

BATAAN BULLETIN

NEW MEXICO STATE ARMY ROTC
NEWSLETTER

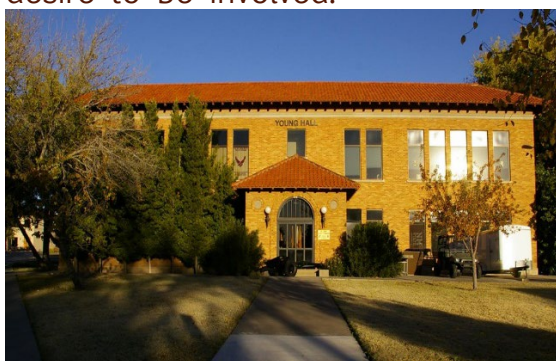


SPRING 2023 AWARD CEREMONY POST ANNUAL PASS IN REVIEW.

Supporting NMSU ROTC and Bataan Battalion Alumni Organization (BBAO)

----- BY BBAO VP LTC (RET.)
KAREN CONLEY

Recently I was asked to speak to the NMSU Corps of Cadets about what I learned in the Army. Like most speeches, it contained the obligatory bio info and hit the highlights of my 28-year career, including service in the NM National Guard, Active Army, and the Reserves. I was a Logistician and a Public Affairs officer, and both have served me well. Most of our evaluations indicate that we are organized, self-reliant, excellent at time management, and leading others. One of the most important things I took from my Army career was a sense of community and the desire to be involved.



After I retired and returned to Las Cruces, I found myself a student again at NMSU. I would walk past Young Hall and reflect on how much ROTC and the Army changed my life. I found the structure and stability that I needed. I appreciated the ethos of statements like "If you take care of the small things, the big things take care of the

themselves." or "Do the small things with excellence, and it follows through to the big tasks." The Army taught me how to live with purpose, understand the power of one person, and yet be part of a team.

This voice in my head kept saying, get involved. I became active in the art community, volunteering and eventually returning to work full-time. I stayed in touch with the BBAO, was happy to be involved, and was excited to reconnect with classmates. Eventually, I joined the Board looking forward to contributing to the program that had changed my life.

Many of the nation's most vital ROTC programs have a robust alumni network, including productive fundraising and other activities. With your help, we can build and maintain support for the NMSU ROTC program. We now have an alumni Facebook page and official BBAO website. The infrastructure is in place for our alumni lead mentorship program. Many other projects have been completed in just one short semester. This summer, we will plan a local mixer here in Las Cruces and more events down the road. The BBAO Board is now reaching out to all alumni. If you

are local or simply want to get involved, the Board would love to hear from you.

LTC Buchanan has worked to get additional support from NMSU leadership, and the BBAO supports his vision and goals for the future of the NMSU ROTC program.



The BBAO is asking alumni to donate between \$25 and \$50 to support the BBAO's Alumni Chapter Fund. We will have the latitude to prioritize how best to help the ROTC program. We have provided money for the Pinks and Greens fund for the last two years and look forward to supporting LTC Buchanan's other significant lines of effort. Your contributions will support scholarships, new training equipment, and Bataan Memorial Death March participation. Please consider supporting the NMSU ROTC Pledge Drive by going to <https://www.nmsufoundation.org/givenow/military-science.html> or scan the QR code below.



If you would like to mail a check, please make it payable to NMSU Foundation and specify Military Science Department in the memo line.

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Please visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/nmsu.bbao> and the alumni page <https://armyrotc.nmsu.edu/alumni.html>.



New Mexico National Guard - Cadet Training Company (CTC) made up of SMP Cadets from the NMSU Army ROTC program.

Special Operations Forces

De Oppresso Liber!

----- 1LT ALFONSO ORENDAY
 The New Mexico National Guard and New Mexico State Army ROTC have always had a symbiotic relationship. Many cadets who join the Army ROTC Program are either serving in the National Guard or at one point decide to enlist as an SMP Cadet. This month the SMP cadets of NMSU Army ROTC were given a unique opportunity to participate in a training exercise with 5th SFG (A). This event opened the cadets' eyes as they received top tier training and witnessed first-hand what it is like to work with Special Operations Forces.



Cadets hit the ground running as they were put through a crash course on close quarters battle (CQB) training. They had the opportunity to see the planning process in action, they received a full operations order, went through rehearsals and every other detail needed to ensure a successful operation. When it came time for mission each cadet executed their role on the team extremely well.

For many it reaffirmed their path and desire to go into a combat arms branch. As well as opening their eyes to potential career paths in the SOF community.



This training was the first and certainly not the last. We hope to continue our relationship with the SOF community as they provide these amazing opportunities for our future leaders. In the meantime, the cadets of the Bataan Battalion head into their summer training with experience and knowledge to help them excel!

Remember Bataan!

Spring 2023 Commissionees

----- BY 1LT ALFONSO ORENDAY



Spring 2023 Commissioning: CPT Jay Kubler, LTC Adam Buchanan, 1LT Alfonso Orenday, 2LT Cristian Ortiz, 2LT Sebastian Glaser, 2LT Jacob Patton, 2LT Marian Montes, SFC Jesus Diaz, MSG Brandon Knobloch

Welcome our newest BBAO Members! Congratulations on your commission into the United States Army. We look forward to hearing about all the wonderful things you will accomplish serving this great nation. A great journey lies ahead, and this is only the beginning.

!Remember Bataan!

2LT Cristian Ortiz
 Armor/Active-Duty

2LT Sebastian Glaser
 Armor-Engineer/Active-Duty

2LT Marian Montes
 Military Police/Active-Duty

2LT Jacob Patton
 Engineer/Active-Duty



Professor of Military Science Corner



----- BY NMSU ROTC PMS LTC
ADAM BUCHANAN

It is a wonderful time to be a Battling Bastard! Our cadets have an unprecedented level of support from NMSU leadership. We have added \$336,000 in new scholarship funds the university has awarded to help us recruit top talent from across the nation. The newest additions are in the form of the BG (Ret.) Eric Sanchez and BG (Ret.) Jack Fox Honorary Scholarships. This is enough money for six recurring four-year full-tuition scholarships! The BG (Ret.) Sanchez Scholarship goes to any student who competes for and wins a 3 or 4-year ROTC national scholarship. The BG (Ret.) Fox Scholarship goes to any of our campus-based 3-year scholarship winners. You can read more about these and other scholarship opportunities on the NMSU Army ROTC website at <https://armyrotc.nmsu.edu/endowmentnscholarships.html>

We have the most engaged alumni we have seen in years! Thanks to the efforts of our young alumni and the new BBAO leadership, our alumni efforts are gathering some momentum. I am excited to see what level you all can take this program with your engaged leadership.

This pledge drive is the first step in that direction. Here are a few highlights of the major lines of effort we are trying to raise funds for:

Bataan BN Training Fund (Target = 2k):

- Paying for the Ropes Course during Fall FTX at Camp of the Tall Pines
- Paintball Rounds for more realistic Force on Force training events.
- Any training-related expenses not covered by the Army.
- Subscription to Military Athlete for Cadets/Cadre
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This is a resource I encountered while in the Ranger Regiment and it has served me well over the last 10 years. This is the kind of programming our cadets need to follow to prepare for the rigors of the modern battlefield.

Bataan Leads Fund (Target = 5k): Bataan Leads is our outreach program to local JROTC programs, specifically the Army JROTC at Mayfield High. This allows our NMSU cadets to mentor local JROTC cadets. Right now, the cadets have briefed a CONOP to me that involves conducting rigorous PT with these young JROTC folks as a vehicle for team building and leadership cultivation. But to do this we need the equipment.

- Equipment to augment our ACFT Gear.
- Meals for JROTC and NMSU Cadets for "Field Days".
- NMSU Swag to give to our JROTC Participants.
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Bataan Hip-Pocket Scholarship

(Target = 8k): There have been a few instances where students who are not on scholarship are behind on their tuition payments to NMSU and at risk of not academically progressing due to insufficient funds. This would cover tuition or room and board for those cadets that are struggling and would otherwise have to leave the program.

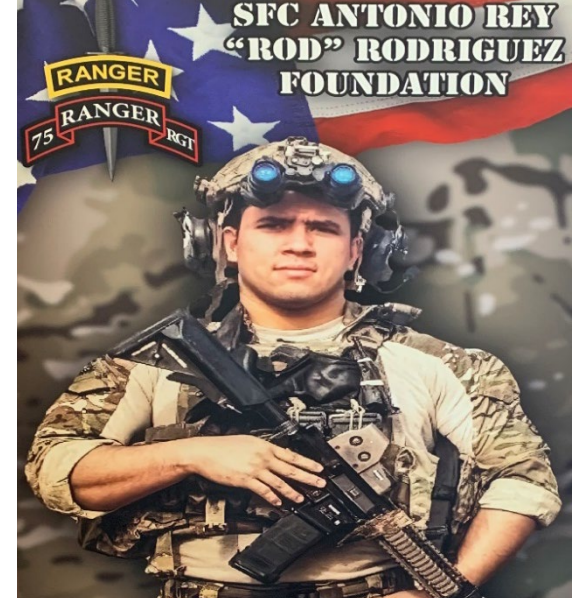
Pinks and Greens Fund: If you want to continue the tradition of Alumni offsetting the cost of the new dress uniforms for our graduating seniors our cadets will appreciate it. This year the BBAO provided funds for our four spring commissionees! So please, I implore all of you in the fall - get involved!!

We have top-notch cadets here in the Bataan Battalion and they deserve and need your support. This year we placed second at the Bataan Memorial Death March (BMDM) in the light run team division! It was great to have such a strong showing and participation from a few Alumni. It cost \$1000 to fund this team so if you want to support next year's teams, consider giving by going to <https://www.nmsufoundation.org/give-now/military-science.html>

We are looking forward to an even bigger event next year as the BMDM picks up speed and participation goes back to usual, which will help our fundraising efforts and give us a larger audience to display our proud heritage in front of. Thank you for what you are doing to serve our country. Stay safe out there and have a great summer. Hope to see you on campus next year.

Army ROTC and BBAO show their Support.

----- By 1LT Alfonso Orenday



SFC Rodriguez was a native of Las Cruces, NM. On February 8th, 2020, SFC Rodriguez was killed in action while conducting combat operations in the Sherzad District of Nangarhar Province, Afghanistan.

SFC Rodriguez deployed eight times with the 75th Ranger Regiment and twice with the 7th Special Forces Group. The AAR Foundation honors the fallen by carrying on their legacy. They stand ready to assist Rangers and their families when they need it the most.

In addition, a portion of the funds raised at the tournament go to the SFC Antonio Rey "ROD" Rodriguez Memorial Endowed Scholarship, which goes to a cadet that has served or is serving in the US Armed Forces and has a GPA of 3.25 or higher. This year's scholarship recipient was Cadet Cale Pilgreen.

NMSU ROTC and BBAO look forward to continued partnership with the AAR Foundation. We encourage our fellow alumni to come out and participate in next year's event.



Bataan Battalion Alumni Organization



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BG (Ret) Jack R. Fox



BBAO Vice President
LTC (Ret) Karen S. Conley

BBAO Board of Advisors
LTC (Ret) Gary Cataldo



BBAO Chief Operating Officer
1LT Alfonso M. Orenday

BBAO Communications Officer
Gulee Orenday

Available Positions

Secretary
Treasurer
Chief Financial Officer
Regional Ambassador
Special Events Chair

Upcoming Newsletters

June 30, 2023
July 31, 2023
August 31, 2023
September 30, 2023
October 30, 2023

Future Events

BBAO June Pledge Drive
BBAO Monthly Meeting
BBAO July Social - TBD

THE NEW BATAAN BATTALION ALUMNI WEBSITE IS NOW LIVE! COME VISIT US AT



WWW.NMSU-BBAO.COM

- Sign up for our monthly newsletter.
- Stay connected.
- Sign up to be a mentor.
- Give back to the program.
- Coming Soon! Get your very own BBAO Swag!



AggieUP!

We've been asked by the NMSU Alumni Association to assist in some information gathering for the inaugural issue of a new electronic publication called AggieUP! This "class notes" publication will be where alumni can learn about each other, alumni events, news about NMSU, and fun NMSU facts.

For subsequent issues, there will be a portal through which alumni can enter their own information—but for the first issue they've asked for our help in gathering alumni news. They are looking for news and photos for the following sections:

Lil Aggies

Photos of babies and Aggie kids doing fun, interesting, and cute things (would be awesome if they are in Aggie swag!)

Gettin' Hitched

Aggies tying the knot or celebrating a special anniversary.

Movers and Shakers

Aggies on the move with a career change, award, new book coming out, promotion...

Aggies Abroad

Aggies doing fun things outside the USA (preferably in Aggie gear!)

If you have news to share, please reach out to Elaine Simon at the NMSU Foundation (Alumni Association) at elaine.simon@nmsufoundation.org. Her phone number is 575.646.2853.