

# KADET NEWSLETTER

## PEACOCK MILITARY ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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### **PMA WATER FOUNTAINS**

The Alumni Association was notified last July that 48 new senior citizen apartments would be constructed on the campus approximately where Johnston Hall stood. We were advised to move the two blue tile water fountains as the area they occupied would be part of the construction site. These water fountains had been donated by the Class of 1938 and served us well over the years. David Shelden, Class of 1970, has removed, repaired, and stored the fountains. The plan is to make one functional and place it on the Senior Terrace. This was part of the original plan drawn by Kirk Johnson, Class of 1954, when the Memorial was designed and built.

Hopefully, the next time you visit the Campus, our old friend "The Water Fountain" will be serving up cool water on the Senior Terrace.

### **THE WESLEY PEACOCK HOUSE**

I enjoy opening The Wesley Peacock House for private tours on request. Just call ahead with one week's notice and I will meet you there. Call Mike at (210) 835-4996 or (830) 816-5013.

### **REUNION 2006**

The Reunion for 2006 will be held at The St. Anthony Hotel. The dates are October 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup>. Put these dates on your calendar and encourage your classmates to make plans to attend. More information will be in the next Newsletter.

### **WELCOME NEW LIFE MEMBER!**

*Galo Garcia, '59*

## COLONEL DICK G. THIESEN

Colonel Thiesen passed away May 31, 2005, at the age of 85. After his discharge from the Army, Colonel Thiesen accepted a position at Peacock as Assistant Commandant of Cadets and Professor of Military Science and Tactics. During his six years at Peacock, he found time to also teach English and History while earning his Master's Degree from Trinity University.

After leaving Peacock, Colonel Thiesen served as an Executive with Sears, opening two new stores in San Antonio. When Colonel Thiesen retired from Sears, he became Dean of the new Department of Continuing Education at San Antonio College.

For nearly twenty years, Colonel Thiesen served on the PMA Alumni Association Board as an Ex-Officio Member. We will miss his wisdom and guidance.

The following letter was received from Mrs. Dick G. Thiesen:

*Peacock Alumni Association*

*Thank you for your letter of condolence. PMA was a great part of Dick's life and has many memories, some good, some bad, and many funny. He would laugh at some of the things you fellas would do – or – try to get away with.*

*Please keep me on your mailing list as I would like to keep up with you. I have known many of you for many years, too.*

*Mrs. Dick G. Thiesen*

### TAPS

**WILLIAM KOBY, '39**  
**CARROLL WILLIAM SHOAF, '39**  
**JACK MERRILL PALMER, '40**  
**CHARLES EDWIN HURST, '56**  
**SANTIAGO REACHI, '62**  
**MORRIS ROSENSTEIN, '49**

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## 2006 DUES ARE DUE!

Alumni Dues for 2006 are due now. If you have already paid your dues, please disregard this reminder. Annual Dues are \$25.00 per year and Life Membership is \$500.00. We also accept contributions to PAR. Please mail your check to: PMA Alumni Association, 2811 West Ashby Place, San Antonio, Texas 78201

## FACULTY UPDATE

- Lieutenant Joseph Cortez was born in San Antonio and married Maria Teresa Flores in 1956. The Cortez Family have 4 children and 10 grandchildren. Lieutenant Cortez graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1950 and graduated from St. Mary's University with a BA in History in 1955. Lieutenant Cortez played basketball professionally with the Globetrotters' opposition team. Lieutenant Cortez taught History, English, Math, and Baseball at PMA until 1960. Be sure to ask him to show you his tennis shoes. He will gladly do so! He and his wife reside at 9530 Mider Drive in San Antonio, 78216. If you would like to e-mail him, his address is [josephcortez@satx.rr.com](mailto:josephcortez@satx.rr.com).
- In 1959 Lieutenant Lino Garcia came to PMA to begin teaching Spanish. He remained until 1966 when he accepted a job at Our Lady of the Lake University. Lieutenant Garcia then accepted a position at The University of Texas-Pan American in Edinburg until 1967. He went to Tulane University for his Ph.D. in Spanish Literature and Latin American Studies. Lieutenant Garcia and his wife, Molly, live in Edinburg. They have one daughter, Cindy, born while they lived in Wilson Hall. The Garcia's also have a son, Lino, III, born in Edinburg. Their daughter is a financial analyst working in San Antonio and their son is a computer engineer in Houston. The Garcia's are proud grandparents of 5 grandchildren. I still call my Spanish Instructor "Lieutenant Garcia" because that's how I remember him. I have enjoyed visiting in their nice home in Edinburg. Anyone interested in e-mailing the Lieutenant may do so at [drlinogarcia@sbcglobal.net](mailto:drlinogarcia@sbcglobal.net).

*Pat Boscamp, '60*

### *Ellen Peacock Celebrates Birthday!*

*On December 10<sup>th</sup>, Ellen Peacock celebrated her birthday. She has expressed to me many times how proud she and Colonel Don were of the "Peacock Boys." She continues to have a sincere interest in The Wesley Peacock House and the Alumni Association. If you would like to send her a message, her address is:*

*311 West Nottingham Place, #338  
San Antonio, Texas 78209*

## Peacock House Update

The Wesley Peacock House will be receiving some much needed repairs over the next few months. The exterior will be power washed and all trim painted. The lattice work around the bottom of the House will be replaced and painted. Termite damage in the front of the House will be repaired.

The cost will be shared between The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary and "PAR" – Peacock Academy Records. Your generous donations to "PAR" help make these repairs possible.

### **PEACOCK HOUSE GREETES TWO VISITORS**

JACK GARNER, ATTENDED '54 – '55

The following is a letter received from Jack Garner in May. *"I'd like to thank you for the tour of the Headquarters Building. I was only there two years, but remember all the good times that I had. I remember the Cadets and activities that we had, especially the many parades. I looked at the VCR tapes which brought back all the memories again. I looked at the 1994 Centennial Reunion Tape and Colonel Peacock looked pretty good."*

KENNETH BANNER, SON OF WALTER BANNER, '50

Walter Banner's son and granddaughter came by The Wesley Peacock House for a tour in November. Walter had talked about Peacock with his children many times. When Kenneth Banner and his daughter planned to be in Texas, they asked for a tour to see first hand what their dad and grandfather had been so proud of.