



Kadet Newsletter

Peacock Military Academy
Alumni Association

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We, you and I, owe so much to many of our members and friends and I think it's time we give them their accolades.

I know I speak for you when I say "Thanks" to Mike Vlieger for his exceptional work. Mike puts the Newsletters out, keeps our records updated and is in the trenches keeping our Association running smoothly.

Another big "Thanks" to Lynn Powell. Lynn has asked to be relieved of his duties as Legal Advisor more than once only to be asked to continue and he does. Lynn is responsible for the design of the awards, medals, and for the citations. He is also our secretary.

"Thanks" to Julian Watters, III, for his generosity. He donated the funds that made the medals a reality.

"Thanks" to Colonel Don and the Peacock family. They made our Association possible and continue to be supportive.

"Thanks" to Rudy Johnson. Rudy initiated our Association and continues to serve where he is needed.

Last but certainly not least, "Thanks" to the ladies of the Salvation Army Auxiliary. What a great job they do.

This "Thanks" list could and should go on and on for there are so many I could single out but space will not permit it. I will attempt to do so at a future time.

Have a super summer and let us hear from you. We need you!

Wayne Spivey '51

CORRESPONDENCE FROM COLONEL WESLEY PEACOCK, JR.

May 17, 1990

Dear Mike,

Please permit me to express my sentiments in the next Newsletter to those alumni association members who will receive your next issue.

My wife Frances and I want to express our appreciation to so many of you who were kind and thoughtful to remember us on our recent 50th Wedding Anniversary. Your cards, letters and calls were most heart-warming. Also, over the past year and a half your expressions of concern helped me through my three pneumonia attacks requiring hospitalization. Another anniversary many of you recalled was my 93rd birthday.

May you all continue in good health, happiness and success for many years to come.

Wesley Peacock, Jr.
Superintendent Emeritus
Peacock Military Academy

A MILLION THANKS!

The Alumni Association is very grateful to Edwin Ford, '62, for his generous gift of a brand new CompuAdd Computer and Printer.

This new model IBM compatible computer and printer replaces our old Radio Shack equipment, which was obsolete.

Ed, a civil engineer, is a graduate of Texas A&M, and is CEO of his own engineering company located in San Antonio.

PEACOCK ALUMNI MEDAL TO BE AWARDED

At the last meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association it was voted to have a special medal designed, a die cast, and copies made as needed for presentation to Outstanding students in the military schools of Texas.

To be known as the "Peacock Kadet Medal" it will be awarded to a Junior Year Cadet (or the equivalent) so that the recipient will have the opportunity to wear it on his uniform during his senior year prior to graduation.

The recipient will be selected by the school officials for having demonstrated a high degree of scholastic achievement, character, leadership, and aptitude.

The first such award was made to Cadet Jeremy Leibowitz of San Antonio Academy at the school's graduation exercises on June 1st.

80 YEARS AGO

Extract from San Antonio Light newspaper in 1910: "The Peacock Military Academy will hold its annual commencement exercise tomorrow evening in Beethoven Hall. The program will consist of a combined military, literary, gymnasium and musical demonstration. (Sent to the Newsletter by Frank Garcia, '38, Eagle Pass. Frank brought his own horse "Napoleon" to Peacock and was a member of the original "Monkey Drill" acrobatic riding team.)

CONGRATULATIONS !!

Rudy Johnson, '53, was recently promoted to Lt. Colonel in the Texas State Guard.

W. T. "Bud" Hooper, '44, an attorney in Conroe, Texas, was commissioned a Major in the State Guard last April. Bud graduated from The Citadel College in the top ten of his class, was commissioned a Lieutenant in the Army, and after serving in Korea as a company commander was separated from the service as a captain. He is also a banker, being Chairman of Citadel Bancshares, Willis, Texas.

ARTIFACTS AND MEMORABILIA NEEDED

The Peacock House, Home of the Alumni, recently restored at a cost of \$50,000 by the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary, the Alumni, and the Peacock Family, now has nearly 200 pictures on the walls depicting activities, athletic and military groups, etc.

As a repository of memorabilia of Peacock from 1894 to 1973, we need artifacts of all kinds for display---either on loan or as a gift---such items as uniform parts, insignia medals, pictures, etc.

We are especially anxious to have the loan of some 16mm or 8mm moving pictures that we can have transferred to video cassettes.

FRANK VAN DELDEN, '46
ELECTED TO "PAR" BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Frank Van Delden, '46, one of San Antonio's leading building contractors, has been elected to the Board of Directors of "PAR" (Peacock Academy Records, Inc.) established by the Peacock Family to help maintain the archives, records and memorabilia of the Academy. Members of the Alumni have been very generous in contributing to this trust fund.

Frank's company did a wonderful job in restoring the historic Peacock House, the home of the Alumni and "PAR". He also remodeled the interior of the Library (the last building constructed before the closing of the Academy) which is now the Administrative headquarters of the Salvation Army in San Antonio. He is now remodeling the interior of Birkhead Hall as a Guest House for Salvation Army personnel when visiting in San Antonio.

"PAR"'s Board of Directors now consist of two members from the Peacock Family (Colonel Don and his daughter, Donna Peacock); two members of the Alumni (Mike Vliieger and Frank Van Delden); and two members of the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary.

**MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

A Board Meeting was held on January 13, 1990, at The Wesley Peacock House. Fourteen Board members were present which constituted a quorum. The meeting was called to order by President Wayne Spivey. The Board voted to award two "Peacock Kadet Medals" to TMI and San Antonio Academy. These awards are to be made annually.

The next order of business covered solicitation of funds. It was directed that all solicitations must be approved in advance by the Executive Committee or Board of Directors.

Doug Ham tendered his resignation effective immediately. The Board expressed its appreciation for Doug's service to the Association. Rudy Johnson was elected to serve his unexpired term.

**A VERY SPECIAL THANKS TO THE PMA
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S LIFE MEMBERS**

Nelson Prida B.	1971
Mark Barrow	1961
Paul Calvo	1954
Ed Ford	1962
Jerry Houston	1952
Bill Morse	1956
Stuart Russell	1962
Gerald Sears	1956
Eddie Wise	1969
Julian Watters, III	1947
Ben Sutton	1942
Sebert Pate	1945
Duane Baker	1967

PAT BOSCAMPT CONTINUES TO RECOVER

Pat would like to hear from you! His address is 6738 Westwind, El Paso, Texas 79912.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please notify the Alumni Association of any change in your address. Write to us at 2811 West Ashby Place, San Antonio, Texas 78201.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR CURRENT DUES?

If you have not paid your dues for 1990, please take the time to write your check for \$25.00 and mail it with the enclosed form and return envelope.

It costs money to print and mail out the Kadet Newsletter, and to maintain our office of record.

Please support the Association by mailing in your dues TODAY.

**REMEMBER THE TWO 37mm CANNONS IN
FRONT OF HEADQUARTERS?**

They now sit on each side of the flag pole at San Antonio Academy next to a bronze plaque dedicated to PMA, PMA Cadets, and Peacock Family. They named their Parade Ground "Peacock Terrace". The large 75mm anti-aircraft cannon was also given to San Antonio Academy.

NEWSBRIEFS

Joe Centeno, '70, one of our Alumni Association Directors, has been elected to the Board of Trustees of San Antonio Academy in San Antonio.

Lloyd Collins, former football coach and Director of Athletics at Peacock, was recently inducted into Austin College's athletic Hall of Honor. He received All-Texas Conference honors in football at Austin College, graduating in 1935.

George Slaughter, '47, is a Mortgage Loan Consultant living in Houston, Texas. He and his wife have 3 children: Ruthann, James, and Robert. He is a graduate of Midwestern University.

Ben Sutton, '42, a Director of the Alumni Association, is an independent oil and gas operator living in Tyler, Texas. He and his wife, Elizabeth, attended the Alumni Reunion in San Antonio last year.

William "Bill" Sellers, '47, is Director of Special Projects for King Ranch, Inc. A graduate of Texas A&I, he lives in Kingsville.

MORE NEWSBRIEFS

PEACOCK HOUSE 100 YEARS OLD

Ramon Salido, Jr., '46, is owner of the famous Cadillac Bar in Nueva Laredo. He and his wife, Maria Eugenia, have 3 children, Maria Eugenia, Gabriela, and Sandra.

William W. Storm, III, '39, is now a Retired Colonel U.S. Marine Corps. He has a distinguished military record, serving in the Pacific during World War II, in the occupation of Japan, East Coast, West Coast, Mediterranean, Okinawa, Korea, and Vietnam. He was awarded the Legion of Merit two times, with "V" for valor.

Sheldon Anisman, '51, is an attorney living in Fort Worth, Texas. A graduate of The University of Texas, he served 6 years in the Texas Air National Guard. He is married with 4 children. He writes that he still has his Peacock dress uniform and has offered to give it to the Peacock House for its memorabilia collection.

Steven Copenhaver, '66, graduated from the University of Houston with a law degree. He served as a Captain in the Judge Advocate General Corps, U.S. Army, and now practices law in Round Rock, Texas.

The historic old house, now designated an historic landmark, was built in 1890, and in 1894 was the original building when the Peacock School for Boys opened. It is now a multi-purpose facility, being the repository of the archives, records and memorabilia of the Academy; the offices of the Alumni Association and "PAR"; and the official home of the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary.

WE ARE PROUD OF ---

CAPTAIN JERRY HOUSTON, U. S. NAVY

Jerry Houston, Class of 1952, was Battalion Commander his senior year at Peacock, was class Valedictorian, and President of the Student Council. He lettered in football, track, and baseball.

Graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, he was a navy combat pilot prior to commanding his own ship. At the present time he is Naval Attache at the United States Embassy in Buenos Aires.

DR. ALFRED BURDEN

Alfred L. Burden, Jr., Class of 1951, Founder of Eye Surgical Associates, has been a practicing ophthalmologist in San Antonio since 1965. He also serves as an associate clinical professor at The University of Texas Medical School at San Antonio.

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