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# Reveille

# President's Desk By Rex Latham





**Rex Latham** 

The Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) is 100 years old in 2016! This program forms the basis for our shared comradeship, whether one took only two semesters or was commissioned from the ROTC program. We can be proud of the ROTC contribution to our country's defense, and we can also be appreciative of the leadership and other lessons that we gained from the

ROTC program.

U.S. Army Cadet Command is celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, and we will also celebrate the event in conjunction with our annual Military Science Hall of Honor. Our inductees are two outstanding individuals: LTC (Ret) Axel Martinez and LTC (Ret) Ronald Munden. LTC Martinez is a UTA graduate and LTC Munden was a cadre member whose contributions live on today. You can read short bios of them elsewhere in the "Reveille."

The Military Science Department and cadets are planning some special events at the 2016 Hall of Honor to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and you will want to be a part of it all.

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

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I hope you enjoyed the holiday season. The 113<sup>th</sup> Maverick Battalion was quite busy this semester, completing a field training exercise in September, supporting U.S. Army national recruiting in October, and remembering our veterans in Novem-

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Professor of Military Science

ber. Cadets earned nearly \$20,000 in UTA Presidential and CCAC scholarships this

fall. We closed out the semester with the commissioning of **2LT Paul Wilkerson**. Under the leadership of **Cadet Travis Crook**, the cadet chain of command, and the battalion staff, the Mavericks are well prepared for the spring semester.

With the help of Floyd Wine and our other very dedicated alumni, the battalion has solidified the presence of the Sam Houston Rifles on cam-



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# And the Beat Goes On

# By Bunky Garonzik



Hoping everyone has ushered in 2016 safely. Our new PMS, LTC Doty, has hit the ground running and the Cadet Corps seems to be in good hands. His article will get everyone up to speed as to the State of the Corps. The CCAC remains active. A couple of us attended the recent commissioning including LTC Rimmer—and she soon moves back to Kansas where her parents live. She will enjoy retirement for five minutes then move on to her next chapter.

Dr. Karbhari asked the CCAC Alumni to march in the UTA Homecoming Parade, and about eight of our members responded—including Col. Mike Parker who drove up for the event—as well as the usual local suspects. Here is the thing about the Jody Alumni and members of the CCAC: Our DNA insists that we answer the call when asked—not everybody, not every time—but that's just what we do. We

open our wallet when asked, we train and mentor when necessary, we recognize the significance of our heritage, and those traits typically have resulted, generally, in the success of our lives. **Freddie Campos** continues to put on the Run to the Wall event. **Al Ellis** has been back to Vietnam twice and to Haiti a couple of times to build houses for Habitat. **Floyd** volunteers for a handful of charities and is the backbone for training and keeping the Jodies afloat. And so many of our ilk continue to serve in one capacity or another.

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# 2016 Military Science Hall of Honor Selections



LTC (Ret) Axel Martinez graduated from UTA in 1980. He was a member of the Corp and member of the Sam Houston Rifles for four years. He commanded the team in the 1978-1979 school year. He successfully completed the U.S. Army Airborne and Ranger schools in 1978 during his sophomore year in college. He

was commissioned in the Field Artillery, but after his first artillery assignment in Europe, he branch transferred to Army Aviation where he served with distinction as an army aviator for more than 15 years. LTC (R) Martinez also served a few years in information systems, including one tour in the Pentagon. He culminated his military career as a Foreign Area Officer, performing assignments as Inspector General at the Defense Language Institute and as the Chief, International Military Affairs Directorate, U.S. Army South with duty at Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico, and Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He retired in 2007 but was asked to rejoin his old

office to serve as a political military analyst shortly after retirement. A year later he transitioned to the Civil Service to serve as the Civilian Program Manager for the U.S. Army Military Personnel Exchange Program (MPEP) and the School of Other Nations (SON) program in the Regional Affairs Directorate, U.S. Army South, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where he presently continues to serve our nation proudly. LTC (Ret) Martinez lives on his ranch in Somerset, TX, with his wife Jill. They have three children and six grandchildren.



LTC (Ret) Ronald L. Munden graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1971 and was commissioned in the Field Artillery. He had a number of artillery assignments, including three battery commands, prior to being assigned to the UTA Military Science Department in the Spring of 1981. While at UTA

he was instrumental in building a number of programs and initiatives that have become integral parts of the Military Science Department and live on today. As Captain Munden, he researched, designed, produced, and procured a set of old flags used by the university and Military Science Department and further obtained historical uniforms that were used by the color guard. He acquired six 75mm Pack Howitzers that were used to form the **Carlisle Cannons**. Three of those cannons are still in use within the department. He also acquired the silver punch bowl and cups for used for ceremonial events and began the **Silver Cup** tradition. Active in the community and on campus, he finished his tour of duty at Arlington as the Corps of Cadets Commandant.

LTC Munden went on to have an illustrious career in the Field Artillery After retirement he worked for a number of corporations in the area of military operations and training, counter terrorism training, testing, and evaluation. He retired in 2011 as a Senior Vice President for the Camber Corporation. He lives in Belton, TX, with his wife of 45 years, Lou Anne. They have two daughters and three grand-children.



#### In The News

The magazine of the Association of the United States Army AUSA News had the attached picture and caption: "Lauren Pohl, an ROTC Cadet from the University of Arlington, pauses during a visit to the Normandy American Cemetery and Museum. Pohl was in France as part of the AUSA Audie Murphy Chapter's battlefield leadership experience." It is a full-page picture and the last page of the November 2015 issue titled "Final Shot".

Don't forget to register for the Hall of Honor by February 26!

2016 Military Science
Hall of Honor
Saturday March 5, 2016

Events start at 10:00 a.m. at the E.H. Hereford University Center at UTA. This year's event includes the 100th ROTC Anniversary Celebration. Don't miss it!

Go to www.CadetCorps.org to print a registration form or to sign up using PayPal.



#### Run-To-The-Wall

# **By Fred Campos**

### UTA's Sam Houston Rifles featured at the 27th Annual Run to the Wall event in Dallas

The Texas Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Fair Park in Dallas pays honor to those Texans who served the United States in that hard-fought and heavily-debated conflict.

The Run to the Wall event started in 1988 when construction on the memorial began. Former President George H. Bush dedicated the memorial in 1989 at the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Run-to-the-Wall event after construction was completed. Five tablets of Texas granite bear the names of Texans killed or missing in action in Vietnam, including nine Congressional Medal of Honor recipients. A soothing waterfall flows alongside the memorial, which is familiarly known simply as "The Wall."

Wreaths, bracelets, flowers, flags and other sentimental items are sometimes left next to the tablet bearing the name of a loved one.

In 2015 the UTA Sam Houston Rifles (the Jodies) performed for the second time at the memorial and made such an impression that the "Friends of the Texas Vietnam Memorial," who

are the keepers of the memorial, asked that the Jodies be invited back for the 2016 event. After the ceremony, veterans in attendance were asked to meet and greet the SHR team members. Comments were heard from veterans in attendance that they were glad to see American's future military leaders take pride in joining the military and serve their country as officers.

The annual Run to the Wall, now completed on motorcycles, includes veterans and supporters from all conflicts. It is not uncommon to see veterans from the Korean conflict to the current Middle East conflict in attendance to join fellow veterans in remembering those that "gave all."

During the State Fair, visitors place small American flags next to the names of veterans they know—or just to honor those who served and sacrificed in the name of freedom. You'll find the Vietnam War Veterans Memorial at the intersection of First and Parry Avenues, near the Automobile Building.



The UTA Sam Houston Rifles performed at the Texas Vietnam Memorial for the Run-to-the-Wall event on Veteran's Day. They met with veterans after the ceremony.

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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, some 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.

I encourage all CCAC members to make a special effort to attend this year's Hall of Honor to honor and recognize the contributions of our inductees, and to celebrate this special anniversary of a program that has deeply impacted us all and has played a major role in producing U.S. Army and civilian leaders.

Rex Latham

**CCAC President** 

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The Jody Alumni have been asked to march in the **Medal of Honor Parade on April 9, 2016**. This will be our third time to participate, and our unit of old geezers has become the crowd favorite. Think about it—parades have units walking or driving by waiving to the audience, the bands play, the floats pass by, and everyone waves to the crowd—then here comes a group of old soldiers—white hair, or no hair, 60+ years old but actually doing some semi-precision marching movements. And what an honor it is to participate in an event that celebrates the best of the best American Servicemen. For most of us, this is not living in the past, but rather **living** in the present. Or as Al usually says, "To live is to become involved."

Guys like Steve Kennedy, who hadn't touched an 03 in 50+ years, jumped in last time...and in 30 seconds he was up to speed on 30 count and Exchange. Anyway, if you are interested in joining in on the fun, let me know, and I will pass on the details: bunkyg5@yerizon.net.

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pus and within the local community. The Jodies won first place in the military unit category in the **Dallas Veterans Day Parade** competition and provided outstanding support to the Run to the Wall! They are looking forward to their return trip to compete at Tulane University in 2016. The MavCav continued its outstanding support to the UTA athletic teams, providing Color Guard and Maverick Battalion team spirit for home volleyball and basketball games in the fall semester. Our ODM (Ranger Challenge Team) placed third in the regional **Ranger Challenge Competition**. New this year are the "Front Runners," a team dedicated to improving their fitness through the joys of cross-country running.

We received the much anticipated results from the 2015 Accessions and Branching Board on 19 November, and I am excited to announce that those accessed for Active Duty received one of their top three choices!! Each one of these young men and women are fantastic leaders and represent the future of our Army. I can assure you, we are in very good hands. *Mavericks Lead the Way!!* 

This fall we said goodbye to **Captain Thomas** and his family as they moved to Fort Leonard Wood, MO, where CPT Thomas will attend the Chemical Officer Career Course. **Captain Capone** has arrived from Fort Sill. *Welcome aboard!!*The spring semester will be even more eventful than the fall as we participate in the Mardi Gras Drill Meet, Bataan Death March, the 36th Annual Hall of Honor, and 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ROTC celebration, joint field training with the **TCU Horned Frog Battalion**, staff rides to San Jacinto and Vicksburg, plus the annual Dining In and Spring Commissioning Ceremonies. We're excited to see you on campus on **March 5th at the Hall of Honor!!** LTC James Doty, III

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# Taps:

James Martin "Marty" Bower, 68, passed away Saturday, Feb. 14, 2015. Marty was born in Huntington, WV, on Feb. 16, 1946. He was a 1964 graduate of Arlington High School and a 1970 graduate of UT-Arlington, where he received his Army commission through the ROTC program. He was a Vietnam disabled veteran. For his service in the Army, he received the Silver Star, Bronze Star with V device-2, Meritorious Service Medal-2, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal with V device, Army Achievement Medal, Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Vietnam Service Medal-3, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge and Parachutist Badge.

**Charles Klemme** died Jan. 7, 2016 in Nashville, TN. He was a member of the Jodies in the late '50s, and an avid car enthusiast through out his life. He will be missed by all who knew him. Our sympathy goes out to his family.

Larry Carl Dubberly, Texas A&M Class of 1959, passed away recently and the ashes have been interred in a columbarium at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery. Larry was one of the members of the drill team that made a trip to the Junior Rose Bowl in 1957. He attended the freshman and sophomore engineering studies as ASC and received his degree from A&M. He was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army and served in Germany. He later was engaged in engineering projects throughout the world and settled in Plantation, FL in his retirement years. He is survived by his wife Ubol Boompon "Noi" Dubberly, whom he met while on a project in Thailand. There were no children.