



# Reveille

## CCAC President Ray Andrae

I want to take this opportunity to express how excited I am to serve as your President of the Cadet Corps Alumni Chapter. Although I did not have the opportunity to be a member of the Corps of Cadets, I have a very sincere and deep love for the Corps and its great history. Upon my retirement in 1981 I was made an Honorary Cadet Colonel. I cherished that designation very much.

Before I comment about what I see for us in the years to come, I want to express my sincere appreciation to Jerry Thomas for his superb leadership during our formative years. We couldn't have had a better leader and supporter. Also special thanks to Sarah Nahhas for her hard work. Words cannot express how much time she has devoted in support of Jerry and the CCAC over the past

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## Past President Farewell Jerry Thomas

My four years as President of the Cadet Corps Alumni Chapter have been a great experience, and with the help of Sarah, Bunky, Ray, Joel, Rex, and Jerry Houston, much has been accomplished. We have become the only alumni chapter with permanent funding, in the form of a \$19,000 Life Membership Endowment Fund. The interest on the fund provides annual monies to cover the chapter's operating expenses. Separately, we have established a Cadet Corps Endowed Scholarship Fund to provide scholarships for cadets in the future. This fund currently totals over \$22,880, and our long-term goal is to build it, year after year, until it reaches a minimum of \$250,000. Thanks to the support of the Professor of Military Science, LTC Scott

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## UTA Alumni General Tommy Franks Returns to Campus

By Bunky Garonzik



On May 12, 2006, General Tommy Franks was the keynote speaker at a luncheon held on the UTA campus. Many of our military alumni, as well as a number of the current Corps of Cadets were able to attend this interesting and informative lunch. General Franks talked about how important his education at UTA was, and how his fondness for our university influenced and enhanced his military career. He was introduced by CCAC past President Jerry Thomas. Quite a few members of the CCAC were present, including current president COL Ray Andrae and all of the current Board Members.

Among some of his very interesting topics was a discussion about the fact that he got his fourth star from President Bill Clinton. He also refused to jump on the bandwagon with some other retired generals who were bashing Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld.

Most entertaining was his story about speaking to the entire crew of the Carrier Abraham Lincoln. About halfway through his talk on the carrier, the Captain of the ship got up from his seat and left the area. General Franks later confronted the Captain and asked why he left during the middle of the speech. The Captain explained that he needed to get a haircut. General Franks told the Captain he should have had the

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- David J. Anderson
- Raymond and Pat Andrae
- Theron R. Arrington
- Billy J. Blankenship
- Ruth M. Boyd
- David R. Braden
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- Fred U. Campos
- Miguel E. Castillo
- Lloyd C. Clark
- J.J. Collmer
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- Scott A. Downey
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- Allan Garonzik
- George B. Garrett
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- Ricky D. Gibbs
- John R. Glaze
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- Everette E. Gray
- Ronald L. Harris
- Herman Harrison
- William H. Herndon
- Gary C. Hitt
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- Jerry B. Houston
- Robert W. Irish
- Roger D. Kannady
- Jimmie A. Kepler
- Mark T. Lamkin
- 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



## Recruiter's Corner

by LTC Kevin Smith

The 2006 school year finished with many reasons to be proud of our Maverick lineage. UTA commissioned 12 new officers in May. The last time we had such a large group (only 11) was back in 1992. As for total yearly numbers — we commissioned 19 in 1992; this year we will have a total of 22. We have far exceeded our mission—to commission 14 (one nurse and 13 line officers). And, a huge milestone, in December we will commission the 1,000th second lieutenant since commissioning began at UTA in 1961.



For enrollment/recruiting we are required to send three cadets to Leadership Training Course (LTC); this summer we are sending four. We are on track to exceed our enrollment numbers for the fall. Of course, that is not enough; we need

everyone of the CCAC, family, and friends to help find quality young people to enroll in the Maverick Battalion. You can find them waiting on you at your favorite restaurant or playing ball at high school with your kids and grand kids. I find them anywhere and everywhere.

We are reinstating the traditions that made the Maverick Battalion so special. A second cannon has been located and acquired, and is now being cleaned and painted at Ft. Hood. The Maverick Battalion once had six cannons, so if anyone finds another one, we would like to know about it. The Sam Houston Rifles performed for the second year in a row at the Hall of Honor, and are looking for other opportunities to renew their fame. Please tell your friends about all the great things that are happening here at UTA.

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courtesy to get the haircut before the speech started. The Captain replied that when General Franks started the speech, he hadn't needed a haircut!

Anyway, Outback Steakhouse catered the meal, and everybody had a fun afternoon. The large crowd, and the great talk by General Tommy Franks, once again shows the strong affiliation of our military alumni toward the values and traditions of UTA.

All our members are encouraged to participate in the many activities and events held at UTA, and please let us know your thoughts on improving our organization.



Members of the CCAC had lunch with General Franks. Standing: Mark Lamkin, Anita Lamkin, Fred Yarbrough, Joel Ward, CCAC President Ray Andrae, John Gerron, and Jimmie Kepler. Seated: Bunky Garonzik, General Tommy Franks, and Larry Smith.



CCAC member Jeannie Deakyne, ILT Angelo Scarlato, and CPT Will Deakyne, all three assigned to the First Cavalry Division, also got a chance to meet and greet General Franks.



**Where Are They Now?**

**Guy White**

*In his own words, CCAC Life Member COL Guy White brings us up to date:*

Thanks for continuing to do such great work with the SHRAA and CCAC. We had a pretty good East Coast chapter of the SHRAA going here for a while with Rex



**Col. Guy White (right) and friends**

Latham, Tom Schneider, Mike and Charlie Morrow, Allan Jenson (sad to know of his passing back in August) and Mike Coleman all out this way. I haven't talked to anyone but Mike since getting back from Afghanistan last fall but will try to get folks back in touch in 2006.

I am still on active duty (they screwed up and promoted me to colonel back in 1997), but will hit 30 years of commissioned service in May 2006 and will retire then. I returned after serving a year as the Defense Attache in Afghanistan in September of 2004 and have been on the faculty of the

National War College in Washington, D.C., since that time.

Ray Andrea has asked me to speak at the UTA commissioning ceremony this spring so I am looking forward to seeing old friends back in Arlington then.

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several years. I am particularly pleased that Jerry has so generously offered the continued support from himself, his company, and Sarah. Thanks., for a job well done!

I am thrilled with the other officers that will be serving with me. They are:

**Jimmie Kepler – Vice President, Membership. He will be assisted by Joel Ward, Ruth Boyd and Miguel Castillo.**

**Jerry Bob Houston – Vice President, Hall of Honor**

**Bunky Garonzik – Vice President, Communications**

**John R. Glaze – Vice President, Marketing**

**Sheldon (John) Gerron – Vice President, Development**

**Larry Smith – Vice President, Finance**

**William (Buck) Herndon – Historian (Appointed)**

As your officers, we are committed to seeing our organization grow so that we will be able to continue to support the Corps of Cadets at UTA. We can all take pride in the fact that the Corps is growing and the quality of the cadets is vastly improving. In May we commissioned 12 new 2 LTs, the largest group since May 1990.

I encourage all members to actively recruit your classmates to become members of the CCAC and for everyone to support the Cadet Corps Endowed Scholarship program. Together we can provide tremendous support to the Corps of Cadets and ensure that great traditions remain a key influence on the campus of the University of Texas at Arlington.

**CCAC Life Members**

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**George C. McDowell**

**Darrin P. Milner**

**Allen O. Morris**

**Michael W. Morrow**

**Nickey Naumovich**

**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**

**Michael A. Saltarelli**

**Charlie E. Seyster**

**James S. Sibley**

**Kenneth E. Smith**

**Kevin R. Smith**

**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**

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**David and Patricia Brown**

**Joseph S. Dancses**

**Henry A. Dufeau**

**Homer L. Jones**

**Glenn Jorgensen**

**John A. Langford**

**Stagg Renz**

**Bradley A. Seiler**

**Randy Threet**

**James P. Ward**

**Russell A. Wheeler**

**Charles F. Wigzell**

**To join CCAC or give a gift to the Cadet Corps Endowed Scholarship Fund, contact the UTA Alumni Office (817-272-2595) or call Sarah at 817-640-6166, ext. 408; email: [snahas@decisionanalyst.com](mailto:snahas@decisionanalyst.com) More information can be found at [www.cadetcorps.org](http://www.cadetcorps.org)**





**SPRING 2006 COMMISSIONING CLASS**

**2LT Brian Arnold**, from Federal Way, Washington, will graduate from Dallas Baptist University with a degree in Criminal Justice. He has been branched Military Police Corps and will report for Officer Basic Course at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri.

**2LT Luke Barber**, from Dallas, Texas, graduated from UTA with a Degree in Political Science. He has been branched Field Artillery and will report for Officer Basic Course at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma.

**2LT Temieka Burns**, from Dallas, Texas, graduated from UTA with a degree in Biology. She has been branched Signal Corps and will report for Officer Basic Course at Ft. Gordon, Georgia.

**2LT Christopher Cheek**, from Starkville, Mississippi, will graduate from SMU with a degree in Political Science. He has been branched Infantry and will report for Officer Basic Course at Ft. Benning, Georgia.

**2LT Paz Diaz**, from Los Angeles, California, graduated from Texas Woman's University with a degree in Communication Science and Disorders. She has been branched Quartermaster Corps and will report for Officer Basic Course at Ft. Lee, Virginia.

**2LT Shant'a Gullatte**, from Fort Worth, Texas, graduated from UTA with a degree in Communication Technology. She has been branched Chemical Corps and will report for Officer Basic Course at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri.

**2LT Jessica N. Johnson**, from Arlington, Texas, graduated from UTA with a degree in Biology. She has been branched Military Police and will report for Officer Basic Course at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri.

**2LT Charles A. Kelsey**, from Garland, Texas, graduated from UTA with a degree in Political Science. He has been branched Military Intelligence and will report for Officer Basic Course at Ft. Huachuca, Arizona.

**2LT Stephen Kraft**, from Ft. Worth, Texas, graduated from UTA with a degree in Criminal Justice. He has been branched Ordnance and will report for Officer Basic Course at Aberdeen, Maryland.

**2LT James Lostroscio**, from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, graduated from UTA with a degree in Political Science. He has been branched Engineers and will report for Officer Basic Course at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri.

**2LT Kaine Meshkin**, from Arlington, Texas, graduated from the UTA with a degree in Political Science. He has been branched Military Intelligence with a detail to Armor and will report for Officer Basic Course at Ft. Knox, KY.

**2LT Zachery Walker**, from Paris, Texas, graduated from UTA with an honors degree in Public Relations, Magna Cum Laude. He has been branched Military Intelligence and will report for Officer Basic Course at Ft. Huachuca, AZ.



UTA Cadets perform a new expanded edition of "I am a Maverick" for the Hall of Honor Ceremony in February.

Grab a few UTA alums and stop in to visit 1LT Adam Levitt, class of 2004, in his new Killeen, TX espresso shop. As soon as Adam returns from Iraq he will have Bubble tea, Panini, and Chai. His partner sells Italian ice, gelato, spaghetti ice cream, and Smoothies currently. Adam's shop is called **Gelateria e Spumoni** and can be found at **1052 S. Fort Hood St.**, in Killeen.

**The latest CCAC Life Members:**

**David J. Anderson,**  
**Scott Downey**  
**Archie Davis**  
**Rickey Gibbs**  
**Michael Saltarelli**  
**Allen Morris**

**Do you know** any former UTA Military Science students who have made outstanding contributions to their country and to UTA? Nominate them to the **Hall of Honor 2007**.

Go to <http://www.cadetcorps.org/HallofHonor.htm> for all of the eligibility requirements and nomination forms. Nominations accepted until the end of August 2007. Don't know all the facts and dates? Let us help you. Email nomination ideas to Ray Andrae ([randraej@aol.com](mailto:randraej@aol.com)) or Jerry Houston ([jhouston@gideons.org](mailto:jhouston@gideons.org)).

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Baker, and the hard work of dedicated cadets, we have been able to bring the Jodies back, and to boost the Carlisle Cannons from one to two (we continue to look for numbers three and four). LTC Kevin Smith's great recruiting work has improved the quality and the numbers of cadets enrolled. Thanks to all of you for your support and assistance. The Cadet Corps deserves the continuing support of all of us. Ray Andrae is off to a great start as the new CCAC president. While I will fade from the limelight, I will still be helping from the shadows. Farewell.

**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.

