

Friends of the New Mexico Youth Challenge Academy

(the NG is capitalized to reference NMYCA's affiliation with the National Guard)
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Cycle 14

- Final Furlough May 10, 2008
- Graduation will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, June 14, 2008 at the Roswell Civic Center, 912 North Main Street. Arrive early. We expect a full auditorium.
- Pick up graduation photos at the Friends of the New Mexico Youth Challenge table.
- Cycle 15 induction date is Saturday, July 12, 2008

White Sands Missile Range and the Bataan Memorial

Congratulations to all of our cadets and cadre who chose to participate and complete the annual memorial of the Bataan Memorial Death March. It is a challenging march through the high desert terrain of White Sands Missile Range, N.M., conducted in honor of the heroic service members who defended the Philippine Islands during World War II, sacrificing their freedom, health and, in many cases, their very lives.



(L.) NMYCA Cadets honor a World War II Bataan survivor and hero. (R.) 2008 Bataan Memorial March

Order Your Cadet's NMYCA Class Rings by Jostens

Each cadet's family may choose to individually phone order a NMYCA class ring complete with your cadet's name from Jostens for \$64. First, contact us for your cadet's ring size and basic information sheet at friends@nmyca.com Next, contact Jostens 1-801-467-6968 (ask for Jillian).

Your Cadet's Graduation Photographs

Pictures will be available for all cadets. Send \$20 to reserve your graduation pictures. They may be picked up after the graduation ceremony at the Friends of the

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NMYCA table. Graduation photographs consist of **one** generous package of 26 pictures of various sizes. **Extra** packages must be purchased directly from the portrait studio. Contact us for the information sheet and additional package information. PayPal payment option now available at friends@nmyca.com or send in your money orders today – No checks – Money orders now due. Please address and mail to:

Friends of the NMYCA
P.O. Box 5166
Bernalillo, NM 87004



Senator Pete V. Domenici
United States Senator For New Mexico with
Lt. Col. Tony Pino, NMYCA Director,
Cadet Susan Morgan,
Cadet Sarah Dutchover, and Apryl Kirkham, NMYCA
Counselor in Washington D.C.

"...Mr. Domenici enjoys a universal reputation as one of the Senate's hardest working, most intelligent and most intense members."—New York Times, May 1995

What is a Typical Day at the NMYCA?

During the residential phase of ChalleNGe, your cadet is settled in and working diligently to adhere to the training schedule that includes early wakeup, physical training, morning GED classes, life skills, community service, and evening college courses. Their day begins at approximately 5 am and doesn't end until 9 pm! They are now well on their way to graduation. It is imperative that they receive mail and encouragement from their support network. The demands of the schedule and cadre are hard to meet, and an encouraging word from home goes a long way. They are also contemplating placement options to be set in motion after completion of the residential phase. During your visit, talk with your cadet regarding continuing higher education, military service, or employment options. Items that may be helpful at this point could be an ASVAB study guide, local college catalogs, or job postings for cadets to become familiar with.

Join Friends of the New Mexico Youth Challenge

We are actively recruiting for cycle 15.
Cycle 15 start date is date is July 12, 2008.

Our goal is to support the NMYCA in every aspect possible and to help our New Mexico youth become educated, competent, healthy, productive adult citizens.

- Help unite us in numbers.
- Help us obtain donations.
- Help write letters and contact our legislators when needed.
- Help organize and hold NMYCA orientations in your city.
- Recruit possible candidates to complete the NMYCA application in your community.
- Help educate pastors, counselors, etc. about the NMYCA in your community.
- Help us support mentors, parents, cadets, and NMYCA staff.
- Your talents are valuable and needed!
- We are a 501(c)(3) organization. Your donations are deductible!

Please join us today! friends@nmyca.com
Look for us at the Friends of the New Mexico Youth Challenge Academy table during graduation ceremonies.
Watch for up-to-date information! www.nmyca.com



Cycle 5 Graduate Serving and Protecting Freedom

Do You Wonder What Career Paths Past Graduates Have Taken After Graduation?

What will you do when you graduate? Will you go to college? Will you go into a full time job? Will you enlist with a recruiter?

Sgt. Paul A. Duran, USMC, is currently deployed in the Persian Gulf. He recently contacted the NMYCA and the FNMYCA to express his appreciation to his former cadre and staff at the ChalleNGe. He included the above picture. Sgt. Duran is a cycle 5, 2003 graduate of New Mexico Youth Challenge Academy. It is always encouraging to hear that a former cadet is doing so well. Sgt. Duran's USMC enlistment is up mid-July and he plans to return to New Mexico at that time.

Cadets, please remember to email us and let us know how you are doing after your graduation. Send pictures and details of the journeys and paths that you may take.

*Do you want to know who you are?
Don't ask. Act! Action will delineate
and define you.*

[Thomas Jefferson](#)

