

History of the Corps of Cadets



Since the inception of military training at this institution in 1902 when it was the Carlisle Military Academy, hundreds of outstanding young men and women have been prepared for service as officers in the U.S. Army. The ROTC program, as we know it today, began when the institution became a part of the Texas A&M System in 1917. The college offered two years of college training and was known as Grubbs Vocational College. Grubbs became North

Texas Agricultural College from 1923 until 1949, when the name was changed to Arlington State College. ROTC was mandatory for all non-veteran male students of the college until 1954 when ROTC was deleted from the college's core curriculum. The cadets, however, remained an integral part of college life because the Corps was intertwined with most campus activities. This close feeling has continued even until today.

In the fall of 1959, the curriculum was expanded to four years, and the first seven officers received their commissions in the spring of 1961. Since that date, more than 1000 officers have been commissioned through the Arlington ROTC program.

In October of 1965, the institution transferred to the UT System and has been The University of Texas at Arlington since 1967. On May 17, 1968, Department of Army General Order Number 20 was published, formally establishing The University of Texas at Arlington ROTC unit as a separate Army ROTC organization.

Another major milestone in the history of Army ROTC was reached on April 15, 1986. On that date, the United States Army ROTC Cadet Command was organized with headquarters at historic Fort Monroe, Virginia, blending the vibrancy of a new command with the traditions of the Army's oldest continuously active installation.

Today, the Corps of Cadets of The University of Texas at Arlington is a growing and vital link in preserving the freedoms this country enjoys. The proud legacy of the Maverick Battalion has been enriched by each generation that served in time of peace to safeguard our security, and in time of war to secure victory. The tradition of the UTA Army cadets is to live up to the magnificent example set by their former comrades-in-arms as the guardians of liberty.