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President's Desk By Rex Latham



**CCAC President
Rex Latham**

It has been an honor to serve as CCAC President the past four years. Having strong & energetic CCAC Executive Committees and a very supportive UTA administration from the ROTC cadre to the President has enabled us to accomplish a lot. The CCAC is truly blessed to have such dedicated members and such support.

When elected, I set five objectives for the CCAC they were:

1. Continue support to the Military Science Department and the Corps. Continue forging relationships with cadets who are future CCAC members.
2. Increase CCAC membership & membership involvement.
3. Continue our development efforts (increase scholarship funds).
4. Further improve & refine our communication vehicles, especially our website.
5. Ensure our history is both recorded and comes alive to CCAC members, cadets, and UTA.

We have continued our high level of support to the Military Science program and improved our interaction with cadets and newly commissioned officers. It has been a joy to meet and get to know these young men and women. They are the future and I believe they will serve our country well, whether on active duty or in the reserves.

We have also revitalized our membership and developmental efforts. Also, the new Member-at-Large positions have been a great source of ideas and help. We have increased the use of our Facebook page as a communications tool, and it really is aiding

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At the Front By LTC James Doty, III



**LTC James Doty, III
Professor of
Military Science**

Greetings from the 115th Maverick Battalion. This Spring Semester was one in which we had the privilege of commissioning a number of our cadets from the University of Texas at Arlington, the University of Dallas, and the University of North Texas. The highlight of the UTA ceremony was having **Major General Paul T. Calvert**, Commander of the 1st Cavalry Division, as our keynote speaker. I have had the privilege to work for MG Calvert in

two previous assignments, and he graciously accepted my invitation to speak at the commissioning. His message to the commissionees was to remember those who got them to the point of commissioning, along with a five-point message: One, technology and the instruments of war change, but leadership will always be based upon the knowledge of men and women. Two, be yourself; don't get caught up trying to be someone else. Three, demonstrate excellence in all things. Four, invest in your soldiers. Five, make a difference in the things you do.

From UTA, we commissioned: 2LT Jonathan P. Bittle, who branched Nursing Corps; 2LT Adam P. Dorais, branched Engineers, graduated Summa Cum Laude, and was designated as a Distinguished Military Graduate. 2LT Joseph T. Gilchrist branched Quartermaster Corps in the Army Reserve; 2LT Mary R. Glen graduated from the University of Dallas and branched Adjutant General Corps. 2LT Robert B. Lockard



**Major General
Paul T. Calvert**

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Play It Forward

By Bunky Garonzik



Bunky Garonzik

Wanna Be a Mentor?

“Mentorship is a relationship in which a more experienced or more knowledgeable person helps to guide a less experienced or less knowledgeable person.”

Our primary mission as an organization has always been to help the cadets. Typically, that has meant pay your dues, sign up for the Gold Bar Program, and every now and then donate money for some special financial need. And, of course, participate in our annual Hall of Honor Luncheon. Additionally, some of our members enhance the reputation of UTA Military by our participation in the Medal of Honor Parade and Fred Campos' annual Run to the Wall event at Fair Park.

However, helping the cadets does not always mean financial assistance. Some of the local guys, like Floyd Wine, Ken Smith, John Henderson (Hendew), and Stan Thompson, are fixtures in award ceremonies, commissionings, and helping the cadets improve their marching skills, or even marksmanship and firearm safety.

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- Charles Ambrosio
- Cecil T. Anderson
- Christopher Anderson
- David J. Anderson
- Patricia Andrae
- Nathan Arauco
- Theron R. Arrington
- William Barnett
- Raymond F. Beall
- John T. Bell
- Jonathan J. Beville
- Jody Bills
- Billy J. Blankenship
- Charles Blumenfeld
- Bryan E. Bolt
- Caroline Boutelant
- Ruth M. Boyd
- David R. Braden
- Ernest L. Brister
- Wyatt A. Britten
- David L. Brown
- J.C. Brown, Jr.
- Joel "Aaron" Brown
- R.D. Brown
- Fred U. Campos
- Charles C. Cannon, Jr.
- Amador Cano
- Oran Carroll
- Miguel E. Castillo
- Pat Choate
- Arthur G. Cleveland
- Diane Colvard
- James P. Coughlin
- Gerald D. Cox
- Travis Crook
- Joseph S. Danceses
- Mrs. Robert J. Darrah
- Anthony F. Daskevich II
- Archie P. Davis III
- Jean A. Deakyne
- 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
- Robert G. Griffith
- Earl E. Hansen
- Donald S. Harris
- Ronald L. Harris
- Herman Harrison
- James J. Henderson
- William H. Herndon
- Gary C. Hitt
- Hayden R. Hoffman
- Matthew Hoffman
- Jerry B. Houston
- Daniel P. Hughes
- Robert W. Irish
- William L. Jacobs
- Ashley Kaestner
- Steve Kennedy
- Jimmie A. Kepler
- John B. Kidd
- Gaylon L. King
- Mark T. Lamkin
- Mark B. Latham
- Rex H. Latham
- Willard Latham
- Jorge Lemus
- Joe Lopez, Sr.
- Joe Lopez, Jr.
- Roger C. Lowe
- Mikio E. Ludwig
- Gene G. Lunt
- Mark D. Martin
- Axel Martinez



Hall of Honor 2018
Mike Parker, VP Hall of Honor

Mark your calendars! The next Military Science Hall of Honor Ceremony will be Saturday, April 20, 2019.

In addition to the personal joy of gathering with old friends and decades of Corps alumni, your presence at the Hall of Honor helps support the cadets' hard work. Many alumni may not appreciate that the Hall of Honor is also a major leadership and training exercise for the Corps of Cadets. Over the past several years we have had a good mix of cadets and CCAC members as well as cadre, UTA academic and administration leadership, and family and friends of the Corps of Cadets. Each come with a story based on common values and unique memories of the journey along the shared path through the streets and history that is Arlington. Mark your calendars. The annual Military Science Department Hall of Honor is scheduled for Saturday, April 20, 2019, in the University Center on campus.

The UTA Military Science Hall of Honor was established in 1980 to recognize the many outstanding achievements of those who participated in Army ROTC and were members of the Corps of Cadets or who made significant contributions to the Corps of Cadets by their service. The Hall has over one hundred members and stands as a living tribute. As young men and women continue the proud tradition as members of the Corps of Cadets, they have a visual reminder of the significance their training can have on their future, and of the high standards of achievement that are set for them by those who stood in the ranks at Arlington and the greater Maverick Battalion.

Please help us recognize deserving candidates for the Hall of Honor. If you know an eligible and deserving individual, please take the time to print out the nomination form, fill it out completely, and send or fax it to the address at the bottom of the form. Nominees provided in previous years will also be considered for 2019 recognition.

Membership
Diane Colvard, VP Membership

We have had several alumni join CCAC since our last newsletter. **LTC (Ret.) John Bell**, MAJ **Joel Brown** (Cadet: 1999-2001; Cadre: 2017-present), **Carlos Quijas** (Commissioned Dec 1980; last rank held, Captain), **Dr. Larry Wallace, Jr.** (Commissioned Dec 1980; last rank held, Captain 2005), **2LT Caroline Boutelant** (Cadet: 2016-2017; Cadre: 2017-Apr 2018), **2LT Michael McCallum** (2014-2018), **MSG Jody Bills**, **Cadet Laura Pavlik**, **Cadet Ashley Kaestner** (2015-2020), and **Robert Weigler** (Cadet: 1974-78). There are several of you out there who have a 2-year membership. Consider a lifetime membership the next time you renew your membership.

We have over 900 eligible members, and the number continues to grow as the newly commissioned officers become alumni. It is exciting to see eligible cadets join CCAC! We welcome their input to the group. We can raise interest if each member would contact at least one person they knew in the Corps. Imagine if only a fourth of those contacted decided to become members! That's 225+ new members!

Remember those cadets who participated with you in one of the extended groups, such as the Sam Houston Rifles, Insurgent Team, Pistol Team, Ranger Challenge? Don't forget those who may have not been commissioned but served at least 2 semesters in the Corps. Reach out to them and encourage them to find out more about the CCAC via the website. Pass along a copy of the *Reveille* or direct them to any of us on the board. I'm looking for the right vehicle to stage a membership drive. If you have any ideas—I'm all ears! I welcome your comments, concerns, and ideas. Please reach out to me via email: dianecolvard@gmail.com; Facebook: /dianecolvard; Twitter: @dcolvard; Google Talk: dianecolvard; Skype: Diane Colvard.

New CCAC Board Members

In a landslide election, two new Board Members have emerged... **Gaylon King** and **Carlos Quijas**. Carlos is our new VP of Marketing, and Gaylon is our Chaplain.



Gaylon King

Gaylon lives in Krugerville, TX. He attended UTA from 1972-1975 and was captain of the Rifle Team. He received his BA in Mathematics and an MBA from Florida Tech in 1991. Gaylon commissioned Infantry in 1975, and retired as an LTC in 1999. He earned many awards and decorations, including the CIB in Vietnam in 1970. Gaylon's civilian career includes FEMA and Real Estate

Broker. In 2012 he was ordained a Baptist minister. He is married and has two children and four grandchildren. (GaylonLK7@gmail.com).

Carlos Quijas lives in Ft Worth. He joined the Corps of Cadets in the Spring of 1976, became a company commander, a DMG, and a member of the Orienteering Team



Carlos Quijas

and Insurgent Team. Carlos graduated in 1980 with a degree in History, and in 2002 received a degree from UNT in Counseling and Vocal Rehabilitation. Carlos was commissioned Infantry in 1980. His civilian career began in 1987 in counseling and rehabilitation, as a clinical analyst. Carlos and his wife Tammy have two adult daughters, three granddaughters and two grandsons. (carlos.quijas@charter.net)

This is just a small sampling of resumes of our newest Board Members. All members of the CCAC Board have pretty impressive resumes with varied areas of experience and expertise, but the one constant is the willingness to share that knowledge and do whatever is possible to enhance, mentor and support the Maverick Corps of Cadet. The 2018-2020 Board will be headed up by **Jerry Bob Houston** as President, as **Rex Latham** moves to Webmaster. **Mike Parker** is the new VP Hall of Honor. The rest of the Board will retain their positions. (Listed on page 4.)



Gold Bar Club

John “Hendew” Henderson, VP Development

CCAC Financial Report

Ken Smith, VP Finances

“JUST THE FACTS, MA’AM” as Sgt. Joe Friday said on the Dragnet TV show.

The Gold Bar Club raises funds for the Endowed Scholarship Fund. Our contributions are based on the performance of the UTA Military Science Department Mission of commissioning new Army Second Lieutenants. Our members contribute a minimum of \$1.00 for each newly commissioned Officer.

The Endowed Scholarship Fund is the repository for these funds. Only the interest earned on the Fund principal is used for these scholarships.

It’s all about teamwork!

As you can easily see, the more members we have, the better the performance of UTA Military Mission; the more the Fund grows, the more interest is available, and the more deserving and performing Cadets we can help.

Update: This academic year, your contributions added to the Fund balance earned enough interest to allow the UTA Military Department the honor of awarding the following:

2017 Fall Semester – two Cadets shared two scholarships totaling \$2,000.00.

2018 Spring Semester – three Cadets shared three scholarships totaling \$3,000.00.

Keeping in mind that the scholarships are awarded based on need and performance, we are proud to be financially aiding well-deserving Cadets. These are our future Leaders, and they appreciate and earn our efforts.

Thank you for being a positive example of the United States Military Family. Mavericks Lead the Way!

John Henderson, Class of ’64

Your CCAC is financially sound and continues with steady growth; more contributions equal more support to the Military Science Department and more significant help to the cadet programs. (All values shown below, except Market values, are as of June 13, 2018.)

The **Endowed Scholarship Fund (ESF)**: Interest from this fund provides scholarships for cadets: Book Value is \$133,822.93 (9K increase from Jan 2018) and Market Value is \$155,839.47 (11K increase from Jan 2018). The Gold Bar Program is the primary means of fund raising for the ESF; I encourage more council members to become active contributors, as only about 25 alumni members are active contributors. All contributions are tax deductible if made out to UTA and are in accordance with current tax law; the process is simple and website-based.

There was a total of **\$4,500.00** spent in scholarships to date; more awards from the Spring Semester have yet to be posted.

The **Life Membership Fund (LMF)**: Interest from this fund supports the Military Science Department in a variety of ways, such as recruiting, publicity, website, awards, and events. As a reminder, most corporations and companies have dollar-for-dollar matching contributions, so check with your employer to take advantage of those programs. Book Value is \$107,792.72 (\$917.00 increase from Jan 2018) and Market Value is \$115,960.13 (3.7K increase).

The **Operating Fund (OF)**: funds CCAC expenses. Fund is currently at \$4,478.86.

The **Hall of Honor 2018** was another success; a profit of about \$1,200.00 was realized this year.

You are invited! August 23rd is the Military Science Department’s **Orientation Day and Cadet Barbecue**, and there will be a **CCAC Executive Committee** meeting. All CCAC members are invited to both events. Come out to support the Maverick Battalion.

The CCAC Executive Committee will meet from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the 6th floor Parlor of the UTA Library. We welcome all CCAC members to this Board meeting. Then, join us in the University Center to welcome the incoming freshman and their parents, and for BBQ after the orientation program. It’s an opportunity to mingle and meet cadets, and to find out what the cadre have planned for the 2018-2019 year.

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in staying in touch with members. We have a greatly improved CCAC website that provides a way to both record and make our history easily available.

Credit for those achievements belongs to the dedicated Executive Committee members with whom I had the privilege to serve and to outstanding support from the UTA administration. There is always, however, room for improvement and we have new initiatives underway to make the CCAC a more vibrant and valuable organization for the ROTC program and our alumni. Bunky Garonzik’s article deals with our mentorship initiative, and you recently responded to a survey asking for ideas on improving and making the CCAC a more valuable organization. The new CCAC leadership will closely review the survey results and try to implement those ideas.

I am not going away, but simply moving to the Past President position and acting as webmaster. We have a strong leadership team under President Jerry Houston, with both old and new members, and I believe they will make the CCAC an even more dynamic organization. Finally, I have to give special thanks to the CCAC Secretary Sarah Nahhas and to her boss Jerry Thomas. Sarah is the person who keeps the CCAC functioning, and Jerry lets her spend the time required to do that. Rex

- CCAC Life Members
 E. Ronelle McAbee
 Gary H. McBride
 Michael Scott McCallum
 James M. McGinn
 Darrin P. Milner
 Jillian L. Morales
 Jason Morehouse
 Allen O. Morris
 Courtney Morris
 Michael W. Morrow
 Ronald Munden
 William W. Neal
 Wendell H. Nedderman
 David A. Neveau
 Ronal Nolan
 Jeffrey M. Novotny
 Dennis O’Connor
 Michael W. Parker
 Laura Pavlik
 Jimmy C. Payton
 Sergio Perales
 Bill R. Phillips
 Larry and Claudia Pink
 Billy Bob Pinkerton
 Steven Porter
 William Postlethwaite
 Clarence W. Potter
 Alma Pressley Pellegrini
 R. Zack Prince
 Carlos Quijas
 Christopher Rainsberger
 Jimmie A. Redden
 Thomas V. Remediz
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 Orlando L. Reyes
 William Riggs
 Lora A. Rimmer
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 Eric A. Rosson
 Robert R. Roten
 Foley Rovello
 John D. Rudd
 Michael A. Saltarelli
 Jeffery K. Saunter
 Thomas A. Schneider
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 Joseph Scott
 Charlie E. Seyster
 Eric J. Sheppard
 Antonette Simpson
 Lester Simpson
 Dakota Slay
 Dale W. Smith
 Kenneth E. Smith
 Kevin R. Smith
 John W. Sone
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 Mark C. Stevens
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 Shannon Swenson
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 Jerry and Betty Thomas
 Edward H. Thompson
 Stanley I. Thompson
 Randy J. Threet
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 James and Annette Tomlin
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 Greg Trnka
 Elmus S. Ussery
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 Lloyd M. Warren
 Burgess M. Weaver
 Gary L. Weber
 Gene H. Weidmeyer
 Robert Weigler
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 Felix Woods
 Valin R. Woodward
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 John K. Yin

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MG Calvert and the commissionees.

branched Adjutant General Corps; 2LT Michael S. McCallum graduated from the University of Dallas and branched Medical Service Corps in the Army Reserve. 2LT Ryan D. Vidaurri branched Nursing Corps and was commissioned in a separate ceremony.

From UNT, we commissioned 2LT Terry A. Morris Jr., who branched Infantry in the Texas National Guard; 2LT Richard D. Hanson branched Armor; and 2LT Abron C. Hester who branched Adjutant General Corps in the National Guard.

Training: In April, the Maverick Battalion conducted a Field Training Exercise (FTX) at Fort Wolters, in Mineral Wells, TX. The training focused on company Situational Training Exercises (STX), which spanned the entire spectrum from planning through execution. The MS IVs acted in their capacity as a battalion staff and ran operations from a Tactical Operation Center (TOC) while disseminating guidance and operation orders from the battalion to the companies. As part of physical preparation for Cadet Summer Training, the Maverick Battalion has been conducting bi-monthly foot marches, with the battalion conducting a 6-mile foot march into its FTX. The battalion conducted its final foot march of the semester during morning physical training the week before semester exams. The foot march was 8.4 miles long with 35-pound rucksacks. The time-standard was a 20-minute mile. The intent of the foot marches was for physical conditioning, but also to prepare the MS IIIs for Summer Camp, where they must complete a mandatory 12-mile foot march in 4 hours with a 35-pound rucksack.

Hails: At our extension unit at the University of North Texas, we welcome MSG Matthew Lee (Infantry [11Z]), coming to us from



2LT Ryan Vidaurri accepts his commission from LTC Doty at a separate ceremony.

ROTC in Puerto Rico; SFC Matthew McAndrew (Motor Transport Operator [88M]), coming to us from 15th BSB, 2 ABCT, 1 CD at Fort Hood, TX; and SSG Joshua Philips (Unit Supply Specialist [92Y]), coming to us from the 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne) in Vicenza, Italy.

Farewells: Both MAJ Thomas Chorman and CPT (P) Christopher Riggs are departing the Maverick Battalion in order to attend the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, KS. CPT Paul Capone is leaving for Fort Bragg, where he will be assigned to a Security Force Assistance



Brigade (SFAB). The SFABs are new formations, specially trained and built to enable combatant commanders as combat advisors to foreign militaries.

Currently, I and most of the cadre are supporting Basic and Advance Camp at Fort Knox, KY. The next time the battalion forms will be when we return from the summer break and the ROTC camps in late August, where we will be the 116th Maverick Battalion.

Mavericks Lead the Way!

2LT Michael S. McCallum is with his mother and wife at the commissioning. 2LT McCallum is the 2018 recipient of the Preston A Weathered Award for Leadership from the CCAC.

The 2018-2020 CCAC Executive Board

President	Jerry B. Houston
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Vice President Development	John Henderson
Vice President Membership	Diane Colvard
Vice President Finance	Ken Smith
Vice President Hall of Honor	Mike Parker
Vice President Communications	Allan (Bunky) Garonzik
Vice President Marketing	Carlos Quijas
Chaplain	Gaylon King
Historian	Mark B. Latham
Member-at-Large	Robert Roten
Member-at-Large	Floyd Wine
Member-at-Large	Ricky Gibbs
Member-at-Large	Stan Thompson

Davis Hall or Brazos House—Remembered

By Bunky Garonzik



Farewell to an old friend and unforgettable memories. While there are many memories recounted in our CCAC website (including this report by Col. Tal Anderson) what some of us thought would never happen is actually going to happen—Davis Hall/Brazos House will be a thing of the past. Only a couple of the old inhabitants of Davis Hall, **Tal Anderson** and **Hendew** showed up at the farewell party, but it was still an appropriate send off. The building was historically a military dorm, and many a soldier had some formative years there before going off to serve our country. The building was unique, both in structure and as one of the oldest buildings on campus. The inside was very military in looks—bunk beds, metal desks, and even sinks with faucets that sprung back to the off position to avoid wasting water. Lots of memories and mysteries within those walls. Read more about some of the history, the fables and legends of Davis Hall on the CCAC website at <https://utaccac.org/stories-and-legends>, Tal's account:

"There were only two of us at Saturday's farewell to Brazos House who had lived there when it was Davis Hall which was the military dorm for ROTC cadets. Each ramp had a senior cadet who was 'Ramp Commander'. There were rooms on all floors of each ramp

except for A ramp where there was 'day room/office' in the first room on the right on first floor. Rooms had metal bunk beds and THIN mattresses, one wooden table for studying, and a metal dresser. The single closet was very small and we filled it with mostly military uniforms. There was little room for civilian clothes. Our military shoes and boots, and civilian shoes had to be 'spit-shined and aligned' underneath the bunk bed. Senior cadets



John Henderson with Tal Anderson and a friend at the Davis Hall picnic.

could do unannounced inspections of freshmen cadets to ensure our rooms, clothing, and shoes were kept orderly and clean. Freshmen had 'study hours' from 7 pm or 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm where we were required to be at our

study table. At 9:30 pm (2130 hours military time), we were free to do personal things if we didn't need additional study time. At 2300 hours (11:00 pm), a military bugle played TAPS and lights had to be turned off, unless a cadet requested and got approval for 'late lights' for the purpose of continued studying. We learned discipline, respect for authority, and how to have an organized lifestyle. Those of you who didn't experience this likely think we were all crazy to tolerate this kind of regimentation in college. The result of this regimentation was that the majority of us who lived in Davis Hall went on to have highly successful military or civilian careers, OR BOTH. I served on Active Duty for 28 plus years and retired as a Colonel, as did many of my Davis Hall peers.

This is long but I thought that those of you who loved Brazos House needed to know the history of the old building before it was Brazos House. I made lifelong friends there just as many of you did. I met my wife of 54 years at a homecoming float building party behind Davis Hall. I too have lots of great memories just as you former Brazos residents do. Best wishes to all who occupied the old dorm, regardless of when..."

(Col (Ret) Tal Anderson.



Tal Anderson with his granddaughter at the Davis Hall picnic.

Taps

Benita Kepler died on April 12, 2018, after a lengthy battle with melanoma cancer. Benita was born on September 14, 1956, in Dallas, Texas. She met her future husband Jimmie Kepler at church in 1970. Benita started married life as a "Mrs. Lieutenant", the wife of an officer of the US Army following Jimmie's graduation from UTA and commissioning as a second lieutenant. They served first in Columbus, Georgia, and then in Tacoma, Washington. Benita was a helpmate to Jimmie both as an officer's wife and as he served churches as a pastor in Georgia, Louisiana, and Texas, as well as a deacon's wife at Prestonwood Baptist in Plano where she and Jimmie were members. Interment was at the DFW National Cemetery.



Benita Kepler

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This leads us to a new program the CCAC is running up the flag pole: A Mentorship Program for the cadets with alumni assistance. It is no secret that UTA Military Alumni generally excel in any career they choose—Military, Civilian, Law, Medical, Government Service, or Entrepreneur in a myriad of areas.

With today's level of communication, distance is not a factor as it relates to becoming a mentor. Just your willingness to help, guide, consult, or counsel.

While we are still in the discussion stage with Rex, new CCAC President Jerry B. Houston, VP-Membership Diane Colvard, LTC Doty, and some of the cadets, one of the first steps is to hear from you if this concept rings your bell. This will NOT be one of those things like CCAC member Al Ellis does, where every waking moment is devoted to serving the less fortunate, but rather some advice or counseling to a cadet who has a question relating to an area where you are an expert or have extensive knowledge based on your experience. Don't short change your knowledge.

The first step is to let us know if you are willing to participate. If we get enough folks who hold up their hands, we will move to the next step in organization, which will probably be a list of the areas where you think your specific knowledge will be helpful. We will make the list of areas available to the cadets and, if there is a match, they will contact you by email. Military career is certainly one area, but other subjects, like investments, website development, career advice (to include second careers after military service), and even gender-specific issues could be discussed with folks like Diane Colvard, Sue Tillotson, Jeanne Deakyn, Lora Rimmer, or others. (OK, I haven't talked to these ladies, but I believe they would be happy to assist.)

We are open to ideas, but first just send a simple "I AM INTERESTED" email to bunkeyg5@verizon.net.

FIREARM TRAINING

The subject of guns generally falls along political lines, and Politics is an off-limit subject for the *Reveille*.

So, let's put this in perspective of "Facts and Opinion," and your comments and opinions are welcome.

First, some of the FACTS: I have been a Certified Firearms Instructor for the Texas Department of Public Safety and the NRA since the program began some 25 years ago. I was the founder of the Texas CHL Instructors Association, which has some 2,000 members, and I have certified and licensed over 2,500 students, so I believe I am knowledgeable on the subject of guns and the right to carry.

The State of Texas mandates the subject matter of the LICENSE TO CARRY Program (LTC—formerly CHL) to include Gun Safety, Gun Laws, License Requirements, Where you are allowed and not allowed to Carry, and Non-Violent



Bunky's Bikers

Problem Resolution. You must pass a written test as well as a proficiency test. Your Texas LTC is currently valid in 38 other states. You must pass both a federal and state background check. A felony on your record or a class A or B misdemeanor (with some exceptions) will prevent you from getting an LTC. So, essentially, criminals are not legally allowed to obtain a License to Carry. Those states and areas with the most stringent gun laws, statistically, have the most gun-related crimes. An AR-15 or a Glock Pistol are not assault weapons. The number of guns you possess does not relate to crime statistics any more than the number of coins or stamps in your collection. Almost all gun-law violations are committed by unlicensed persons with depression or mental issues. A legally licensed person is allowed to carry a gun on a college campus (with some exceptions), but it must be concealed. These are facts—not opinions.

Now, some opinions. A trained and licensed person with a gun is safer than a person who is not trained and licensed. We, as citizens, have a right to defend ourselves and third persons. (actually, that is the law). Why we "need" an AR-15 or a semi-automatic pistol is the same reason as why we "need" a Lexus instead of a Honda (and BTW, statistically, the car is far more dangerous than the gun). Those who do not know the difference between a clip and a magazine are not knowledgeable about guns. Again, your comments and opinions are welcome—as long as we keep politics out of the discussion.

So, in keeping with the mission of the CCAC—to help and mentor cadets—and with the blessing of the PMS, I have conducted a free LTC class for those cadets who are 21 and wish to obtain their LTC. And I believe that those going into the Armed Services should know something about firearms. We tried to make the class fun, yet cover all the requirements of the state. And we even took some fun pictures afterwards. (See "Bunky's Bikers" photo.) The last free class for cadets and cadre was June 30. Bunky (bunkeyg5@verizon.net)

CCAC Survey

In May the CCAC Executive Committee sent a survey to all members soliciting ideas and comments on how to make the CCAC better. Sarah has received your responses and will be compiling and distributing them to the Executive Committee. We appreciate the time and thought you put into your comments and ideas, and look forward to trying to implement them in the effort to improve the CCAC.

Visit the **new** Cadet Corps Alumni Council website at www.utaccac.org

Like us! The UT-Arlington ROTC Alumni Facebook Page is at <https://www.facebook.com/utarlingtonrotcalumni/>