



Reveille

President's Desk

By Rex Latham



Rex Latham

The fall 2016 cadet battalion-activation day got off to a great start on August 25th! After our CCAC Executive Committee meeting, alumni who attended got to see **LTC Doty** present plaques to **Major General Will Latham** and **Judge Don Stevenson**, recognizing their selection to the new **ROTC Hall of Fame** (photos on page 4). Seven cadets took their contracting oath and “rang the bell,” and we got an update on the ROTC program plans and requirements. We met and mingled with returning cadre and cadets and new cadets.

Your Executive Committee is going to be working hard to increase communication with you. You, our alumni, are doing and have done exciting things, and we want to hear from you. Many of the items in this newsletter have come from members letting us know what is going on so we can share that news with you. So keep those emails and telephone calls coming to: ccac_uta@yahoo.com. Also, to stay informed on CCAC alumni activities and sometimes take a “walk back” into our history, remember to “Like” our Facebook page: UT-Arlington ROTC Alumni. You may be surprised and pleased with what you find there. Check with your fellow alumni and, if they are not in contact with us, urge them to provide us with a current email address at a minimum.

I also strongly encourage all alumni to consider becoming Life Members. It only costs \$200 to become a Life Member (\$100 if you are over 65), and that money goes directly to the **Life Mem-**

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At the Front

By LTC James Doty, III



LTC James Doty, III
Professor of Military
Science

Greetings to all! The 114th Maverick Battalion kicked off the new school year with a bang! During a fast zero week, cadets moved into Trinity Dorm, in-processed, conducted team-building events and classroom exercises, and showed up to their first class and our welcome lab. The lab was a big welcome for **MG (Ret)**

Latham and **Judge Stevenson** as well, because the battalion honored their induction into the **United States Army Cadet Command (USACC) ROTC Hall of**

Fame! Fine words by these outstanding alumni inspired our cadets who took the plunge and contracted to become future officers at the end of the ceremony. With over 150 cadets initially signing up for ROTC classes, we expect to have a great year.

Our Mavericks have had a fantastic summer, which had as many changes as there were cadet regiments. Almost 20 of our cadets attended the totally renamed “Advanced Camp.” It may sound old school, but the cadets had plenty of new challenges to complete as the new **USACC Commanding General, MG Christopher Hughes**, emplaced his vision in the summer. We also sent almost a dozen cadets to the also totally renamed “Basic Camp” where drill sergeants taught them the basics of soldiering and followership. Two cadets participated in the Cultural Understanding and Language Program (CULP) this summer – **Cadet Grossman** and **Cadet Tinajero** traveled to Europe and Africa

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Respecting our Flag and our Country

By Bunky Garonzik



Bunky Garonzik

...actually I posted some of this on our Facebook page several weeks ago, but, not surprisingly, some misdirected protesting among athletic groups has started to gain some traction. To clarify, my comments are not political, although most with an opinion seem to fall right down political party lines.

Many who receive the *Reveille* wore the uniform. Most understand our pledge to support the Constitution—including the first amendment. And most understand the word “Respect.” Just how all this is tied together is the gray area. So my opinions are just that—opinions. It may be possible that police who shoot people who commit crimes and resist arrest might be considered by some as racist—even though some of the police are minorities themselves. And my opinions on the cause of racial divide increasing over the last seven years or so is not the issue. I just do not see the correlation between disrespecting our flag and National Anthem with clenched fists and kneel downs. I also fail to see the correlation of honoring your buddy who died, and burning, stealing, and looting. Our system provides a venue for protesting and highlighting grievances, but disrespect for the flag or country simply shows ignorance.

I was fortunate to be at the “Vets and Jets” event among a number of veterans and other folks who EARNED the right to show their feelings on patriotism and what America means to all of us.

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9-11-2016 Corpus Christi, Texas

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A Moment in CCAC History

by Rex Latham, President

The recent opening of the **National Museum of African American History & Culture** recognizes the contributions and challenges faced by one group of our fellow Americans. In that regard, former **President George W. Bush**, who signed the bill to create the museum, made a speech at the museum's opening from which the following comment are extracted:

"In a society governed by the people, no wrong lasts forever. After struggle and sacrifice, the American people, acting through the most democratic of means, amended the constitution that originally treated slaves as three-fifths of a person, to guarantee equal protection of the laws. After a decade of struggle, civil rights acts and voting rights act were finally enacted. Even today, the journey toward justice is still not complete. But this museum will inspire us to go farther and get there faster."

"Our country is better and more vibrant because of the contributions of millions of African Americans. No telling of American history is either complete or accurate without acknowledging them. The lesson in this museum is that all Americans share a past and a future by staying true to our principles, righting injustice, and encouraging the empowerment of all. We will be an even greater nation for generations to come."

CCAC members attending UTA in the 1960s witnessed firsthand the righting of one injustice when African Americans were enrolled for the first time. In that regard, we want to recognize **Oscar K. Chambers**, the first African American graduate who was commissioned from UTA in August 1965, and all the African American alumni who followed him. We are all Americans, and as CCAC alumni, we are united by a special bond of service to our country.



In the photo, from the left: Thomas M. Darnall, Douglas W. Spruill, Eddie W. Osborn, and Oscar K. Chambers are commissioned in 1965.

Hall of Honor 2017

by Jerry Bob Houston, VP Hall of Honor

Mark your calendar and plan to attend. Our next **Hall of Honor will be March 25, 2017**. I have had a few members tell me that they would like for us to consider certain individuals for the Hall of Honor. The process of nomination is this: the first step is to submit a written nomination to the Hall of Honor selection committee through the CCAC Secretary. We have developed a form that can be filled out for the initial nomination. The Vice President for the Hall of Honor will review the form and request additional information or clarification if there are questions. The completed form is then presented to the Hall of Honor selection committee for consideration. **Selections for 2017 should be made by mid-November**. If you have someone you would like to nominate, please send me an email at jerrybhouston@gmail.com or give me a call at 615-473-4128, and I will send you a nomination form. Hope to see you in March 2017.

Confession of a Procrastinator by John "Hendew" Henderson, Development

This writer has been a member of CCAC since its inception from **Sam Houston Rifles Alumni Association**. The **Gold Bar Club** program has been in existence since 2007. The Gold Bar Club is a means for the alumni to donate to the **Cadet Corps Endowment Scholarship Fund**. Every year when I attend Hall of Honor, and other events, I am reminded of the Gold Bar Club program and decide to join. Every year I return to my daily duties and get busy with work and forget what I had intended to accomplish with the Gold Bar Club.

I have worried that if I signed on to give a fixed amount per each new 2nd Lieutenant commissioned, I might not be able to afford that amount in later years to come. On the other hand, I did want to give enough to make a difference.

What I did not do was get the facts for the program. When I did that, I found that I could start with only \$1.00 per new 2nd Lieutenant; or I could start with a higher dollar amount, but then reduce that amount anytime I desired.

I had procrastinated for all that time on doing what I wanted to accomplish, and for no real reason. If this sounds familiar to you, just email Sarah Nahhas at snahhas@decisionanalyst.com and say "sign me up" or "send me the information."

By being a member of the Gold Bar Club, you ensure that the program will continue to produce out-standing officers for the U.S. Army. What are you waiting for?



Where Are They Now?

by Bunky Garonzik, VP Communication



Eddie T. Drain is the Police Chief in Amarillo, Texas. You can call him Chief, or you could call him Colonel.

Seems so many of our UTA Military Alumni really take to heart the word “Service.” Eddie is no exception. He is a Lifetime Member of the CCAC, a UTA graduate, and is a Lieutenant Colonel in the Army Reserve. Eddie was deployed to Iraq from April 2004 to April 2005 where he was awarded the Bronze Star. Eddie started his law enforcement career in 1994 and before he went to Amarillo, he was the Assistant Chief of Police in Plano, Texas.

Eddie commissioned in the UTA class of 1982, and he is also graduate of the FBI National Academy; and he holds a Master Police Officer’s License. He and his wife Linda now reside in Amarillo, Texas.

Sam Houston Rifles

by Floyd Wine, VP Marketing

The 2016 Fall Semester started with six returning Jody “Cord Members,” along with several new recruits. Some of the new recruits have some JROTC drill experience (without weapons), while others are brand new to the concept of Drill and Ceremony. It’s interesting to see how some of these recruits are fast learners, while others take a while longer, but work a little harder to gain the knowledge and expertise to become a Jody. Practices are currently scheduled on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, after corps PT, at approximately 0700-0800. CCAC and Sam Houston Rifle Alumni are welcomed and encouraged to visit these practices.

As of now, the SHR have scheduled three performances during this semester: the UTA volleyball game on 8 October, the Dallas “Run-To-The-Wall” at Fair Park on 5 November, and the Dallas Veterans Day Parade on 11 November. Last year, the Jodies were awarded the First Place trophy as the “Best Military Unit” in the parade.

Membership

by Diane Colvard, VP Membership

I am excited to be a part of an elite group of men and women who are here to support the UTA Military Science Department. I have had numerous conversations with our CCAC president, Rex Latham, about reaching out to both our members and nonmembers—discussing ideas on how we might increase membership.

It takes a team of willing members to contribute their time and, sometimes, money to a worthy cause. The CCAC Board Members are looking toward our current members to reach out to those you know and invite them to visit our links. I challenge you to challenge them to consider a Life Membership and join our 172 Life Members who have taken that “step beyond” in supporting the ROTC program! Share your experience with them. Aside from my message here, as I become more familiar with ways to connect to each of you, I will be sending out membership messages with various requests.

I live on the east coast and make numerous trips back to Texas. If you live in the DFW area and are interested in helping in some way, please send an email my way. The CCAC Board Members, like myself, are interested in hearing from you and invite you to actively participate. Today is a new day with great opportunities to give back to the UTA Military Science Department. Come join us and find your niche in our support of the Cadre, Staff, and Cadets! I can be contacted via email: dianecolvard@gmail.com; Facebook:/dianecolvard; Twitter: @dcolvard; Google Talk: dianecolvard; Skype: Diane Colvard

Maverick Battalion Historical Artifacts

by Mark Latham, Historian

The Maverick Battalion recently transferred a number of historical artifacts to the UTA Library Special Collections. Special Collections strives to preserve documents and other items of historical significance that reflect UTA’s origins and development. These materials shed light on student life and on the academic experience at UTA; once added to the official holdings, the materials become available to researchers. The Maverick Battalion's contribution which include photographs, videos, awards, and a saber, that reflects the military's role and contributions throughout the UTA's history. When Special Collections has put the new collection into an accessible digital format, CCAC will ask its members to help provide context and details on items in the collection, especially the photographs. Your ongoing help to develop this new collection will be essential and greatly appreciated. The procedures and application for use, photocopying, and handling of Special Collections holdings may be accessed online at <http://library.uta.edu>.

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Respecting our Flag... (Continued from page 1)

No Kaepernick on this one! No overpaid, ungrateful, misguided, spoiled athletes were on board. This group of mostly veterans and Corvette owners “get it.” We are lucky, to be clear, but we certainly understand what our flag and our National Anthem represent. And especially the Value Added by the service and sacrifices of our veterans.

“RESPECT,” would be the operative word here. The three-day event in Corpus Christi was the opportunity to show our gratitude, and the cause of the gathering was to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project. All \$100,000+ generated was donated to the Wounded Warriors—no “Administrative Salaries” or any such nonsense.

Emotions ran deep as we heard the speakers and the bagpipes and as we looked across the deck of the USS Lexington—filled with over 400 Corvettes and a plethora of war planes from the past. “The Land of the Free” garners some real meaning—not some twisted concoction by a handful of pampered ball players with a misdirected concept of equality and vilification of the police, aided by the encouragement of our Commander in Chief.

Notwithstanding the irony of our veterans and police protecting the rights of the dividers, the ungrateful, the non-contributors and the misdirected, it was an emotional breath of springtime to be a part of this worthwhile, meaningful, and patriotic event. “Politically Correct” be damned and a Salute to Common Sense and all those who wore the uniform...

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bership Fund, which supports the Maverick Battalion. It's a way to give back to a program that helped all of us. **The Gold Bar** program, which supports our Scholarship Fund, is another superb way to show your support to the cadets who are training to become Army leaders and protect our great country.

Exciting and challenging times are ahead, and even though the Army is downsizing, UTA's ROTC program is well-positioned to remain an outstanding corps of cadets. The CCAC will remain staunch supporters of the program as well as a vehicle for alumni bonds and communication. While our ages span decades, we are joined as comrades through UTA and the Corps of Cadets. Rex Latham, President CCAC.



Judge Don Stevenson and MG Willard Latham accept their plaques from LTC Doty in recognition of their selection to the new ROTC Hall of Fame.

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and came back with great stories about their interactions with the military services of other countries. Other cadets traveled across the U.S. and the Pacific to participate in Cadet Troop Leader Training at various Army installations across the United States. All of these young leaders have come back to campus with a better understanding of how the Army operates day to day; they will leverage their experience to better plan and execute realistic, leader-focused training for all of our cadets. **Mavericks Lead the Way!!**

At the start of school we commissioned **2LTs Reniker and Anderson**. Congratulations to those fine officers and thanks to the CCAC members who were there to celebrate with them. The Maverick Battalion went to Fort Wolters 28-30 September to conduct our fall field-training exercise. Cadets practiced land navigation, operations in urban terrain, patrol base operations, and attack/defense tasks over the 48 hours and came back motivated to train some more. Ranger Challenge, UTA's Veterans Day Celebration, UTA Homecoming, and the 2016 Fall Commissioning Ceremony. We hope to see you on campus soon!! **Studium Excellentiae!!**

Member News

Three proud UTA Maverick Battalion alumni from the classes of 2015 & 2016 recently got together for a photo while undergoing Logistics Branch training at Ft. Lee, VA. From left to right, they are **2LTs Paul Jordan Wilkerson, Quartermaster; Dharyl Daduya, Transportation; and Jazmin Guevara, Ordnance**. Lt. Wilkerson is looking forward to an assignment in Alaska where he will be a Parachute Rigger Platoon Leader. Lt. Guevara will head to Korea as a Maintenance Platoon Leader. Mavericks lead the way! We welcome information from you on your current status to publish in the *Reveille* or the UT-Arlington ROTC Alumni Facebook page. Send information to snahas@decisionanalyst.com and/or diancolvard@gmail.com.



According to the October edition of the Dallas Bar Association's *Headnotes*, **Al Ellis** has been selected as the 2016 recipient of the Morris Harrell Professionalism Award. This annual award is presented by the Dallas Bar Association and the Texas Center for Legal Ethics and Professionalism to the "attorney who best exemplifies, by conduct and character, truly professional traits who others seek to emulate and who all in the bar admire." Al, a Life Member and Hall of Honor Member, has been a highly rated and trusted lawyer for 44 years and he brings credit to UTA, the ROTC program, and the CCAC.

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