



# Reveille

## President's Desk By Bunky Garonzik



We have a change in 2013 with the date of the Hall of Honor . The event will be held on **SUNDAY, February 24**. As our event has grown along with the enrollment of the University, some scheduling conflicts with event and room reservations are bound to occur. We welcome comments from the membership as to which dates works best.

**Bunky Garonzik**

The trend of our HOH has been a steady increase in interest and attendance each year, including more representatives from the administration and the UTA Alumni organization. We hope to continue that trend. Circle the date on your calendar.

We are making progress on our Military Science & Hall of Honor Display room in the Student Center (you old guys remember the building as the SUB). We have reserved room 106 for our temporary display the entire month prior to the HOH.

Relating to our finances: Our endowment program (much of the credit goes to past president Jerry Thomas) has been extremely successful. And the Gold Bar Program, created by Col. Andrae,

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## At the Front By LTC Lora Rimmer



**LTC Lora Rimmer  
Professor of Military  
Science**

Greetings to all! The 110th Maverick Battalion is off to a great start! Cadet LTC Ben Carroll, Cadet CSM John Jackson and an outstanding staff of senior cadets took control of the Battalion in early August and are working hard to train and develop our cadets and become a more visible organization on campus. The Fall semester began with 140 cadets enrolled in the program, five MSI's were awarded 4-year National Scholarships and two were awarded 3-year National Scholarships. Over the course of this semester, I expect to award three more 3-year campus based scholarships. Our Mavericks had a fantastic summer with 23 Cadets attending and successfully completing LDAC at Fort Lewis, WA; two prospective cadets attending and successfully completing the Leader's Training Course at Fort Knox, KY, four cadets attending and successfully completing the Air Assault Course; and two cadets successfully completing the 5-week Intensive Arabic Course. Of those attending, one was commissioned as a 2LT, four received overall "E" assessments, three

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### Hall of Honor 2013

**Sunday, February 24, in the E.H. Hereford University Center (Student Center) at UTA; 10:30 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.**

If we have your mailing address, you will receive a registration form in the mail just after Christmas; otherwise, check your email or download your form from the CCAC website at <http://www.cadetcorps.org/HallofHonor1.htm> after Nov. 1, 2012.



**SSG Oran Ben  
Carroll, II**

*SSG Oran Ben Carroll, II is currently serving as the Cadet Battalion Commander at the University of Texas at Arlington.*

SSG Oran Ben Carroll, II joined the US Army National Guard on 07 May 2002 and attended OSUT at Fort Knox, KY where he earned the MOS of 19K Abrams Armor Crewman, and was awarded the General George S. Patton Leadership Award. On 05 Mar 2004, he transferred to active duty and on 01 Aug 2005, he returned to FT Knox to complete 19D OSUT and earned the MOS 19D Cavalry Scout.

SSG CARROLL has served at CONUS and OCONUS locations to include; Germany, Fort Knox, and Fort Bragg. His deployments include OEF 07-08, where he served as a Scout Team Leader and OND I, where he served as a Scout Section Sergeant. He has served as a Scout Team Leader, Scout Section Sergeant, Troop Training NCO, SGL for the Warrior Leader Course, and Troop Unit Movement NCO. In 2010 he was selected to participate in the Green to Gold Active Duty program

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**2LT Foley Rovello has  
her bars pinned on by  
Bunky Garonzik**

*Below is a letter sent to Bunky Garonzik by LT Foley Rovello in appreciation of the gift of a lifetime membership.*

Allan,

I wanted to thank you again for my lifetime membership to the CCAC. Being able to receive the *Reveille* to keep up-to-date on the happenings of the Corps of Cadets is an important reminder to me of my time in ROTC, and how wonderful it is to be able to give back to the program that

helped prepare me so well for my success as an officer. Having me as a lifetime member has actually sparked interest in the current Corps of Cadets. I, like many other new 2LT's, maintain contact with my old friends/current cadets, and they are all of a sudden interested in the CCAC because of a new awareness through word of mouth of who you all are and what is provided for individual cadets, new lieutenants and for the Maverick Battalion as a whole. Without my membership, the speeches and presentations that you gave had little backing or interest because the cadets do

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- Cecil T. Anderson  
 David J. Anderson  
 Raymond and Pat Andrae  
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 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. Hitt  
 Jerry B. Houston  
 Robert W. Irish  
 William L. Jacobs  
 Steve Kennedy  
 Jimmie A. Kepler  
 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  
 Mark D. Martin  
 Axel Martinez



**Hall of Honor set for Sunday, February 24, 2013**

UTA continues to grow, and so does attendance at the annual Hall of Honor. This year there were no rooms large enough available on a Saturday during February or March. We have chosen to hold the 2013 Hall of Honor on Sunday, February 24, in the University Center on campus. We hope the change from Saturday to Sunday will fit your schedule, and that you will join us starting at 10:30 a.m. for reception and lunch in the Bluebonnet Ballroom when we induct two former cadets into the Hall of Honor.

Our first honoree is **Mr. Al Ellis**. Al came to UTA in 1961 and became the Corps Commander and Commander of the Sam Houston Rifles. He graduated with honors in 1966, was a Distinguished Military Graduate, and was commissioned in the Infantry. He served in the Dominican Republic with the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne and in Vietnam as an advisor to the Vietnamese Army. Al resigned his commission to pursue a law degree at SMU. He has been a trial lawyer for over 40 years and an active member of his profession and community. Some of his leadership roles include: presidencies of the Dallas Bar, Dallas Trial Lawyers, Dallas Association of Young Lawyers, American Board of Trial Advocates, Dallas Council of Alcoholism, Dallas All Sports Association, and tournament director of the Golden Gloves Tournament for 20 years.



**Mr. Al Ellis**



**COL Archie P. Davis III**

Our second honoree is **Colonel Archie P. Davis III (USA, Retired)**. In 1983, after two years on active duty, he won a 3-year ROTC Scholarship, and was released from active duty to pursue an Army commission. Archie was the first African American to serve as the Cadet Corps Commander. He earned a Business Administration Degree from UTA in December 1986. Some of his later assignments included Deputy Director, 13<sup>th</sup> Financial Management Center, Fort Hood, Texas, and 177<sup>th</sup> Finance Battalion, Camp Casey, Korea. Colonel Davis served three separate tours of duty in combat including “Operation Desert Shield/Storm,” “Operation Iraqi Freedom,” and “Operation Enduring Freedom.” Colonel Davis attended the Senior Service College, earned his Master of Business Administration from University of Phoenix, and a Master of Strategic Studies degree from the United States Army War College. He retired in 2012 and is now a Department of the Army Civilian (GA15) serving as the Director, Financial and Resource Management/Assistant Chief of Staff, G8, U.S. Army Operational Test Command at Fort Hood, Texas. Complete biographies of the honorees will be on display at the Hall of Honor in February—come see them, and meet the honorees in person.

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 has been a big financial boost.

Memberships do trickle in—most come from former cadets who have served in the Army and are now retired or nearing retirement. But as the rank and file of our membership gets older, we are not replacing them at the same pace. I have proposed including a membership as part of our scholarship awards program for the cadets. My thinking is to get the guys on board, keep in touch, and hope they will become active and involved along the way rather than the traditional 15 or 20 year wait. Those opposing this idea say: Don’t give away the membership because we will get the money and involvement down the road.

I have brought up my proposal on two occasions and the motion failed to pass by the Board. So I won’t bring it up again during my term on the Board, but I have decided, personally, to direct my own financial contributions for the CCAC specifically to CCAC Lifetime Memberships for some of the deserving cadets, and most likely will let the PMS decide who receives those Lifetime Memberships. I encourage you to also consider this avenue of helping the cadets and the CCAC. Included in this newsletter (page one)

is a letter from a new 2LT, which expresses my point far better than I could. This suggestion is not to discourage any monetary contributions to the other programs already in place, but rather to present a method to achieve immediate membership results from our cadets, and hope they have a feeling of inclusion sooner rather than later. **Bunky Garonzik, CCAC President**

**SPECIAL NOTICE**

Attention all former cadets: We want to know where you are and what you are doing. Let us know your address, email address or AKO address so that we can keep in touch. You are the future of the Cadet Corps Alumni Council. We have already had three former cadets from the 1980s who have made General Officer and many more have made Colonel. Those who did not make a career of the military have gone on to do well in their chosen civilian careers. We are sure there are a number of you who are deserving to be in the Military Science Hall of Honor. That can only happen if you let us know where you are, how we can contact you, and what you have done with your careers. And... if you know the whereabouts of any of your classmates we would like you to share that with us. Send us an email at [CCAC\\_UTA@yahoo.com](mailto:CCAC_UTA@yahoo.com).

The CCAC email address is [ccac\\_uta@yahoo.com](mailto:ccac_uta@yahoo.com)

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

**Captain Justin L. Gerron**, Class of 2007, is currently serving on active duty. During the summer between his MSII and MSIII years at UTA, he was one of a small group of cadets selected from ROTC units across the country to train with West Point Cadets, preparing him well for ROTC Leadership Training the following summer at Ft. Lewis. While at UTA he was a member of



Justin Gerron at his 2007 Commissioning with his father, John Gerron.

the Ranger Challenge Team and attended Airborne School and earned his jump wings. He also earned the German Sports Achievement Badge, Gold Award, and subsequently earned the Silver and Bronze awards, so he could say he had all three.

Captain Gerron was commissioned an Engineer Officer in May 200. He reported for active duty and served as a Gold Bar Recruiter until reporting to the Engineer Basic Officers Course at Ft. Leonard Wood, MS.

His first assignment as an Engineer Officer was as a Platoon Leader in Ft. Bragg, NC. His platoon was a Vertical and Horizontal Construction Platoon. Their primary focus was to prepare for deployment to Iraq. Just prior to their May 2009 deployment Justin was assigned as the Battalion Construction Officer for a

1100-soldier Task Force located at Joint Base Balad. They planned and coordinated various construction projects for both U.S. forces and Iraqi units. Two months prior to his unit's scheduled redeployment he was assigned to the Redeployment Center in Kuwait to handle the processing of the unit's equipment for the trip back to Fort Bragg. There he then had an opportunity to attend Pathfinder and Jumpmaster Courses, and he received his Torch and Senior Jump wings.

Justin decided on a future as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal Officer. He applied for and was accepted to attend the Pre-EOD Course at Redstone Arsenal in Alabama. Upon graduation he attended the US Naval EOD School at Eglin AFB, Florida. He found the course to be extremely challenging and the dropout rate very high, but he graduated in April 2012 earning the distinguished EOD Badge. Captain Gerron is currently attending the Combined Logistics Captains Career Course at Ft. Lee, VA. After graduation he will attend Pre-Ranger Training, hoping to be selected to attend Ranger School. His next assignment is as an EOD Officer at Fort Drum, NY.

Captain Gerron is an avid skydiver and scuba diver. He has earned 2 Army Commendation Medals and 2 Army Achievement Medals, as well as other service ribbons. He has accomplished a lot in his short career, and we wish him continued success!

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were awarded the RECONDO badge, two were ranked in the Top Five in their platoon, and one was ranked Top Cadet in his Regiment. Nine cadets attended follow-on Cadet Troop Leader Training and Nurse Summer Training to come back to campus with better understanding of how the Army operates day to day; they are leveraging their experience to plan and execute realistic, soldier-focused training for all of our cadets.

**Mavericks Lead the Way!!**

This summer we also bid a fond farewell to **SGM Shumaker, 1SG Somogye, and Mrs. Karen Alexander**; we thank them for their hard work and dedication and wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors. **MSG(P) Shane Bates, SFC Daniel Bagby, and Mr. Christopher Macias** are now on board and doing great things for the Battalion!

Several exciting events have already occurred this semester – the Maverick Battalion participated in both the UTA Annual Oozeball Tournament and the UTA Cyclathon benefiting the Heart Fund, hosted the 2012 JROTC Conference, and supported the NHRA event. Just this week, the results of the National Order of Merit List were released. Nineteen Maverick Battalion cadets were considered out of 5,592 cadets nationwide; 78% of our cadets received the component of their choice and our top cadet was ranked #7 in the nation.

{Heartiest congratulations to **Cadet Ben Carroll** – well done!!!!} Over the course of the next few months, we look forward to the BN FTX, Parent's Weekend, Ranger Challenge, UTA Veterans Reception, UTA Homecoming, and Fall Commissioning. We hope to see you on campus soon!! **Studios Excellentiae!! LTC Lora A. Rimmer, Professor of Military Science**



In order: 2LT Arrieta's End of Camp Commissioning; CDT CPT Miner taking his APFT; CDT Battalion Commander Carroll plotting points for land navigation; and the last one is CDT CPT Garcia throwing a grenade.

CCAC Life Members

- James T. Mathis
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## Photos from the past...



From left: **The Long Marchers**, many now serving their country as officers in the U.S. Army; **COL Mike Parker** and **John Rudd** cooking for the Long Marchers in 2010; CCAC member **Gene Weidemeyer's** great-great-grandfather in his Spanish American War uniform; **The Carlisle Cannons**, 2011.

Have some photos from past years? Send them in to Sarah and we'll put them in the news!

*SSG Oran Ben Carroll, II (Continued from page 1)*  
and is currently serving as the Cadet Battalion Commander at UTA.

SSG Carroll has completed 92 semester hours toward his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with The University of Texas at Arlington maintaining a 4.0 GPA. He was recently ranked #7 out of over 5,500 Cadets nationwide. SSG Carroll is currently married to the former Iona Gerber and resides with her and their two children, Nora and Nolan in Arlington, TX.

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not see why the CCAC is important to them or the Corps. As I have learned as a young officer, you have to answer the important questions of "How does that affect me?" and "Why should I care about what you say?" My membership provides meaning that inspires more lifetime members, as I have seen by conversations I have had.

Though I have only been a member a few months, I have already received so much support through references and guidance through members' vast experience that has helped me reach my immediate goals and has ensured a strong foundation for my future success. One of my good friends has actually said to me, "I can't wait to join so that I can do the stuff you do! You are so lucky that they have helped you so much!" The main thing to point out here is that I know that my experience with the Alumni Council is not unique, and if cadets are able to experience anything remotely similar they will also be driven to strengthen the CCAC like I am. My membership now, along with the *Reveille*, always reminds me that it is important to give back and help and participate in any way I can to support the current Corps of Cadets.

Thank you again for all of your help and support, and please continue to reach out to the cadets. Not many organizations have the opportunity to grab the attention of this young generation of officers like the CCAC does. Please use what influence you have to help them out like you have helped me, because I guarantee that they will be just as dedicated to returning the favor to the CCAC in any way they can throughout their careers as I am inspired to be after receiving my membership. Without an early membership I surely would have forgotten about the Alumni for decades as I hear most of you had! Have a wonderful day and thanks again for everything! V/r, 2LT Foley Rovello

### CCAC 2012 Executive Board

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### What is the Gold Bar Club?

It was established in 2007 as a means to raise

money for the Cadet Corps Endowed Scholarship Fund. Since it was established its members have contributed over \$30,000.00.

**Who can be a member?** Anyone who is a member of the CCAC or who wants to have a means to contribute on a regular basis to the Scholarship Fund. **How do you become a member?** Agree to contribute a dollar amount for each cadet commissioned

at UTA. The amount can be \$1, \$5, \$10, or more. Currently UTA is commissioning between 25 and 30 cadets a year. To join, contact Sarah Nahhas:

[sarahnahhas@decisionanalyst.com](mailto:sarahnahhas@decisionanalyst.com) or Ray Andrae: [randraej@aol.com](mailto:randraej@aol.com). The Gold Bar Club has proven to be an excellent way to build up the scholarship fund and at the same time, to recognize the cadets who are commissioned. The ROTC program at UTA has a long, proud history, and by becoming a member of the Gold Bar Club you ensure that the program will continue to produce outstanding officers for the U.S. Army.

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