kessel has demonstrated outstanding potential and performed his duties in an excellent manner. He has a 'can-do' attitude and an unselfish work ethic." - SgtMaj Larry Carson, USMC (Ret)



Echo Company
JUSTIN SANTI
SANTOLAYA

Sophomore - Monterey, Mexico

"This cadet is motivated, enthusiastic and is developing the leadership that is required to become a leader in Echo Company." - GySgt Kosta Maravelias, USMC (Ret)

Fox Company
PATRICK NEALON
ALLEN

Junior - Missouri City, TX

"He has made incredible strides over this and previous years. He has very good leadership skills and knows how to direct and guide his subordinates." - 1stSgt Alvin Thomas, USMC (Ret)



Golf Company
RAUL PACCHIANO

Junior - Queretaro, MEX

"Pacchiano is a fine young man who has adjusted to life at MMA. He gives 100% at all tasks assigned." - SgtMaj Albert Wilson, USMC (Ret)



Bandsman
JOHN-GABRIEL
GUILLEN

Senior - San Antonio, TX

"He works tirelessly to improve his playing skills. He is a great young man with a great attitude and I know he will be one of my key leaders in the future." - CWO3 Ed Harris, USMC (Ret)



Drill Team/Color Guard
DEREK MATTHEW
HUFFINE

Senior - El Segundo, CA

"This cadet is a devoted leader assisting in instruction of the Drill Team and has spent many numerous hours assisting in the preparation of the Amory for the upcoming inspection." - GySgt Kosta Maravelias, USMC (Ret)



Annual Children's Christmas Party Hosted by MMA Cadets

Thursday, December 12, 2002 at the Annual Children's Christmas party presented the Corps of Cadets with a major milestone, which they successfully met. Attendance at annual party may have been the largest in MMA's history.

The Corps hosted children of Academy employees, Rio Grande Children's Home, Sunny Glen Children's Home, and Le Moyne Gardens Head Start. Between 140 and 150 eager and wide-eyed children between the ages of 0 to 14 anxiously awaited the arrival of Santa Claus.

Cadets served as escorts throughout the evening, which included performances by the Band and the Silent Drill Team, the Mess Hall's famous hamburgers and

hotdogs, and finally distribution of gifts for every guest. Santa and his elves provided individual gifts (by name) to each child.

Special thanks to Patty Cavazos and her able assistants Craig Darby, Rory Larson, Derek Huffine, Christopher Vega, Adam Kessel, Joshua Gasaway, Miguel Oritz, Clayton Duncan, and David Whittington who helped with the decorations and distribution of gifts.

Additional thanks go out to Carlos

Centeno and the Mess Hall crew for their fabulous support, without which this event would never happen.

As always, thanks to CWO3 Ed Harris and GYSGT Kosta Maravellias for their work with the Band and Drill Team who once again provided everyone with a great show. Finally, thanks to Paula Frizzell and Barbara Bean for their extra help in obtaining the gifts for all our guests.



Big Thanks to MMA Parent Rob Bowen



MMA PARENT Rob Bowen has taken on the monumental task of restoring and renovating the paintball course. He has moved and added obstacles, built a shooting house and expanded the size of the course. Our many thanks for all his effort and contributions towards this project.

TOP RIGHT: Cadet Eric Flores helps one of the children from LeMoyne Gardens Head Start program with his hamburger during the Children's Christmas party. CENTER LEFT: Santa Claus made a lot of children very happy during the Christmas party. CENTER RIGHT: Who is having more fun - Cadet Phil Dean or the cute little girl on his shoulders?

Mid-Term Registration - continued...

his past experiences. He is a very capable and proven trainer and this ability will show in his training of Alpha Company," states Col Gillis. "We are lucky to have a Marine of this caliber as one of our DIs. I encourage all of the parents from Alpha Company to welcome the 1stSgt and his wife to the family. He will make a significant and positive impact on our cadets."

Registering for the mid-term were approximately 50 new students from all over the United States, Mexico, Israel and China. Of these new 8th - 11th grade students, 41 of them are enrolled in the Introductory Training program and will be considered "plebes" for the next 28 days, until Plebe graduation on February 1, 2003.

This year, Plebe Company aka "Phoenix Company" will be housed together in Bravo barracks, under the guidance of MSgt William Lunday and GySgt Frank Martinez. This is different from years past where they have been divided among the six companies.

Assisting the two drill instructors are



13 Cadet Instructors from the Corps of Cadets. Battalion Staff Cadet Maj Michael Altieri and Cadet SgtMaj Alberto Pina are also providing assistance with the training.

The use of Cadet Instructors helps with the transition from home life to Academy life. "The CI's themselves have all been through this training, thus giving them the tools to relate to the plebes on all aspects of the training," said MSgt Lunday.

For the next month, the plebes' day will be filled with their regular academic schedule and with teaching them all the military aspects of the Academy. They will learn everything from how to stand at attention, proper wearing of their uniforms, the history and customs of the Marine Corps, common courtesy, marching, physical training and how to negotiate the COPE, Confidence, Obstacle and Speed March Reaction Course.

The culmination of the training will be the Crucible, an endurance and team- building event, which is conducted the night before Plebe graduation.

Parents are encouraged to attend the graduation to see their sons for

the first time in a month. "They get to see the changes that have occurred in just a short 28 days, the pride their son walks with, the discipline he now demonstrates and the confidence he has to be able to accomplish anything he sets his mind to," noted Lunday.

MSgt Lunday stated that there are several plebes who have already begun to stand out as leaders and have been put into plebe leadership positions, such as Squad Leaders and Platoon Guides. Some of these young men have had prior JROTC experience,

while others have never been around the military at all.

Plebe Nicholas Rhodes from Alameda, California, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Rhodes, and Plebe Samuel Edwards from Yonkers, New York, son of Mr. Vernon Edwards and Mrs

Sharon Edwards, have earned the jobs of Platoon guides for 1st and 2nd Platoons respectively.

About these two young men, MSgt Lunday states "both of these young men have shown drive, motivation and initiative from the beginning. That's some of what we are looking for here at the Academy. For those who still have not found that yet, we're here to help find it."



TOP PHOTO: Cadet Instructor Linwood Cook (2nd left) leads plebes (l-r) David Briggs, Brooks Artique, Steven Briggs and Earl Frye to the Quartermaster's Shop.

LEFT PHOTO: Barber Joe Handy does what he does best to plebe Preston Meyers, a mid-termer from Dallas, Texas. RIGHT PHOTO: Plebe William Goodloe gets fitted for his cover in the tailor shop.



What MMA means to me - Jacalyn Seelhorst

Jacalyn (Jacay) Seelhorst has been teaching some sort of computer class for almost 10 years. Prior to that, she was an industrial technology teacher. She is a graduate of Northern State University in Aberdeen, South Dakota and has been teaching at MMA for 8 years.

Leader: What is the name of your class?

Seelhorst: I teach several, but the one I enjoy most is Computer Information Systems II or CIS II.

Leader: What grades usually take this class?

Seelhorst: All grades can take this class - 8th thru 12th.

Leader: I know that one of the most popular aspects of this class is the Trading Card project. Explain a little about this project.

Seelhorst: There are five parts to the semester final exam and the Trading Card Project is one part of it. The semester final is a 3-week project that involves putting together a portfolio of computer work done in my class.

Leader: What does it take to put together a portfolio and what is the purpose of this project?

Seelhorst: To complete the portfolio, the students must (1) create a data file with the addresses of four different colleges, write a letter of inquiry to the colleges, and merge the form letter with the data source to produce four letters with envelopes. (2) Design a resume to be used for college application (use of templates is not allowed). (3) Compile the team stats from a sport at MMA into a spreadsheet. (4) Choose an athlete from that sport and design a trading card. (5) Develop a slide presentation highlighting the season for that sport.

Leader: What percentage of their grade is from the trading card project?

Seelhorst: The Trading Card Project is 20% of the semester final exam grade. The semester final is 20% of the semester grade.



Leader: How long you have been doing this?

Seelhorst: I've been doing this project for about six years. It started out as a single project and was a quarter exam all by itself in the beginning. It has been a popular project and when I revamped my curriculum, I wanted to keep it as part of the class.

Leader: Why did you choose this for a project?

Seelhorst: We were using WordPerfect in the class at the time, and I was looking for a project that tied in all aspects of what they learned in WP. WordPerfect is a more 'graphic-friendly' word processing program and it worked real well. It was very challenging for the students to have to think of the use of word processing tools in that way, but the first time a student came to me with his finished card in his trembling hand and said, "I didn't think I could ever do something like this!", I knew I had a good project.

Leader: Do the boys enjoy doing this project?

Seelhorst: It is one of the more popular projects that I do and I see in the students, a greater desire to do well, and more effort put into this project than some of my other projects. There is always an interest in looking at the old cards, especially if they see someone they know who's no longer at

MMA. When they choose an athlete for the card, they can't choose themselves. When they finish their card, they have four completed and cut out cards. One they give to me to grade and the others they can keep or give to the athlete they chose. Usually they give them out to the athletes. Sometimes I take them and give them to the coaches to hand out. I always get some appreciative feedback from the boys who received the cards. It's nice to walk down the hall and have a cadet who has never been my student stop me to tell me how glad he is to have gotten the card. Once I had a student who printed out several copies to cut and laminate because the mother of that athlete wanted some cards. It's been a fun project over the years and it's fun to go back and remember the cadets on the face of the card. Unfortunately, the creator of the card disappears into history as time goes by, but the face on the card is always remembered.

Leader: It's been very popular, however, is there anything you do differently now with the project than in years past?

Seelhorst: In the past, the year was not included on the card, so now I make sure my students include the year on the card. Looking back at them now, I can't remember what year they were done, and it would be nice to know that. The other thing I would have liked to have done from the beginning is to have kept the files on disk from each card. I've had cadets ask me if they could have a card from years past that they see on my board and regrettably I can't let them have one.

T.A.P.S. District 2-51 Football Season Results

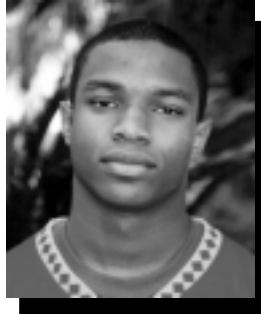
1ST TEAM - ALL DISTRICT

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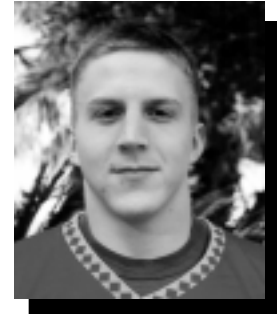
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RUNNING BACK



Emmanuel Hawkins

TIGHT END



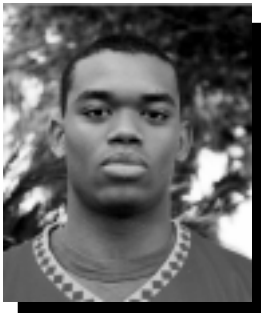
Jacob Mayo

LEFT GUARD



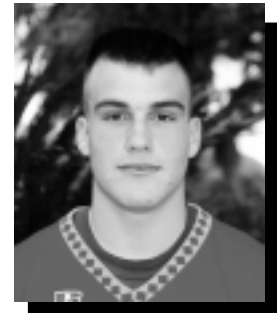
Brad Miller

WIDE RECEIVER- DEFENSIVE BACK



Adam Perry

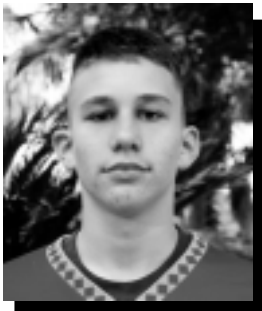
LINEBACKER



Andrew Winney

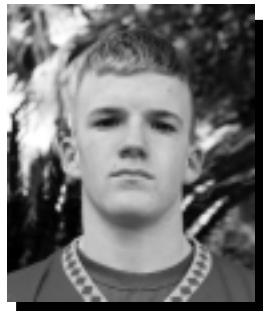
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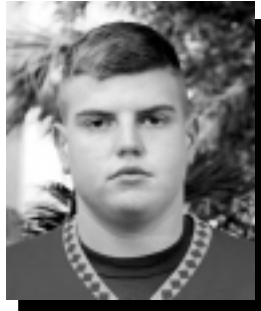
Parker Betts

LINEBACKER



Josh Gasaway

RIGHT GUARD



Adam Gilles

LINEBACKER



Omeed Ghaffarian

DEFENSIVE LINE



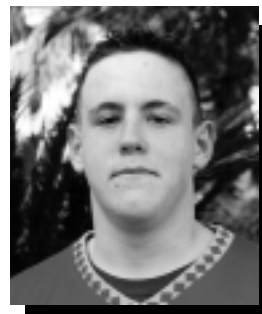
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FULLBACK

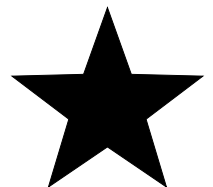
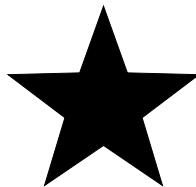


Aaron Schriver

LINEBACKER



Shawn Smith



Leatherneck Sports Wrap-up

LEATHERNECKS RALLY FROM 15-0 HALF TIME DEFICIT

The Leathernecks entered post-season play with a record of 7 wins, 2 losses, and a District runner-up title.

On November 16, MMA played host to El Paso Cathedral for the TAPPS Bi-District play-off game.

El Paso Cathedral went on the board first with an 11-yard touchdown run and converted on the 2-point try as the Irish took an 8-0 first quarter lead.

In the second quarter, turnovers killed the Leathernecks when the Irish intercepted a pass and recovered a fumble that led to another score - halftime: Cathedral 15 - MMA 0.

In the second half, MMA woke up and came to play as they scored twice in the third quarter and once in the fourth! Jacob Mayo scored on a 6-yard touchdown catch in the third quarter and also converted the 2-point try to cut the lead to 15-8. Later in the third quarter, Adam Perry's 27-yard touchdown catch from Parker Betts and



ADAM PERRY takes the ball from Parker Betts during a play against El Paso Cathedral

Oscar Guerrero's extra point kick tied the game at 15-15.

MMA took the lead for the first time in the game early in the fourth quarter when Aaron Schriver scored from 2-yards out, after Emmanuel Hawkins' 67 yard burst off tackle from the 18-yard line. Oscar Guerreros' kick was good for a 22-15 lead.

With 3:16 left in the game, the Irish scored on a 23-yard T.D. to put the score at 22-21. The Irish decided to go for two but MMA's defense held tough and stopped the runner at the one-foot line.

With the win, MMA improved to 8-2 and a trip to Houston to play in the State Quarter-Finals.

STATE QUARTERFINALS - MMA - 27 ST. PIUS X - 56

St. Pius X of Houston put an end to MMA's season November 23, with a 56 - 27 victory.

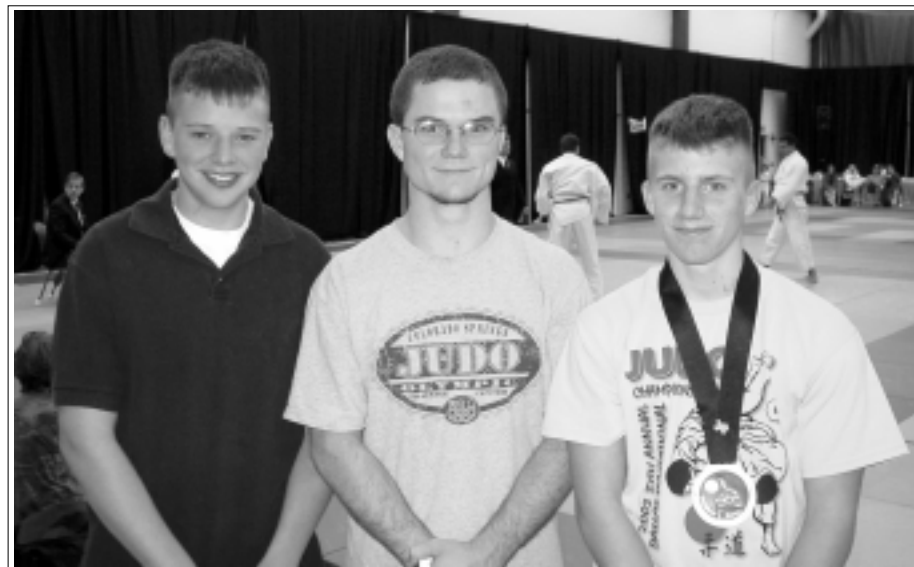
St. Pius scored first on an 11- yard run to take a 7-0 lead. After three downs MMA was forced to punt and St. Pius took over on their own 32-yard line.

On third down St. Pius attempted a pass that was picked off by Adam Perry and returned 48 yards for a touchdown; Oscar Guerrero's kick tied the game at 7 - 7.

St. Pius scored two more touchdowns to take a 21 - 7 halftime lead. St. Pius proved to be too much for the Leathernecks as they scored 35 straight points to put the clamps on the game and advance into the T.A.P.P.S. Semi-finals.

Emmanuel Hawkins scored three touchdowns for MMA on runs of 18,5, and 11 - yards. Jacob Mayo scored a 2 -point conversion to make the final score 56 - 27, and finish the season at 8 - 3.

2002 Dallas Invitational Judo Championship



Two MMA cadets and one former cadet participated in the 2002 Dallas Invitational Judo Championships held on Nov. 30, 2002 in Dallas, Texas.

Cadet Chase Gray participated in and brought home a 2nd Place medal in the Junior Division. Cadets Fisher and Gray participated in hard fought matches in the Senior Men's Novice Division.

Former cadet DuBose also participated in the Senior Men's Division. Pictured above are (l-r) cadets Fisher, former cadet Sean DuBose and 2nd place winner Chase Gray.

FALL SEASON ROUND-UP

LEATHERNECK BASKETBALL

January

- 21 *V/JV @ Brownsville St Joseph
- 24 V/JV @ San Perlita
- 28 *V/JV @ Laredo St. Augustine
- 31 *V/JV vs San Antonio Antonian

February

- 1 *V/JV vs Victoria St Joseph
- 4 *V/JV vs Brownsville St Joseph

* denotes district games



Alumni Weekend
April 4-6
All Classes Welcome

2002-2003 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM



The Leatherneck Varsity Basketball team consists of cadets (l-r) Feldman, Enderlin, McCord, Pina, Elegar, Perry, Gilles, Soqui and Prince. They are coached by (center) Coach Amos Salas.

2002-2003 JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM



The Leatherneck Junior Varsity Basketball team consists of cadets (l-r) Hubbard, Myers, Morgan, Lee, Zapata, Ortiz, Bernal, Acevedo, Paulson and Elliott. They are coached by (center) Coach Troy Kaznowski.

Soccer



The 2002-03 Leatherneck Soccer Team: Front (l-r) Meneses, Garcia, Bordes, Birden, Duncan, Carroll, Sandoval, Swiggard; Middle (l-r) Coach Cristobal, Maldonado, Ancira, Romo, Davis, Brana, Johnson, Negrete, Lameli, Palomares; Back (l-r) Coach Compton, Graves, Guerreo, Garcia, Maddox, Gonzalez, Flores, Singh, Hou, Chen, Sun, Jiminez, Cortina, Coach Barba, Coach Ross & Archie. Not pictured are Armour, Anderson, Garcia & Torres.

The MMA soccer team has only played one TAPPS game thus far. They lost their opener to Antonian College Prep by a score of 4-1.

Since the opening game the team has held a series of three scrimmage games against a soccer club team from McAllen.

Although the teams they have been playing are much older and more experienced, the Leathernecks have gained valuable experience during these matches and their performance has shown a marked improvement from the first scrimmage, which they lost 5-1, to the most recent which they lost 3-2.

It is hoped that the experience gained in these matches will serve them well when they begin TAPPS play in January.

Calendar of Events

January

31 Academic Awards Ceremony

February

1 Plebe Graduation
 14 HM Smith Foundation Dinner
 15 HM Smith Parade
 19 Iwo Jima Parade

March

4-7 Quarter Exams
 7 Begin Spring Break
 16 End Spring Break

April

4-6 Alumni Weekend
 5 Alumni Parade
 12 ACT

Memorials

Col Vincent Albers, USMC (Ret)
 Jeane Ashcraft
 BGen Victor Barraco, USMC
 Col James H. Barton, USMCR (Ret)
 Willard R. Barton
 Michael W. Bean
 Col Clifton M. Craig, USMC (Ret)
 Mr. Gene Crowe
 Mr. Dan S. Davis
 Dr. John M. Ellis
 Claude Gaines
 Col States R. Jones, Jr., USMC (Ret)
 LtCol J. Landrum, Jr.
 Horace Lightsey
 Mrs. Myrtle Mason
 Brigadier General Walter S. McIlhenny,
 USMCR (Ret)
 LtGen John N. McLaughlin,
 USMC (Ret)
 Maj Larry Robinson, USMC - KIA
 RVN, '69
 CWO Oscar D. Sayre, USMC (Ret)
 Eric Schmitt - employee
 Col Lyman D. Spurlock, USMC (Ret)
 Joe O. Tobul
 Mr. Tommy Waggoner
 Mr. F. William Whatley, Jr.
 William Zeltman - KIA 11-29-50, Korea

In Honor Of
 J. Rob Walker's
 U.S. Marine Corps Service during WWII
 from his daughter Becky W. Andrews

In Honor Of
 J. Rob Walker's Marine Service
 from Mr. & Mrs. Richard F. Nelson

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for this important inspection."

Col Gillis added "MMA has once again earned the Military Science Award for Excellence, an award few JROTC programs receive."

Receiving an "outstanding" grade has even greater importance this year because it has been decided that schools will be inspected every other year now, instead of on an annual basis, therefore a school lives with the score they attain for two years.

"This inspection and the outstanding

results are reflective of effort and mission focus by our cadets and the cadet leadership," said Col Gillis. "The Corps of Cadets really did show their best and proved once again that this Academy is truly unique and follows the training and standards of the USMC."

After the inspection, Charlie Company was presented the plaque for the "Best Inspected Company" Award while Delta Company took first place in the drill evaluation, receiving the "Best Drill Platoon" Award.

In Memory Of and In Honor Of:
 The First Marine Division
 at
 The Frozen Chosin Reservoir
 Korea 1950

In Honor Of
 Dan and Carol Hall