



*Today, the Corps says to them,
“You will stand for all time
among the finest leaders Texas
A&M has provided. You are the
best we have to offer.”*

EXEMPLIFYING THE AGGIE SPIRIT

The Corps Hall of Honor Inducts Four New Members

For more than a century, the Corps of Cadets at Texas A&M University has produced members who have held positions of importance in almost every field of endeavor. Whether in war or peace, former cadets have led the way.

The Corps of Cadets established the Hall of Honor in 1993 to pay tribute to those former cadets who have lived a life that exemplifies the Texas Aggie Spirit. Those chosen also possess the values upon which the Corps was founded: honor, loyalty, service, pride, patriotism, faith, leadership and honesty.

Texas A&M University recognized the lifetime achievements of four distinguished gentlemen during the Corps Hall of Honor induction ceremony on Saturday, Feb. 9, in Rudder Auditorium on the Texas A&M campus.

James K.B. Nelson '49, Rear Admiral (Ret) Robert Smith III '61, Lieutenant General (Ret) James T. Scott '64 and Lieutenant George P.F. Jouine, Class of 1907 were inducted. Mr. George Dolan, the great-nephew of Lieutenant Jouine, accepted the induction on his behalf.

To date, 63 former cadets have been inducted into the Corps Hall of Honor.

We congratulate these gentlemen on this prestigious honor and thank them for their support and leadership.



James K.B. Nelson '49

"I hope and pray that you present Aggies—you members of the Corps—will keep this fire and the sacred Aggie Spirit blazing strongly for the rest of your lives. I predict you will look back on your life and those of your fellow Aggies and you will be astounded by their accomplishments."

James K.B. Nelson '49 received dual bachelor's degrees in mechanical and petroleum engineering from Texas A&M. While a cadet, Nelson was a Ross Volunteer, a Cadet Lt. Colonel Corps Staff, senior class secretary and treasurer and editor of *The Battalion*. He received a commission as a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force upon graduation.

While still in school and at the beginning of his career, Nelson worked in and around the Houston area as a roughneck with several drilling companies including Carl. B. King, Loffland Brothers and Thompson-Carr. In 1950, he became a drilling engineer with Thompson-Carr, where he worked until 1955 when he became a drilling and production superintendent with Starett Oil Co.

In 1960, Nelson began his tenure with Grey Wolf Drilling Co., also in Houston, first as vice president of operations and then as president and chief executive officer from 1979 until 1997.

Presently, Nelson is president of Felicity Ventures Ltd. and serves on the Board of Directors of Grey Wolf Drilling, and is president, treasurer and trustee of the James K.B. and Audrey

Calais Nelson Foundation.

Nelson has held offices in local Texas A&M Clubs, The Association of Former Students, the Twelfth Man Foundation, several A&M Mothers Clubs, the Corps Development Council, the Corps of Cadets Association, the Corps Leadership Outreach and the Aggie Band Association.

In 1997, Nelson received the Entrepreneur of the Year Award in Houston and was a 1997 inductee into the Texas A&M Petroleum Engineering Academy of Distinguished Graduates. He was additionally honored as both an Outstanding Alumni of the Dwight Look College of Engineering in 2000 and a Texas A&M University Distinguished Alumnus in 2005.



Rear Admiral (Ret) Robert Smith III '61

"I am very humbled and grateful for this very significant honor. I will accept it proudly on behalf of all the cadets here—and those who have gone before us—and wish you Godspeed, fair winds and following seas. God bless the Corps of Cadets."

Rear Admiral Robert Smith III '61 received a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics from Texas A&M and is a 1977 graduate of Louisiana State University's School of Banking of the South. As a student at Texas A&M, Smith was a member of the Corps of Cadets, the Agricultural Economics Club and the

Dallas Hometown Club.

Smith was commissioned into the United States Navy in 1962. He is a graduate of the Naval War College and also attended the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, completing a course in national security in 1991.

During his 35 years in the United States Navy, he served in assignments in the Pacific, Washington, D.C., and the Atlantic and retired in 1996 as chief of staff to the commander, United States Pacific Fleet, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. In 1987, Smith was selected a rear admiral (lower half) and later earned his second star in 1991.

The Navy recognized his distinguished military career with honors including the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal and the Navy Unit Commendation Award.

Smith began his civilian career with the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas in 1968. He served as secretary to the bank's board of directors and to the Federal Reserve System's Conference of Presidents. In 1975, he served as assistant secretary to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. Smith is currently senior vice president of the Federal Reserve Bank, responsible for its Houston's branch.

He is actively involved as a Texas A&M former student and an ardent supporter and past president of The Association of Former Students and the Dallas A&M Club and past chairman of the Texas A&M Foundation.

Smith is a past member of the 12th Man Foundation board of directors and the Chancellor's Century Council. He is a member of the Corps of Cadets Development Council, chairman of both the Presidential Board of Visitors and the President's Council of Advisors.

In 1999 he received the Jimmy Williams Distinguished Service Award from the Dallas A&M Club. He was awarded the "Outstanding Houston Aggie of the Year" by the Houston A&M Club in 2002 and was inducted as a Texas A&M University Distinguished Alumnus in 2005.



**Lieutenant General
(Ret) James T. Scott '64**

“I am a firm believer that leaders are not born, they are made and trained—that’s what the Corps of Cadets is about. This is an honor I accept on behalf of the thousands who have gone before us in the Corps.”

Lieutenant General James T. Scott '64 received his bachelor’s degree in animal husbandry from Texas A&M and his MBA from Fairleigh–Dickinson University, graduating *Magna cum Laude*.

Throughout his 32-year military career in the United States Army, he held several key senior commands in Europe, Africa, Korea and the United States, and participated in operations in Somalia, Haiti and the Balkans as well as in counter-terrorism and counter-narcotics missions worldwide.

Scott’s military experience includes command of tactical units at all levels, from platoon through division. Some of his key staff assignments include service with the West Point faculty; speech writer and editor in the Office of the Chief of Staff; and Deputy for Plans and Policy, United States Pacific Command.

He served in six foreign countries and participated in five combat tours, three of which were in Vietnam, where he served as an infantry platoon leader, company commander and operations officer.

From 1993 until his retirement from the Army in 1996, he was commanding general of United States Army Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg, N.C. In this position Scott was responsible for all Army

Special Operations Forces, both active and reserve.

From 1997 through 2001, Scott was the director of the National Security Program at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, where he taught graduate- and executive-level programs on national security matters and issues. He remains a member of several Harvard-affiliated national security study groups and committees, including the Executive Committee on Domestic Preparedness.

Scott currently serves as chairman of the Veterans’ Disability Benefits Commission; is a partner at Watson & Associates, a financial services firm located in Coleman, Texas; and teaches political science at Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Texas. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Calibre Corp., a technical services company based in Alexandria, Va.

During his service, the Army honored Scott with five military awards for valor and two Purple Hearts for wounds received in combat. He is a qualified combat infantryman, master parachutist and Army Ranger.



**Lieutenant George P.F. Jouine,
Class of 1907**

“The Corps of Cadets is the exemplification of integrity and leadership—qualities Lieutenant Jouine possessed. On behalf of my uncle and his family, it is with the greatest gratitude, honor and appreciation that I accept this outstanding tribute.”

– Mr. George Dolan, great-nephew of

Lieutenant George P.F. Jouine

Lieutenant George P.F. Jouine, Class of 1907, received his bachelor’s degree in civil engineering from the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas. As a cadet he was active in a number of student organizations, including being treasurer of the senior class, a member of the Student Council and a Ross Volunteer. He was recognized in his junior and senior years for his outstanding military bearing.

Following graduation, Jouine worked with a number of engineering firms and joined the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to work as a surveyor on levee construction on the Mississippi River.

With the outbreak of war in Europe in 1914, he departed to join the French Army as a private and was soon commissioned as an artillery officer. For more than 34 months, he commanded a trench mortar company and in near constant action through 1916, Jouine was wounded four times and awarded the French Legion of Honor—the highest award given by the French Republic for outstanding service to France, regardless of the social status or the nationality of the recipients.

Upon his recovery, he was transferred to command one of the first mobile tank units in modern warfare. His leadership, active role in the development of new tank tactics and action at the front over the balance of the war resulted in additional wounds and decorations—in all he received 14 decorations from France, England, Belgium and the United States.

After the war, Jouine returned to work in the engineering profession, becoming president of Gladys City Oil Co. of Beaumont and serving for 17 years as the official French Consul in Houston.

Prior to his death, he donated his extensive engineering library to Texas A&M and established one of the earliest endowment funds to provide scholarships for cadets.

In recognition of Jouine’s service and his achievements as a successful post-war engineer, since 1958, the year following his death, the Corps of Cadets has annually designated the most outstanding scholastic cadet unit as the “Jouine unit.”