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# Reveille

# President's Desk **By Bunky Garonzik**



The dust has settled from our 2011 Hall of Honor. We inducted three American heroes, Colonel Joe Billy Swift, General Rick Gibbs, and Major J.G. Kearby. Their complete bios can be found at www.cadetcorps.org on the Hall of Honor page.

Bunky Garonzik This year's Hall Of Honor also included a historical film on the UTA Cadet Corps, and members of the Hall of Honor, as well as a great Michael Brown documentary film on our Medal of Honor Member Neel Kearby.

We also highlighted the members of the original officers commissioned at ASC in 1961, and most of them were present. Billy Bob Pinkerton gets the long distance award for this group, making the

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# At the Front **Bv PMS Alba**

Greetings from the Maverick Battalion! It only seems that it was yesterday when we had those snow days in January; now we're in the last week of the semester. As always, with the end of the semester our first big event is commissioning. On 14 May we commissioned 15 Maveicks. Five more Mavericks will be com-



LTC Alba Professor of Military Science

missioned on 20 August, which will bring our 2011 total to 27 new Lieutenants in the U.S. Army. The Mavericks have, once again, exceeded their line and nurse mission. Not to be outpaced, 23 juniors will descend on Fort Lewis, WA for LDAC. We project 29 new lieutenants for 2012, with a record of five

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The UTA Military Science **Orientation Day Cadet BBQ and Meet and Greet** will be August 25, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. In the UTA **Student Center** 

**Alumni Welcome** 

## You Can Leave The Military—But It Never Really Leaves You

This article sums it up quite well. It's by Ken Burger of The Charleston Post and Courier: Thursday, March 4, 2010, and was sent in by Ron Rendleman.

Occasionally I venture back to NAS, Meridian, where I'm greeted by an imposing security guard who looks carefully at my identification card, hands it back and says, "Have a good day, Senior Chief". Every time I go back to any Navy base it feels good to be called by my previous rank, but odd to be in civilian clothes, walking among the servicemen and servicewomen going about their duties as I once did, many years ago. The military is a comfort zone for anyone who has ever worn the uniform. It's a place where you know the rules and know they are enforced—a place where everybody is busy, but not too busy to take care of business. Because there exists, behind the gates of every military facility, an institutional understanding of respect, order, uniformity, accountability, and dedication that becomes part of your marrow and never, ever leaves you. Personally, I miss the fact that you always knew where you stood in the military, and who you were dealing with. That's because you could read somebody's uniform from 20 feet away and know the score. Service personnel wear their careers on their sleeves, so to speak. When you approach them, you can read their name tag, examine their rank, and, if they are in dress uniform, read their ribbons and know where they've served. I miss all those little things you take for granted when you're in the ranks, like breaking starch on a set of fatigues fresh from the laundry and standing in a perfectly straight-line military formation that looks like a mirror as it stretches to the endless horizon.

I miss the sight of troops marching in the early morning mist, the sound of boot heels thumping in unison on the tarmac, the bark of drill instructors and the sing-song answers from the squads as they pass by in review.

To romanticize military service is to be far removed from its reality, because it's very serious business—especially in

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#### UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON

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### UTA Graduate Killed in Afghanistan

LT Robert F. Welch III, 26, of Wylie, TX, was killed Sunday, April 3, in Afghanistan on his first combat deployment. LT Welch died of wounds sustained when a mortar shell landed near him while he was patrolling the perimeter of his forward operating base in the Khost province, near the Pakistani border. He was an ordnance officer in Company B, 201st Brigade Support Battalion in the storied 1st Infantry Division.

Lt. Welch graduated from UTA in 2008 with a degree in Military Sscience and was commissioned as a second lieutenant—precisely what his friends and family knew he would do. He will be buried at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery.

In the UTA Corps of Cadets, LT Welch had a reputation as a superb motivator for younger cadets. MAJ Jeannie Deakyne wrote "As it has been almost three years since he was in school at UT Arlington, very few of the cadets that are in the present Corps know of LT Welch, but the cadre remember him well—and fondly. He was a Battalion Command Sergeant Major, and had a huge personality. His wife, Becky, and



I were pregnant at the same time and he leaves 20-month-old Little Robby."

LT Welch was one of three cadets who, in 2008, proposed the idea of marching from Arlington to Fort Hood to commemorate a road march in 1960 by UTA cadets, known as "the Long March." But the 155-mile journey didn't happen until 2010, and by then, LT Welch was busy in the Army.

"We definitely had him in our thoughts when we did the march," MAJ Ric Diaz said. "We thought, 'Who came up with this idea? WELCH!!"

Among his awards were the Army Achievement Medal, as well as the Bronze Star and Purple Heart, both awarded posthumously.

His hometown of Wylie was also where he met his wife, who gave birth to their first child last year, Robert Welch IV. He is also survived by his father, Robert Welch II, a retired Army lieutenant colonel, his mother, Barbara Welch, and sister, Jane.

[Much of the above information was reported in the Fort Worth Star Telegram by Chris Vaughan on April 5, 2011. Jeannie Deakyne of the CCAC also contributed.]



UTA's first commissioning class, in 1961 (left). Fifty years later, Billy Bob Pinkerton, Chuck Feuerbacher, Zack Prince, and Buck Herndon reconnect at the 2011 Hall of Honor (right).



Joe B. Swift and Ricky D. Gibbs were inducted into the UTA Hall of Honor on February 26, 2011.

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nurses in a one-year-group.

And this is just the beginning! We have four cadets going to Airborne School and one cadet heading to Air Assault School. We even have one cadet going to Grafenwoeher, Germany for Cadet Troop Leadership Training. Other Mavericks are traveling to Fort Bliss, Fort Lewis, Fort Lee, Hawaii, and Fort Knox. In addition to jumping out of airplanes and rappelling out of helicopters, 15 of our cadets will attend the first-ever Summer Arabic intensive course at UTA. This summer will also bring a change of PMS, with LTC Alba retiring after 26 years of service. LTC Lora Rimmer will be inbound in July and will be ready to become the first-ever female PMS in the program's 109 years of existence. Finally, LTC Kevin Smith will be returning from his overseas deployment in late May. After some well-earned time with his family, he'll return to his duties as the Recruiting Operations Officer.

LTC Albert Alba, PMS UTA

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Or contact CCAC President Bunky Garonzik at bunkyg5@verizon.net or Sarah Nahhas at snahhas@decisionanalyst.com



#### Where Are They Now



Looks like Lico Reyes has been busy since he left UTA. He has been an actor on film and stage and has had a variety of jobs, including work in security on the last seven Super Bowls. Reyes has worked as an interpreter in the court

Frederick B. "Lico" Reyes

system, a defensive driving instructor, a consultant, a business broker, and a computer programmer.

Born in Mexico, Lico has lived in Texas for 45 years. While working on his Bachelor's degree at UTA in Super Bowl as a member of the SAFE Management Secuthe '70s, Lico was a member of the Jodies.

He has been involved in many civic and community activities, including the Chamber of Commerce and the City Council. He has even run for Arlington mayor a few times.

Lico played one of the actors in the Documentary HISTORY Channel movie "I'm Alive," filmed in Colorado, Argentina, Chile, and in Del Rio, Gainesville, and Dallas, Texas. He plays "Sergio Catalan," (a sheep herder) the man who saw the first two



Lico (third from right) had an opportunity to exercise his Senior ROTC and Sam Houston Rifles fancy drill team command voice and military drill knowledge at the XLV rity Guard. They marched onto the Cowboy Stadium playing field In battalion formation at the end of the game. Lico lead the battalion in calling cadence and sang the 'Oliana" Jody song to help keep them in step. Plus, he explained "dress-and-cover" to the staff. They were the formation in the orange jackets and khaki pants.

survivors of the airplane crash in the Andes Mountains in 1972. Lico lives in Arlington, and got married just three years ago. If you would like to get in touch with Lico, he would lover to hear from you. His email address is: Lico@Eaze.net

#### **Commissioning Class of Spring 2011**

2LT Steven Calhoun, Grand Prairie, TX—B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies; branched Military Intelligence Corps

2LT Zachariah A. Chichester Austerlitz, NY—Master of Politics in Political Philosophy; Military Intelligence Corps

2LT Cathy Ho, Grand Prairie, TX—B.S. in Biology; branched Chemical Corps

**2LT Analise Medina,** Los Angeles, CA—B.S. in Nursing; branched Nurse Corps

2LT Yassirie M. Moreno, Orlando, FL—B. A. in Biological Anthropology; branched Military Intelligence Corps

**2LT Aivy V. Nguyen,** Arlington, TX—B.A. in Criminology and Criminal Justice; branched Mil. Intelligence Corps

**2LT Hugh D. Pham,** Midlothian, TX—B.A. in English; branched Military Intelligence Corps

2LT Holly M. Rhodes, Seabrook, TX—B.S. in Nursing; branched Nurse Corps

2LT Maria I. Rodriguez, Fort Worth, TX—B.A. in Criminology and Criminal Justice; branched Ordnance Corps

**2LT Stephanie M. Stauffer,** Richardson, TX—B.A. in Criminology and Criminal Justice; branched Mil. Intell. Corps

**2LT Jaruwat Sukwan,** Thailand—. B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies; branched Infantry

**2LT Megan E. Tracy,** Fort Worth, TX—B.S. in Exercise Science; branched Military Police Corps

2LT Leonardo Villalobos, Michoacan, Mexico—B.A. in Criminology and Criminal Justice; branched Field Artillery

2LT Marty L. Vineyard, Fort Worth, TX—B.S. in Mechanical Engineering; branched Quartermaster Corps

From the President's Desk (Continued from page 1) trip from Georgia.

Also highlighted this year was a pretty large gather-Most of those still with us were present at

the event, and **Bob Irish** provided a great lapel pin. I had the honor of pinning General Latham, General Gibbs, and Col. Andrae.

Lots of folks get credit for a great Hall of Honor but, as usual, most of the heavy lifting was done by Col. Jerry Bob Houston and Sarah Nahhas.

Financially, the CCAC is in pretty good shape, and the board voted to increase the Cadet Scholarship levels. Additionally, our organization made a few bucks on the sale of some hats and shirts and the

"Tribute to UTA Military Science DVD." (All this is still available—more details in this newsletter.)

We are always looking for ideas on how to recruit ing of previously inducted Hall of Honor members. more CCAC members, how to improve the organization, and how to get news from our members. Remember, our primary goals are to support the Corps of Cadets and to communicate with our members. We are accepting nominations for the 2012 Hall of Honor, so if you have a worthy suggestion go to the website and send us your nomination. We also have a few openings on the board, so if you want to get more involved, let us know. The CCAC is growing, we are accomplishing our mission, and we are becoming known as a major asset to UTA's Administration.

Bunky Garonzik, April 2011

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# ITEMS FOR SALE POLO SHIRT SWEATSHIRT HOODED SWEATSHIRT

These items come in various colors with your choice of the Jody Logo or the CCAC Logo embroidered on the left chest. Everything is of the highest quality available, and at a reasonable price. And the postage and handling is included. We make these items to order, and will only order once a year. All orders must be received by June 30, 2011.

#### MILITARY SCIENCE DVD



For a \$20 donation, we will send you the documentary film **FREEDOM IS NOT FREE—A Tribute to Those Who Served.** This 27-minute film highlights some of **UTA's notable alumni**, all the current members of the **Hall of Honor**, and the **History of Military Science** at the university beginning in 1903. Also included on the DVD—after the 27-minute main film—are out-takes of the 2010 Old Man Jodies marching, the current Jody team, some old footage of

competitions and parades, snapshots, and some fun stuff, accompanied by some great music. So far, the reviews on the film have been good, and your donation helps the CCAC.

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**MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL** We notice that there are a number of Annual Members out there. Did you know that if you are 65 years old or older, you can convert your Annual Membership to a Lifetime Membership for just \$100 Bucks? Contact Sarah at CCAC\_UTA@yahoo.com to send a check, or join online at www.cadetcorps.org.

(Continued from page 1) times of war.

But I miss the salutes I'd throw at officers and the crisp returns as we crisscrossed with a "by your leave sir."

I miss the smell of jet fuel hanging heavily on the night air and the sound of engines roaring down runways and disappearing into the clouds. I even miss the hurry-up-and-wait mentality that enlisted men gripe about constantly, a masterful invention that bonded people more than they'll ever know or admit.

I miss people taking off their hats when they enter a building, speaking directly and clearly to others, and never showing disrespect for rank, race, religion, or gender.

Mostly, I miss being a small cog in a machine so complex it constantly circumnavigates the earth and is so simple it feeds everyone on time, three times a day, on the ground, in the air or at sea. Mostly, I don't know anyone who has served who regrets it, and doesn't feel a sense of pride when they pass through those gates and re-enter the world they left behind with their youth. I wish I could express my thoughts as well about something I loved—and hated sometimes.

Face it, guys, we all miss it. Whether you had one tour or a career, it shaped your life.

"A veteran is someone who, at one point in his or her life, wrote a blank check made payable to 'The United States of America."



William P. Roe

William P. Roe, 70, of Nashua, NH, died at his home early Friday morning, March 11, 2011 with his loving family by his side.
Billy P. Roe was from East Texas and later moved to the Dallas area. He was a graduate of N.R. Crozier Technical High School in Dallas, Class of 1958 and from there went to the University of Texas at Arlington, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering in 1963. After his graduation, he was com-

missioned through the ROTC program into the U.S. Army. While assigned to the ROTC program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Bill earned a Master's degree in Political Science. He served for 24 years in the Corps of Engineers, retiring in August 1986.

Bill's Army career included assignments that took his family to military posts in several states, including Hawaii. Overseas tours included Germany, Korea and Vietnam. Bill and his wife spent the next four years working for the U.S. State Department in Taipei, Taiwan. After returning to the States, the Roes moved into their home in Nashua in December 1990. Bill worked for the Raytheon Company in Bedford, MA for 15 years, as manager of H/A/W/K Engineering Services, retiring in December 2005.

Bill is survived by his beloved wife of 50 years, Amy I. (Johnson) Roe of Nashua, and his two children, Steven Roe and Janet Abell.