



# Reveille

## President's Desk By Bunky Garonzik



**Bunky Garonzik**

After some calls, notes, and emails with the powers that be at UTA, we are finally getting some positive movement on the relocation of the Hall of Honor Display Room. As you know, for years the HOH has been located in one of the Military Science classrooms, which has been locked part of the time, and when there is not a class in the room. Of course, the HOH not only shows off our inductees, but it is a useful recruiting tool for Military Science. It shows the proud tradition and the history of the institution since inception over 100 years ago.

We realize that with a student body of around 34,000, the Military Science Department is only a small segment, but it is an important part of both the history and the reputation of UTA.

We have a committee working directly with the admini-

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## At the Front LTC Lora Rimmer

**Lieutenant Colonel Lora A. Rimmer** assumed duties as Professor of Military Science at the UTA on July 29, 2011 after serving as the G-37 Operations Branch Chief at the Combined Arms Center in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

During her 21 years of service, she has served in command and staff positions at both the tactical and operational levels across the Army.

LTC Rimmer is a graduate of the Signal Officer Basic Course, Signal Officer Advanced Course, Combined Arms Service and Staff School, and the Command and General Staff College. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from the Uni-



**LTC Lora Rimmer  
Professor of Military  
Science**

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2011 Hall of Honor member, **COL Neel Kirby**, will be honored by the Arlington Independent School District in a special presentation on Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. For more information call the AISD at 682-867-7343.



## What's happening at UTA

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### UTA Distinguished Alumni for 2011



UTA's highest honor, the Distinguished Alumni Award will be presented to **Al Ellis** at a Black Tie Gala on October 15, 2011. In previous years, this award has been given to about 12 UTA Alumni, but this year the award is even more exclusive and only five inductees were selected.

Al's qualifications, grades and campus activities, his professional history, his community service, his military record and his overall and genuine concern and helpful service to others were all factors in his selection.

Al Ellis will join the ranks of a select handful of alumni, and with a student enrollment of around 34,000, this honor is quite impressive. Congratulations, Al.

### Cadet BBQ and Orientation

Classes and ROTC were set in motion with the annual BBQ and selection of this year's staff and cadet leaders on 25 August. As usual, the excitement, anticipation and enthusiasm were visible. Members of the CCAC Board were invited to attend and were certainly not disappointed with the quality of the Corps of Cadets. The new professor of Military Science, LTC Lora Rimmer, has hit the ground running, and those of us who have met her certainly believe that she will continue the tradition of commissioning some of America's finest young women and men. LTC Rimmer has been around the block during her 21 years of service with the Army including her tours in combat zones. LTC Alba certainly leaves some big shoes to be filled, but LTC Rimmer appears ready for the task.

### Summer Training at Warrior Forge—submitted by the Military Science Department

JOINT BASE LEWIS-McCHORD, WA — The Leader Development and Assessment Course, also known as Operation Warrior Forge, is U.S. Army Cadet Command's flagship training and assessment exercise held here each summer. Twenty-seven UTA Cadets, hoping to pin on the gold bar of an Army lieutenant, came to successfully complete Warrior Forge. Warrior Forge is a 29-day odyssey in leadership and soldiering skills. This summer, 14 regiments from all over the USA took part in the course—with nearly 500 cadets in each regiment.



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- Cecil T. Anderson  
 David J. Anderson  
 Raymond and Pat Andrae  
 Theron R. Arrington  
 William Barnett  
 Jonathan J. Bevill  
 Billy J. Blankenship  
 Ruth M. Boyd  
 David R. Braden  
 Ernest L. Brister  
 Wyatt A. Britten  
 J.C. Brown, Jr.  
 Fred U. Campos  
 Charles C. Cannon, Jr.  
 Amador Cano  
 Miguel E. Castillo  
 Pat Choate  
 Lloyd C. Clark  
 Arthur G. Cleveland  
 J.J. Collmer  
 James P. Coughlin  
 Gerald D. Cox  
 Joseph S. Dancses  
 Mrs. Robert J. Darrah  
 Anthony F. Daskevich II  
 Archie P. Davis III  
 Jean A. Deakne  
 Ricardo F. Diaz  
 Mark A. Dickens  
 Scott A. Downey  
 Eddie Drain  
 Henry A. Dufeau  
 Al Ellis  
 Paul S. Faidley  
 Charles E. Feuerbacher  
 Willard F. Filyaw  
 Daniel L. French  
 David H. Gaines  
 Antonio C. Garcia  
 Allan Garonzik  
 George B. Garrett  
 Brian M. Gellman  
 Sheldon J. Gerron  
 Ricky D. Gibbs  
 John R. Glaze  
 Boyd D. Goldman  
 Everette E. Gray  
 William S. Gribble  
 Ronald L. Harris  
 Herman Harrison  
 William H. Herndon  
 Gary C. Hiitt  
 Jerry B. Houston  
 Walter H. Huth  
 Robert W. Irish  
 Jimmie A. Kepler  
 Steve Kennedy  
 John B. Kidd  
 William L. Jacobs  
 Mark T. Lamkin  
 Mark B. Latham  
 Rex H. Latham  
 Willard Latham  
 Jorge Lemus  
 Joe Lopez, Sr.  
 Joe Lopez, Jr.  
 Mikio E. Ludwig  
 Gene G. Lunt



Hall of Honor 2012



**Jerry Bob Houston**  
 VP – Hall of Honor

Hall of Honor

February 11, 2012.

Mark your calendars. We look forward to UTA Homecoming, our annual CCAC luncheon and Hall of Honor. This year we will be honoring three former students who have shown exemplary leadership, citizenship, and accomplishments since graduation.

**LTC (Ret) William (Bill) P. Roe** was commissioned in the Engineer Corps. After retirement he worked for Raytheon Corporation. Unfortunately, Bill died from cancer last year. His award will be accepted by his wife, Amy. **Mark Stevens** graduated in 1972 but went into the Air Force so he could be a fighter pilot. After a back injury, he left

the Air Force and went to work for The Boeing Company. **LTC (Ret) Barbara (Williams) Vogel** was the first female commissioned officer from UTA after it became a four year university. Since retirement, Barbara worked on the staff of a Congressman from New York, in a number of churches, and has done extensive volunteer work.

Please plan to join us at 10:30 in the Bluebonnet room for a reception. Lunch will be served at 11:30 followed by the Hall of Honor. Our Silver Cup ceremony will conclude the official part of the Hall of Honor, but the Palo Duro Lounge will remain open so you will have time to visit. As usual we will have rifles available for any of the former members of the Sam Houston Rifles who would like to see if they still have it. Registration information and Hall of Honor details will be in the next "Reveille". Hope to see you on February 11<sup>th</sup>.

One of Our Own—Lieutenant Robert F. Welch III

First Lieutenant Robert F. Welch III of Denton, Texas was assigned to the 21st Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, First Infantry Division, Fort Knox, Ky. He began his military service in October 2008 when he was commissioned at UTA and was three months into his first combat tour of duty when he was killed in action in Afghanistan. The CCAC "passed the hat" for his wife Becky and their young son Robbie, and many of our members responded with their heartfelt generosity. We donated a check to the family for nearly \$5000.



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University of Kansas and a Master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Kansas.

LTC Rimmer was commissioned a Signal Officer in May 1990. Her first duty assignment was in Heilbronn, Germany with the 34<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion from December 1990-July 1991. She deployed with the unit in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm serving as both a platoon leader and company operations officer. Upon redeployment and the deactivation of the battalion, she transferred to the 440<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion in Darmstadt, Germany where she served as Assistant S4, S4 and then again as a platoon leader, providing communications support to the V Corps Headquarters.

From 1993-1996, she took a break in active service. In 1996, she was promoted and joined the 325<sup>th</sup> Quartermaster Battalion, United States Army Reserve, as their Battalion S6. In September 1999, Lieutenant Colonel Rimmer re-entered active service as part of the Captain's Recall Program.

LTC Rimmer was assigned to Fort Lewis, Washington in May 2000 where she assumed duties as an Operations Officer for the 142<sup>nd</sup> Signal Brigade (Forward). In December 2000, she assumed command of Delta

Company, 29<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion where she and her soldiers supported numerous Joint and multinational training exercises in the Pacific theater including Japan, Korea, and Thailand. In August 2002, LTC Rimmer relinquished command and reported to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, 75<sup>th</sup> Division (Training Support) in San Antonio, Texas where she performed duties as an Observer Controller/Trainer, Brigade S6 and Brigade S1.

In 2005, LTC Rimmer reported to Fort Hood, Texas where she served as the Network Operations Officer for 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division and 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division, spearheading both Divisions' modular transformation of the Joint Network Transport Capability. She deployed with the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division from October 2006 – December 2007 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Upon redeployment, she departed Fort Hood, Texas for an assignment at the Combined Arms Center in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

LTC Rimmer's awards include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (4 OLC), and the Army Achievement Medal (1 OLC).

LTC Rimmer is married to Chief Warrant Officer 3 Christopher T. Rimmer and has one son, Ian.

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Or contact CCAC President Bunky Garonzik at [bunkyg5@verizon.net](mailto:bunkyg5@verizon.net) or Sarah Nahhas at [snahhas@decisionanalyst.com](mailto:snahhas@decisionanalyst.com)

Where Are They Now



**Jim Tomlin**

Jim graduated and was commissioned from ASC in July '63. After basic he completed Ranger and Airborne Schools. He finished in January '64 and married Annette on January 31st. March '65 to Febru-

ary '66 he attended the Fixed Wing Aviation Course at Fort Rucker and was later stationed at Fort Sill, and there formed a Birddog company. He was deployed to Vietnam from June '66 to May '67 flying Birddogs as a Forward Air Controller. Jim was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

From May '67 to May '69 Jim was stationed at Fort Rucker as an instructor pilot in Birddogs, and at the end of this tour he transitioned to helicopters. In May '69 he returned to Vietnam where he flew Hueys in an assault helicopter unit.

From June '70 to April '71, he was stationed at Fort Benning for the Infantry Officers Advance Course. Toward the end of the course, he decided to change branches to Military Intelligence. After graduation from IOAC, he went to Fort Huachuca, AZ for the Tactical Intelligence Staff Officer Course.

Then from June '71- June '74 he was stationed at Defense Intelligence Agency at Arlington Hall Station,

near Washington, DC. He was the desk officer for Bulgaria. His duties included keeping tabs on what was happening in Bulgaria, giving briefings, and integrating info from all sources on the country. While in Washington, he completed his Masters of Science in Systems Management from USC.

From June '74 to December '76 he was stationed at Redstone Arsenal, AL. He was commander of the Special Security Office. Later, Tomlin was stationed at SHAPE in Mons, Belgium. SHAPE is the military wing of NATO. He was again counting Russian nukes, among other things, and providing info for briefings to the SACEUR, General Alexander Haig. Jim was later stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas where he became the commander of ADATS. This was a unit concerned with foreign military equipment and how it performed.

Jim retired in July '83 and began his second career with Lockheed Martin, as Operations Research Analyst, Senior Staff. Currently he works for Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control. His title currently is Operations Research Analyst, Senior Staff. He also jointly holds a patent relating with his work at Lockheed Martin. Contact Jim at [jimandannette@yahoo.com](mailto:jimandannette@yahoo.com).



**2LT Ellis, COL Ward, and 2LT Smith**

**Commissioning Class of Summer 2011**

The 108th Maverick Battalion commissioned 5 graduates on August 20, 2011. **COL Joel H. Ward** was the guest speaker. The five new Second Lieutenants are: 2LT Bryson Desinor, 2LT Sean Ellis, 2LT Jessica Hall, and 2LT Aaron Smith, who received their gold bars at Summer Camp, and 2LT Matthew Potter. The new 2LTs will branch later this fall and then attend the Basic Officer Leadership Course.

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 stration on a suitable site for the HOH Display. Our goals are to have a better visibility to visitors as well as the student body. We are discussing both static and video displays. **COL Joel Ward** heads up the Committee, and his team is filled with qualified members of the CCAC. Things don't always move at lightning speed in a bureaucracy, but Joel will stay on top of the situation.

In other news, our organization is staying dynamic with the success of the 'Pass the Hat' campaign for the widow of **LT Welch** that raised nearly \$5000 for Becky and little Robbie.

We are inducting one of our own, **Al Ellis**, as a Distinguished Alumni at the Gala on October 15<sup>th</sup>. And we have three great Hall of Honor inductees

for our February 11 Homecoming. Our new PMS, **LTC Lora Rimmer**, is energized and making some great contributions to the Cadet Corps. She has already commissioned a few new 2LTs. Our cadets continue to excel at all their classes, summer camps, and programs, and the ROTC Department continues to be one of the best in the country. Don't forget that we still have several DVD's available showcasing our Military Science Department and the wonderful history and contribution that our women and men have made. The DVD's are available for \$20 and all proceeds go directly to the CCAC.

Thanks to all of you who have kept in touch, and remember, we are always excited to hear from anyone from any place in the world. *Bunky*

CCAC Life Members

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- Axel Martinez
- James T. Mathis
- E. Ronelle McAbee
- Gary H. McBride
- George C. McDowell
- James M. McGinn
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- Sergio Perales
- Bill R. Phillips
- Larry and Claudia Pink
- Billy Bob Pinkerton
- William Postlethwaite
- Clarence W. Potter
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- R. Zack Prince
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- Jeffery K. Saunier
- Thomas A. Schneider
- Charlie E. Seyster
- James S. Sibley
- Lester Simpson
- Dale W. Smith
- Kenneth E. Smith
- Kevin R. Smith
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- Tino L. Sosa
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- Harold C. Teubner
- Jerry and Betty Thomas
- Edward H. Thompson
- Susan M. Tillotson
- Annette D. Tomlin
- James E. Tomlin
- Scott A. Townsend
- Elmus S. Ussery
- Barbara Vogl
- Robert P. Vaughan
- Andrew C. Ward
- Joel H. Ward
- Gary L. Weber
- Gene H. Weidemeyer
- Elmer G. White
- Jerry E. Whitehead
- Lee B. Wilson
- Floyd Wine
- Martin B. Woodruff
- Valin R. Woodward
- John K. Yim

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## REVEILLE

**Cadet Lieutenant Colonel John O'Brien** assumed duties as cadet Battalion Commander of the 109<sup>th</sup> Maverick Battalion at the University of Texas at Arlington on 25 August, 2011 after serving as First Sergeant of Charlie Company his Junior year. Prior to attending the ROTC program he served for 3 years on Active Duty in the Infantry.

Cadet LTC O'Brien is an undergraduate student at Dallas Baptist University. His major is Interdisciplinary Studies with an emphasis in both Political and Military Science, and he will graduate May 2012.

Cadet LTC O'Brien joined the Army in November 2004, but due to an injury was unable to start basic training until January 2006. Upon completion of OSUT, Airborne School, and the Ranger Indoctrination Program, his first duty assignment was in Fort Benning, GA with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ranger Battalion. He was soon reassigned to the 172<sup>nd</sup> Stryker Brigade in Fort Wainwright, AK. After training with them for several months, his unit was reflagged into the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade of the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. When this happened, he volunteered for Brigade transfer and im-



**Cadet LTC John O'Brien**

mediate deployment to Iraq in support of the surge during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He served as a rifleman, a grenadier, a saw gunner, and eventually as a team leader during combat operations in Iraq.

Upon redeployment he applied for the Green to Gold Program and was accepted. From August 2008 until present, he took a break in active service in order to participate in the ROTC and earn a commission as a Second Lieutenant.

Cadet LTC O'Brien's badges and awards include the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Expert Infantryman's Badge, Airborne Badge, Army Commendation Medal with Valor device (1 OLC), Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, 3 Overseas Service Ribbons, and the Gold Star Lapel Button.

Cadet LTC O'Brien is married to Haley Elizabeth O'Brien and has one daughter, Avery.

### *What's Happening at UTA (Continued from page 1)*



From the moment Cadets arrived at Joint Base Lewis-McChord they were challenged to excel. From the Army Physical Fitness Test held within the first few days of their arrival, to the ultimate challenge of managing a patrol squad in the field as events unfold without warning, our 27 cadets were put

through their paces and evaluated for their fitness to lead American Soldiers.

Every day at LDAC is a day of training. Land Navigation training must be mastered early in the camp cycle for the cadets to be fully successful in the tactical training which follows. A passing score in Land Navigation is a camp-completion criterion.

Confidence Course includes rappel training, the Slide For Life, Log Walk/Rope Drop, and confidence and obstacle courses. Confidence Training is designed to challenge the cadets' physical courage, build confidence in personal abilities, and helps overcome fear.

Field Leader's Reaction Course is designed to develop and evaluate leadership, and to build teamwork early in the training cycle. Cadets are provided the opportunity to get early feedback on their leadership strengths, weaknesses, styles, and techniques.

In Tactics and Maneuver, the first block of instruction in maneuver at LDAC, cadets learn individual battlefield skills, combat movement techniques and procedures necessary for subsequent tactical training at the squad level. Maneuver training is a vehicle to teach and evaluate leadership. It introduces conditions of stress that parallel those found in combat.

Warrior Forge 2011 also relied heavily on instructors from USAR units from across the country. Units and individuals rotated through two-week assignments to validate training and ensure Army standards were met. Rumors abound of a movement of LDAC to Fort Knox. The Army has yet to say if and when that may happen.

**2LT Jessica Hall at LDAC**



### **WHAT IS THE GOLD BAR CLUB?**

The CCAC established the Gold Bar Club in 2007 as a means to raise money for the Cadet Corps Endowed Scholarship Fund. Membership is open to all CCAC members and alumni of the Corps of Cadets. Since its inception members of the Gold Bar Club have contributed over \$22,00.00 to the scholarship fund.

We currently have only 21 members who contribute almost \$5,000 each year. There is currently \$63,286.68 in the scholarship fund. As you can see, the Gold Bar Club has been a significant contributor of the scholarship fund. The fund allows the CCAC to award two or more scholarships each year. With more members we could do more.

To join all you do is commit to donate a dollar amount for each cadet commissioned through the UTA Corps of Cadets. The dollar amount can be anything from \$5.00 to \$25.00 or more. You can pay at the end of each semester commissioning ceremony or once a year in December. You will receive a statement each semester with the number commissioned along with the bio of those commissioned. You may cancel your commitment at any time or change the amount of your commitment.

The Gold Bar Club has proven to be an excellent way to build up the scholarship fund on a continuing basis and, at the same time, to recognize the cadets who are commissioned. The ROTC program at UTA has a long and proud history, and by becoming a member of the Gold Bar Club you insure that the program will continue to produce outstanding officers for the US Army.

If you are interested in joining, email your intent with your dollar commitment to Ray Andrae at [randraej@aol.com](mailto:randraej@aol.com) or to Sarah Nahhas at [snahhas@decisionanlyst.com](mailto:snahhas@decisionanlyst.com).

