



# Kadet Newsletter

Peacock Military Academy  
Alumni Association

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**GREETINGS!**

**MANY THANKS  
TO ALL THE BOARD MEM-  
BERS WHO ATTENDED THE BOARD MEETING  
ON A BEAUTIFUL SATURDAY IN APRIL!**



**THE BOARD WAS FORMED EIGHTEEN  
YEARS AGO AND DURING THOSE YEARS THE  
BOARD HAS ALWAYS BEEN ABLE TO CON-  
DUCT BUSINESS BECAUSE WE HAVE AL-  
WAYS HAD A QUORUM.**

**THAT'S A PAT ON THE BACK TO ALL  
THE DEDICATED BOARD MEMBERS WHO AT-  
TEND AT LEAST TWO MEETINGS A YEAR.  
FOR SOME THAT'S A GREAT EFFORT FOR  
THE DISTANCE THEY TRAVEL.**

**HOPE ALL OF YOU HAVE A NICE SUM-  
MER!**

**BOB MEUTH, '72**

## SOLDIER AND EDUCATOR

For six years, Dick Thiesen was a familiar campus figure to Peacock ca-  
dets, and he has continued a close as-  
sociation with the Academy ever since.

He graduated from the University of  
Nebraska in 1941 and, at the same time,  
earned a commission in the Army Re-  
serve. A month later, he was called to  
active duty and was assigned to the  
23rd Regiment of the famous "Indian  
Head" Second Division at  
Fort Sam Houston. The Di-  
vision was in training six  
months and then shipped  
overseas, where Thiesen  
and the others were engaged in combat  
action on the second day of the "D-Day"  
invasion at Normandy.



After the war ended, he returned to  
San Antonio and attended Trinity Univer-  
sity, earning a master's degree in educa-  
tion. He then began his six years at Pea-  
cock in a dual capacity as Professor of  
Military Science and as an English in-  
structor. In 1952, Thiesen resigned to  
become Dean of Continuing Education  
at San Antonio College, a position he  
held until 1986.

After being an honorary member of  
the Peacock Alumni Association Board  
of Directors for seventeen years, he now  
becomes an ex-officio member, having  
been designated by Colonel Donald  
Peacock to be the Board's Peacock fam-  
ily representative.

### **PEACOCK KADET METAL WINNERS 2001**



San Antonio Academy - Chandra Vemvlapalli

Texas Military Institute - Paige Cooper

San Marcos Academy - Timothy R. Moffett