



# Reveille

**CCAC News**  
By Jerry Thomas

**Recruiter's Report**  
MAJ Kevin R. Smith

**inside this issue**

After an absence of three years, the Carlisle Cannons are returning to UTA, or at least one of the cannons is returning. Five of the six original cannons were shipped back to the U.S. Army by a former PMS in 2001, to the dismay of the CCAC and many alumni. But we still have one cannon, Little Bertha IV, and it will make its debut at the Spring graduation ceremony. President Spaniolo is considering other occasions that might merit the firing of the cannon. The cannons are part of UTA's military heritage. They were given to UTA in 1983 and were named after the Carlisle Military Academy, one of UTA's former names.

In the meantime, we are trying to figure out how to get the rest of our cannons back or to acquire new ones. Any ideas from you about how to beg or borrow extra cannons would be greatly appreciated. (See *The Great Cannon Caper in Reveille, issue 3!*)

A successful year started with over 130 cadets and will finish with about 110. We are currently recruiting heavily for Fall 2005. We have 103 applications and will offer four 4-year scholarships and three 3-year scholarships. In addition the University will be providing us with 73 dorm room scholarships for next fall. This is a major recruiting tool that has helped many of our applicants to choose UTA over other big name universities. One of the factors in convincing students to come to UTA is the dorm scholarship and the opportunity to compete for a UTA Presidential Scholarship or one of our endowments. There are also many scholarship opportunities and bonuses for nurses. And UTA has one of the best nursing programs in the U.S.

In today's competitive market, scholarships and endowments make a big difference in at-

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**Annual CCAC Dinner**  
**Friday,**  
**February 18, 2005**  
**6:30-9:30**  
**Carlisle Room**  
**University Center**

**Hall of Honor**  
**Saturday,**  
**February 19, 2005**  
**Reception-8:30**  
**Palo Duro Lounge**  
**Ceremony-10:30**  
**Rosebud Theater**  
**University Center**

**Whitewatergate**

By Bunky Garonzik

**New Braunfels, Texas 1977...**

Inspired by the movie *Deliverance*, a group of hard core Jody alumni adventure seekers decided to try their hands at white-water canoeing. The 12 of us pitched a few tents, dragged out a few coat hangers and hot dogs, and I made a pot of my world famous Chili. For you landlubbers out there, you should know that river rapids are classified from "1" to "5", with "5" being the most dangerous. That year, the river was about a Category 2. The next year, in addition to more Jodies, a few brothers-in-law and a few neighbors joined the group. There were 33 obnoxious guys, with McBee heading the list.

As the crowd grew, the food got better, the river got faster, the tents gave way to some motor homes, and we even allowed a lawyer or two. By year number three, we got event hats, T-shirts, and participation certificates. The numbers grew. Awards were given for Best Joke, Best Hat, Best Cliff Dive, Best Camper, Best Meal, and the coveted River Rash Award. The opening hand for this award was blood or a broken bone. Points were added for stitches. In one case, a veterinarian canoeist on the trip administered the stitches. The stitches were later removed in his office while sitting next to a German Shepherd. 8 x 10 color photos of the group were taken and mailed to the participants in a plain brown envelope. The group reached a body count of about 150 guys. The river reached a Category 5.

Far too many of the guys competed for the River Rash Award. Floyd Wine lapped the competition

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## CCAC Life Members

## Hall of Honor Tradition

*Raymond and Pat Andrae*  
*Theron R. Arrington*  
*Billy J. Blankenship*  
*Ruth M. Boyd*  
*David R. Braden*  
*Ernest L. Brister*  
*JC Brown, Jr.*  
*Miguel E. Castillo*  
*Lloyd C. Clark*  
*J.J. Collmer*  
*James P. Coughlin*  
*Gerald D. Cox*  
*Robert J. Darrah*  
*Jean A. Deakynne*  
*Paul S. Faidley*  
*Daniel L. French*  
*David H. Gaines*  
*Allan Garonzik*  
*George B. Garrett*  
*Sheldon J. Gerron*  
*John R. Glaze*  
*Wayne E. Glenn*  
*Boyd D. Goldman*  
*Everette E. Gray*  
*Ronald L. Harris*  
*Herman Harrison*  
*William H. Herndon*  
*Gary C. Hitt*  
*James F. Hollingsworth*  
*Jerry B. Houston*  
*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*  
*Darrin P. Milner*  
*Michael W. Morrow*  
*Wendell H. Nedderman*  
*Michael W. Parker*  
*William Postlethwaite*  
*Clifton A. Potter*  
*R. Zack Prince*  
*Jimmie A. Redden*  
*Ronald M. Rendleman*  
*Robert R. Roten*  
*Charlie E. Seyster*  
*Kenneth E. Smith*  
*Kevin R. Smith*  
*Larry D. Smith*  
*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*

**What is the Hall of Honor?** Why is it important? Who gets there? How? Why should I care?

Somewhere around 1979, a group of old soldiers with UTA connections decided that it would be nice to honor some of the guys who have gone forth after attending UTA or one of its predecessors. The recipients would be soldiers who have distinguished themselves either in their military career or civilian career, or in some other way brought honor to the military department by their deeds or actions. At the time, the Jody Alumni Organization was the only group connected to UTA Homecoming with any military background. The Hall of Honor could include any former cadet worthy of induction. Additionally, a potential candidate could be voted into the Hall as an Honorary Member. This would include someone who wasn't actually in the ROTC as a cadet, but was in some way helpful or who distinguished himself with the ROTC program. A selection committee was chosen. Later, the responsibility of choosing worthy candidates would fall into the hands of the UTA Cadet Corps Alumni Chapter.

After 25 years, the Hall of Honor re-

mains the single largest event connected with UTA Homecoming, and the inductees read like a "Who's Who" in the annals of military history. With this year's inductees, the total number comes to 74. Other than possibly one of the Service Academies, no other institution can boast of a more exemplary body of former cadets. Here is a sampling of why you should be so very proud of your alma mater: Included in the group are a Four-Star General, two Three-Star Generals, six Two-Star Generals, five One-Star Generals, and a Rear Admiral. All branches of the armed services are represented.

There is one Medal of Honor recipient and over 60 recipients of the Silver and Bronze Star. Many of the inductees paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country. Additionally, our inductees include an Olympic Gold Medal winner, the first Astronaut to walk in space without a life line, a U.S. Ambassador, a United States vice presidential candidate, two former presidents of UTA, and a handful of doctors and PhDs.

Space limitations prevent the complete biography of each inductee; however, a fairly comprehensive account can be found at [www.armyrotc.uta.edu](http://www.armyrotc.uta.edu).

## The New Sam Houston Rifles

In the fall of 2004 there were 15; now they are down to 10. The newest Sam Houston Rifle Team is not about to let tradition die. Cadet **Justin Carlton**, the OIC, and Cadet **Robert Cederstrom**, the Assistant OIC, have their group out practicing three times a week for two hours at a time. All this is in addition to schoolwork and other duties, and

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tracting those in the top 5% who could go anywhere they want. But it's the program and the legacy we have that helps retain them. The Hall of Honor and the rich heritage of the CCAC are powerful recruiting tools. It is especially important to parents to know that their students are joining a program that has a proven track record of success. Our targeted leaders are intelligent, physically fit, and motivated, with leadership skills and potential.

We have been very successful in growing the program over the last three years

without a budget or much support from upper levels. Captain **Joel Coleman** is looking for a place for the new SHR team to size themselves up against a little competition. Maybe they will borrow a van and head to A&M to show off their six and eight minute drills. Maybe we'll see them around campus and be able to watch the new Jody spirit in action!

from 78 cadets to 130. Now we are at the brink of another expansion in quality as well as quantity. For this to be successful I will be asking more of the CCAC than just being able to use your legacy. I will be asking that you help by being directly involved in finding and retaining those Scholar-Athlete-Leaders. Your influence, knowledge, and understanding of what it takes to be a leader of this great nation will be invaluable to us in building this program up to primer status again. Our future lies with our members from the past-you-our legacy and benchmark of success.

## 2005 Hall of Honor Inductees

**COL George B. Garrett** enrolled at ASC, joined the Sam Houston Rifles, and ultimately became Drill Team Commander. He received his Army commission in 1967 and has worn the uniform for 37 years. His active duty assignments include extensive service in Vietnam and the South Pacific. After 14 years in the National Guard, Colonel Garrett transferred to the Army Reserve and served in several command positions, culminating with an active duty tour as Director of Homeland Security efforts for Hawaii. As the Homeland Defense Coordinator for the U.S. Army in the Pacific, his duties included managing operations and intelligence activities for Hawaii synchronizing all facets of law enforcement and antiterrorism operations. Colonel Garrett's greatest sources of pride are his two children, whom he raised as a single father after the untimely death of his wife.



**LTC John A. Langford** attended ASC in 1953. He graduated from SMU in 1956 and was commissioned 2LT in the U.S. Air Force. The military skills and discipline he learned at ASC created motivation for a military career that lasted for 28 years. His distinguished career included 180 combat missions over Southeast Asia aboard F4 Phantoms. By 1974 he was assigned as Commander of an Air Force Recruiting Squadron, responsible for all Air Force recruiting in Maryland, Virginia, and the D.C. area. He served as Operations Staff Officer/Chief Command Post, AF Systems Command, Andrews AFB until 1981, when he retired from active military service and established the first Air Force Junior ROTC Squadron in Montgomery County, MD, which achieved the designation of Honor Unit in 1984. Colonel Langford received his law degree from George Mason University in Virginia, and practiced law there from 1985-98. Colonel Langford currently resides in Granbury, Texas.



**COL George C. McDowell** graduated from NTAC in 1932. He attended a third year and was designated Company Commander of D Company. In 1933 he won a competitive appointment to the West Point and graduated in 1937 as a 2LT in the Field Artillery his first assignment in a horse-drawn unit. He participated in the 1942 invasion of French Morocco under command of General Patton. As Ordnance Officer of the Air Support Command, he was involved in logistical planning, for units and equipment. In 1944 McDowell was assigned to the War Department general staff. He received an MBA from Harvard Business School in 1948 and transferred to the Air Force. After installing the military's first four computer systems, he was assigned to the Air Force ballistic missile program. In 1961 he formed his own real estate firm in Houston, Texas. Colonel McDowell is married to the former Rae Woods.



## Where Are They Now?

### Archie Davis

**Archie Davis** considers the influence of Colonel Joel Ward the reason for re-entering and making the Army a career. After he served two years as an enlisted soldier, Archie earned a three-year ROTC scholarship at UTA and graduated in 1986. He was selected as one of America's Most Outstanding Men in 1985, and was inducted into UTA's "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities." Archie was active in the Cadet Corps, serving as a Captain in the Color Guard and later as the first African-American Cadet Corps Commander. He graduated and was commissioned in the Air Defense Artillery in 1986, later serving with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division.



Archie was assigned to Desert Storm in 1990 and 1991 as an Air Defense Officer. He later branch-transferred to the Finance Corps.

COL Davis is currently serving as Deputy Commander 336<sup>th</sup> Theater Finance Command. This unit provides military pay to all the soldiers serving in the United States' Central Command, including soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. In addition their unit distributes billions of dollars to support the reconstruction effort. He would love to hear from his old buddies at: [archie.davis@arifjan.arcent.army.mil](mailto:archie.davis@arifjan.arcent.army.mil)

### Douglas Welch

**Douglas McArthur Welch** would obviously have the military make a huge impact on his life. Showing up on the ASC campus in the Fall semester of 1961 from Guthrie, Oklahoma, Welch immediately signed up for ROTC and the recruit team of the Sam Houston Rifles.



Hard work, dedication, and drive quickly elevated him up the ranks. He served as Gideon, Squad Leader, Guide, and ultimately, Commander of the Jodies. Under his leadership, the Drill Team won every competition. The Naval Academy, the Air Force Academy, New Mexico Military Academy, St. Mary's, and a host of teams with national reputations went down in flames under Welch's leadership.

Commissioned as an Infantry Officer in 1966, Doug went to Jump School, Ranger School, and Special Forces School. His first tour of duty was in Korea where Doug got a black belt in karate. His next tour was as a Green

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when he did a double off the 80-foot cliff dive with streamers soaked in kerosene flaming off his legs. Conquering a Category 5 with no KIA will bring a group together like a bunch of guys sharing a foxhole during a firefight. We were bullet-proof and invisible.



We were clearly out of control! The energy and anticipation for the river trip began ramping up immediately after we returned from the previous trip. Scantly clad girls showed up at our campsite looking for a souvenir T-shirt, a gourmet meal, or a spot at the Joke-Off and the awards ceremony. Divorces were filed. Children were swept off the street and kept indoors. The cops circled our campsite at night. Our annual visit to the area created a Condition Orange posting in Comel County.

The group photograph was published in *Playboy* magazine. Why *Playboy*? To answer that question, you need to look up the February 1984 edition. While McBee and I were the only ones to make all 15 trips, guys like Rudd, Dulaney, Brazeil, Thompson, McEwan, Mike Ellis,

Campos, Klemme, Pink, Reyes, Closner, and Wine all had double-digit participation.

By 1992 the 15 years as well as the river had run its course for me. (S-3 was never my true passion.) Some of our kids who were three years old when we started were now 18

and made this last trip. My curly black hair and beard gave way to a shiny spot and an additional 20 pounds. Liability and lawsuits crossed my mind for the first time.

However, for the Jodies and all the other members of the group, these canoeing trips will be forever etched in our memory. It is amazing to discover what happens when you dump the Rolexes, the BMWs, and the monogrammed shirts and issue the bankers, the truck drivers, the school teachers, and the judges a T-shirt and a ball cap. Pretension is eliminated. Equality in its purest state is achieved. Peace, tranquility, and understanding nature become a reality. Male bonding at the highest level. Well, forget the peace and tranquility part.

Send comments or more cool stories to [bunky5555@juno.com](mailto:bunky5555@juno.com)

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Beret A Team Leader in Viet Nam, constantly involved in dangerous missions. Later, as the Assistant PMS at Texas Tech University, Welch started a drill team. Within a short time his team was competitive.

Doug rose quickly through the ranks, reaching the rank of Colonel. Somewhere along the way, he had a higher calling. He resigned his commission and began a new, more spiritual life. He lost contact with most of his old friends. Nearly 20 years passed without word of Doug's location or what he was doing. All efforts to find him failed. A few years ago, a few of his old friends went on a mission. The mission was to find Doug Welch. A little luck and a few clues led the guys to discover Doug working at a university. It is Welch's wishes to put the past behind him and move forward with his new life. His reputation as a cadet at ASC, and his exemplary service as a soldier, will forever be a positive influence on all whose lives he touched.

To join CCAC or give a gift to the Cadet Corps Endowed Scholarship Fund

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or look for applications and information at [www.cadetcorps.org](http://www.cadetcorps.org)

## Milestones

**Commissioned** — **Charles R. Fontenot**, commissioned 2LT on December 14, 2004, at UTA.

**Commissioned** — **Demetrius R. George**, commissioned 2LT on December 14, 2004, at UTA.

**Deceased** — **Howard Pat Brown**, Bandera, Texas, on December 25, 2004. Attended ASC in 1952 and 1953 and was the Corps Commander of Cadets.

**Bronze Star** — U. S. Marine Corps **Alex J. Childress**, Coalition Personnel Officer in the Multi-National Security Transition Command in Iraq, was presented the Bronze Star Medal by Commanding General David H. Petraeus. Childress lives in the Arlington area.

### **Woo-Hoo! Party at Garonzik's!**

Attention Jodies! Bunky and Sandra are having a Jody Reunion lunch, 2:00 on Saturday Feb. 19, after the Hall of Honor. Contact Bunky at [bunky5555@juno.com](mailto:bunky5555@juno.com) for details.