

MASSANUTTEN

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MILITARY ACADEMY

Alumni to Alumni Newsletter



Veteran's Day 2015

More on MMA's celebration of Veteran's Day inside this

Dear Fellow Alumni,

We have dedicated this newsletter to you and it is our goal to keep you informed on past, present, and future activities at Massanutten Military Academy.

Our Alumni News page is devoted to the happenings in your lives. We would love to hear about your life, work, family, hobbies, vacations, weddings, and births.

Please keep in touch!

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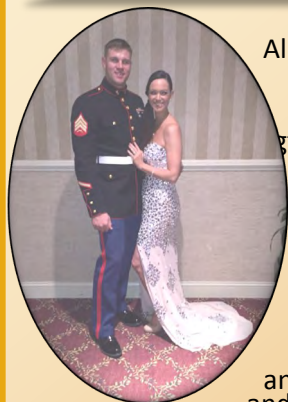


Alumni News



Special Announcements

BIRTHS



Alumni Siobhan Barney (Holmes)
Class of '05
and
Capt. Barney of the Marine Corps

welcomed
Logan Olivia Barney
Born June 9, 2015



Please submit any birth
announcements you may have
and would like to share with your
fellow alumni.

WED-



Please submit any wedding
announcements you may have and
would like to share with your fellow
alumni.

ALUMNI COUNCIL REMINDER

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Changes to Alumni Council Bylaws must be submitted in writing to the school at least two weeks prior to an Alumni Council meeting.
- Names and biographical information of candidates for nomination to the Alumni Hall of Fame must be submitted to the Alumni Legacy Committee by March 1st of each year.
- Next Alumni Council meeting will be held on Founders Day Saturday April the 9th 2016.
- Watch the website and your email for more info regarding Founders Day 2016.

Special Announcements

Now my friends it's your turn to let us know what's going on in your life. Please send your story and pictures to either :

Frank Campbell
fcampbell@militaryschool.com
Dean Simonds
deanandmary50@comcast.net

Last Roll Call

If you are aware of any Massanutten Military Academy alumni who have passed away please let us know. We would like to honor them in our Last Roll Call ceremony and in our newsletter.

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Thank you Fellow Alumni for your Help!

We now need only **1,583** more email addresses in order to send the rest of you our newsletter in color and in a much more timely fashion. Currently it takes five business days to prepare and send the **1,583** printed alumni newsletters, because they are all prepared for mailing by hand. Please take a few moments and send me your email address so we can send your newsletter either to your home, business, family member, or close friend.

Receiving your email would save us plenty of time and money. I hope to give all of you a much more positive update on the amount of emails received in our next Alumni to Alumni Newsletter.

AMAZON SMILE



Massanutten Military Academy recently had its application accepted to join Amazon's fundraising and donations program AmazonSmile.

AmazonSmile is SUPER simple to use just follow this link:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/54-0537403>

All purchases made while on AmazonSmiles with Massanutten selected will donate a portion of the purchase directly to MMA. This is a great opportunity to give to MMA during your normal shopping.

What MMA Meant to Me



Letter from Fernando Urea



Fernando Urea

What Massanutten Military Academy Meant to Me

I arrived in the US from Venezuela with my brother Luis, at age 13 and in the 7th grade. I didn't speak English and when I arrived everything was new to me, waking up at 6 am, the obedience, rules, discipline, and snow! It was very tough for me. I found it difficult to adjust to the new surroundings and conditions. I found comfort in other cadets in the same situation as myself and that spoke the same language. I grew close with those fellow cadets and considered them brothers. It was not an easy journey and I had to learn many things the hard way.

Over time I learned to comprehend the orders I found difficult to understand due to the language barrier and soon became a successful cadet. I really felt being a good student, earning high honors, and being on the Dean's list was a good start in overcoming the difficult times. Another important part in my life at the academy was the acceptance and help of one of my teachers Mrs. Laura Glunt and her husband, Coach Glunt. Mrs. Glunt took the time to teach me English every day after school, I became so close with them I felt they were my parents and greatly appreciated the help that enabled me to adjust to life at the academy. I soon became a part of the drill team and grew close to other cadets at MMA. I valued the time I spent with them outside of the academy, during the breaks and on weekends. I was only able to attend MMA for a few years and soon returned to my family and moved to Europe.

I feel even though I only spent a few years at Massanutten Military Academy I benefit from the experience and gained the tools to be successful in life and become a lawyer. In 1965 I was married and had 5 children, now I have nine grandchildren and one great grandchild. In 2004 I was wounded in the fight for the freedom of my country, Venezuela. Because of this turmoil I removed my family from the country and now my children have become Canadian and American citizens and I am very proud of this.

I have decided to stay in Venezuela with so many others and continue to fight for the freedom of our country. After 17 years I believe progress is being made and I feel strongly that my place is here in Venezuela continuing to fight as a lawyer and citizen for a new election for president and get the communist government out of power in a democratic way. Another goal of mine is to one day visit Woodstock and MMA again, a place that helped initiate that fight and determination I am using to this day.

Love you all,

Fernando Urea



Winter



Basketball



Girls Basketball

The 2015-2016 Lady Colonel's Basketball team is coached by Holly Helsley. This is Coach Helsley's second year coaching the Lady Colonels. She brings with her a few returning players that have helped put points on the board. The players are quite excited about their constant progression forward in the sport this year.



Boys Basketball

The 2015-2016 Boy's Colonel's Basketball team is a young and passionate team. This special group of players have not been playing together for very long, carrying over only a few younger players from the year before. The packed schedule this year is proving to be quite exciting and the team is showing their dedication by improving with every game. They are looking forward to coming back from Winter Break strong and ready to tackle the rest of the busy schedule.



Wrestling



Everyone at the Academy is involved in making the 2015 MMA Wrestling Invitational a success.



Lady Colonel wrestling team members working hard at the 2015 Massanutten Military Academy Invitational.



The cadets performed well at the invitational. On this day MMA not only hosted the Massanutten Wrestling Invitational but also held the SAT Exam on Campus that Day. Needless to say it was a very busy day at MMA.



The Massanutten team was awarded the Sportsmanship award. This award was voted on by the coaches of the attending teams.



Winter Sports



Drill Team

Currently there are 13 members of the Massanutten Military Academy Drill Team led by Sgt. Major Rubenstein. So far they have competed in one event on November 14th and came home with 6,7, and 8th place for Armed Knock Out.



The Drill Team's next competition will be at Harrisonburg High School on 20 February 2016.

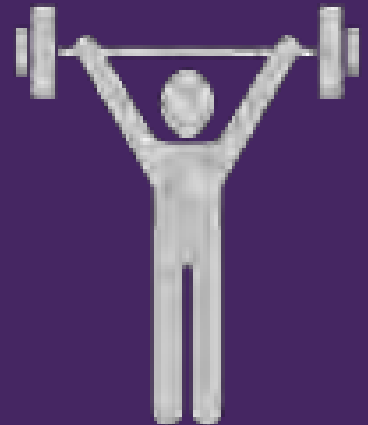
Weightlifting

Massanutten Military Academy offers the sport of strength and conditioning, also known as weightlifting, coached by alumnus Luke Stakenborg '85.

The sport is more than just lifting weights, it also encompasses a rigorous cardiovascular element as well.

Activities included in the sport are weight training, interval running, stair training, short distance running, and calisthenics.

At the completion of the season athletes will notice gains in strength, weight reduction/gain, and increased endurance. As well as an increased self awareness and confidence.



Raiders

Raiders is a JROTC extra curricular competitive sports team focusing on learning the importance of leadership skills, problem solving, physical fitness, and orienteering.



Competitions are typically an all day event and based on the ethics, values, and regulations of the United States Army.

Participants are admitted into the program based on honorability and excellent behavior.



Cadets are chosen to participate in the program at the discretion of the Army JROTC instructors.

Currently there are 20 cadets competing in the Raiders program representing MMA and are led by SFC Richard Kurtz.

Did You Know?



MMA Winter Sport's Schedule

* Note: All Dates Subject to

Boy's Basketball

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Boy's Basketball vs. Chelsea Academy	2/4/2016	6:00 PM
Boy's Basketball vs. Randolph Macon Academy	2/5/2016	7:00 PM
Boy's Basketball vs. Fishburne Military Academy	2/9//2016	6:00PM
Boy's Basketball @ Tandem Friends	2/11/2016	6:00 PM
Boy's Basketball vs Front Royal Flames	2/12/2016	7:00 PM
Boy's Basketball vs Mt. View Academy	2/16/2016	7:00 PM
Boy's Basketball vs. Shenandoah Valley Academy	2/18/2016	6:30 PM
Boy's Basketball vs. Hancock	2/23/2016	7:00 PM

Girl's Basketball

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Boy's Basketball vs. Randolph Macon Academy	2/5/2016	5:30 PM
Boy's Basketball @ Christ Chapel	2/9/2016	6:30 PM
Boy's Basketball vs. Front Royal Flames	2/12//2016	5:30PM
Boy's Basketball vs. Mt. View Academy	2/16/2016	5:30 PM
Boy's Basketball vs Shenandoah Valley Academy	2/18/2016	5:00 PM

Wrestling

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
MAWL Championships (A)	2/6/2016	10:00 AM
Fishburne Military Academy (A)	2/9/2016	
VISAA State Championships (A)	2/19/2016	

Drill Team

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Harrisonburg High School (A)	2/20/2016	

MMA's Master Schedule

February 5 Career Day

February 10 Speaker

Feb 20 Ring Dance

March 3.. End of 4th Grading Period/
Half day of school for cadets &
Professional Development for
teachers/ Speaker

March 4-March 13...Spring Furlough

March 19.....Educational Fair

March 30...American Red Cross
Blood Drive

April 8..... Parent/Teacher
Conferences and Band Concert

April 8-10Founder's day
Weekend/ Craft Fair/ Art Show

April 22... End of 5th Grading Period/
Half day of school for cadets &
Professional Development for
teachers/ Speaker

April 23... ..Military Ball

May 7 Apple Blossom Parade

May 24-26....Final Exams

May 27End of 6th grading period

May 27 .. Academic Awards/ Senior
Parade/Baccalaureate

Did You Know?



Massanutten Military Academy's WUDS 94.9 Radio Station

When in Woodstock be sure to tune to 94.9 WUDS. WUDS is our new academy run radio station, playing all your favorite songs from the 50's, 60's, 70's, and 80's.



Currently WUDS plays music, however, in the near future we plan to offer MMA sports, weather, local news, and run pieces created by cadets.

WUDS 94.9 has been made possible entirely by Board of Trustee Member Pete Wenk. Mr. Wenk is a seasoned radio professional who has shared his passion for radio with MMA.

Pancake Breakfast

Every second Sunday of each month from October to March, one of the local churches holds a pancake breakfast for the cadets.



After cadets enjoy breakfast they clean and tear down the entire area. Committing to the breakfast enables them to earn community service hours. Being of service to our community is important part of being a cadet at MMA.



Community Service

We are committed to our motto
"Not for Ourselves Alone"



Ms. Betty Page Benchhoff is a resident at Greenfield and was able to attend the Gala. Here she was escorted by Cadet Kovach.

An important community service project for the cadets was the "Autumn Gala, Wine and Cheese Dessert Party" at the Greenfield Assisted Living Home in Woodstock. This was a



The residents were so thankful the cadets were there to make it a more special evening.



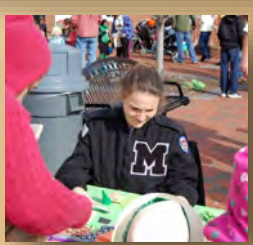
social event attended by the residents and many of their family members. MMA was praised several times by the Greenfield Staff for its commitment to the event.



Halloween Community Service



Cadets came together to help Catholic Outreach change buildings. Their hard work enabled them to move everything in ONE Day!



Cadets also helped the Town of Woodstock put on their Halloween Celebration!



Holiday Happenings



Light up Woodstock Parade



Every year MMA cadets participate in the Light up Woodstock Holiday Parade. Light up Woodstock festivities include the Children's choir, parade, and tree lighting.



After the parade the cadets were able to warm up and enjoy cookies and hot chocolate. The refreshments were well deserved.



This year we are pleased to welcome Charlie Company in the parade with us. Charlie Company consists of students from the local Central High School who participate in MMA's JROTC program.

Girl's Dorm Christmas Party

The girl's dorm Christmas Party was a success. The atmosphere was wonderful and the food was plentiful and delicious.



The girls had a wonderful time and enjoyed the nice break from the regular routine. The annual party is a great chance to celebrate together before the winter furlough. The cadets stated this was the best Christmas party they have had and are looking forward to many more.



There was a good turn out with so many people. The more the merrier!

Alumni from the class of 63' provided the home baked cookies for the cadets.



Bagpipe Band



Pipes and Drums



Our bagpipe band is the feature musical unit on and off campus. This group provides accompaniment to the Corps of Cadets during parades and other performances. Acquiring the musical and physical skills, memorizing tunes, and marching as a unit fit perfectly into our historic military traditions. Being a member of the bagpipe band offers a truly unique learning experience; both as a musician and in growing as a leader. Learning to play the Great Highland Bagpipe, Highland Snare Drum, Flourishing-style Tenor Drum, and Bass Drum are incredibly



challenging feats. The music is designed for absolute unison within sections and a perfectly balanced ensemble throughout. The MMA Pipes and Drums are available

to hire for parades, memorial events, civic ceremonies, and fund raisers. Please contact Mr. Sean Regan at (540) 459-0448.

(Massanutten Military Academy Website)



Veteran's



Veteran's Day was first declared as Armistice Day in 1919 by President Woodrow Wilson as tribute to the anniversary of the end of World War I. The end of the war took place on the

11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. The name was changed to Veteran's Day in 1954 to recognize veterans of all wars.



The days events included a Military vehicle display on campus, parade, Tribute to

Veterans, lunch served at the American Legion, veteran presenters, and tours of the campus. It is important to note the cadets were in highly involved in the designing , coordinating, and implementing of all events on this special day hosted by MMA.



We were pleased to welcome our guest speaker highly decorated Command Sergeant Major Jorge L. Gutierrez of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. We appreciate his inspiring and motivational

New Van Purchase



We recently had a new addition to the MMA fleet with purchase of a 2015 Ford Transit Van. The new van will allow us to transport 15 cadets or faculty at a time without the expense of the larger buses. We had the great fortune of using Alumni Ray Muirhead of Battlefield Ford for the purchase. In addition to giving MMA a great deal and making a cash donation towards the price of the van Mr Muirhead also brought us some awesome uniform items.





Captain's Club



We would be so pleased if you would join the **Captain's Club**, a group of elite Alumni who have been so very gracious as to contribute \$1000 a year to Massanutten Military Academy. This monetary contribution comes out to a small fee of \$83.33 a month.

For your convenience we have provided a form on the back of this brochure with various payment options. If choosing the credit card option the amount of \$83.33 will be automatically deducted from your account starting in November. Simply fill out the form and return with your tax deductible donation and

The Captain's Club is not the only club where you can contribute to MMA. Also available is the **1st Lieutenant's Club** that includes a monthly donation of \$41.67. This club is also offered as a monthly credit card deduction for your convenience.

There are several monetary contribution options. Donation club choices include

Club Choices

\$1-249	Sergeant's Club
\$250-499	2nd Lieutenant's Club
\$500-999	1st Lieutenant's Club
\$1000-2499	Captain's Club
\$2500-4999	Major's Club
\$5000-9999	LTC Club
\$10,000+	Colonel's Club

Planned Giving Op-

Although cash donations are appreciated there are other creative and flexible ways to donate that can benefit you and MMA known as planned giving. Some planned giving options include:

- ◆ Estate Gifts
- ◆ Gift Annuities
- ◆ Gifts of Cash
- ◆ Gifts of Stock
- ◆ Gifts of Life Insurance

For more information on how these gifts may work for you, please contact:

Frank Campbell
 office: 540-459-0457
 email:
 fcampbell@militaryschool.com
 Check the box on the contribution

Contribution Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Payment Options:

Check Enclosed

Credit Card - Visa/MasterCard/American Express

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date _____

Security Code: _____ Signature _____

Contribution Options:

____ Captain's Club (\$83.33 a month)

____ 1st Lieutenant's Club (\$41.67 a month)

____ Other Club _____ Monthly

Amount

____ One time donation _____ Amount

Please send me more information about wills, trusts, and other planned giving options.