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## A Look Ahead

### By LTC Greg LeClair, Professor of Military Science

Hey Team – Happy New Year! The Cadre of The Maverick Battalion wish you and especially your families a very blessed new year – after all, where would we be as a military without the unwavering support from our loved ones in our chosen profession? Be sure to thank them and thank them often for their understanding and shared investment in our military journey over the years. By all accounts, the military is a challenging profession, and it takes a strong and resilient family to navigate the journey together. Like most journeys, it is best enjoyed together with loved ones.

We look forward to the FIRST SHOT of The Carlisle Cannons. Join us at the 1 March Hall of Honor Ceremony where our

Cadets will fire the inaugural shot, now that the cannons are back in action. The Maverick Battalion worked tirelessly across several lines of effort to effect a reinstatement for the usage of the cannons on campus. Exciting semesters ahead for the gun teams!

We also look forward to improving the aesthetics of our footprint in and around College Hall here on UT Arlington campus. Our project is moving ahead with the University for revamping the flagpole area, dedicating a few memorial plaques, and sharpening up our image on campus. After the addition of Carlisle horse statue at the beginning of last semester, we look forward to these generous updates in our memorial plaza to honor the Alumni Corps, Medal of Honor recipients, and the program's history.

We continue our efforts to include receiving a Historical Mili-



tary Museum Artifact (a Towed 105) for inclusion and display with the establishment of a Veterans Memorial on UT Dallas Campus. We look forward to partnering with the U.S. National Medal of Honor Museum as they open their doors in 2025 here in Arlington. We will be conducting a joint-FTX this spring with Baylor and TCU out at Camp Wolters to prepare more than 90 camp-bound Cadets for Cadet Summer Training.

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## “Have You Ever Thought About...?”

By BG (Ret) Ricky Gibbs, President of CCAC



I hope this message finds you well. As a valued member of our community, our Army needs your help in recruiting fine young people, so I want to share a few key ideas about service in the U.S. Army that you could use in your conversations with those you may encounter. It is my belief that young Americans can truly make a difference, accelerate their potential, and have a positive impact on the world.

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## A Look Ahead *(continued)*

Our Cadets also look forward to participating in the 36th Annual Bataan Memorial Death March this spring. More to follow on this in the months to come!

We enjoyed an excellent Winter Commissioning where we produced 8 new Lieutenants from across the program. Furthermore, I'm very proud to report that we've conducted an intake of more than 50 new Cadets across the program for this Spring Semester alone. Needless to say, the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex is growing fast, as is interest in Army ROTC.

See you all at Hall of Honor on 1 March!

Never forget – military training initially began at our institution when it was the Carlisle Military Academy. Since 1902, hundreds of outstanding young men and women have been prepared for service as officers in the U.S. Army as a result.

**We are the legacy – past, present, and future. Mavericks Lead the Way!**

## “Have You Ever Thought About...?” *(continued)*

Whether as a commissioned Officer or an enlisted Soldier, the Army offers a unique combination of personal growth and professional development all while providing exceptional benefits and pathways to success. According to the latest research from the Department of Defense's Joint Advertising Market Research Studies (JAMRS), young Americans increasingly value stability, financial security, and career development opportunities—all of which the Army provides in abundance.

### **Key Benefits of Army Service:**

- **Stability While You Serve and After:** The Army offers immediate financial stability, with competitive base pay and allowances. For example, Soldiers may qualify for enlistment bonuses of up to \$50,000. In addition, service members benefit from high-quality, low-cost or free health care, better rates on home loans, and robust retirement and pension plans. Go to [GoArmy.com](http://GoArmy.com) for more details.

- **Education and Career Advancement:** Whether through the Army's Tuition Assistance Program, the Post-9/11 GI Bill, or partnerships with universities across the country, Soldiers have access to world-class education opportunities. The Army helps you pay for school through the GI Bill, provides certifications in over 1,500 advanced training areas, and offers loan repayment programs. These benefits help Soldiers build skills that are directly related to civilian careers.

- **Work-Life Balance:** The benefits of Army service extend well beyond active duty. According to research from the Department of Labor and PEW Research, households headed by veterans consistently enjoy higher incomes than those of non-veterans, a trend that has persisted for four decades. Additionally, veterans in their prime working years are more likely to be employed, compared to their non-veteran peers.

At a time when many young people are searching for direction and purpose, the U.S. Army offers a way to build a future that is both fulfilling and rewarding. By spreading the word about the advantages of Army service, we can help open doors for our young adults and guide them toward opportunities that will set them on the path to success.

Thank you for your continued support of our young adults and our nation's future.

# Medal of Honor Museum

By Ken Smith



The Medal of Honor Museum, located adjacent to Globe Life Field in Arlington, is scheduled to open on March 25, 2025, shortly after the Hall of Honor on March 1. UTA now has two awardees as part of the Museum. COL Neel Kearby from WW2 actions and GEN Richard Cavazos from Korean War actions, both NTAC alum.

The main theater area is named after COL Kearby and offers an outstanding venue for viewing programs and documentaries from the Museum. Additional executive suites, meeting areas, and venues for dining events will be available.

LTC LeClair has been working with the MOH Staff to have a MOU and allow cadet participation in MOH functions, such as escorts, Color Guard presentations, Dining -In functions, and other programs.

The 2025 Hall of Honor will include Mr. Michael Caldwell, Senior Director of Operations and Veteran Engagements, at the Medal of Honor Museum as a Guest Speaker during the Bluebonnet Ballroom program. Please mark your calendars and plan to visit the Museum on Opening Day or soon after.

The website for the Medal of Honor museum is: [mohmuseum.org](http://mohmuseum.org)



## Winter 2024 Commissioning



UTA Military Science commissioned eight new Second Lieutenants (2LTs) on December 16, 2024, at UNT Hub Club. Hosting was LTC Le-Clair and his staff. Guest speaker was former ROTC Alum from 1989, COL Daniel W. Whitney, SF (Ret). Representing UNT was Dean Steven Cobb and Col (Ret) JP Hogan representing the Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA). Chuck An and Ken Smith attended for the CCAC.

### UTA

2LT Noah Bowie, TX NG

2LT Jiwon Park, TX NG

2LT Reece Surles, TX NG FA

2LT Danielle Villagran, MI

### UNT

2LT Scott Avery, Cyber

2LT Marcus Boyles, TX NG

2LT Christianne Elle, QM

2LT Nicholas Richardson, IN



The new LTs from right to left were: Reece Surles; outgoing UTA Bn Cdr, FA, TX ARNG; Jiwon Park, TX ARNG UTA; Marcus Boyles, EN UNT; Noah Bowie, TX ARNG UTA; Danielle Villagran, MI USAR, UTA, Nicholas Richardson, AG detailed to IN, UNT; Christianne Elle, outgoing UNT Bn Cdr, QM; and Scott Avery, MI, USAR UNT.

## Winter 2024 Commissioning (continued)



### Time Marches On—So Do We

By Bunky Garonzik

The clock is running. Some of the “old guard” are getting, as they say, “Long in the Tooth.” Others are no longer with us. This is not an obituary, but rather a moment to celebrate and reflect on our Past, Present, and Future of those who wore the uniform and walked the halls of UTA, and the other names of our institution over our long history.

As to the Past: UTA Military has made a significant impact during our time in the service and, for the most part, after we left the military and re-entered civilian life. Few institutions can boast two Medal of Honor Recipients, two Astronauts, over 20 Flag officers, two Gold Medal Recipients, 10 Distinguished Alumni Recipients, a UN Ambassador and even a Vice President Candidate. Our alumni gained notoriety in medicine, science, aviation, journalism, politics, and business. The Jodies have won National Competitions, marched in parades from California and Washington, and throughout Texas, and for the last 18 years have marched in the Medal of Honor Parade in Gainesville, Texas.

Relating to the Present: UTA continues to expand, grow, and prosper with the curriculum, the diversity and the same quality of the Military Training with overachieving cadets who go forth and serve honorably and enhance the reputation of both UTA and the CCAC.

The Future of UTA and the CCAC looks bright. Our membership is strong and active. Our members are willing to assist and support the Cadre when asked, and plan to be a part of the ceremonies of the National Medal of Honor Museum in Arlington. And again, plan to March in the Medal of Honor Parade in Gainesville on April 12, 2025. All the ex Jodies and everyone who was in the Military Program are invited to join both the parade and the party after. Hope we can count on you to participate.





# 2025 Military Science Hall of Honor



**Saturday, March 1, 2025**

**10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Check-in at 10:00 a.m.)**

E.H. Hereford University Center (Rosebud Theater Foyer), University of Texas at Arlington  
Check-in begins at 10:00 a.m. in the foyer of the Rosebud Theatre in the University Center.

## The 2025 Military Science Hall of Honor Inductees:

**Jean Anne “Jeannie” Panton Deakyne, Class of 1998**

**Steve R. Kennedy, Class of 1967 and 2020**

The Induction Ceremony starts at 10:30 a.m. in the Rosebud Theater. The program following the ceremony will include the luncheon, the *Silver Cup Ceremony*, toasts to fallen comrades, the *I Am A Maverick* presentation, and more, with ample time for visiting with friends and cadets.

Honor these great alumni and their induction into the Hall of Honor by joining the Corps of Cadets at the **Military Science Hall of Honor Ceremony on March 1, 2025.**

Please consider sponsoring a cadet to the Hall of Honor luncheon. The Military Science Department and the CCAC will select and invite cadets who will be seated at guest tables. Sponsor when you register.

### RSVP by February 20, 2025

CCAC members and nonmembers are welcome.

#### How To Register:

Go to [www.cadetcorps.org](http://www.cadetcorps.org). Click on the link under *Upcoming Events* for *2025 Military Hall of Honor Ceremony*. Register, sponsor cadets, and pay online.

Or, [click this link](#) for a printable reservation page, and mail it to the address below.

#### **Cadet Corps Alumni Council**

2670 East Lamar Blvd.  
Arlington, Texas 76011

For more information about the event, please contact Sarah Nahhas at 817-640-6167 (ext. 408) or [snahhas@decisionanalyst.com](mailto:snahhas@decisionanalyst.com).

**Make your reservations today!**

### Hall of Honor Agenda

#### Check-in and Registration

**10:00 a.m.**

*Foyer of the Rosebud Theater*

#### Hall of Honor Induction Ceremony

**10:30 a.m.**

*Rosebud Theater*

#### Luncheon Program

**12:00 p.m.**

*Bluebonnet Ballroom*

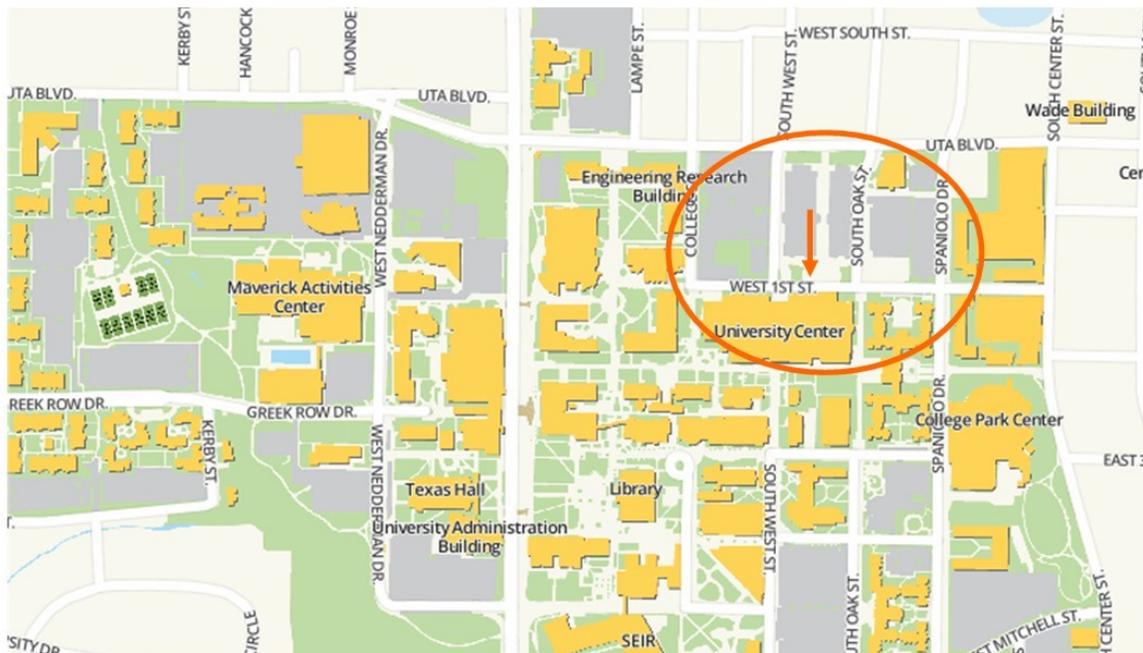
#### Closing Ceremonies

**1:30 p.m.**

*Bluebonnet Ballroom*

**Cake and Coffee will follow with a photo opportunity for all attending Hall of Honor Members**

# The University of Texas at Arlington



Enter the University Center on the north side of the building. Parking will be in lots across West Street from the UC to the north. Follow event signs to park. Check-in is just inside the North Entry.



## 2025 Hall of Honor Inductee



### Jeanne Anne “Jeannie” Panton Deakyne

Jeannie (née Panton) Deakyne grew up in Arlington, Texas. She graduated from Arlington High School in 1993 and earned a four-year Army ROTC scholarship to the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA). From 1997 to 1998, her leadership roles at UTA included Corps of Cadets Executive Officer, Tactical Officer, and Captain of the co-ed Ranger Challenge Team. Jeannie was also a member of the “I Am a Maverick” Team, Color Guard, and Carlisle Cannons from 1995 to 1998. She served as Student Body President in 1998.

Jeannie graduated in 1998 with a B.A. in Political Science. She was recognized as a Distinguished Military Graduate and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Adjutant General Corps. She earned an M.A. in Political Science from UTA’s College of Liberal Arts in 2011.

Jeannie served 13 years on active duty in the U.S. Army, holding numerous leadership roles across various assignments. She began her military career in 1999 as a Gold Bar Recruiter for UTA’s Department of Military Science before becoming a Platoon Leader and Regimental Actions and Personnel Strength Accounting Officer with the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment at Fort Polk from 1999 to 2001. From 2001 to 2003, she served as Personnel Officer for the Operations Group of the Joint Readiness Training Center. In 2004, she deployed to Baghdad with the 1st Cavalry Division’s Air Cavalry Brigade during Operation Iraqi Freedom II, serving as Brigade Adjutant and Public Affairs Officer. She went on to command the 1st Cavalry Division’s Personnel Services Detachment at the Baghdad International Airport, becoming the division’s only female Company Commander and overseeing all U.S. forces at the airports in Iraq and Kuwait. From 2006 to 2008, she served as Chief Human Resources Operations and Training Officer for two-thirds of Southern Iraq, and she contributed an article on Personnel Services Delivery Redesign to the *Journal of Army Logistics*. Jeannie concluded her military career as Assistant Professor of Military Science and Executive Officer for UTA’s Department of Military Science from 2008 to 2011. She also participated in the 50th Anniversary Long March from UTA to Fort Hood in 2010.

Jeannie is a graduate of the Adjutant General Corps Officer Basic Course, Officer Advanced Course, and Combined Arms and Service Staff School. Her awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal (with 2 campaign stars), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon (2nd Award), Overseas Service Ribbon (2nd Award), Meritorious Unit Commendation, Army Superior Unit Award, Combat Action Badge, and Basic Parachutist Badge.

After leaving the Army, Jeannie transitioned to leadership roles in education and nonprofit organizations. From 2011 to 2015, she served as Manager of Faculty & Staff Learning and Development at UTA. From 2015 to 2019, she was the Director of Neeley Executive Education at Texas Christian University. In 2019, she joined the National Medal of Honor Museum as the foundation’s first Vice President of Operations, contributing to the museum’s establishment in Arlington, Texas.

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# 2025 Hall of Honor Inductee

## Steve R. Kennedy

Steve grew up in Dallas, graduated from Kimball High School, and entered Arlington State College in 1962. He joined ROTC and majored in History. Steve was a member of the Sam Houston Rifles precision drill team serving and served as Songbird, Squad Leader, and Guidon Bearer. He was a member of the NCO and Officers Club and was a Platoon Leader in his senior year of 1967.

Steve was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant, Infantry, only nine hours short of his BA in History, having served out his four-year college draft deferment.

Steve reported to Fort Benning for the Infantry Basic Officer Course and was selected for Army Aviation Flight School training. He then qualified on the UH-1 helicopter, received his Aviator Wings in January 1968, and deployed to Vietnam in March 1968. Steve joined the 174th Assault Helicopter Company at Duc Pho, Vietnam, from 1968 until 1969 when he transferred to Fort Wolters, Texas, as an Instructor Pilot and then Flight Commander. During this period, Steve developed a Tactical Cross Country Flying Course consisting of four one- to two-hour missions to simulate combat flying conditions to include at least one search-and-rescue mission. The Aviation School adopted this course for all pilots. Steve branch- transferred to Military Intelligence where he was a Distinguished Graduate of the Army Security Agency Basic Officer Course, and he next completed the Fixed Wing Qualification Course on the U21 aircraft.

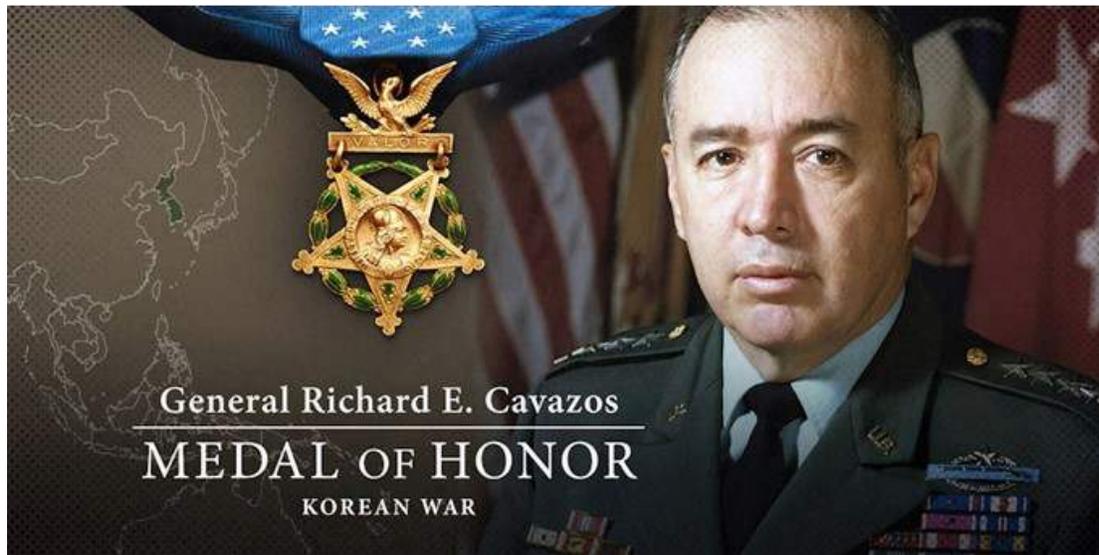
Steve deployed back to Vietnam for a second tour, assigned as Executive Officer of the 146th Aviation Company. After a battalion reorganization, Steve served with the 138th Aviation Company in Hue, later moving operations to Da Nang. In February 1972, Steve was reassigned to the 303rd Army Security Agency Battalion at Fort Hood after completing the Military Intelligence career course as an Honor Graduate. He was a Liaison Officer to the III Corps, then Company Commander of the 373rd Army Security Agency Company, which became the Army's only combat-ready Tactical ASA Company. As part of the Army's drawdown in 1975, Steve left the active Army as a Captain.

Steve's military awards include two Bronze Stars, Meritorious Service Medal, 36 Air Medals, Vietnam Campaign Medal with seven stars, Valorous Unit Award, two Meritorious Unit Awards, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, and Senior Aviator Wings.

After his Army career, Steve worked for Southwestern Bell in 1977. He then joined Southwest Airlines as the Company's first telecommunications professional. Among his many achievements was upgrading the data information system on weather, dispatch, and reservations, which resulted in cutting dispatch times. Steve also developed a dispatch system at Southwest Airlines Headquarters that allowed dispatchers to contact aircraft anywhere in the continental United States. He stayed with Southwest Airlines until he retired in 2007, after over 25 years of service.

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## A Soldier's Soldier ... A Leader's Leader

By Mike Parker

GEN Cavazos ... as a soldier, a leader ... you wanted to be like him; and if you couldn't be like him, you wanted to be near him and serve with him. From the tactical level to operational and strategic, he did things right... and more importantly, he did the right things. He built stronger soldiers, stronger units, stronger leaders at every level of our Army. GEN Cavazos was posthumously awarded the MEDAL OF HONOR by President Biden on 3 January 2025, for action as First Lieutenant in the Korean War from June 14-15, 1953, while assigned to E Company, 2nd BN, 65th INF RGT, 3D INF DIV vicinity Sagimak, Korea.

Richard Edward Cavazos was born on Jan. 31, 1929, in Kingsville, Texas, and grew up on the King Ranch where his father was foreman. He was a sixth-generation American whose ancestors were Mexican immigrants. He learned to honor service to our country from his father, a World War I Veteran. GEN Cavazos spent his childhood following in the footsteps of his father. Despite growing up in an era of intense racism, his parents managed to put all of their children through college, a major accomplishment at that time. From 1947 to 1949, he attended Arlington, then North Texas Agricultural College (NTAC), and participated as a member of the Corps of Cadets as part of the two-year program. He was a member of the Sam Houston Rifles drill team and reached the rank of Cadet Captain serving as a Cadet Company Commander. Following completion of his ROTC training and graduation from NTAC he transferred to Texas Technological College, now Texas Tech University, to complete his college degree. GEN Cavazos attended Texas Tech on a football

scholarship until he broke his leg his sophomore year. After recovery, he continued his education through the school's ROTC program and graduated in 1951. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry as a distinguished Military Graduate.

He completed basic officer training at Fort Benning, Georgia, now Fort Moore, and deployed to Korea where he served as platoon leader and commander in E Company, 2nd Battalion, 65th Infantry Regiment. The 65th Regiment consisted of mostly Spanish-speaking recruits from Puerto Rico, and Cavazos, who was bilingual, was uniquely qualified to lead this unit. For his service in Korea 1LT Cavazos was awarded both the Silver Star and a Distinguished Service Cross, the second-highest award for valor. His DSC citation noted that he "distinguished himself by acts of gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty, while serving as the commander of Company E, 2nd Battalion, 65th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, on June 14-15, 1953, in the vicinity of Sagimak, Korea. This award would be upgraded to the Medal of Honor. On the night of June 14, Cavazos led his company during a raid on an entrenched enemy outpost with the mission of destroying the personnel and installation" through intense enemy mortar and artillery fire. Upon entering the trenches, fierce close combat ensued, and Cavazos directed heavy fire on the enemy and their positions. When extremely heavy enemy mortar and artillery barrage hit his position, LT Cavazos withdrew the company and regrouped his men. Twice more he led assaults on the enemy position, destroying vital fortifications and personnel.

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# 2025 Hall of Honor Inductees

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## Jean Anne “Jeannie” Panton Deakyne



Since 2022, Jeannie has served as Executive Director of the Arlington ISD Education Foundation, overseeing strategic initiatives, fundraising, and program implementation to benefit the Arlington ISD.

Jeannie has been an active leader in several community organizations. She has been a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) since 2009, currently serving as the National Chair of the Community Classroom Committee. From 2021 to 2024, she served as State Curator and State Board Member for the Texas Society DAR. She previously served as State Chair of the Junior Membership Council, raising over \$150,000 in scholarships and aid for at-risk students. As a senior leader for the Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.) since 2013, Jeannie currently serves as Senior National Vice President for the South-Central Region. She has also served as Senior State President for Texas and Senior National Chair of the Magazine Advertising Committee. A longtime member of the UTA Cadet Corps Alumni Council, Jeannie has held roles such as Membership VP and Representative to the UTA Alumni Association. She has also served as President of the Junior League of Arlington, Arlington Council of PTAs, and Duff Elementary and Bailey Junior High PTAs. Jeannie was a founding member of the Veterans Business Council of the Greater Arlington Chamber of Commerce and in 2015 received the Chamber's inaugural Rising Star Award.

Since 2021, Jeannie has served as an elected Member of the Tarrant County College District (TCCD), representing District 3, which includes Central and North Arlington, Euless, and Bedford. She also serves as Board Secretary.

Among her proudest service is being Mom to Libby, Emma Kate, and Evie, and partner to her husband, Will. Jeannie and her family reside in Arlington, Texas.

## Steve R. Kennedy



In 2019, Steve's son-in-law, Joseph Carpenter, who has a B.A. and M.A. in History from UTA and now works for UTA's Department of History and Geography, conducted an oral history interview with Steve for the UTA Library program, Maverick Veterans' Voices. Joseph learned that Steve had not received his college degree due to the end of his college deferment back in 1967. He led a team effort within the College of Liberal Arts to help Steve graduate from UTA. Steve finally received his long-overdue BA in History in May of 2021.

Steve is active in his church and serves as a Deacon and a Finance Committee Member. He is also actively involved in the 174th Assault Helicopter Company Association, serving as Chaplain, member of the Board of Directors, and managing the Company Store. Steve has been a member of UTA's Cadet Corps Alumni Council since 2011 and is currently a Board Member, serving as its Chaplain.

Steve is married to his college sweetheart, Wilma, and they reside in DeSoto, Texas. They have three daughters, Janie, Amy, and Georgianna (who is married to Joe Carpenter). Steve and Wilma have five grandchildren.

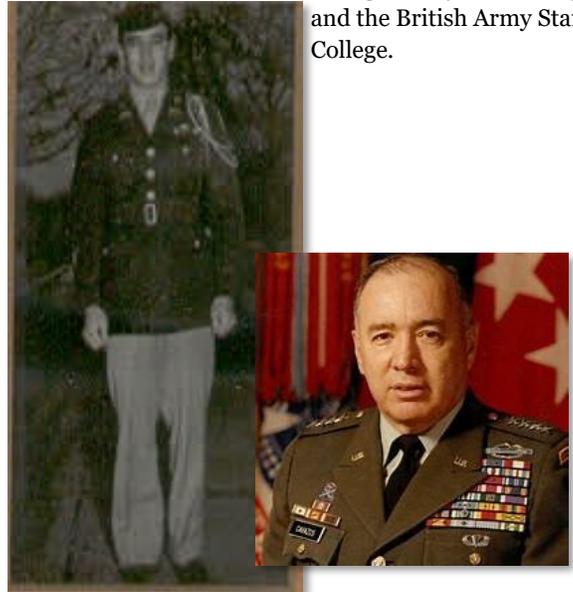
## General Cavazos Medal of Honor *(continued)*

During the entire assault, he provided effective command and control and inspired his soldiers to heroic heights of achievement through his personal example and leadership. When ordered to withdraw his company, LT Cavazos complied but remained alone on the enemy outpost to search for missing men. While exposed to enemy fire, he located five casualties and evacuated them, one by one, to a point on the reverse slope of a nearby hill where they could be safely recovered. Returning to the battlefield, he found a small group of soldiers who became separated from the main assault force and led them to safety. When informed that men were still missing, he returned to battlefield and led another small group to safety. He made two more unassisted searches for missing soldiers. On the morning of 15 June, when he was satisfied that the battlefield was cleared, he finally allowed his own combat wounds to be treated.

LT Cavazos returned to the United States in the fall of 1953, where he was stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, now Fort Cavazos (renamed in his honor at a ceremony on 9 May 2023). After rising to the rank of lieutenant colonel, he was assigned to Vietnam in 1967 where he commanded the 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment. His style of leadership was immediately noticed by his troops. He was characterized as an atypical army officer in Vietnam where many battalion commanders stood in the rear or directed the battle from a helicopter. LTC Cavazos fought on the ground with his soldiers ... “he was on the ground with us as we were facing the North Vietnamese Army.” LTC Cavazos organized a counterattack against enemy forces near Loc Ninh. He once again disregarded his personal safety and led an assault on the enemy’s hillside position, often exposing himself to hostile fire while moving among his soldiers. He directed such a barrage of artillery fire toward Viet Cong insurgents that they soon fled. This action led the Army to award him a second Distinguished Service Cross. GEN Westmoreland praised GEN Cavazos as one of the finest battalion commanders he saw in Vietnam, highlighting his exceptional leadership and the impact he had on his soldiers.

After Vietnam, GEN Cavazos commanded the 2nd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kansas, and later was the Assistant Division Commander of the 2d Armored Division at Fort Hood. He was Commanding General of the 9th Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Washington. In February 1980 he was promoted to Lieutenant General and assumed command of the U.S. Army III Corps and Fort Hood, Texas. Becoming the first officer of Hispanic heritage to reach the rank of Brigadier General in 1976, he advanced to become a four-star gen-

eral in 1982. In addition to the troop duty assignments, he has served on the staff of both the Department of the Army and Department of Defense. He was a graduate of the Armed Forces Staff College, Command and General Staff College, Army War College and the British Army Staff College.



GEN Cavazos was a beloved mentor and teacher with a determination to share what he had learned throughout his career. His determination and reputation made him influential in the development and execution of the Army’s Battle Command Training Program (BCTP) for senior leaders at the Operational Level of warfare. Soldiers at all levels, including General Colin Powell, credited GEN Cavazos for inspiring them to stay in the Army.

In addition to the Medal of Honor and the Distinguished Service Cross, his individual decorations also include the Army Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star (2 awards), Defense Superior Service Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross, Legion of Merit (2 awards), Bronze Star Medal (5 awards), Purple Heart, Air Medal, and the Joint Service and Army commendation medals. He also earned the Combat Infantryman’s Badge with Star to signify his role in combat as an Infantryman during two conflicts. GEN Cavazos retired from the Army in 1984 after 33 years of service. His posthumous Medal of Honor citation concludes, “[His] conspicuous gallantry, extraordinary heroism, and intrepidity at the risk of his life, above and beyond the call of duty, are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.”

## General Cavazos Medal of Honor *(continued)*

In retirement, he was appointed by President Ronald Reagan to the Chemical Warfare Review Committee and would later serve on the Board of Regents of Texas Tech. Notably, his older brother Lauro Cavazos, also an Army Veteran, was appointed as Secretary of Education by President Reagan.

GEN Richard Cavazos and his wife Caroline, who had moved with him 27 times over his 33 years on active duty, returned to San Antonio after his retirement; he died there 29 October 2017 at the age of 88. GEN Cavazos is buried in the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

They had been married for 65 years. She passed away in 2023. They are survived by their four children, 11 grandchildren, and many great-grandchildren.

GEN Cavazos left these words for those with whom he had served: “Esteemed comrades: be assured of my affection, regard, and great, great gratitude. Thank you for soldiering, thank you for sustaining this great land. God love you.”

GEN Cavazos ... a soldier’s soldier ... a leader’s leader.



### MEDAL OF HONOR Citation

**Presentation: 3 Jan 2025**

**At the White House, Washington, D.C., by President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.**

First Lieutenant Richard E. Cavazos distinguished himself by acts of gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty, while serving as the Company Commander, Company E, 2d Battalion, 65th Infantry Regiment, 3d Infantry Division, on June 14–15, 1953, in the vicinity of Sagimak, Korea. On the night of June 14, First Lieutenant Cavazos led his company in a raid on an entrenched enemy outpost with the mission of destroying the personnel and installation thereon. During the initial attack, First Lieutenant Cavazos led his men through intense enemy mortar and artillery fire. Upon entering the trenches, fierce close combat ensued during which First Lieutenant Cavazos directed heavy fire on the enemy and their positions. When an extremely intense enemy mortar and artillery barrage hit his position, First Lieutenant Cavazos withdrew the company and regrouped his men. Twice more he led his men through intense enemy fire in assaults on the enemy position, destroying vital enemy fortifications and personnel. During the entire assault, First Lieutenant Cavazos gave effective commands and words of encouragement to his men and by his personal example and leadership inspired them to heroic heights of achievement. When ordered to withdraw his company, First Lieutenant Cavazos complied but remained alone on the enemy outpost to search for missing men. Although exposed to enemy fire, First Lieutenant Cavazos located five battle casualties and evacuated each, one by one, to a point on the reverse slope of a nearby hill where they could be safely recovered by friendly forces. Returning to the battlefield, he found a small group of men who had become separated from the main assaulting force and personally led them to safety. When informed that there were still men missing, First Lieutenant Cavazos again returned to the scene of the battle where he located and led another small group of men to safety. First Lieutenant Cavazos then made two more unassisted trips to the battlefield searching for missing soldiers. Not until he was personally satisfied that the battlefield was cleared on the morning of June 15, did he allow treatment of his own combat wounds sustained during the action. First Lieutenant Cavazos' conspicuous gallantry, extraordinary heroism, and intrepidity at the risk of his life, above and beyond the call of duty, are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

# Membership

Currently, our membership consists of 206 Life Members and 16 two-year members.

If you are not a full-time member, please consider becoming one this year!

Head over to this link for membership information:

<https://cadetcorps.org/Join-us>.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns re: membership, at [dianecolvard@gmail.com](mailto:dianecolvard@gmail.com).

## CCAC Life Members

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