



Reveille

President's Desk By Jerry Bob Houston



**CCAC President
Jerry B. Houston**

We had a really great Hall of Honor in April where we inducted two very deserving members, **LTC (Ret) Mike Greer** and **MG (Ret) Dan Hughes**. I was especially encouraged by the interaction between the cadets and the alumni. It seems like it gets better each year.

We also said goodbye to LTC Jim Doty and look forward to the arrival of the new Professor of Military Science, Major Bonnie Belobrajdic, who should be on campus in early August. The Fall Cadet Orientation and Bar B Que, which we host, will be on August 22, 2019, in the Bluebonnet Ballroom in the University Center. I hope that many of our alumni can join us for the event. We are hoping to encourage interaction with the Corps by having the alumni join the cadets at the tables during the Bar B Que. We will get time and location out by email when plans are finalized. As you can tell by other articles in this issue of the *Reveille*, we have a lot going on. We are upgrading our website significantly, improving connection and communication with our network of members across the country, and developing a robust mentoring and cadet support initiative. As most of you know, the main purpose of our association is to give back through support of the Military Science Department for the many benefits we received when we were cadets that contributed positively to what we accomplished. So look over what we are doing and support us and the Corps in any way you can.

At the Front By LTC James Doty, III



**LTC James Doty, III
Professor of
Military Science**

Greetings from the 116th Maverick Battalion. We finished the spring semester with the commissioning of 17 second lieutenants. On 9 MAY 19, the following cadets commissioned at UNT: Colt Cicutto (Aviation), Andrew Dalton (Artillery), Adem Dogu (Infantry), Candace Goldsmith, Kristy Hughes, James Parker, and Marcel Watson (Signal). On 11 MAY 19, the following cadets commissioned at UTA: Sarah R. Gonzalez (Adjutant General), Emily R. LaFrance (Adjutant General, detailed to Chemical [UD]), Payton Hall (Infantry), Abraham I. Jimenez (Engineer), Steven R. Kent (Infantry), Jacob A. Mason (Chemical [SMU]), Landon K. Moser (Aviation), Carolina E. Navas (Medical Services), Blake A. Neptune (Engineer), Teresita Reyes (Signal, detailed Chemical), and Alexander S. Riera (Medical Services).

Although the commissioning was the culmination of the semester, it was by no means the only activity in which the cadets participated. The following is a brief summary of the highlighted events, in chronological order.

22 Feb, Staff Ride: Thirty students from the Maverick Battalion conducted a virtual staff ride at Stephen F. Austin University. The virtual staff ride covered the lead-up and actions during the

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Recycle

By Bunky Garonzik



Bunky Garonzik

After some 17 years and over 50 articles, you can't fault me for recycling a few stories. This is not to say that nothing new has happened. On the contrary, the CCAC continues to be dynamic and introduces new programs and methods to enhance our mission to help the cadets. We have the evolving Mentoring Program, the panels at the various sister schools, a much greater appreciation by the cadets of what we bring to the table; over the years, the cadre has welcomed our input and dedication to the Maverick Battalion. The Hall of Honor is inclusive of the cadets, and they enhance their training by being an integral part of the planning process. Sure, some of our members have come and gone, but new faces have stepped in, and we haven't lost a step in the process.

Our very first *Reveille* article in Volume 1, Issue 1 was by LTC Joel Ward. He talked about **The Epic March to Fort Hood** in 1960 from ASC in Arlington. Col. Brock was the PMS&T. (Apparently the Army actually included Tactics back then.) MG Will Latham (then a Captain) led the march—160 miles to Ft. Hood for what was then called Summer Camp. 16 cadets joined in the march, which began on June 11, 1960. There has been some heated discussion relating to the word "volunteered." The first day covered 33 miles in 100-degree weather. They cooked some of their own meals along the way, got drenched by rainstorms, were held at gunpoint by farmers thinking they escaped from prison, got blisters, and covered about 25 miles a day.

Those 16 cadets earned their place in UTA's long and memorable history and legends. For the record, the marchers were Billy Clark, Mike Marsh, Jim Hunter, Rob Roten, Ed MacConnell, Roger Kannady, Billy Bob Pinkerton, Bob Darrach, Gene Weidemeyer, Glen Osburn, Joel Ward, Zack Prince, Ron Rendleman, Ron King, Arthur Cleveland, and Allan Jenson.

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Battle of Wanat in Afghanistan. We previously went to Houston to examine the Battle of San Jacinto. The virtual staff ride did give the cadets an opportunity to visualize the terrain in a location we can't visit from UTA.

23 Feb, Maverick Commando: We had 24 cadets attempt to earn the Maverick Commando Tab by performing the following Soldier tasks laid out along an approximately seven-mile course: Evaluate a Casualty, 9-Line MEDEVAC, Hand and Arm Signals, Throw Hand Grenades, Send SALUTE Report, and React to Indirect Fire. The event began with an equipment inspection of the cadets' gear and rucksacks. The inspection involved copious amounts of physical activity for any deficiency identified. In all, the cadets had a good hour of physical fitness before setting off onto the course. Eleven of the 24 participants earned the Maverick Commando Tab.

28 Feb, Tulane Drill Meet: Thirteen cadets from The Sam Houston Rifles, took a trip to New Orleans, LA, to compete in the Tulane Drill competition, and to visit the National WW II museum. The Team placed 13 out of 16 teams in the Squad Basic Drill Competition, and placed 7 out of 15 teams in the individual exhibition competition. The Team conducted an after-action review and came up with a plan to improve for next season, as well as plans to incorporate the color guard into the competition.

17 Mar, Bataan Memorial Death March: Six cadets from the Maverick Battalion traveled to White Sands Missile Range, NM, to participate in the Bataan Memorial Death March—a grueling 26.2-mile race in remembrance of those who marched in the actual Bataan Death March in 1942. Each cadet dedicated the race to a member of our Hall of Honor, one of whom, COL Edger Keltner, survived the actual Bataan Death March. After his release as a POW, he served as the PMS of the North Texas Agricultural College.

Cornelius Brady: GEN Richard Cavazos

Payton Hall: COL Joel Ward

Morgan Phelps: COL Neel Kearby

Dorian Rosario: LTC Ray Andre

Phillip Sissons: LTG James Hollingsworth

Thomas Supina: COL Edger Keltner

6 Apr, Kansas State University Ranger Buddy Competition: In April, nine cadets from UNT competed in the 25th Annual KU Ranger Buddy Competition at Rim Rock

Farm, Lawrence, KS. The most competitive teams finished the 15k ruck in just about 100 minutes. All three teams completed the phase-one 15k ruck march, but only one advanced to the second phase of the competition, which consisted of various soldier tasks such as Disassembling/Assembling Weapons, Medical, Radio and Sector Sketches. The teams consisted mainly of MSIs and MSIIIs. Prior to the event, they visited the National WWI Museum and Memorial in Kansas City.

11-13 Apr, Spring Field Training Exercise: The FTX focused on small unit tactics, command post operations, and leadership. This year we partnered with a local Army Reserve unit comprised of Observers/Controllers. The Maverick Battalion cadre concentrated on evaluating the cadets' leadership attributes, while the Reserve unit focused on the cadets' tactical execution. This initiative provided the cadets with another perspective of evaluation while affording the Reserve unit practice.

25 APR/02 MAY Civilian-Military Leadership Panel: ROTC alumni from the universities participated in a military-civilian leadership panel with all the cadets during lab at UNT and UTA. The alumni were able to inspire cadets with their leadership stories, and the cadets were able to ask cogent questions. This is another example of the commitment from our alumni to supporting the program and our cadets.

MAJ Aaron Brown and **CPT Monica Baker** are both retiring from the program and active duty. They have coached, trained, and mentored our cadets for the past two years, and they have made an impact on the Army for years to come. Their service in the program and their service to the nation amounts to 20+ years each.

It has been my pleasure to lead the SROTC program hosted at UTA for the past four years. I appreciate all the support the CCAC and our university alumni have given to the cadets and to the program. Please give that level of support, and more, to **Major (P) Bonnie Belobrajdic**, who will replace me as Professor of Military Science this fall. She is currently in Afghanistan as the 1st Armored Division Combat Aviation Brigade Executive Officer, but will return to the United States this summer to attend the senior leader course at Fort Knox, Kentucky, before arriving to the program in August. I am transitioning out of active duty to retired status. I will remain in the DFW area and hope to see you at future Maverick Battalion events. **Mavericks Lead the Way!**



On 9 MAY 19, seven cadets commissioned at UNT (seated). On 11 MAY 19, the following cadets commissioned at UTA: Sarah R. Gonzalez (Adjutant General), Payton Hall (Infantry), Abraham I. Jimenez (Engineer), Jacob A. Mason (Chemical), Carolina E. Navas (Medical Services), Blake A. Neptune (Engineer), and Alexander S. Riera (Medical Services). Also commissioned on 11 May 19, Emily R. LaFrance (Adjutant General, detailed to Chemical) and Steven R. Kent (Infantry) pose with Emily's father, LTC LaFrance, who administered the oath. Three other new 2LTs are not pictured, including Landon K. Mosier and Teresita Reyes.



Military Science 2019 Hall of Honor Ceremony

Mike Parker, VP Hall of Honor

The Cadet Corps Alumni Council and the Corps of Cadets hosted the 39th Annual **Military Hall of Honor** at UT Arlington on Saturday, 20 April 2019. Established in 1980, the Hall of Honor has 108 members and stands as a visual reminder of the significance ROTC training can have on a cadet's future and the high standards of performance set by others who stood in the Corps formation. This year the 2019 inductees into the Military Science Hall of Honor were:



Left: **Michael Greer LTC (Ret) (ASC 1963)**
Right: **MG Daniel P. Hughes (Ret) (UTA 1983).**

To learn more about the inductees, go to: <https://utaccac.org/TOPICS/hall-of-honor-inductees/>

There were 22 **Hall of Honor** Members at this year's ceremony.



From left to right: Top row: Jerry Houston, Mike Parker, Lora Rimmer, Mark Stevens, Arthur Cleveland, Martin Woodruff, Kevin Smith, Orlando Reyes, Tom Schneider, Ken Smith, Floyd Wine, Mark Latham Bottom row: Buck Herndon, Ron Rendleman, Major General Will Latham, Major General Dan Hughes, Michael Greer, Major General Lester Simpson, Barbara Vogl, Jerry Thomas, Stan Thompson, and Allan Garonzik

The induction ceremony included remarks by: **Dr. Vistasp M. Karbhari**, UTA President, and **Dr. Elisabeth A. Cawthon**, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts. In addition to honoring our distinguished alumni and the personal joy of visiting with old friends, those who attended also helped support the cadets' hard work to plan, prepare, and execute the Hall of Honor as a major training event framed in the traditions of our Army. There was a great mix of CCAC members, cadets, and cadre; UTA academic and administration leadership; and family and friends of the Corps of Cadets. Each came with a unique story based on common values and memories of the journey through the shared history that is UT Arlington and the Corps of Cadets.



**UTA President
Dr. Vistasp Karbhari**



**Dean of COLA
Dr. Elisabeth Cawthon**

We are accepting nominations for the 2020 Hall of Honor with selection of inductees scheduled for later this summer. Please help us recognize deserving candidates for the Hall of Honor. Print and fill out the nomination form, and mail or email it to the address at the top of the form. Nominations provided in previous years will also be considered for this year's recognition. Please consider updating those nominations. [Hall of Honor Nomination Form](#) (Microsoft Word)

Mark your calendars now for the 2020 Military Science Hall of Honor on **Saturday, March 28, 2020**, in the University Center on campus. We will also commemorate the 1960 "Long March" to Fort Hood and the reenactment by the Corps in 2010. We look forward to assembling once again on the campus in Arlington for the 40th Military Science Hall of Honor Ceremony on the 28th of March, 2020, in order to support the ROTC mission to develop our nation's leaders as we connect the Corps of Cadets, Past – Present – Future.

Mark Your Calendar for the Next Hall of Honor Ceremony—Saturday, March 28, 2020

**CCAC Financial Report
Ken Smith, VP Finances**

Your CCAC continues to be financially sound. If you are considering donating to the any of our funds, please remember that all contributions are tax deductible if made out to UTA in accordance with current tax law; the process is simple and website-based. The Funds are listed below, and all values except Market Values are as of April 10, 2019.

The **Endowed Scholarship Fund (ESF)**: Interest from this fund provides scholarships for cadets. **Market Value is \$164,893.11.**

The **Life Membership Fund (LMF)**: Interest from this fund supports the Military Science Department in a variety of ways, such as recruiting, publicity, website, awards, and events. As a reminder, many corporations and companies have dollar-for-dollar matching contributions, so check with your employer before you donate. **Market Value is \$115,213.45.** The CCAC awarded \$1,000.00 scholarships to Cadets Tanner Holman, Britney Lamb (UT Dallas), Yuqi Cheng (Dallas Baptist), Ashley Kaestner, and Jesus Pompa. The Preston Weathered Award was received by Hannah Peoples. She received \$400.00, a small print of *Cadet Echoes*, and a CCAC Life Membership.

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The cadets march through Meridian, TX

So now we fast-forward 50 years to 2010 and **Long March II** as reported in Issue 23 of the *Reveille*. (Look it up; Rex and Diane worked their butts off on our website <https://utaccac.org>). Both Joel Ward and MG Latham (then 82 years old) returned for the first day of marching. PMS Col Alba led the march—which included some pretty tough female cadets. This time, the CCAC raised the money, and we put together a cooking team, and several CCAC members joined in along the route to help with the cooking. Times were a little different this round, and some of the cadets marched some days and helped with logistics other days, but in the end, nine marchers made every step.



Cadet Stevie Stauffer at day's end.

So how does this recycled dialog segue into something meaningful for the future? Well, Col. Mike and Col. Jerry Bob are hoping to have a reunion of both groups of marchers honored at our next Hall of Honor on March 28, 2020. So get that date on your calendar while you are thinking about it. And there is some talk of yet another cadet march.

In other news, the Medal of Honor Parade got rained out, but the party at Sandra's Barn went forward and about 3 dozen folks showed up and had a good time. The "Sons of Hell and Beer" has evolved into the "Sons & Daughters of Wine & Dine" (except LTC Lora, who can still keep up with any of the beer drinkers). So far, 62 cadets have gone through the handgun training program—a free program sponsored by members of the CCAC. A number of old-timers participated in a panel for cadets at UTA and UNT relating to transition from a military to a civilian career. Some pretty impressive alumni participated at both universities and the cadets and cadre were happy with the results. And the Hall of Honor this year honoring MG Dan Hughes and LTC Mike Greer was a great event, and we got some publicity with a picture of 22 returning Hall of Honor Members (see picture on page 3). Upcoming articles will include war stories by some of our CCAC members.



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

New Website By Rex Latham

On 1 November 2017 the CCAC launched a new website that was readable on phones & tablets as well as computers. It has many other capabilities that our previous 15 year old website did not. It does not, however, provide the dynamic and flexible interaction among the alumni that we believe a lot of you want. Aaron Brown, class of 2001, has identified a web platform dedicated to alumni organizations that allows such interaction and also provides the ability to store our historical materials, such as photos, stories, etc.

The Executive Committee is excited about this web platform's potential and authorized the creation of a new website and the movement to it of the material on our current website. As a result, we will post only "current news" on the current CCAC website and focus on "laying out" the structure of a greatly improved & flexible website on this new platform, utilizing the platform's dynamic capabilities. As there are currently only two alumni working this issue, it may take some time. We will provide you with status reports, but please bear with us. Also, if you want to be part of this effort, please send an email to ccac_uta@yahoo.com.

CCAC website: <https://utaccac.org> Check it out!

Dr. Wendell H. Nedderman 1921-2019 By Stan Thompson

Dr. Nedderman was from Iowa farmland, and he received a BS Degree in Civil Engineering from Iowa State. He was commissioned in the Navy in 1943. He served in the Pacific during WWII, participating in campaigns in the Marianas, Philippines (Leyte and Luzon), Iwo Jima, and Okinawa. After the war he went back to school at Texas A&M, where he received a Master's Degree in Civil Engineering in 1949. He earned a Ph.D. in Civil Engineering from Iowa State in 1951 and then returned to A&M to teach. In 1959, he received the Faculty Distinguished Achievement Award from the Texas



A&M Association of Former Students. He then came to Arlington State College to become the first Dean of the School of Engineering. He was the acting President of UTA in 1972, before officially becoming the President in 1974. Dr. Nedderman was inducted into the UTA Military Science Hall of Honor in 1992.

Dr. Nedderman reminded me of Jimmy Stewart. He was tall. He had a deep voice with a slow draw. He was a big supporter of the ROTC program and the Sam Houston Rifles. And he really enjoyed it when UTA beat A&M in pistol, rifle, and drill competitions.



Dr. Nedderman pictured in 1973 with trophies won at the Texas A&M Drill Competition.