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## President's Desk By Bunky Garonzik



**Bunky Garonzik**

Take a look at the list of our **Loyal Lifetime Members** in the margins of this newsletter on pages 2 and 3.

It is mainly through the efforts, contributions, and involvement of these people that the CCAC is the largest and most active Alumni Organization at UTA. And, except for the Service Academies, we are the largest military alumni organization in the country.

But we aren't done yet! We need your personal help. There are potentially thousands more members out there—simply waiting for your call or email note asking them to join. In many cases we have lost touch, and they simply don't know that we exist.

We are asking each of our members to help by:

1. Contacting as many UTA military alumni as you can, **but at least one alumni** whom you can identify as a non-member. Forward those guys the membership application and a short

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## At the Front By PMS Alba



**LTC Alba**  
Professor of  
Military Science

Welcome to the 108<sup>th</sup> Maverick Battalion. Another exciting year is ahead of us. We currently have 173 cadets, which include 21 partner-school cadets of Delta Detachment.

This past summer the Mavericks had another good performance at camp. Cadet Rovello attended the Leadership Training Course at Fort Knox; she scored over 300 points on her PT test and received a two-year scholarship. Thirty out of 31 cadets successfully completed LDAC with three excellent ratings and four recondo badges. Cadet Medina was selected as the top cadet in her platoon. Cadet Medina will also be recognized on October 14 at a Hispanic Heritage Reception at the University of North Texas for her outstanding

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**Cadet MAJ**  
Analise Medina



The City of Arlington, TX, UTA, and the Arlington Independent School District cordially invite you to attend a dedication for:

**Colonel  
Neel E. Kearby  
Memorial**

**Saturday, Nov. 13,  
2010, at 11:00 a.m.  
Central Library  
101 E. Abrams St.  
Arlington, TX 76010**

## Guest Columnist Brigadier General Ricky D. Gibbs

*COL Andrae posts this report from one of our CCAC members who is currently deployed.*



Greetings, UT-Arlington,

I'm Brigadier General Ricky D. Gibbs, UTA '82, currently serving with the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division in Basra, Iraq. As the Deputy Commanding General – Maneuver for the 1<sup>st</sup> ID, I work closely with both Iraqi military and civilian security leaders to advise and assist them in manning, equipping, and training their security forces. What that really means is that I drink a lot of chai and eat a lot of local food with the people of Iraq, as everything of substance gets done over a meal.

Since arriving here in February of 2010, when the 1<sup>st</sup> ID assumed responsibility of the southern region of Iraq, we've been partnering with our counterparts in the Iraqi Security Forces, supporting the provincial reconstruction teams to promote good governance and economic development, and transitioning equipment and personnel out of theater.

The Iraqi Security Forces, which include the Iraqi army, police, air force, navy, federal police, and the Department of Border Enforcement, have taken the lead in their duties to secure and police their nation. They are doing well and continue to improve with each passing day. United States forces have stepped to the side and have taken an advisory role on an array of activities including training, logistics, operations, and policing.

We also work closely with, and advise, Iraqi civilian leaders throughout our area of responsibility on matters concerning their seaports, airports, infrastructure, and other areas of civil capacity. Our region covers the nine southern provinces in

CCAC Life Members

- 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
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- Arthur G. Cleveland
- J.J. Collmer
- James P. Coughlin
- Gerald D. Cox
- Joseph S. Dances
- Mrs. Robert J. Darrach
- Anthony F. Daskevich II
- Archie P. Davis III
- Jean A. Deakyne
- Ricardo F. Diaz
- Mark A. Dickens
- Scott A. Downey
- Henry A. Dufeau
- Al Ellis
- Paul S. Faidley
- Charles E. Feuerbacher
- Willard F. Filyaw
- Daniel L. French
- David H. Gaines
- Antonio C. Garcia
- 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.
- Mikio E. Ludwig

**Medal of Honor Recipient Neal Kearby**



COL Neal E. Kearby

The University of Texas at Arlington, the UTA Military Hall of Honor, the City of Arlington, The State of Texas, and a grateful nation will recognize **WWII Flying Ace Neal Kearby** with a special presentation, a historical marker, and a memorial statue at the George W. Hawkes Central Library (101 E. Abram Street, downtown Arlington) on **November 13 at 11:00 a.m.** The UTA Military Science Department will be represented by the Carlisle Cannons, along with members of the "I am a Maverick Team."

*The Military Science Department invites all CCAC members and friends to show up for this important dedication and recognition of Arlington's only Medal of Honor recipient.*



Neal Kearby graduated from Arlington High School in 1928. He attended NTAC for two years. He is credited with 22 aerial victories in his career. He's the recipient of the Medal of Honor, two Silver Stars, four Flying Crosses, five Air Medals, and the Purple Heart.

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performance as the #1 ranked nurse in 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade and the #3 ranked nurse in the nation. And once again, we had a 100% completion rate at Air Assault (three cadets) and Airborne School (three cadets).

Our MSIVs are currently going through the accessions process. We have three Distinguished Military Graduates for this graduating class. Their final branch assignments will be released in late October. Military Intelligence appears to be the most popular choice. As an Armor Officer, I'm proud to say that at least two of our cadets will be branched Armor.

There are many activities planned for this fall. Military Science will host an open house on October 22 from 2-4 pm as part of the UT Arlington Parents & Family Weekend. The Mavericks are also fielding two teams, male and coed, for the upcoming Ranger Challenge competition in mid-October.

We are looking forward to a large graduating class. Six cadets are projected to commission in December 2010 while 16 others will put on their 2LT bars in May 2011. Seven more cadets commissioning at LDAC and after the summer session will bring the total to 29.

The Maverick Battalion is commanded by Cadet LTC Calhoun. He and his staff have performed a phenomenal job. They are postured to bring the Maverick Battalion to new heights.

**New Carlisle Cannon Trailer**

At the beginning of the 2009-10 school year, the Student Service Advisory Committee allocated funds for the purchase of a trailer for the University's Carlisle Cannons. The Military Science Department finally completed the ongoing trailer project, including an Army ROTC and University-themed wrap.



This trailer will enable the cadets to continue the proud tradition of the Carlisle Cannons, including the next static display (no fire) as a part of the City of Arlington's Memorial dedication to Colonel Neal Kearby.

**108<sup>th</sup> Cadet Battalion**

I'd first like to begin by introducing myself. I am **Cadet LTC Steven Calhoun** the Cadet Battalion Commander for the 108<sup>th</sup> Maverick Battalion. It's with great honor that the Cadet Corps Alumni Council has asked me to pen this letter to briefly give you the current state of the Cadet Battalion. As always our overall mission is to prepare cadets for the Leadership Development Accessions Course and commission quality officers into the United States Army.



Cadet LTC Calhoun

The execution of this mission is based around three foundations: Scholar, Athlete, and Leader. Academics—this year the Cadet Battalion chain of command has implemented a mentorship program with the goal of helping those cadets who need assistance in their studies. Athlete—I have tasked my company commanders to create challenging PT programs for our cadets, and I'm proud to say that our physical fitness scores have seen great improvement since the beginning of the semester. Leadership—In the 108<sup>th</sup> Maverick Battalion we are achieving this by empowering our cadet leadership, providing them the guidance needed to be successful in their mission planning, and providing them the proper feedback to become more confident in their leadership capabilities.

In closing, I would like to say that my staff and I are excited about the challenging tasks that have been charged to us by our Cadre. We take our mission statement very seriously, and will be working tirelessly to ensure that our cadets are prepared to take on the difficult challenges that we will face in the future as leaders of this great country.



**CCAC Member Lester Simpson makes Brigadier General**

On August 6, 2010, BG Lester Simpson of the 176th Engineer Brigade was confirmed by the U.S. Senate. The brigade includes approximately 130 Texas Army National Guard soldiers. On September 11, 2010, they honored the victims of the 2001 terrorist attack with a moment of silence followed by a combat patching ceremony at brigade headquarters at Forward Operating Base Sharana, Afghanistan, an especially moving ceremony for soldiers who have dedicated their lives to continuing to fight for those victims. More pictures of Lester's command can be seen on the CCAC website.



BG Lester Simpson is sworn in by his brother, Det. Sgt. Fredrick Simpson of the Austin TX police force.

**Bob Irish Honored as UTA Distinguished Alumni**



Bob and Eddy Irish

October 16 marked the induction of CCAC Lifetime member **Bob Irish**. Bob was one of eight former UTA graduates to be honored this year for his achievements in his military, professional and civic careers and service. On hand to help congratulate Bob was **Maj. Deakyne**, a select number of cadets, as well as wife **Eddy** and some of Bob's family. Also at the induction ceremony was **General Willard Latham, Rex Latham, and Mark Latham** with their wives and a few of the children; **Lee B. Wilson** and his wife, **Suzanne**, were up from Fort Hood; and of course, **Jerry and Betty Thomas, and Bunky and Sandra Garonzik** were at the evening's ceremony. The annual Gala is put together by the UTA Alumni Association.

**The Military Science Hall of Honor Selections For 2011**



COL (Ret) Joe B. Swift



BG Ricky D. Gibbs

Selected to be honored at the **Hall of Honor** this year on **February 26, 2011**, are **Col (Ret) Joe B. Swift** and newly promoted **BG Ricky D. Gibbs**. Joe is a long-time Arlington, TX, resident, and Ricky is currently in Iraq with

his Division. **MAJ J.G. Kearby**, brother of COL Neel Kearby, will receive posthumous honorary membership in the Hall of Honor. He is credited with designing the first high-altitude flight-suit, and testing it's use. He died in service in WWII.

The reception will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the UTA Student Center, followed by lunch and the induction ceremony. Sign-up information and ticket sales will be made available on the CCAC website by December 2010, and forms will be mailed by email and regular mail to all members and friends on our mailing list.



MAJ J.G. Kearby

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- note encouraging him or her to join.
- 2. Send those names and addresses to us—the email address or the mailing address, or both, for a follow up from our staff. Our email address is [ccac\\_uta@yahoo.com](mailto:ccac_uta@yahoo.com).
- 3. We are going to **"give you some ink"** if your guys join. As a matter of fact, we are going to give you some sort of prize for the most **new members**—AND we will also award the person who submits the **most email addresses**—even if their contacts don't join.

This is such a simple thing to do—we encourage all members to put out this effort for your organization.

**Here are a few selling points and special offers:**

- 1. We are offering a special—Lifetime Memberships can be paid in four annual payments of

\$50 each. Send in your first \$50, and we will invoice annually for the last three payments.

- 2. We are, for the first time, offering a **Senior Lifetime Membership** (must be 65 or older) for just \$100.
- 3. Payments can be made with a credit card over the internet using PayPal.

Now here's the irony: We really don't need the *money*. We simply want the *members*. The current members have secured the financial future of our organization, and our **Gold Bar Program** feeds our **Endowed Scholarship Fund**. All of our staff and Board are volunteers, and our operation expenses are minimal. The generous participation of our current members covers most of the extra things. The strength of the CCAC comes from the size, participation, and involvement of our members. Do your part. Help us to support the cadets. **Help us grow.**

The CCAC has a new email address: [ccac\\_uta@yahoo.com](mailto:ccac_uta@yahoo.com)

Or contact President Bunky Garonzik at [bunkey5@verizon.net](mailto:bunkey5@verizon.net) or Sarah Nahhas at [snahhas@decisionanalyst.com](mailto:snahhas@decisionanalyst.com)

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- Mark D. Martin
- Axel Martinez
- James T. Mathis
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- George C. McDowell
- James M. McGinn
- Darrin P. Milner
- Jillian L. Morales
- Allen O. Morris
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- William W. Neal
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- Michael W. Parker
- Sergio Perales
- Larry and Claudia Pink
- William Postlethwaite
- Clarence W. Potter
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- R. Zack Prince
- Jimmie A. Redden
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- John K. Yim

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Iraq, an area that roughly corresponds to that of the state of Washington. Each province has its own unique history, personality, and challenges.

For instance, in the northern reaches of our area of responsibility is Babel, a place once known as Babylon. This province in the mid-Euphrates region is considered the cradle of civilization and boasts a wealth of archeological artifacts dating back to the Neo-Babylonian Empire.

The province of Maysan has a different history as being a trading route, a smuggling route, and an attack route, both to and from Iran. The provinces of Najaf and Karbala feature holy sites of Shi'a Islam, with the shrines there receiving millions of visitors each year. The province of Muthanna shares a border with Saudi Arabia and is largely a desert. It is rural and, for the most part, stable. The southernmost province of Basra, where our division is headquartered, encompasses Iraq's second most populous city, and also harbors Umm Qasr, Iraq's only deep water port.

Although the challenges are many and varied, we work closely with our partners in Iraq to ensure that they are able to rebuild and secure their nation and their people against those that seek to destabilize their fledgling democracy.

As you can imagine, we're watching the political situation here very closely, as it is the driving factor for everything that occurs in Iraq. The process may be painfully slow and different from what we may be used to, but democracy is still a new concept to the people of Iraq, and what we're seeing is encouraging compared to what we had seen just a few short years ago when I was here as part of the military surge. To see the people here participating in the political process instead of resorting to violence to resolve their differences and achieve their objectives is truly remarkable. Three years ago, if someone had told me that the democratic process would dominate the political landscape in 2010, I would have probably called them crazy.

Iraq has come a long way, but threats still lurk in the shadows. The truth is that the Iraqi army is still considered the primary security provider in many areas. Separation of the army from the role of civil security, as we have in the United States, is not a principle that the Iraqi's currently employ. One of our mutual goals is to establish the Iraqi police as the primary security

provider so that the army can focus on defending against external threats.

From a training standpoint, the police have improved by leaps and bounds in recent years. The relationships they have established and cultivated with their respective communities have improved. It had taken years to shed the people of Iraq of the negative perception of the police that had endured during the reign of Saddam Hussein, when the police were known as corrupt thugs who intimidated, extorted, and abused the populace. Now, through deliberate efforts, police make themselves approachable and better in touch with the communities they serve.

Related to the improvements in the police force, there has been a near complete overhaul of judicial procedures. Prior to 2003, all a judge needed to convict someone was two individuals to come forward against the accused; if two people said they saw a crime, it must be true! Now, forensic evidence collection and handling and crime scene investigation are beginning to take a larger role in the prosecution of criminal cases. Educating judges on understanding and accepting forensic evidence towards determining guilt or innocence regarding the commission of a crime is also paramount. The introduction of the new procedures, as well as the establishment of two new crime labs, will help move Iraq's rule of law from a witness and testimonial-based approach to an evidence-based approach.

Everything I've mentioned thus far has not been done by a single individual or even a single organization. Things are progressing thanks to the magnificent efforts and the exceptional sacrifices made by service members, contractors, and civilians working together. It is an honor to serve beside them.

It is also an honor to serve you, the people of the United States. We cannot accomplish all that we do here without the tremendous support that we receive from our families, friends, and those we have left behind. Iraq has turned a corner and is on its way to greater security and stability. As we look back at all we have accomplished with the people of Iraq in forging a new nation during Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn, we also look forward to the day when the years of armed conflict and civil strife will come to an end and the children of Iraq have no memory of war, as a long overdue era of peace and prosperity embraces their land. God bless, and Duty First!



BG Gibbs in Iraq

### Summer 2010 COMMISSIONING CLASS

**2LT Aaron D. Ballard**, from Rosebud, TX, will graduate from UTA with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. He has been branched Field Artillery and will attend the Basic Officer Leadership Course at Fort Sill, OK.

**2LT Alysia M. Franco** from Huntsville, TX, graduated from UTA with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and will be branched later this year.

**2LT Louie J. Glanton** from Athens, TX, will graduate from UTA with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Management. He has been branched Infantry and will attend the Basic Officer Leadership Course at Fort Benning, GA.

**2LT Derrick A. Smith** will graduate from UTA with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Studies and will be branched later this year.



**Henry Williams "Hank" Hise, Brigadier General U.S.M.C. (Retired)** the last remaining member of the first marine squadron to land on Guadalcanal, passed away in Lubbock, TX, from complications of a hip fracture on October 15, 2010. He was born July 7, 1920, in Shamrock, TX. He attended North Texas Agricultural College and U.T. Austin, and then entered the Marine Corps in July 1941. His military career and experiences in the South Pacific during WWII are detailed on the CCAC website. Hank taught international relations and foreign policy at the UT Permian Basin in Odessa, before moving to Austin in 1977. Hise said on several occasions that his time on Guadalcanal removed any notions about the glamour of flying. A man of considerable insight, he had only two rules when faced with a combat mission: "never fly a bad airplane," and "accept any risk necessary to accomplish the mission but not one iota more."