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# Reveille

# President's Desk By Rex Latham



**Rex Latham** 

The March 21<sup>st</sup> Hall of Honor is almost here! This will be an event you definitely want to attend. We have three excellent honorees: **Fred Campos, Orlando Reyes**, and **Kevin R. Smith**. In addition to inducting our honorees, this will be an opportunity for members to thank our PMS, **LTC Lora Rimmer**, and **Dr. Beth Wright**, former Dean of Liberal Arts, for their leadership and

support of UTA's Military Science Department.

While it is nice to rekindle old friendships, this is also an excellent opportunity to meet some outstanding cadets and potential future leaders. I continue to be impressed by the young men and women coming to UTA and the ROTC program. It is fun to reminisce with friends, but it is enlightening and enjoyable to meet and hear the experiences, plans, and hopes of the current cadets, many of whom have already served combat tours. In that regard, I want to encourage all Cadet Corps Alumni Council (CCAC) members to wear their old branch insignia as lapel pins to encourage conversation with the cadets and cadre.

As LTC Rimmer's article reveals, the battalion had a successful fall semester and commissioned seven officers. She and the cadre have a full spring schedule, culminating with

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# At the Front By LTC Lora Rimmer



LTC Lora Rimmer Professor of Military Science

Greetings friends!! The 112th Maverick Battalion closed out the Fall Semester by commissioning seven fantastic new Second Lieutenants for our Army! Hearty congratulations to 2LT Avellaneda, 2LT Cruz-Ortiz, 2LT Demary, 2LT Nixon, 2LT Porter, 2LT Veloff, and 2LT Young – WELL

DONE, MAVERICKS!!! We kicked off the Spring semester on 20 January with just over 140 Cadets, and what a

crazy, busy, exciting whirlwind of activity this semester is shaping up to be. In February, we will send the Sam Houston Rifles Team to their first SROTC competition at Tulane University and, I can assure you, Floyd and the team are whipping them into fighting shape. In March, we'll send Cadets Pohl and Westbrook and CPT Daily to Normandy, France, with AUSA as part of their annual Battlefield Leadership Experience. We'll also send at least one team to the Bataan Death March Memorial at White Sands Missile Range to honor our World War II heroes for their sacrifice and service. We are so excited to see all of you this year at the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Hall of Honor Ceremony – the Cadets are already preparing their special teams and uniforms for the big day! In April, following a lot of classroom preparation, we will take the senior class to Vicksburg for a

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# We Get the Message





We recently received a note from one of our alumni with a bit of a complaint that the *Reveille* seems to cover stories and news events of the Jodies more than the other organizations, and leaves out information about the Insurgent Team, the Rifle Team and the Pistol Team. So, as editor of the *Reveille*, I would like to make a formal apology if your organization was slighted in the past.

During my term as president of the CCAC, one of my goals was diversification. During that tenure we inducted more women into the HOH than ever before, we had more members of the different services inducted, we elected more enlisted men into the HOH, and more was written about the members of the various organizations. Yet, perhaps the complaint of little ink about the Insurgency Team still has merit.

**Bunky Garonzik** 

Not so much as an excuse, but rather a reason, on this lack of reporting is this: Our organization is made up entirely of volunteers. Unlike the Red Cross (whose CEO receives \$500K+ a year in compensation and expenses), or the Leukemia Society (who spends 90% of their donations on salaries and things other than research), the CCAC pays no salaries or expense accounts. So, we don't have a financial provision for flying to Kabul to seek out firsthand knowledge of the news. We must rely on input from the field—from you, our members. The *Reveille* is happy to report any newsworthy story or event that relates to our organization or to UTA in general.

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#### **Fred Campos**



**Class of 1968** 

# Orlando Reyes

Hall of Honor 2015 Honorees



**Class Of 1979** 

#### Kevin R. Smith



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The **2015 Hall of Honor** will be held on **March 21, 2015**. The event will start at 10:30 a.m. in the UTA Bluebonnet Ballroom. Reservations can be made online at the CCAC website: www.cadetcorps.org. Look for the link on the home page. Or call 817-640-6167, ext. 408.

We look forward to recognizing past inductees of the Hall of Honor at the luncheon.

Things to see and do while you are visiting the UTA campus for the **2015 Hall of Honor**:

- ✓ Visit the **Hall of Honor Display** that will be in the UC Gallery in the University Center from March 16-27.
- ✓ Visit the new College Park Center where the UTA basketball and volleyball teams play.



Hall of Honor Display in the UC Gallery



College Park Center

✓ Eat at the **University Club** in Davis Hall, an elegant restaurant for faculty, staff, alumni and guests.

✓ Take a Campus Tour with the <u>MavElite</u> Tour Guides. Contact the Dan Dipert University Welcome Center at 817-272-8687 for information.

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Battlefield Leadership Experience and the battalion will march again in the Medal of Honor Parade. We will close out the semester with our annual Dining In and Awards Ceremony; and on 15 May, I will commission 16 more Second Lieutenants for our Army. *Mavericks Lead the Way!!* 

In addition to all of the fantastic activities we have planned this semester, our junior class has their sights set on Fort Knox, KY and the Cadet Leadership Course (CLC - formerly known as LDAC). Their accessions process is already underway and, unlike years past, will be mostly complete before they step off to CLC. Also new this summer, our freshman scholarship Cadets will attend the newly minted Cadet Initial Entry Training (CIET) at Fort Knox. As you can imagine, all of the Cadets are a bit anxious about all of the changes but I can assure you they are motivated, energetic, and ready for the challenges that await them!!!

We truly look forward to seeing you on campus on March 21<sup>st</sup>!! *Studium Excellentiae!!* 

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#### Where Are They Now

Might be more appropriate to name this article "Who Are They Now." Can't really single out any specific guy to report on this issue, so here is a quick run on several of the guys I have been in contact with since the last issue.

Bobby Jack Poe is up in Oklahoma on his farm herding goats or something like that. John Rudd is collecting cars out at his place in Glen Rose—probably about 10 or so—perhaps one or two actually work. Two tractors, two golf carts, 6 lawn mowers, more guns than the U.S. Army, and a plethora of other collectibles. Rudd now jogs about 5 miles a day and does 100 sit-ups before breakfast to maintain his strength. His biggest expense is replacing keys and cell phones that he either loses or runs through the washer.

Mark Lamkin still has his Harley and he details it as often as we were told to drink Dr Pepper—"at 10, 2, and 4." Lamkin has also resurrected Larry Henry, and they are most likely working on some questionable money-making enterprise. Dulaney is in one of several states, with one or more exwives still looking for him. McBee is still counting beans and trying to figure how to turn over the business to one of his sons. Many of our members use his service in the hope of staying out of jail (worked for me for many years). Mike Ellis lives in Huntsville—mainly to visit his close friends on visitation days. Al Ellis is still roofing and goes to Vietnam to help rebuild the houses he destroyed many years ago. Lucifer is a

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#### **Hope and Change**

The process of building anything relies on a solid foundation of sturdy building blocks. The Corps of Cadets and the CCAC are a case in point. While both organizations have been around for quite a while, both groups have been very fortunate to have **LTC Lora Rimmer** and **Dr. Beth Wright** for guidance and direction the last several years. Others have come and gone, and others will continue to come and go, but while the footsteps are not literally big ones to fill, they figuratively are huge.

Change, however is part of the dynamics of any organization. We take solace in the contributions of both women during their tenures, and their contributions will remain significant as we go forward. Our members and the past, present, and future members of the Corps share their gratitude for the dedication, service and contributions of both LTC Lora Rimmer and Dr. Beth Wright, as we go forward. Hope and change can be a positive thing.

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the commissioning of 16 cadets in May. This is your opportunity to meet and talk with these 16 future officers, as well as the rest of the battalion and cadre.

The Military Science and CCAC history exhibit will again be on display from March 16-27 in room 106 of the University Center, just up the hall from the Bluebonnet Room. In addition to Military Science Department materials and items, the display includes a "continuous loop" video about UTA's military history, the Hall of Honor, and contributions to our country's defense by past members of the Cadet Corps. The video is titled Freedom Is Not Free and was created by Allan (Bunky) Garonzik and Floyd Wine. I urge you to take time to see it before or after the Hall of Honor. Also I want to thank Herman Harrison for donating rare home move clips of the Corps about 1948 when UTA was North Texas Agricultural College. UTA's library considers it a valuable contribution to UTA's video history.

On the subject of history, UTA's Maverick Veterans' Voices (MAV VETS) is an Oral History Program "Honoring and preserving the experiences of the men and women of the UT Arlington community who have served in any branch of the United States Military." To get an idea of what the project is all about, visit the website:

http://library.uta.edu/mavvets/. You can also sign up for interviews on the website. Your experiences should be "on the record" for future cadets and students

Your Executive Committee continues to work hard supporting Military Science and UTA. I look forward to reporting our progress at the Hall of Honor in March. Keep our great country and the men and women of our military forces in your prayers. See you on March 21st.

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This is not to take away from all the devoted members of the organizations affiliated with UTA Military. Rather this is an explanation of how the CCAC works and relies on input from the membership. Our Board meetings are always open to anyone, our agenda is completely transparent (unlike the process in Washington), and Sarah puts our contact information in several places in the *Rev*-

eille—plus on the website and our Facebook page. There is a defined process for nominating a person to the HOH, and this is not any sort of "good ol' boys" organization. We are happy to cover anything in the *Reveille* that is newsworthy, but you must supply the information. I hope this clears up any misunderstandings about articles covered in the *Reveille*.

Bunky (bunkyg5@verizon.net)

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short order cook in Arkansas (it might be Alabama or one of those other states where shoes and teeth are optional). Winston (now goes by Lloyd) is still living by the border and watches the effectiveness of Washington's immigration program—you know posting a sign that says, "Illegals stay out and here is the number where you can sign up for your benefits."

Theron—another guy who changed his name (now Ray) is still killing rats in Killeen. Then there is Henry Arioga who is now Henry Dufeau—what is it with these guys who can't settle in on a moniker? Name changes, wife changes, location changes—isn't it about time to get some continuity and consistency? Even Bev—who used to be just plain ol' George, but now answers to Grandpa Bev with yet another grandchild for him to spoil rotten.

Recently seen at the Autorama was Rendleman picking up a couple of trophies for his two '33 Plymouths—at least there is some consistency there as the coupe has been his since 1957—plus Martha has put up with him for about 45 years. Also seen wondering aimlessly around the Autorama was Bob Vaughan, and Fred Yarbrough was caught sleeping during the trophy presentation—that process is

more painful than rabies shots. Everybody who has a car that actually will start receives some sort of trophy. (Personally, I almost didn't qualify!)

And we can't forget Tommy (or is it Edward) Thompson, who spends his days complaining to the city about the guy who watered on the wrong day. For amusement, Boyd Goldman and I drop by just to watch Sandy put him in his place in classic fashion. Tommy is available for consultation on land development in Florida. Nothing haphazard here—Tommy has really analyzed the market before he will spend one dime.

Trying to make a connection here: Our group with multiple name changes or simply multiple names seems to have excelled beyond the average Joe out there. Is it the name thing, or simply the UTA Military Connection that accounts for this phenomena? So add to the above list: Joe Billy, Larry D., Jerry Bob, Lee B., Billy P., Charles (Butch). Heck, if that is the common denominator for success, I am going be Allan Ned from now on. Any comments or corrections will be appreciated, but probably ignored.

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#### **CCAC Member News**

Welcome new CCAC Life Member **COL Donald S. Harris**, of the class of 1985. Donald and his wife, Michele, live in Boerne, TX. The promotion ceremony for CCAC Life Member **Special Forces LTC Joe A. Lopez** to **COL** took place on 16 February 2015, in Ft. Meyer, VA. Life Members **CSM (ret.) Joe Lopez, Sr.** and **John K. Yim, CIV USARMY SMDC**, were both present.

### **TAPS**



#### James Martin "Marty" Bower

James Martin "Marty" Bower, 68, passed away on Saturday, February 14, 2015. He was a 1970 graduate of UTA where he received his army commission through its ROTC program. He was a Vietnam disabled veteran. His military awards included the Silver Star, Bronze Star Medal w/ two V devices for gallantry in action, two Meritorious Service Medals, Air Medal, Army Commenda-

tion Medal w/V Device, Army Achievement Medal, Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Three Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, and Parachutist Badge.



#### **Betty Nedderman**

Betty Vezey Nedderman, wife of former UTA President Wendell Nedderman, on Jan. 12. Betty was born Christmas day in 1925 and spent 67 years with her husband and four sons. Betty was a Distinguished Honorary Alumna known for her attendance at all UTA events, even after her husband retired from his presidency in 1992. President Vistasp Karbhari said, "UTA has lost one of its cherished family members and strongest support-

ers. She and Dr. Nedderman have given their time, talent and financial resources throughout the years, and we are very fortunate to carry on their good work which laid the foundations for UTA to become the great institution it is today."