

NMSU Army ROTC

Alumni Chapter

June 15, 2012

Greetings Alumni and Friends of NMSU Army ROTC,

I would like to extend an invitation to join your fellow classmates and Friends of Army ROTC on the weekend of 8 and 9 February 2013 for our second NMSU Army ROTC Alumni 'All Classes Reunion' and the 10th Annual Recognition Dinner. The reunion in 2000 brought together 160 alumni and family and jump started the AROTC Alumni Chapter. We would like to bring together an equal number to celebrate 110 years of ROTC at NMSU years and to recognize the alumni chapter's accomplishments over the past years. Over the years, the Alumni chapter has supported scholarships, purchased an ATV to support Corps activities, provided furniture for the cadet dormitory, purchased training equipment, and sponsored 370 cadet meals at the annual Recognition Dinners. The chapter also co-hosts the welcome BBQ for Army and Air Force cadets held at the beginning of the school year.

We have three objectives for the February weekend. First, to celebrate 110 years of Army ROTC at NMSU. Second, to honor the graduating Cadets of the Class of 2013 and third, to recognize those whose financial support over the past years has meant so much to the Corps of Cadets.

The weekend activities will kick-off with a "Brats, Beans and Beer" (Battling Bastards of Bataan) social for alumni and donors on Friday evening, February 8, 2013. Saturday will be alumni reunion events and will offer the opportunity for alumni to catch-up with classmates, revisit the campus and see the local sites prior to the Recognition Dinner on Saturday evening February 9, 2013.

The Recognition Dinner will begin with an overview of the first 55 years of the NMSU ROTC program. The chapter will recognize and pay tribute to the Aggie fallen and those in the Bataan Death March.

This will be followed by a presentation from the graduating Cadets of the Class of 2013. As we are taken on their journey from freshman Cadets to graduating seniors, we will gain an appreciation for the challenges and training faced by the Cadets of today.

The evening will conclude with a salute to the hundreds of alumni and friends of NMSU Army ROTC whose support is responsible for the significant growth in the financial resources available to the Corps of Cadets. According to NMSU Foundation records, over the past fifteen years various Army ROTC funds have received 1616 donations from 437 individuals and businesses for a total of \$224,893.00. This resulted in endowment and current use assets growing from \$35,000 in 2000 to \$180,000 as of April 2012. Key to this growth has been establishment of five endowments and four individually sponsored scholarship programs as well as numerous recurring contributions from hundreds of individual Aggies and Friends of the Corps.

Support for the annual Recognition Dinner as well as all the other Army ROTC education and support funds has and will continue to be crucial to maintaining a quality education experience for the Corps of Cadets.

The last ten years have been a challenge for soldiers and their families. By what is most likely an undercount, 124 Aggie Army ROTC grads have accrued over 195 tours, primarily in Iraq and Afghanistan. The NMSU Army ROTC Alumni Chapter is committed to supporting Aggie veterans and the NMSU AROTC Cadets preparing to take on the burdens and opportunities which come from serving our nation. While this weekend will honor the past, it also marks the beginning of a new chapter in the proud history of the Bataan Battalion.

Your input will be valuable in finalizing our plans for the weekend. Please complete the attached survey and return using regular mail, e-mail or go online to the survey website listed on the survey.

Call a classmate and mark your calendar. See you on campus.

Remember Bataan, Always



Gary R. Cataldo, LTC, USA, Retired '70

President

Army ROTC Alumni Chapter

1. Personal Information:

Name

Address

Phone number

e-mail

Class Year

2. Attendance

I am:

Not planning on attending

I am considering attending

I plan to attend

3. Number attending:

4. I would attend:

Friday evening welcome

Saturday dinner

Sunday brunch

5. Mark the following proposed Saturday events you would consider attending:

Campus MS Department Tour

Ft. Bliss/WSMR tour

Las Cruces/Mesilla tour

White Sands: cavalry battle site tour

Golf at NMSU course

Saturday lunch with senior NMSU staff/facility

Other (please specify)

6. I would be willing to:

Be an event sponsor (\$1000 minimum)

Assist in organizing event activities

Contact fellow classmates

Escort a Bataan and fallen Aggie family representative

Sponsor cadet/honoree meal (\$30 per meal)

If sponsoring a meal, please specify the number of meals:

7. Request a class roster:

Yes

No

8. List location and number of combat tours for each location:

9. Comments/questions:

Done

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