



# Reveille

## CCAC President Jerry Thomas

The most important event of the year is just a couple of weeks away. The Military Science Hall of Honor is on February 18. You are invited to attend and meet the three impressive alumni being honored at the dinner Friday night (February 17, at 6:30), the reception Saturday morning at 8:30, and the induction ceremony following at 10:30 (February 18). I certainly hope you'll make plans to attend. President Jim Spaniolo will speak at the ceremony, and the Carlisle cannon will be fired as part of "Taps" during the reception, a return to a tradition of much earlier days.

As we do every two years, new officers will be elected during March. Send nominations (members only) by February 28, or let us know if you would like to serve in an office. Ballots will be sent out in March and you can decide who will provide leadership for CCAC for the NEXT two years.

## Recruiter's Report By LTC Kevin R. Smith

Spring 2006 added 28 new faces to the Military Science Department ranks, maintaining enrollment in the Corps at about 120 cadets.

We are in position to exceed mission requirements for the next two to three years. For Mission Set 06 (those commissioned in Fiscal year 06) we have met our nurse mission and have six of the thirteen line officers we need. At eleven commissioned, we tie 1992 as the last time we saw that many at a single ceremony, and we could possibly tie the 1990 record of fourteen.

In December we commissioned seven new leaders for the free world. Ranked nationally against their peers (4,443 new 2LTs) UTA's Cadet Justin Lev was ranked number 9. Our average national average ranking was above the cadet command average. Which means we are not only meeting the number of new 2LTs the Army needs, we are giving them quality leaders.

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**COL George McDowell's tips for staying young**

## Coming Soon:

**2006 CCAC  
Annual Dinner  
Fri., February 17**

**2006 Military  
Science  
Hall of Honor  
Sat. February 18**

## Professional Drill Team

**By Bunky Garonzik**



I was working the 5 p.m. to 5 a.m. 12-hour shift at a machine shop when Jerry told me about this dream job. Six Flags was actually hiring members of the Jodies to work at the park on the Confederate Drill Team. This job was like being paid to be a fishing guide if you like to fish or working as a bartender if you are an alcoholic. I had worked at Six Flags the year that the park opened in 1961, but that was cooking hamburgers. I cooked 30,000 burgers that summer. That job was a lot like work, but with lousy pay and not much of a future. Now I could actually get paid to have fun. Sign me up!

By then, Houston was on active duty, and Welch and Henderson were in charge. We did a show every half hour, and we were even on stage as part of the Campus Review. Betty Lynn, 15 at the time, sang *Rose of Washington Square* and later starred in the original Broadway hit *Cats*. Jay Johnson went on to a career as a Soap Opera star on *Soap*. And Sissy King and Nelda became part of the *Lawrence Welk Show* for 25 years. We were in show business. We were in the Live Show Department! It was a giant party. It was a magical time!

In July of 1964, I had to check in the Springfield '03 at Six Flags in Arlington for an M-60 at Fort Sill in Oklahoma. What part of that job was fun? The training and experience on the Jodies and at 6 Flags kept me from ever having to serve guard duty, but as Captain Farmer said, "Garonzik, you are a good soldier,

but your mouth is

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**CCAC Member Colonel George McDowell**



**Colonel George McDowell**, one of last year's Hall of Honor inductees, was designated a UTA Distinguished Alumni in October 2005. For all who missed his speech at the Distinguished Alumni Gala, here it is with tips for staying so young:

To be designated a Distinguished Alumni of this institution is a high honor and is most humbling. To have my picture placed among those previously so designated invokes an awesome feeling. Having first walked on this campus at age 17 and to be back here at age 92 tells something about the enduring qualities instilled here.

And speaking of age, how many in this audience are 92 or over? Seeing no hands I can speak freely without fear of contradiction.

I am frequently asked, "What is the secret of getting to be 90 years old?"

Of course there can be various answers to this question, but I usually respond in the following fashion after dispensing with any discussion of inherited genes or long-life ancestry, and their influence over which none of us has any control.

But there are at least seven rules that can be controlled and must be followed:

- 1) Stay mentally challenged every day with tangible results.
- 2) After age 70, associate with only younger people.
- 3) Discard that rocking chair idea of retirement and stay active – walk - exercise.
- 4) Get seven hours sleep minimum each night.
- 5) Take a 45-minute nap every afternoon.
- 6) After that nap, have a good bourbon Old Fashioned before dinner.
- 7) On leaving the doctor's office if he does not shout "whatever you are doing keep doing it," get a new doctor and second opinion.

Follow these rules and your chances will be greatly enhanced.

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**MILESTONES**

**Colonel Ricky Gibbs** (UTA 1982) assumed command of the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT) of the 1st Infantry Division at Fortt Riley, Kansas, on January 12, 2006. The entire brigade was activated to include Brigade Headquarters and six battalions. COL Gibbs has served with light infantry units of the 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions both in the United States and Iraq. He has also served on the Department of the Army staff in Washington, D.C. His brigade will be in training for a year and than is scheduled for deployment.

Commissioned, on Saturday, Dec 17, 2005, at UTA:

**2LT Justin Lev, 2LT Melinda Hovers, 2LT Carrien Henley, 2LT Robert Cederstrom, 2LT Lucreshia Brydie, 2LT Jonathan Wilson, and 2LT Imran Khan.**



## Where Are They Now?

### David McBee

David attended ASC in the mid '60s. He was a member of the Sam Houston Rifles. After leaving ASC, he furthered his education at Weatherford Junior College, then finished his formal education with a degree in accounting from North Texas State University. He currently enjoys a successful accounting practice in Dallas. He took up racquet ball in the '90s and won several tournaments. Later he took up bicycling—both on and off road, and he was a member of a bicycle team and entered many events. Lately his interest has turned to auto racing. He participates in about 20 events a year driving a 2005 Mini-Cooper. He has become a driving instructor with both the Porsche Club of America and the BMW Club of America.



### Dr. Dave Herr



Dave lives on a 110-acre farm in Decator, Ohio, with his wife Marianne, ten cats, ten goats, three dogs and a handfull of horses. Dave still practices orthopedics, but has slowed down the last few years to spend time on the more important things in life. He recently received his instrument rating and owns a Bonanza. His son Jeff lives in Cincinnati, his daughter Erica in Auburn Hills, and his daughter Melissa, a Delta pilot, lives in Orlando. His airplane makes it possible to visit his children more often. He has four grandchildren. Dave's mother, sister, and brother live in Arlington. Dave is grateful to the Jodies for teaching him discipline and commitment, and credits much of his success to the Jodies who influenced his life so much.

“**Cadet Echoes**” takes you through 100 years of history at UTA. Carlisle Military Academy was founded in 1902, and the portrait of Mr. Carlisle takes center stage. Military training, a mandatory requirement for all men, was first tested during the Spanish-American War. In 1917, the college was renamed Grubbs Vocational College. The transitions are shown from the Spanish-American war and the depiction of the “Rough Riders” to SGT York and the uniforms of WWI. The college was renamed North Texas Agricultural College in 1923. In 1941, students, answered the call to WWII. The markings on the tank represent NTAC alumni COL (Ret) Cecil Roberts’ combat unit during WWII. The Korean war and Vietnam conflict were challenges for the men and women who first trained at the newly renamed Arlington State College. The Jodies of the Sam Houston Rifles and their tradition of “flawless drill” can be seen. In 1968, the name of the college was changed to The University of Texas at Arlington. Under this seal, men and women answered the call for Desert Storm. The uniforms, architecture, and names have changed; “Cadet Echoes” captures the legacy of the cadets.



Copies of **Cadet Echoes** by graphic artist and Hall of Honor member, **Gary Havard**, will be on sale at the Hall of Honor Ceremony on February 18. They are also available through the UTA Alumni Association. All sales benefit the CCAC Endowed Scholarship Fund.

### CCAC Life Members

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- William W. Neal*
- Wendell H. Nedderman*
- Michael W. Parker*
- William Postlethwaite*
- Clifton A. Potter*
- R. Zack Prince*
- Jimmie A. Redden*
- Ronald M. Rendleman*
- Orlando L. Reyes*
- Robert R. Roten*
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- James S. Sibley*
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- Larry D. Smith*
- William C. Sonricker*
- Mark C. Stevens*
- Jerry and Betty Thomas*
- Edward H. Thompson*
- Elmus S. Ussery*
- Andrew C. Ward*
- Joel H. Ward*
- Gene H. Weidemeyer*
- Elmer G. White*
- Jerry E. Whitehead*
- Martin B. Woodruff*
- James E. Wright*

### CCAC Members

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### HALL OF HONOR 2006



**LTC (RET) David J. Anderson** entered Arlington State College, majoring in aerospace engineering 1962. He was admitted into the Army as a 2LT in the Field Artillery. Next was helicopter flight training at Fort Wolters, TX, and AH-1G "Cobra" school. He was sent to Vietnam and assigned to the First Infantry Division in Troop D (AIR), 1st Squadron/4th Cavalry, where he flew Hunter-Killer missions, flying 1277 hours of combat assault. By October 1973 Anderson was sent to Thailand to the Joint Casualty Resolution Center, to resolve MIA cases in Southeast Asia. He was assigned to the Army Aviation Development Test Activity at Fort Rucker as an experimental test pilot. He retired in 1988 and continued on as an experimental test pilot. David is an Associate Fellow of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots and is employed as a test pilot and senior aerospace engineer at Global Helicopter Technology, Inc., in Arlington, where he resides with his wife Jillian (Bragg).



**COL (RET) Clifton (C.A.) Potter** entered Arlington State College in 1959 and was a member of the Sam Houston Rifles. He was commissioned 1963, and sent to Vietnam. After Artillery Advanced Course, he returned to Vietnam and served with the 4th Infantry Division Artillery. After graduate school, he was deployed to Germany as S-3 of a Lance Missile Battalion and as S-3 of an FA Brigade, force artillery for the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment. He was sent to U.S. Forces Command as Executive Officer to the CG, and then commanded the 1st, Bn 12thFA for three years. Later assignments included Senior Advisor I Corps Arty, Chief Current Operations (and Chief, Terrorism Counteraction) for U.S. Army in Europe, Commander 210 FA Brigade, and Commander Readiness Group in Denver. He retired in 1990 and started a career in security and then casino management. He retired in 2003. Colonel Potter and his wife LaVerne reside in Golden, CO.



**CPT (RET) Ronald M. Rendleman** entered Arlington State College in 1958. He marched 160 miles with the Jodies from Arlington to Fort Hood, TX in 1960. In 1963 he was commissioned as a 2LT in the U.S. Army. He completed primary and advanced helicopter school. He soon received orders for Vietnam and left San Diego in April 1965 on the helicopter carrier, Iwo Jima. He arrived at Yung Tau three weeks later where he ferried Hueys off the carrier. He flew more than 250 combat missions and over 500 combat hours during a one-year tour. Later he went through instrument training at Fort Rucker, and became an instructor at Fort Wolters. Ron retired from the Army as a Captain in 1967. He has been a Scoutmaster in the Boy Scouts and involved with his church for many years. He is an avid hunter, and his success in auto racing and show cars is legendary. Ron and his wife, Martha, live in Dallas.

### TAPS



**Nicky Naumovich** (NTAC 1941) passed away December 27, 2005, at the VA Hospital in Dallas where he had been hospitalized for some time. Nicky was inducted into the Hall of Honor in 1991. He was also honored as a Distinguished Alumni by the University of Texas at Arlington. He attended North Texas Agricultural College (1938-1941) in Aeronautical Engineering and played a significant role in the Corps of Cadets. In 1938-1939 he was honored as the Best Drilled Cadet in the Regiment, a tribute never before bestowed on a freshman, and was the only noncommissioned officer selected to be in the Sam Houston Rifles. While in the Corps, he rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and commanded the Sam Houston Rifles. He was a prominent home builder in the Plano and Dallas areas and later was the founder and President of PARCEC, Inc. He was preceded in his death by his wife Betty. He is survived by his son Nicky Naumovich, Jr.



**James E. Wright**, (NTAC 1941), a retired district judge, died Saturday, January 21, 2006. He graduated from Arlington High School in 1937 and attended North Texas Agricultural College 1937-1940, and was active in ROTC and band. He graduated from the University of Texas Law School with a Doctor of Jurisprudence in January 1949. He served as Arlington city attorney from 1951 to 1961 and was a trial lawyer in Fort Worth from 1949 until 1969. He was appointed district judge of the 141st District Court, where he served until 1989. He was a member of the Fort Worth Downtown Rotary Club, and was president 1966-1967. After his retirement in 1989, he served as senior district judge. Judge Wright was a member of First United Methodist Church, Fort Worth, a 32nd-degree Mason, a life member of the Shrine Patrol (president 1962), a life member of the Royal Order of Jesters, and life member of the Sons of the Republic of Texas. He is survived by his wife of almost 60 years, Eberta Wright.



**William Anthony Burdett** (NTAC 1942) died Monday, December 12, 2005, in Arlington. Burdett graduated from NTAC in 1942 and served in the U.S. Army for three years, the Army Reserves for 30 years, and retired as a lieutenant colonel. He was a POW in Germany during World War II. He was a 1948 graduate of Texas A&M University in College Station. He retired from LTV after 19 years of dedicated service and later became a professor and chairman of the Engineering Tech department at Northrop University in Los Angeles, CA. He was a member of the Arlington Men's Senior Golf Association, Mid Cities Seniors Golf Association, and Shady Valley Country Club, and had been a faithful member of First Presbyterian Church of Arlington since 1956. He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Betty Burdett, and a large extended family. His father was an Engineering professor at NTAC in the 1940s.

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going to get you in trouble.” He would prove to be right.

The unique thing about the Six Flags drill team in the '60s was that (by design) there was a constant turnover in personnel. Welch traded his gray Confederate Army hat for a U.S. Army green one, and made a living carving notches on his knife handle somewhere in Southeast Asia. Lamkin and Garrett took over the drill team. Now the party really started. A drill team performance went something like this: “Rebels, fall in. Right shoulder, arms. Order arms. Fall out. Dismissed.” When I got back from Fort Sill in August of 1964, Winston taught me the “Button Game.” That’s where you try to drive the Confederate Brass button through your buddy’s chest with your fist. Works best if you surprise him. Getting off work was a celebration. Reams and Lamkin would sling coat hangers the length of the locker room trying to inflict bodily harm. Campos would be tossed against a locker in hopes of making the others fall in kind of a domino effect. Besio would hang around the stage helping with the lights and generally brown nosing. He would later become the manager of one of the Six Flags parks. Watson got the

job as the mechanical man. O’Shields was chosen to hire and train the Girls Texas Navy Drill Team to go to the World’s Fair. Who would want a lousy job like that?

### **Dallas Morning News, April 19, 1965 [Excerpt]**

A banner waving overhead said, “To Arms! To Arms! Defend Your Homes and Firesides!”

With the temperature near 90, it was a poor day for defending firesides. Maybe that’s why George Garrett deserted the Confederate Army at Six Flags Over Texas.

“I’ve been running since Bull Run, or some place,” admitted Garrett, a 20-year-old history major at Arlington State College, as they tied him to a post and put a blindfold on him.

Terry’s Rangers of the English Texas Cavalry, C.S.A., was rehearsing a big scene at Six Flags. The Rangers formerly caught a Yankee spy and executed him. Some visiting Yankees winced at seeing one of their own get it, however. So the outfit is getting a new script. It calls for the liquidation of a Rebel deserter.

Garrett won the big role. Col. Mark Lamkin, 22, called his troopers together... “I started out three years ago as just a rifleman,” he said as grandly as any self-made man. Now, at times, he assumes a beard and the role of a Confederate general... Little kids flock up to enlist. The general signs the boys into the Confederate Army and the girls into the Nurse Corps. Then he shows them how to do right face and left face.

Garrett was still a little vague about which battle he deserted as the firing squad assembled. The script hasn’t been completed. As a soldier ripped open his tunic, the firing squad shouldered their Sharps rifles. “Ready!... Aim!...” shouted the colonel. The crowd was pressing up. Everybody was still.

You could hear a firing pin drop.

*Balooley!*

Smoke blew, riflemen flinched, little kids put their fingers in their ears and Terry’s Rangers marched off with a hole in their ranks.



made with the Cowboys, which would last a lifetime. It was the only time in my life that I actually looked forward to going to work. And the best part—we were paid to have fun. Reality would have to wait a few years.

Our connections with the live show department eventually got several of us jobs as Gunfighters in the Texas section. Twenty-one times a day we would “get shot off the roof, steal a horse, or rob a bank.” The rest of the time we were required to play cards on the porch of the Jersey Lilly. It just didn’t get any better than that. The Cowboys were the coolest guys in the park. The girls were draped all over us. We were stars. In the land of the blind, the one-eyed man is king. Some of us made the mistake of thinking that we were real actors. Dennis Berkley actually moved to Hollywood, and even made a good living as an actor. (Dennis is best known for his role as “Dozer” in Mask, and as the big caddy in Tin Cup). Larry Pitz later joined the FBI, and Mike Ellis became an executive with an insurance company. The strong bonds from the Jodies were enhanced; some new friends were

**Editor’s Note** We depend on you, our members, to drop us a note telling us what you are doing these days. Our thanks to all of you guys who have kept in touch with us. Our readers are always delighted to hear about their classmates. [bunky@pwhome.com](mailto:bunky@pwhome.com)