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KADETS-This is the fourth newsletter, and it only seems like yesterday that I was writing the first-- two years ago! I don't believe I've ever enjoyed myself as much as the last six or seven years. Life is good..... don't let anyone tell you different! But there is a small requirement.... "You always get out of it, exactly what you put into it." I wish I could convey to you all the excitement, and joy when I find mail from one of "our Kadets"..... telling about his family, or the wonderful memories of Peacock that he holds so dear..... My chest pops out, I get a lump in my throat, and very soon..... tears of warm, fond memories. Silly? I think not...I didn't think so in the graduation line, I didn't think so when I was awarded the "Green Beret" that I had worked so hard for at Camp Mc Call.... or when my team mate died in my arms.... Men that share those times never worry about the tears, they've been there....they know.... Enough...of that..

Gents, it's time to get out of the "rat race" and do the 2nd most important thing in your life. If you die today.... what can you take with you? Your home? Your Ranch? Your business? Your wife? Your plans? ha,ha!!! You were brought into this world with NOTHING-- but I assure you, you will take much more with you than you ever dreamed. You will have helped to create love, hate, failure, success, sadness, or happiness- not only for yourself, but for all those you have touched. It's interesting as to how my original goals- as I achieved them, almost became boring or cheap. It seems that priorities change with age-attainment-children-grand-children-mellowing-study, and understanding. I'm sure glad I wasn't born OLD!!! Peacock was part of this period in our lives, and thank GOD I can look back-thirty years back- to see that it made me the man I am today, and I am happy and content, and ready....even though "the time" is not my option.

We all must take the time for each other, finding those that don't have addresses in the alumni directory, calling where they lived twenty years ago...not giving up.... I guarantee that you will feel tremendous satisfaction when you locate the lost ones- those that maybe only you know where they were from!

I hope to be able to spend more time locating our Kadets, and answering the many letters, since we have now purchased our COMPUTER. We have a TRS-80 complete, model III, 48K, 2 disc drive, with Microline OKIDATA 82A printer, with various cables, dust covers, programs, etc. \$2335.56 A very good machine at a very good price, and of course-guarantee plus maintenance program. We hope to have it programed for use by the time the next newsletter is due---Dec 1983!!

PLANS

I haven't sent a special letter out to the CLASS OF 1953, for our reunion-- this is IT!!! My heart tells me to have a school reunion, but I'm just going to give an open invitation to all-from 1912 to..... and be very happy to see all who show up in addition to my class of 53. If you haven't been to at least one reunion-COME ON DOWN- OR UP, whichever applies!!! You will never forget it!! Looking back, I sometimes regret nor doing certain things- but not any more, nothing can keep me away from a PEACOCK REUNION!!

I'm changing the place for our 53 Class Reunion, from the Marriott downtown, to the ST. ANTHONY INTER-CONTINENTAL. They have just remodeled and boy is it beautiful!! Most of you will see things that will really bring back memories. They are also giving us a good special on rooms-\$50.00 for single and \$60.00 for doubles. You can't beat that....ask for the 6th floor, that's where the swimming pool is. Better hurry and call in your reservations because there is a "festival" going on the same weekend downtown. The number is 1-800-327-0200, tell them you are with the Peacock Reunion, and you want the 6th floor.

I will have a suite set up with drinks for

for a welcome room - Friday, August 5, 1983, we will have a business meeting, Saturday morning at 0930 hours. (Ladies will do other things as groups - River walk, shopping, etc.) Lunch will be either at St. Anthony, or wherever your groups want to go . . . Then Saturday night we'll have a cocktail party with hors-d'oeuvre. Sunday we'll go out to Peacock campus for an "open house" hosted by the Peacocks.

I'm trying to keep it as simple and flexible as possible so we might spend as much time with each other as we can!

HATS OFF!

I wish I could say we've done a good job finding people - but we really haven't turned up that many! Col. Wesley and Don have located several each, Pat Boscamp has turned up a few - but looks like his helpers have just "pooped out", Mike Vlieger has resurrected one - and keeps good track of his Class of '62.

Hey, Guys! Let's get back in the saddle and take time to locate our people! We have only until August of 1985 to get maximum coverage for our School Reunion, and it will be here sooner than you think! Please help!

KADET NEWS

Congratulations are in order! On Nov. 6, 1982, Col. Donald Peacock was selected for the Texas National Guard Hall of Fame, an honor bestowed on very few Guardsmen. A well deserved honor, Colonel - - here, here.

Well guys - we got at least one! James Womack, '50, made Brig. Gen. in the Air Force. Albuquerque won't be the same! Congratulations and a big hug around the neck! Thanks for the picture Luke - I kept one and forwarded another.

Thanks for your letter, Bill Sellers, '47, one of the King Ranch VP's, hope you enjoy your Alumni Directory, come up for our Reunion this August!

Stephen Copenhaver, '66, just became ass't. D.A. in Sulphur Springs, Texas. Now, don't all you guys put him on the spot at once! Keep up the good work, Stephen!

Robert O. Good, '67, wrote in - wonderful letter, he's managing an Eckard Drug Store in Dallas, yes, we do keep up with all the Faculty we can - there is a section in the Directory for Faculty.

Johnny Isabell, '57, Mayor of Pasadena, Texas, it sure was nice to hear from you! Congratulations! I immediately thought back. . . better not put it in writing. Ha, ha! Looking forward to seeing you in August!

Mr. Wm. Henry Pumphrey, '28, God Bless you, Sir, I really hope you can come to our Reunion this Aug. '83, I'm sure you have some stories to tell! I'm sure that you and Mr. Jim Cumby, '12, will have a lot of pleasant memories.

Col. Don sent an excerpt from the Tesoro Petroleum Corp. "Review" concerning one of our graduates - James R. Hyslop, '62, V.P. Treasurer and he has really made us proud, thank you Jim, for being the kind of man we all try to emulate. You have certainly done well by Tesoro. Congratulations again!

Mike Vlieger, '62, thanks for the update on your class roster, now if we could get ten more guys scattered throughout - looking, calling,

Chito Longoria, '50, sure was nice to hear from you! We heard you were living in Monterrey, Mexico, thanks for the invitation, I didn't know you and your other cousin, Ramon Salido, '46, owned the "Cadillac Bar" in Nuevo Laredo. Buddy Bruni, '51, and I always talk about you guys. . .Ha, ha. It's all good! Hope to see all you guys this August 1983.

A.M. "Aggie" Pate, '38, good to hear from you, that's super about your grandson's first year at Culver. I hope you all can make it this Aug. to old S.A.

Sure was glad to hear W.M. Laughlin, '38, was doing good after heart by-pass surgery in Dec. '82. "Aggie", I checked the book and we do have him listed in Premont, Texas, but I'd forgotten that he is the County Commissioner. I hope he enjoys the Newsletter - looking forward to seeing what you guys conjure up at the Aug. '83 Reunion (Laughlin - Peacock - Bill Storm, etc.)

Mike Frear, '70, everyone seemed to be in favor, so. . . looking forward to meeting you - try to make the Aug. '83 Reunion.

We'll have at least one hundred directories at the '53 Reunion this Aug. '83 at the St. Anthony. So we should be able to furnish everyone who wants one, however, that doesn't mean you can't order one now! Just fill out the Directory Order Form on the front page of this Newsletter, tear off and return to me with your check!

Again I'm looking forward to all who wish to attend the '53 Class Reunion - just make your reservations and tell them you want to be booked with the "Peacock Reunion", so we'll all be on the same floors. Please do this as soon as possible so I'll get a Print-out from the St. Anthony.

ST. ANTHONY INTER-CONTINENTAL HOTEL

RESERVATIONS - 1-800-327-0200 (in the U.S.)

I want to take the last few lines to issue a special invitation to our Kadets in Mexico and South America . . . things are not only rough down there financially, but politically. I have no doubt but what some of us up here can help with the necessary advice, counsel, contacts, and aid to find a way for you to do the things you must do. You are not only heads of families, but in many cases, leaders in governments, and are faced with many responsibilities . . . some, not so pleasant. Please come and give us the opportunity to help our comrades-in-arms, let's face it, we're certainly all in this together. Whatever affects or infects you will most certainly, eventually be our fate!

I also would like to see all our San Antonio Kadets, we really haven't gotten them together! I really need some of the wives to volunteer to show the various groups around while we guys get together. (Shopping - River boat rides - Alamo - Hemisphere Tower - Buckhorn Hall of Horn - Lone Star Brewery - Pearl Brewery, etc.)

Looking forward to seeing you all

5-7 August 1983 at the

St. Anthony Inter-Continental Hotel

