

Reveille

President's Desk By Jerry Bob Houston



The Military Science Department, under the new leadership of LTC Kelley Keating, had a very successful orientation for the Corps of Cadets in late August as the school year began. I was very impressed with the cadre and cadets as they launched the fall program. Everyone was enthusiastic and ready to go to work.

COL Jerry B. Houston
CCAC President

We continue to support the Military Science Department. Through your giving, the board was able to authorize \$11,000 in scholarships that will be

awarded in the spring for the 2022-2023 school year. All the funds are received from interest on funds deposited in two endowments with the University of Texas. The fact that the funds are endowed means that we will be able to continue to provide scholarships in the future. The more money that is contributed to the funds, the more interest we will receive each year, which means more scholarships can be awarded.

There are two major architectural changes outside the Military Science office that will bring more emphasis to the department and the Corps. Just to the South of the main entrance, five flag poles have been installed that will allow the department to display appropriate flags. They have also built ROTC Plaza to the west and south of the main entrance as a place where cadets can gather. There will be tables, chairs, and landscaping.

Now that the pandemic seems to be coming under control and life is moving back to what we might be able to call normal, it is time for the CCAC to step up our support. Our next major event is the Hall of Honor on Saturday, March 5, 2022. Everyone should make an extra effort to attend this year's event so that the cadets can see that the alumni stand behind them. The Cadet Corps at UTA has a long history of excellence. The cadets notice the camaraderie among the alumni and the commitment we have to support their Military Science education.

At the Front By LTC Kelley Keating



ing goes as planned and a bit of luck and timing determines the roads we take, which in my case, is what brings me to Maverick Country.

Unfortunately, I did not get to meet LTC

SURPRISE! I see from the last Reveille issue

you were expecting a LTC Richard Ferrell as the new PMS, but in good Army fashion noth-

Professor of
Military Science

Belobrajdic in person, but I can tell by the files and cadets she left behind that she is a stellar officer and I hope to provide you the same level

of support and professionalism that she demonstrated, not to mention her time management! How she navigated running the program, teaching, and driving all over North Texas I have yet to crack the code on.

I have now been in the seat for three months and it's a bit of a fire hose, but fortunately for me I have a team cadre and staff here to help our corps of 216 cadets. Thank goodness my new battle buddy and our Senior Military Instructor (SMI) MSG Hubacek was granted permission to extend and will continue as our SMI until summer 2022! His mentorship and guidance has been much needed as I learn the ropes of University life and navigating Cadet Command.

I am not the only new person here at UTA; I'd like to introduce some new faces:

Assistant Professor of Military Science - MSI Instructor



CPT Marlon Sanders, Air Defense Artillery, arrived 6 July 2021 from Fort Carson, CO. Originally from Tallahassee, FL, Marlon commissioned through Officer Candidate School and says he joined the Army "to be part of a team and serve something greater than myself."

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The Long-Term Effect



It is anybody's guess as to the long-term effect of the last couple of years relating to the virus sent from China. Even the name has morphed: Corona, Covid 19, SARS-CoV-2, MERS-CoV, Delta Variant, South Africa Variant-Gamma, and LAMB Da, to name a few. The Mexican Beer Company was happy to see the original name dropped pretty early on.

Bunky Garonzik

The source of Covid is also confusing: A "Wet Market," Bats, lab experiments, gain-

of-function research, etc. Even though it clearly originated in China, political pressure keeps that fact a back page in the news like other "uncomfortable " reporting. The source outbreak of the

By Bunky Garonzik

Spanish Flu in 1918 is still a mystery, but the one thing we know is that the Spanish Flu did not start in Spain or Mexico, so misleading the people is not a new thing.

Adding to the confusion—the vaccine: You're safe with the shots, but now you need a booster, and you can still contract the virus after having the shots, so you really aren't safe. Wear the masks for protection—even wear two masks. Stay inside, but you are safer outside. Depending on your level of importance, masks may not be necessary. The main expert has financial implications, so you don't know if his advice is self-serving—and this doesn't count his more \$400,000+ a year paycheck.

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2022 Hall of Honor

by Mike Parker

Make plans to attend the 2022 Hall of Honor Ceremony - Saturday, March 5, 2022

The Cadet Corps Alumni Council and Corps of Cadets will host the 42nd Annual Military Science Hall of Honor Ceremony on Saturday, 5 March 2022. Alumni will once again gather with cadets, administration, cadre, families, and friends to honor the Corps (past present and future). Registration will begin on campus at 1430 hrs. at the remodeled E. H. Hereford University Center.



The format for this year's ceremony includes:

- Induction Ceremony (to honor our 2022 inductees)
- Retreat Ceremony (to honor our Nation and Corps of Cadets...past, present, future)
- Banquet (to honor inductees from 2020, 2021, and 2022...and fallen comrades)

Established in 1980, the Hall of Honor now has 114 members and serves as a visual reminder of the significance of ROTC training/experience and distinguished service to a cadet's future. It highlights high standards set by others who attended Arlington, especially those who stood in the Corps formation. During the 2022 Induction Ceremony, we will honor and induct:

Sheldon John Gerron (1961 ASC Alumnus)





LTC Sheldon John Gerron, a leader in the Corps, Insurgent Team, and Delta Sigma Pi, was commissioned ADA. His distinguished service included tours in Vietnam, South Korea, Germany, and the Netherlands at Army, Joint, and Combined commands. As Cadre at UTA, he was instrumental in creation of the Hall of Honor and Gold Bar programs. Later he was PMS at McNeese State. His civilian career included 18 years with M.G. Bryan engines with expansion in specialized oilfield equipment. He was a leader in city planning and veteran organizations. His induction honors his lasting contribution to the Corps—Past, Present, and Future.

Terry Meza (1972 UTA Alumnus) Honorary





Texas State Representative Meza has spent a lifetime in service to others, as an ROTC Rifle Team and Corps Sweetheart, a military spouse, an educator, director of a nonprofit, a private attorney, and now as a State Representative for District 105, encompassing most of Irving, TX, and parts of Grand Prairie, TX. Rep. Meza served on the Agriculture Committee, Human Services Committee, and Resolution Committee. With nearly 50 years of service to her nation, community, and the Corps of Cadets, we honor her lifelong achievements with induction into the Hall of Honor as an Honorary member.

Charles Ambrosio Cecil T. Anderson Christopher Anderson David J. Anderson Nathan Arauco Theron R. Arrington William Barnett Raymond F. Beall John T. Bell Jonathan J. Bevill Jody Bills Billy J. Blankenship Charles Blumenfeld Bryan E. Bolt Caroline Boutelant John Bradley Ernest L. Brister Wyatt A. Britten David L. Brown J.C. Brown, Jr. Joel "Aaron" Brown R.D. Brown Austin Byboth Fred U. Campos Charles C. Cannon, Jr. Amador Cano Mike Carroll Oran Carroll Miguel E. Castillo Pat Choate Arthur G. Cleveland David O. Colvard Diane Colvard Gerald D. Cox Travis Crook Joseph S. Dancses Mrs. Robert J. Darrah Anthony F. Daskevich II Archie P. Davis III Jean A. Deakyne Ricardo F. Diaz Mark A. Dickens Webb D. Dois Scott A. Downey Eddie Drain Henry A. Dufeau Al Ellis Paul S. Faidley Charles E. Feuerbacher Michael John Francis Daniel L. French David H. Gaines Antonio C. Garcia Allan Garonzik George B. Garrett Brian M. Gellman Sheldon J. Gerron Ricky D. Gibbs John R. Glaze Boyd D. Goldman Everette E. Gray William S. Gribble Robert G. Griffith Earl E. Hansen

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In addition to introducing and honoring our 2022 Inductees, this year's Induction Ceremony will include remarks by Interim President of UTA, Dr. Lim, and by the new Interim Dean of Liberal Arts, Mr. Dan Cavanagh.

The 5 March 2022 ceremony plans will also include a Retreat Ceremony at the Flagpole near the University Library followed by a Reception and Banquet in the University Center.

During the Banquet, we will publicly honor the 2020 and 2021 Hall of Honor inductees:











Rob Roten 1961 ASC

COL Andy Ward 1972 ASC

LTC Jerry Attaway
1968 UTA
(Posthumous)

GEN Phillip J. Ford 1965 ASC (Deceased May 2021)

Claudia and Larry Pink 1978 UTA

The Banquet program will include updates from the PMS, LTC Kelley Keating, and from the CCAC President, COL Jerry Houston.

The Banquet program will also include *I Am a Maverick* performed by the cadets, followed by the Silver Cup Ceremony, which will include raising a cup to our fallen comrades. You will hear Mark Latham on pipes, Floyd Wine on drums, TAPS, and "Mansions of the Lord" as the colors are retired.

Planned Sequence of Events:

1430 (2:30) Registration and movement into Rosebud Theater (Sound Assembly)

1500 (3:00) Hall of Honor Induction Ceremony

1600 (4:00) Movement to Flagpole in front of Library (weather permitting), Corps and Alumni will march to the flagpole. Guests will walk or take transportation provided.

1630 (4:30) Retreat Ceremony at the Flagpole (west of Library; weather permitting)

1635 (4:35) Return to University Center

1645 (4:45) Reception in the UC foyer and cadet/alumni activities

1730 (5:30) Banquet in Bluebonnet Ballroom (Sound Mess Call)

1845 (6:45) "I Am a Maverick" and Silver Cup Ceremony (Colors are silently retired)

1900 (7:00) Closing of Hall of Honor; Cake-Cutting Ceremony with coffee and "punch"; Informal visitation



We will come together once again to support the ROTC mission to develop our nation's leaders as we connect the Corps of Cadets, *Past – Present – Future*.

Mark your calendars now for the 2022 Military Science Hall of Honor! Dinner reservation and sign-up information will be available on the website by Jan. 1, 2022.

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Christopher Rainsberger Jimmie A. Redden Thomas V. Remediz

Ronald M. Rendleman

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Lieutenant Colonel Kelley A. Keating



Professor of Military Science, University of Texas at Arlington (HOST University) and University of North Texas (Extension University)

Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Kelley A. Keating enlisted in the United States Army as a Dental Specialist in June 1998. After completing basic training

at Fort Leonardwood, MO, and advanced initial training in Wichita Falls, TX, her first assignment was the U.S. Army Dental Activity (DENTAC) in Fort Lewis, WA, as a Dental Assistant. In 2000, she attended the dental hygiene course in Fort Sam Houston, TX, and was assigned to DENTAC Baumholder, Germany.

In 2002, LTC Keating returned to the U.S. and served as the Assistant Noncommissioned Officer in charge at the Fort Bliss Dental Clinic. At this time, LTC Keating was accepted for the Enlisted to Officer Green to Gold program at the University of Texas at El Paso. In December of 2005, LTC Keating graduated from UTEP as a Distinguished Military Graduate and was commissioned as a Transportation Corps Officer. She was assigned to 302nd Brigade Support Battalion, Camp Casey, Korea, as a Fuel and Water Distribution Platoon Leader. Upon tour completion in 2007, LTC Keating transferred to the Adjutant General Corps and was assigned to 3rd Brigade, 1st Calvary Division, Fort Hood, TX, as the Assistant Brigade S-1. In 2008, she was reassigned to the 1st Calvary Division Headquarters, G1 as the Officer in Charge of the Human Resources Branch. In 2009, LTC Keating deployed to Baghdad, Iraq, and served as the Casualty Operations Officer in Charge in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Upon redeployment, LTC Keating attended the Adjutant General's Corps Captain's Career Course in Fort Jackson, SC.

In 2011, LTC Keating was assigned as Protocol Officer for the Military District of Washington, D.C. Post support of the 2012 Inauguration, LTC Keating was accepted as a Senior Human Resources Support Officer (S-1) for The Old Guard and was the first female company grade officer to render honors in Arlington National Cemetery and march staff at Department of the Army Retirement Ceremonies.

Upon completion of the Intermediate Level Education program at the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in June 2016, LTC Keating was selected as S-1 for the 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne), at Fort Bragg, NC, in support of Africa Command (AFRICOM) efforts. From 2018 to 2021, she served as the Human Resources Director, G1 for 1st Capabilities Integration Group (Airborne), Alexandria, VA. Her awards and decorations include: the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (1 Silver, 1 Oak Leaf Cluster), The Army Achievement Medal (1 Silver, 3 Oak Leaf Cluster), the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War of Terror Service Medal, the Korean Defense Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal (Bronze Star), the Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the Presidential Unit Citation, the Meritorious Unit Citation, the Army Superior Unit Award, the Air Assault Badge and the Parachutist Badge. LTC Keating is a native of Victorville, CA. She holds a Master of Business Administration degree from Tarleton State University and a Masters of Information Resource Management degree from National Defense University.

Membership

by Diane Colvard

Welcome to our new Lifemembers: William "Bud" Jones (Class of 1963), 2LT Austin Byboth (commissioned 2021), and CDT Anthony Vuong (Preston A. Weathered award 2021). Giving a shout out to all of you who hold a 2year membership. Here's your invitation to upgrade your status to a life membership! There's no better time than now to show your support to the Military Science Department. Reaching out to fellow alumni continues to be a great way to lead others to a lifetime membership. I challenge each of us to continue to reach out and share our experiences and how our gifts and time shape and guide the Maverick Battalion. If you are an alumnus interested in learning more about the goals of the CCAC, qualifications for membership, or the types of memberships available, go to our website at https://utaccac.org/our-mission/ and https:// utaccac.org/membership-benefits-2/. Contact me via email: dianecolvard@gmail.com; Facebook: /dianecolvard; Twitter: @dcolvard; Google Talk: dianecolvard; Skype: Diane Colvard. Join the CCAC as a Life Membership and get a tax deduction! Thanks to those of you who sponsor cadets and newly commissioned officers with a lifetime membership!!

Bylaws Change

The Executive Committee approved a change to the CCAC by-laws in its August meeting. The change was to Article III Membership, which reads: 'Membership in CCAC is open to all members of the U.S. Army ROTC Cadet Corps at UTA for at least two semesters, or who served in the U.S. Army as part of the Military Science Department at UTA, or who were employed by the UTA Military Science Department, or who served as sweethearts to the UTA Cadet Corps or its sub-groups (Pistol Team, Rifle Team, Sam Houston Rifles, etc.), or who were inducted into the Military Science Hall of Honor, as well as the spouses of all eligible individuals." New wording adds the phrase, "and others approved by the CCAC Executive Board."

Article IX of the Bylaws allows changes to the Bylaws once sent by email or newsletter to CCAC membership. Members then have 90 days to comment and send a "yea" or "nay" vote. Notification of the final action will be sent after the 90-day period is up. Please send comments or votes to ccac uta@yahoo.com.

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But the overall takeaway is that the virus has changed our country. Most notability the work environmentmany now work from home and many of these folks will continue to do that even after the virus is gone. Gatherings of all sizes, from family gatherings to large sporting events, are reduced or eliminated. Retail businesses and restaurants take a huge hit. Truckers and Long Shore workers can't unload all the container ships being imported to the U.S. Inflation, debt, and unemployment skyrocket. All are somehow related to Covid. And the CCAC and the cadets are not immune to the effects of the virus. We had a virtual Hall of Honor this year and had to cancel altogether the year before. And without personal contact, there is a lasting effect on relationships and students of all ages. Our website and Facebook page keeps us in contact at some level, as does the (less often) Reveille.

Speaking of the CCAC, the mentoring program is intact offering some relief from the "Covid Vacation" with a class of 26+ Cadets taking the License To Carry course on 20 November. LTC Greg Trnka is again hosting and running in the Army Ten Miler with the Cadets. So, hopefully there are some signs of normality returning to America in the next couple of years. We did have a lively group of Jodies, along with the Cadet Color Guard, march at the Medal of Honor Parade in Gainesville, and had a luncheon after, but our group was smaller than at past events.

The long-term effect of the virus is still a mystery, but we are hopefully on the road to recovery and America will again take its place as a world leader. There are recent signs that America will ultimately be fine. And if LTC Rimmer and LTC B are any indication of the success of the female PMS at UTA, the Maverick Battalion will continue to thrive with LTC Keating.

At the Front (Continued from page 1)

During his tour as APMS, Marlon hopes "the Cadets learn to be unselfish and continue to learn and elevate. Be better today than they were yesterday." When asked what he's learned so far, Marlon states he's learned "that the Cadets are really young, yet extremely smart."

Assistant Professor of Military Science—MSIII Instructor



CPT Rachel Wood, Armor, came to UTA October 14, 2021, from The Great Place, Fort Hood, TX. From CPT Wood: "I am an OCS graduate. I joined the Army after teaching 2 years and feeling like I wasn't quite living up to my fullest potential. I'm an Army brat, so we moved pretty much every two years for most of my life. I felt called to serve as an APMS in order to teach cadets and share my passion for doctrine, and hopefully make a difference in their lives. I hope I can shape better future leaders than I am, so that we can make more positive changes in the Army."

When asked what she's learned in her short time as APMS, CPT Wood answered, "So far I've learned that this role is a huge responsibility. We are literally dealing in people's futures. It matters."

Bar Recruiter (October- December)

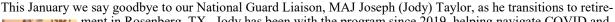


UTA's very own 2LT Austin Byboth is our Gold Bar Recruiter renaissance man. Austin departs for Infantry Officer Basic Course this January.

Although Austin will only be with us for a short while longer he says, "I've learned that there is wisdom to be gleaned from everybody. Zeno of Citium was right when he said 'we have two ears and only one mouth so that we may listen the more and talk the less.' I hope that my influence inspires cadets to be loving to their Soldiers and ruthless in their Soldiering.

Photo is of myself and fellow UTA alum, CPT Eugene Patton. He is my "Army big brother" and personal role model.

Farewell





ment in Rosenberg, TX. Jody has been with the program since 2019, helping navigate COVID and serving as PMS when LTC Belobrajdic departed earlier this spring. On behalf of the cadre, staff, and cadets, thank you MAJ Jody Taylor for all you have done for the Maverick Battalion.

From MAJ Taylor: "I joined the Texas Army National Guard for education benefits and career opportunities right before Operation Just Cause-Panama in 1989. I spent 17 years enlisted before going to OCS and commissioning as an Ordnance officer. I did not request an APMS position in ROTC, but did ask for a broadening assignment. However, it has been one of the most rewarding assign-

ments of my career. I hope the Maverick BN Cadets take away from their interactions with me that compassionate, caring leaders can built trust and confidence in their subordinates and to give everything you do in life YOUR very best, expect the same from your subordinates and no more. Also, I hope they have learned from me to enjoy life and never take themselves too seriously."

Address change: The official address of the CCAC office will change on Jan 1, 2022, to: CCAC, 2670 East Lamar Blvd., Arlington, TX 76011.

The old address (604 Avenue H East, Arlington TX 76011) will still work for the foreseeable future.

CCAC Life Members

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Mark Latham

CCAC Historian

CCAC Scholarship Winners

Several months ago, I had the opportunity to interview with **Maverick Veterans Voices** (MVV). MVV is a digital, online, free access, fair use program of our library at UTA. Free access means archived research data for fair use that may lessen the cost for students buying or renting textbooks.

The MVV coordinator is **Joseph Carpenter**, who is a Graduate Research Assistant and an U.S. Air Force veteran at UTA. The MVV approach to interviews is one of empathy, compassion, and respect for each participating Voice, with the aim of presenting each Voice's words and likeness in the best light possible. MVV uses a mobile studio that sets up quickly at a time and place agreeable and convenient to each participating Voice. OHMS consists of a personal or remote interview, digital recordings and transcripts, and amplifying data made available online. Interview questions are provided in advance of the interview. Interview recordings are approved by participating Voices. Participating Voices must consent to the release of the digital, online, free access information produced by MVV. A continuing Voice is one that previously interviewed but, on further reflection and with the passage of time, has more to contribute to our oral history.

My MVV interview gave me an opportunity to reflect on some of my experiences, know myself a bit more, and provide information that others may find useful. If you want to become a Maverick Veteran Voice, contact Joe Carpenter at joseph.carpenter2@mavs.uta.edu or Mark Latham, CCAC Historian, at mblatham@hotmail.com.



The 2021 Preston A.
Weatherred Award went to
Anthony Vuong (left)

The CCAC awarded \$11,000 in scholarships for the 2021-2022

school year to 20 cadets at the 2021 Spring Awards Ceremony. The awards went to 13 UTA students, 3 UTD students, 3 SMU students, and 1 DBU student. All of the cadets participate in the ROTC program through the Military Science Department at UTA.



TAPS

James. P. Coughlin, LTC (Ret) US Army

Jim Coughlin passed away on October 16, 2021. He is survived by his wife Mary Lou and a large, loving family. He was a graduate of the Charter Class of Arlington State College in 1961 and a member of the Sam Houston Rifles. His 21 years of active duty included service as an Advisor in Vietnam. After retiring, he was a Senior Instructor and Director of Instruction for the JROTC program in Plano, TX. Jim was a Life Member and past President of the Cadet Corps Alumni Council and 2003 Inductee in the Hall of Honor.



Phillip Ford, LT GEN, USAF (Ret)

July 7, 1943 - May 28, 2021. Phillip Jack Ford, Lt. General USAF (Ret), passed away Friday, May 28, 2021. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Kristen. He attended Arlington State College from 1961 to 1965, where he played football and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and Management in 1965. He flew a variety of aircraft, including the B-52 and B-2 bombers. In his final assignment, he served a Deputy Commander of the USAF Strategic Command.



Michael R. Greer, LTC, US Army (Ret)

December 16, 1938 - July 21, 2021. Michael, a 1963 graduate of Arlington State College, was an accomplished athlete. He established 50 Triathlons and competed in hundreds more, including the Hawaii Ironman. In 1992, Michael earned his Ph.D. as a Doctor of Philosophy from LaSalle University. He later became certified in the following fields: legal mediator, life coach, emotional intelligence, and parenting coordinator. He served in both active and reserve assignments before retiring. Mike is survived by wife Marti and 5 children and 15 grandchildren.



Jacob A. Mason, 1LT, US Army

First Lieutenant Jacob Aaron Mason, age 25, passed away on August 25, 2021, at Fort Stewart, Georgia. Jacob attended Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, and earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Management Science and a Master of Science in Engineering Management. While attending Southern Methodist University, Jacob completed his Army ROTC Training at the University of Texas at Arlington. He received the Military Order of the World Wars in 2015 while an ROTC Cadet. He was commissioned in May of 2019.



David Allen McBee

David Allan McBee Sr., 75, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, on September 7, 2021. David was a CPA for over 45 years. In June 1984, he started McBee & Co., PC. Not the stereotype accountant, David was certified as a high-speed driving instructor for Driver's Edge, the Porsche Club of America, and other organizations. While attending Arlington State College, he was a member of the Sam Houston Rifles. He is survived by two sons and their families, including four grandchildren who called him "Grumpy."