



# Reveille

## From the Desk of the President

Ray Andrae



CCAC elections are over, and I thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your President for another two years. One of my tasks will be to identify someone to step forward and run for president in two years.

I just returned from a trip back to Texas to personally say goodbye to LTC Scott Baker, the outgoing PMS, and to welcome the new PMS, LTC Al Alba. I presented Scott with a framed copy of "Cadet Echoes" in appreciation for his service and dedication to the Corps of Cadets. Scott is being transferred to the Pentagon.

I am very pleased with the Army's choice of LTC Alba as our new PMS. He is a West Point graduate and Armor officer coming to us from Fort Hood. He has taught at West Point and served two tours in Iraq. He is very excited about being assigned as the PMS at UTA, his first choice of schools on his preference form. I hope that many of you will get to meet him soon. Send him an email to welcome him to UTA.

I have several ideas that I want to pursue in

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## News from the Front

New PMS at UTA



LTC Albert L. Alba

The CCAC welcomes LTC Albert L. Alba as the new Professor of Military Science. We are honored to have such an experienced leader to coach, teach, and mentor the next generation of Army Officers. LTC Alba arrived in Arlington this

June with his wife, Juvy, and children, Darrin (15) and Karen (12).

LTC Alba first entered the Army as a 72G (Signal Technician) before gaining admittance to West Point, where he received a degree in Aerospace Engineering. After attending the Armor Officer Basic Course, his first duty assignment was in Vilseck, Germany, as a Tank Platoon Leader with C Company, 1-37 Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Division during Operation Desert Shield. He served as the 1-37 AR Scout Platoon Leader shortly after Desert Shield. Afterwards, he attended both the Armor Officer Advanced Course and the Aviation Officer Advanced Course. His next assignment carried him to South Korea, where he was the assistant S-3 of 5-17 CAV, 2ID at Camp Pelham before becoming Commander of A Troop, 5-17 CAV, 2ID. After his command, he attended the Naval Postgraduate School,

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Military Science  
Department  
Annual  
Cadet Corps  
Fall Orientation  
**Bar-B-Q**

University Center  
Rio Grande  
Ballroom  
August 28,  
3:30-5:30 p.m.

**Alumni Welcome**

For more details  
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Excellence



New Maverick  
Battalion logo

## Mentors

By Bunky Garonzik



**Think about it.** Between the ages of 18 and about 23, a lot of stuff went down. Out of high school, out of college, possibly married, maybe an Army commission, and quite possibly an opportunity to see some foreign country where some of the locals are shooting at you. Most likely, the next 25 years weren't as dynamic as this five-year time span. So how did you get through it? You went from high school—where your girlfriend, your car, and fun were probably your top priorities—to becoming a man and having responsibility, not only for yourself, but often many others as well.

Most of the young men (and later, women) in the Corps of Cadets at ASC/UTA, as well as the other ROTC units throughout the country, can, and should, credit the leadership and dedication of their instructors, teachers, and mentors. The overall quality of the soldiers that our University has cranked out for over 100 years exemplifies the fine cadre that our school has had. To be clear, some of these guys were lemons, but for the most part, UTA has been blessed with the best of the best.

Who made an impression on you? For me, it was guys like **Sgt. Dixon**. . .the real experience of battle, the connection with the young men of our era, the attitude and the caring. I still have a vision of **Sgt. Calvert** wearing his airborne uniform—bloused boots, paratrooper patches—only a few years older than the cadets he was teaching, yet a seasoned veteran with real-world experience. On one occasion, Sgt. Calvert climbed *under* the Jody bus to help change the rod and main bearings on a road trip to Laredo—in February—in the snow. I was dazzled and impressed. He was the real deal! Although, over the years, there were a few cadre officers who should have been thrown under the bus!

We all had visions of that first Gold Bar, that first salute, that first taste of the real Army. No finer example of a role model could be found on the planet than **COL Max Manifold**. He was the complete package. Successful

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- David J. Anderson
- Raymond and Pat Andrae
- Theron R. Arrington
- Jonathan J. Beville
- Billy J. Blankenship
- Ruth M. Boyd
- David R. Braden
- Ernest L. Brister
- J.C. Brown, Jr.
- Fred U. Campos
- Charles C. Cannon Jr.
- Miguel E. Castillo
- Pat Choate
- Lloyd C. Clark
- Arthur G. Cleveland
- J.J. Collmer
- James P. Coughlin
- Gerald D. Cox
- Mrs. Robert J. Darrah
- Archie P. Davis
- Jean A. Deakyne
- Scott A. Downey
- Henry A. Dufeuau
- Paul S. Faidley
- Charles E. Feuerbacher
- Daniel L. French
- David H. Gaines
- Allan Garonzik
- George B. Garrett
- Brian M. Gellman
- Sheldon J. Gerron
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- John R. Glaze
- Wayne E. Glenn
- Boyd D. Goldman
- Everette E. Gray
- Ronald L. Harris
- Herman Harrison
- William H. Herndon
- Gary C. Hitt
- James F. Hollingsworth
- Jerry B. Houston
- Robert W. Irish
- Roger D. Kannady
- Jimmie A. Kepler
- Mark T. Lamkin
- Mark B. Latham
- Rex H. Latham
- Willard Latham
- Joe Lopez
- Mikio E. Ludwig
- Gene G. Lunt
- Mark D. Martin

**Be A Maverick**

**Recruiter's Corner**

*CPT Jeannie Deakyne is the new Battalion XO and Assistant Professor of Military Science*



**After almost 10 years away from my alma mater, I have come home.**

It is still the impressive program that I remember and still has a wonderful balance of traditional students, Reservists, National Guardsmen, and prior service cadets. It still has the tremendous support of the administration and the watchful presence of the alumni—if you're not careful, you can still run into COL Ward, COL Andre, and Jerry Thomas in the hallways. And I am still amazed by how much the cadets are able to balance – work, families, academics, physical training, and extracurricular activities.

I credit the unchanging excellence of this program to a legacy that most of us probably don't even realize until we leave College Hall. The unmatched energy and optimism of former PMS LTC Mark Martin; the kindness of MAJ David Hoffman, my first Battalion XO, who made me want to be an Adjutant General Corps officer so I could be like him; the "tough love" of my Battalion Training Officer, CPT Robert Jean; the respect for tradition of CPT Bruce Kimmery, who authored "I am a Maverick" while I was a Senior; the quiet professionalism and high standards of the Battalion Admin Officer, CPT John Little; and every bit of tactical proficiency that I carried with me into the Army as taught to me by MS III instructor SFC Righenour.

I hope to be able to bring home a piece of all of that to the current-day Corps of Cadets, as well as my own brand of leadership—the "Maverick" in me that is always looking for a solution outside of the box, perhaps a new and different take on how to develop leaders, to care for soldiers and their families, and to teach cadets to take that sort of Maverick leadership with them as they meet the challenges that face the Army today. *CPT Jeannie Deakyne*

The summer drive is on with the final push of the year. We have spent the last 2 to 16 months prospecting, interviewing, and recruiting the latest group of talented future leaders for the fall class. For some, we started during their junior year of high school or, for others, while they were in Iraq and Afghanistan. But all of them showed promise and potential to be tremendous leaders.

The goal is to have 150 to 160 cadets in the fall, by enrolling 50 new freshmen, 10 new sophomores, and 5 new juniors. We hope to have at least 15 of our incoming freshmen on four-year Army scholarships. We will continue to recruit for the fall semester at freshman orientations and other events over the summer. All that and we have already started recruiting for fall 2009.

Initial projections look good. The Maverick Battalion continues to seek assistance from some of the best key Centers of Influence (COI) we have, our alumni. We need everything from the experienced warrior ready to expand his role in the Army, NCO to Officer, to the individual who comes to us without any experience but with great potential. COI influence and participation is critical to our growth. *LTC Kevin Smith*

**Facts and Figures**

**CCAC Membership 2008**

Life Memberships	<b>107</b>
New Life Member in 2008	<b>7</b>
Annual memberships	<b>15</b>
New annual member in 2008	<b>4</b>
2LT memberships (honorary 2-year with commission)	<b>39</b>

**Total CCAC Membership 161**



**CCAC Endowed Scholarship**

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receiving a Master's Degree in Applied Physics (Nuclear Weapons and Effects). True to his commissioning roots, LTC Alba returned to West Point where he instructed courses in Physics (Electricity and Magnetism), as well as serving as an Assistant Professor and Course Director for Nuclear Reactor Analysis and Nuclear Reactor Design. After West Point, he attended the Command and General Staff College, with a follow-up assignment to Fort Hood, where he served as the Executive Officer of 2-12 CAV, 2<sup>nd</sup> BDE, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division. In January 2004, he deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II as the BN S-3. He completed the OIF II deployment as the Executive Officer for the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, C-3, Multi-National Force-Iraq and the Officer-in-Charge, MNC-I Transition Cell, Camp Victory, Iraq. Upon his return to

Fort Hood, LTC Alba became the Action Officer, G3 CONOPS, III Corps. From there he served at the Pentagon in Washington, DC, as the Army Watch Officer, HQDA G-3, and as the Action Officer, DAMO-ODO (Officer of the Director of Operations). In November 2005 he deployed once again in Support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as the Secretary of the Combined Joint Staff, Multi-National Corps-Iraq at Camp Victory in Iraq and later became the Secretary of the General Staff for III Corps at Fort Hood upon his redeployment in February 2008.

LTC Alba speaks Tagalog (Filipino) and the Bicol dialect. His awards include the Silver Star, the Bronze Star Medal (2 OLC), the Meritorious Service Medal (2OLC), the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Combat Action Badge, the Basic Parachutist Badge, and the Air Assault Badge.

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*Axel Martinez*

*James T. Mathis*

*E. Ronelle McAbee*

*John D. McCubbin*  
*George C. McDowell*

*James M. McGinn*

*Darrin P. Milner*

*Allen O. Morris*

*Michael W. Morrow*

*Sarah Nahhas*

*William W. Neal*

*Wendell H. Nedderman*

*Michael W. Parker*

*Larry D. Pink*

*William Postlethwaite*

*Clarence W. Potter*

*Clifton A. Potter*

*R. Zack Prince*

*Jimmie A. Redden*

*Thomas V. Remediz*

*Ronald M. Rendleman*

*Orlando L. Reyes*

*William P. Roe*

*Robert R. Roten*

*Michael A. Saltarelli*

*Thomas A. Schneider*

*Charlie E. Seyster*

*James S. Sibley*

*Dale W. Smith*

*Kenneth E. Smith*

*Kevin R. Smith*

*Larry D. Smith*

*William C. Sonricker*

*Mark C. Stevens*

*Donald J. Stevenson*

*Harold C. Teubner*

*Jerry and Betty Thomas*

*Edward H. Thompson*

*Susan M. Tillotson*

*Scott A. Townsend*

*Elmus S. Ussery*

*Robert P. Vaughan*

*Andrew C. Ward*

*Joel H. Ward*

*Gene H. Weidemeyer*

*Elmer G. White*

*Jerry E. Whitehead*

*Lee B. Wilson*

*Martin B. Woodruff*

*Valin R. Woodward*

*(Blue script indicates a new member)*

**CCAC Officers 2008**

**Where Are They Now?**

The results are in and the following have been elected to office for the period of June 2008 to June 2010:

President –

**LTC (Ret) Ray Andrae**

Vice President for Membership –

**Susan (Manifold) Tillotson**

Vice President for Hall of Honor –

**COL (Ret) Jerry Bob Houston**

Vice President for Communications –

**Allan (Bunky) Garonzik**

Vice President for Marketing –

**Mark Lamkin**

Vice President for Development –

**LTC (Ret) Sheldon (John) Gerron**

Vice President for Finance –

**Orlando Reyes**

Secretary –

**Sarah Nahhas**

Chaplain –

**LTC (Ret) Granville (Gene) Tyson**

We welcome the new officers—Susan, Mark, Orlando and Gene. In addition to those elected, I have appointed COL (Ret) Joel Ward to act as my Special Assistant to handle local affairs in the Arlington area, since I reside in Georgia. Congratulations and the best of wishes to each of you. *Ray Andrae*



**Al Ellis**  
ASC—1965



We all knew that Al was going to be successful. After all, he was the Corps Commander, and the Jody Commander, and a DMG. All this, despite the fact that he was a pretty big nerd at South Oak Cliff High School, drove a Hudson, and had to deal with the name Alfred.

Following graduation and a tour in RVN as a U.S. Army Airborne Infantry Officer (where he earned a Bronze Star), he attained his law degree from SMU. While attending SMU, Al was Student Chief Counsel for the SMU Legal Clinic.

He is a member of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, the American Board of Trial Advocates, the Million Dollar Advocates Forum, and the Dallas Bar Association. He has served on the board of the Texas Trial Lawyers Assoc., Dallas Bar Assoc., Dallas Legal Hospice, Dallas Habitat for Humanity, Texas Equal Access to Justice Foundation, and currently serves as Chair of the Texas Center for Legal Ethics and Professionalism. He often serves as an instructor at SMU Dedman School of Law. He was, however, denied membership in the Young Democrats Association because of his age.

Past leadership roles include: presidencies of the Dallas Bar Association, Dallas Trial Lawyers Association, Dallas Association of Young Lawyers, American Board of Trial Advocates, Dallas Council on Alcoholism, Dallas All Sports Association, and tournament director for the Golden Gloves Tournament for 20 years. His numerous awards include: Best Lawyers in America, D Magazine Best Lawyers in Dallas, and Texas Bar Foundation. He has been recognized in Who's Who in American Law.

Al attributes much of his success in his life to his early involvement with the Jodies and the Corps of Cadets at UTA. He lives in the Lakewood area of Dallas with his wife, Sandy. Al is a member of the Cadet Corps Alumni Council.

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the next two years that I think will make us a better organization:

1. Increase our membership—particularly life members. I am asking all current members to try to recruit one new member over the next year.
2. Establish a new category of membership—Cadet Members. The UTA Alumni started a student membership and I got the idea from them.
3. Increase the membership in the Gold Bar Club. Funds generated from the Gold Bar Club insure that the Cadet Corps Endowed Scholarship will continue to grow.
4. Provide the CCAC with the ability to process credit card payments for membership enrollment, Hall of Honor events, and donations.
5. Provide professional brochures for the CCAC and Gold Bar Club to help in getting new members. Mark Lamkin will serve as Vice President for Marketing, a position unfilled these past two years.
6. Improve our newsletter and publish it four (4) times a year on a regular schedule. We will be looking for ideas and input from the membership.
7. Enhance our CCAC website for online membership enrollment, sign up for events online, get current information, and maybe even classmates. The possibilities are unlimited.

I am very excited about the Corps of Cadets. We can all take pride in the fact we have one of the most outstanding units in the country. The enrollment continues to increase, and the quality of the cadets is phenomenal. Let's all support the new PMS and help him make the UTA Corps the number one unit in the country. Thank you again for allowing me to serve as your President.

Ray Andrae, President CCAC

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career Army officer—combat seasoned as a Ranger during the Normandy Invasion, connection and patience with the cadets. The definition of “Mentor” is the epitome of what COL Max meant to me, as well as to so many other cadets.



No UTA cadet from 1960 through 2007 can use the word “mentor” without thinking of COL Charles McDowell. From parachuting behind enemy lines during the liberation of Czechoslovakia, to serving with the Joint Chiefs, to teaching Russian at UTA for decades, Dr. McDowell truly made a global footprint. He was a role model and an inspiration to so many young men and women. Always a smile, and always a helping hand.

Sure, there were guys like COL Johnston, or Jackson, or whatever his name was, who appeared to just be biding time in his assignment as PMS while waiting until retirement. And no cadet in the early '60s could forget CPT Pride or Joy or ? His name also escapes me somehow. Although able to get Doug Welch's DMS retracted, he was unable to prevent his commissioning. Welch went on to become an Airborne Ranger, a Green Beret, and a decorated hero in Viet Nam and retired as a Colonel. One other not-so-distinguished member of the cadre during my era comes to mind—Captain Nerd, let's call him—over-weight, horrible attitude toward the cadets, arrogant, and generally a poor example to the cadets. Now in all fairness, and in a politically correct climate, this is

my perception of these guys. To be sure, as it relates to me personally—I was a handful to deal with. I'm sure there were a few cadets (although I don't know any personally) who considered these guys decent soldiers.

Fortunately, so many others preceded and followed who were dedicated mentors to the cadets. GEN Latham, COL Houston, COL Ward, COL Andrae, COL Shea, and COL Baker—to name only a few. I have been fortunate over the years to personally get to know so many great UTA Army officers who have inspired so many cadets. The exemplarily record of those young men and women coming from our fine ROTC program is testimony to the quality of the great mentors' tenure at the institution.

As a disclaimer, this article is simply my opinion and doesn't reflect the view of the entire CCAC. A few of you weird guys may not think Jerry and Joel were the best role models, and perhaps some of you may even think Captain Nerd hung the moon. However, if you were not enamored with COL McDowell, and COL Manifold, you need to seek professional help! If they weren't in a class by themselves, “It don't take long to call roll!”

COL Ward



GEN Latham



COL Houston



LTC Andrae



**2LT Mccaffrey** receiving the first scholarship awarded by the CCAC, presented by President Ray Andrae at the Hall of Honor 2008.

**2LT Calkins** was the recipient of the **Preston A. Weathered Leadership Achievement Award** (see letter) at the Military Science award ceremony.

### CCAC RECOGNIZES OUTSTANDING CADET

I graduated from The University of Texas at Arlington in May 2008, eager to leave school and begin my career as an Army officer. I was proud to be a Maverick and overjoyed to receive **THE PRESTON A. WEATHERED LEADERSHIP ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** and a framed print of *Cadet Echoes*. *Cadet Echoes* shows the history of UTA, along with the changes that ROTC has gone through during that history. It is not only a beautiful work of art,

but is also a reminder for every cadet that their school and program descends from a long military tradition. From the original Carlisle Military Academy to the present day UTA, I am grateful to have over a century of history on my wall. I was truly honored to receive this award from the UTA Cadet Corps Alumni Council. I hope that one day I may be in a position that allows me to present a copy of *Cadet Echoes* to an outstanding cadet and a future leader in our great Army.

2LT Robert A. Calkins, Class of 2008

### THE GOLD BAR CLUB

#### Gold Bar Members

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The Gold Bar Club has generated over **\$5700.00** for the **Cadet Corps Endowed Scholarship Fund** since it began in the spring of 2007. Members pledge funds for each cadet commissioned from UTA each year. All of the funds collected go directly to the scholarship, administered by the Office of Development at UTA. Online payment is now possible through the UTA website at [www.uta.edu/giving](http://www.uta.edu/giving). (Make sure you write **Gold Bar Club** on the “other” line!) Please email COL Ray Andrae at [randraej@aol.com](mailto:randraej@aol.com) for details on how to join and set up your pledge.