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President's Desk

By Rex Latham



Rex Latham

It has been an exciting spring and early summer with the Hall of Honor, the May commissioning of ten new Second Lieutenants, and the April scholarship awards to include two CCAC scholarships totaling \$5,000. In conversations with fellow CCAC members, I'm reminded that many members worked their way through college and came from less-than-privileged backgrounds. In fact, some were the first in their family or in the second generation to graduate college. Many of today's cadets are in the same situation and that's why former CCAC president Ray Andrae created the Gold Bar Club in 2007 to provide CCAC scholarships.

John (Hendew) Henderson's article provides some details on the program's results. Contributions are **tax deductible** and administered by the Univ. of Texas system. Although one pledges an amount of one's choosing for each cadet commissioned, the pledge may be changed or cancelled whenever personal circumstances dictate. For example, the program commissions between 20 to 25 cadets a year. At \$2 a cadet that is a total of \$40 or \$50 a year. That's about what you would spend on a meal for two at an inexpensive restaurant. I encourage all CCAC members to join and to "give back" and help worthy cadets who were in the same situation as many of us "back in the day."

Upcoming events include the CCAC Executive Committee meeting at UTA on Thursday, 24 August to be held in conjunction with the Military Science Dept.'s Orientation Day and Cadet Barbeque. We will provide details and updates on the CCAC Facebook page (UT-Arlington ROTC Alumni). Finally, I want to welcome cadets from the University of North Texas and Texas Woman's University to the Maverick Battalion. Rex

At the Front

By LTC James Doty, III



LTC James Doty, III
Professor of Military Science

Greetings from the 114th Maverick Battalion. I would like to congratulate our newest Second Lieutenants who commissioned in May: **Yanik Blackwood** (MS), **John Giglio** (AR), **Lindsay Grossman** (AD), **Nicholas Hergenrother** (AR – TXARNG), **Gideon King** (QM – TXARNG), **Daniel Komsoukianis** (IN), **Malcom Kuemmerlein** (MI – USAR), **Eugene Patton** (FA), **Thor Rushing** (AR), and **Amber Sims** (SC – VAARNG).

Our cadets have been doing a stellar job with regard to competitions and training this semester. **SFC Carman**, our MS2 instructor, took eight two-person teams to compete in the Cadet Best Ranger Buddy Competition at Kansas State University in April. **Cadets Hannah Peoples** and **Brittney Lamb** successfully completed the U.S. Army Airborne School at Fort Benning, while **Cadet Michael Francis** completed Air Assault School at Fort Hood. Two of our Cadets are participating in Cadet Command's Cultural Understanding & Language Proficiency (CULP) program summer. **CDT Cornelius Brady** will travel to Thailand and **CDT Hannah Peoples** is in Mongolia. Four of our cadets are participating in Cadet Troop Leader Training (CTLT), which gives them the opportunity to shadow a platoon leader in an active duty unit. **Cadet Landon Moser** will be conducting CTLT at Fort Campbell, **CDT Blake Neptune** at Fort Erwin, **CDT Jacob Mason** at Fort Sill, and **CDT Mary Glen** at Fort Riley. Two of our cadets participated in the Nursing Summer Training Program at OCONUS hospitals. **CDT Jonathan Bittle** trained in Germany, and **CDT Rayan Vidaurri** trained in Hawaii.

I am happy to announce that after years of separation, both the

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Texans All

By Bunky Garonzik



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Texans All, Among Our Ranks... Joining our UTA Medal of Honor recipient, Neel Kirby, and fellow Texan Roy Benavidez, is Audie Murphy—all Texans and all Medal of Honor recipients. Many other Texans have been awarded our country's highest honor, but Audie Murphy, from Hunt County near Greenville, Texas, is probably the most well-known. So, when Rex requested a story about the Medal of Honor, like all journalists, I wanted to do some firsthand research. The end of the forest in Holtzwihr, France, seemed to be a good place to start. That is where Company B, 15th Regiment, of the 3rd Infantry Division was when the German Army advanced across an open field.

It was emotional and certainly an eerie feeling to stand in the exact spot where 2LT Murphy ordered his remaining 19 men (from 120) to fall back while he continued to fight single-handedly against heavy odds. A wounded



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Hall of Honor 2017 Wrap-up

By Jerry Bob Houston, VP Hall of Honor

For those of you that missed the 2017 UTA Military Science Hall of Honor on March 10, you really missed a good one. We had over 240 in attendance, split evenly between members of the Maverick Battalion, alumni, and guests. We inducted three new members into the Hall of Honor. **LTC (Ret) Andy Cano**, a 1980 graduate, exemplified himself as an Infantry Officer for 23 years. After retiring from the Army he taught Junior ROTC and then retired in 2013. **COL (Ret) Ken Smith** graduated in 1976, was commissioned in Armor, and served in the active, reserve and National Guard components. He worked in the Logistics Management field. **Floyd Wine**, a 1983 graduate, distinguished himself as an engineer with Bell Helicopter. Since his retirement he has contributed much of his time supporting the Military Science Department at UTA, especially the Sam Houston Rifles. A noteworthy part of this year's Hall of Honor was the interaction between members of the Maverick Battalion and the alumni. Over the past five years we have made a concentrated effort to find ways to facilitate conversa-

tion between the two groups. This year was exceptional. Everywhere you looked there were small groups talking. Alumni were telling stories and cadets were talking about their future. It was great to watch. Next year we are planning a different schedule with a Hall of Honor in the Rosebud auditorium in the afternoon followed by a retreat ceremony with cadets and alumni around 16:30. We will then adjourn to the courtyard in front of College Hall where we will let the old and new Sam Houston Rifles try their skills. After a dinner at about 18:00, the day will end around 19:00. It should be a great afternoon. We continue to find former alumni who have done well and deserve to be members of the Hall of Honor. Before that can happen, someone needs to nominate them. So if you know someone you think is deserving of being recognized in the Hall of Honor, please go to our website, run off a copy of the nomination form, and send it in for consideration. Nothing is going to happen unless you take the time to make a nomination. Jerry Bob

Great news! Beginning in Fall 2017, UTA undergraduate students will be able to earn a minor in **Military History!** The new minor provides students with an opportunity to undertake focused study of the origins, development, and influence of armed conflict in the human past. Students fulfill the program's requirements by completing a series of elective courses examining historical conflicts and/or military eras.

Membership

by Diane Colvard, VP Membership

We have several new members since our last newsletter! I would like to welcome them. Not named, but mentioned as a Life Member in the previous newsletter is **2LT Paul Jordan Wilkerson**. He is joined by **John Bell**, class of '79; **Gaylon King**, class of '75, **MG Daniel Hughes**, class of '83; **Laura Pavlik, C/MAJ**; **Alma Pressley Pellegrini**; and **Carlos Quijas**, class of '80. Many of these new members are here because one of you talked with them and encouraged them to be a part of this group. I thank you for reaching out to them. If you are in touch with alumni who served in the Cadet Corps, invite them to be a part of the group. Direct them to the website where they can find out more about

the goals of the Cadet Corps Alumni Council, qualifications for membership, or the types of membership available at <http://www.cadetcorps.org/aboutus.htm#contact>. Pass along a copy of the *Reveille* or direct them to any of us on the board—any way to show them what we are doing for the Corps of Cadets at UT Arlington. If you have some time to contact a few of our non-members, please reach out to me via email: dianecolvard@gmail.com; Facebook: /dianecolvard; Twitter: @dcolvard; dianecolvard; Skype: Diane Colvard. I would also like to say to those of you who are new members and have not received a welcome packet, please contact me so that I can mail one to you! Diane

At the Front (Continued from page 1)

University of North Texas and **Texas Woman's University** have once again rejoined the Maverick Battalion. The merger will grow the Maverick Battalion by approximately 70 more cadets, who will be conducting their ROTC classes at the University of North Texas. However, the entire Maverick Battalion will converge during both the fall and spring field-training exercise.

I would like to bid farewell to **SFC Anthony Cook**, who served the last two years as the MS1 instructor and transitioned out of the Army after serving 14 years, and **CPT Burke**, who recently departed UNT where he served as both the MS1 instructor and the Recruiting Operations Officer. He is now in Michigan where he

will serve as an S3 in the USAR. Recent arrivals are **CPT Russ Burgin**, who has assumed CPT Burke's duties at UNT and comes to the Maverick Battalion from B/1/3d CR at Fort Hood, and **MAJ Aaron Brown**, a 2001 UTA commissionee who has joined the team as the Senior Assistant Professor of Military Science at UTA. He comes from Stuttgart Germany, where he served in the J5/8 at USEUCOM. **Mr. Taylor Hardin** joined the Department in June as the administrative assistant. Finally, I would like to congratulate **SFC Jeffery Carman**—the Army has recognized him for leadership potential and placed him on the E8 promotion list.

Go Mavericks!



Gold Bar Club

by John "Hendew" Henderson, VP Develop-

SURPRISES ARE SOMETIMES A SURPRISE!

Sometimes they build Pride in accomplishment... Sometimes they ask a question... Often, they give us food for thought. Facts of Interest:

The CCAC Gold Bar Club Endowed Scholarship Program was started in 2007 with only 19 members. Membership and contributions over the past ten years have been impressive:

| Year | Membership | Annual Contribution | Total |
|------|------------|---------------------|---------|
| 2007 | 19 | \$4010 | \$ 4010 |
| 2008 | 22 | 4920 | 8930 |
| 2009 | 24 | 4965 | 13895 |
| 2010 | 23 | 4110 | 18005 |
| 2011 | 22 | 5120 | 23125 |
| 2012 | 22 | 5085 | 28210 |
| 2013 | 22 | 2925 | 31135 |
| 2014 | 22 | 3325 | 34360 |
| 2015 | 22 | 2680 | 37140 |
| 2016 | 20 | 4620 | 41760 |
| 2017 | 21 | N/A | N/A |

CCAC Membership for 2017:

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|--------------------------|-----|------|
| Total Members | 207 | 100% |
| Hall of Honor Recipients | 61 | 30% |
| Gold Bar Club Members | 21 | 10% |

Question:

Would more participation = more scholarships?

JUST A THOUGHT?

Questions / Interest / Information? Go to

www.cadetcorps.org/Endowedsp.htm

John Henderson, Class of 1964

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Member News and a Little Advice From Former Cadet Foley Rovello Hart

After graduating from UTA May of 2012 with a BS in Psychology, Foley Rovello Hart attended the Engineer Basic Officer Leader Course class 13-12 and graduated in March of 2013. Shortly after graduation, she reported to the 19th Engineer Battalion out of Fort Knox, KY. There she was slotted as a Horizontal Platoon Leader for the 15th EN CO and deployed to Camp Arifjan, Kuwait in late 2013. A couple of days before she landed, Kuwait saw its largest flood in over 50 years. The majority of the construction battalion's mission was the rebuilding of Camp Arifjan and the surrounding area.



Foley went on to a staff position as the Contracting Officer for the Battalion. Due to removal of key leadership positions within one of the Companies, she had the unique opportunity to serve again as a Platoon Leader for a vertical platoon, the 76th EN CO. She redeployed with the 76th and came back to serve as the Executive Officer for the 502d MRBC (Multi-Role Bridge Company). After a year, she went on maternity leave for the birth of her first child, and returned to serve in her final staff position(s) in the battalion as the Property Book Officer and S4, due to low manning. Though the roles

were challenging at times, she learned quite a bit about the property and logistics behind command. Foley pinned Captain in May 2016 and was assigned to Fort Leonard Wood, MO, where she is now an instructor at EBOLC (Engineer Basic Officer Leader Course), currently serving as the General Engineering Chief of EBOLC, overseeing all construction engineering modules, and is an instructor for the Horizontal engineer section. Foley is slotted to attend Captain's Career Course in April 2018 and graduate with her Master's in Social Work in May of 2018.

A Note to Cadets From Foley: Every position I held has been of such benefit to me, and I wish that I could articulate all of my lessons learned in a few short sentences. But it is the journey that teaches you more than lesson plans and books. If you had asked me after my first year as a 2LT, I would have said I am not cut out for this Army thing; however, looking back now I feel so blessed to have been part of the Army even for my short 5 years. I hope that the Cadets at UTA are excited, not to tackle the world with what they think "right looks like," like a bull in a china shop, but to keep an open mind and approach all challenges with optimism and respect as they learn from each position they hold. Leadership is so much more than theories, and without seeing both the good and bad leaders you can't truly appreciate and identify the qualities that will shape your own unique leadership style. Know your soldiers and know yourself, and you will be alright.

Our next event will be the CCAC Executive Committee meeting in the 6th floor "Parlor" of the UTA Library, at 11:00 a.m. August 24. **All CCAC members are welcome to attend.** This will be followed by our attendance at the fall Maverick Battalion Cadet Orientation & Barbeque on the afternoon of August 24 in the E.H. Hereford University Center. This is a great chance to meet both cadre & cadets. Details will be published on the CCAC Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/utarlingtonrotcadet>).

Texans All (Continued from page 1)

LT Murphy held off the six German tanks and reduced their 100 or so infantry soldiers while on a burning tank using the M-48 tank-mounted machine gun and calling in artillery. For his gallantry, Audie Murphy was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.



To finish the story, a quick trip to Washington, D.C. to get a picture of the Old Guard and Major Murphy's gravestone at Arlington National Cemetery provided the necessary information and pictures.

Those Americans in uniform, with achievements equal to Murphy's bravery, are honored each year at the Medal of Honor Parade in Gainesville, Texas. UTA Military Science Cadets and members of the CCAC have proudly participated for the past five years. This year we had most of the usual suspects and even added a few more. Mark Stevens flew in from Seattle to command the CCAC Team this year, and we even did a few parade movements with the current drill team along the parade route. And again this year we gathered for lunch and a party after the parade. Hope some others on this list will join us next year. Bunky



Military Science Department News



At the May 4th UTA ROTC awards ceremony, CCAC Executive Board member **Floyd Wine** presented a lifetime CCAC membership certificate and a copy of the Gary Havard painting "Cadet Echoes" to the 2017 Preston A. Weathered award winner MS IV Cadet **Laura Pavlik**, a University Studies major. Congratulations & welcome to the CCAC, Cadet Pavlik!



Congratulations to MS2 cadets **Shibo Yu** and **Amanda Garcia**, the 2017 recipients of the CCAC scholarship awards! A total of \$5,000 was distributed between the two. Thanks to **CCAC Gold Bar** program members whose tax-deductible donations enable the CCAC to award these scholarships. Floyd Wine presented the scholarship award to cadet Yu. (Cadet Garcia was not available for the photo.)



Congratulations to the ten new Second Lieutenants commissioned from UTA's ROTC program on 13

May 2017! **LTC Doty** gave the commissioning oath to: 2LT Yanik Blackwood, 2LT John C. Giglio, 2LT Lindsay R. Grossman, 2LT Nicholas C. Hergenrother, 2LT Gideon M. King, 2LT Daniel D. Komsoukaniants, 2LT Malcom D. Kuemerlein, 2LT Eugene D. Patton, and 2LT Thor J. Rushing. To the right is CCAC Life Member **MG Lester Simpson**, the principal speaker at the commissioning. Three were commissioned Armor, one Infantry, one Military Intelligence, one Signal, one Air Defense Artillery, one Field Artillery, one Quartermaster, and one Medical Service Corps to serve as a medical-evacuation pilot.

TAPS

John Lee "Buddy" Gerik, 69, passed away on March 16, 2017, in Arlington. Born in 1947 in Waco, Texas, John was raised in West, Texas, and lived in Lakehurst, New Jersey, and Norfolk, Virginia. He retired as a Lieutenant with the U.S. Navy. An Arlington resident since 1991, he recently retired from The University of Texas at Arlington where he served as the Administrative Assistant in the Military Science Department for the past 15 years. John enjoyed playing jazz saxophone and reading.



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