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## The President's Desk

LTC Ray Andrae



The UTA Cadet Corps Alumni Council has a new source of pride in the accomplishments of three of our alumni: **COL Lester Simpson**—class of 1983, **COL Ricky Gibbs**—class of 1982, and **Allan “Bunky” Garonzik**—class of 1967.

Colonel Simpson currently serves in the Texas Army National Guard as Commander of the 176<sup>th</sup> Engineer Brigade. More noteworthy though, is the fact that he has been recommended for promotion to Brigadier General. The Federal Recognition Board will meet in December to make the promotion official. Colonel Simpson will be the first African-American general in the Texas Army National Guard. While a cadet at UTA he was a member of the Sam Houston Rifles. He will be the first Jodie since **MG Will Latham** to make General Officer. I had the pleasure of commissioning Colonel Simpson in 1979 when I was PMS at UTA.

Colonel Gibbs is currently serving as the Deputy

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## Hall of Honor 2010

COL Jerry Houston



Mark your calendars! Plan to attend the **Military Science Hall of Honor Ceremony** on Saturday, February 27, 2010, starting at 10:00 a.m. in the University Center at the University of Texas at Arlington.

This year we will be inducting **LTC (Ret) Lee B. Wilson**, class of 1962, and **COL Lester Simpson**, class of 1983. The reception in the Palo Duro Lounge will give you an opportunity to visit with friends, congratulate the new honorees and talk with current cadets. The emphasis at the reception will be on the Corp's Special Teams, formally known as extracurricular activities. An additional highlight at the reception will be a performance by a group of Sam Houston Rifles alumni. **Orlando Reyes** and **Bunky Garonzik** are getting a team together for a short drill performance. If you are interested in participating contact Bunky at [Bunky@pwhome.com](mailto:Bunky@pwhome.com)

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**Pursuit of Excellence**

**UTA**

**Distinguished Alumni Gala**

**University Center  
Sat. Oct. 17, 2009**

**Reception:**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Palo Duro Lounge  
Dinner and Awards:**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Bluebonnet Ballroom**

**For more information  
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**Office at**

**817-272-2501**

## Brothers in Arms

By Bunky Garonzik



Seems that over the years UTA military has always attracted brothers. Dating all the way back to Carlisle, records indicate a plethora of siblings who have walked the halls and marched the parade grounds at our university. Of course when brothers are mentioned, the first name that comes to mind is Latham—Will and Rex. They took it to the next level with Will's son Mark. All were commissioned and served our country faithfully. But there were other brothers who also served over the years. The Kennedy brothers, the Colvard brothers, the Brown brothers, and the Lunt Brothers, just to name a few.

How about the Kearby brothers? Perhaps a little too far back for most of us to remember? Maybe this will help. LTC Neel Kearby was awarded the Medal of Honor for shooting down six enemy aircraft on one mission during WWII. The date was October 11, 1943. His total confirmed victories are 22—the most of any pilot in a P-47, all done in just six months. Neel attended NTAC in 1937 and is a member of our Hall of Honor at UTA.

It's difficult to make your own mark in the world when you are living in the shadow of your brother's Medal of Honor. Nevertheless, Major John Gallatin Kearby also did pretty well for himself and certainly made UTA proud. “Gallatin,” as he was called, was also a pilot. He attended NTAC from 1923 to 1925 and received an Associate's degree. He later graduated from SMU and taught school. Gallatin served in the Army Air Corps from 1941 to 1943. He had a top-secret clearance and worked in the Material Command Lab at Wright Field.



**COL Neel E. Kearby**

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## CCAC Life Members

David J. Anderson  
Raymond and Pat Andrae  
Theron R. Arrington  
William Barnett  
Jonathan J. Bevill  
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Ruth M. Boyd  
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Willard F. Filyaw  
Daniel L. French  
David H. Gaines  
Antonio C. Garcia  
Allan Garonzik  
George B. Garrett  
Brian M. Gellman  
Sheldon J. Gerron  
Ricky D. Gibbs  
John R. Glaze  
Wayne E. Glenn  
Boyd D. Goldman  
Everette E. Gray  
William S. Gribble  
Ronald L. Harris  
Herman Harrison  
William H. Herndon  
Gary C. Hitt  
James F. Hollingsworth  
Jerry B. Houston  
Walter H. Huth  
Robert W. Irish  
Jimmie A. Kepler  
Mark T. Lamkin  
Mark B. Latham  
Rex H. Latham  
Willard Latham  
Joe Lopez

## 107th Maverick Battalion

### FALL SEMESTER—179 CADETS

The 107<sup>th</sup> Maverick Battalion started the 2009/10 school year with 179 cadets enrolled, four more than last fall, but within the first three weeks there were 15 drops. The Battalion now has 164 cadets—39 MSIs, 45 MSIs, 48 MSIs and 26 MSIVs. There are currently 47 cadets on scholarships. Equipping the cadets was a challenge due to budgetary constraints; however, we can report that all cadets have a complete ACU uniform, boots and a rucksack.

### CADETS EXCEL AT SUMMER TRAINING

Cadets of the Maverick Battalion continue to excel in summer camp and training. A total of 21 cadets attended LDAC (Leadership Development and Assessment Course—formerly Advanced Camp) at Fort Lewis. In addition, three cadets graduated from Airborne School and two from Air Assault School. Three cadets attended LTC (Leader Training Course—formerly Basic Camp) with one becoming a Company First Sergeant, one of the highest positions in camp. Maverick Battalion cadets completed the APFT (Army Physical Fitness Test) above the Cadet Command average.

### ORGANIZATION FOR SCHOOL YEAR

The 107<sup>th</sup> Maverick Battalion under the command of Cadet LTC Jason Robinson is organized with a full staff and three companies—A, B, and C. Key members of the Cadet Staff are:

Battalion XO – Cadet Major Eric McCaffrey

Battalion SGM – Cadet SGM Luke Saavedra

S1 – Cadet Cpt Christina Crisp

S2 – Cadet Cpt Kevin Hust

S3 – Cadet Cpt Shawn Thomas

S4 – Cadet Cpt Louie Glanton

Honors Captain – Cadet Cpt Ashley Seguin, Company Commanders – Cadet Cpt's Ena Paez, Jamie Sale and William Kriewall. Good luck to the command and staff for a successful year!



Cadet LTC Jason Robinson



Cadet SGM Luke Saavedra

### Special Congratulations

are extended to Cadet Major **Eric McCaffrey**, Maverick Battalion Executive Officer, for his ranking of 13<sup>th</sup> **in the nation** of the over 5,000 commissionees for this coming school year.



Cadet Major Eric McCaffrey

## Corps of Cadets BBQ

The annual Corps of Cadets BBQ was held on August 27 at UTA. This is a kickoff Meet and Greet for the Corps, their staff, and the Cadre.

Some of the CCAC Board members were invited as guests of the Military Science Department. LTC Alba is the Professor of Military Science. Things have changed over the years! From start to finish, the program is designed for every member of the ROTC to work with, help, and mentor the cadets. There is an emphasis on academics, leadership, and physical fitness. There are specific guidelines and goals that must be met. The Military Department is more of a society, than an extra-curricular activity, a team with a common goal—to commission superior army officers. The program is working.

Not only has UTA accomplished the mission of commissioning officers, but it has exceeded that goal. Our cadets have typically emerged superior at summer camp and various competitions, and are above average in physical and academic ability.

The Corps has shown a consistent growth in numbers, and after seeing all these fine young women and men, one can't help but be impressed. The legacy continues.

### *Hall of Honor 2010 (Continued from page 1)*

Following the Silver Cup ceremony and honors to our fallen comrades at the end of the reception, we will move to the Rio Grande Ballroom for lunch and the induction of this year's Hall of Honor recipients. The current cadet corps will join us for lunch. We are encouraging alumni to have cadets sit with them during lunch so the cadets can learn more about the history of the corps, and alumni can discover that we really have a tremendous group of young men and women striving to continue the long traditions of military service exhibited by those who have been part of the Military Science Department at the University of Texas at Arlington. Following the ceremony we will be serving coffee and cake which will provide an opportunity for you to visit, take pictures and get caught up with what is going on in the lives of our members and friends. More information and sign-up forms will be sent out just after the Christmas holidays. If you would like more immediate information, please contact me at [jbhouston@comcast.net](mailto:jbhouston@comcast.net), or Sarah Nahhas at 817-640-6167 ext. 408 or [snahhas@decisionanalyst.com](mailto:snahhas@decisionanalyst.com).



**Where Are They Now?**

**By Bunky Garonzik**



**Bill Phillips**

Bill Phillips was a Jodie in the early '60s. He currently lives in Brentwood, Tennessee, with Candy, his wife of 42 years. He actually finished his college at the University of Nebraska. After his five years in the service, one in Viet Nam, Bill became a reporter in California and later in Nevada, and then got into politics. After running the gubernatorial campaign twice in Nevada, Bill became the chief of staff for the Governor of Nevada. In 1983, Bill moved to D.C. and became the chief of staff for the Republican National Committee and executive chairman for the George H.W. Bush Political Action Committee. He was a visiting scholar at Vanderbilt University

and wrote a short book about the media's role in the private lives of political officials.

Bill then worked for five years at Vanderbilt. He was recruited to become deputy mayor of Nashville, Tennessee, and held that job for seven and a half years. Afterward, Bill formed the Bill Phillips Company—a public affairs strategy firm.

Bill and Candy have three grown children and four grandchildren. Their children are teachers, and one son served in the 101<sup>st</sup>. Candy is executive director of Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) of Tennessee. Some of you might know Bob Phillips, Bill's brother, who has done *Country Reporter* for many years.

Bill would love to hear from any of you guys out there: [brphillips61@comcast.net](mailto:brphillips61@comcast.net).

***Congratulations to the Summer 2009 Commissioning Class***

**2LT Caitlyn M. Kelly** is the daughter of Timothy and Irene McCoole, from Chester, New Hampshire. She will graduate from UTA with a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology. She is branched Adjutant General Corps and will attend the Basic Officer Leadership Course at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. 2LT Kelly's bars will be pinned on by her husband, 2LT Ryan Kelly, and her siblings, Ryan, Matt, and Tim McCoole. She will receive her first salute from her father, SSG(R) Timothy McCoole.

**2LT Theodore F. Kuchta** is the son of Theodore and Mollie Kuchta, from Mansfield, Texas. He is a graduate from UTA with a Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. He is branched Military Intelligence Corps and will attend the Basic Officer Leadership Course at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. 2LT Kuchta's bars will be pinned on by his wife, Michelle Kuchta. He will receive his first salute from MSG Maurice Peebles.

**2LT Franklin D. Worsham** is the son of David and Pam Worsham, from The Colony, Texas. 2LT Worsham will graduate from UTA with a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. He is branched Field Artillery and will attend the Basic Officer Leadership Course at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. 2LT Worsham's bars will be pinned on by his parents, David and Pam Worsham. He will receive his first salute from ISG Cruz.

***From the President's Desk (Continued from page 1)***

Commander of the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kansas, which is a Brigadier General position. He is being considered for promotion by the active duty Brigadier General Board, the results of which are still pending. Colonel Gibb's career thoroughly supports his consideration and, hopefully, his selection for promotion. I had the privilege of having Colonel Gibbs as a cadet in the Corps when I was PMS, and I appointed him the Corps Commander in 1981. He was commissioned in 1982, the year after I retired.

Bunky Garonzik will be honored on October 17 as a University of Texas at Arlington Distinguished Alumni from the Department of Military Science. He is being recognized for his many and varied accomplishments since his graduation, his community service, and his continued support of the University of Texas at Arlington. Bunky has demonstrated his leadership skills in his business endeavors and has been a key supporter of the Sam Houston Rifles over the years. He currently serves on the Executive Board

of the Cadet Corps Alumni Council.

The above three former cadets represent the high level of success that so many of our former cadets have attained both in military and civilian careers. Unfortunately we can't keep track of all of our former cadets. We would like to know of your noteworthy accomplishments, and if you know a former cadet that you think we need to know about, please contact us. Very important—please see Colonel Jerry Houston's article in this publication for the two newly nominated honorees to the Military Science Department Hall of Honor in 2010 and for timing on the event in February of 2010.

I am extremely proud to have been a part of the Corps of Cadets and to serve as your CCAC President.

Let us keep the men and women of our Armed Forces in our prayers as they protect our freedoms around the world. God bless America.

**CCAC President Ray Andrae**

***CCAC Life Members***

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- Mikio E. Ludwig**
- Gene G. Lunt**
- Mark D. Martin**
- Axel Martinez**
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- E. Ronelle McAbee**
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- James M. McGinn**
- Darrin P. Milner**
- Jillian L. Morales**
- Allen O. Morris**
- Michael W. Morrow**
- Sarah Nahhas**
- William W. Neal**
- Wendell H. Nedderman**
- David A. Neveau**
- Michael W. Parker**
- Sergio Perales**
- Larry and Claudia 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**
- Eric A. Rosson**
- Robert R. Roten**
- Michael A. Saltarelli**
- Jeffery K. Saunier**
- Thomas A. Schneider**
- Charlie E. Seyster**
- James S. Sibley**
- Lester Simpson**
- Dale W. Smith**
- Kenneth E. Smith**
- Kevin R. 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**
- John K. Yim**

*(Blue – new member)*



*Brothers in Arms (Continued from page 1)*



MAJ J.G. Kearby

Gallatin Kearby played an important role in the development of the high altitude pressure suit, and was the first Army Air Corps officer to test the suit in a pressure chamber. In October 1942, he tested a pressure suit to an altitude of 60,200 ft. This work was critical in high flying aircraft such as the U-2 and the SR-71. And Gallatin's work pioneered the space suits used by today's astronauts. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Not only were John and Neel brothers, they were both Army Pilots, both graduated from NTAC (UTA), both

were officers in the Army during WWII, both were highly decorated (MOH and DFC), and sadly, both died in the service of their country while flying. Neel was shot down in the Pacific on March 5, 1944, and John died in a test flight less than a year before that, on August 2, 1943.



UTA's proud tradition of Military Science continues today. Our cadets continue to do well—while in school and after graduation—both in and out of the military. During the annual Homecoming Activities at UTA, the largest alumni group continues to be the men and women who were enrolled in Military Science.

**Jodies—A Call to Arms**

A new twist! Each year at the Hall of Honor Ceremony, the current Sam Houston Rifles drill team performs for the attendees, and afterwards, according to tradition, the past members get an opportunity to drill for a few minutes.

Like riding a bicycle, we don't forget, and we still look pretty good. A flood of memories from decades past comes back to us—San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Laredo. Those were the days, my friend!



Sure, a few more pounds, some of us are wearing our hair a little thinner these days, the Springfield '03 got a little heavier over the years, and we

can't remember where we put our keys this morning, but the movements are ingrained as if Pavlov himself taught us.

What if we actually had one practice session before the event? Perhaps the day before or earlier the morning of the event? Probably not good enough to win the overall trophy again at LSU over 20 other drill teams, but plenty good enough to show we still "have it."

So, here is the plan as I see it: After the current team performs for the crowd, the Jody Alumni will take the field. We will do a couple of simple movements—just to show we still have the timing.



1970

Then the current team will hand off the rifles to those who want to take it to the next level. These guys will actually do a very short routine. High fives and we're done.



1973

I have sent out a "feeler" on the concept—thinking that about five or six would answer the call. So far, we have 20—including Herr from Michigan, Pitz from D.C., Bevill from Kingswood, Rudd from Glen Rose, Parker from Killeen, Thompson from Florida, Bev from Hawaii, Stevens from Seattle, Simpson from the Middle East, and a bunch from the Metroplex. There is no age discrimination—if you wore the yellow and black cord, you are invited.

Orlando Reyes has agreed to put the routine together and organize the troops. I will be in charge of communication until we know all the players, then Orlando takes the wheel. So, we need to know if you are "in," and your thoughts and ideas. This will be a great photo-op, perhaps get some press coverage, and I suspect that there won't be many more opportunities for this size group of Jodies to gather again. Bunky: [Bunky@pwhome.com](mailto:Bunky@pwhome.com)



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LIKE RIDING A BICYCLE



2009

**RECOGNIZE ANYONE FROM HOMECOMING 1970 AND 1973?**

PITZ, LAMKIN, HERR, M. ELLIS, A. ELLIS, WEATHERBY, POE, GOODMAN, D. PARKER, WATSON, DULANEY, HENDERSON, FOX, PRINCE, JOLLISANT, GARONZIK, NOMBRANA, SOULES, HOUSTON, CAMPOS, T. THOMPSON, REAMS, MCBEE, S, THOMPSON, S. WRIGHT, WINE, AND GOLDMAN.