



# Reveille

## CCAC Election Results

By Jerry Thomas

Well, it was another hard-fought campaign, but a new slate of CCAC officers has emerged victorious. The new officers will serve for the next two years—from April to April. Ray Andre (our fund-raising expert) will serve as V-P Development and help us raise money for the Cadet Corps Endowed Scholarship Fund, as well as other scholarship funds for military students. Larry D. Smith, ever the entrepreneur and wheeler-dealer, will be V-P Finance (to help us invest the money Ray raises). Mark Martin will serve as Chaplain and try to keep the rest of us out of trouble and away from old Johnny Barleycorn. Jerry Houston will serve as V-P Hall of Honor and coordinate the selection of Hall of Honor candidates (so, please be nice to him). Rex Latham will help recruit new

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## News From Home Base

By LTC George Shuplinkov

This is my last update as the professor of military science for the Maverick battalion, and I would like to say “thanks” to everyone for all the support I received. I appreciate all the advice and show of support for this great program, and am proud to have contributed to its history and traditions. I will pass the guide on to MAJ Scott Baker in July to ensure the high standards of the battalion are continued.

This last semester the training focus was on junior cadets preparing to attend the Leadership Development and Assessment Course (LDAC) or better known as WARRIOR FORGE. We culminated training in a joint field training exercise at Camp Wolters with TCU and Tarleton. Cadets from the three universities were mixed to simulate LDAC while conducting

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## DAVIS HALL (Part II)

By Bunky Garonzik

I have to leave the names out of this one because this caper is still open on the books with the FBI. Gus’s room was not the first to fall victim of an explosive device between the walls of Davis Hall. A few years prior, the same technique was used, but this time the device was a 105 Simulator. You military types know this is a BIG explosion! Lucifer Smith was shaving at 3 a.m. when the explosion occurred. His instinct caused him to hit the deck as he heard the distinctive whistle just prior to the explosion. His medicine cabinet set sail—along with about half of the plaster from his wall. Most of the rooms of two adjoining ramps incurred the same damage. When the FBI arrived (the 105 is a military device), one cadet was still laying motionless in his bunk covered with dust and plaster. They thought he was a goner, but actually he just went back to sleep. This little prank was clearly over the line. It took many years for me to realize that this stunt, along with taking out an airplane with a 2 x 4 through the propeller (reported in a prior issue) are examples of pranks that simply shouldn’t have taken place.

In the old days, many of the Davis Hall residents were fresh off the farm. They came with some valuable 4H knowledge not often found in the Park Cities. For instance, I’ll bet most folks don’t know that you can get a full-grown cow to walk up to the fourth floor of D ramp with only a slight tug of the rope. Hell will freeze over before the cow will walk down those same stairs. There are two surefire methods to get the cow down. One requires a butcher, and the other requires a harness and a crane. A collection was required to come up with the necessary funds for the crane.

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## CCAC Life Members

## Lines From The Line

*Raymond and Pat Andrae*  
*Theron R. Arrington*  
*Billy J. Blankenship*  
*Ruth M. Boyd*  
*David R. Braden*  
*Ernest L. Brister*  
*JC Brown, Jr.*  
*Miguel E. Castillo*  
*Lloyd C. Clark*  
*J.J. Collmer*  
*James P. Coughlin*  
*Gerald D. Cox*  
*Robert J. Darrah*  
*Jean A. Deakyne*  
*Paul S. Faidley*  
*Daniel L. French*  
*David H. Gaines*  
*Allan Garonzik*  
*Sheldon J. Gerron*  
*John R. Glaze*  
*Wayne E. Glenn*  
*Everette E. Gray*  
*Ronald L. Harris*  
*Herman Harrison*  
*William H. Herndon*  
*Gary C. Hitt*  
*James F. Hollingsworth*  
*Jerry B. Houston*  
*Roger D. Kannady*  
*Jimmie A. Kepler*  
*Mark B. Latham*  
*Rex H. Latham*  
*Willard Latham*  
*Mikio E. Ludwig*  
*Gene G. Lunt*  
*Mark D. Martin*  
*James T. Mathis*  
*Elizabeth R. McAbee*  
*Charles McDowell*  
*Darrin P. Milner*  
*Michael W. Morrow*  
*Wendell H. Nedderman*  
*Michael W. Parker*  
*William Postlethwaite*  
*Clifton A. Potter*  
*R. Zack Prince*  
*Jimmie A. Redden*  
*Robert R. Roten*  
*Charlie E. Seyster*  
*Kenneth E. Smith*  
*Kevin R. Smith*  
*Larry D. Smith*  
*Jerry and Betty Thomas*  
*Elmus S. Ussery*  
*Andrew C. Ward*  
*Joel H. Ward*  
*Gene H. Weidemeyer*  
*Elmer G. White*  
*Jerry E. Whitehead*  
*Martin B. Woodruff*  
*James E. Wright*

*From Glenn Darrow, one of our recent grads.*  
*Sent: Wednesday, April 28, 2004 4:28 p.m.*  
*(excerpt from email to MAJ Kevin Smith)*

Things are rather boring for my platoon right now. We are on force protection for the next five weeks. My guys work eight hour shifts manning the OPs and SFC Amerson and I work 12-hour shifts as OIC/

NCOIC. Whenever I go around to the guys on OP they tell me, "Sir, this is freakin' boring." To which I reply, "It's suppose to be boring; if it wasn't boring that would mean our FOB was getting attacked all the time." They laugh and say I'm right.

However, there have been two instances

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Lifetime CCAC members, as V-P Membership. And our CCAC newsletter, Reveille will never be the same again. Allan Garonzik (better known as "Bunky") will help us plan and write the newsletter and website, as V-P Communications. Bunky is very creative and humorous, and our subscriptions started rising on the news of his

election. John Glaze, lucky for us, has decided to learn the marketing business and will be V-P Marketing. Jerry Thomas was elected to serve as President. All in all, it's a fine group of officers, and CCAC is fortunate to have so many dedicated leaders.

The new by-laws were unanimously accepted and will be posted to the CCAC website.

*News from Home Base (Continued from page 1)*

Squad Tactical Exercises (STXs) over the weekend. This capstone event was very advantageous for our cadets and has them more prepared than ever for the upcoming "mix" at LDAC. Most of the cadre will also spend the summer supporting LDAC training for the MS III cadets at Ft. Lewis, WA.

We hosted a JROTC day where the top high school cadets came to UTA and toured the campus, received a briefing of the SROTC program, and participated in a land navigation lab at River Legacy Park. We will continue this relationship and conduct it in the Fall semester to facilitate interested students in joining our program. The goal is to grow the number and quality of the cadets through recruitment, to renew interest, and reinstitute previous extracurricular programs.

This last spring semester the Corps of Cadets was privileged to host the Hall of Honor, participate in the UTA Presidents

Investiture and the awards ceremony, and conduct a military ball. This summer we are sending five cadets to Fort Benning, GA for Airborne school and two cadets to CTLT. Additionally, I was honored to have MG Willard Latham as guest speaker in commissioning four new 2LTs on 15 May 2004. COL Joel Ward will be the speaker at the 14 August commissioning of five new 2LTs.

In closing, I will leave you with these thoughts. The Corps of Cadets is strong and growing. While requirements for cadets become more stringent and resources more limited, your support is critical in maintaining momentum in cadet command and with the university. The qualities of the students currently in the program are phenomenal and, with continued emphasis on this program, it could easily become the best in the brigade, or even the region. These quality scholar, athlete, and leader cadets continue to answer the call to duty, and it was my privilege to have trained them.

## MILESTONES

**Dr. Arthur Cleveland** will be the new President of Sheldon Jackson College in Sitka, Alaska, as of August 1, 2004.

"the most rewarding experience of my ROTC career."

**Cadet Battalion Commander Jason Gilchrist** attended the George C. Marshall Awards Seminar, April 13-16, 2004, at Natural Bridge, VA. In his words, it was

**COL George Shuplinkov** is leaving as UTA's Professor of Military Science at the end of the month, and will be moving on to command the Bluegrass Chemical Activity in Richmond, KY.

## Frontiers of Flight Museum

The Frontiers of Flight Museum will soon have a new facility with over 100,000 feet of aviation space and more than 20 full-sized planes on display. The museum president, CCAC Life Member **Jan Collmer**, recently spearheaded the Opening Celebration Gala, May 21, 2004, in Dallas, Texas, attended by **Jim Spaniolo (UTA president)**, **Jerry Thomas (CCAC president)**, and hundreds more. The museum, a Smithsonian affiliate, is housed at Love Field. The new facility is targeted for completion in early 2005 and will continue with its aviation exhibits, programs, displays, educational outreach and services for young and old. Jan Collmer hopes that the museum will inspire the next generation of aviation enthusiasts. More information about this wonderful museum can be found at [www.flightmuseum.com](http://www.flightmuseum.com).

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where it was not "boring." Last week the ICDC checkpoint near our FOB was attacked as a coalition patrol was going through it.

The checkpoint is visible from OP5, about 1-2km away. SPC Randall radioed that he saw a flare and then the ICDC check

point lit up with gun fire. I deployed the rest of my platoon to re-enforce the OPs and moved to OP5.

Shortly after I got there we heard more gun fire and we could see tracer rounds coming our way. The rounds were about 5m above our heads and impacted somewhere South of our position. Three of the OPs returned fire with a short burst of .50 cal and 240. The QRF ended up going out and clearing the houses to our front, detaining three guys.

During the debrief I found out the fire we took was friendly, although any rounds coming at you aren't very "friendly." I am very thankful that no U.S. soldiers got hurt, mine or the guys from 1-6. Goes back to communication and knowing the position of friendly units. It seems that the information flow between my battalion and 1-6 (the FA bat on the FOB) is lacking. I went to a FP meeting with the S3, BN XO and the FP Lt from 1-6, at which point I brought up the fact that my guys on OP need to know when 1-6 is operating in our vicinity and that they need to ensure their dismounts have IR chem lights at night. When the QRF went out, we had eyes on three dismounts with weapons, but were unsure if they were friendly (these were the three guys that ended up being detained). I told him we could have taken those guys out if we could have positively ID'd them as enemy. You can't stress communication, as a leadership dimension, enough to the cadets. The incident could have very easily resulted in friendly fire casualties. Respectfully, 2LT Darrow

## Where Are They Now?

### Mark Lamkin

Mark Lamkin was the commander of the Sam Houston Rifles (Jodies) in 1965 and is a life member of the Sam Houston Rifles Drill Team Alumni Organization. Commissioned August 9, 1966, Mark became a Company Commander at Fort Hood with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Armored Division. In 1968 Mark returned to UTA and earned his BA degree. He started a home building business specializing in custom homes in 1974 and has built over 300 homes in the Metroplex. He's a licensed real estate broker, a member of the Builders Association of Tarrant County, and past director of several banks.

Mark and his wife, Anita, have been married for 39 years and have a son, Scott. Anita, a UTA graduate and cheerleader, is now a licensed real estate broker, and has been the Vice President and Secretary of Mark T. Lamkin, and Associates, Inc. Mark and Anita live in Southlake, TX.



**Mark and Anita, 1964**

Mark retired from his home building business in 2002 and started Lamkin Construction Consulting. Some of his past honors and achievements include: Director-UTA Alumni Assoc., President-Sertoma Club, Metropolitan Life-Rookie of the Year, President-Metroplex Development Corp., and Director-Theater of Arlington.

In addition to his family, Mark considers being chosen the best drilled ROTC cadet four times in a row from 1962 to 1965 one of his greatest accomplishments.

Mark still rides motorcycles with some of his Jody buddies, and one of his greatest treasures is his 1955 Chevy that he and Anita drove while at Fort Hood in 1966. The car has been completely restored and Mark has won several show trophies.

## Spring 2004 Commissioning Ceremony

Four cadets were commissioned as Second Lieutenants at this year's spring ceremony on May 15. They are:

**Adam Levitt**—will be stationed at Fort Hood

**Amy Bombassario**—joining the National Guard

**Melissa Rielly**—joining the National Guard

**Sandra Rees**—will be stationed at Fort Hood

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Another frivolous, fun-filled fact found first and foremost around the farm is that chickens will survive quite nicely throughout the two-week Christmas Holiday in Dave (Possum) Murray's room if you leave them plenty of feed spread throughout the room. The random pattern of their droppings has kind of an artistic appeal after 14 days. Dave signed up for C ramp commander and became fair game. Speaking of game, Ron Watson gets credit for bringing the road kill possum from Lake Arlington and hiding it in Murray's room for a few days. I was assigned the task of bringing the ripe possum to the dumpster with a pair of pliers, but the stream of Jody young men who got to climb in the dumpster got the worse end of the deal.

The question of what to do with old issues of the Shorthorn (the college newspaper) comes to mind. The obvious solution seemed to be to wad up the paper and see how many loads it would take to fill up the fourth floor of A ramp. Now the burning question was of how to get rid of the paper. Eddie Osburn decided to do just that. The fire department was not very happy about that caper.

One may ask, how on earth are all these pranks part of the college learning experience? What possible benefit could be achieved? I can answer that. For instance, if you place a stiff piece of cardboard on an angle towards Ray Jollisant and Terry Moore's dorm room and pour five gallons of used crankcase oil down the cardboard, at least 97% will run into the room. This is a law of physics. If the granite floor is level, and depending on the temperature and viscosity of the oil, a near perfect circle of approximately 12 feet can be achieved.

Joe Billy Swift and Henry Aerioga were roommates, and both were members of the Rifle Team. Joe Billy could shoot a group of 12 at 300 yards and cover it with a dime. The only guy who could do better was Lanny Basham, who got a street named after him after he won the Gold at the Olympics. In association with their studies, Joe and Henry wanted to determine the penetrating power and deflection of an arrow through the solid doors of the crapper of two adjoining dorm rooms. In the interest of safety, a volunteer was picked to witness the arrow's flight through the doors from inside the crapper—out of the line of fire, of course. To further reduce the risk of an errant arrow, one of the bunk beds was placed vertical behind the second door with the government-issued mattress safely duct-taped into position. They couldn't use Rendleman's bed because it had a 35 horsepower Evenroud outboard motor attached to the bed frame. Yet another practical application to what may, at first, seem a little on the crazy side. Joe later served a few tours in Viet Nam—both as an Infantry office and later as a helicopter pilot.

Possibly one of the most practical physics experiments in Davis Hall's history took place in the Spring of 1963. The plan incorporated all the elements of a military exercise and the academic skills needed to train Army leaders. This caper required intense planning, a precise list of materials, training, coordination, and a worthy target, with minimal collateral

damage. The goal was to determine how long it would take to fill a dorm room with four inches of water. (This was the height of the granite dam between the room and the crapper.) Adding to the challenge were several additional elements: the occupants of the room would need to be there but not know what was going on, it had to be done at night with no lights, and we didn't want to destroy any personal belongings. Picking the target was the easy part. Anyone who knew Carl Joe Weatherby would fully understand. His red hair alone was sufficient cause to make him a target, not to mention his attitude in general. Unfortunately, his roommate was Al Ellis—the Jody Commander, the Corps Commander, good student, Mister Clean, etc. Oh well, casualties of war happen. We entered the room at 02:15 hours by a pass key. (For those who went into the Air Force, that is 2:15 in the morning). While I caulked the pipes that penetrated the granite floors between the rooms below, Lamkin attached the hoses to the two lavatory faucets and secured them with clamps. These hoses were cut to a length that allowed them to run across the floor for about a foot. The trash can was placed on the hoses to insure they would not flop around. The faucets were the type that had internal springs to insure that the water would not remain on.

Pitz, Ellis, Leidolf, and Herr silently started removing every piece of furniture as well as books and clothing. These were stacked in the hallway. Garrett sealed the space between the front door and the floor. With the room now empty except for a trash can, a steel bunk bed, and two sleeping cadets, Watson installed the pre-cut wedges to insure that the proper amount of water would flow. The patrol exited through the crapper and adjoining room on schedule at 02:22. The goal was to obtain the calculated four inch water level by 07:30 hours—the time the cadets would wake up to go to their 8 o'clock class. I accept full responsibility for the flawed plan. The alarm clock was in the hall with everything else. As the morning sun awoke Al at 08:15, he glanced at his watch (expletive deleted). They hit the floor with a splash and a splat. By now, the water had breached the four inch mark where the door was sealed and was headed down the stairway. As their good buddies and fellow Jodies, we all pitched in with brooms and mops and helped clean up the mess. Who would do such a thing?

*And the times, they are a changin'.* Today, these types of stunts would land you out of college and likely in jail, but I'm not so sure that these exploits and capers put such a negative spin on how our lives have turned out. We all graduated from college. Lamkin, Garrett, Rendleman, Swift, Al Ellis, Pitz, Moore, Jollisant, Osburn, Lucifer Smith, Lee Wilson and Murray were all commissioned officers. Most were decorated. Pitz went on to the FBI, Herr became a doctor, Al became the president of the Dallas Bar Association. Scott and Mike Ellis have been successful in business. Heck, I even went to graduate school at Tulane, started a few businesses, and retired at 50. I now spend my time volunteering for the Leukemia Society and supporting several other charities and writing crap like this. I take full responsibility for any errors, fabrications, and embellishments. *bunky5555@juno.com*

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