



# *Kadet Newsletter*

## *Peacock Military Academy*

### *Alumni Association, Inc.*

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Dear Peacock Brothers,

On Saturday, October 5, 2013, your Peacock Alumni Association Board met at The Wesley Peacock House. We had a great meeting and outstanding attendance. Twenty-two members were present and a full agenda made our meeting productive and lively, to say the least.

There are two items in our Board Meeting agenda that deserve special mention in our letter. I say this because I am excited about them and I know you will share in this feeling, especially since they have a big impact on our Peacock Alumni mission to preserve and perpetuate the memory of our beloved PMA.

The first item was the visit of Mr. Juan Reyes, The Salvation Army Business Manager. Mike Vlieger, our CEO, arranged for his visit as part of our Board Meeting agenda. Mr. Reyes was bearer of good news for all Peacock Alumni. He assured us of **The Salvation Army's commitment to preserve The Wesley Peacock House and all our memorabilia therein.**

Many of us have shared the concern for the preservation of our memorabilia, along with the Peacock House because they are important symbols of our alma mater that are so very dear to us. Mr. Reyes mentioned that the history of the site, the long and close relationship between Peacock and the Salvation Army (both institutions started in San Antonio about 120 years ago), are important factors in their commitment to preserving the building. Mr. Reyes also stated that the Salvation Army will be accepting complete financial responsibility for the Peacock House maintenance expenses. This commitment also includes the Senior Terrace, along with our monument and fountain.

The second item worthy of mentioning is the progress of our **Peacock Memorial Scholarship** project. As we all know, our objective is to create a \$1,000,000 Scholarship Fund that will honor and perpetuate the memory of Peacock Military Academy. We have 5 years to achieve this, and we have a generous contributor who will match our funds dollar per dollar up to \$100,000 per year. To date we have pledges for years 1 thru 5 of about \$50,000. With the matching funds this means we have a total of

\$100,000 and are theoretically 10% of the way of our 5 year goal. This is great considering the limited number of people (mostly board members) that have donated so far.

Our challenge, however, is to maximize our contributions per year to take advantage of the \$100,000 matching. We still need our alumni generosity to take us to our goal. **Please be reminded that the PMA Alumni Association is an IRS qualified 501(c) (3) non-profit entity.** We know that not all of our alumni are in a position to donate a large sum, but be assured that all contributions are welcome. Some of us may consider listing the PMA Alumni Scholarship fund in our wills. It is our opportunity to help us achieve two high goals: Help outstanding young individuals reach their dreams and potential and perpetuate the memory of Peacock Military Academy.

Our Scholarship Fund Committee is working hard, headed by Butch Daughtry, Jose Pacheco, Raul Gonzalez and Don Scoggins, along with guiding contributions from our Board. The details of fund administration, recipient selection criteria and the values (Duty, Honor, Discipline) that our scholarship intends to promote, are taking shape and will reflect the spirit of Peacock Military Academy.

So, my dear Peacock Brothers, please take this time to reflect on making a generous contribution to the Peacock Memorial Scholarship, and may the spirit of the coming Holiday Season have a positive influence on your decision. May God bless you and your families.

Arthur Wolf  
Class of 1973

PMA Alumni Association President



The Alumni Association reports hearing from Julian Weslow, Class of 1951, that he is out of the hospital and much improved. He credits some of that improvement from the many cards, emails, and telephone calls that he received from his Peacock friends. We are so glad you are feeling better, Julian!



The next Board of Directors Meeting will be Saturday, April 5, 2014, at The Wesley Peacock House.

**PMA WebSite Address**  
[www.pmaalumni.org](http://www.pmaalumni.org)



TAPS

- Ramon Daniel Bosquez, Jr., '48
- Robert Chester Reese, '48
- Loyd Count Spencer, '49
- Wayne Thomas Roberts, '55
- Richard Allen Hulsey, '62
- Gerald Marks (Jerry) Goren, '65
- Robert Eugene Powell, '65
- Stephen T. (Steve) Thompson, '68



**2014 REUNION NEWS**

October 3, 4, and 5, 2014

Omni San Antonio At the Colonnade Hotel

For reservation information, please call  
 1-800-843-6664  
 (Mention Peacock Military Academy Alumni Reunion)  
 Raul Gonzalez, '68

**Welcome New LIFE MEMBER!**

**Ben Mack Bishop, '62**

**2014 Dues**

The Alumni Association is collecting dues for 2014 and a Dues Form is included with this Newsletter. The Dues Form may also be used to make a contribution to the Scholarship Fund. If you have already paid your dues, please disregard the reminder! **THANKS!**



*MOVING???*

If you are moving, please let the Alumni Association have your new information: address, telephone numbers, etc.

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## PMA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND REPORT - FALL, 2013

### “How we can double our scholarship money with matching funds”

The PMA Board continues to be unanimous in their support of the Scholarship Fund and at the October 5th Board Meeting, they authorized the opening of a new separate bank account for the deposit of scholarship funds. These funds will be kept separate and apart from the Associations General Fund and accounted for separately as well.

Originally, we were asking for pledges only pending Board approval, but the time has come for funding your FIRST YEAR pledges, if you have not already done so. For those of you who have not yet made a pledge or contribution for the first or subsequent years, we urge you to get on board and support this fund which will perpetuate the memory of PMA long after the last graduate has passed away.

FIRST YEAR pledges total \$15,535.00 to date. That **DOUBLES** to \$31,070.00 with the matching funds. But remember, we can get matching funds for up to \$100,000.00 in year one to raise a total of \$200,000 our first year. The deadline for FIRST YEAR is April 5, 2014, to correspond with the First Anniversary of Board Approval of the Fund. **BUT DON'T** wait until the dead line to make your FIRST YEAR donation. And, remember, the PMA Alumni Association and the Scholarship Fund is a qualified non-profit organization for IRS purposes, so your 2013 gift is tax deductible this year.

Please review the report below, which is a repeat of what was provided in the Spring Newsletter. It provides a reminder of how all this began and how you can participate. Please feel free to call me at 210-845-7350 or email me at [HDaughtry@aol.com](mailto:HDaughtry@aol.com) if you have any questions. Mike Vlieger can be contacted by email at [jabonero@aol.com](mailto:jabonero@aol.com).

We need **YOUR** support to make this happen and **REMEMBER...**Every dollar you contribute becomes **TWO DOLLARS** because of the matching gift. Let's max out those matching funds!!!

Butch Daughtry, '58



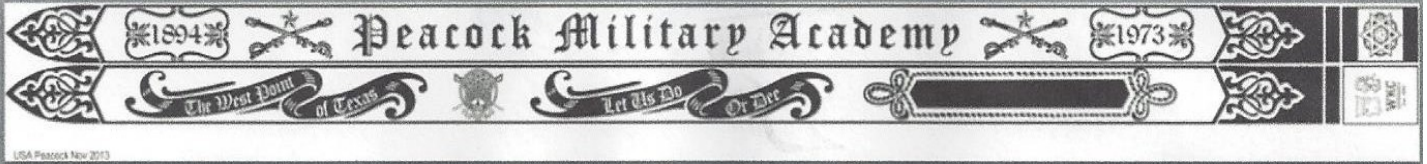
## PMA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND REPORT - SPRING, 2013

At our general membership meeting during our reunion last Fall, it was reported that an anonymous donor has issued a challenge to match any donor funds dollar-for-dollar up to \$100,000 per year for up to five years for the purpose of establishing an endowed PMA Memorial Scholarship Fund. The purpose of the Fund will be to perpetually honor the memory of PMA and the Peacock family by providing graduating high school seniors with college scholarship funds. Accordingly, our new President, Arturo Wolf, appointed Butch Daughtry to chair a Scholarship Committee for the purpose of evaluating the proposal and making recommendations to the Board of Directors. Members of the Committee include: Raul Gonzalez, Jose Pacheco, Don Scoggins, Mike Vlieger and Arturo Wolf.

The Committee met on March 9, 2013, at the Wesley Peacock House and reached the following conclusions: **1)** The proposed PMA Scholarship Fund is both worthwhile and feasible. The dollar-for-dollar matching funds up to \$100,000 a year each year for five years means that with 250 alumni averaging \$400 per year in donations, we can raise \$200,000 total each year and achieve our goal of a \$1,000,000 Endowment Fund. Simply put...We double our scholarship money with matching funds. **2)** Our existing Alumni Association is chartered for “educational purposes as described in Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code” which means all we need is a separate scholarship bank account **AND** any donations to the Fund will be eligible for tax deductions to qualified donors. **3)** Details of eligibility and administration should be hammered out in future Committee meetings, the next of which is scheduled for the third weekend of July. At the April 6th Board meeting, Jose Pacheco concluded the Committee’s report by stating, “Gentlemen with this Board’s approval, we **CAN** and **WILL** make this happen.” The Board of Directors obviously agreed with a unanimous vote to proceed with making the Fund a reality. Donna Peacock sent an email to the Board which read as follows: *“My sisters and I are grateful and awed by the Scholarship Committee’s on-going efforts to create and sustain a scholarship fund in memory of PMA: clearly a work of love and commitment to preserving a school and individuals who positively impacted your lives. It is a remarkable and unselfish undertaking. The Committee has our support and appreciation. My thanks for your dedication. I didn’t know my grandfather, but feel certain that he would be quite proud. I know my uncle and father would be.”*

The proposed Fund has the blessing of the Committee, the Board, and the Peacock Family. NOW it is up to each of us to make it a reality. Remember, all it takes is for at least 250 of our members to average at least \$400 per year in donations to reach a million dollar fund in five years. Some of our number will be able to donate much more, some less and maybe some will choose not to donate at all. Regardless of your decision, it will be kept completely anonymous. Only Mike Vlieger will have a record of pledges and donors.





On Saturday, October 5, 2013, a proposal was brought before the Alumni Association by fellow member Robert "Butch" Good, '67, to offer for purchase, a commemorative sword from the Peacock Military Academy Alumni Association, to any graduate of the Academy, whether they went through the graduation ceremony or not. The proposal was discussed and then passed by a unanimous vote. Cadet Good then agreed to obtain a design for the sword from WKC in Solingen, Germany. They have produced military swords since 1883. They produce swords for The Corp of Cadets at Texas A&M, The Citadel, V.M.I., and The United States Military Academy, "West Point." In other words, the sword that Peacock Military Academy will have made will be an exact replica, in structure, as West Point. Our swords will have two side etching with symbols pertinent and "sacred" to us.

The initial design was reviewed and tweaked by the committee before the final design was presented to the full Board of Directors for their approval. Having no dissension, the sword was approved in its final version.

As an aside, West Point allows all of its graduates to acquire a West Point sword upon each Cadet's graduation. Please view the sword's description and pictures of each side of the sword as the etching will appear on each sword acquired by a graduate of Peacock Military Academy.

These swords are made of stainless steel with twenty-four caret yellow gold plating. The insignia on each side of the blade, where they adjoin the hilt are the insignia of WKC. These appear on every sword they make.

This drawing was done in Solingen, Germany, and appear on each side of the sword blade. On the upper left and right of the top blade respectively are the founding and closing dates of Peacock Military Academy. To the inner side of each date are two crossed sabers with a star above each pair of sabers. The crossed sabers signify that Peacock is an historic and honored military academy. The star on the left represents the Star of Texas where the academy was founded and remained until its demise. The star on the right side pair of sword represents the fact the Peacock was one of only six honor military high schools in the United States of America. This is the star you wore on the lower right sleeve of your dress uniform. On the center of the blade are the words, Peacock Military Academy.

On the reverse side of the blade is, "The West Point of Texas" - the name by which the academy was referred to by many and a name used in brochures by the Academy. To the right of this is an old version of the crest from the 1930's era. To the right of the Coat of Arms is the motto of the Academy, "Let Us Do or Dee." To the right of the motto is an elongated blank space with scrollwork around it. In this blank will go each Cadet's personal information, for example: Robert Ogden Good, II Peacock Military Academy Class of 1967. All of the important symbols were placed on either one side of the blade or the other. Remember, there is only so much Rommel on a sword blade upon which to etch before it becomes gaudy.

This is a very exciting time for us. Although our Academy no longer exists, these swords can and most likely be handed down to our children, grandchildren, and even great grandchildren.

The cost will be \$355.00. I very much enjoyed working on this project with the blessing of the other Board members and hope these swords will be enjoyed by many fellow Cadet graduates of Peacock Military Academy.

Butch Good, '67



LIST No. 4--- Thursday, April 13th, 1944

Allen	2	loafing 5th per study- Sgt.Pounds
Ashbrook	3	playing in ranks- S/Sgt.Thrift
Ashmore	5	changing seat w/o per- Capt.A
Benefield	3	TOURS - direct disrespect to an officer- Lt.Knoepfli
Boone	5	playing in barrack- Sgt.MacMahan
"	3	in class w/o book-Lt.W
"	3	leaving Aero bulletin on campus-Capt.R
Brock	5	playing in barrack-Sgt.Warburton
Bruce	3	not ready for insp-Sgt."
Buchanan	2	unnecessary noise in barrack-Cpl.Blankenship
Cash	3	playing in ranks-Cpl.Baay
Chuoke	2	laughing in ranks- Cpl.Barnes, In Chg.
Chuoke	2	dirty nails at insp- Sgt. Bryant
Day	2	talking out during class meeting-Lt.Adams
Denny	3	talking in ranks-Sgt.Bryant
Dunbar	3	playing in ranks-Sgt.Bryant
Elliott	2	moving in ranks- " "
Erikson	2	noise in ranks-Cpl.Blankenship
Fuqua	5	marching improperly and chronic talking in ranks-Cpl.Barnes, in chg.
"	2	dirty nails at insp-Sgt.Bryant
Gray	2	noise in barrack-Cpl.Blankenship
Holcombe	2	walking on grass-Sgt.Slaughter
Hoyt	5	leaving seat w/o per- Lt.Adams
Hudson	2	noise in ranks-Cpl.Blankenship
Hunt	2	talking out in ranks-Sgt.Thrift
Klopp	3	talking- Lt.Adams
"	5	playing on tour squad- Sgt.Colliver,SG
Krause	3	no dictionary-Capt.R
Lehne	3	in class w/a book-Lt.W
McHenry	2	loafing in study hall-Sgt.Pounds
McKinney	3	shoes not shined at insp- Sgt.Bryant
Mobley	3	dirty room at insp- Sgt.Thrift
Orozco	3	dirty shoes at insp-Sgt.Bryant
Paseman	5	playing in class-Lt.Strandtman
Pohlen	3	disturbing coaching sch- Lt.Adams
"	2	talking out during class meeting- Lt.Adams
Racey	5	playing in class-Lt.Strandtman
Ramsey, H.	2	noise in ranks-Cpl.Blankenship
Rosenstein	2	laughing in ranks-Sgt.Bryant
"	3	playing in barrack-Cpl.Barnes
Sammons	3	no dictionary-Capt.R
Schmidt	3	dirty shoes at insp-Sgt.Thrift
Starnes	2	dirty nails at insp- Sgt.Bryant
Symonds	2	talking out during class meeting-Lt.Adams
Terry	5	playing in barrack-Sgt.MacMahan
Thissell	5	playing in barrack-Sgt.Warburton
Tolleson	5	breaking locker door- Lt,W
"	5	playing & loud noise in barrack-Cpl.Barnes
VanDeldon, T.	3	disturbing coaching sch-Lt.Adams
Verner	5	playing in barrack-Sgt.MacMahan
Verner	5	breaking window- " " (SUBMIT EXPLANATION)
Watson	2	dirty floor at insp-Sgt.Warburton
"	3	talking on trail-Sgt.Colliver,SG
"	5	playing in barrack-Sgt.Warburton
Withrow	2	walking on the grass-Sgt.MacMahan
Woodward	5	playing in class-Lt.Strandtman

EXPLANATIONS DUE IN BY 8:30 AM MONDAY

*list*





season's  
greetings

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MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO PEACOCK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

( \_\_\_\_\_ ) Annual Dues-----\$ 25.00

( \_\_\_\_\_ ) Life Membership-----\$500.00

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Scholarship Pledge

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