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From The Desk Of The President



This will be my last message to you as your President. Let me say that it has been a real honor and pleasure for me to serve in that capacity. The UTA Corps of Cadets fills a very special place in my heart and the CCAC allows me a way to continue to support them.

I wish the new officers the very best as they assume their new positions. You can be assured that they will receive my full support. I will continue to support and serve the CCAC in any way I can.

I regret that I was unable to attend the Hall of Honor this year due to health issues. I can report that the doctors feel that they have everything under control and I am feeling much better. All reports I have received tell me it was a great event. My special thanks to Jerry Houston and Sarah Nahhas for all their hard work.

As I turn the reins over to your new President, **Bunky Garonzik**, I do so knowing that as an organization, the CCAC is strong and growing. We should take pride in our support of the UTA Corps

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In the future, one of the goals of the CCAC will be that of inclusion and balance. We want to get all the past members of the Cadet Corps to participate—Rifle Team, Pistol Team, Insurgent Team, Carlisle Cannons, Color Guard—everyone who was ever part of ROTC at UTA.

But the 2010 Homecoming and Hall of Honor was about the Jodies. Both HOH inductees this year were Jodies. COL (P) **Lester Simpson**, and Col. **Lee B. Wilson** were Jodies while attending ASC/UTA. LTC. Wilson served three tours with the 5th Special Forces in Viet Nam back in the '60s and COL Simpson is currently serving in Afghanistan. Like all of the Hall of Honor inductees, both of these men have distinguished themselves in leadership roles in the military and within their community. Our university is proud, the CCAC is proud, and the Jodies are proud.

About 70 Jodies and their families from all parts of the globe showed up to honor the inductees, and many participated in a brief drill

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Important Dates

**UTA Military Science
Spring Awards
May 6, 2010
2:00 p.m.**

**Rosebud Theater,
University Center**

and

**Spring Commissioning
Ceremony
May 15, 2010; 9:30 a.m.**

**Lone Star Theater
Maverick Activity Center**

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2010 Distinguished

Alumni Gala

October 16, 2010

University Center

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The Long March II

By Bunky Garonzik



OK, guys line up! Now march 126 miles to Fort Hood, then go home.

Of course, that's the short version of the Long March. There are a few more elements to this mission. The plan was to replicate a 50-year-old legend established by a handful of ROTC cadets from Arlington State College way back in 1960. This is the 2010 version of the story.

There are some changes from a half-century before, yet there are some overlaps as well. A different time, a different perspective of men and women in uniform, a different war, and a different appreciation of just exactly what the sacrifices of the men and women in uniform bring to this country. The support staff, the cadre, the communications, the planning, the medical support, and the understanding that women have an equal role in today's military forces, were viewed differently 50 years ago.

In the '60s, Vietnam was on the front burner in the minds of the cadets. It would be only a matter of months until these young men would be leading troops into battle. Of the 16 original marchers, most would become Army officers, many would become highly decorated while they were in the service, four would be inducted into the UTA Military Hall of Honor, and three would be selected as UTA Distinguished Alumni. The university would change its name from Arlington State College to the University of Texas at Arlington. The leader of the original march was a tough young Cadre Army Captain named Will Latham. He had already been battle-hardened with a Silver Star and Purple Heart from Korea. Another marcher was the Corps of Cadets Commander Joel Ward. Both of these men began the first leg of the 2010 March, but this time they showed up with different credentials. Both were inducted into the UTA Military Hall of

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- Cecil T. Anderson
- David J. Anderson
- Raymond and Pat Andrae
- Theron R. Arrington
- William Barnett
- Jonathan J. Bevill
- Billy J. Blankenship
- Ruth M. Boyd
- David R. Braden
- Ernest L. Brister
- Wyatt A. Britten
- J.C. Brown, Jr.
- Fred U. Campos
- Charles C. Cannon Jr.
- Amador Cano
- Miguel E. Castillo
- Pat Choate
- Lloyd C. Clark
- Arthur G. Cleveland
- J.J. Collmer
- James P. Coughlin
- Gerald D. Cox
- Joseph S. Danceses
- Mrs. Robert J. Darrah
- Anthony F. Daskevich II
- Archie P. Davis III
- Jean A. Deakyne
- Ricardo F. Diaz
- Mark A. Dickens
- Scott A. Downey
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- Al Ellis
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- Charles E. Feuerbacher
- Willard F. Filyaw
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- David H. Gaines
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- Allan Garonzik
- George B. Garrett
- Brian M. Gellman
- Sheldon J. Gerron
- Ricky D. Gibbs
- John R. Glaze
- Wayne E. Glenn
- Boyd D. Goldman
- Everette E. Gray
- William S. Gribble
- Ronald L. Harris
- Herman Harrison
- William H. Herndon
- Gary C. Hitt
- James F. Hollingsworth
- Jerry B. Houston
- Walter H. Huth
- Robert W. Irish
- Jimmie A. Kepler
- John B. Kidd
- Mark T. Lamkin
- Mark B. Latham
- Rex H. Latham
- Willard Latham
- Joe Lopez, Sr.



The Cooking Long March Team

Some top-notch CCAC members filled the ranks of the all-volunteer cooking team for the UTA Cadet Corps Long March during Spring Break 2010. Additionally, a few highly qualified and skilled folks outside UTA military personnel completed the team.

There were actually three separate groups of cooks for the five-day march.

The **Alpha Team** Cooked six of the eight meals on the march and consisted of:

- **John Rudd**—Former Jody, Defense Contractor for 40 years and officer in the Military Police, and Life Member of the CCAC. He was there for every meal.
- **Floyd Wine**—Former Jody, Defense Contractor, UTA graduate, entertainer, meal planner, expeditor, and logistics expert. Also there for every meal.
- **Tim Garvey**—Owner of Garvey Homes, cooking expert, and provided most of the cooking equipment.
- **Randy Bradshaw**—Some hitch-hiker Tim picked up along the way and a superior helper.
- **Larry Lavine**—Founder of Chili's restaurant chain, food expert, and proportion control expert.
- **MLP**—CIA-trained, marathon runner and certified pastry chef. (Full name withheld by request.)
- **Tino Sosa**—Former Jody, owner of his own business, and driver of a Mercedes. He also kicked in some big bucks and some treats for the marchers.
- **Capt. Mike Carroll**—Former Jody, currently serving his 17th year in the Army. He brought his very helpful son **Matthew**.
- **John Boggs**—Former Jody, class of NTAC 1956, and retired printing company owner. Came all the way from Waco and brought his wife **Marcia** to help.
- **Col. Mike Parker**—Former Jody, Defense contractor consultant, led the first Tank Battalion into battle during Desert Storm under General Tommy Franks. Member of the UTA Military Hall of Honor.

- **Col. Lee B. Wilson**—Former Jody, Green Beret, Silver Star, Purple Hearts, three tours in Vietnam, with the 5th Special Forces. Led a Battalion of Vietnamese tribesmen after a parachute jump from 700 feet into a hot VC-controlled DZ. Member of the UTA Military Hall of Honor.

- **Allan Garonzik**—Former Jody, Capt. Military Police, Member of the UTA Military Hall of Honor, UTA Distinguished Alumni, and completely lost without the others.

The Genie Cooking Team consisted of: Major Jeannie's husband, Major Will, and both sets of their parents—the Pantons and the Deakynes. The gourmet burgers and dogs were great, and the troops loved that meal.

The Hay Valley Baptist Church Congregation consisted of: every John Deere driver in South Texas, their wives, and their children and grandkids, and the most welcome Home Cookin' in a long time.

The cooking teams arrived in advance of the support teams, set up camp, and had hot food ready for the marchers. Breakfast was served at 0400 (4 a.m. for

all you Air Force guys). The experience was memorable! All money necessary for food was donated by CCAC



The Cooks! Top row: John Rudd, Matthew Carroll, Randy Bradshaw, Tim Garvey, and Tino Sosa. Bottom row: Floyd Wine, Capt. Mike Carroll, and Bunky.

members and a few outsiders. Special thanks to the **Big Bucks Guys**: Rex, Houston, Gen. Latham, Rendleman, Orlando, Col. Parker, Tino, Col. Lee B., Mark Latham, Floyd, Rudd, Garvey, Wally White, and Jim Lavender.

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performance. Guys who haven't been seen in years came out of the woodwork. This HOH was the largest gathering ever. The age span from **MG Latham** to the youngest Jody was 63 years. This says volumes about the dedication and significance that the Sam Houston Rifles had to these men and women over the years. And even though signs of wear and tear were obvious, the Jodies proved that, like riding a bicycle, you never



forget. Their performance looked pretty darn good.

A DVD of the Military Dept., the Hall of Honor, the current Cadet Corps, and the Jodies is in the works. The CCAC is growing, and we're glad you are part of the organization.



The current Carlisle Cannon Team and the Sam Houston Rifles Drill Team: Both teams performed for the crowd at the Hall of Honor event. The Carlisle Cannons Team punctuated the Silver Cup Toast with window-shaking salutes after each toast. The SHR Drill Team executed a 10-minute drill up and down the main mall before lending their rifles to the Old Guys. Inside, the "I Am A Maverick" Team displayed over 100 years of UTA military tradition.



Where Are They Now?

By Bunky Garonzik

Where? Well, most of them were in Arlington, TX on February 27, especially the Jodies! Both inductees were Jodies: COL (P) Lester Simpson, now serving in Afghanistan, and LTC (R) Lee B. Wilson, the ultimate soldier.

Maybe it was the chance to march with a close knit group of guys who overlap by 54 years that brought them all out.

About 70 Jodies showed up, and about 50 actually got out there with rifles and performed a short routine. Of course, the regulars and most of the locals came, but this time we had some folks who really traveled some distance to be part of the festivities.

Here are just a few of the travelers: **Shannon Swenson** from Austin, **Mike Carroll** from Lawton, **Mike Parker** and **Lee B. Wilson** from Killeen, **Dale Smith** from Colorado, **Jon Bevill** from Kingwood, **Gary Weber** from Florida, **Gene Weidemeyer** from



Houston, **Wayne Johnson** from San Antonio, **Vinnie Barbaria** from Fayetteville, **Saltarelli** from Virginia, **Tommy Thompson** from his nursing home in Florida, **David Herr** from Ohio, **Mark Stevens** from Shoreline, Washington, **Mike Ellis** from Galveston, **Gary McBride** from Connecticut, **Bev Garrett** from Hawaii, **Rex Latham** from DC, **Jerry Bob** from Tennessee, and **Axel Martinez** from Texas.

These guys, plus all the locals, made one heck of a foxhole, and when we actually got out to march with the rifles, it sure didn't look like it had been 54 years since we performed. (Video now in production!)

Special thanks to **Orlando, Pink,** and **Lamkin** for putting the routine together, and always **Jerry Bob** for his perennial hard work, and **Ray Andrae** for his guidance and leadership.

- CCAC Life Members**
- Mikio E. Ludwig*
 - Gene G. Lunt*
 - Mark D. Martin*
 - Axel Martinez*
 - James T. Mathis*
 - E. Ronelle McAbee*
 - George C. McDowell*
 - James M. McGinn*
 - Darrin P. Milner*
 - Jillian L. Morales*
 - Allen O. Morris*
 - Michael W. Morrow*
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 - Lester Simpson*
 - Dale W. Smith*
 - Kenneth E. Smith*
 - Kevin R. Smith*
 - William C. Sonricker*
 - Tino L. Sosa*
 - Mark C. Stevens*
 - Donald J. Stevenson*
 - Harold C. Teubner*
 - Jerry and Betty Thomas*
 - Edward H. Thompson*
 - Susan M. Tillotson*
 - Annette D. Tomlin*
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 - Scott A. Townsend*
 - Elmus S. Ussery*
 - Robert P. Vaughan*
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 - Gary L. Weber*
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 - Elmer G. White*
 - Jerry E. Whitehead*
 - Lee B. Wilson*
 - Martin B. Woodruff*
 - Valin R. Woodward*
 - John K. Yim*

Military Science Department News:

This was a year of great success for the 107th Maverick Battalion; 21 of 22 commissionees received their choice of Active Duty or Reserve/Guard, and 11 out of 12 received one of their first 3 choices of branch. **Cadet Robinson**, one of our three nurses, led the Battalion until he was commissioned in December. **Cadet McCaffrey** assumed command, and as well being the Marshall Award winner, he earned the distinction of being the number 14 cadet *in the nation*.

After 18 months of preparation, 49 cadets and 12 cadre participated in the Long March; nine completed the whole 126 miles. The support given by Bunky and his crew—cooking almost every breakfast and lunch for 5 days—was outstanding! Many thanks to the CCAC folks who contributed time and money.

We continue to position the Battalion for more success. New cadre arrivals include **CPT Ekeke** and **Ms.**

Gomez in logistics, and **Mr. Jones** as our Human Resource Assistant. The semester started with 179 cadets, the highest enrollment in the last 8 years, and of those, 168 remain. We have confirmed 17 scholarships for next fall, the majority from Texas, but also from St. Louis, Maryland, and even Chicago. Finally, we have 33 cadets attending LDAC this summer, 2 to airborne school, and 3 to Air-Assault school.

The CCAC Scholarship winners for 2010 are **Cadet Foley Rovello** and **Cadet Jeremy Potts**. The winner of the Preston A. Weathered award is **Cadet Jorge Lemus**.

We wish our recent grads great success and safety. They are truly a tremendous group of young people, volunteering to serve their country, even and especially during time of war.

Tradition of Leadership, Pursuit of Excellence.

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of Cadets. Our Cadet Corps Endowed Scholarship Fund continues to grow and allows us to award two scholarships again this year. We award the Preston Weathered Leadership award each year to the outstanding MS IV cadet, which includes a framed print of "Cadet Echoes." We have representatives at commissioning ceremonies, awards ceremonies, special Corps of Cadets events, and at the orientation BBQ at the start of the fall semester. This year we provided support to the "March to Fort Hood," a great success.

In closing I want to challenge all of the CCAC members to help the CCAC grow by identifying potential new members. I ask each member to step forward and support your new officers as you have supported me. I look forward to seeing everyone next year at the Hall of Honor. God bless UTA, the Corps of Cadets, and all our alumni spread out around the world, especially our alumni serving in harm's way.

Ray Andrae, President

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(Blue – new life member)

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Honor, and both were selected as Distinguished UTA Alumni. Ward was now Col. (R) Ward, retired Professor of Military Science at UTA, and Latham was now retired Major General Latham. At 82 years of age, General Latham still had his toughness—completing the first 26 miles of a 32-mile march on the first day.

Fast forward a half century. As mentioned, 2010 was much different than any time in the '60s. We still send our best and finest young women and men to protect freedom around the world, but a unified respect for our soldiers in uniform by the public, not prevalent since World War II, is apparent. Collectively, throughout the country, we are not all in agreement relating to our position in the Middle East, but the common ground

appears to be the support of our troops. Our future leaders are trained and molded in universities throughout the country, and no finer soldiers can be found than those coming out of the University of Texas at Arlington.

While spring break is often mentioned in the same sentence as Cancun or Padre Island and all night parties, for these young soldiers from UTA, spring break will have a much longer-lasting and meaningful place in their memory. Time will tell if 50 years later these cadets will have excelled in their chosen careers and made their own mark. I would bet on the cadets.

It was agreed that there would be a separate support team of cadets. Some cadets would march the entire 126 miles, some would march half days, or different days. Others started, rested,

licked their wounds, and continued the march. The strain and pain from each day's march was obvious and expressed vividly on each soldier's face as they marched into camp each evening. Some were upbeat and jovial, and accepted that the pain simply came with the task at hand. Other cadets simply wanted the whole thing behind them, but onward they pushed to accomplish the mission. A few dedicated and qualified military nurses provided medical support and tended blisters and aches along the route. About half of the current Corps of Cadets participated in the 2010

march. The Professor of Military Science, Col. Alba, and his staff guided the troops; however, most of the planning and coordination was done by the cadets themselves. A host of army officers and NCO's assisted in the logistics, and a group of Cadet Corps alumni and a few friends provided most of the meals along the way. Maj. Deakyne's family provided one meal, and the Hay

Valley Baptist Church congregation in Turnersville hosted the final dinner before the last push into Fort Hood.

With few exceptions, the marchers were greeted with positive supporters along the route—in some cases a parade-like atmosphere. This was very uplifting to the weary soldiers, and helped encourage the troops to keep going.

Gen. Latham and Col. Ward, as well as all the support team and cadre, made the last part of the march into

the gates of Ft. Hood. A greeting by a general at Fort Hood, some press coverage, some family members, and supporters were on hand to welcome the troops after the long march. Campaign hats, buck knives, specially minted coins, and back packs were presented to the marchers. Special recognition went to the nine marchers who completed every step of the 126-mile march.

This paper may bubble to the surface sometime down the road, so I thought it appropriate to document some specifics of the Long March II. Time, dust, and memory have a way of making some of the details a bit fuzzy. Just ask Col. Ward if he really *volunteered* for that first march!

Notes:

Day one (March 13-Saturday), included a 32-mile march from Arlington to Keene, Texas. The marchers stayed at Chisholm Trail Academy, and set up cots inside the gym.

Day two (March 14-Sunday), a 25-mile march to Kimble Bend State Park. The marchers stayed in two-man tents.

Day three (March 15-Monday), a 31-mile march to Clifton, where the high school provided hot showers and the gym.

Day four (March 16-Tuesday), a 26-mile march to Turnersville, where arrangements were made to sleep in the National Guard Armory and the Baptist church provided the evening feast.

Day five (March 17-Wednesday), about a 12-mile final push to the north entrance of Fort Hood.



The cadets march through Meridian, Texas



Cadet Stevie Stauffer at day end.

UNCLE SAM WANTS YOU!

Well, kinda.... In most cases, Uncle Sam already had you. What we really mean is the CCAC wants you. Our mission is to support the Corps—Note: the “p” and “s” are silent—pronounced **core**, not *corpse*.

As the Corps of Cadets has grown over the last decade, so has the CCAC. We now have 130 Lifetime Members. Both our Scholarship Fund (for academic awards) and our Life Membership fund (used to support the Corps wherever possible) are growing. There are the usual suspects who always throw in some extra bucks for things like the Gold Bar Club and the food fund for the Long March, but others sit in the wings with a squeaky wallet.

A bunch came out of the closet this year, and so far we have had eight new Life Members this year alone. We actually had about \$400 donated for the food for the Long March by folks who *didn't even attend UTA*. If that makes you feel guilty, that's the point. Join as a Life Member today!

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