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President's Desk By Rex Latham



Rex Latham

It is both exciting and humbling to have the opportunity to serve as the Cadet Corps Alumni Council (CCAC) president. Following in the footsteps of past presidents like Joel Ward, Jim Coughlin, Bucky Herndon, Jerry Thomas, Ray Andrae & Bunky Garonzik is a daunting task. Their leadership led to CCAC's viability, growth, and effectiveness in executing its mission of supporting the Cadet Corps & UTA's Military Sci-

ence Department in maintaining a truly outstanding program. As president, I am privileged to serve with an outstanding Executive Committee which includes four new members-at-large. (The new Executive Committee is listed on the back page of this *Reveille*.) Together we plan, with your help, to build on the CCAC legacy. This legacy includes:

- Close and continuing support to and cooperation with the Military Science Department and UTA administration.
- 162 Life Members & 14 Annual Members, making the CCAC one of the most dynamic UTA alumni organizations.
- An Endowed Scholarship Fund with a value of almost \$100,000, funded by the Gold Bar Program & donations. Interest from the fund provides scholarships for cadets.
- An Emergency Fund to help cadets (and has already helped one cadet).
- Life Membership Endowment Fund—interest from this ac-

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At the Front By LTC Lora Rimmer



LTC Lora Rimmer Professor of Military Science

Greetings to all! The 112th Maverick Battalion is getting ready to kick off the new school year with a bang! Cadets will move into Trinity Dorm on 15 August and begin Zero Week on 18 August at College Hall. Besides in-processing and issuing equipment, a full slate of team

building and leadership development exercises are planned to ensure the battalion is prepared to undertake the new school year. We expect a battalion enrollment of 150 cadets and are excited to be bringing in one

4-year National Scholarship awardee and ten 3-year National Scholarship awardees. Over the course of the Fall semester, I expect to award several more campus-based scholarships. Our Mavericks have had a fantastic summer with 22 Cadets attending and successfully completing LDAC, and eight prospective Cadets attending and completing the Leader's Training Course at Fort Knox, KY. Cadet Mitchell Garrison successfully completed Airborne School. Two Cadets participated in the Cultural Understanding and Language Program this summer - Cadet Alexandra Young traveled to the Dominican Republic and Cadet Olusegun Ebifemi traveled to Burundi. Nine Cadets attended follow-on Cadet Troop Leader Training and the Nurse Summer Training Program at various Army installations across the United States. All of these young leaders will come back to campus with a better understanding of how the Army operates day to day; they will leverage their experience to better plan and

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Scattershooting by Bunky Garonzik



Bunky Garonzik

As I pass the gavel to Rex, I want to thank everyone for their support over the last four years. I know I wore some of you out, but Rex will add an element of professionalism thath was lacking during my tour.

As far as my goals when I took the job of president, I think most were accomplished: We have a more diversified organization (although most of our members are Jodies), and we have included the other organizations in the Hall of Honor, the Board of Directors, and the membership.

We provided a cooking team for the Long March to Ft. Hood, created a fund for emergencies, restarted the drill team, participated in parades and campus activities, created an on-campus ROTC & Alumni Display, created a Facebook Page (UT Arlington-ROTC Corps of Cadets), and we have a great working relationship with the PMS, the UTA Alumni Organization, the President, & the Dean of Liberal Arts.

The CCAC is more visible on campus and in the community, and through the PMS, the cadets understand and appreciate our organization. And our financial goals and memberships have exceeded our expectations. Credit Jerry Thomas and Sarah for their hard work and dedication—especially on the financial end, and Col. Andrae's work on the Gold Bar Program. High fives to Jerry Bob on the success of the Hall of Honor Program, and to all the Jodies who worked so hard to bring the Team back—especially Floyd Wine and Fred Campos who were there from the beginning.

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Mark D. Martin

Late-Breaking News From the CCAC

Congratulations, LTC Rimmer! U.S. Army Cadet Command has just named UTA's LTC Lora Rimmer as the nation's Professor of Military Science of the Year. This is a great and well-deserved honor. We can all take pride that UTA has such an outstanding officer leading its ROTC program.

Rimmer was selected from among 275 professors at colleges and universities nationwide that offer Army ROTC. She will receive the award during a ceremony at U.S. Army Cadet Command Headquarters at Fort Knox, KY, in November.

Candidates for Professor of Military Science of the Year are nominated by their respective brigade commanders. All nominees must meet certain fitness and career qualifications.

During her 27-year military career, Rimmer has commanded up to battalion level and held staff positions through Corps staff. In 2011, she assumed command of UT Arlington's ROTC unit – one of the oldest and most respected Army ROTC programs in Texas. Prior to taking command at UT Arlington, she served as the Network Operations Officer for the First Cavalry Division during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Read more about it on the UTA website at: http://www.uta.edu/news/releases/2014/07/military-professor-award.php.

Lester Simpson has just received Congressional Appointment to be promoted to **Major General**. The two-star general rank is commensurate with his position as commander of the Texas National Guard. He is the

second Major General from UTA to head the Texas National Guard—the first was Preston A. Weatherred, 1946-1948—and both are members of the UTA Hall of

Honor. At least 20 UTA Alumni and family members made the trip to Austin to celebrate Lester's change of command. Congratulations, Major General Simpson!



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As you may know, the

MG Simpson with a Medal of Honor Recipient in Gainesville, TX, in April 2014

UTA Alumni Association has been a separate organization working in conjunction with the University. Plans are underway to reconstitute the Alumni Association under the umbrella of UTA. With this transformation, the organization will be administered by UTA staff members. We will keep you informed. Further information can be found on the UTA website. The CCAC is under the umbrella of the Military Science Department and, as such, is not generally affected by UTA Alumni policy. Read more at: President Karbhari's Plans For Enhanced Alumni Engagements: http://www.uta.edu/news/releases/2014/07/planfor-ehnanced-alumni-engagement.php and FAQ: https://www.uta.edu/news/releases/2014/07/UTA-Alumni-Association-statement.php

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execute realistic, leader-focused training for all of our cadets. *Mavericks Lead the Way!!*

This summer we bid a fond farewell to Ms. Chiquita Sutton; we thank her for her hard work and dedication and wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors. MAJ Miguel Juarez and his lovely wife, Lorraine, joined the team in July and we look forward to getting to know them!

Several exciting events are scheduled this semester. The 2014 Summer Commissioning Ceremony will be held on 16 August at 9:30 a.m. in the Carlisle Suite at the University Center. We are honored to have MG Lester Simpson as our guest speaker. The Welcome Back Barbeque will be held on the first day of UTA classes, 21 August, at 2:00 p.m. in the Rio Grande Ballroom in the University Center. Over the course of the next few months, we look forward to the BN FTX, Parent's Weekend, Ranger Challenge, UTA's Veterans Day Celebration, UTA Homecoming, and the 2014 Fall Commissioning Ceremony. We hope to see you on campus soon!!









MSIV Cadet Thomas Katsoulas performs first aid during LDAC 2014 at Fort Knox, KY. In the next two photos, Cadet Alexandra Young is sent off to the Dominican Republic for the Cultural Understanding and Language Program this summer.

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Where Are They Now?



LTC (Ret) Axel Martinez is currently serving as a Political Military Analyst in the International Military Affairs Branch of the Security Cooperation Division at Fort Sam Houston, TX. He served for over 27 years as an Officer in the Field Artillery and Army Aviation, and then

Axel Martinez as a Foreign Area Officer. Axel retired from active military duty in 2007, while

assigned to ARSOUTH as the Chief International Military Affairs Directorate. In 2008, he was hired back to ARSOUTH, contracting with the Northrop Grumman Corp., and serving as a Political Military Analyst. After a year of service to ARSOUTH, he became a full-time civil service employee. In 2009, he was asked to manage the Military Personnel Exchange Program and Schools of Other Nations Program for Latin America.

Axel was a Distinguished Military Graduate from UTA. He was a member of the Sam Houston Rifles. He completed the Command and General Staff College in 1993 and obtained a Master's Degree in Na-





tional Security Affairs, Western Hemisphere, from the Naval Postgraduate School in 2002.

Axel is married to Debra Jill Phenix. They live in Somerset, TX, raise and show horses, and entertain Axel's dozen or so grandkids. Axel has helped to

bringing the Jodies back to life at UTA and he and Jill are active in CCAC events.

Axel is always anxious to hear from old buddies. Drop him a note at: axel.martinez.civ@mail.mil or call at 210-295-6126.

(President's Desk, Continued from page 1) count will fund CCAC operating expenses in support of the ROTC program.

- Great Halls of Honor recognizing the service & achievements of CCAC members and an opportunity for members to renew friendships and meet members from different decades.
- A terrific mobile corps history and Hall of Honor multimedia display that showcases corps history, current activities and the service & achievements of Hall of Honor members-thanks to the efforts of Bunky & Floyd Wine.
- CCAC members' and cadets' participation in events that garner positive publicity for UTA and the corps.
- A website.
- A FaceBook Page.

In preparation for this article, I reviewed the CCAC's history, and it is impressive. It all started with a 30 September 1996 letter inviting some cadet corps alumni to attend a dinner. By 1997, the CCAC was organized with Col. Joel Ward serving as the 1st president. The CCAC soon became, and continues to be, one of UTA's most viable alumni organizations. Over the past 17 years the CCAC has adapted to meet challenges, but our purpose—to support an outstanding ROTC program at UTA and develop future U.S. Army leaders—has never changed. We want to continue, and build on, that purpose.

There are five objectives on which I believe we should Until next time, focus for the next year. Those are:

- 1. Continued support to the Military Science Department and the Corps. Continue forging relationships with cadets who are future CCAC members.
- 2. Increase CCAC membership & membership involvement.
- 3. Continue our development efforts (increase scholarship funds).
- 4. Further improve & refine our communication vehicles—especially, improve our website.
- 5. Ensure our history is both recorded and comes alive to CCAC members, cadets, and UTA.

I have asked Executive Committee members to form small action teams. The mission of these teams will be to help the Executive Committee members in their areas of responsibility and to achieve the above goals. So, I ask that you consider helping with one of these objectives by sending an email to:

ccac uta@yahoo.com. If unsure about whom to contact. I welcome your call or email to discuss your possible involvement: 703-222-3979 or rex.latham@verizon.net.

Exciting and challenging times are ahead, and even though the Army is downsizing, UTA's ROTC program is well-positioned to remain an outstanding Corps of Cadets, and the CCAC will remain staunch supporters of the program as well as a vehicle for alumni bonds and communication. While our ages span decades, we are joined as brothers through UTA and the Corps of Cadets.

Rex

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The Jodies were a highlight of the Medal of Honor Parade in Gainesville this year, and the organizer has already asked us back. Those who helped make UTA's presence a hit included Hendew, Rudd, Floyd, Orlando, Bevil, Axel, Stan Thompson, Freddie, Mark Latham, Gen. Simpson, the Jodies, plus the women who helped out—Charlotte, Sandra, Jill, Patti, Tammy, & Antoinette. Also in the parade were members of the Corps of Cadets, the "I Am a Maverick" team, and LTC Rimmer and her

Many of this same group also showed up in Austin when Lester Simpson took over the command of the Texas National Guard, including Martin Woodward, Shannon Swenson, Sandy Henderson, and others.

One of the current projects is to refresh our website and give Sarah a little breathing room. Anyone who thinks they are qualified to help should contact Rex.

The fresh leadership, new ideas, renewed dedication, and added board members will elevate the CCAC to new heights and success. We are alive and well and continuing to grow and flourish. I thank everyone for giving me the opportunity to be a part of the organization. Bunky

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At the Medal of Honor Parade—Top left: CCAC members after the parade; top right: Cadets on the parade grounds; bottom left: Charlotte and John Rudd, Patti and Fred Campos, and Bunky; Bottom right: Tammie and Stan Thompson, LTC Rimmer, Kevin Smith, and Mark Latham.

See more pictures on our Facebook Page! Click on the link at the bottom of this page, or copy it into your browser.

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Taps...

Former **UTA President Jack R. Woolf** died at age 90 on June 10, 2014. During WWII he served in the Army Air Force and commanded an aviation engineering company in the Pacific. After the war he completed BS & MS degrees in mechanical engineering from Texas A&M and a Ph.D. from Purdue University. He then worked on the B-58 jet bomber program. In 1956, he accepted a professorship at A&M and joined Arlington State College (part of the A&M system)



faculty in 1957. He was named President of ASC in September 1959. Under his leadership, in 1962, ASC was the first A&M system school to integrate. He next guided ASC in moving from A&M to the University of Texas system and oversaw its growth from an enrollment of about 5,000 to 11,500. He guided UTA in the transition from 2- year to senior-college status. In 1968, he stepped down as President and returned to teaching. He retired in 1989, but taught until 1994. He was elected to UTA's Military Science Hall of Honor in 1993.



Colonel (Ret) Clifton A. Potter died at age 73 in Golden, CO. At UTA (then Arlington State College), he was a member of the Sam Houston Rifles and was a 1963 Distinguished Military Graduate. Commissioned in Artillery, he served two tours in Vietnam. His military awards include the Combat Infantry Badge, the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star with "V" device, Purple Heart & Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, Parachute Badge & others. He was also awarded the Ancient Order of Saint Barbara for service with and to the Field Artillery and the Order of Saint

George with and to the Armor branch. After a distinguished military career, he had a career in casino security and management. He was elected to UTA's Military Science Hall of Honor in 2006.