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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The '89 Reunion is behind us and I believe a good time was had by all in attendance. Frank and Janette Van Delden and Doug and Harriet Ham did a great job of planning and putting it together. I had the opportunity to talk with a lot of people and received lots of straight talk about why some of you do not participate in the Association. What I heard really didn't come as big surprises, but answered what I probably should have thought of myself. I will try to put you at ease on some of the issues told to me.

1. Peacock Alumni Association is a "social" association. It is here to give us the what-fors to get together, reminisce, to further friendships and to make new ones.

2. Peacock Alumni Association is not going to build another school. Should any of you be solicited for funds, or commitment of funds for building a school, it will not be with the Association's blessings. I would ask that I be notified immediately, if not sooner, of any such solicitations and I pledge to you to act promptly and positively to stop the violations of the Board of Directors decision not to build or to plan to build another school.

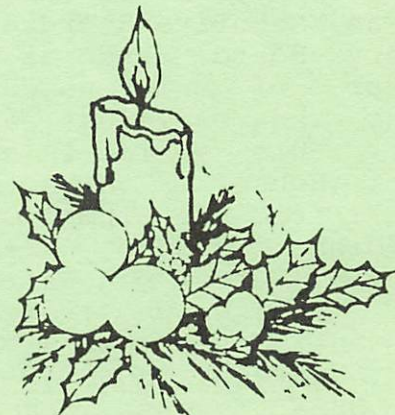
3. Peacock Alumni Association is an association of ex-cadets, grads and non-grads. We do not represent any church, fraternal order or any one individual's desire. We are an association that functions with a board of directors, elected by the general membership in an open meeting.

4. Peacock Alumni Association has a "Scholarship" fund established. The Association's goal is to be able to award scholarships to deserving youths to help with their education, which in turn will help our great Country. Until which time that the scholarship fund is of sufficient size to do its intended job, we are planning to award one or more medals in recognition of the recipient's accomplishments. The medal and the award declaration letter are now on the drawing board. It is our hope to be ready for the coming school year.

Hopefully I was able to answer most of your questions concerning the Association's reason for being and where we want it to go. If you have other concerns that I did not address, please write and tell me what is on your mind. I will do my best to answer you.

Lights out!

Wayne Spivey '51

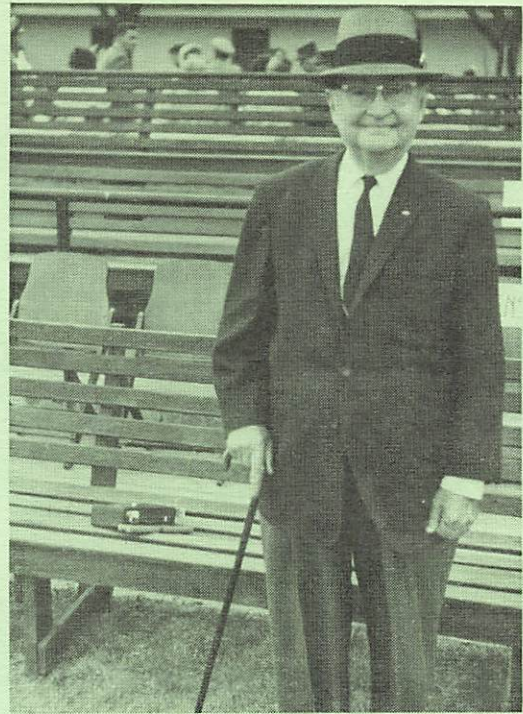


***** THE FIRST AND
LAST PEACOCK GRADUATES *****

The first graduate of Peacock-Class of 1894-95, was JAMES R. PERRYMAN from Liberty, Texas, who was 18 years old at that time.

In April of 1969, when he was 92 years old and living in Houston, Texas, he was guest of honor at a Sunday afternoon Dress Parade by the Corps of Cadets (see picture). If living today in 1989 he would be 112 years old.

The last graduate in the Class of 1973 was ARTHUR V. WOLF from Costa Rica, who is now a business man living in Fort Worth, Texas. It is interesting to note that his father, Arthur F. Wolf also graduated from Peacock in the Class of 1951.



J. R. PERRYMAN, Houston, Texas
CLASS OF 1894

1990 DUES

This December Issue of The Kadet Newsletter is the third newsletter for 1989. The plans are to publish three in 1990 and a new Alumni Directory. Don't miss out on the Peacock news! Pay your 1990 dues now! We have enclosed a return envelope and form for your convenience. The dues remain \$25.00 per year.

PEACOCK FAMILY NEWS

Colonel Wesley Peacock, Jr., now 93 years old, sends his regards to the members of the Association, with best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Colonel Donald, 83 years old this month, continues to be very active in affairs of The Salvation Army as Executive Secretary of the Advisory Board, and as volunteer Director of Maintenance of the grounds and buildings at Peacock Center. His office in the Wesley Peacock House is directly across the hall from the Alumni Office.

"Miss Dorothy" Peacock is recovering from a stroke last month. Those who remember her might want to send her a "get well" card. Address: Room 316 Parklane West, USAA Towers, San Antonio, Texas 78209

GET TO KNOW YOUR 1990

BOARD OF DIRECTORS!!!

The following Directors were elected to two-year terms:

Joe Centeno, III	'70
Steve Copenhaver	'66
Dr. Philip Dunlap	'57
Edgar Fischel	'50
Edwin Ford	'62
Ricardo Garza	'64
Donald Gretzer	'56
Douglas Ham	'54
James Ingram	'56
Leon Lenox	'51
Robert Meuth	'72
Wm.D. "Bill" Morse	'54
Robert Lynn Powell	'66
Real Ransom	'58
Stuart Russell	'62
Edward Sebera	'49
Wayne Spivey	'51
Ben Sutton	'42
Jack Turner	'51
Frank VanDelden	'46
Michael Vlieger	'62
Julian Watters	'47
Julian Weslow, Jr.	'51
Eddie Wise	'69

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 5, 1989

Prior to the General Membership Meeting during the Reunion the weekend of August 4-5-6, 1989, the Board of Directors met with the following present, a total of 18 out of 25. Steven Copenhaver, Eddie Wise, Frank Van Delden, Doug Ham, James Ingram, Robert Ransom, Edgar Fischel, Leon Lenox, Real Ransom, George Elliott, Ben Sutton, Julian Watters, Bill Morse, Rudy Johnson, Wayne Spivey, Mike Vlieger, Lynn Powell, and Jack Turner. Present as observers Edwin Ford and George Slaughter; and Director Emeritus John Viles.

President Wayne Spivey presided. Chief Executive Officer Mike Vlieger highlighted the Board's activities over the past two years by means of listing topics of Board actions taken from the Minutes. Rudy Johnson, Founder of the Alumni Association, was elected Director Emeritus.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

President.....	Wayne Spivey	'51
CEO.....	Mike Vlieger	'62
1st V.P.....	Julian Weslow	'51
2nd V.P.....	Frank VanDelden	'46
3rd V.P.....	Doug Ham	'54
Secretary.....	Lynn Powell	'66
Treasurer.....	Ed Sebera	'49
Parliament...	Steve Copenhaver	'66
General Counsel...	Lynn Powell	'66

NEXT MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

12 Noon-Saturday-January 13, 1990
Wesley Peacock House
San Antonio, Texas

HONORARY DIRECTORS

Ex-Officio - Directors Emeriti

Pat Boscamp	'60
Rudy Johnson	'53
Sebert Pate	'45
John Viles	'28

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Sixth Alumni Reunion

The General Membership Meeting was held at the San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter Hotel on August 5, 1989, with President Wayne Spivey presiding. Although approximately 100 or more Alumnus were attending the Sixth Alumni Reunion (plus many wives), only 42 members attended the meeting.

Highlights of the meeting included:

- **Appointment of an Ad Hoc committee to investigate methods for increasing the Scholarship Fund (proposed by Larry Gourley '65);
- **That all student records be microfilmed to insure against theft or fire;
- **Possibility of installing a fire sprinkler system in the Wesley Peacock House;
- **Appreciation to Doug Ham and Frank VanDelden for their outstanding work in planning and organizing the Reunion;
- **Directed CEO Mike Vlieger to conduct a survey to gauge the interest of the membership in holding the next Reunion somewhere other than San Antonio (if you have an opinion on this, please drop Mike a note);
- **Next Reunion to be held the first weekend in August, 1991, location to be announced later.

REUNION 1989

I wanted to list the names of all those who attended the 1989 Reunion in this Newsletter. However, space would not permit that. If you know a Kadet who was there, ask him about the Trolley Ride through Downtown San Antonio or the great time at LaMargarita Restaurant or the Dinner-Dance at the Marriott Rivercenter! I'm sure you would wish you had been there.

Mike Vlieger

RESTORATION OF THE WESLEY PEACOCK HOUSE

As you walk into the reception room of the Peacock House you feel that you have entered a new era for this historic old house (centennial year 1990). Demolition of the interior started the first week of October - walls and ceilings came down. Under the old wall coverings we found reminders of the 1930's fire. The wood slats were scorched evidence of where the fire did the most damage. We also found evidence of where original door and window openings had been and for some forgotten reason, boarded up to change the room configuration. Very interesting!

Frank VanDelden, Class of '46, was awarded the contract to do the renovation work. Daily conferences were held with Colonel Don, Frank and the Women's Auxiliary representatives to coordinate the work. Our main objective was to recreate as close as possible what the house could have looked like when it was built in 1890 and Professor Wesley Peacock, Sr., and his wife first saw it.

Without the generous donation by Frank's company of ornamental wood trim, special lighting fixtures, expert workmanship, and his personal dedication to this project, this wonderful house could not have come alive as it is today. There is a great spirit in the house because so many are dedicated to keeping the Peacock Academy Museum active and available to the public and the alumni. Two display cabinets have been built into the walls to accommodate the memorabilia of the Academy. With the continued input of Colonel Don, Mike and Frank, the spirit of the Academy is being retained along with the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary goal of making the house a very special hospitality center for both organizations.

Financial support has come from the members of The Salvation Army's Advisory Board, the Women's Auxiliary, and the Peacock Military Academy Alumni Association. The Salvation Army allocated the major money for this structural restoration project (over \$40,000). With Alumni donations an antique fire place mantel has been purchased and it has been recommended a brassplate be attached acknowledging the restoration of the fireplace was through the generosity of the Alumni.

Those of you who live in the San Antonio area are encouraged to stop by and see the work that has been completed. I'm sure many of you have mixed emotions about the restoration, as those of us who are working on the project have, but, if this work had not been done at this time this historic house would not have survived many more years.

The third phase of this project which hopefully we can begin to address will be repair of the exterior of the house.

Thank you all for your continued support and encouragement. Have a wonderful holiday! THE PEACOCK HOUSE COMMITTEE

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