



## Recap of Hall of Honor 2023

By Stan Thompson,  
VP—Hall of Honor



On March 4, 2023, the Cadet Corps Alumni Council and the UTA Corps of Cadets hosted the 43rd Annual Military Science Hall of Honor.

This year's Hall of Honor was well attended. It started with the formal Induction Ceremony in the Rosebud Theater, where Major (Ret) James Tomlin and Theron Arrington, both 1963 graduates from Arlington State College, were inducted. We also posthumously inducted a former UTA MS Cadre member, CPT (Ret) Paul Kim, with an honorary induction. The Luncheon followed the Induction Ceremony in the Bluebonnet Room.



Former PMS, LTC  
Kelley Keating

The new President of UTA, Dr. Jennifer Cowley, was the guest speaker at the luncheon. Also speaking at the luncheon was President of the CCAC, BG (Ret) Ricky Gibbs, and PMS LTC Kelley Keating. As one of

her final appearances as Professor of Military Science at UTA, LTC Kelley Keating greeted guests at the 2023 Hall of Honor Luncheon in March. LTC Keating is departing UTA this month and will be replaced by LTC Gregory LeClair, who will assume command of the department in August.



BG (Ret) Ricky Gibbs



Stan Thompson (VP HOH) and  
CCAC President Ricky Gibbs  
stand for the posting of the  
Colors



*I Am A Maverick* pageant  
performed by the Cadets in  
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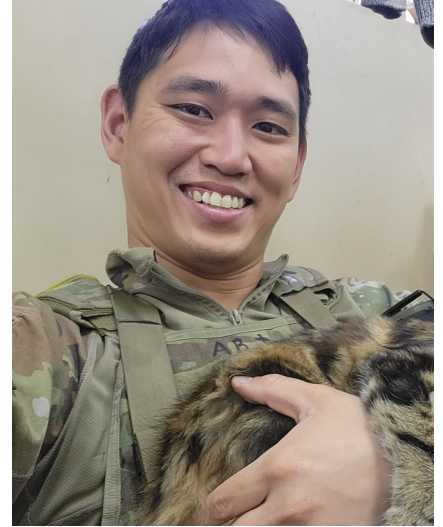
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# Hall of Honor 2023 Recap (continued)



Inductees Theron Arrington and Major (Ret) James Tomlin



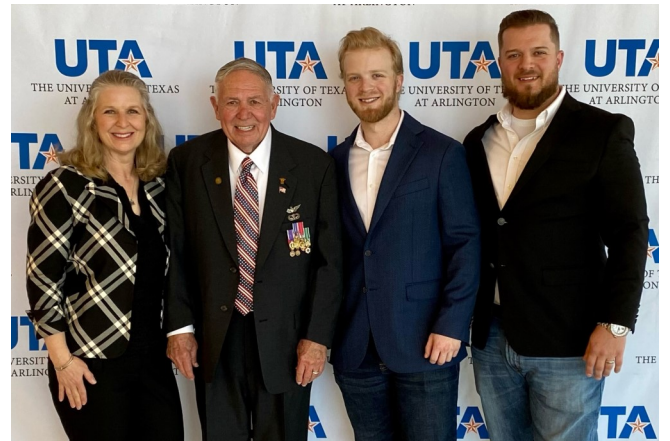
Inductee CPT (Ret) Paul Kim



Cake cutting ceremony



Major (Ret) James Tomlin and his wife Annette



Arrington family (L to R): daughter Amy Arrington Jones, Theron Arrington, and Grandsons Preston and Austin Jones

Note: A special thank you goes to Amy Arrington Jones for providing several photos for this article.



## A Call for HOH 2024 Submissions

Believe it or not, planning for the 2024 Hall of Honor is starting. The 2024 Hall of Honor will be on **February 24, 2024**. Part of the planning process is to gather a list of nominees and submit them to the selection committee for consideration. We need your help in putting this list together. Members of the CCAC can nominate anyone who meets the following criteria in one of these three categories:

**Cadet Corps Alumni**—This category is for any individual who participated one or more years in the Army ROTC program and was under the authority of the Professor of Military Science (PMS) hosted at The University of Texas at Arlington or any of the former schools of what is now The University of Texas at Arlington (UTA). Individuals may be nominated for their outstanding accomplishments in a military or civilian career.

**Honorary**—This category is for any individual who, although not a participant in the Cadet Corps, served as a member of the staff of the Military Science Department, staff and faculty of any university or college whose

cadets fall/fell under the authority of the PMS at The University of Texas at Arlington, or any of the former schools that are part of the University's lineage, or special friends of the Cadet Corps. Any individual nominated in this category must have demonstrated through his/her service a special dedication or significant contribution to the Cadet Corps. Nominations in this category are limited and controlled by the Cadet Corps Alumni Council.

**Service**—This category is reserved to recognize those individuals who did not participate in the Cadet Corps and do not meet the criteria for the Honorary category, but who attended and received a degree, undergraduate or graduate, from The University of Texas at Arlington, or any of the former schools of what is now The University of Texas at Arlington. Such individuals must have served in a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces and achieved a noteworthy accomplishment in his or her military and/or civilian career. Nomina-

tions in this category will only be considered in very exceptional cases and will be controlled and limited by the Corps of Cadets Alumni Council.

The nomination form can be downloaded from the Cadet Corps Alumni Council website at **cadetcorps.org**. Click on the HALL OF HONOR Tab to download and print the nomination form. The form is self-explanatory. Once completed, it can be mailed to Ms. Sarah Nahhas, 2670 East Lamar Blvd, Arlington, TX 76011. **Nomination forms need to be received by 1 August 2023.**

**Save the Date!**  
**Hall of Honor 2024**  
**February 24, 2024**



# President's Desk

By Ricky Gibbs

Wow, another school year is behind us, summer is upon us, and a new class of 2LTs is commissioned into the Army. Congratulations to all!

The UTA ROTC program is indeed an outstanding and accomplished program. What a privilege it is to honor these newly minted Army Officers this year on the 50th anniversary of the All-Volunteer Force! Our Army offers unlimited possibilities to discover your passions, pursue your purpose, and build a lifelong community, because the Army is people – and those people are a family.

To the **faculty and staff** of this great institution who have been charged with administering the curriculum and educating and preparing the Cadets to Be All They Can Be – becoming both competent and innovative leaders – *thank you* for your time, knowledge, and energy in preparing these future leaders for what lies ahead. We can't thank you enough.

When you head off to your respective basic officer courses, you begin a journey full of opportunities to become the best version of yourself. You will wear the gold bar of a Second Lieutenant – a bar that is symbolic. It is the figurative “**bar**” by which you – and your actions – will be judged.

The bar has been set high by our Army. The All-Volunteer Army that arose after the Vietnam War and spearheaded the U.S. victory in Desert Shield and Desert Storm awaits you. You will be required to uphold the Army Values, to demonstrate integrity and honor in all you do, and to

be *above reproach*. **Those** are the standards to which Army leaders are held. An Army of America's young men and women look forward to your leadership, to spark their passions, to build their communities, and lead them to victory.

Graduation and commissioning might mark a temporary end to graded research papers, but it is not the end of your education. You *must* be a lifelong learner to achieve success in our Army. As the Dutch historian Johan Huizinga put it, “*History gives answers only to those who know how to ask questions.*”

Seek mindful mentors; solicit leaders who inspire you and motivate you; and look for leaders who spark something in you. Find those leaders who will push you beyond your limits because **those** are the leaders who will help you grow. Be ready and receptive when mentors give you advice. One of the most beneficial aspects of mentorship will be the lessons you learn *about yourself*.

Your journey will be marked by self-determination, hope, and personal and professional fulfillment. As you progress in your military career and beyond, always be an **advocate** for our Army. The leadership, training, and experience gained through military service are second to none. Share the benefits of **Army service**; emphasize the **commitment** to something greater than our individual selves. The Army is unparalleled in its ability to unlock a person's full potential. Tell your Army story whenever you can.

As an Army leader, your advice, your guidance, and your voice will carry weight. Your mere presence will exert influence; be

certain to use influence for the greater good. Make your voice the **catalyst** that inspires others toward *leadership excellence*!

Our nation's defense rests on the shoulders of competent leaders with good character who are comfortable with complexity and who are capable of operating from the tactical to the strategic level. Army readiness depends on the quality of the All-Volunteer Force. Help others explore all the Army has to offer with more than 200 ways to serve. I know that each of you are ready to meet the challenges our changing world presents and to lead America's sons and daughters into that future.

Congratulations on becoming a leader in our exceptional Army Team! Best wishes throughout your career. Uphold the standard your gold bar represents! We all look forward to the contributions you will make to the United States military.

**“America's young men and women look forward to your leadership, to spark their passions, to build their communities, and lead them to victory.”**

# Military Science Department Updates



## CPT Lance D. Shannon

CPT Lance D. Shannon was born in Maine but spent most of his childhood in Cedar Park, Texas. After graduating high school, he attended Texas A&M University in College Station, TX as a member of the Aggie Corps of Cadets. He graduated in 2014 with a Bachelor of Science in Political Science and commissioned as a Field Artillery officer through Army ROTC that same year. He has since served at Fort Cavazos in 1ST Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1ST Cavalry Division where he deployed on rotation to the Republic of Korea and Poland/Germany

in Europe. After Graduating FA Captains Career Course, he was stationed with 75TH Field Artillery Brigade at Fort Sill where he deployed to CENTCOM as part of the ARCENT Force Field Artillery Headquarters and Commanded an MLRS Battery while forward deployed to the Republic of Korea once more. CPT Shannon and his wife of seven years, Kristi Shannon, share their home with one dog, Little Ann. CPT Shannon is eager serve as Assistant Professor of Military Science at UT Arlington. In his words, "I am keen to work with the Army ROTC Program here

at UT Arlington to help prepare cadets for their careers. Mentoring and developing officers and leaders who can and will care for Soldiers, other leaders, and units to create a healthy, aggressive, and decisive force across the U.S. Army begins as cadets first stretch their wings in the ROTC Programs. Teaching future officers the art of leadership in concurrence with military science is one of the best ways to give back to the teams, people, and generations — both past and present — that have done so for me."



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## Tamia Pierce

Hello everyone, My name is Tamia Pierce, and I am the new Administrative Assistant here at UTA's Military Science Department. It is my pleasure to formally introduce myself and share a little bit about the work I'll be doing here. As the Admin, I will be responsible for assisting students with enrollment and liaising between them and the teaching faculty, while providing departmental support and serving as the bridge between U.S. Army staff and The University of Texas at Arlington, as well as execut-

ing external communications. I am eager to get to know our incoming and existing faculty as we work directly with each other and our cadets. With their experience and knowledge and my analytical side, I can see us doing great work. I'd like to share some details about my own professional experience. Prior to accepting this position, I was a stay-at-home mom for a few years, mostly due to the pandemic. Prior to that I was a Clerk for the Circuit Court of Cook County in the Chicago area, processing warrants;

but my experience ranges from mental health counseling to managing small businesses. Although these experiences taught me a lot and helped me get a large portfolio of work, I am looking forward to creating a more collaborative work environment between the University and department faculty. I find the most enjoyment by helping others achieve their goals and am dedicated to helping make both the cadets' and the instructors' experience here a smooth, streamlined process. Go Mavs!

# In Tribute: General Richard E. Cavazos

We are proud to recognize and celebrate that on 9 May 2023, Fort Hood was officially redesignated Fort Cavazos in tribute to General Richard E. Cavazos. General Cavazos was the first Hispanic American to earn the rank of four-star general and was a 1949 graduate of the then North Texas Agricultural College (NTAC), a junior college, which later became UTA. General Cavazos was in the first group inducted into UTA's Military Science Hall of Honor.

We are borrowing the below text (with some minor editing) from his Hall of Honor citation.

“During the period of 1947 to 1949, General Cavazos attended the University when it was North Texas Agricultural College, better known as NTAC, and participated as a member of the Corps of Cadets. He was a member of the renowned Crack Drill Team, the Sam Houston Rifles. He reached the rank of Cadet Captain and served as a Cadet Company Commander.

Following completion of his ROTC training and graduation from NTAC he transferred to Texas Tech University to complete his college degree. He graduated from Texas Tech with a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry as a distinguished Military Graduate. General Cavazos' military career took him from leading an infantry platoon in combat to commanding an entire Army Corps. He began by leading a platoon and commanding a company during the Korean War. Later in Vietnam, he commanded an infantry battalion of the 1st Infantry Division. Following Vietnam, he commanded a brigade of the 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kansas, and later was the Assistant Division Commander of the 2d Armored Division at Fort Hood. He was the Commanding General of the 9th Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Washington.

In February 1980 he was promoted to Lieutenant General and assumed command of the U.S. Army III Corps and the largest installation in the Southwest Fort

Hood, Texas. In addition to the troop duty assignments, he served on both the Department of the Army and Department of Defense staffs. He was a graduate of the Armed Forces Staff College, Command and General Staff College, Army War College, and the British Army Staff College.

General Cavazos' final military assignment was command of the U.S. Army Forces Command. His early support for the National Training Center and his involvement in the development of the Battle Command Training Program enormously influenced the war fighting capabilities of the U.S. Army.

General Cavazos retired in 1984 after 33 years of Army service, continuing to mentor young general officers. Among his many honors, he was inducted in 1993 into Fort Leavenworth's Command and General Staff College Hall of Fame.

He was the recipient of numerous awards and decorations. Most noteworthy is the fact that he was twice decorated with the Distinguished Service Cross, the Nation's second-highest award for gallantry in action. He also was the recipient of the Silver Star (2 awards), Distinguished Flying Cross, Legion of Merit (2 awards), Bronze Star Medal (5 awards), Air Medal, and the Purple Heart. He also proudly wore the Combat Infantryman's Badge with Star to signify his role in combat as an Infantryman during two conflicts.

General Cavazos was honored as a Distinguished Alumni by The University of Texas at Arlington in 1975. General Cavazos' performance while at North Texas Agricultural College as a cadet in the Corps of Cadets and his subsequent achievements in the U.S. Army brought great credit and recognition upon himself, The University of Texas at Arlington, and the U.S. Army.

General Cavazos died in San Antonio, Texas on 29 October 2017 (aged 88).”



For more information on the renaming ceremony and General Cavazos, see the following link:

<https://fortcavazosmediacenter.com/great-place-redesignates-to-fort-cavazos/?fbclid=IwARoh-3Hjzn5Mecjj5g6jevxoVJP-MOQfrHtR9chkSQep9SIYzW82cXdgUSu8>

# Spring 2023 Commissions



## 2LT James Bishop

2LT Bishop graduated from Dallas Baptist University with a Bachelor of Science degree in political science and will be serving in the U.S. Army Reserve.



## 2LT Gabriella Capizzi

2LT Capizzi graduated from The University of Dallas with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Philosophy. 2LT Capizzi branched active-duty Military Intelligence and will attend the Basic Officer Leadership Course at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. 2LT Capizzi is a Distinguished Military Graduate.



## 2LT Antonio J. Gonzalez

2LT Gonzalez graduated from The University of Texas at Arlington with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminology and Criminal justice. 2LT Gonzalez branched active-duty Infantry and will attend the Basic Officer Leadership Course at Fort Moore, Georgia.



## 2LT Briar Gosvenor

2LT Gosvenor graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and a Minor in Military Science. 2LT Gosvenor branched active-duty Nursing and will attend the Basic Officer Leadership Course at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.



## 2LT Ian Gillett

2LT Gillett graduated from Southern Methodist University with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and a Minor in Mechanical Engineering. 2LT Gillett branched Ordnance in the U.S. Army Reserve.



## 2LT Taylor Kelgard

2LT Kelgard graduated from The University of Texas at Arlington with a Bachelor of Science degree in Architecture. 2LT Kelgard branched active-duty Military Intelligence and will attend the Basic Officer Leadership Course at Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

# Spring 2023 Commissions *(continued)*



## **2LT Tristen D. MacGowan**

2LT MacGowan graduated from The University of Texas at Arlington with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Finance. 2LT MacGowan branched active-duty Field Artillery and will attend the Basic Officer Leadership Course at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.



## **2LT Marcos S. Ortiz**

2LT Ortiz graduated from The University of Texas at Arlington with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History. 2LT Ortiz branched active-duty Military Intelligence and will attend the Basic Officer Leadership Course at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. 2LT Ortiz is a Distinguished Military Graduate.



## **2LT Jennifer G. Pena**

2LT Pena graduated from The University of Texas at Arlington with a Master of Science degree in Industrial Engineering. 2LT Pena branched active-duty Signal Corps and will attend the Basic Officer Leadership Course at Fort Gordon, Georgia. 2LT Pena is a Distinguished Military Graduate.



## **2LT Izaiah Ramirez**

2LT Ramirez graduated from The University of Texas at Arlington with a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Science. 2LT Ramirez branched active-duty Infantry and will attend the Basic Officer Leadership Course at Fort Moore, Georgia.



## **2LT Nicholas P. Reid**

2LT Reid graduated from The University of Texas at Arlington with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Accounting & Finance. 2LT Reid branched active-duty Medical Service and will attend the Basic Officer Leadership Course at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.



## **2LT Ann Rushing**

2LT Rushing graduated from The University of Dallas with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics. 2LT Rushing branched active-duty Transportation Corps and will attend the Basic Officer Leadership Course at Fort Gregg-Adams, Virginia.



# Spring 2023 Commissions *(continued)*



## 2LT Thor Rydahl

2LT Rydahl graduated from The University of Texas at Dallas with a Master of Science degree in Systems Engineering and Management. 2LT Rydahl branched active-duty Signal Corps and will attend the Basic Officer Leadership Course at Fort Gordon, Georgia. 2LT Rydahl is a Distinguished Military Graduate.



## 2LT Gaurav Sapkota

2LT Sapkota graduated from The University of Dallas with a Master of Science degree in Cybersecurity. 2LT Sapkota branched active-duty Cyber and will attend the Basic Officer Leadership Course at Fort Gordon, Georgia.



## 2LT Elena K. Sifuentes

2LT Sifuentes graduated from The University of Texas at Arlington with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Organizational Communication Studies. 2LT Sifuentes branched active-duty Infantry and will attend the Basic Officer Leadership Course at Fort Moore, Georgia.



## 2LT Craig E. Sloan

2LT Sloan graduated from The University of Texas at Arlington with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Arts and Political Science. 2LT Sloan branched active-duty Infantry and will attend the Basic Officer Leadership Course at Fort Moore, Georgia.



## 2LT Kai Wilkinson

2LT Wilkinson graduated from The University of Texas at Dallas with a Master of Arts degree in Information Technology Management. 2LT Wilkinson branched active-duty Cyber and will attend the Basic Officer Leadership Course at Fort Gordon, Georgia.



## 2LT Alex D. Browder

2LT Browder graduated from The University of Texas at Arlington with a Bachelor of Science degree in General Biology. 2LT Browder branched Military Intelligence in the National Guard and will attend the Basic Officer Leadership Course at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. 2LT Browder is a Distinguished Military Graduate.

# Spring 2023 Commissions *(continued)*



## **2LT Garrett Chenoweth**

2LT Chenoweth graduated from The University of Texas at Arlington with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology. 2LT Chenoweth branched Chemical in the Army National Guard and will attend the Basic Officer Leadership Course at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.



## **2LT Bruno Everest**

2LT Everest graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington with a Bachelor of Science degree in Information Systems and minor in Military Science. 2LT Everest branched Signal in the Army National Guard and will attend the Basic Officer Leadership Course at Fort Gordon, Georgia.



## **2LT David W Lingle**

2LT Lingle Graduated from The University of Texas at Arlington with a Bachelor of Science degree in Information Systems. 2LT Lingle branched Ordnance in the Army National Guard and will attend the Basic Officer Leadership Course at Fort Lee, Virginia.



## **2LT John Reynolds**

2LT Reynolds graduated from the University of Dallas with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theology. 2LT Reynolds branched Ordnance in the Army National Guard and will attend the Basic Officer Leadership Course in Fort Lee, Virginia.



## **2LT Robert E Vasquez**

2LT Vasquez graduated from The University of Texas at Arlington with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice. 2LT Vasquez branched Transportation in the Army National Guard and will attend the Basic Officer Leadership Course at Fort Lee, Virginia.

# Alumni Updates

By Rex Latham, Senior Advisor to the CCAC

One of the Cadet Corps Alumni Council's (CCAC) missions is to connect alumni across the decades. This new Reveille feature is an effort to do so. By updates on fellow alumni, we hope to create bonds that will span age differences and appreciation for what is going on in our fellow alumni's lives.

For this issue, we sent emails or Facebook messages to a few individuals of different class groups to request info. There was no set format, except to confirm their class group. Per

our last issue, here are updates on what four of our alumni are doing. We hope you will enjoy this feature.

We want to continue this feature in future issues. To do so, we need your input. Send updates on activities, life events (jobs, marriages, children, hobbies, etc.) to our email: **ccac\_uta@yahoo.com**. Please put "Reveille Update" in the subject line.

In the meantime, please enjoy learning what our fellow alumni are doing.

## Class of 2019

### CPT Blake Neptune



CPT Blake Neptune was recently promoted to Captain (O3) in the first week of May. He is currently attending Engineer Captain's Career Course at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, while simultaneously earning his

Master's Degree in Engineering Management at University of Missouri Science & Technology. In his first four years in the Army, he has served as a Platoon Leader in 595th Sapper Company and as the Com-

pany Executive Officer of 50th Multi-Role Bridge Company at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. He is currently interviewing with units to determine his next duty station where he will pursue Company Command.

## Class of 2002

### LTC Jay Bradley



LTC Jay Bradley has been selected for promotion to Colonel. He graduates from resident U.S. Army War College in June and will then proceed to Fort Cavaz-

os where he will take the III Corps Fire Support Coordinator (FSCOORD) position on Corps staff. Immediately preceding Army War College, Jay completed a suc-

cessful Battalion Command of an Artillery Battalion in the 18th Field Artillery Brigade, 18th Airborne Corps.

## Alumni Updates (continued)

### Class of 2000



### Colonel David Bowers

Colonel David Bowers is the commander of the 504th Expeditionary Intelligence Brigade (EMIB) currently deployed to Eastern Europe in support of the current crisis. The brigade deployed to assure our NATO allies of our commitment and deter

Russian aggression. Task Force Ready (the 504th EM-IB) will soon complete its nine-month mission. The brigade is based out of Fort Cavazos, Texas and carries a long lineage of response to crisis and conflict since 1942. Colonel Bowers is a

third-generation commissioned officer from UTA (formerly ASC and NTAC).

### Class of 1998



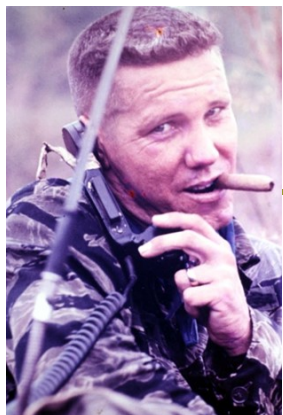
### Jeannie (Panton) Deakyne

Jeannie (Panton) Deakyne (Maverick Battalion XO/APMS from 2008-11) joined the Arlington ISD Education Foundation as Executive Director in December of 2022. She previously served as the Vice President of Operations for the National

Medal of Honor Museum Foundation. In 2021, Jeannie was elected to serve as a member of the Tarrant County College Board of Trustees, representing District 3 (Arlington, Euless, and Bedford) where she is Board Secretary. Jeannie

and her husband, Will (USMA Class of '98), live in Arlington with their three daughters.

# Taps



## LTC (Ret) Lee B. Wilson

LTC (Ret) Lee B. Wilson passed away at age 87 on March 27, 2023.

Lee entered Arlington State College twice: first in 1955 and again in 1958; his attendance was interrupted by a professional baseball contract. He returned to Arlington when the minor league folded. He returned to the Sam Houston Rifles, serving

as a Squad Leader, First Sergeant, and Executive Officer. A Distinguished Military Graduate in 1962, he was commissioned in Infantry. In 1966 he volunteered for combat duty in the Republic of Vietnam and served three tours with the 5th Special Forces Group in Vietnam. His numerous decorations include The Silver Star, The Bronze Star

with V and 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, and 2 Purple Hearts. LTC Wilson was inducted into the UTA Military Science Hall of Honor in 2010.



## MAJ (Ret) Jim Brackenridge



MAJ (Ret) Jim Brackenridge, UTA Professor of Military Science 1980-1983, passed away on April 30, 2023. He is described by his friend Terry Hestilow as a great man, a leader, and a mentor. He was the one officer General of the Army Omar Bradley requested to

be his Aide-de-camp while he was in Texas. His 23 years of active service included a tour in Vietnam as a MACV Advisor in 1970-71. He retired in 1983 following his service at UTA. MAJ Brackenridge and his wife Diana lived in Corpus Christi, Texas. His burial was

held at The Coastal Bend Veteran's Cemetery in Corpus Christi on May 15th at 2:00PM with full military honors.

## On the Road to Becoming a 501(c)(3) By Jerry Bob Houston, Former President of CCAC

Every CCAC member with an email address on file should have received an email from the CCAC recently requesting a vote on changes to our bylaws. Many of you may not know what this is all about.

For many years we have discussed setting up our organization as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Today, the only way a donor to the CCAC can receive a tax deduction is by making a donation to the Endowed Scholarship Fund or the Life Membership Endowment through The University of Texas at Arlington. Becoming a 501(c)(3) will allow us to provide individuals and corporations who want to make donations directly to the CCAC with a tax-deductible receipt for their donation. Updating our bylaws is the first step in this process.

The main shortfall of our current bylaws is the lack of instructions on what would happen to our cash on hand if the CCAC should ever dissolve. The easy answer is to transfer our funds to the Endowed Life Membership Fund. We chose this fund because it provides the most flexibility to the Professor of Military Science in how the money can be used. We also took the opportunity to clean up the bylaws by making several other timely changes (such as including email as a contact method).

Let me explain a little more why we should become a charitable organization. We have found there are individuals and corporations that would like to support the Military Science De-

partment but do not want to do so through the University funding bureaucracy, and yet they would also like to have recognition of the donation as a tax deduction. If we were a non-profit charitable organization, we could provide the required paperwork to individuals or corporations for their tax deduction—and for use when we purchase items and services for the department as well.

Just a reminder about the two endowments we have with UTA. Both these endowments work the same way. Each year 80% of the interest received from the endowment investments are made available to the Professor of Military Science to support the department and cadets. The annual interest from the Endowed Scholarship Fund is used to fund cadet scholarships. This fund currently has over \$240,000 (market value) and is averaging a distribution of over \$8,000 a year for cadet scholarships.

The Endowed Life Membership Fund is our second endowment. It was set up to support Military Science Department activity. The LM Fund has almost \$150,000 (market value), produces a yearly distribution of nearly \$5,000, and is set up so that the PMS has wide latitude on how the funds can be used. Although we were very deliberate when we set up the fund, usage has to be invoiced by the Department through approved University vendors. It often turns out there are a few things cropping up yearly that the Fund cannot be used for, such as cadet

trips or equipment. If CCAC could solicit its own donations and offer tax deduction receipts, it would have funds to help pay for those extra cadet needs.

If you are a CCAC member who did not receive or cannot find the email requesting your vote, please contact CCAC secretary Sarah Nahhas at [snahhas@decisionanalyst.com](mailto:snahhas@decisionanalyst.com).

For a copy of the current bylaws, please look on the CCAC website (<https://cadetcorps.org/CCAC-Bylaws>). For information about the two Endowment Funds, go to (<https://cadetcorps.org/Scholarships-&-Endowments>).

If you would like a copy of the Endowment documents, please contact Sarah Nahhas.

**Please  
Remember:**



# Membership

Currently, our membership consists of 200 life members and 16 two-year members.

If you are not a full-time member, please consider becoming one this year!

Head over to this link for membership information:

<https://cadetcorps.org/Join-us>.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns re: membership at dianecolvard@gmail.com.

## CCAC Life Members

Christopher Ambrosio	Archie P. Davis III	Ashley Kaestner	Bill R. Phillips	Bernardino L. Sosa-Roldan
Cecil T. Anderson	Jean A. Deakyne	Steve Kennedy	Claudia M. Pink	John J. Soules
Christopher Anderson	Ricardo F. Diaz	Jimmie A. Kepler	Larry D. Pink	Mark C. Stevens
David J. Anderson	Mark A. Dickens	John B. Kidd	Billy B. Pinkerton	Donald J. Stevenson
Nathan Arauco	James L. Doty, III	Gaylon L. King	Steven Porter	Shannon Swenson
Theron R. Arrington	Scott A. Downey	Brittney Lamb	Clarence W. Potter	Joe Billy Swift
Amanda Augustine	Eddie Drain	Mark B. Latham	Alma Pressley Pellegrini	Robert M. Tarbet
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John T. Bell	Paul S. Faidley	Jorge Lemus	Christopher Rainsberger	Edward H. Thompson
Jonathan J. Bevill	Charles E. Feuerbacher	Joe Lopez, Jr.	Jimmie A. Redden	Stanley I. Thompson
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Billy J. Blankenship	Antonio C. Garcia	Mikio E. Ludwig	Orlando L. Reyes	James E. Tomlin
Charles Blumenfeld	David H. Gaines	Mark D. Martin	William C. Riggs	Annette Davenport Tomlin
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Caroline Boutelant	George B. Garrett	Axel Martinez	RC Roark	Gregory R. Trnka
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# 2023 Medal of Honor Parade

## By Bunky Garonzik

In the midst of a country in a war with itself, we look for something positive with both the CCAC, and the Corps of Cadets at UTA—the Maverick Battalion. We have hope with the current crop of cadets going forward; they always have been a bright spot to ensure America’s future as the greatest country on Earth.

Those who worked diligently under the direction of General Rick Gibbs on the Hall of Honor deserve credit for an excellent job and a successful event with a large crowd. A couple of deserving UTA heroes were inducted this year: Theron Arrington and Jim Tomlin—both from the ‘60’s and decorated Vietnam veterans with a long list of accomplishments in their military career, their civilian career, and their community. Also inducted was Paul Kim, a dedicated soldier who was on the staff at UTA, and volunteered to fight alongside the Ukrainian soldiers, and unfortunately, lost his life.

Another bright spot for our organization was our 12th participation in the Medal of Honor Parade in Gainesville. We gathered up a good size group of old Jodies this year, and although a little rusty, a few of our routines are part of our DNA. A luncheon after the event always includes memories from the past and catching up with old friends and classmates. The Medal of Honor event recognizes America’s finest who went above and beyond to preserve the freedom we all enjoy. Our group of old soldiers is always a crowd favorite at the parade.



Standing left to right: Floyd Wine, Steve Kennedy, Larry Pink, Phil McEwan, Luis Martinez (Axel’s brother), Dave Andrews, Jon Bevill, Fred Campos, and Bunky Garonzik. Kneeling left to right: Lester Simpson, Orlando Reyes, Axel Martinez, Ken Smith, Mark Latham.

On a sad note, Col. Lee B. Wilson recently passed away. He was one of my personal heroes, and he was the model of the perfect soldier. We are looking forward to the new PMS arriving on campus and hope to resurrect the mentoring program.

These times are challenging to say the least, but the dedication of our young soldiers gives us hope that America will not only survive but also flourish again.



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