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## President's Desk By Jerry Bob Houston



**Jerry B. Houston**  
CCAC President

The CCAC participated in a very successful cadet orientation and barbeque as the school year at UTA began. Our new Professor of Military Science, Maj (P) Bonnie Belobrajdic, has taken charge and is moving the Maverick Battalion forward with enthusiasm and purpose. She did brief the CCAC Board of Directors about her plans for the future, and we are very excited.

Today's ROTC is very different from the ROTC many of us experienced when we were cadets. UTA is one of 274 host colleges across the country. There are over 700 other colleges that plug into host colleges. UTA is the host college for the University of North Texas (an Extension University) and eight cross-town campuses: University of Texas at Dallas, University of Dallas, Texas Women's University, Southern Methodist University, Dallas Baptist University, Tarrant County College, and Collin County College. These colleges and universities are collectively known as the **Maverick Battalion**.

The summer camp that you and I remember is also changing. They just added another week to the original six weeks, which will now include two weeks in the field. It is now called Cadet Summer Training (CST) and is all conducted at Fort Knox. There are close to 10,000 cadets that will go through CST next year. There will be over 4,500 cadre supporting the effort. I mention this because the results of CST have a significant impact on a cadet's future in the Army. This means a lot of time and effort is focused by the Military Science Department in preparing MSIII cadets for summer camp. It is exciting to see the transformation of cadets as they develop through the program. We, as alumni, are fortunate to be a part of the Maverick Battalion.

## At the Front By MAJ Bonnie Belobrajdic



**MAJ Bonnie Belobrajdic**  
Professor of  
Military Science

Greetings from the 117<sup>th</sup> Maverick Battalion! It is an honor to be the Maverick Battalion Professor of Military Science, and I have enjoyed the warm welcome and working with the Cadet Corps Alumni Council! The Maverick Battalion has started the Fall Semester strong with 220 cadets in the program: 82 cadets at UTA, 67 cadets at UNT, and 71 cadets from our cross-town universities and colleges. We commissioned three End of Camp Commission (EOCC) cadets at

Texas Woman's University (TWU): 2LT Venable (Active Duty-Armor), 2LT Ayala (Reserve-Medical Service), and 2LT Moultry (Reserve-Medical Service). The Maverick Battalion is on track to make mission and commission 13 cadets in the Fall of 2019 and 23 cadets in the Spring of 2020. **UNT Commissioning ceremony will be on December 12, 2019, and UTA's Commissioning ceremony on December 14, 2019. Please save the dates!**

The Maverick Battalion had a great time with the Cadet Corp Alumni Council (CCAC) at our annual BBQ on August 22, 2019. Thank you to all the Alumni who came and for your continued support to the Maverick Battalion cadets! I also greatly appreciate the time the Jodies spend



**Floyd Wine, Mike Parker, Stan Thompson, and Ken Smith at the Orientation Barbeque.**

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## Decisions

## By Bunky Garonzik



**Bunky Garonzik**

Turning Right or Left might be a toss-up as to a correct decision, and I have previously referenced Robert Frost's decision to take the "**Road Less Traveled**—*which made all the difference*"; but the decision to locate the **Medal of Honor Museum** in Arlington is a slam dunk. Arlington Globe Life Park in Arlington near AT&T Stadium is not just an enhancement to "Jerry's World," but rather the most apropos permanent location to honor the 3,500 recipients of America's Highest Military Award since it all began in 1863.

It came down to a choice between Arlington and Denver. While Colorado is a great place to snow ski (even though Coloradoans' disdain for Texas skiers is legendary), Texas does have a greater collective appreciation for the sacrifices and service of our military. Guys like Audie Murphy, Roy Benavidez, and our own COL Neel E. Kearby are just a few Texans who have been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. The Cowboys and the Rangers still stand during the National Anthem. Texas commissioned more military officers in WWII than all the Military Academies combined. Our own military alumni have marched in the Annual Medal of Honor Parade in Gainesville, Texas for the last 8 years. And Texas is the home of 1.8 million Veterans—many living in the 4<sup>th</sup>-largest metroplex in the country. An excellent choice by all standards.

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**Major Bonnie Belobrajdic**

Major Belobrajdic, the new Professor of Military Science at the University of Texas at Arlington, began her Army career in 2004, receiving her commission as a Second Lieutenant through the Reserve Officer Training Corps at Dickinson College, where she received her degree in Political Science and Public Policy with a concentration in International Affairs.

She is an Army Aviator who has held numerous leadership positions to include Company XO and Platoon Leader in B/1-158<sup>th</sup> AVN REGT at Fort Hood, TX; Company Commander for Alpha Company, 3-25 AVN REGT in Iraq; Company Commander for Alpha Company 2-25 Aviation Regiment at Wheeler Army Airfield in Hawaii, then Rear Detachment Commander for 2-25 Aviation Regiment at Wheeler Army Airfield. She has held multiple staff positions from the battalion to Corps level-Corps Air Operation Planning in Baghdad, Iraq; BN Executive Officer during Operation Atlantic Resolve; BN Operations Planner at Fort Bliss, TX, and BDE Executive Officer at Fort Bliss, TX and during Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. She also served in the Pentagon as a Junior Military Assistant for the Secretary of Defense's Executive Secretariat, as an Advance Travel Planner for the Secretary of Defense and on the Army Staff as a Transformation

Officer.

Major Belobrajdic has also attained her MBA and a Masters in Policy Management from Georgetown University. She is married to LTC (Ret) Paul Belobrajdic.

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training our Sam Houston Rifles. We are very excited for the Veterans Day Parade in November.

On 07 October 2019 and 09 October 2019, the Maverick Battalion held scholarship boards at the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) and at the University of North Texas (UNT). We greatly appreciated Dean Cawthon from UTA and Dean Brown from UNT sitting on the board. They were impressed by the quality of cadets in our program. We will hold another scholarship board 03-04 December 2019 at both campuses and continue to have packets and an OML ready for cadets to receive any available scholarships.

**The Maverick Army 10-Miler Team** greatly appreciated the CCAC for sponsoring and hosting them at the Army 10-Miler 11-13 on October 2019. Thank you, CCAC!

The Maverick Battalion continues to have a presence in the local area. The Mavericks supported the Southern Methodist University football team, The Texas Rangers, The University of North Texas Mean Green Football Team, and other events in the Dallas/Fort Worth area with our color guard.

The Maverick Battalion Ranger Challenge Teams continued to train in anticipation of the weekend competition at Fort Hood on 18-20 October.

Finally, the Maverick Battalion conducted a successful Fall Field Training Exercise (FTX) at Seagoville Armed Forces Reserve Center. Cadets conducted day and night land navigation, buddy team live fire techniques, M4 assembly and disassembly, ASIP radio familiarization, Tactical Combat Casualty Care, and 9-Line MEDEVAC instruction. On the final day of FTX, the Maverick Battalion conducted a Commander's Cup competition that incorporated all the training instructed over the previous 36 hours. Additionally, the MS IIIs conducted M4 zero/ALT-C qualification at a range run by the 312<sup>th</sup> Medical Logistics Company, and Dallas Baptist University connected the entire program via VTC into their event with GEN (Ret) Mattis.

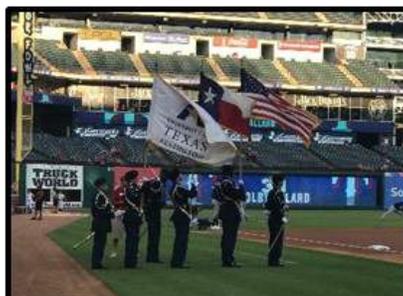
Once again, it's great to be a part of the Maverick Battalion. I couldn't be more proud of our world-class cadre, cadets, and staff. We greatly appreciate all the support from the CCAC. You truly make a difference in the program!



**Fall Field Training**



**Maverick Battalion supporting the Southern Methodist University Football Team.**



**The Maverick Battalion Color Guard at a Texas Ranger game.**



**Maverick Battalion 10-Miler Team hosted by DC area CCAC members.**



**2020 Hall of Honor by Mike Parker**

**Scholarship by John Henderson**

**2020 Hall of Honor Ceremony - Sat., March 28, 2020**

The Cadet Corps Alumni Council and the Corps of Cadets will host the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Military Hall of Honor at UT Arlington on Saturday, 28 March 2020. Established in 1980, the Hall of Honor has 108 members. It stands as a visual reminder of the significance ROTC training can have on a cadet's future and the high standards of performance set by others who stood in the Corps formation.

Dr. Vistasp M. Karbhari, UTA President, has accepted our invitation and will make opening remarks at the induction ceremony. In addition to honoring our distinguished alumni and feeling the personal joy of visiting with old friends, those who attend also help support the cadets' hard work to plan, prepare and execute the Hall of Honor as a major training event framed in the traditions of our Army. There will be a great mix of CCAC members and cadets as well as cadre, UTA academic and administration leadership, and family and friends of the Corps of Cadets. Each will come with a unique story based on common values and memories of the journey through the shared history that is Arlington and the Corps of Cadets.

Mark your calendars now for the 2020 Military Science Hall of Honor in the University Center on campus. We also plan to commemorate the 1960 "Long March" to Fort Hood and the reenactment by the Corps in 2010. **The University Center has some major renovation scheduled that will impact parking and entry as well as the rooms available to us for the ceremony and luncheon. Watch for updates, and understand that things will be a little different.** We look forward to assembling once again on the campus in Arlington for the 40<sup>th</sup> Military Science Hall of Honor Ceremony on 28 March 2020. We support the ROTC mission to develop our nation's leaders as we connect the Corps of Cadets, Past – Present – Future.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

**UTA Military Science Department Maverick Battalion Senior ROTC Cadets and Cadre** for commissioning 18 new United States Army Second Lieutenants so far this academic year.

**The Cadet Corps Alumni Council members** for all the support provided to the Maverick Battalion so far this year to aid in their Mission.

**Loyal and Generous members of the Gold Bar Program** for making it possible for CCAC to provide scholarship funds to the Maverick Battalion.

**Maverick Battalion Cadets awarded those scholarships** on a Job Well Done to qualify.

Just to pass forward a couple of "thank you notes" from two of the recipients, please read their actual words (Cadet names redacted for privacy):

**"Thank you so much for your generosity in giving me a scholarship. It will really help take the stress away from expenses that come up throughout the school year."**

**"I am extremely thankful for the scholarship y'all have provided me. The money will greatly help me prepare for cadet summer training and my last year at UTA starting in the Fall."**

**It's a wonderful feeling to remember back when we were in these cadets' boots, and it is a wonderful satisfaction to know we have actually been a positive influence to the coming leadership.**

To receive more information on how you can become a Gold Bar member, just go to:

[utaccac.org](http://utaccac.org); click on **Scholarship Programs, Etc.**

Then click on **Gold Bar Program**

Thank you, and keep your powder dry.

**Mark Your Calendar for the 2020 Hall of Honor Ceremony  
Saturday, March 28, 2020**

**CCAC Financial Report**

**by Ken Smith**

Your CCAC continues to be financially sound and growing. 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. As we approach the end of the calendar year, now would be a good time to round out your contribution for the year. All values except Market values are as of August 31, 2019. These figures are estimates and will be adjusted as accounting for the end of UTA's fiscal year (ending August 31, 2019) is not complete.

The **Endowed Scholarship Fund (ESF)**: Interest from this fund provides scholarships for cadets: **Book Value is \$153,795 and Market Value is \$176,909.**

The Gold Bar Program is the primary means of fundraising for the ESF; I encourage more members to become active contributors—only about 19 members are current contributors. A total of 18 new Lieutenants were commissioned in the last year from all ROTC programs.

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 \$110,825 and Market Value is \$119,163.**

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Speaking of decisions, it appears that the Army has made yet another wise decision in selecting a female PMS for the Corps of Cadets. The CCAC and the Maverick Battalion welcome Maj (P) Bonnie Lynn Belobrajdic. Not only is her name worth 52 points in Scrabble, but she is highly qualified. She is a Black Hawk pilot and has been deployed to a live-fire tour (for just her opening hand). Additionally, she has hit the ground running with talk of another Long March, her understanding of what the CCAC brings to the table, and her support of our Mentoring Program, as well as our Mission to help the cadets. She takes the driver's seat from retiring LTC/Doctor James Doty and prior to him, our first female PMS, LTC Lora Rimmer, who can still pass for a college freshman. So, we welcome soon-to-be-promoted Maj. B (as those of us who can't pronounce or spell her name) call her.



Major (ret)

Probably a good idea to also mention the now-also-retired, Major Aaron Brown. He is both a UTA alumni and a member of the CCAC. He has already jumped into important areas relating to improving our organization. An asset for the CCAC, to be sure.

Our LTC (CHL) class on October 12 brings our number of cadets and cadre qualifying for their firearms license to about 100—including cadets and cadre from UNT and other universities under the Maverick Battalion umbrella. So, that part of our Mentoring Program seems to be successful. BTW, President Karbhari is in favor of carrying firearms on campus by those who are licensed and qualified—but that is a story for another time.



Handgun class at Bunky's Barn

## Marketing

by Carlos Quijas

The CCAC's Marketing Strategy is evolving even as we remain focused on aligning our mission and vision to what is valuable to us as alumni. What was valuable to us as cadets, then as commissioned officers, and for many of us now in retirement, those values have never changed. Those values include duty, honor, integrity, loyalty, personal courage, respect, and selfless service.

For these reasons I am confident that as new CCAC leaders emerge, so too will our strategies. I foresee in the coming years a marketing strategy that is Innovative, Creative, Interactive, and more Inclusive. One that engages members in such a way that they become more connected, engaged, and committed to the individual member as much to the group. In our pursuit of this emerging marketing strategy, the values that brought us together today will be what will continue to bond us together tomorrow as cadets – past, present, and future.

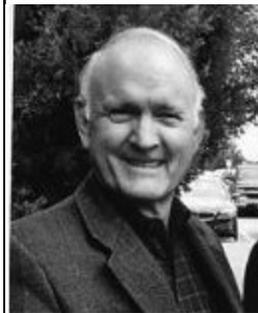
If you are interested in learning more about this emerging marketing strategy and the role you can play in shaping the future of our Alumni organization, please contact me at [carlos.quijas@charter.net](mailto:carlos.quijas@charter.net) or 817-688-7276.

## UTA Fall Commissioning—SAT December 14th at 1000 hours, Bluebonnet Ballroom, Student Center.

CDT Amanda Augustine, CDT Ji Cao, CDT Michael Francis, CDT Brittany Lamb, CDT Natali Mejorado, and CDT Hannah Peoples

UNT Fall Commissionees (7) THURS December 12th (Time and Location TBD—call the Military Science Dept. for information.): CDT Adriana Carranza, CDT Martin Fritz, CDT Ian Garcia, CDT Juan Lopez, CDT Robert Moore, CDT Madison Shelley, and CDT Coltin Wade.

## TAPS



**Gene Lunt** passed away on July 5, 2019, after a short illness. Born and raised in Fort Worth, Gene received a BBA cum laude and MBA at the University of Texas at Arlington. He was honored by the American Marketing Association as the Outstanding Senior Marketing Major at UTA. In mid-1972, Gene was commissioned a

## CCAC Life Member and Benefactor, Gene Lunt

second lieutenant in the U.S. Army through the ROTC program at UTA.

He was a reserve officer until his honorable discharge in 1980. Gene had a career as a Special Agent for the IRS Criminal Investigation Division. After retiring from federal law enforcement, Gene became a compliance Examiner/Investigator and worked in the financial regulatory field for many agencies and the State Bar of Texas. Gene was athletic and loved the outdoors throughout his life. He was a particularly generous man who attended and supported higher education, civic, religious, and cultural institutions. He was an instructor of Marketing at UTA before his active duty assignment with the U.S. Army. He was a Life Member of UTA's Cadet Corps Alumni Council, generously supporting cadet officers trained there.

## Membership

by Diane Colvard

**Welcome to our new members!**

**COL (Ret.) Gary R. McFadden** (commissioned in 1974)

**LTC (Ret.) Webb D. Dois** (commissioned in 1964).

Did you know there are over 20 members who have a 2-year membership versus a lifetime membership? I invite each of you to consider a lifetime membership when you renew your membership. Regardless of which membership you choose, you are giving back to the Military Science Department.

Several new members this past year have joined because they encountered current members who took the time to extend an invitation to them to learn about CCAC. I challenge each of us to continue to reach out and share our experiences and how our contributions in both gifts and time shape and guide the Maverick Battalion. If you are an alumnus interested in learning more about the goals of the Cadet Corps Alumni Council, qualifications for membership, or the types of memberships available, go to our website at <https://utaccac.org/our-mission/> and <https://utaccac.org/membership-benefits-2/>.

Please reach out to me via email: [dianecolvard@gmail.com](mailto:dianecolvard@gmail.com); Facebook: /dianecolvard; Twitter: @dcolvard; Google Talk: dianecolvard; Skype: Diane Colvard.

**Join the CCAC as a Life Membership and receive a tax deduction!**