



Reveille

President's Desk

At the Front



As I step into the duties of the President of the CCAC, I need to thank the guys who have preceded me. They brought Inception, Leadership, Growth, and Guidance to the largest and most active Alumni Organization on the UTA Campus.

The direction and philosophy of the UTA Administration and the Board of Regents has not always been conducive to Alumni participation and strong loyalty, participation, and support of UTA. The CCAC is one of the exceptions.

UTA has, for years, refocused its budgets on growth, academic achievement, and diversification, and the overall student "college experience" has suffered along the way. UTA has been very successful in achieving its goals, though I believe that the elimination of the football program has had trickle-down ramifications. The marching band, the Jodies, and certainly school spirit have all been casualties of this direction. Of course,

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Analise Medina, an ROTC junior and nursing student at UTA, has been presented the Warrior Ethos Award at the U.S. Army's Leader Development and Assessment Course here in Fort Lewis, Washington, at Joint Base Lewis McChord summer camp. Analise was selected from among 452 Army Cadets for her innovation, resiliency, courage, integrity, and honor while training and testing to become an Army lieutenant. Earning the award is a significant achievement and places Medina among the top Army ROTC cadets in the nation.

The 29-day Leader Development and Assessment Course, also known as Operation Warrior Forge, is Army ROTC's capstone training and assessment exercise. Cadets at Warrior Forge are tested on their physical stamina, endurance, ability to navigate over difficult terrain, and their team-building and leadership skills.

Thousands of college students from around the globe converge at JBLM each summer to

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2010 Distinguished Alumni Gala

Sat., October 16, 2010
University Center, UTA



Robert Irish, the CCAC and Military Science Department candidate, was selected by the UTA Alumni Association as a 2010 Distinguished Alumnus. For more information contact

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HOLLYWOOD

By Bunky Garonzik



Anyone watching TV these days can't help but notice all of the Hollywood personalities on talk shows spewing out their "wisdom" on our country's policies and troops. Most have never worn a uniform and many are simply on the fringes of the liberal left because they think it is the popular thing to do. While Hollywood may be a slice of the American Dream for some, it sure isn't a dose of reality. And it wasn't always this way. There is a reason that those growing up in the '30s and '40s are called the Greatest Generation. Jimmy Stewart, Clark Gable, Lee Marvin, Martha Raye, and many others did serve their country, and they had a bit more creditability on military matters than the current crop.

I'm not taking any position as to the direction our country is headed, or what has brought us to this point in our history, but I thought I might share one story of a popular Hollywood personality. The following is an excerpt from an army aviator taking a trip down memory lane:

"It was just before Thanksgiving '67 and we were ferrying dead and wounded from a large GRF west of Pleiku. We had run out of body bags by noon, so the Hook (CH-47 CHINOOK) was pretty rough in the back. All of a sudden, we heard a 'take-charge' woman's voice in the rear. There was the singer and actress, Martha Raye, with a SF (Special Forces) beret and jungle fatigues, with subdued markings, helping the wounded into the Chinook, and carrying the dead aboard. 'Maggie' had been visiting her SF 'heroes out west'. We took off, short of fuel, and headed to the USAF hospital pad at Pleiku. As we all started unloading our sad paxs, a USAF Captain said to Martha, "Ms. Raye,



Martha Raye, Film Star

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The Beat Goes On

By Joel H. Ward, Colonel, US Army, Ret

Many of you might not know this, but the CCAC owes much of its existence to the perseverance and dedication of our own Ray Andrae.

The late Colonel (R) Cecil Roberts and many of his fellow former cadets worked with LTC Raymond Andrae to create the Hall of Honor. This required a lot of work including getting the approval of UTA and space for the "Hall." They seeded the Hall with biographies and pictures of the first 11 members of the Hall of Honor in 1980, and, using the same format today, there are now 85 members of the Hall of Honor. Ray, himself, was so honored in 2001.

Ray's small group formed in the "Cecil Roberts" era (early '80s up to the mid '90s) and became the Cadet Corps Alumni Council origins. The Cadet Corps Advisory Group (CCAG) was a group that originally only advised the Professor of Military Science (PMS) when he asked for it. It did not link directly to the cadets. As time went on, there was a movement to participate more in Corps activities, such as presenting awards to cadets, and to seek a broader membership base, as we do today.

In 1993, the CCAG became the Cadet Corps Alumni Chapter (CCAC) and focused on both the program and the cadets. I was honored to be elected the first president, and I was followed by many great presidents who carried on and advanced the tradition extremely well.

As many of you know, later, the Chapter became the Cadet Corps Alumni Council (CCAC) to fit into the structure of the UTA Alumni Association (UTAAA). The UTAAA restructured its subordinate alumni groups, and those that were not as strong were kept directly under their control and called "chapters." The stronger groups were allowed to remain independent but linked to the UTAAA. The CCAC kept the acronym but changed the last word to "Council," an idea proposed by Ray.

As President of the CCAC from 2006 to 2010, Ray promoted the growth of scholarship funds above all else. The **GOLDBAR CLUB**, which directly provides donations to the Cadet Corps Endowed Scholarship Fund based on the number of cadets commissioned each semester was Ray's brain child. The **GOLDBAR Club** has provided over \$15,000 towards scholarship funds in just four years.

And here we are today! Viable, strong, and dedicated to today's cadets and the future of one of the great ROTC programs in the nation thanks to Ray Andrae and all the presidents and hard working members who came before him, and who worked with him. Thanks for all the great work you have done for us, Colonel Andrae!



COL Andrae presenting awards to cadets.



What To Do In Retirement

Some of our members build and collect old cars. At a recent car show in Flower Mound, four CCAC members showed up with some of their old cars. And, like the days on the team, they all walked away with first place in their class.

Rendleman won with his restored 1972 GMC pickup Truck, Rudd won his class with his 1951 Ford Coupe, Lamkin won with his very fast and beautiful Blue Mustang Muscle Car and Bunky took home the trophy for his 1956 Corvette.

All these guys are *kinda* semi-retired. Rendleman still puts in some hours at a machine shop, and Lamkin is working at Allen Samuels Dodge—he'll get you a great deal on a truck! Rudd is in Africa trying to kill an old lion and one of those ferocious zebras so he can feed the starving people. Bunky is a slumlord taking money from undocumented Democrats. We know of at least one more car collector—Bob Vaughn.

How about you? Got any stories or photos of what you have been doing? Send us something and we'll try to publish it.



Bunky, Ron Rendleman, Mark Lamkin, and John Rudd

Summer Camp (Cont. from page 1)

attend the course. Successful completion of this rigorous training is



a prerequisite for becoming commissioned as a U.S. Army lieutenant.

This summer more than 6300 Army ROTC Cadets will attend Warrior Forge. 31 Maverick cadets completed the Leadership Development Assessment Course.

Analise Medina finished with a 5 out of 6 evaluation, an "Excellent", 1st in her platoon, and she earned the recondo badge. The award was presented to Medina at a regimental graduation ceremony July 12. Congratulations to all the cadets on a job well done!

Where Are They Now?

By Bunky Garonzik



Steve Kennedy

Steve was around UTA in the mid-sixties. He was a devoted Jody and Military Science Graduate, and was commissioned in 1967 as an Infantry Officer. Basic at Benning, then flight school, then on to the 174th Aviation Company flying Hueys in Vietnam. Later, Steve served as a flight commander at Fort Wolters.

After a branch transfer to Military Intelligence and the fixed wing transition course, Steve was again sent to Vietnam flying the RU-21D as the company Executive Officer.

Steve then became the Company Commander of the 373d ASA Company and after a successful 8 year military career, Steve left the Army in 1975.

After the army, Steve worked at Southwestern Bell,

then, in 1981 he went to work for Southwest Airlines in telecommunications. He retired on his 62nd birthday in 1981.

Wilma and Steve have been married 44 years and live in Desoto. They have two successful daughters and five grandkids. Steve and Wilma spend time with their grandkids, and are active in their church and Home Owners group. Steve also enjoys his hobbies including woodworking.

Steve's brother Gene, was also a Jodie, and flew Hueys and Cobras in Vietnam, and is now a retired Police Officer in Houston.

Drop Steve a note: steve.r.kennedy@att.net



Join the **GOLDAR CLUB**—Make a difference!

amount can be anything from \$5.00 up. An example would be if you make a \$5.00 commitment and there are 10 cadets commissioned you pay \$50.00. You can select whether you want to pay each semester or annually. The CCAC sends out a statement twice a year after the May and December following commissioning ceremonies. Your commitment remains in effect until you notify us otherwise.

We currently have 22 members who collectively contribute \$255 per cadet to the scholarship fund. The Corps is currently commissioning 25-30 cadets a year. Contact Sarah Nahhas for an application or for more information.

The **GOLD BAR CLUB** was established as a means for the CCAC membership to show their recognition and appreciation of cadets who receive their commissions upon completion of the ROTC program, and to build the Cadet Corps Endowed Scholarship Fund. Membership in the **GOLD BAR CLUB** is open to all members of the CCAC.

To become a member you complete a membership form and agree to contribute a dollar amount for each cadet commissioned. The dollar



COMMITMENT

As a member of the Gold Bar Club, you have committed to contribute to the Cadet Corps Endowed Scholarship Fund a specified dollar amount for each cadet commissioned at UTA. This commitment remains in effect until such time as you notify the CCAC of a change or termination.

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budget considerations played a big roll, but I believe that the fifth largest university in Texas should have a football program.

Nevertheless the CCAC will play the hand that is dealt to us. We strive to grow, be inclusive, communicate, help the cadets, and have a good working relationship with the Cadre, the Alumni, and the Administration.

Thanks to the efforts of those who came before me, we are fiscally sound and well organized. The fo-

cus for the next two years will be on growth and inclusion. The Jodies have played a huge roll along the way, but now we need to concentrate on recruiting the cadets and including more of the other military organizations.

The Hall of Honor is our centerpiece, and that will continue, but other opportunities to get involved will be available.

Your comments and suggestions are solicited and welcomed.

Bunky

CCAC Life Members

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Hollywood (Continued from page 1)
with all these dead and wounded to process, there will not be time for your show.”

To all of our surprise, she pulled on her collar and said, “Captain, see this eagle? I am a full ‘Bird’ in the U.S. Army Reserve. And on this side is a ‘Caduce’ which means I am a nurse, with a surgical specialty...now, take me to your wounded.” He said, “Yes ma’am—follow me.” Several times at the Army Field Hospital in Pleiku, she would ‘cover’ a surgical shift, giving a nurse a well-deserved break. Martha is the only woman buried in the SF (Special Forces) cemetery at Fort Bragg.”

Now in the interest of good journalism, I had to check this story out, so I forwarded the story to Lee B. Wilson who was with the 5th Special Forces, U.S. Army, and in that area of Vietnam around that time:

Hello Bunky, There were so many things we did over there that we couldn’t talk about, but talking about Maggie is certainly not one of them. Anything that can be said or read that will show the people of this country what a truly wonderful, caring person she really was has my blessings. She didn’t have to come over there time and time again and stick her neck out in hostile territory day after day, because she already paid her dues in many other ways. She did it because she sincerely cared about this particular bunch of guys and respected what we were doing. This was her way of showing us, and the rest of our country, that she was tremendously proud of the U.S. Forces in combat in the RVN in spite of the hostile reception we were getting back home and in the press. I don’t ever remember seeing a single photographer or press aide around her when I had the chance to talk with her, and I know for a simple fact that she was not doing the things she did for personal recognition or to call attention to her fame in Hollywood. She even opened her home in Hollywood



Martha Raye, Honorary Nurse and “Full Bird” Colonel in the U.S. Special Forces

to all SF troopers that were coming and going to and from the RVN. She called her home, “Maggie’s Team House.”

I absolutely loved Maggie, as we called her, and got to see her on two occasions that were official, and several others that were not. She was at my bedside when I opened my eyes for the first time at Pleiku, the same hospital that is mentioned in the article. She had flown up to the camp at AnKhe with the 5th SF Group Commander, Colonel Henry Arron, a few weeks before, and I got to know her well in a short time. She met so many guys every day, I don’t see how she could remember names of any of us but she did. I think she was already in the hospital there at Pleiku seeing patients and the nurses and doctors when she heard there was a medivac ship on the way in with SF wounded on board, and she wanted to be there to what she could to raise spirits. As one of the wounded, I was unconscious when we arrived, so I didn’t really know she was even there until that night when I woke up for the first time. She looked down at me and said “Welcome back, Sugar, you gave us quite a start but your back in the show now.” She was holding my hand when I woke up,

and she stayed with me until I went to sleep. I don’t know how long that was, but it was long enough for me to recognize her and thank her for all she was doing for my soldiers and myself. The next morning when I woke up somebody else was holding my hand—Roy Rogers! I don’t know if Maggie had anything to do with that, but it wouldn’t surprise me at all. She was one fine lady and dearly loved her SF troopers. She spent more time on helicopters than anyone, I guess because she wanted to visit all of the camps in the country and bring a little piece of home to as many troopers as she could. I don’t think there will ever be anyone that meant so much to an entire military organization than Maggie did to the 5th Special Forces Group. May you rest in peace, Dear Maggie. “See you at Sunset,” Lee B.

CCAC AWARDS 2010 SCHOLARSHIPS

Cadets Jeremy Potts and Foley Rovello were the recipients of \$500.00 scholarships from the Cadet Corps Endowed Scholarship Fund. The scholarships were presented to the cadets at the Spring Awards Ceremony by CCAC President Bunky Garonzik.

The cadets were chosen by a selection board from the Military Science Department who insured that they met all of the qualifications set by the CCAC for the award of the scholarship.

The Cadet Corps Endowed Scholarship Fund was established by the Cadet Corps Alumni Council to recognize deserving cadets enrolled in the Corps of Cadets. The fund growth is from donations and commitments from **GOLD BAR CLUB** members. (See accompanying article about the **GOLD BAR CLUB**.)

The fund is managed by the UTA Development Office and the funds are invested in the University of Texas Foundation. The Cadet Corps Scholarship Fund value as of June, 2010 is over \$55,000.00.



Cadets Foley Rovello and Jeremy Potts, CCAC scholarship recipients

2010 LEADERSHIP AWARDS PRESENTED BY CCAC

The CCAC annually presents the Preston A Weathered Leadership Achievement Award to the cadet who demonstrates the highest standards of leadership developed while in the ROTC program. This year’s recipient was **Cadet Captain Jorge A. Lemus**. His name will be added to the plaque at the MS Department, and he was presented with a framed original print of “Cadet Echoes”.

The award was presented to Lemus by **Cadet Captain Jorge Lemus** CCAC President Bunky Garonzik at the spring awards ceremony.



Cadet Erik McCafferty, top MS IV cadet

Cadet Erik McCafferty was the outstanding MS IV cadet and was recognized for Overall Military Achievement within the Corps of Cadets at UTA by the Military Science Department. Cadet McCafferty was ranked the top 13th cadet in the entire United States this year.



Cadet Captain Jorge Lemus