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From the President's Desk

Ray Andrae

Another year gone by and it's time again for the annual Military Science Department Hall of Honor. I look forward to this time every year as we take time to recognize outstanding alumni of the Corps of Cadets.

This year is no different as we recognize Robert Irish and Tom Schneider. They both used the leadership skills learned from the Corps of Cadets, and the educational skills learned at UTA to go on to successful careers in business and the military. I hope that many of you will be able to attend the festivities this year. They kick-off Friday night, February 15, with the annual CCAC dinner. Come and meet old friends and make new ones. Learn what is going on in the Cadet Corps Alumni Council and how well the Corps of Cadets is doing. I know I am extremely proud of the cadre and cadets that make up the Corps of Cadets at UTA.

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News from the Front

LTC Kevin Smith

FALL 2007 COMMISSIONING CLASS

2LT Austin D. Bass is the son of Debbie Scifres and Bob Bass, from Justin, Texas. 2LT Bass will graduate with a B.A. in Criminal Justice from UTA. He is branched Infantry and will be attending Officer Basic Course at Fort Benning, Georgia.

2LT Brandi Carlton is the daughter of Mike Purswell and Jeanna Bumpas, from Huffman, Texas. 2LT Carlton will graduate with a B.A. in Communication Technology from UTA. She is branched Ordnance and will be attending Officer Basic Course at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland.

2LT Kyle Jons is the son of Dana and CPT (R) George Jons, Jr., from New Hampton, Iowa. 2LT Jons will graduate with a B.A. in History from UTA. He is branched Chemical Corps and will be at-

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You are cordially invited

to attend the

**UTA Military
Science**

**Hall of Honor
Ceremony**

**Saturday, February
16, 2008**

**E.H. Hereford
University Center**

10:00 a.m. Induction

Ceremony in the

Rosebud Theater

11:00 a.m. Reception in
the Palo Duro Lounge

**The CCAC Annual
Dinner**

Friday, February 15

6:30 at UTA

(Call Sarah 817-640-6166

for more information)

Hanging on to Memories

By Bunky Garonzik



...got the volume on the Sirius cranked, and up pops "*The Lion Sleeps Tonight*" (Tokens, 1961). And, like the flashbacks that I so often experience these days, I recall Bev Garrett's version sung sometime on some Jody bus ride to some competition, in some part of Texas, some 45 years ago. Yeah, he could even hit the high notes. Interesting, that song was the only song to ever hit the top of the charts in three consecutive decades.

Some guys, like General Colon Powell, have stated that they never look backward – only forward to the next challenge. Al Ellis subscribes to that philosophy (although, at a recent high school football playoff game, Al did remember the words to the South Oak Cliff school song).

All this reflection brings up an interesting short story that Bev submitted for the book "*Dallas – the '50s and '60s*". He describes his return to Texas after 40 years of living in faraway places around the world. As autumn approaches for many of us, reflecting back is what we hang on to. In some cases, however, we simply can't go back. You decide for yourself.

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The Cadet Corps Alumni Council website is www.cadetcorps.org

2008 Hall of Honor



Robert W. Irish, Jr., discovered his interest in the military while in high school where he attained the rank of Cadet LTC. He attended the University of Texas at Arlington (then Arlington State College) from 1961 to 1966. He was a member of the Pistol Team that in 1962/63 beat the United States Military Academy and went on to be the National Intercollegiate Pistol Champion. At ASC he attained the rank of Cadet Major and served as the Cadet Battalion S3. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Signal Corps and was assigned to the Army Reserve.

He entered Perkins School of Theology at SMU, graduated in 1969, and was ordained a minister in the United Methodist Church. He was then called to active duty for two years and served in Korea.

Realizing his skills lay more in technology, he resigned his position in the church in 1972 and entered the business world. During the next 32 years, he went from an electronic salesman to heading several large companies. He retired in 1990.

Thinking he was through with business, he found out business was not through with him. He became the CEO of Exchange Data Corporation in 1991, and founded and became CEO of Secure Safes in 1995. He served as Chair of TEC International from 2001-2004. He served as Chief Operating Officer of Controls International from 2004 to present.

As it turned out, the military was not through with him either. In 2004 he was selected by the Secretary of Defense as one of 43 executives to tour military bases in Europe, the Mideast, and Africa where he received high-level briefing on the latest efforts to combat terrorism in sensitive areas of the world. Following his return, he shared his experiences and information received with many organizations.

He continues to serve the United Methodist Church as a lay person at Spring Valley UMC in Dallas. However, the project closest to his heart is the Center for the Advanced Study and Practice of Evangelism at SMU. He is now a member of the Executive Board.

Bob and his wife, Eddy, have two children.



Colonel (Ret) Thomas A. Schneider attended the University of Texas at Arlington and graduated in 1977. He was a member of the Corps of Cadets and performed with the Sam Houston Rifle Drill Team. He served as the Team Commander in 1977 when UTA won the Texas State Championship. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Ordnance Corps.

Upon completion of the Ordnance Officers Basic Course, Tom went to Fort Greely, AK, and then on to the 9th Infantry Division, where he served as Commander of a Heavy Maintenance Company. The U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School was next. He next served as an Ordnance Advisor in Saudi Arabia. Upon his return to the US, he was assigned to the 4th Infantry Division and then on to Fort Indian-town Gap, PA. His next assignment took him to Europe, where he served in various positions and then as Battalion Commander. In 1998 he was assigned to Task Force Falcon/1st Infantry Division, where he prepared the Task Force for deployment to Kosovo. Promoted to Colonel, his final assignment was that of Commander, United Nations Command (Rear). He was the representative in Japan responsible for interacting with the government of Japan, U.S. Forces in Japan, and embassies of eight UNC member nations. He retired in 2004.

Tom accepted a position as a Senior Logistics Analyst working on the Army's Future Combat Systems (FCS) program. In September 2005, he moved to Kuwait to work for CSA Ltd, and he continues to serve there. He is Director of Maintenance for CSA Ltd and operates two large maintenance shops that provided area support maintenance to units assigned in Kuwait and, more importantly, to units transiting through Kuwait en route to Iraq. He provides a full range of ground maintenance, in all commodities, at the Field Maintenance level (the old Organizational and Direct Support levels) and limited support at the Sustainment level (old General Support and Depot levels).

Tom and his wife June have two children.



Where Are They Now?



COL (Ret)
Kenneth E. Smith

For many years **Ken Smith** has been seen around campus—helping out the current crop of Jodies, attending the Homecoming Activities, and generally supporting the CCAC program. He has had an interesting and exciting military and civilian career

Ken Smith is a retired U.S. Army Reserve Colonel with over 30 years of service with all levels of the U.S. Army. He attended the University of Texas at Arlington from 1972-1976. He served at Fort Stewart, GA; Gelnhausen, FRG; Fort Knox, KY; and Fort Polk, LA, on active duty. Ken completed his Army career in the reserves, primarily serving with the 75th Training Support Division in Houston, TX. Ken's final tour was with the U.S. Army War College at Carlisle Barracks where he served 15 months on mobilization tours supporting Operation Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom. Ken was the Director, Strategic Leaders Education Program, and supported numerous Strategic Communication Programs for the Secretary of the Army and the Chief of Staff, U.S. Army. He was the lead for the Army War College's Strategic Leader Staff Ride program, which developed a long-term relationship between strategic leaders from business, academia, governmental and military positions, and the U.S. Army.



Ken recently remarried, and his wife, Janie, is his former high school sweetheart. They got engaged at Fort Sam Houston, married in Fort Worth, and honeymooned at Carlisle Barracks, PA. It was a long road to get there, but he's very happy that it happened. Ken and Janie live in Azle, TX. Ken has three children: Melissa Rosales, an independent contractor for strategic meeting coordination and hosting; Aaron, an independent journeyman paint contractor; and Seth who works for FedEx Ground. Janie has four children and four grandchildren that keep her busy.

Ken is employed in distribution operations of medical supplies with McKesson Corporation in the Grapevine regional distribution center. He has over 18 years of experience in the medical supply and distribution field. Ken's hobbies are gardening, iris gardens, reading, history, and traveling. You can contact Ken at smithken5@juno.com.

From the President's Desk (Continued from page 1)

The Hall of Honor ceremony will take place on Saturday, February 16. You don't want to miss this very impressive ceremony as we induct our two newest honorees. See more about them in this newsletter. This year we have invited former Corps Commanders to attend as our special recognized group. We are hoping that a good number will be in attendance.

The CCAC will elect new officers in April. You will be given a chance to make your nominations. We want to see more people get involved. The CCAC continues to grow, as does the newly established Gold Bar Club, which adds money to the Cadet Corps Endowed Scholarship every year. We will be awarding our first scholarship this spring. This past spring the CCAC presented a new award, the Preston A. Weathered Leadership Award to the outstanding MS IV. The award consists of a certificate, a framed copy of *Cadet Echoes*, and an engraved brass plate with the recipient's name mounted on a permanent plaque in the Military Science Department.

It has been my honor to serve as the CCAC President these past two years. I look forward to continue to serve in some capacity in the future. We can all take pride in the two individuals that we honor this year, the many graduates who serve or have served this great country, and the cadets who make up the UTA Corps of Cadets. Let us keep in our prayers the members of the armed forces and in particular former members of the Corps who are serving in harm's way. God bless America! Ray Andrae, President, CCAC

To join The CCAC or give a gift to the
Cadet Corps Endowed Scholarship Fund,
go to www.cadetcorps.org

CCAC Life Members

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Willard Latham
Mikio E. Ludwig
Gene G. Lunt
Mark D. Martin
James T. Mathis
E. Ronelle McAbee
John D. McCubbin
Charles McDowell
George C. McDowell
James M. McGinn
Darrin P. Milner
Allen O. Morris
Michael W. Morrow
William W. Neal
Wendell H. Nedderman
Michael W. Parker
Larry D. Pink
William Postlethwaite
Clarence W. Potter
Clifton A. Potter
R. Zack Prince
Jimmie A. Redden
Ronald M. Rendleman
Orlando L. Reyes
William P. Roe
Robert R. Roten
Michael A. Saltarelli
Thomas A. Schneider
Charlie E. Seyster
James S. Sibley
Kenneth E. Smith
Kevin R. Smith
Larry D. Smith
William C. Sonricker
Mark C. Stevens
Harold C. Teubner
Jerry and Betty Thomas
Edward H. Thompson
Susan M. Tillotson
Scott A. Townsend
Elmus S. Ussery
Andrew C. Ward
Joel H. Ward
Gene H. Weidemeyer
Elmer G. White
Jerry E. Whitehead
Martin B. Woodruff
Valin R. Woodward



Hanging On To Memories (Continued from page 1)

Memories Are All I Have to Cling To

“It’s Saturday night and I ain’t got no money...not now...not back in the days that I’m trying to re-live. I’ve been a long time gone, nigh on to 40 years, if memory serves. I’ve seen a lot of sunshine, slept out in the rain, spent a night or two out on my own.

Ever the rebel, I’m home to prove yet again that Dad was incorrect, you CAN go back...silly me.

At 62 and counting, I figure it is time to visit my roots and get one last blast of nostalgia before the elevator reaches the bottom floor. Flight 403 actually landed safely this time, at D/FW International...in Grapevine... What’s up with that? What happened to Love Field? The bigger-than-life, 10-foot-tall Texas Ranger? How could this be?



Now here I am going down 66...or 635...or 121. Damn, what did they do with the D/FW turnpike? After fighting a traffic delay that lasted longer than my last road trip to Southeast Asia, I’m moving east and see a semi-familiar



skyline in the haze of the evening twilight. Could this be the “Big D” of my youth? If so, it ain’t looking good for the home team.

Pulling into town I’m taken aback, not only by the concrete jungle that replaced the “Lower Elm” jungle of my youth, but also a herd of Paul Bunyon size, stampeding Longhorns...YGBSM...and me without my bottle of Old J.T.S. Brown. I avoided disaster by turning left to continue my search for signs of my misspent youth.

Ah, for the safety of Sivil’s Drive-In, with those bodacious Texas lovelies on skates delivering the thickest shakes and best burgers ever. After that, a quick trip to Circle Bowl for a game with the boys and a side trip to Louann’s for a frosty pitcher or two of PBR.

But wait, stop the music, call Elliot Ness; Tonto; Clarabelle...the afore mentioned pillars of my youth are no longer... They’ve raised paradise and put up a parking lot...and a condo...and an office tower... .

Yeah Dad, the joke’s on me, you really can’t go back...”



By Bev Garrett - Arlington High School

News From the Front (Continued from page 1)

tending Officer Basic Course at Fort Leonard Wood, MO.

2LT Cody Miller is the son of Gary Miller and Debbie Patterson, from Pottsboro, TX. 2LT Miller will graduate with a B.A. in History from UTA. He is branched Field Artillery and will be attending Officer Basic Course at Fort Sill, OK.

2LT Jillian L. Morales is the daughter of Karen Whitley from Mesquite, TX. 2LT Morales will graduate with a B.A. in Sociology from UTA. She is branched Medical Service Corps and will be attending Officer Basic

Course at Fort Sam Houston, TX.

2LT Juliet K. Njoku is the daughter of Professor Desmond Njoku and Theresa Njoku, from Austin, TX. 2LT Njoku will graduate with a B.S. in Biology from UTA. She is branched Medical Service Corps and will be attending Officer Basic Course at Fort Sam Houston, TX.

2LT Von Spence is the son of Von and Sharon Spence, from Kemp, TX. 2LT Spence will graduate from UTA with a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. He is branched Field Artillery and will be attending Officer Basic Course in Fort. Sill, OK.



Oops. In the Fall 2007 newsletter, we said that COL (Ret) Lloyd Clark’s insignia came from the Arlington Technical School, when it should have been **The Arlington Training School**.

Hall of Honor 2007

Pictures courtesy of Gary McBride



The 2007 Sam Houston Rifle Maverick Battalion Drill Team Performs at the Hall of Honor.



Former Jodies give it a try. The 1976 and 1977 Jodies were special guests at the CCAC Annual Dinner and Hall of Honor in 2007.