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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brother Ex-Cadets -

If you missed the 2008 Reunion in San Antonio, you missed one of the best we ever had for Peacock Military Academy Alumni Association. It was our 25th Anniversary for the Alumni Association and the 35th since the closing of the Academy.

May I say that the enthusiasm of the Alumni is alive and well? It never ceases to amaze me how a good group of men, who have one fundamental goal - which is - keeping the spirit of our old Military Academy alive and having fun doing it. The joy in seeing old friends and classmates of your generation or of others, before you and after you, is such a rewarding experience.

We all met on Friday, October 3rd, at the St. Anthony Hotel Starlight Terrance for a dinner and get together, just to see old friends, classmates and also to recognize some Alumni members. Representing the oldest graduating class was **Ben Sutton, Class of 1942**. Ben is a past president and current board member of the Alumni Association. **Arthur Wolf, Class of 1973**, represented the youngest class. Arthur is originally from Costa Rica and is also a board member. There were ninety six cadets and guests present for the evening. We also recognized three of the original five board members of the Association and gave them a small token of appreciation. They were **Mike Vlieger, Class of 1962, Lynn Powell, Class of 1966, and Rudy Johnson, Class of 1954**. Also remembered were **Mark Hawkins, Class of 1965 and Pat Boscamp, Class of 1960**, both now deceased. **Jack Whittiker, Class of 1963**, was recognized for providing the Association with the Cadet Medals presented to other Military Schools. Jack provides these medals at no cost to the Association.

Dr. Lino Garcia, faculty member of the Academy from 1959 to 1966, was introduced. He told us of his experiences at Peacock and highlights of his life with his wife Molly and daughter Cindy Casarez, who was born when the couple lived at Wilson Hall. He is now Professor Emeritus at Pan American University in Edinburg, Texas.

On Saturday, October 4th, the present board of directors met at 9:00 a.m. at the Gunter Hotel and a new board and alternates were discussed. We had a lot of volunteers willing to serve for the term 2008 - 2010. At 10:30 a.m., the General Assembly meeting was held and the board of directors and officers were elected. I had the honor and privilege of being re-elected as your President. I accepted with pleasure

and humility. A list of the new board with alternates and officers are added to this publication.

That evening, we held our banquet and dance at the Gunter Hotel. The Sentimental Journey Orchestra provided the music with an eighteen member group plus four lady singers. This Orchestra plays music of the big band era and the Crystal Ballroom was packed!! It was an evening to remember. We recognized **Kurt Stine, Class of 1964**, for traveling the farthest distance to attend from the State of Washington.

On Sunday, October 5th, we met at The Wesley Peacock House on the grounds of Peacock Military Academy for a Continental breakfast. We dedicated the water fountain presented to the Academy by the Class of 1938. It now stands on the Senior Terrace beside the memorial which was dedicated ten years ago. We got television news coverage from Channel 41!! We formed the old gray line from the youngest to the oldest and it was a long line from the Old Armory Building to the Street where we said our goodbyes until 2010.

Brother Cadets, that in short was a good reunion to remember and we have to make the next one in 2010 better than this one!!! That is our goal - to make it better and to make it better, all you have to do is come and have some fun with your old classmates and buddies. Our motto will be "**See you then in 2010**" and that's a promise. Thanks again for your support in keeping your Peacock Military Academy Alumni Association running with all cylinders firing and with your help we will not disappoint you.

Your President,
Frank R. Torres
"Pancho, '63"



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2008-2010

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ALTERNATES

Henry Allen (Butch) Daughtry, '58
 James Edward (Jimmy) Hale, '62
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 Jose Antonio (Tony) Nieto, '60
 Robert Edison (Bob) Ray, Jr., '48

<p>NEXT BOARD MEETING Saturday, April 4, 2009 The Wesley Peacock House 12:00 Noon</p>
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2009 DUES!



The Alumni Association is now collecting dues for 2009 and a Dues Form is included with this Newsletter. If you have already paid your dues, please disregard this note. The Dues Form may also be used to make a contribution to PAR.

THANKS!

L.B. Johnson is Looking for You!

Who was the cadet sitting behind Toy Echols at the Saturday Morning Board Meeting? You talked to L.B. Johnson but L.B. did not get your name. Please identify yourself. You were in Lee Hall when L.B. Johnson was in charge of barracks. Please call or email L.B. at (210) 342-2504 or lbjohnson01@aol.com.



TAPS

James E. Magill, Jr., '39
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 Carl F. Luzius, '60
 Charles Edward (Chuck) Flitzher, '64
 David Blair Baker Booth, '70
 Teddy William Sides, '70

Thanks so much!

- *Our thanks to Lois Anne and Rudy Johnson for all the wonderful pictures from our 2008 Reunion!*
- *Our thanks, also, to David Shelden for his hard work on the restoration and installation of the water fountain.*

We appreciate all that you do!!

THE FOLLOWING IS A TRUE ACCOUNT OF ONE OF MY ADVENTURES IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

During my junior year at Peacock 1968, I had finally begun receiving a weekly allowance, courtesy of my folks. The whopping \$3.00 allowed bus fare to downtown with enough left over to see a movie or buy a book.

One such weekend, a 95-cent paperback by George H. Estabrooks titled "Hypnosis" caught my eye. That weekend, I read the whole thing from cover to cover, learning the basic methods of inducing hypnotic trance. Being on the rifle team, I saw a possible benefit in relaxation exercises and asked the six other rifle team members if they would care to conduct exercises in breathing and heart rate control. They agreed. The rifle team coach, MSG Willie Burns, had no idea why team scores were improving in the attic of Johnston Hall. Motivation was attributed to the incentive to visit an antique automobile collection in Dallas, owned by an alumnus of Peacock. Such success encouraged me to attempt greater things.

Attention span was notably short among the student body, especially when given the choice to focus on either homework or the TV at the Richardson Hall Lounge. Such a fertile opportunity to excel could not be passed. I discussed this possibility privately with several students of all classes, stating that they would have the opportunity to maximize productivity of study time with less distraction. The results were shocking. All volunteers improved at least one letter grade average after a six week period of weekly attention span reinforcements. Then came the term paper for English taught by Colonel Burn. My topic was Hypnosis in Education.

Soon after submission of my term paper, I was called to the Superintendent's office. Colonel Wesley was, as usual, the epitome of formal decorum and deportment, although this was only the second time that I had the privilege of private audience with Colonel Wesley. The first was, of course, the entrance interview for admission to the Academy. He began:

"Cadet Shelden, Colonel Burn has provided me with your English term paper on the subject of hypnosis in education, and from the way it is written, it sounds as if the references to students actually refers to your fellow cadets. Furthermore, your paper is written in the first person, as if you actually conducted the hypnosis!"

"That is correct, sir," I replied.

"Do you feel that you are qualified to perform hypnosis, Cadet Shelden?" he asked.

"Only to the extent of attention span increase and focus, sir. Please refer to the GPA's of these cadets, (names given), between the last two six week periods.

"Colonel Snowden! (headmaster at that time) Please bring in the grade records of these cadets," (list of names given to the headmaster).

Colonel Wesley reminded me of the grave consequences of such unauthorized practice while Colonel Snowden collected several files. After what seemed an eternity, Colonel Snowden handed the stack of folders to Colonel Wesley. A long period of silence followed as Colonel Wesley reviewed every folder, and then he put the folders down, folded his hands and looked at me with a look that I will never forget.

"Cadet Shelden, I must say that these reports do show impressive improvement. In fact, the least improvement that I found here is one letter grade. However, we, as a school, cannot allow this practice to continue, in light of the fact that parents of your 'subjects,' as you refer in your paper, may not agree to this. I do encourage you to pursue this study following graduation, should you so desire, but I will ask that no more hypnosis be conducted." To which I agreed.

David A. Shelden
Class of 1970

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DVD's Available - \$10.00

Note: The quality varies as these are made from home movies, some over 60 years old!

Monkey Drill 1942

PMA 1962-1963

Paul Weston Graduation Parade 1952

Centennial Reunion 1994 Sunday Morning

Centennial Reunion 1994

PMA Reunion 2006

Ralph Braswell PMA 1947

PMA 1963 - 1966

PMA 1947

San Antonio Remembered KLRN - Peacock Segment

Bobby Bell Edwards 1946-1947

Alfred L. Burden 1951

The Wesley Peacock House Inventory 1990

PMA Memorial Dedication 1998

PMA 1989-Movie Trailer, House Renovation, TV News

Three Peacock Sisters

CD's Available - \$5.00

Commencement 1973

Professor Wesley Peacock, Sr., Radio Talk 1940

Ghost in the Church - Colonel Wesley Peacock

Colonel Wesley Peacock Naval School-Corpus Christi, Tx

Colonel Wesley Peacock-The Peacock School 1940

Colonel Thiesen 1991

King Vidor Interview 1978

Colonel Wesley Peacock "Memories"

Uncle Wesley - Peacock Academy

PMA Distinguished Alumni and Other Memories
Uncle Wesley - 1989
Colonel Donald Reagan - 1984



Gunter Hotel
Crystal Ballroom
Saturday, October 4, 2008





Senior Terrace
Sunday, October 5, 2008