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President's Desk By Jerry Bob Houston



Jerry B. Houston

The Military Science Department at the University of Texas is both old and new. Military Science has been a part of the fabric of the university since it began as Carlisle Military Academy. Until 1959 it was a two-year school, but one with a lot of spirit. In 1959 we became a four-year university, and in 1962 we had our first **CCAC President** graduating class and our first commissioning

ceremony. In those days we had a Cadet Corps of around 600 members and for sev-

eral years had a brigade with two battalions. This was mainly because every male student was required to either take ROTC or PE for their first two years, which meant we had large MSI and MSII classes. We have actually commissioned about the same number of officers each year even though the Cadet Corps has become much smaller.

From a Military Alumni point of view, we really did not have a get-together until the mid 60s when a group of former cadets started the Sam Houston Rifles Alumni Association (SHRAA). Our Hall of Honor started in 1980 and soon became the annual focal point for alumni activities. At that time, over a third of our attendees came from North Texas Agricultural College (NTAC) students and were from the World War II and Korean Era.

In the mid 90s a few alumni saw the wisdom of starting the Cadet Corps Alumni Chapter with the goal of supporting the Military Science Department. The SHRAA folded into the CCAC. Today, there are only a few NTAC members remaining and most of our leadership has been from the Vietnam Era cadets who graduated between 1962 and 1971. In the early years it was mainly

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



Greetings from the 116th Maverick Battalion. The fall semester seemed to fly by and besides our normal FTX at Fort Wolters in September, the cadets participated in two new events. First, Cadets Neal Brady and Michael Francis raised enough money to take six cadets out to Washing-

LTC James Doty, III **Professor of Military Science**

ton, D.C., to run in the Army Ten-Miler. There, Rex Latham was gracious enough to organize a dinner the night prior that consisted of about 20 Alumni, Cadets, and

spouses. (See pictures on page 6.) The second event that was new for us was having the entire Battalion participate in the Mansfield Veterans Day Parade on 10 November. The Battalion marched at shoulder arms, with Cadet Battalion Commander Emily LaFrance



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By Bunky Garonzik

Mentoring-Program Update



Bunky Garonzik

Not even Nostradamus could have predicted whether our Mentoring Program for the cadets will maintain traction. But it is safe to say that we have a pretty good start. We had 42 cadets attend the first couple of sessions where we covered firearm training and some basic marching and rifle movements. With the help of Floyd, Col. Smith, Carlos, and Maj. Brown, we made some real progress with the cadets. Credit Phil Nichols for ramrodding the program and organizing the cadets.

The net result was that everyone who was 21 years old now has the necessary paperwork to obtain their License to Carry (LTC) a firearm in Texas and 38 other states.

Those cadets who are 201/2 can get their LTC when they turn 21. Additionally, the Jodies have a shot in the arm with some new members and actually a decently sized



Bunky's Barn is put to good use as a training facility for the Cadets.

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Visit the new Cadet Corps Alumni Council website at www.utaccac.org Like us! The UT-Arlington ROTC Alumni Facebook Page is at https://www.facebook.com/utarlingtonrotcalumni/

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Hall of Honor 2019 Mike Parker, VP Hall of Honor	Membership Diane Colvard, VP Membership
This year the inductees into the Military Science Hall of Honor are Cadet Corps Alumni LTC Michael Greer (Ret) (ASC graduate of 1963) and MG Daniel P. Hughes (Ret) (UTA graduate of 1983). The Hall of Honor, established in 1980, has over one hun- dred members and stands as a tribute to individual leadership and selfless service. As young men and women continue the proud tradition as members of the Corps of Cadets, they have a visual reminder of the significance their training can have on their future, and of the high standards of achievement that have been set for them by those who stood in the ranks at Arlington and the greater Maverick Battalion. In addition to honoring these distinguished alumni and the personal joy of gathering with old friends and decades of Corps alumni and cadets, your presence at the Hall of Honor helps support the cadets' hard work as a major leadership and training exercise. We have had a great mix of cadets and CCAC members, as well as cadre, UTA academic and ad- ministration leadership, and family and friends of the Corps of Cadets supporting the Hall of Honor Ceremony. Each comes with a story based on common values and unique memories of the journey along the shared path through the streets and history that is Arlington and the greater Maverick Battalion. Mark your calendars in ink now for the 2019 Military Science Hall of Honor on Saturday, April 20, 2019, in the University Center on campus. Registration begins in the foyer of the E.H. Hereford Student Center on the UTA campus at 10:00 a.m. The Induction Ceremony begins in the nearby Rosebud Theater at 10:30 a.m. A reception, tour of the Hall of Honor, and chance to meet with the Corps extra-curriculum teams will be followed by a luncheon at 12:00 p.m. in the Bluebonnet Ballroom. Closing ceremonies will begin at 1:30 p.m. and include the <i>I</i> <i>Am A Maverick</i> pageant, the <i>Silver Cup Ceremony</i> , and <i>Re-</i> <i>tirement of the Colors</i> to end the formal ceremony activities. Please honor these great alumni and their induction into the Milita	We welcome two new Life Members to the CCA since our last newsletter. Welcome to: LTC Michael R. Greer (Ret) (1960-1963 and C missioned in 1963) and MAJ David O. Colvard (1972-1978 and commissioned in 1978). Membership is so important and meaningful to t of us who have come forward to be a part of the CCAC. I can speak from my own memories befor really understood what the CCAC had to offer to or what impact I could have being a member. Se of our members are cadets and young junior offi They have personal stories to share on how they ceived support from members of CCAC, and as members we are doing the same in giving of our and sharing our experiences. It is nice to see frie from the past, but more than that, we see our cor butions (both in monetary and non-monetary gif shape and guide the Maverick Battalion. This is soul of our organization. I want to challenge tho; you who are beginning your journey. Encourage your fellow cadets and officers to take an active in giving back to the Corps. Let them know they find out more via the website. Pass along a copy the <i>Reveille</i> or direct them to any of us on the board—to see ways that the alumni are relating to Corps of Cadets at UT Arlington. If you are an alumnus interested in learning mor about the goals of the Cadet Corps Alumni Cour qualifications for membership, or the types of m bership available, go to our website at https://utaccac.org/our-mission/ and https://utaccac.org/membership-benefits-2/ Please reach out: Email: dianecolvard@gmail.co Facebook: /dianecolvard; Twitter: @dcolvard; Google Talk: dianecolvard; Skype: Diane Colva Don't forget that if you join as a Life Member, y will receive a tax deduction when signing up via UTA website, https://giving.uta.edu/giving/ccac

Registration opens at 10:00 a.m. in the E.H. Hereford Student Center. Or register online now at utaccac.org!

I Am A Maverick performed by Cadets at the 2018 Hall of Honor. Photo courtesy of Gary and Willene McBride

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Gold Bar Club John "Hendew" Henderson, VP Development		ncial Report VP Finances
Wishing all a Happy and Prosperous 2019! Please consider the following to start the New Year: The Gold Bar Club raises funds for the Endowed Schol- arship Fund. Our contributions are based on the per- formance of UTA Military Science Department's Mis- sion of commissioning Army Second Lieutenants. Our members contribute a minimum of \$1.00 for each newly commissioned Officer. The Endowed Scholarship Fund is the repository for these funds. Only the interest earned on the Fund principal is used for these scholarships. It's all about teamwork!	Your CCAC is financially sound and continues with steady growth. The Corps faces challenges from a decrease in University-provided funding this year, and this makes CCAC funding even more critical in assist- ing the Corps to meet its goals. Please consider donat- ing to offset this funding decrease. All contributions are tax deductible if made out to UTA and are in ac- cordance with current tax law; the process is simple and website-based. All values except Market values are as of December 31, 2018. The Endowed Scholarship Fund (ESF): Interest	
As you can easily see, the more members we have, the better the performance of UTA Military Mission; the more the Fund grows, the more interest is available, and the more deserving and performing Cadets we can help. To enhance this teamwork, your help is needed. You are sincerely requested to become a part of the CCAC Gold Bar legacy. Since the Gold Bar inception in 2007, the active mem- bership has fluctuated; however, it has always averaged around 20 Alumni. Currently, there are 19 active mem- bers. The Fund Principal balance is \$48,430.00. That is good only for 11 years, but to raise it to the next level of \$100,000 will require your help. Simply go to the CCAC website to apply. You can start with a pledge of just \$1.00 per commissioned new Sec- ond Lieutenant each year. You can change your pledge at any time or even opt-out if you need. During the academic year of 2018, 14 new Second Lieu- tenants were commissioned; at times it has been 20. Keeping in mind that the scholarships are awarded based on need and performance; you will be justly proud to be financially aiding well deserving Cadets who need your help. These are our future Leaders and they appreciate and earn our efforts.	from this fund provides set Value is \$143,429.53 and \$161,067.53. This reportin received is \$5,427.65. The Gold Bar Program is raising for the ESF. I ence become active contributor contributors currently. Re- Spring 2018 and December coming in, but please const to assist the new Lieutena The Life Membership Fut this fund supports the Mil a variety of ways, such as site, awards, and events. A tions and companies have contributions, so check with advantage of those program	the primary means of fund- burage more members to rs as there are only about 19 cent contributions from the er 2018 Commissioning are sider making a commitmen nts. und (LMF): Interest from itary Science Department in recruiting, publicity, web- As a reminder, most corpora dollar-for-dollar matching ith your employer to take ms. Book value is Value is \$114,604.91. This tions Received total F) funds CCAC expenses.

it as a leadership learning opportunity. It has been a very successful organization that has integrated itself well with the Military Science Department.

We have in place two endowed funds that produce around \$5,000 for scholarships and \$4,000 for Military Science Department activities annually. Since both funds are endowed, they will continue to grow as more contributions are made to the funds and more alumni join as Life Members. Your board of directors recognizes that we are approaching a period of transition where the leadership of the organization is shifting to cadets who graduated after the Vietnam Era. The board felt it was important to take a look at our organizational documents, which provide the framework for what we do to remain relevant, and improve the support to the Military Science Department. A major task for our organization is to continue to build and retain our membership. We also have two initiatives that we believe are paramount to this support. The first is a robust mentoring program that stretches from the time a cadet joins the Military Science Department, through their military or civilian career, and transitioning into a second career and finally retirement. And we are also working hard to move the CCAC into the electronic media world. We hope you will join us for our Hall of Honor on April 20, 2019, to hear more about where we are going and what we are doing.

CCAC President Jerry Bob Houston

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Mentoring-Program Update (Continued from page 1)

team who have already marched in several parades and are planning to compete in the Mardi Gras festivities in New Orleans. These two things alone lend credence to the concept of the Mentoring Program.



Cadets participating in the Mentoring Program get instruction on marching and the correct way to do certain basic movements, as well as firearm safety, instruction, and when use of force is allowed.

But there is more. One of our goals in creating this program was to create a better connection between the Cadets and the Alumni. We all remember that an age gap between us and our elders created distance and lack of communication. (Never trust anyone over 30, etc). Well, there seems to be a way of closing that gap. The goals of the cadets today parallel what our goals were all those years ago. And we are making some headway in their understanding that we have valuable knowledge, experience, and a willingness to help them obtain their goals. Of course, I don't see this as a beer-drinking buddy thing, but rather an opportunity for the cadets to enhance their military experience, garner some valuable knowledge from those of us who have gone down that same path, and for them to realize not only the value of the CCAC, but perhaps become involved sooner rather than later as members. They are, after all, the future of the CCAC.

For the program to keep working, WE need to keep working. The Corps, the Cadre, and our members change as time changes, so we must stay focused and continue the effort if we value what we bring to the table for the cadets, and the cadets, in turn, understand what we do, and how we can help them.

We are hoping that the current Jodies will march with the Alumni at the Annual Medal of Honor Parade in Gainesville on April 13. And for now, the Mentoring Program seems to working as planned.

The CCAC Discusses Strategy

By Carlos Quijas, VP Marketing

In early September, CCAC Board members embarked on a conversation with an open and honest discussion about who we are and our purpose for existing. I initiated this conversation with the hope of gathering enough information to develop a reasonable marketing strategy for CCAC. After several weeks of deliberation, what emerged from this back-and-forth discussion was a clear picture of what should be incorporated into this strategy.

First, we discussed modifying our name from "Cadet Corp Alumni Council" to "Cadet Corp Alumni Connection." While at first glance this change from "Council" to "Connection" may seem minor, the modification speaks volumes about what it is we are wanting to convey to and adapt for Alumni. We seek to be that bridge or link for alumni so that when we reach out to them or when they reach out to us, we can get them connected to events, activities, benefits, services, and any other resources available in a methodical and well-thought-out plan.

Second, we discussed updating and improving our mission statement. What we wanted was a declaration of why we believe we exist in a statement that is clear, succinct, one sentence, easily understood, and easily memorized. We found that this second part was so intertwined to the first part because who we are by name should reflect our actions and activities. Thus, the consensus was that our refreshed mission statement would be: *To support the*

ROTC Department, develop leadership, and <u>connect</u> to the Corps of Cadets – past, present and future.

Third, communicating effectively has been, and will continue to be, a challenge with all the changes in technology and social media. While we have made progress with Facebook and online resources, we must invest in real progress. To catch up and stay abreast, CCAC will expand its connect-ability by becoming website-centered and with greater *content*. With a focus on the content of our website-driven organization, we will be more effective at reaching and capturing greater interest and support from the many educational institutions in North Central Texas that feed into the Military Science program, and also the multiple segments of our Alumni.

Our *Marketing Strategy* will seek to engage, invigorate, and communicate more effectively with Alumni by making it absolutely clear who we are and what our mission is. In so doing we'll start first by a building a relationship one alumnus at a time. The same alumnus who as a stakeholder provides not only monetary value in the form of donations and support, but also acts as an advocate, recruiter, and a legacy of the Corp of Cadets from UTA.

For comments or interest please feel free to contact me either by phone at 817-688-7276 or by email at carlos.quijas@charter.net. I look forward to our connection!



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Website Update

Our new, "responsive" website (https://utaccac.org) automatically adjusts to smartphones, tablets, and laptops. There is a photo/video "slider" across the top of the home page, and the website can link to videos. We have a new general photo gallery with sub-galleries, and will add new photos and videos as we receive them. The new website provides flexibility for changes and new features, and we welcome your ideas and material. We have recently optimized it so it loads faster and, based on feedback & suggestions, are looking at additional design & other changes to make it better. We have had a couple of "learning moments," which have slowed down its development, but if you have comments, suggestions, photos, videos, or stories, we want them. By Webmaster Rex Latham

As the Hall of Honor is approaching, we also want to remind you that all sign-ups and payments may now be made on-line. That includes the Hall of Honor, Memberships, Gold Bar Club, Scholarship Donations, etc.

We want the website to record the continuing history of the Corps. The "History & Organizations" section is expanded to include new histories of UTA's ROTC program and our traditions. We are looking for several members interested in websites to help with webmaster duties. Interested? Contact Rex Latham via ccac uta@yahoo.com

See page 6 of this issue for information from our Facebook site!

At The Front (Continued from page 1)

leading the staff, followed by the companies. In the rear of the Battalion, Cadet Luis Guadalupe led a small musical detachment consisting of a bass drum, snare drum, trumpet, and LTC (Ret) Mark Latham playing the bagpipes, which was vital in keeping the battalion in step and keeping us looking sharp. Immediately behind the formation, Ed Bandy pulled one of the Carlisle Cannons with his M38A1 Jeep with a realistic replica .50 cal. mounted. The Jodies, led by COL (Ret) Ken Smith (in the bottom photo with Major Aaron Brown and the Carlisle Cannon) followed the Battalion, stopping along the parade route to perform for the onlookers.



The Maverick Battalion culminated the semester by commissioning four second lieutenants. From the University of North Texas, we commissioned Tylor Hopson into the Army Reserve as an AG Officer. Charles Priest II commissioned into the Army National Guard as an Engineer Officer. Jacob Reed commissioned into the Army Reserve as an Ordinance Officer. Rocky Greenwalt finished his schooling at Texas Woman's University, and he commissioned as an Army Nurse. Greenwalt will be serving on active duty.

This link should take you to more parade photos. Just copy and paste it into your browser: https://photos.app.goo.gl/9HqNL4Nc4nGP6TVr7



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Three CCAC Life Members had a great time at UTA's first "DC Alumni Event" on 24 July.

From left to right are Colonel (Ret) Guy White (Class of 1976), CCAC Past President Rex Latham (class of 1965), and Colonel (Ret) Mike Williams (class of 1983) with James Kumm, UTA's Executive Director for Veterans Programs.



Six Maverick Battalion alumni, spanning the decades from 1968 to 2018, recently got together for dinner at Colton's Steak House in Radcliff, KY. They had a great time renewing friendships and creating new friendships. From Left to Right are Dr. Dan French (UTA) 1971, MAJ Aaron Brown (UTA) 2001, COL (Ret.) Bill Jacobs (UTA) 1968, MAJ (P) George Bolton (UTA) 2002, LTC John Meister (UNT) 2000, and 2LT Adam Dorais (UTA) 2018.



DC area alumni welcomed the UTA Maverick Battalion team that participated in the Army Ten-Miler! Learning UTA was sending a six-cadet team to the Army Ten-Miler, the second-largest 10mile race in the U.S., CCAC members quickly organized a welcome dinner. They were also able to connect with DC-area and visiting alumni. They definitely plan on entertaining the team if UTA sends another team next year.

First Row, Left to Right: LTC (R) Greg Trnka, Rex Latham, Brittney Lamb, Neil Brady, Alex Riera, Jose Gonzalez, Sue Tillotson. Top Row, Left to Right: Dorian Rosario, Kelly Legget, 2nd LT Ryan Viduarri, LTC Jay Bradley, Sam Brasch, Col (R) Guy White, LTC (R) Mike Saltarelli.



Congratulations to CCAC Life Member & UTA Mav Bn alumnus Greg Trnka who finished the Marine Corps Marathon in October 2018.

These pictures from our Facebook page show recent CCAC activity in Washington, D.C., and in Kentucky.

Webmaster **Rex Latham** keeps the CCAC page up to date with new photos of members and friends around the nation, plus many photos from decades past. Send your photos and news to Rex for posting at ccac_uta@yahoo.com.

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