#### **CCAC NEWSLETTER**

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# **Reveille**

## **President's Desk By Rex Latham**



We have certainly witnessed change over the past several months. LTC Lora Rimmer turned over command of the Military Science program to LTC James L. Doty, III in August, and Dr. Paul Wong succeeded Dr. Beth Wright as Dean of the College of Liberal Arts. LTC Rimmer and Dr. Wright both accomplished amazing things, and we wish them both well. LTC Doty and Dean Wong, however, come with impressive accomplishments and have already demonstrated

**Rex Latham** 

a strong desire to maintain and, where possible, improve a highquality program. I'm glad to say that a constant is UTA President Karbhari's strong support for the program. Despite the Army's downsizing and its impact, I believe that great and exciting days are ahead for the program and its mission to produce excellent officers for the active, reserve and National Guard.

In conjunction with our August Executive Committee meeting, I spent a week in Arlington and, among other things, attended a commissioning and the cadet BBQ that starts the fall semester. The newly commissioned officers, the cadets, and the cadre were impressive. Am delighted to report that we had a good attendance of CCAC members at the commissioning and the BBQ. I really want to encourage members in the DFW area to attend as many military science and UTA events as possible. We are one of the most active alumni groups, and we should demonstrate our support of the program and UTA.

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## At the Front **By LTC James Doty, III**



Greetings to all! The 113th Maverick Battalion is off to a great start! Cadet LTC Travis Crook, Cadet CSM Matthew Ostergaard, and an outstanding staff of senior cadets took control of the Battalion in late August and are working hard to train and develop our cadets and to become a more visible organization on campus.

LTC James Doty, III **Professor of Military Science** After another successful Zero

Week, the Fall semester began

with 142 cadets enrolled in the program. Our Mavericks had a fantastic summer, attending the Cadet Leadership Course (CLC) and Cadet Initial Entry Training (CIET) at Fort Knox, Kentucky, traveling overseas on Cultural Understanding and Language Proficiency (CULP) trips, and participating in Cadet Troop Leader Training (CTLT). Cadets no longer receive graded evaluations affecting their order of merit during CLC, but they still received lots of feedback and leadership development. Twenty-two cadets received their component in September, with 12 going active duty, four army reserve, and six National Guard, and with five cadets awarded Distinguished Military Graduates (DMG). Congratulate our cadets on their achievements when you see them. They came back to campus with better understanding of how the Army operates day to day so that they can leverage their experiences to plan and execute realistic, soldier-focused training for all of our cadets.

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## What if...

## **By Bunky Garonzik**



**Bunky Garonzik** 

Probably wore out many of you some time ago. The childhood pranks, the Jody stories, the exaggerations, my personal philosophy on pretty much everything, and my far-right thinking. One of the great things we still have in our country is our ability to turn off the TV, toss the newspaper, and generally tune out what we don't like to hear or see. We have choices-freedom. But what if we chose a different path?

What if we didn't go to ASC, UTA, NTAC? What if we didn't join ROTC? Many of us reflect on our choices and often wonder-what if? How would our lives have been different?

At 17, I had graduated from one of the most prestigious high schools in the country. I was in the bottom 10% of my class, and one of the few who did not immediately go to college. I was living in a \$7 a week rooming house in the worst part of New Orleans, and working in a machine shop in the most dangerous part of town. My choices,

and my freedom, but were those the right choices?

On reflection, probably my best choice ever was to move back to Texas, attend ASC, join the ROTC, and become a Jody. It is not so much being part of a championship drill team, but rather being part of a group—a team working together for a common goal. We learned both independence and team work. Leadership and following orders (still difficult for me). We learned stamina, perseverance, tenacity, patriotism, and ambition. But, for me, most of all-confidence. Those high school classmates from Highland Park who went

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#### **Change in Command**

Lieutenant Colonel James Doty assumed duties as Professor of Military Science at the University of Texas at Arlington on 19 August 2015 after serving as an Army Fellow at the RAND Corporation. LTC Doty is a graduate of the Armor Officer Basic Course, Military Intelligence Officer Captain's Career Course, Combined Arms Service and Staff School, and the Command and General Staff College. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in History from the United States Military Academy and a Ph.D. in History from The Ohio State University.

LTC Doty was commissioned in June 1995. After attending the Armor Officer Basic Course and Scout Platoon Leader Course at Fort Knox, Kentucky, he served in the Opposing Forces (OPFOR) at the National Training Center (NTC) at Fort Irwin, California, in First Squadron, 11<sup>th</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment. While at Fort Irwin, he served as a tank platoon leader, troop executive officer, and headquarters troop executive officer.

After completing the Military Intelligence Captain's Career Course, Combined Arms Service and Staff School, and Counterintelligence Course in 1999, LTC Doty was assigned to First Squadron, 4<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division, as the squadron intelligence officer (S-2). He next transitioned to the 101<sup>st</sup> Military Intelligence (MI) Battalion at the end of 2001. While in the 101<sup>st</sup> MI Battalion, he deployed to Kosovo to serve as the Area Support Group Falcon (Provisional) intelligence officer. In 2003, LTC Doty returned with his company from Kosovo, relinquished command, and moved to Columbus, Ohio, were he earned a Master of Arts degree in history. In summer 2005, he was assigned to the History Department at the United States Military Academy, where he

taught History of the Military Art, Advanced History of the Military Art, and History of Unconventional Warfare.

In 2008, LTC Doty deployed to Saudi Arabia and assumed duties as the intelligence officer (G-2) for the Office of the Program Manager, Saudi Arabian National Guard (OPM SANG). He returned from Saudi Arabia in 2009 to attend the Command and General Staff College (CGSC) at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. While at CGSC, LTC Doty earned a Ph.D. in history from The Ohio State University. In 2010, LTC Doty was assigned to the Second Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division as the brigade intelligence officer (S-2). He deployed to Iraq from November 2010–November 2011 in support of Operation New Dawn.

In July 2012, LTC Doty was assigned to Operations Group (OPS GRP) at the National Training Center (NTC), Fort Irwin, CA. He served for two years as the Senior Intelligence Officer (SIO) for OPS GRP, where he supervised the development and execution of intelligence training for army brigades preparing to deploy to Afghanistan and other locations around the globe. In July 2014, LTC Doty left the NTC to begin a one-year fellowship in the Arroyo Center of RAND Corporation, conducting and supporting research on projects of interest to the Headquarters, Department of the Army G-2 and G-3, Training and Doctrine Command, and Cyber Command.

LTC Doty's awards include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (2 OLC), and the Army Achievement Medal.

LTC Doty is married to Mrs. Jennifer L. Doty and has two sons, Andrew and Ryan.



Retirement Reception for LTC Lora Rimmer: Clockwise from top left: Rex Latham, Bunky Garonzik and Floyd Wine congratulate LTC Rimmer; CCAC members John Henderson, Jerry Houston, Bob Irish, Fred Campos, Lora, Rex, Floyd, and Bunky were on hand; Lora and UTA President Karbhari; Lora and her son lan; Lora is presented a "Meritorious Service Medal" award by new PMS James Doty.

#### **CADET CORPS ALUMNI COUNCIL**



#### **Carlisle Cannons**

The following is a summary of an article from former cadre member **LTC Ron Munden**. We had to condense the original article because of space limitations. Over the years we have printed several "Cannon" articles, and have received a great deal of comments and responses. Most of the "facts" reported were from memory, exaggerated, or downright fabricated, so with this information from LTC Munden, some of those old tales can be put to rest....Bunky



In 1982, while serving on the cadre of the ROTC department at the University of Texas at Arlington, I came across some information referencing a cannon that the university had called "Little Bertha." After determining that cannon(s) over the years were very much a part of the university and its spirit, and being an artilleryman myself, I thought that it would be appropriate to try to replace the cannon and resurrect the history and spirit of Little Bertha (and

"Roaring Rebel," reported to be another cannon that the Corps of Cadets had in the past). Muzzle loaders were too expensive and too rare, so the replacement of Little Bertha & Roaring Rebel was going to be a challenge. The U.S. Army Armament and Munition Command at Rock Island referred me to Picatinny Arsenal. Picatinny told me that each ROTC detachment, upon approval, was authorized a Pack 75 howitzer, but none were currently available, and I should contact them later.

Almost a year later, I talked to the same individual who told me about 126 howitzers in the demil process. After the normal and extensive paperwork, Picatinny advised me that our request had been approved and how many howitzers did I want. With an authorization of one, I told him I wanted six. The next week, we received shipment of a 6-pack of 75mm howitzers.

Eventually Ft. Hood approved our request for the 75mm blank ammunition and adapters for the shotgun shells.

Simultaneously, gun crews and organization for the Carlisle Cannons were being formed. The first cannon was named "Little Bertha IV," and its crew was called the "Bull Pen," maintaining the history of the past. Eventually all of the guns were named: Roaring Rebel III, Molly Pitcher (from artillery lore), Gabriel,

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**UTA Homecoming will be 7-14 November**. We urge all CCAC members to check the UTA website for detailed information on homecoming activities. There is a rumor that the Sam Houston Rifles, possibly to include alumni, may participate in the homecoming parade.

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After you congratulate the cadets on their achievement, welcome **SFC Anthony Cook** and **MSG Jody Bills** to the team. They arrived early in the summer and got to spend quality time training with cadets at CLC. However, we also bid a fond farewell to **Mrs. Jacquelynn Fuller**, our ROTC Scholarship & Enrollment Officer. Please thank her for her hard work and dedication, and we wish her the best of luck.

Several exciting events have already occurred this semester – the Maverick Battalion participated in the UTA Annual Oozeball Tournament, the MAV CAV team supported Women's Volleyball, and cadets spent the day with the Boys and Girls Club inspiring children. The battalion just returned from our fall field training event, where over 100 cadets worked on land navigation skills; outdoor water, fire, and shelter survival training; individual movement techniques; and team, squad, and platoon formations. Over the course of the next few months, we look forward to Ranger Challenge, UTA Veterans Reception, UTA Homecoming, and Fall Commissioning. We hope to see you on campus soon!! *Studium Excellentiae!!* 

#### President's Desk, (Continued from page 1)

One of the joys of this position is meeting young men and women starting their careers and service, and also meeting for the first time CCAC members from across the decades. In the latter category is LTC (ret) Ron Munden, a cadre member from 1981-84 as a Captain. We have not yet met in person, but have had telephone and email contact. Among other accomplishments, then Captain Munden was the driving force and organizer of the Carlisle Cannons. He has provided some great historical information on the Cannons, the Alexander saber collection, the Silver Cup collection and tradition, etc. He was involved in creating or facilitating all these entities. Once the new website is up, we will have his information on it for all to read.

Remember the Hall of Honor will be on Saturday 5 March 2016. If you wish to nominate someone, please contact our VP Hall of Honor **Col (ret) Jerry B. Houston** ASAP. Remeber, you need to provide detailed reasons the person belongs in the Hall of Honor, not just the name. Until next time, please keep our great country and the men and women of our military forces in your prayers. **Rex Latham** 

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off to Ivy League schools to become doctors or take over their father's business were not better than me—they just chose a different path. We had wonderful guidance from the cadre—soldiers like Manifold, McDowell, Dixon, & Calvert had a positive influence on most of us. To be clear, and as in all organizations, there were some bad apples along the way who stymied our progress. That was difficult for me, and it created some problems for some of us, but generally we overcame those obstacles.

While some chose a military career—a very small percent of America's population did so, others decided on a different path—the common denominator of UTA Military seems to be success. And I credit the foundation of that success to UTA, ROTC, the

various organizations we belonged to, and the impact of our leaders, our classmates, and our teachers.

But what if each of us had taken a different path?

I think Robert Frost has the best explanation:

I shall be telling this with a sigh

Somewhere ages and ages hence:

Two roads diverged in a wood, and I-

I took the one less traveled by,

And that has made all the difference. Robert Frost



McAuliffe's Reply, and Munden's Muzzle (I was honored, but a better name could have been selected). The Carlisle Cannons were officially organized March 18,1983.

The cannons became very popular. They fired at all of the football games and Corps events. They also participated in official ceremonies for the Dallas Council on World Affairs (thanks to **MG Latham**), 1812 Overture with the Ft Worth Symphony, welcoming reviews at Sheppard AFB and Carswell AFB, various Dallas and Ft Worth parades, and major high school ROTC functions. In order to provide the dignitaries with a remembrance of the salute, I was able to get full charge, empty brass canisters (free) from the National Forest Service, who use Pack 75's with live ammunition for avalanche control. The cadets would clean and polish the canisters and I would engrave them with the UTA ROTC crest and the individuals name with the date of the event.

The Carlisle Cannon cadets had red satin jackets made with their name and Carlisle Cannons with crossed cannons silk screened on them. They also received permission to wear a crest, that they designed, on their uniform and a red cord on their class A's. The Texas National Guard provided either jeeps or flatbed trucks to transport the cannons to the events or pull them in the parades.

I was sad to hear that sometime later, the cannons were disbanded and then given away.

Some years later, the Carlisle Cannons emerged again at UTA, but that is another story.

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