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President's Desk By Bunky Garonzik

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President's Message Jan 2012 **Welcome Home**

We know this for sure: Our troops did everything that they were asked to do in Iraq. They fought hard, they fought bravely, and the price they paid was high. They leave that country with their heads held high; they served with honor

and with the knowledge that they followed the commands of their leaders and did everything they could do to accomplish the mission.

As to the worthiness of the cause, any positive results and changes, and if the cost of the war and the fallen soldiers will have a lasting impact, well, we have to wait for history to play out to answer that question. If a list were made of all the good things that came as a result of our involvement in

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At the Front LTC Lora Rimmer

Greetings from the **Maverick Battalion!**

The 109th Maverick Battalion completed another successful semester—and what a semester it was!

Cadet LTC John O'Brien and his outstanding staff of senior cadets took over the reins of the Battalion and never looked back. The fall

semester began with 168 cadets enrolled in the program, four MSI's were awarded fourvear National Scholarships and three were awarded three-year National Scholarships. Over the course of the semester one additional MSI cadet was awarded a four-year campus-



LTC Lora Rimmer **Professor of Military** Science



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2012 **Hall of Honor** Sat., February 11

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Random Acts of Kindness

By Bunky Garonzik

True friendship runs deep. We all have friends who we grew up with. We have our friendly neighbors, friends from school or work, and friends from our clubs or those with whom we share a common interest. We have friends who we can count on, help us in rough times, give advice, lend us a helping hand, or be by our side in both sad and happy times. Often the bond of friendship becomes stronger when you share a foxhole, conquer Class V rapids in a canoe, or win a team championship.

I met Alan Van Velkinburgh in 1989 when I was Director of Operations for the Grand Prix of Dallas. He was a young guy just starting his radio communication business, and he submitted a bid to provide the two-way communication for our event. This was a big step because his business was just getting started and the radios were critical to driver safety and contact with medical personnel, fire fighters and police. He needed to purchase a bunch of new equipment to do the job, and of course he was concerned about payment because most of the revenue from this type of event came from ticket sales at the gate. I assured Alan not to worry; he would be fine.

Mother Nature was not so kind on race weekend. It rained all three days of the event, and many of the suppliers received only partial payment. Alan was in my office on Monday explaining that he would be out of business if he couldn't pay for the equipment that he purchased for our event. I wrote him a personal check for \$5,000.

Alan kept in touch over the years and dropped by when he was in town. His business grew. About 15 years later, I received a thank you note and a check for \$5,000. But that's not the real story here.

When Lt. Welch was killed in action in the Middle East, the CCAC did a 'pass the hat' thing for his young wife and baby. Your generous contributions provided a check to Becky for about \$5,000. A few months later, when Lt. Dustin Vincent was killed, we sent out another plea for help, and though many folks were extremely generous, the donations

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Hall of Honor Induction Candidates for 2012



Mark C. Stevens

Mark C. Stevens graduated from UTA in 1972 with a degree in Aeronautical Engineering. As a senior, he commanded the Sam Houston Rifles and was Corps S1. A distinguished military graduate, he was able to convert his commission to the U. S. Air Force and became mission rated in the Phantom F-4E. He served an overseas tour of duty in Det Udom, Thailand flying missions into Vietnam. He was next assigned an air combat instructor pilot for the F-5E as part of the USAF Aggressors, Nellis, NV.

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He resigned from the Air Force and went to work for the Boeing Corporation. After a long and distinguished career, he joined the Black Ram Engineering Services as a system engineer in 2009 where he works today. Mark is married with two children and four grandchildren and lives in Shoreline, WA. His son is flying in the Air Force and is on his second tour in Afghanistan.

LTC Barbara Anne (Williams) Vogl pursued a degree in Psychology at ASC and was the Sam Houston Rifles Sweetheart in 1961 and the Corps Sweetheart in 1962. After graduation in 1962, and a year in seminary, Barbara entered the United States Army as the first commissioned female 2LT of the Woman's Army Corps to graduate from ASC. Barbara was in the Army until 1992, and during her military career she earned a Master's Degree of Communications at Fordham University, and completed the U. S. Army Command at General Staff College (Reserve). Barbara then served as the District Director for Congressman Rick Lazio of New York's Second Congressional District.

Barbara and her husband Mark have three children and ten grandchildren and live in Gilmer, TX, where Barbara works for the First Baptist Church and plays the organ.



Barbara A. (Williams) Vogl

William P. Roe

LTC William P. Roe was a member of the rifle team, and was Corps Commander his senior year. He graduated in 1963. He took a break in his military service to work as a civil engineer. Upon return to active duty he was sent to Vietnam. From there he was assigned to Ft. Hood, TX, then to Korea, and then on to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and where he earned a Master's degree in political science. He spent the next few years in Hawaii. LTC Roe retired from the Army in 1986 to work as the Foreign Military Sales Officer with American Institute as liaison between the U.S. and Taiwanese Armies. In 1990 Bill joined Raytheon Corporation. Bill and his wife Amy sponsored many children from around the world through the organization Child Fund International. LTC Roe is survived by his wife, a son, a daughter, and two granddaugh-

Hall of Honor 2012—sign up now! Each luncheon reservation is \$30. Go to www.cadetcorps.org to register! The date is Saturday, February 11. Reception starts at 10:00 a.m. in the UTA Bluebonnet Ballroom, and the luncheon, followed by the induction ceremony, begins at 11:30 a.m. The festivities will last into the early afternoon. See the timeline and fill out the form, or sign up online with PayPal. For more information, call Sarah at 817-640-6167 ext. 408, or email her at ccac uta@yahoo.com.

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based scholarship and four others were offered threeyear campus-based scholarships.

In addition to the usual hectic and heavy academic workload, our Cadets brought home the Ranger Challenge First Place trophy for the Male Division and Second Place Trophy for the Co-ed division. Way to go, Mavericks! The Ranger Challenge Competition pits Army ROTC programs throughout central Texas universities; this year, eight schools participated in the men's and co-ed divisions at Camp Bullis, San Antonio. Each division competed in six events, including a physical fitness test, day and night land navigation, and 10K ruck march. UTA's male team outperformed the other male teams in five of the six events.

Throughout the semester, our cadets planned and executed a Battalion FTX; fulfilled numerous color guard requests; participated in 38 recruiting events; and enjoyed an evening of camaraderie during our December Holiday Social. From this outstanding class, we commissioned four cadets during the December 2011 ceremony and we were honored to have BG Manuel Ortiz Jr., Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army South, as the guest speaker during the ceremony. My first semester as the professor of Military Science has certainly been a whirlwind and tremendously rewarding. My Cadre and I look forward to the new year and the opportunity to train, lead, and commission the future officers of this great Army.

LTC Lora Rimmer



Where Are They Now

Fred Campos

Fred Campos attended UTA from 1964 to 1967. He



was a member of the Sam Houston Rifles and held various positions including Gui-

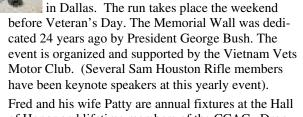
don Bearer. Fred ioined the Marine Corps and served from 1968 to 1974 including tours in Vietnam. Since his military service in

1974, Fred has been working for IT companies and currently holds the position of Vice President of TDC, a technology company.

In 1996 Fred was one of three founders of Remit Plus Software, Inc., which developed one of the first electronic transmissions (Check 21) after the government enacted the law. After the events of September 11, 2001, Congress aggressively utilized the Check 21 format. In 2005, AudioTel purchased Remit Plus.

In 1996 Campos founded the Pug Rescue Club. Today that organization is the largest Pug rescue group in the U.S. with over 5,000 members, and they have rescued and placed over 6,000 Pugs.

> Fred has been a member of the Vietnam Vets & Legacy Vets of his motorcycle club since 1996. He is responsible for the Annual Motorcycle Run-to-the-Texas Vietnam Memorial at Fair Park



of Honor and lifetime members of the CCAC. Drop him a note at fred@fredcampos.com



Fall of 2011 UTA Commissions



2LT Tiffany A. Hussain is the daughter of Kelly Brewer and Mahmud Hussain, from Fort Worth, TX. She will graduate from UTA with a Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology. She will be branched later this year.

2LT Loc H. Lam is the son of Khuon Lam and Mai Nguyen, from Arlington, TX. 2LT Lam will graduate from

UTA with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. He has been branched Army Nurse Corps and will attend the Basic Officer Leadership Course at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas.

2LT Luke W. Saavedra is the son of the late Master Sergeant William O. Saavedra, from Hunnington Beach, CA, and Melanie L. Saavedra, from Dewsbury, England. He will graduate from UTA with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice. He has been branched Medical Service Corps and will attend the Basic Officer Leadership Course at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, TX.

2LT Ashley B. Seguin is the daughter of Debi Eutsler, from Euless, TX. 2LT Seguin will graduate from UTA with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. She has been branched Army Nurse Corp and will attend the Basic Officer Leadership Course at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, TX.

2LT James Stafford, III is the son of James and Gayle Stafford, from Connellsville, PA. He will graduate from Southern Methodist University's Dedman School of Law with a Juris Doctorate degree. He will be branched Judge Advocate General Corps and will attend the Basic Officer Leadership Course at Charlottesville, VA.

From the President's Desk (Continued from page 1) that conflict, and that list was compared to all the bad things, including the sacrifices of those both in theater

and back at home, the toll it took on our economy, our position in world opinion, and the net gain of democracy, perhaps not everyone would think the price paid was reasonable.

However history records the conflict, we can be certain that our men and women in uniform did their very best. For their efforts we are grateful and truly thank them.

As we ramp up for this year's Hall of Honor on 11 February, we will honor three more of our alumni who have served in both the military as well as in their respective communities. Make plans now to attend. Our HOH crowds have been growing, UTA is growing, new buildings are springing up, and the CCAC continues to be one of the largest and most supportive organizations affiliated with UTA. Bunky

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LT Dustin Vincent died in Iraq, November 5, 2012

Twenty-five-year-old First LT **Dustin Vincent**, with the 1st Infantry Division based at Fort

Riley, died from wounds suffered in Iraq when enemy forces attacked his unit on Nov. 5, 2011. The Army said Vincent was killed by small-arms fire in northern Iraq's Kirkuk province during a patrol. Dustin had gotten out of a broken-down vehicle in order to help his group to safety when he was shot by a sniper. No other casualties or injuries were reported in the incident.

Vincent, of Mesquite, TX, was on his first deployment and had just gotten married before being deployed to Iraq for the first time six months ago. He graduated from Mesquite High

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School in 2005, then attended the University of Texas at Arlington. In 2009 he joined the Army as an artillery officer.

He leaves behind his wife, and also a recently adopted daughter who is three years old. Outside his family's home now

stands an American flag honoring the fallen soldier and the many others who have fought and died during the past nine years in Iraq. Vincent's family says they were happy to hear the war was ending and were looking forward to welcoming him home for the holidays. They say he would be glad to know fellow soldiers will soon get that chance.



UTA's New College Park Center

College Park Center, UTA's new \$78 million multi-purpose event center, is set to open in February 2012. The new home for basketball and women's volleyball programs will also host conferences, concerts, and area high school graduations.

College Park Center is part of College Park District, a 20acre development that includes the College Park retail/living area, which is still under construction. Once it is completed in August, people will be able to eat and shop while waiting for a game or concert to begin next door. Also nearby is The Green at College Park, a space that filters runoff while serving as a recreation or gathering area.

The University of Texas System Board of Regents voted in 2009 to build the center, off Center Street and south of UTA Boulevard. The center is expected to make about \$2 million in its first full year of operation with expectations that revenue will grow as more entities seek to rent it. Another source of revenue is a \$2-per-semester credit-hour fee

that UTA students approved in a 2005 referendum.

The center has two practice courts for basketball and volleyball. The courts are equipped with cameras to capture moves and techniques that coaches might want to study. Natural light shines through tall windows made of translucent glass. The building has roomy new locker rooms, an athletics study area complete with computer lab, a state-of-the-art hydrotherapy room, and a pool that has an underwater treadmill so athletes can exercise while treating an injury. The arena has 6,600 seats offering exceptional views.

"This is a multidimensional initiative that will benefit everyone," UTA President Jim Spaniolo said. "It completes the

> campus in terms of a place to work and live and to spend time. It also contributes to a sense that Arlington is a college town." Spaniolo wants the community to enter this new phase with UTA. The first games at the new arena will be free and celebratory, with fans urged to fill the huge new house. "We are really going to try to paint the town blue and orange," he said.



What's Happening at UTA (Continued from page 1)

didn't approach what we collected for Lt. Welch. I decided to break my own rules, and I sent out a plea for donations to my non-CCAC network. Alan Van, with no connection to UTA, the Military Department, or the CCAC, sent a check for \$1,000 for the Dustin Vincent fund. So this article is just to say thanks to my very good friend Alan Van. The world would be a better place with more folks like him. Somehow these random acts of kindness are contagious—The North Texas Corvette Club tossed in another \$500 toward the Vincent fund, adding true meaning to "Support our troops."

Lt. Col. U. S. Army (Ret.) Walter H. Huth

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Huth died on 12 November 2011. Walter was a member of the NTAC class of 1951. After college he joined the U.S. Army and during his 20-year career he was with the 11th and 82nd Airborne, Military Intelligence, and Army Aviation. He was a decorated veteran of Korea and Vietnam. While on temporary duty with the CIA in 1956 he met and married Donna Grace Bowbeer of Arlington, Virginia on December

8, 1956, and had three daughters. After retiring from the Army in 1971, Walt and Donna lived in McAllen, Texas and later moved to Kerrville in 1977. He became a life member of the CCAC in 2008.