



# Reveille

## From the Desk of the President Ray Andrae



The Cadet Corps Alumni Council Board of Officers met last month. We have set out an aggressive program for the coming year. Our priorities are:

- To increase our membership
- To develop and implement a comprehensive website.
- To provide for participation by members of the Corps of Cadets in the CCAC.
- To develop a marketing program for the CCAC.
- To increase alumni participation in the Gold Bar Club.
- To continue to grow the Cadet Corps Endowed Scholarship Fund.
- To increase communication to and from our membership.

You can be assured that your officers will be working vigorously on these items over the coming year. We are hoping for help from you to achieve some of these goals. If you have ideas or

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## Hall of Honor 2009 Change of Order

Lot of Talk About **CHANGE** Lately...

We at the CCAC are also making some changes. To be a little more user friendly, we are changing the format of the **Hall of Honor Ceremony**. This year, all the activities will take place on **Saturday, February 14**, beginning at **11:00 a.m.**

The reception will be followed by a luncheon at **12:00 noon** that will include the Hall of Honor Induction Ceremony.

We will still have the **Jodies, the Color Guard, the Carlisle Cannons, the Silver Cup Ceremony, and "I am a Maverick"** (No, this has nothing to do with McCain or Palin).

This change of format is designed to condense the number of trips to Arlington, and, hopefully, provide an opportunity for all your classmates to gather at one time, rather than dilute the activities by having several trips to the college.

In Pursuit of  
Excellence



Maverick  
Battalion Logo

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## GOMEZ

## By Bunky Garonzik



**I wasn't there yet.** But even if I had been there, I would still embellish and fabricate some of the details just like the liberal press does on a regular basis. Some parts of this story come from ASC legends handed down over the years, and part of this story comes from one of the actual players.

We have all heard the expression: *Fools' names and fools' faces always appear in public places.* The way you work around that is to put someone else's name in a public place.

I'm no stranger to painting *Highland Park Seniors 1961* on the local water tower. I still have the citation that reads, "Violation of the Water Tower Ordinance," to prove it. Now that the statute of limitations has run its course, there is more to confess.

You may recall the two Military Science Buildings across from Davis Hall. Probably built when Roosevelt was president—most likely Teddy. They were up on piers and beams, but the wood siding came all the way to the ground level. This made the windows appear much higher up the side of the building—it appeared to look like a prison compound at a concentration camp. Well, Scott Leidolf, Mike Ellis, and I reasoned that it only needed a final touch to complete the look. A stencil that read "**STALAG 17**" was fabricated, and at about 2 a.m. the look was complete. The actual painting took only a



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- David J. Anderson
- Raymond and Pat Andrae
- Theron R. Arrington
- Jonathan J. Bevill
- Billy J. Blankenship
- Ruth M. Boyd
- David R. Braden
- Ernest L. Brister
- J.C. Brown, Jr.
- Fred U. Campos
- Charles C. Cannon Jr.
- Miguel E. Castillo
- Pat Choate
- Lloyd C. Clark
- Arthur G. Cleveland
- J.J. Collmer
- James P. Coughlin
- Gerald D. Cox
- Joseph S. Dances
- Mrs. Robert J. Darrah
- Archie P. Davis
- Jean A. Deaknye
- Mark A. Dickens
- Scott A. Downey
- Henry A. Dufeu
- Paul S. Faidley
- Charles E. Feuerbacher
- Daniel L. French
- Antonio Garcia
- David H. Gaines
- Allan Garonzik
- George B. Garrett
- Brian M. Gellman
- Sheldon J. Gerron
- Ricky D. Gibbs
- John R. Glaze
- Wayne E. Glenn
- Boyd D. Goldman
- Everette E. Gray
- Ronald L. Harris
- Herman Harrison
- William H. Herndon
- Gary C. Hitt
- James F. Hollingsworth
- Jerry B. Houston
- Walter H. Huth
- Robert W. Irish
- Roger D. Kannady
- Jimmie A. Kepler
- Mark T. Lamkin
- Mark B. Latham
- Rex H. Latham
- Willard Latham
- Joe Lopez
- Mikio E. Ludwig
- Gene G. Lunt



Hall of Honor Candidates 2009

Joe Lopez



SGM Joe Lopez will be inducted as an Associate Member of the Hall of Honor in recognition of his outstanding service to the Military Science Department at UTA, as the Senior Military Instructor during his two tours in 1977 and 1985.

Joe "China Boy" Lopez joined the Army in 1955. He received his airborne training and was subsequently assigned to the 11th Airborne Division in Germany and the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell. During the Cuban Crisis of 1960, Joe joined the 7th Special Forces Group. He subsequently served with the Special Forces in Panama and two tours in Viet Nam.

SGM Lopez is a graduate of the Sergeant Majors Academy at Ft. Bliss. Assignments followed with the 10th Special Forces Group at Fort Devens, then in Panama, and Fifth Army HQ with duty at Camp Mabry with the Texas ARNG.

His countless awards and honors include the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, 3 Bronze Stars for Valor, Purple Heart, Master Parachutist Wings, CIB and Special Forces Tab.

Joe lives in El Paso with his wife Maria and two children, Diago and Marco. His son, Major Joe Lopez, Jr. was commissioned at UTA.

Donald J. Stevenson



Don was a member of the Fourth Army Rifle Team at ASC in 1965. He also served in various staff positions in the Corps of Cadets. In 1966 he received his BA degree in English and History. In 1973 he received his Law degree from SMU.

Don was commissioned Artillery and received his basic training at Fort Sill, OK. He was assigned as a forward observer with the 101st Airborne Division. He was wounded in action in Viet Nam, and after completion of his tour in RVN, was assigned to Fort Polk, LA, as Basic Training Company Commander. By this time he had reached the rank of Captain. He retired from active duty in 1970 and from the Army Reserve in 1972. Among his many awards and medals are the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Master Jump badge, and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

As a Municipal Judge, Stevenson has served in Coppell and Dalworthington Gardens. Since 1997 he has been the Chief Judge of the Municipal Court of Plano.

Don was a founding member and managing partner of his private law firm in Dallas. Don and his wife Ellen have two children, Marc and Andi.

Robert P. Vaughan, Sr.



Bob Vaughan enrolled in ASC in 1957. He was a member of the Sam Houston Rifles and Sergeant Major of the Corps of Cadets. He graduated in 1962.

After completing IOBC, Airborne School, Ranger School, and Flight School, Bob was assigned to the 11th Air Assault Division at Fort Benning. In 1966, Vaughn was sent to Viet Nam. Next, Vaughan was assigned to the U.S. Army Aviation Center at Fort Rucker, AL, as an academics and flight instructor.

In 1969, Vaughan returned to Southeast Asia for another combat tour of duty. He then transferred from Infantry Branch to Armor Branch. He was selected to attend the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, KS. Vaughan earned his MBA from Webster University in St. Louis, MO.

Vaughan retired from the U.S. Army in February 1987 as a Lieutenant Colonel. He embarked on a new career as Planning Officer with the Governor's Division of Emergency Management under both Governor Ann Richards and Governor George W. Bush.

Bob, now retired, and his wife Jan live in Plano, Texas. He enjoys his fully restored 1957 Chevy.

Membership Drive 2010

by Sue Tillotson

CCAC President Ray Andrae has set his first priority for the next two years: increasing our enrollment in the ranks of the Cadet Corps Alumni Council by 50 new Lifetime members. Accordingly, I am privileged to announce our newest membership drive—increasing not only by 50 new members by 2010, but in all the year-groups from the 1970's to the 2000's.

We are rightly proud of our standing in the UTA Alumni community. Our numbers are at the all-time high of 169 lifetime, annual, and active duty (newly commissioned) members.

We have passed the \$30,000 mark in our Cadet Corps Endowed Scholarship Fund. And 100% of the membership fee for lifetime membership goes towards the scholarship fund. These scholarships come at a critical time, not only for the recipient cadet, but also for the Army as a whole, as the need of fighting on

two fronts takes its toll on funding.

But we could do so much more! If every one of us could reach out to an old friend and ask them to join, we would not only reach our goal, we'd double it!

We want to challenge each decade to make a difference—but we especially see potential for increasing participation by 50% or more in our younger decades (those of us in our 50's are still "young" right?).

If every person listed in the 70's, 80's and 90's each brought in a member, there would be 76 new members!!

So begin today—ask your buds, "where is that ol' Steve Britton? Jose Palacios? Debbie Dowdy? Diane Ortiz Colvard? Don Powers? Lonnie Mantooh? Roger Berardi? ...your friend's name here" – and get back to me, ASAP!!

Best to you – happy bounty hunting! Sue

Where Are They Now?

By Bunky Garonzik



**LTC (RET) Lee B. Wilson**

Master Parachutist Badge, and his CIB,



Born in 1936 in Killeen, Texas, Lee B. Wilson grew up with military all around him at Fort Hood, the largest military base in the free world. By 1955 he had enrolled in ASC, but after one semester he signed a professional baseball contract and was sent to a farm team in Georgia. Before the season started, the league folded, and Lee B. returned to Texas where he worked as an electrician before he re-entered ASC in 1958. Now married, he again tried out for the Jodies and made the team for the second time.

He worked his way up the ranks, in both the Jodies and the Corps. As a DMG, he graduated in February 1962 with a BBA and an RA commission. He went to Infantry Officer Basic Training at Fort Benning, GA and then Jump School.

Wilson served first with the 82<sup>nd</sup> and later with the 10<sup>th</sup> Special Forces in Germany. Lee B. volunteered for the 5<sup>th</sup> Special Forces and served three combat tours with the Green Berets in RVN. In addition to his Special Forces Tab, his Ranger Tab, his

Lee B. earned the Silver Star and Purple Heart, as well as a host of just about everything a soldier could earn in the Army. Lee retired in 1984.

In 1984, he retired to become a gentleman farmer in Alabama, then returned to Texas in 1988 to care for his elderly mother. Later, he started his own business centered on privatizing military housing. His newest company is Crumtex Rubber Company, whose mission is to recycle tires and other rubber products, keeping them out of landfills, while using the material in manufacturing other products.

As of August 15, Lee has been married 50 years to Suzanne. Their son Mike retired from the military in 2003, and their daughter Deborah, an LTC, just returned from deployment in Iraq, and is now assigned as PMS at the University of Rhode Island. Lee B. and Suzanne have one granddaughter, Amanda.

Drop him a line and tell the old boy, "You done real good, and made us proud". lbw@lbwilson.com.

**ADOPT A CADET FOR LUNCH**

No, you don't get to take one home with you, but what a nice gesture to pay for his or her lunch at the HOH. Unlike the dark ages when we went to college and had everything paid for by our parents, these kids today really struggle with all the difficult courses, pressure to make good grades, and participate in Military Science.

We got away with a pair of jeans and Converse High Tops for the entire semester. Peer pressure today requires a couple pair of Nike's at a cost equal to **our** tuition expense... Not to mention the cost of a gallon of gas.

For the paltry amount of \$25.00, you can pay for a cadet to have lunch with us. These cadets are our future leaders, and we want them to think of us when they make decisions on just what to do with us when we are being spoon-fed at the nursing home.

A good investment—pony up!



**Cadet Ronald Welter** is the Cadet Commander for the 2008 Maverick Brigade. Cadet Welter enlisted in the Army as a 1SS helicopter repairer on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September 1999. His duty stations include Fort Hood, Texas, Camp Stanton, Korea and Fort Drum, New York. While stationed at Ft. Drum he competed in and won the 10th Mountain Division NCO of the 3rd Quarter FY05 board, completed the Mountain Leaders Advanced Rifle Marksmanship course, and the Army retention course. He also deployed with D Troop 3-17 Cav as the maintenance platoon sergeant for Operation Iraqi Freedom. He obtained the rank of SFC in the regular Army before accepting the Army Green to Gold Active Duty Option program in order to finish his degree in Business Management at the University of Texas at Arlington.

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would like to provide your assistance to us in any of the areas mentioned, please let us know. Feel free to contact me by email at [randraej@aol.com](mailto:randraej@aol.com).

I am sure that you are as concerned about the national economy and situations in the world as I am. The next year looks like it will be a real challenge for this country, our leaders, the U.S. Army, and each of us. The first opportunity for us to become involved will occur on November 4. I urge each and every member to exercise their right to vote. Cast your ballot for your candidate of choice. The right to vote is a basic right that we as citizens of this great country have earned by the selfless service of our soldiers—just as the service you provided on your watch.

Finally, I want to highlight our service members who continue to sacrifice—to make a difference at a very critical time. They are successful—and will continue to be—in large part due to those, like us, who support them. I am also thankful for the young men and women who have stepped forward to make up the Maverick Battalion at UTA. They are the future leaders of the U.S. Army.

We must never take for granted the commitment and dedication of those who are serving or have committed to serve. Remember them as you go about your daily lives. Keep them, and our nation, in your prayers. *Ray Andrae, President*

**CCAC Life Members**

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- Mark D. Martin
- Axel Martinez
- James T. Mathis
- E. Ronelle McAbee
- John D. McCubbin
- George C. McDowell
- James M. McGinn
- Darrin P. Milner
- Allen O. Morris
- Michael W. Morrow
- Sarah Nahhas
- William W. Neal
- Wendell H. Nedderman
- David A. Neveau
- Michael W. Parker
- Sergio Perales
- Larry D. Pink
- William Postlethwaite
- Clarence W. Potter
- Clifton A. Potter
- R. Zack Prince
- Jimmie A. Redden
- Thomas V. Remediz
- Ronald M. Rendleman
- Orlando L. Reyes
- William P. Roe
- Robert R. Roten
- Michael A. Saltarelli
- Thomas A. Schneider
- Charlie E. Seyster
- James S. Sibley
- Lester Simpson
- Dale W. Smith
- Kenneth E. Smith
- Kevin R. Smith
- Larry D. Smith
- William C. Sonricker
- Mark C. Stevens
- Donald J. Stevenson
- Harold C. Teubner
- Jerry and Betty Thomas
- Edward H. Thompson
- Susan M. Tillotson
- Scott A. Townsend
- Elmus S. Ussery
- Robert P. Vaughan
- Andrew C. Ward
- Joel H. Ward
- Gene H. Weidemeyer
- Elmer G. White
- Jerry E. Whitehead
- Lee B. Wilson
- Martin B. Woodruff
- Valin R. Woodward
- (Blue – new member)

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matter of seconds.

Another expression is often heard, but few know the real deal: **"KILROY WAS HERE"**. Prevalent all over the globe in the 40's, it was often accompanied by a sketch of the little guy with the big nose. Seems the ship builder's union members were paid by the number of rivets they actually installed in the process of building ships. Most of us are aware that the Union's first goal is to get more money while they do less work. So a plan was devised to double count the rivets. Seems like the supervisor, a guy named Kilroy, came up with the idea to sign his name over the rivets as soon as the rivets were complete—thereby eliminating the double-dip by the union members. The sailors picked up on the "KILROY WAS HERE" theme, and started using it everywhere—outhouses, tanks, buildings, etc. Kilroy appeared throughout the European and Pacific Theaters during WWII.

All this worthless information brings us to the smokestack behind the Administration Building which was built back when Jesus was just a Corporal—it had been there awhile. The stack related to the campus heating system. Remember, in those days we were part of the A&M System. In keeping with that theme, the heating and cooling system was designed with Aggie logic. The

air conditioning could only put out one temperature—cold. So in order to regulate the temperature, the heating system was used to warm up the cool air to the appropriate temperature. Al Gore was only six, so he had no input. The giant smokestack was just begging for some distinctive label. Around 1959, four-foot letters appeared, spelling out **"GOMEZ."** Of course, an inside joke, but just who is Gomez? Any relation to



ASC 1959

Kilroy? Some 49 years after the fact, Lee B. clears the air:

*"There were two Barbara's associated with the Jodies in the late fifties. One was Barbara William, whom we called Gomez*

*and the other was Barbara Jackson, who married Jim Hunter. Both were Jodie Sweethearts with Barbara Williams succeeding Barbara Jackson.*



Who done it?

*One afternoon Jim Hunter asked me to meet him in the Student Center for a short conference. I thought it was about the Drill Team or something, but he asked me if my wife and I would*

*consider taking him and Barbara Jackson to Oklahoma that night after the Military Ball to get married. Boy, after the shock wore*

*off we scurried around the rest of the day getting a marriage license for them, and sure enough, after the Military Ball that night we drove them up to Oklahoma and found a Justice of the Peace around three in the morning who consented to marry them without the customary three-day waiting period. It was just like you see in the movies. What made that*

*even more strange was the fact that Barbara Jackson was always the girlfriend of Jim Coughlin and all of a sudden she's marrying Jim Hunter. Needless to say there were some strange feelings going on in the Drill Team for the rest of the year. What a night!"*

And so, with Barbara Jackson getting most of the conversation, it seemed only appropriate that Gomez get her share of publicity as well. Hence, the smokestack was dedicated to her.

For those of you who remember the words to one of our marching cadences, this might be appropriate: **"Your baby was lonely, as lonely could be, but Jody was keepin' her company—sound off..."** Not sure if Coughlin could march to it, but an easy transition for Barbara Jackson as both the guys are named Jim...



Jim Hunter

Barbara Jackson

## Commandant's Corner by Ricardo F. Diaz

The Fall semester has been one of accomplishments for the Corp of Cadets. As many of you know, ROTC occupied in force 75 of the 80 bed spaces in the third floor of Trinity Hall. No, it's not a military academy environment, but you may not want to be around at 5:30 AM on Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays, when the cadets are waking up for PT.

We have improved the Corps cohesion and sense of belonging. There are now 3 companies; our opening enrollment was around 170 cadets, a good 13 % increase over last year. There are some familiar positions like S5 (PAO) and S7 (Recruiting Coordinator), together they have been tasked to complete the yearbook, a tradition we want to reinstate. There is also a battalion honor captain, which will begin the Honor Code education process this semester. We hope to have a full cadet-administered and run Honor System up and running in 2 years. Finally, we re-instated the position of Company XO's, which together with the Company Commanders and Platoon

Leaders have taken a more prominent role in the leadership and development of the underclassmen.

Our cadets continue to excel. This past summer, our cadets achieved scores above cadet command averages in the APFT, BRM, Land Navigation, and percentages of "excellent" ratings at LDAC. We were one of only 2 schools out of 25 that accomplished this rating. The Ranger Challenge Team repeated bringing home the 2008 Brigade Ranger Challenge Competition Co-Ed 1st place trophy. Our brand new orienteering team took second place in a NTOA sanctioned competition last month. We had a record 4 nursing students accepted to upper division this past semester. We have cadets interested in reviving the rifle team, an expensive and time consuming task; and last but not least, a group of 3 seniors have taken the lead in the planning of a commemorative re-enactment of the 1960 famed March to Fort Hood.

We are excited and proud of the Corps traditions, and the Maverick Battalion continues in the lead for the "Pursuit of Excellence."

**MAVERICKS ALL THE WAY!**

Lifetime Membership in the CCAC is \$200.00—all proceeds go to the **Cadet Corps Endowed Scholarship**. Contact your friends and let them know! Please send names and contact information to **Sarah Nahhas** at snahhas@decisionanalyst.com or **Sue Tillotson** at smtillotson@verizon.net.