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Special Events

Graduation Ceremony

It was a bittersweet moment for Marine Military Academy seniors as they walked across the stage on graduation day. The ceremony marked the end of their time at the college-preparatory institution and the beginning of the rest of their lives.

The 52nd MMA commencement exercises happened May 19 at Yeckel Auditorium. Cadets listened as class Valedictorian **Huan He** of Shanghai, China, and Salutatorian **Zihao Li**, of Jinhua, China, spoke about their experiences at the academy and how those helped them prepare for the future.

Guest speaker Logan W. Moore echoed the cadets' sentiment. He

said the discipline learned at the academy gave him the courage and determination to become an offshore oilfield diver and eventually the owner of one of the fastest-growing oilfield diving companies in the nation.

Moore asked cadets to treasure the bond they created with their classmates and shared an emotional account of the stranger with whom he shared his room and would later become like his brother.

Then, it was time for the cadets to receive the piece of parchment paper certifying them as MMA graduates. The 52 young men shared embraces and shed a few tears before beginning their next chapter in life.



MMA Superintendent Col R. Glenn Hill and guest speaker Logan W. Moore.



Valedictorian Huan He of Shanghai, China, speaks about his time at MMA.



Graduates Rirchad Lee of Houston (left), and Juan Carmona of Cancún, Mexico, after the ceremony.



Senior Giancarlo Betti Hernández of Huixquilucan, Mexico, leads the hat toss.

Special Events

Alumni Reunion

Daniel Salgado remembers his time at Marine Military Academy as the definitive formative years of his life.

"You get here and find out that you are on your own. That's when you learn to rely on your roommate ... that's when you develop courage," the 1989 graduate said.

"This school changed my life," he said.

Salgado was one of 32 MMA graduates who returned to Harlingen April 20 for this year's alumni reunion. The yearly event draws members of many of MMA's graduating classes.

The weekend of fun kicked off Friday with morning colors. The alumni and

their families joined MMA cadets as they stood at attention while Old Glory fluttered in the brisk morning air.

After the assembly, some of the former students made their way to the academy's Back 40 for an adrenaline rush.

The men relived their plebe training as they rappelled and zip-lined before heading back to the mess hall for a hearty lunch.

Members of the community joined the celebration at 4 p.m. during the Alumni Reunion Parade.

Later in the day, the festivities moved to South Padre Island. The next day, a group of former cadets boarded the Hard Bottom Too for a »»»



GySgt Frank Martinez welcomes a former cadet during MMA's Alumni Reunion.



Chacho Padilla, Class of 88 (left), and Daniel Salgado, Class of 89, arrive at MMA.



Kevin Jackson, Class of 81, reels in a catfish during the MMA Alumni Reunion fishing trip.



Bill Fanning, Class of 79, inspects one of the rifles raffled during the 2018 Alumni Reunion Dinner on South Padre Island.



Marine Military Academy alumni returned to Harlingen for the yearly reunion.

Recent Events

Alumni Reunion

»» morning of fishing in the Laguna Madre waters. Between casts, the men reminisced about their time at MMA and spoke about their successes in life after leaving the academy.

The alumni and their families gathered later in the day at the Hilton Garden Inn for the reunion dinner. MMA Superintendent Col R. Glenn Hill addressed the attendees before this year's raffle.

The "brothers" left the event determined to come back next year to keep that special bond among themselves and MMA staff alive. It's a connection that GySgt Frank Martinez

understands and treasures.

You get here and find out that you are on your own. That's when you learn to rely on your roommate ... that's when you develop courage."

*- Daniel Salgado
Class of 1988*

"There is no bond like that of the drill instructor and the cadet. When I see the alumni say to me, 'thank you, Sir' it means something," Martinez said.

"They will tell you that (initially) they really didn't want to be here, but MMA made them a better person, a better father, a better husband. ... They appreciate mom and dad," Gunny Martinez said.

"The only reason that I have been at MMA for 22 years is because we make a difference in these young men's lives ... forever," Martinez said.

Yearbook Party

Marine Military Academy cadets and staff gathered at Neuhaus Mess Hall for the release of the 2018 Pass in Review during the Yearbook Party May 11.

The theme of this yearbook was "Focus."

At the party, the cadets and faculty flipped through the pages to find photos of themselves and friends. They also took turns autographing their books.



Eight-grader Camden Vail Ritchey of Houston (left), and Junior Chukwunonso Odimba of Carrollton, Texas, flip through their yearbooks.

The event signaled the beginning of the end of academic year 2017-2018 at the academy.

Eagle Scout



Junior Pierre Bonnimond, of Paris, France, received the Eagle Scout award during the MMA Boys Scouts Troop 22 Court of Honor.

Cadet **Pierre Bonnimond** of the Marine Military Academy Boy Scout Troop 22 received the highly coveted Eagle Scout award at a special Court of Honor ceremony May 18 at Yeckel Auditorium.

Scoutmaster SgtMaj James Poe led the Eagle Charge and Eagle Promise. MMA staff and invited members were on stage to assist in presenting the awards and uniform accessories to this newly minted Eagle Scout.

Bonnimond overcame many personal challenges while maintaining a steadfast attitude towards earning this award over a lengthy period of time. This is a special, noteworthy lifetime leadership achievement for a young man.

ESL Book Unveiling

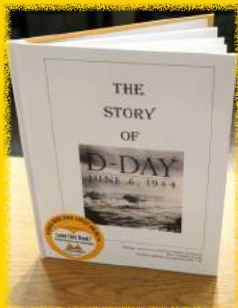
Budding authors and illustrators showcased their work during the second Marine Military Academy ESL Book Exhibit.

Cadets answered questions from their peers and faculty as they perused the literary works before them. The event happened April 11 at the Cadet Activity Center.

The students worked under the guidance of ESL Teacher Sally Fuerte and English Teacher Janie Martinez.

Cadets explored topics ranging from food to life at MMA.

The hard- or soft-bound books can be ordered online by visiting <https://studenttreasures>.



ESL students show their literary works during the recent book viewing at MMA's Cadet Activity Center.

Recent Events

Spring Fling

Friday the 13th was a lucky day for many Marine Military Academy cadets as they were joined by their families for a weekend of fun during the 2018 Spring Fling.

The event, organized by the Marine Military Academy Parents organization, began with morning colors Friday. Cadets and their families spent the rest of the morning visiting teachers at the Cadet Activity Center and in their classrooms.

Later in the afternoon, Yeckel Auditorium came to life with a talent show. Cadets sang, danced and played instruments to the delight of their families, peers and MMA faculty and staff. The event was preceded by the Senior Ring Ceremony.

MMA Superintendent Col R. Glenn Hill presented the rings to: Junior **Ruben Arellano Jr.** of Chatsworth, Calif.; Junior **John Paul Boersching II** of Washington, Texas; Junior **Joshua Lewis Curry** of San Antonio; Senior **Peter Joseph Olson** of Clovis, Calif.; and Junior **Trevor Roberts** of



Junior Bryan Streiff of Nevada City, Calif., is all smiles during Casino Night.

Fairbanks, Alaska.

The fun ramped up at dusk as cadets and their families tried their hands at the tables during "Casino Night." The excitement was palpable as the participants played the odds for prizes, all while enjoying delicious desserts.

Saturday morning brought a cool breeze perfect for zip-lining and rappelling at the Back 40. Cadets and their families listened intently as MMA instructors explained the safety procedures. Moments later they filed into the tower to leap into a morning of excitement.



MMA cadets and their families enjoyed a morning of zip-lining and rappelling during the recent Spring Fling. The annual event is organized by the Marine Military Academy Parents Organization.

Recent Events

General H.M. Smith Dinner

Perseverance and determination took a young boy from the impoverished streets of Deep South Texas to outer space. The words resonated with the crowd at the 2018 General H.M. Smith Dinner.

The man delivering that inspiring message was former NASA astronaut Col Michael Fossum. He was the recipient of the 2018 Iwo Jima Leadership Award and guest speaker at the event April 5 at the Florence E. King Field Athletic Center. He was recognized for his countless achievements and tireless efforts to promote education.

Fossum reminded cadets that the traits that took him from the dusty streets of McAllen, to the International Space Station and eventually to the helm of Texas A&M-Galveston are the same core values being instilled in them at MMA.

The former Air Force colonel encouraged cadets to treasure everything they are learning at MMA and to use that to forge a better future for themselves and others.



Felicia Carlisle dons her new blue blazer after being inducted as a General H.M. Smith fellow.

During the event Felicia Carlisle and Mike Davis received their blue blazers after being inducted as General H.M. Smith fellows.

Carlisle is part of the academics department at MMA. Her roots run deep in San Benito and countless altruistic activities made her a worthy recipient of the award. Davis served with the Marine Corps in Vietnam and went on to become the sheriff of El Paso County. He later earned a doctorate in jurisprudence.



Col R. Glenn Hill (left), Senior Giancarlo Betti Hernandez and MMA Board of Trustees Chairman Richard Moxley present the Iwo Jima Leadership award to Col Michael Fossum.

Teacher of the Year

General Studies teacher Mike Morton was named the Marine Military Academy 2018 Teacher of the Year at the Annual Awards May 18 in Yeckel Auditorium. Morton is known for his tireless work ethic and innovative instructional techniques.



General Studies teacher Mike Morton stands on stage as the 2018 Teacher of the Year.

Rotary Interact

The Rotary Interact Club of Harlingen recognized Senior **René Rodríguez Ehrli** of Mexico City, Mexico, for his commitment to community service. Rodríguez participated in various altruistic activities and never neglected his academic duties at MMA.



Senior René Rodríguez Ehrli of Mexico City, Mexico, was awarded the Rotary Interact Award for his community service.

SALUTING THE CLASS OF 2018

Try not to become a man of success, but rather try to become a man of value. ~ Albert Einstein



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University



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Texas A&M Corpus Christi



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MARINE MILITARY ACADEMY
FORGING TOMORROW'S LEADERS

Student of the Month - April



Richard Popp of Fort Lee, N.J. - English

Rank: Cadet Staff Sergeant
Grade: 11, Activity: Football & Basketball
Future education goals: I will attend Yale University and major in mechanical engineering.
Career goals: I will most likely become a mechanical engineer.



Noah Bouillion of Erath, La. - Foreign Language

Rank: Cadet Corporal
Grade: 10, Activities: Band
Future education goals: I plan to study mathematics or Chinese at the U.S. Naval Academy
Career goals: I hope to be selected for the astronaut program with NASA.



Erick Reyes of Veracruz, Mexico - General Studies

Rank: Cadet Sergeant
Grade: 10, Activity: Tennis
Future education goals: I will attend UCLA and major in economics and business administration.
Career goals: I plan to work for my father's company and become the CEO.



Arturo Martinez of Zapopan, Mexico - Math

Rank: Cadet Second Lieutenant
Grade: 12, Activities: Weightlifting
Future education goals: I plan to attend a major university to study business.
Career goals: I plan to start up my own company.



Chen Liu of Chendu, China - Science

Rank: Cadet Sergeant
Grade: 11, Activity: Swimming & weightlifting
Future education goals: I plan to attend Monash University to study medicine
Career goals: I would like to become a doctor.



Jonathan Kuhn of Jersey City, N.J. - Social Studies

Rank: Cadet Lance Corporal
Grade: 9, Activity: Weightlifting
Future education goals: I want to attend NYU and major in chemistry.
Career goals: I would like to become an anesthesiologist.

Cadet of the Month - April



Adrián Arrañaga of Harlingen, Texas - Alpha Company

Rank: Cadet Captain
Grade: 12, Activities: Football
Future education goals: I plan to attend Texas A&M and major in criminal justice.
Career goals: My goal is to become an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps.



Charles Drapela of Boerne, Texas - Delta Company

Rank: Cadet Lance Corporal
Grade: 8, Activity: Band
Future education goals: I plan to attend Texas A&M University and major in real estate finance .
Career goals: I would like to eventually take over the family business.



Bryan Streiff of Calhoun, Ga. - Echo Company

Rank: Cadet GySGT
Grade: 11, Activity: Offseason Football
Future education goals: I plan to attend the University of Georgia and receive a law degree.
Career goals: I plan to be a bomb technician with the Marine Corps and a federal prosecutor.



Pierre Bonnimond, of Paris, France - Fox Company

Rank: Cadet Staff Sergeant
Grade: 11, Activity: Weightlifting
Future education goals: I plan to attend a service academy.
Career goals: My goal is to work in international studies and security.



Charles Bass of Grapevine, Texas - Golf Company

Rank: Cadet Staff Sergeant
Grade: 12, Activity: Rifle Team, CybarPatriot Team, Band
Future education goals: I will attend the University of North Texas for engineering.
Career goals: I plan to become civil or mechanical engineer and own my own company.



Tyler B. Oakley of Boulder, Colo. - Leatherneck Band

Company: Alpha, Rank: Cadet Private First Class
Grade: 9
Future education goals: I plan to attend the Citadel.
Career goals: I would like to become an officer in the Marine Corps.



Theodore Faravelli of San Jose, Calif., - Silent Drill Team

Company: Golf, Rank: Cadet Sergeant
Grade: 10
Future education goals: I plan to attend the Naval Academy and study business management.
Career goals: My plan is to become a commissioned officer in the Marine Corps.

Recognitions

Annual Awards



Senior **Giancarlo Betti Hernandez** of Huixquilucan, Mexico, receives the Outstanding Senior Alumni Award.



Class of 2018 Valedictorian **Huan He**, left, of Shanghai, China, and Salutatorian **Zihao Liu** of Jinhua, China.



Class of 2018 Seniors **Desmond McLaughlin**, left, of Richmond, Texas, and **Claude Minkandi**, of Houston, before the graduation ceremony.

Marine Military Academy honored 24 of its distinguished cadets for the 2017-18 school year at the Annual Awards May 19 in Yeckel auditorium.

Excellence Awards

Col Yeckel Athlete of the Year Award

Senior **Ryan Cole Rakowitz** of Seguin, Texas.

Dean's Award

Senior **Ty Price Hamilton** of Austin, Texas

Outstanding Senior Alumni Award

Giancarlo Betti Hernández of Huixquilucan, Mexico

Rolls-Royce Pegasus Trophy for Excellence in Aerospace Studies

Junior • **Bruno Moreno García** of Poza Rica, Mexico

Salutatorian Award

Zihao Liu of Jinhua, China

Senior Plank Holders

- **Giancarlo Betti Hernández** of Huixquilucan, Mexico
- **Juan Carlos Carmona Villarreal** of Cancún, Mexico
- **Richard Jensen Lee** of Spring, Texas
- **Ryan Cole Rakowitz** of Seguin, Texas
- **René Rodríguez Ehrli** of Mexico City, Mexico
- **Matthew Robert Wisely** of Waterford, Calif.

Superintendent's Athletic Award

Senior **Claude Jardel Minkandi** of Houston

USMC Distinguished Athlete Award

Senior **Matthew Robert Wisely** of Waterford, Calif.

USMC Music Excellence Award

Senior **Charles Thomas Bass** of Grapevine, Texas

USMC Scholastic Excellence Award

Senior **René Rodríguez Ehrli** of Mexico City, Mexico

Valedictorian Award

Huan He of Shanghai, China

Top Students by Class & Subject

- Grade 8: **Dylan DeViney** of Houston
- Grade 9: **Frederick Abell III** of Katy, Texas
- Grade 10: **Matthew Anderson** of Colleyville, Texas
- Grade 11: **Alan Said Maccise** of Naucalpan, Mexico
- Computer Science: Senior **Zihao Liu** of Jinhua, China
- English: Senior **Harrison Kunneman** of Colleyville, Texas
- Foreign Language: Senior **Matthew Robert Wisely** of Waterford, Calif.
- Math: Senior **Zhaoyang Zhang** of Beijing, China
- Science: Junior **Chen Liu** of Chengdu City, China
- Social Studies: Senior **James Beamond Jr.** of Missouri City, Texas

Auxiliary Scholarships

MajGen Robert E. Friedrich Memorial Scholarship

Senior **Adrián Arrañaga** of Harlingen, Texas

Heard Memorial Scholarship

Junior **Trevor Roberts** of Fairbanks, Alaska

Harlingen Rotary Scholarship

Senior **René Rodríguez Ehrli** of Mexico City, Mexico

Recognitions

Academic Awards

Marine Military Academy awarded 46 cadets for their high grades for the second semester with a wreath pin at the Academic Awards May 18. The Gold Wreath is given to cadets who make the Superintendent's List, or a GPA of 3.75 or above, while the Silver Wreath is given to those who make the Dean's List, or a GPA of 3.5 to 3.74. Cadets who make the Superintendent's List for two straight semesters also receive a Gold Star pin. Those who achieve the Dean's List for two straight semesters receive a Blue Star pin.

Gold Wreath & Gold Star:

- Freshman **Frederick Key Abell III** of Katy, Texas
- Sophomore **Matthew Valery Anderson** of Colleyville, Texas
- Sophomore **Noah Andrew Bouillion** of Erath, La.
- Senior **Hans Joseph English** of Austin, Texas
- Eight-grader **Enrique Falcón** of Múzquiz, Mexico
- Junior **Hiolong Hong** of Shanghai, China
- Senior **Zihao Kevin Liu** of Jinhua, China
- Junior **John Ryan Liveringhouse** of Sartell, Minn.
- Junior **Benjamin Sterling Reading** of Katy, Texas
- Sophomore **Mark David Reznikov** of Porter Ranch, Calif.
- Junior **Trevor Pharris Roberts** of Fairbanks, Alaska

Gold Wreath & Blue Star

- Freshman **Adrian Blanco Valencia** of Katy, Texas
- Junior **John Paul Boersig II** of Washington, Texas

- Junior **Alec Tyler Meador** of Rockwall, Texas

Gold Wreath

- Senior **Giancarlo Betti Hernández** of Huixquilucan, Mexico
- Junior **Pierre Bonnimond** of Paris, France
- Sophomore **Tyler Scott Ferrell** of the Woodlands, Texas
- Sophomore **Maxwell Eades Fortin** of Austin, Texas
- Sophomore **John Marshall Hayne** of San Antonio
- Senior **Huan He** of Shanghai, China
- Senior **Yu Chen Khew** of Shanghai, China
- Sophomore **Daixing Kuang** of Edinburg, Texas
- Eight-grader **Runyu Liu** of Beijing, China
- Junior **Chen Liu** of Chengdu City, China
- Junior **Bruno Ernesto Moreno García** of Poza Rica, Mexico.
- Junior **Richard Blaine Popp** of Fort Lee, NJ
- Sophomore **Brian Michael Pritchard** of Thorton, Colo.
- Senior **René Rodríguez Ehrli** of Mexico City, Mexico.
- Freshman **Michael James Styskal** of Boerne, Texas
- Junior **Alan Said Maccise** of Naucalpan, Mexico
- Senior **Chase Hamilton Tomlinson** of Katy, Texas

Silver Wreath & Blue Star

- Sophomore **Jayden Mark Massengale** of Montgomery, Texas
- Freshman **Jacob Ellyson Randall** of Saint Paul, Minn. »»

- Sophomore **Dustin Anthony Stilwell** of Houston, Texas
- Freshman **Shi-Lun Yang** of Kaohsiung City, Taiwan

Silver Wreath:

- Senior **Juan Carlos Carmona Villarreal** of Cancún, Mexico
- Eight-grader **Dylan Michael DeViney** of Houston
- Senior **Conrad Walter Franke** of Traverse City, Mich.
- Sophomore **Luis Ibáñez Marín** of Naucalpan, Mexico
- Freshman **Jonathan Richard Kuhn** of Jersey City, N.J.
- Senior **Arturo Martínez Cravioto** of Zapopan, Mexico
- Senior **Desmond Francis McLaughlin** of Richmond, Texas
- Eight-grader **David Joseph Stilwell** of New York City, N.Y.
- Junior **Bryan Christopher Strieff** of Nevada City, Calif.
- Senior **Matthew Robert Wisley** of Waterford, Calif.
- Senior **Zhaoyang Zhang** of Beijing, China



Freshman Jacob Randall of St. Paul, Minn., accepts the Silver Wreath and Blue Star from Superintendent Col R. Glenn Hill.

Important Dates

- **June 26:** Check-in for Summer Camp Cadet Instructors, by 6 p.m.
- **June 30:** Summer Camp Registration, 8 a.m. to noon
- **July 27:** Summer Camp Field Meet, 5 p.m.
- **July 28:** Summer Camp Graduation, 9 a.m.
- **August 5:** Football Camp Check-in, by 3 p.m.
- **August 5:** Leadership Orientation, by 6 p.m.
- **August 11:** Check-in for First-Year Cadets, 8 a.m. to noon
- **August 12:** Check-in for Returning Cadets, by 6 p.m.
- **August 13-14:** Military Orientation for Plebes
- **August 15:** First Day of School
- **August 25:** SAT, 8 a.m.
- **September 8:** MMA Parents' Organization Meeting, 8:30 a.m.
- **September 8:** Introductory Training Graduation Parade, 10 a.m.
- **October 6:** SAT, 8 a.m.
- **October 10-12:** 1st Quarter Exams
- **October 24:** PSAT, 8:45 a.m.
- **October 27:** ACT, 8 a.m.

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Extra! Extra!

Jiu Jitsu Promotions

Members of Marine Military Academy's Jiu Jitsu Program received promotions during a special ceremony April 11.

Instructors Jacob Montalvo and Armando Castañeda taped new stripes onto the cadets' belts thus elevating their rank in "the gentle art."

MMA Superintendent Col R. Glenn Hill commended the cadets for their achievement and reiterated the

importance of teamwork even in a discipline where athletes work alone. Col Hill highlighted the importance of strategizing to achieving a common goal.

Montalvo and Castañeda also congratulated the cadets and encouraged them to make strides in a sport that will instill self-confidence and discipline.



Members of MMA's Jiu Jitsu Team receive certificates during the promotion ceremony April 11.

Giving

Recent Donations

In Honor Of

- Raymond Ervin
- 1stSgt Felix Hernandez, USMC (Ret) – MMA G-Co. DI
- Bradley Joseph Grice - MMA '18

In Memory Of

- CMSgt Herbert O. Bass, USAF (Ret)
- Bailey Benjamin Butler "Bay" – MMA '14
- Sgt David Fuller, USMC (Ret) – 9th Marines RVN
- SgtMaj Bobby Scovern Gallagher, USMC (Ret) "Bob"

- Capt James H. Garbrick, USMC (Ret)
- John M. Holt, II
- Shirley Killarney
- Adela R. Lewis
- Maj Edward T. McGee, USMC (Ret)
- MGySgt N. J. Retza, USMC (Ret)
- Capt Robert J. Shirk, USMC
- SSgt Dennis Studenny – 5th Marines, RVN
- Pfc Brian A. Thornton, USMC – KIA, ROK 1951
- SSgt E. L. "Knobby" Walsh, USMC – 7th Marines, Korea