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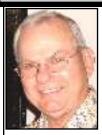
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Reveille

President's Desk By Rex Latham





Rex Latham

We had a great Hall of Honor, and the battalion has had an exciting and eventful spring semester that you will read about in other Reveille sections. Among the events, cadets and CCAC members joined forces to participate in the Gainesville Medal of Honor parade. (See Bunky's article for details.) The semester concluded with the Cadet Awards Ceremony and the commissioning of 13 Second Lieutenants who will continue UTA's tradition of service to our

great country. That makes a total of 20 Lieutenants commissioned in the 2014-2015 year. (See the photos on Facebook at utarling-tonrotcalumni/)

For those who could not attend the Hall of Honor, I would like to provide a short report on our funding support to the Military Science program. The CCAC's mission is to support UTA's Military Science program and enable it to develop outstanding future Army leaders. We do that financially through two funds. Our Endowed Scholarships Fund has a value of just over \$107,000 and the interest is used for cadet scholarships. The fund yielded scholarship funds of \$3,500 in 2014 and \$4,000 in 2015. Our Gold Bar program continues to support the Endowed Scholarship Fund and has earned \$32,000 since its inception in 2007. This is a donation fund based on the number of Lieutenants commissioned from the Military Science program each year. If you are not a member of the Gold Bar program, I urge you to join. Your simply pledge to con-

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the Jodies—along with some members of the CCAC.



[c/CSM Christopher Anderson is reporting for LTC Lora Rimmer]

Mavericks Lead The Way! This 2015 spring semester was a handful for the 112th Maverick Battalion with LTXs, parades, drill meets, and much, much more. This past semester has

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been incredible with new experiences, great accomplishments, and outstanding events. The Dining In event heads the top of the list by a

landslide! The Battalion laughed all night thanks to the hilarious and witty performances from all MS levels. The Cadre was also active and eager to show us how it's done with their own points of order and going to the grog.

During this semester, the special teams were hard at work increasing the Battalion's presence. Mav Cav and Color Guard received recognition from the athletics department, the University and President Karbhari for their commitment of performance at games, homecoming, and graduation ceremonies. Making history this year, a new team was formed to compete at the 26th Annual Bataan Memorial Death March at White Sands Missile Range. Being one of the eleven cadets who competed was not like anything I had ever done before. It was physically and mentally demanding! That said, the experience was great, and I look forward to doing it again next year. SHR traveled to Louisiana in Febru-

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We Get the Message

By Bunky Garonzik



As the school year for the summer semester winds down—along with LTC Rimmer's final tour of duty—it might be a good time to reflect on the accomplishments of the Corps of Cadets. It was a great year and as a matter of fact, a great run for LTC Rimmer throughout her assignment as UTA PMS. The Jodies are back and have the opportunity for a bright future. The Corps continues to perform above average. The support network of the CCAC continues to flourish, and the Hall of Honor continues to grow and is accepted as one of the highlights of the administration. Most importantly, UTA continues to commission some of America's finest young Lieutenants. LTC Rimmer's article will discuss in more detail the accomplishments of the Corps, but one highlight was the Medal of Honor Parade. This was a joint participation by Corps members, the Cadre, the "I Am a Maverick Team," the Color Guard, and

Bunky Garonzik

I don't want to sound like one of those guys who lives in the past and is otherwise stagnant, but the event was a thrill for all the Old Men who participated. We still got that "goose bump" feeling when the crowd applauded, and from all reports, we looked pretty good for a bunch of old geezers. Floyd designed a couple of movements where we merged with the current team, and while there was a pretty distinct contrast between the guys who are in the best shape of their lives and some of us who found an extra 50 pounds over the last half century, some of these movements are simply part of our DNA. And among the Old Men were enough good ones to cover up some of us who weren't quite up to par.

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Hall of Honor 2015 by Jerry Bob Houston

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We completed a very successful Hall of Honor in March. Although it was only three months ago, we have started to plan and prepare for the next Hall of Honor, planned for Saturday, March 5, 2016. I thought it might be good idea to let you know some of what goes on behind the scenes. In June we start to look at candidates for the next Hall of Honor. This process starts with members providing nomination packages for potential honorees. The packages include a basic resume about the person, including information about their time at UTA, what they have accomplished in their career choice, things they have done within their community, and any other pertinent accomplishments. The packages will be provided to the five-person selection committee in late summer, and the selection will be made in late summer or early fall. If anyone knows someone they would like to recommend to the selection committee, please let us know and get a package prepared for consideration.

Once the honorees have been selected, we work with them to develop their official write-up for the Hall of Honor plaque and prepare publicity packages for local papers and school publications. Their names are then announced and short biographical sketches are included in the "Reveille." Most of these activities are conducted by the Cadet Corps Alumni Council Board of Directors.

Most alumni do not realize that a major part of the Hall of Honor is planned, put together, and conducted by the Corps of Cadets. It is one of the major learning experiences in the spring semester. The Corps staff provides a basic outline for the Hall of Honor in December. It identifies for the



The Cadet Corps "I Am A Maverick" Team

cadets what is expected of them, the teams they might need to accomplish the event, and things they can do early on in preparation. The staff identifies the Cadet Officer In Charge (OIC) who will be the main point of contact with the CCAC. About a month prior to the Hall of Honor there is a joint planning session between the CCAC and the cadets. Some of the teams that take part in this meeting are: the Corps Commander and OIC along with cadets leading teams for Color Guard, I Am A Maverick, Carlisle Cannons, Sam Houston Rifles, registration, escorts for honoree families, audio visual, Silver Cup detail, directional guides, decorations and memorabilia, seating and table arrangements, and members of the Military Science Department Cadre.







(Left to Right) Hall of Honor dignitaries Rex Latham with Dr. Beth Wright, and UTA President Karbhari; HOH guests MG Lester Simpson, Phil McEwan, and Axel Martinez; and Rex Latham, LTC Rimmer, and Dr. Karbhari. Dr. Wright and LTC Rimmer received awards from the CCAC for their exceptional service and contributions to the Corps and to the CCAC.

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Membership by MG Lester Simpson



Lester Simpson with SHR Team in 1983

Serving in today's Military is filled with lots of challenges but there are unlimited opportunities as well for those prepared to attain them! The Military is a place where you can truly make a difference, and

thanks to COL Rimmer and her staff of professionals at UTA's ROTC Department, 2LTs: Courtland, Berry, Breedlove, Daduya, Efifemi, Graham, Holck, Kraus, Mbuyi, Medrano, Rainsberger, Scroggin, and Slay join the ranks of our Brothers and Sisters in Arms...Congratulations, Lieutenants, now go find me

Our goal for 2015-2016 is to boost membership by making CCAC memberships the norm among our graduating cadets, and continuing to send letters of encouragement to non-members promoting Life Membership and the benefits of supporting the Gold Bar Club. We will also focus efforts on recruiting spouses of current members; providing them the opportunity they are entitled to under Article III of our CCAC bylaws, so they can share in the camaraderie and fellowship that we enjoy at various events throughout the year, and helping deserving Cadets with scholarship monies from paid dues. I challenge each of you to recruit one new member or your spouse this year, and I look forward to a dramatic growth in membership and socializing with you and your spouse at our next Hall of Honor. I'd also like to thank Lloyd Wolverton, COL John Sone, COL Donald Harris, John Soules, William Riggs, and Antionette Simpson for joining the CCAC. MG Lester Simpson

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a left-handed monkey wrench!

ary and competed in its first SROTC drill meet since the 1990s. beating West Point in squad basic drill. The team also placed first in last semester's Veterans Day Parade.

The Maverick Battalion assisted several JROTC programs this semester, acting as graders at drill meets. Our cadets had the opportunity to utilize their knowledge and critique the next generation. Those who volunteered received recognition from the JROTC programs for their professionalism and selflessness. Many already knew that the Maverick Battalion is the program to call on when you need support; thanks to this semester's hard work, many more in the DFW Metroplex now know that.

Cadet Summer Training (CST) and MSIV testing became the focus as the semester closed. We all wish everyone luck as they take on these new responsibilities and tasks and demonstrate their potential as future leaders. Our Cadre worked hard to ensure that our foundation is solid and that we are poised for even greater successes in the years to come; we all hate to see them leave! Rest assured, new leadership is en route! I am looking forward to SY15-16 and am excited to see what the next year will bring.

All The Way! Christopher Anderson



The Cadet Corps Color Guard at the Hall of Honor



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tribute a certain amount, say \$5, or even \$1, for each Lieutenant commissioned each year.

Thanks to matching funds from UTA, our Life Membership Endowment Fund has almost doubled in value to about \$95,000. Interest from this fund supports the Military Science program in a variety of ways including Finally, this summer will see a transition as LTC Lora the Hall of Honor and other battalion activities. Interest Rimmer retires and LTC James L. Doty III becomes the was about \$4,000 in 2014. Our agreement with UTA requires that our contributions to this fund must total \$50,000 by 2018 to retain the matching funds. At the end of 2014, CCAC lifetime memberships contributed

about \$46,500, so we are almost there. We need, however, for everyone to continue enlisting new members, especially lifetime members. Our memberships are not just for an alumni association, they are investments in the future as UTA sends out leaders in the active Army, the Reserves and the National Guard.

new Professor of Military Science. LTC Rimmer has done an outstanding job, and we wish her all the best. We welcome LTC Doty to UTA and look forward to working with him. Rex Latham, CCAC President

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Adding to the creditability of our group was a 2 Star in his Class A Uniform. Thanks to Lester, Hendew, Ken Smith, Freddie Campos, Axel, Floyd, Stan Thompson, and Steve Kennedy for their participation, and a special thanks to Mark Latham for leading the UTA contingency with his ever popular bagpipes. And let's not forget our support network of Patty, Tammy, Antionette, Jill and Sandra, and others who seem to always be on board and add a little class to the old guys.

The Medal of Honor Parade is not viewed as an opportunity to recapture our lost youth, but rather a way to help honor those heroes who are truly America's finest. Hopefully next year will bring out even more of the old-timers.

And finally, I have to say on behalf of the entire CCAC that our gratitude for the contribution LTC Lora Rimmer has made to UTA's Military Science program at all levels is astounding. That contribution is sincerely appreciated by all of us with a connection to the University.

CCAC Member News



Major General Lester Simpson at the April Purple Heart Ceremony at Fort Hood for soldiers injured in the Hasan Shooting of 2009. Governor Abbott and Senators Ted Cruz, John Cornyn, and Roger Williams were all in attendance. MG Simpson got the opportunity to meet Ted Cruz and Roger Williams.

Below, the Old Men show 'em how it's done at the HOH.









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From this point the cadets take over and put things together. They conduct a rehearsal during the Military Science lab on the Thursday prior to the ceremony. The day of the Hall of Honor they start around 8:00 with a final rehearsal and set up. By 10:00 everything is set and ready to go, beginning with the reception at 10:30. The cadets then conduct the Hall of Honor.

The cadets are proud of what they accomplish and appreciate your attendance and support at the Hall of Honor. Over the years the Hall of Honor has moved from being an event where alumni get together to an event that allows cadets and alumni to meet in a setting that honors former cadets or individuals associated with the Corps who have done remarkable things in their lives. It has become one of the Corps' major activities. Your attendance at the Hall of Honor demonstrates to the cadets the deep feeling that alumni have for the Military Science Department and what it provided them. So mark your calendar for March 5, 2016 at 10:30. The CCAC is making a difference. Your continued support does not go unnoticed.



Jerry Bob Houston, Hall of Honor Master of Ceremonies and CCAC VP Hall of Honor, works on procedure with Cadet Grossman.

TAPS

David Rice Braden, 1925-2015



The Corps lost a long-time supporter as well as a founding and life member of CCAC on April 29, 2015.

David Rice Braden was exemplary of the patriotism, community service, and high standards of the UTA Cadet Corps. Mr. Braden joined the Army Air Force immediately after Pearl Harbor was attacked. During his wartime service he received the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Purple Heart.

After the war he founded an architectural firm, served as leader of numerous civic organizations, and was Chairman of the Dallas/Ft. Worth International Airport Board. In addition, he was an early inductee in the Cadet Corps Hall of Honor and served as its Master of Ceremonies for several years.

He is survived by two daughters, eight grandchildren, and four great grand children.