

KADET NEWSLETTER

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NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Two new Board Members will be filling vacancies for the 2004 – 2006 term.

Jerry Houston, '54 returns after an extended leave to complete his book. Jerry is a past president and we are fortunate to have his expertise return.

Tony Nieto, '60 resides in San Antonio having retired from Southwestern Bell several years ago. Tony will lend a fresh voice to the Board of Directors.

THE WESLEY PEACOCK HOUSE

The Wesley Peacock House is available for private tours on request. Call ahead with a weeks' notice and I will open the House for your inspection. Call Mike at 210-696-8292 or 210-835-4996.

HOW TO CONTACT PMA

(210) 733-7766 – PMA Answer Machine
(210) 696-8292 – Mike's Home Phone
gingervlieger@aol.com - Best Choice
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PMA INSTRUCTOR

Robert Murphy has been located in Center Harbor, New Hampshire. "Captain" Murphy was an Instructor in English and French. The French language was first offered as an alternative to Spanish in 1960. After leaving PMA at the close of the 1961 school year, Robert joined the Foreign Service of the Department of State. His first assignment was Saigon, Vietnam, where he worked on educational and cultural programs. He also served in Tehran, Iran; Amman, Jordan; Abidjan, Ivory Coast, West Africa; and Paris, France.

After retiring from the Department of State, Robert took a teaching position at the Baltimore City Community College. While in Baltimore, he taught English to immigrants and refugees and conducted seminars in American studies.

Robert Murphy can be contacted at P. O. Box 1007, Central Harbor, New Hampshire 03226.

NEWSLETTER ON THE WEB

This Newsletter has been posted on the PMA WebSite - www.peacockmilitaryacademy.com

The format of the hard copy Newsletter and the WebSite Newsletter may vary, but the content is the same.

The Editor

NEW LIFE MEMBER

Allen Hatley, '73

**RECEIVED FROM
TOM MC LAUGHLIN, '60
SUBJECT: SIEMENS, '60**

I just got the call from John Siemens' sister, Pat. She and her husband just returned from Hawaii where they have a home. They go many times a year and stay for a week or so on each trip.

John passed away on May 8th just one day before his birthday.

He had no prior problems, felt dizzy and his wife took him to the local hospital. Shortly thereafter they flew him into Brussels to a major medical center. Within a couple of hours, he was dead. There was no autopsy, but it is believed that he had a coronary aneurism. His wife is trying to sell the farm that they had bought to keep all his animals. She is devastated by the loss and is trying to get her life back together. She is young, 34 or 35, I think, so she should do OK, given time to heal.

Wish I could have given you better news, but at least my suspicions and yours are confirmed, and we now know why we haven't heard in so long.

2005 KADET MEDALS AWARDED

San Antonio Academy – Tyler M. Richard
Presented by Lynn Powell, '66

Texas Military Institute – Michael Spencer
Presented by Mike Vlieger, '62

San Marcos Academy – Kameron C. Allison
and

Marine Military Academy – David A. Miller
Presented by Rudy Johnson, '53

RECEIVED FROM CARLA MARIA GAMEZ LOSOYA

Hi! My name is Carla Gamez, and I registered my grandfather Olegario Losoya in Classmates.com years ago with my e-mail account. He is 93, Class of 1932, and doesn't use computers! My grandfather is very LOYAL to PMA. He always speaks wonderfully about his school years. I love to listen to his stories, I love him! He is my HERO. I also have two uncles who attended and graduated from PMA. One is in his late 50's and the other one is in his early 60's (I think). Their names are Olegario Losoya, Class of 1960, and Jose Pablo Losoya (JP), Class of 1963. I will gather their information to submit it to you soon! Please let me know if I can help you with this project. I'll do anything for PMA. My grandfather has passed on his love, respect, and loyalty for PMA to me from his stories.

Thank You

RECEIVED FROM GLYNN AND SONIA DECOTEAU

I'm glad you forwarded the news about Bernie (Bernie Young, Class of 1957) to other classmates. He always had such fond memories of Peacock and all the guys. I had heard many stories over the years. He really enjoyed attending the Reunion this past October and I was glad he had the opportunity to do so. The primary cause of Bernie's death was bronchopneumonia and end stage emphysema. He had other health problems too so even though he was a fighter he just couldn't overcome this last battle. I live about 35 miles from where Bernie lived and was his caregiver over the past five plus years. It was hard to see him go downhill this last year, especially the past six months. Please keep him in your memory.

Sincerely, Sonia

**KADET UPDATE
FROM PAT BOSCAM, '60**

Real Ransom, Class of 1958, a three-year Kadet at PMA, started in 1956 with his twin brother, Robert. Real lives with his wife in Seabrook, Texas.

After graduating from PMA, Real attended Texas A&M for a year. When his Dad passed away, Real returned home to run their ranch. Real joined the Navy in 1960 and stayed there four years. He came out a Petty Officer Third Class and got married. Real has 2 children, 2 grandchildren, and three step grandchildren. While Real was attending PMA, he and his brother lived in Richmond, Texas.

TAPS

**Arthur Joseph Bishop
Class of 1951**

**Robert Harry Buckley
Class of 1945**

**Eddie Calvo
Class of 1955**

**Robert M. Gibson
Class of 1949**

**Carl Haltom
Class of 1943**

**David McKowen
Class of 1944**

**Charles Pugh
Class of 1961**

**Gerald Sears
Class of 1956**

**William Gilbert Short House
Class of 1946**

**John Thomas Siemens
Class of 1960**

**Bernie Lewis Young
Class of 1957**

**RECEIVED FROM L.B. JOHNSON
MY LOST RING**

In about the year 1993, a friend called me for some advice – help. I couldn't help him over the telephone so I said I'd come by to see him (I was always by the drilling rigs – this was one of my specialties!) While I was there, I helped another man mix some chemicals to put down the well. Finished, I washed my hands, cleaned myself up, and went to the house. I wore that ring day and night, never took it off. Halfway to the house, I had some sort of strange feeling.....something was wrong.....then I realized my ring was gone. Sick I was!! Back to the rig to see if I could find it. No luck. GONE!!!! The only place it could be was at the bottom of the well about 5,000 meters – over 3 and a half miles down. Back to the sick part - for about 2 weeks I stayed that way. Then, later it became sort of a joke – what a deep burial it had!

At this point, the Alumni Office was contacted by the LBJ Library in Austin. They had been contacted by someone in Holland, asking if the Peacock ring might have belonged to Lyndon Baines Johnson. The Alumni Office realized that the ring probably belonged to L.B. Johnson and forwarded him the e-mail address. And the story continues --- Then an e-mail from you that someone in Holland had a ring from Peacock with the inscription “56” and the initials L.B.J. inside. The man who found it was a driver for The Salvation Army who collected donated clothing. He found it with the clothing. He took it home and kept it about 8 years on his mantel above his fireplace – a nice conversation piece! When he needed money, he took it to an open market and sold it to another man for 450 guilders – about \$200. This man kept it for about 3 years and finally decided to sell it. The Alumni Office gave me his e-mail address. I contacted him and he asked if I had lost a school ring in the past. And naturally, I said yes. I want you to know that I read that e-mail over and over. I couldn't believe what I was reading. Believe it or not, this grown man who's been 2 and ½ times around the world and seen just about everything, shed some tears. So happy!! Anyway, we made arrangements to meet halfway-about 100 miles. All it cost me was \$200 American dollars and 4 cups of coffee. So there-a happy ending. I've had it on my finger since the day it came back!!

L. B. Johnson, Class of 1956, Holland

THE BARGAIN OF A LIFETIME –

FINANCIAL

Nine (9) School Months beginning August 30, 1971 (Exclusive of Christmas Holidays)

Fixed Charge – Boarding Students (*).....	\$1,900.00
Room, Board, Utilities	
Tuition, all academic courses	
Athletic Instruction	
Military Training	
Library Dues	
Use of School Infirmary (minor sickness or accident)	

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES (estimated) (**)

Textbooks and School Supplies	\$ 50.00	
Laundry (average \$50 per semester)	100.00	
Cleaning (average \$25 per semester)	50.00	
Activity Fee (payable \$25 per semester)	50.00.....	250.00

TOTAL – Boarding Students (*).....	\$2,150.00
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(*) The Fixed Charge of \$1,900.00 is due upon entrance, but may be paid \$950.00 upon entrance and \$950.00 on January 1, 1972, if preferred. When full payment is made upon entrance a \$50.00 discount is allowed. For more liberal terms a moderate carrying charge is added.

(**) Items listed under “Incidental Expenses” are not due in advance but are charged to the cadet’s incidental account as received during the school year. The Activity Fee (see below) is payable \$25.00 at the beginning of each semester.

Activity and Student Service Fee. This fee of \$50.00, payable \$25.00 per semester, includes accident insurance, admission to all school dances and athletic events, class parties on the campus, use of athletic equipment, use of the swimming pool, gymnasium, Log Cabin and Kadet Lounges, and other social and recreational activities sponsored by the Student Activities Committee. Also included is one copy of the Yearbook for each cadet completing the second semester.

The accident insurance included in this fee provides for reimbursement of medical and hospital expenses up to \$500.00 for each accident (other than to natural teeth) both on and off the school campus. Coverage applied to students actually enrolled and in attendance during the session. A \$50.00 maximum allowance for dentists’ bills is made for repair of natural teeth incurred as a result of an accident.

DAYS STUDENTS. The Fixed Charge for Day Students, including lunches, is \$775.00 for the entire school year. This is due in advance, but may be paid \$387.50 upon entrance and \$387.50 on January 1, 1972, if preferred. For more liberal terms a moderate carrying charge is added.