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Happy New Year to All

By LTC Greg LeClair, Professor of Military Science

Hello and welcome to 2024! Hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday season. Now it's back to the business of training, education, and preparing our cadets for future service. Spring FTX awaits! There are some very long road marches and leadership lanes awaiting our Cadets as we focus on the MSIII population for Cadet Summer Training. I'm pleased to report that we've already commissioned four officers within Mission Set 24. The Maverick Battalion Cadre looks forward to preparing the remainder of our senior cadets for those Gold Bars and Oath of Office over the next few months.



Drill Competition, and countless recruiting activities, and numerous Color Guard events in support of Veterans Day activities. The Maverick Battalion also conducted a Cadet Change of Command where CDT/LTC Yewon Park relinquished command ČDT/LTC Daniela Villagrán. The Maverick Battalion is appreciative of the accomplishments during CDT Park's tenure, and we look forward to CDT Villagrán taking things to the next level. Best wishes in Command. Go forth and lead our new Cadet Staff and the Maverick Battalion through the arduous Spring Semester.

We've got plenty ahead of us this semester to include our Alumni Hall of Honor in February. We encourage all alumni to attend and join us as we induct two former cadets, LTC (Retired) Michael (Mike) Morrow, and COL (Retired) Paul Berg. (continued next page)

2024 HOH Agenda Saturday, Feb. 24 UTA

Check-in and Registration 10:00 a.m. Foyer of the Rosebud Theater

Hall of Honor Induction Ceremony 10:30 a.m. Rosebud Theater

> Luncheon Program 12:00 p.m. Bluebonnet Ballroom

Closing Ceremonies 1:30 p.m.

Cake and Coffee 2:00 p.m. Bluebonnet Ballroom

Just before the holidays, our cadet population performed admirably in supporting various events to include Wreaths Across America, DFW JROTC

President's Desk

By BG (Ret.) Ricky Gibbs

Well, another year is in the rearview mirror. I hope everyone had a very merry Christmas and found some time to relax and enjoy family, friends, and life. First, I want to congratulate our newest HOH inductees, Paul Berg and Mike Morrow. Thank you both for your service and contributions to our great nation.



Our world is in turmoil, as you see and hear in the world news. Terrorism is still front and center in the daily headlines. With that being said, I wanted to share with our future leaders and current young leaders some snippets I've collected over the years. Military service is not just a job but a profession, a profession of arms that takes dedicated commitment, self-study, and constant reflection on your leadership style.

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"We are the legacy – past, present, and future.
Mavericks
Lead the Way!"

Happy New Year to All (continued)

So it goes, while we commission new Mavericks, we also lose longtime Mavericks. My sympathies go out to the families, friends, and classmates on the loss of John "Hendew" Henderson, Martin Woodruff, and Robert Roten - 2014 and 2020 Hall of Honor Members respectively, as well as Jim Brackenridge, a former Cadre member at UT Arlington. Rest easy, Mavericks.

There's more ahead for the Maverick Battalion in Spring 2024. This semester the Maverick Battalion will begin conducting morning physical training activities on the UT Dallas campus along with other aligned crosstown cadets. This is another important step in establishing our new ROTC extension campus in Plano by integrating the new expanded relationship into the Maverick Battalion. Further out, we look forward to our Cadet Dining-In, Staff Ride, trips to Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth and Fort Sill, guest speakers, and much more. I should also mention the new opening of the Maverick Battalion's Professor of Military Science Library — in direct competition to the Corps of Cadets Library. Better up your game Alumni! Cadets are welcome to come by and sign out titles from a variety of selections.

As always, we thank our hosts at UTA, UNT, TWU, and UTD for their hospitality and genuine support of the Army's ROTC program. Without their generosity and support, where would we be? A well-deserved thank you to our National Guard and Reserve partners on their very exclusive ad hoc contributions to Maverick Battalion cadre and recruiting teams. My strongest appreciation and thanks goes to the Cadet Corps Alumni Council for their generosity in supporting former, current, and future cadets – it truly is reciprocity in action. Thank you all!

Never forget — military training initially began at this institution when it was the Carlisle Military Academy. Since 1902, hundreds of outstanding young men and women have been prepared for service as officers in the U.S. Army as a result. We are the legacy — past, present, and future. Mavericks Lead the Way!

President's Desk (continued)

As you think about your future in military service, think about the Manner of a Leader. "All human beings are imitative, and Soldiers of all grades and ranks especially tend to copy and react to the outward expressions of their leaders. Thus, not only the thing to be done, but the manner of doing it may be conveyed by expression. This holds good even more broadly of an calmness appearance of on the leader's part, particularly when everything seems to be going wrong. Few things can keep up the morale of troops better than the realization that their leader, with full knowledge of the difficulties of a situation, neither looks nor acts as worried as perhaps

he has a right to be. So, the manner of a leader in a tight situation may well be touched with contagious excitement so long as it is an excitement not of apprehension but of effort." (Munson, Lyman Jr., The Infantry Journal, 1942)

We all want peace to break out. but not likely to happen anytime soon. As you continue your studies to become an officer and lead our outstanding young men and women, think about the Manner of a Leader. You will step out of college and into a world in turmoil. Our country is counting on you. Good luck in the coming year.

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Alumni Updates

There are no **Alumni Updates** for this issue. **Rex Latham**, who has spearheaded this column for the *Reveille*, is having low-vision problems that result in difficulties using the computer.

The mission of Rex's column is to connect alumni across the decades. He has shared quite a few stories and histories sent in by one-time cadets from the UTA Military Science program in an effort to, in Rex's words, "create bonds that will span age differences and appreciation for what is going on in our fellow alumni's lives."

If you have any stories or histories to tell, or updates on what is going on in your life or in the lives of fellow alums, please send them to Sarah Nahhas at snahhas@decisionanalyst.com. Send pictures if you have them!

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The Times, They Are A-Changin's By Bunky Garonzik

It is not only quiet on the Western Front, but there doesn't seem to be much ink with the CCAC these last few months. We suffered through a brutal summer, COVID, and now some Arctic cold air.

There are other distractions like politics, the Cowboys falling asleep, the invasion from the southern border, war in Israel and in Ukraine, and our divided country. Add to that the passing of two of our board members, Rob Roten (HOH) and John Henderson DMS, and we have reason to look to the future for better times.

So, looking for good news, we had a change of command at the ROTC Department providing for us a new PMS at UTA; the Medal of Honor Parade; and a strong, competent and active CCAC. So, let's focus on the good news.



The Medal of Honor Parade is April 27 in Gainesville, Texas. The Jody Alumni are registered for the 14th year in a row, and a party and lunch is scheduled for afterwards. We had a good group last year, and we are hoping to again have a large group of Jody Alumni participate, as well as any other interested Alumni and Cadets. And we may have an all-women color guard from the ranks at UTA. This year, we have Sandra's Party Barn reserved for lunch after the parade, and all Alumni parade participants are invited. Please let me know if you can participate, and I will forward the details to you. (bunkyg5@verizon.com).

Hopefully, the Handgun Training and LTC (free for cadets) and Mentoring Program will get back on track under the new leadership.

Ken Smith and I met with the new PMS, LTC Gregory LeClair, on Friday with the goal of letting him know what the CCAC brings to the table, and that we will do what we can to help the Cadet Corps. From our discussion, all indications are that he is on board with our contributions, and Ken and I both feel that he is going to provide some improvements over the recent past. He is working on having UTA Military being involved in the Medal of Honor Museum, which is soon to be located in Arlington.

I am always looking for input and suggestions for the CCAC, so them to me.



2024 Military Science Hall of Honor



Saturday, February 24, 2024

10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

E.H. Hereford University Center (Rosebud Theater Foyer), University of Texas at Arlington Check-in begins at 10:00 a.m. in the Rosebud Foyer.

The 2024 Military Science Hall of Honor Inductees:

COL (Ret) Paul E. Berg – UNT Maverick Battalion 1995 LTC (Ret) Michael W. Morrow – UTA 1974

Check-in begins at 10:00 a.m. in the foyer of the Rosebud Theater in the University Center.

The Induction Ceremony starts at 10:30 a.m. in the Rosebud Theater. The program following the ceremony will include the luncheon, the *Silver Cup Ceremony*, toasts to fallen comrades, the *I Am A Maverick* presentation, and more, with ample time for visiting with friends and cadets.

Honor these great alumni and their induction into the Hall of Honor by joining the Corps of Cadets at the **Military Science Hall of Honor Ceremony on February 24, 2024**.

Please consider sponsoring a cadet to the Hall of Honor luncheon. The Military Science Department and the CCAC will select and invite cadets, who will be seated at guest tables. See **How To Register** below.

RSVP by February 18, 2024

CCAC members and nonmembers are welcome.

How To Register:

Go to <u>www.cadetcorps.org</u>. Click on the link under *Upcoming Events* for *2024 Military Hall of Honor Ceremony*. Register, sponsor cadets, and pay online.

Or, <u>click the link</u> for a printable reservation page, and mail it to the address at right.

Make your reservations today!

If not registering online, mail the reservation form and check to:

Cadet Corps Alumni Council

2670 East Lamar Blvd. Arlington, Texas 76011

For more information about the event, please contact Sarah Nahhas at 817-640-6167 (ext. 408) or snahhas@decisionanalyst.com.

The University of Texas at Arlington



Enter the University Center on the north side of the building. Parking will be in lots across West 1st Street from the UC to the north. Follow event signs to park. Check-in is just inside the North Entry.





2024 Hall of Honor Inductees

LTC (Ret.) Michael W. Morrow





Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Michael W. Morrow began his studies at The University of Texas at Arlington in 1969. Born and raised in North Richland Hills, Texas, he attended Richland High School. Mike was a member of the UTA Corps of Cadets from 1969 to 1974 and a member of the Sam Houston Rifles Drill Team for all four years, commanding the team his senior year. He graduated from the Army Ranger School, in lieu of ROTC Advanced Camp, between his junior and senior years. Mike graduated from UTA in 1974 with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration. In 1977 he earned a Master's in Business Administration from Pepperdine University.

Following his graduation from UTA, Mike was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in Air Defense Artillery. His first duty assignment was with the 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii from 1974-1980, where he served as a Redeye Platoon Leader and as an Executive Officer for a Vulcan Battery. After graduating the ADA Advanced course as Distinguished Graduate, he commanded the first Improved HAWK battery assigned directly to XVIII Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg, NC.

From 1980-83, he served as an Assistant Professor of Military Science at North Carolina State University. He then moved to Ft. Sam Houston in San Antonio, TX, where he served for three years (1983-86) as a Readiness Coordinator on the 5th Army Staff. He completed his air defense assignments with a tour in Korea (1986-87) as the sole U.S. liaison officer to the U.S. Air Forces Korea and the Republic of Korea Army. From 1987-90, Mike served as the Director of Research/Joint Force Employment Instructor on the faculty of the U.S. Air Force Academy.

From 1990-93, he was assigned to the Army Element of U.S. Space Command as a Command-and-Control Warning Officer, followed by assignments at the Pentagon (1993-95) as a Space Operations Officer and as a senior advisor on classified space programs to the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Space. As a Space staff officer, he played a vital role planning for the integration and use of space systems during Operation Desert Storm; provided oversight and reviewed Army special programs for space and information operations application by STRAT-COM; wrote the National Security Space Policy and participated in multiple demonstrations of operational capabilities ranging from directed energy to surveillance and reconnaissance at the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

After retiring from the Army, Mike successfully managed multi-million-dollar projects at the National Reconnaissance Office, National Security Agency, and Central Intelligence Agency across a wide variety of disciplines, including Measurement and Signatures Intelligence, Space Operations and Space Control, Information Operations/ Cyber Warfare, Surveillance and Reconnaissance, Missile Warning/Missile Defense, and Special Technical Operations.

Among LTC Morrow's awards are the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, three awards of the Army Meritorious Service Medal, multiple Army and Air Force Commendation Medals, and numerous service decorations. He also earned the Ranger Tab, the Senior Air Force Space Badge, and the Army Parachutist badge.

Mike credits his participation in the UTA ROTC program with much of the success he enjoyed in his early military career. He is a life member of the Sam Houston Rifles Alumni Association and the UTA Cadet Corps Alumni Council. He has also been a regular participant in UTA Military Department Hall of Honor events.

Mike has been married to his college sweetheart Charlene Morrow for 50 years. They live in North Richland Hills, Texas.

2024 Hall of Honor Inductees (continued)

COL (Ret.) Paul E. Berg

Colonel (Retired) Paul Berg grew up in Amarillo, Texas. He graduated with a BA in Business Administration from the University of North Texas in 1993. While working on his master's degree at UNT he joined the UTA ROTC program as a Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP) cadet. As a cadet he served as a company commander and S3 in 1993-94 and as Battalion Executive Officer in 1994-95. He graduated from UNT with his MBA in 1995. He earned an MS degree in 2013 and a PhD in Adult Education from Kansas State University in 2016.

Colonel Berg started his Army career in 1990 as an enlisted soldier, serving as an AH-1 helicopter repairman while attending UNT. He was a Distinguished Military Graduate and commissioned in May 1995 as a Second Lieutenant in Aviation. His first assignment was at Wheeler Army Airfield, where he served as platoon leader, and then later as executive officer for B Co. 214th Aviation Regiment. In 2000, he attended the Aviation Captain's Career Course at Fort Rucker and CAS3 at Fort Leavenworth.

In 2001, Colonel Berg was assigned to the 159th Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, where he first served as the Operations Officer for C Co. 7-101st and later as Battalion S1. His unit was deployed to Afghanistan in 2002, during Operation Enduring Freedom. He returned to Fort Campbell and took command of HHC/9-101st. In 2003, his unit deployed for the invasion of Iraq with Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Colonel Berg returned to Fort Rucker as a Basic Officer Leadership Course instructor and as AVC3 Small Group Leader. He later commanded D/1-145th Aviation Regiment (BOLC) in charge of training. In addition, while serving at Fort Rucker, he sought out UTA ROTC graduates in aviation training and provided mentorship and coaching.

In 2009, Colonel Berg deployed with the 1st Cavalry Division to Iraq, where he served as

Brigade Aviation Officer in the 2nd Brigade to include a combat tour in Kirkuk. He later served as S3 and then as Battalion Executive Officer for the 1-227th Attack Aviation Regiment, with a deployment to Sharana, Afghanistan. He returned to the Command and General Staff College as an instructor. Later, he served as Battalion Commander for the 1-223rd Aviation Regiment at Fort Rucker. After Battalion Command, he served as the Vice Provost of Academic Affairs, Army University at Fort Leavenworth. He also served as the editor-in-chief for U.S. Army Large-Scale Combat Operations Historical Case Studies and editor of the Army University Press' Journal of Military Learning and Military Review.

He retired from the Army in May 2021 with more than 28 years of service.

His awards and decorations include Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (3OLC), Meritorius Service Medal (6OLC), Air Medal (2 awards), Afghanistan Campaign Medal (2 campaign stars), Iraq Campaign Medal (4 campaign stars), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medal, NATO Medal, Valorous Unit Citation and Meritorius Unit Citations (4), Senior Army Aviator, Army Aircrew, Air Assault, and Airborne badges.

After retirement, Dr. Berg was selected to be an Associate Professor at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. He continues to volunteer for veteran organizations and assist veterans with PTSD. He is a member of the local American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars councils. As a proud participant in the UTA ROTC program, he continues to encourage young college students and enlisted soldiers to attend ROTC at UTA.

COL (Ret) Berg has been married to Tanya Berg for 29 years and is the father of two children—Kaela and Logan.





Become a Member of the Gold Bar Club

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Cadet Corps Endowed Scholarship Fund

Become a member of the Gold Bar Club of the Cadet Corps Alumni Council, committed to support the Army Military Science ROTC Program at The University of Texas at Arlington.

As a member of the **Gold Bar Club**, you commit to contribute to the **Cadet Corps Endowed Scholarship Fund** a dollar amount that *you select* for *each* cadet commissioned at UTA. The ROTC program commissions an average of 20 cadets per year. The purpose of the endowment is to provide financial assistance to U.S. Army Military Science cadets of the Maverick Battalion. Awards are based on leadership, academic progress, and physical ability. Distributed funds may be used for tuition, fees, books, room and board, and other living essentials.

The Battalion commissioned 28 Officers for Calendar Year 2023, one of the highest numbers of new 2LTs commissioned in recent years. We appreciate and send our thanks to the active members of the Gold Bar Club for their continued support. We encourage all CCAC members to make a pledge based on each new officer and to continue to help aspiring U.S. Army Officers as they start a new chapter in the Army's legacy.

Your donations make a difference. Contact Sarah at snahhas@decisionanalyst.com to request a Gold Bar Sign-Up form, or print the form from this newsletter, and join the Club!

You can always make a one-time gift online at: https://www.cadetcorps.org/Gold-Bar-Program, or you can send a check to CCAC, Attn: Gold Bar Club, 2670 East Lamar Blvd., Arlington TX, 76011. All donations go directly to the UTA Cadet Corps Endowed Scholarship Fund and are tax deductible.

Keep the legacy rolling.
As John (Hendew) Henderson would have said,
"Keep your powder dry and donate today!"

GOLD BAR CLUB

Cadet Corps Endowed Scholarship Fund

Become a member of the Gold Bar Club of the Cadet Corps Alumni Council, committed to support the Army ROTC Program at the University of Texas at Arlington.

COMMITMENT

As a member of the Gold Bar Club, you commit to contribute to the Cadet Corps Endowed Scholarship Fund a specified dollar amount for each cadet commissioned at UTA. This commitment remains in effect until such time as you notify the CCAC of a change or termination. The ROTC program commissions an average of 20 cadet per year.

To join the **Gold Bar Club** and help grow the **Cadet Corps Endowed Scholarship Fund** please fill out this form and return it to the address below.

Name:
Address:
Phone No.:
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COMMITMENT LEVEL
Circle the dollar amount you would like to pledge for each cadet commissioned during the year. You will be sent a pledge card after each commissioning with the amount owed. Or you may indicate that you would like to be contacted once a year with the total number of commissions per year.
\$1.00
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Contact me: YearlyBy Semester (Spring and Fall/Winter)

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Taps

- Martin Woodruff



2014 Hall of Honor inductee Martin Woodruff passed away on January 8, 2024, in Decatur, TX. Woodruff was a Vietnam War Veteran, a former POCO Graphite employee, an organizer, a mentor, a source of knowledge, and a man who was not afraid to challenge others in the community to serve alongside him.

Martin entered UTA in 1966. In 1970 he served in the Cadet Corps. As a Distinguished Military Graduate, he was commissioned in the Regular Army as a Transportation Corp Officer and detailed to Infantry for two years. During his tour in Vietnam, he served as a Platoon Leader with the Americal Division, then with MACV Advisory Team 70, and finished his tour in the

525th MI Group in Saigon. He returned to civilian life in 1979.

Returning to his home in Decatur, he became very active in local civic and political service, including the Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, and the Longhorn Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He was a life member of the Wise County Veterans Group. He was elected to the Decatur City Council in 2005 served as Mayor Pro Tem from 2009 to 2012. In 2012 he became the Mayor of Decatur.

Martin is survived by his college sweetheart and wife Jana Sue, three children, and eight grandchildren.

John "Hendew" Henderson





John "Hendew" Henderson passed away on December 27, 2023. He was a Distinguished Military Student in the 1964-1965 school year while serving on the 1st Battalion Staff. John was a member of the Sam Houston Rifles Drill Team and was elected to the team staff as Guidon Bearer. He was and always will be "Hendew" to those who knew him. Due to the untimely death of his father, John withdrew from college and took over the family hardware business.

Following his college years, John worked for Radio Shack for many years. He was active with the Shriners in Arlington and was at one time employed to run their office. In 1967, he founded The Sam Houston Rifles Alumni Organization and served as the first president. This group was the predecessor of the Cadet Corp



1965 Distinguished Military Students. L to R: PMS COL Charles Johnson, Al Ellis, Rex Latham, and John Henderson.

Alumni Council where he also served on the CCAC Executive Committee for many years. His other interests included several collector cars. John and his wife Sandy were long-time residents of Arlington, Texas.

Membership

Currently, our membership consists of 202 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.

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We have openings on the Membership Committee to help Diane Colvard; The Marketing Committee VP position is open; and we need someone to consider taking on the role of VP of Development now that John Henderson has passed away (see his obituary on the TAPS article, page 10). Or be a member-at-large and see where you can fit in. Contact Ricky and tell him you want to help! Thank you!



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The Cadet Corps Alumni Council (CCAC) has a twofold mission:

First, to support The University of Texas at Arlington's (UTA) Military Science program and enable it to continue developing outstanding future leaders of the U.S. Army.

Second, to facilitate comradeship and communication among Military Science alumni across the decades and recognize their service and achievements.