

Featured Alumnus

Jeannie Deakyne '98



How many beauty queens carry a rifle to work everyday? Meet one who does! Jeannie Panton Deakyne, former Mrs. Texas and a Captain in the U.S. Army currently deployed in Iraq.

Captain Jeannie Deakyne is a Distinguished Military Graduate from the University of Texas at Arlington, where she earned Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. She received her commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Adjutant General Corps on 12 December 1998.

Upon graduation from the Adjutant General Officer Basic Course at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, CPT Deakyne was assigned as the Chief of Personnel Actions and Strength Manager for the 2d Armored Cavalry Regiment at Fort Polk, Louisiana. She then served as the Group S1/Adjutant for the US Army Joint Readiness Training Center Operations Group. After completion of the Adjutant General Captains' Career Course and the Combined Arms and Services Staff School, CPT Deakyne was assigned to Fort Hood, Texas where she deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II with the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division as the Brigade S1/Adjutant. She commanded Charlie Detachment, 15th Personnel Services Battalion during OIF II, and is currently deployed in support of OIF 06-08 as the Battalion S3 for the 15th PSB.

Her awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (1OLC), the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the Combat Action Badge, the Basic Parachutist Badge, the National Infantry Association's Order of Saint Maurice, and the Adjutant General Corps' Major General Winfield Scott and Theodore Roosevelt Awards.

CPT Deakyne is married to Captain William F. Deakyne of Glendale, Arizona. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science in 1998 and also received her commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Adjutant General Corps the same year. She was a highly involved student leader and was Student Congress President her senior year.

Featured UT Arlington Academics

Military Science



The UT Arlington ROTC Battalion through the Department of Military Science is the number one ranked ROTC Battalion for Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. 15% of this year's graduating class ranked in the top 3% of the nation.

The current number one cadet is also Battalion Commander, Leilani Kikugawa. She is a Senior II graduating in May from the School of Nursing and is also featured as

part of the Be A Maverick billboard campaign. She ranked #77 of 3815 being commissioned this year. The 1000th commissionee was in December 2006 and ranked #39 in the nation.

The number of full ride 4 year federal Army scholarships for Fall 07 tripled from the previous year because of the success / performance of the program. Therefore, allowing more freshmen will be receiving full tuition and fee scholarships this fall.

[To read more about the Department of Military Science and the ROTC Battalion,](#)

Alumni Mixer

April 26th, Downtown Fort Worth



The next Alumni Association Mixer will be held on **April 26th at 6:00 p.m.** at the Fox & Hound English Pub and Grille in Downtown Fort Worth. There will be limited complimentary appetizers, drink specials and alumni giveaways. Wear your UT Arlington Gear and bring a friend!! Email uta_alumni@uta.edu for more information.

Distinguished Alumni Gala

Award Nominations



Calling all Nominations for this year's Distinguished Alumni! If you know of an alumni who fits the criteria of receiving the highest honor from The University of Texas at Arlington, please nominate him or her for a Distinguished Alumni Award. [Click here for criteria and award nomination forms.](#)

Did You Know?

The UT Arlington Maverick Promise



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The University of Texas at Arlington has announced a new financial aid package that will guarantee free tuition for undergraduate Texas residents with a family income of \$25,000 or less. The new program, the "Maverick Promise," will become effective beginning fall 2007. [Click here to read more about the Maverick Promise.](#)

Alumni Volunteering

The Big Event



The Big Event will be on April 14th from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. In association with the University of Texas System United to Serve and the City of Arlington, UT Arlington students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members will volunteer at multiple sites throughout Arlington and the Metroplex. For more details about The Big Event, [click here.](#)

Join the Alumni Association!

Discount on SpringFest

Joe Nichols and Switchfoot at a Discount!



Become a member of the Alumni Association and use benefits like discounted University event tickets to Springfest 2007. The Christian rock band, Switchfoot, and country music star, Joe Nichols, will be performing on April 21st at Maverick Stadium. Alumni Member pricing is \$15.00. For ticket information, visit www.utatickets.com. To get your membership id number, email uta_alumni@uta.edu.

If you aren't a member yet, find out why everybody is doing it! [Click here to join!](#)

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Alumni Calendar of Events

April 4, 2007

Joe Klein lecture (Time Magazine columnist and political author)
University Center, Rio Grande
7:00 pm

April 13, 2007

Semana De Cultura: Student and Hispanic Alumni Reception
University Center, Carlisle Suite
7:00-9:00 pm

The reception is part of the week-long Semana de Cultura activities and all alumni and their friends are invited. This is a great time to catch up with old classmates and meet new friends.

For more information, visit www.utahispanicalumni.org.

April 14, 2007

Big Event-Community Service

Event in Arlington Community

8:00 am-12:00 pm

For more information, visit www.uta.edu/thebigevent.

April 21, 2007

Spring Fest '07

Featuring Joe Nichols and Switchfoot
Maverick Stadium

Admission price: Alumni Association members-\$15

For more information, visit

www.utatickets.com.

April 26, 2007

Alumni Mixer

Fox and Hound in Downtown Fort Worth
6:00 pm

April 28, 2007

Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting

Location TBD

9:00 am

May 11, 2007

Graduation Celebration

Maverick Stadium

Time TBD



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