



# *Kadet Newsletter*

## *Peacock Military Academy*

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#### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Brother Kadets;

Your Board of Directors met on April 2, 2011, at the old Peacock Military Academy Headquarters Building with 16 members present. The meeting was called to order and the minutes were read by Secretary Rudy Johnson, '53, of our last communication and approved. One thing, I can say, my Brother Kadets, our meetings are always lively and a lot of fun. We bend the rules a little on parliamentary procedures, but we get it done and may I say everybody gets to say what they think if they so do wish.

The Treasurer's Report was also read and it has been a long time that the Association is in a little bit better shape after a Reunion. That is because donations are going to the Association now instead of PAR (Peacock Academy Records) as agreed upon at one of our past meetings. All our records have been copied and are kept in two separate locations besides the original ones kept at the old Headquarters Building on the Academy grounds. So if something were to happen to our original records we have backup records and files of your good grades and my "D's" and "F's" on file!

Well, my brothers, I was very interested in having our next Reunion on the Peacock Academy grounds, but after further consultation with the Board of Directors and since some of us like to take a drink or two and Peacock really belongs to the very ultra conservative Salvation Army, that prohibits drinking and smoking and other things. Well, I thought maybe we could sneak in a drink from our parked cars. I thought like when some of us who might have got into trouble for doing so during our days at Peacock. I was told that maybe we could be expelled from having our Board Meetings at the Academy and me from the Academy grounds forever for thinking of the idea. So that being said, my good and honorable drinking brothers, the Academy

Grounds are out for Friday evening. We can still go on Sunday morning to say our "farewells" and have a small program as we always do on the Academy grounds.

We are looking at The Ye Kendall Inn in Boerne, Texas. Yes, I know some of you are already saying that all Reunions should be in San Antonio. Boerne, my brothers, is almost a suburb of San Antonio being about twenty to twenty-five minutes from downtown as the crow flies and our good brother and CEO Mike Vlieger lives there and knows the owners of the Ye Kendall Inn that was established in 1859 just a little before Peacock was in 1894. [www.yekendallinn.com](http://www.yekendallinn.com) We can block all the Inn for us and we have been told that it is a real nice place with a good restaurant and 36 newly restored exquisite guest rooms, cottages and suites. It has a salon and spa, a 5,000 square foot Conference Center, a Tavern with full bar and fireplace, and a Business Center-your out of town "office" for those of you brothers who still have to work--and complimentary wireless Internet connection service to keep in touch with your friends, family and business. This place is not set in stone yet, but it is a good place to consider. Your Board is looking at all other options.

So, my brother Kadets, start now making plans to attend your next Peacock Military Academy Reunion in 2012. Class of 1962, this will be your 50th Class Reunion! Class of 1952, this will be your 60th Class Reunion! Class of 1972, this will be your 40th Class Reunion! Invite your old classmates, roommates, Academy buddies, and be sure to bring your wife because if it is not for your wife, my brother, you might not be coming at all--or your girlfriends, too!

God Bless and see you on the first weekend of October, 2012!

PMA Alumni Association President  
Frank R. Torres, '63  
"Pancho"



PMA Board Meeting  
Saturday, April 2, 2011  
The Wesley Peacock House

President Torres opened the meeting at 12:00 hours. Those in attendance were: Earl B. Adams, '62; L. J. Bell, '52; Gary Blum, '62; Ed Ford, '62; Raul Gonzalez, '68; Charlie Harris, '58; Rudy Johnson, '53; John L. Lynn, '69; Bob Meuth, '72; Bill Morse, Jr., '56; Jose Pacheco, '69; Ed Sebera, '49; Ben Sutton, '42; Frank R. Torres, '63; Mike Vlieger, '62; and Ronald B. Williams, '68; for a total of 16 Board Members. A quorum was present.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was read and discussed. The Report was accepted. CEO Vlieger added that Wells Fargo will no longer charge us a service charge on the Alumni checking account.

Break for thinking about Reunion. CEO Vlieger had already done research concerning Reunion 2012. He suggested Ye Kendall Inn in Boerne. Everything was talked about, Saturday being organized for local points of interests, and Sunday remaining as usual at the Peacock House in San Antonio. Everyone was excited and in favor of his suggestion. More information will be mailed out later in 2012. Tom Perini, '62, has offered to bring his "Chuck Wagon" down for a cookout on the banks of the Cibolo Creek (next to Ye Kendall Inn). That sold everyone!

Russ Doty, '53, resigned from the Board for health reasons. The next person in line is David Lewis, '70, and he was approved effective immediately.

Our WebSite was brought up because someone said they tried to enter the password and could not access the system. Suggestion was to contact Jim Norman, '60. Also, there was a discussion concerning "E-Mail Address." Ed Ford will shut down present WebSite and transfer everything to our new WebSite. That should take care of our problems. Date for completion was not stated.

Motion to adjourn was made by Raul Gonzalez and seconded by Ed Sebera. Motion carried.

Rudolph M. (Rudy) Johnson, '53

**2011 Dues!**

The Alumni Association is now collecting dues for 2011 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 the Association.

**THANKS!**



## TAPS

Vernon Edwin (Eddie) Alexander, III, '61  
William DeFore Cheshire, '47  
Carl William (Dub) Hoffmann, Jr., '57  
Robert Edison (Bob) Ray, Jr., '48  
Gerald Nathan Van Delden, '49



### The "Kadet Medal" was presented to the following:

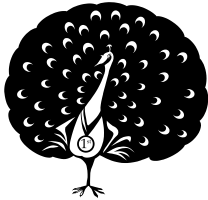
G. W. Bodden, San Antonio Academy  
Presented by Rudy Johnson, '53

Elizabeth Spencer, Texas Military  
Institute  
Presented by Mike Vlieger, '62

Daniel M. Sexton, San Marcos Academy  
Presented by Ed Valdes, '69

Michael K. McGraw, Marine Military  
Academy  
Present by Earl Adams, '62

Benjamin LeBoutillier, Sarasota Military  
Academy  
Presented by Kenny Barr, '59



### Welcome New Life Member

**James Robert Hyslop, '62**

### Received from Allen Ivey, '62

**"In our junior year I roomed next to Jerry Morris and Adin Hyslop. One night Adin fell out of bed and didn't wake up, Jerry came to our room and got our help to put him back in bed. The next morning Jerry told him that some night we would carry him out and put him on Colonel Don's step. Some weeks later on a Friday night we decided to do the deed. He didn't go to sleep and we got tired of waiting. One of the other guys, William Smith, went to sleep and we carried him out and laid him on Colonel Don's door mat. We didn't hardly get back 'till it started pouring rain.**

**The next morning Colonel Wesley called us into his office, he gave us a talking to, but said he couldn't say much as when he was a student at Peacock he helped carry someone out and laid him on the street car tracks that ran through the campus. He didn't wake up and they almost didn't get him out from in front of the street car."**

### Received from L. B. Johnson, '56

"I am looking for your help. Please send me all your photos and videos of old airplanes and new airplanes and all warships, destroyers and air craft carriers and whatever else you might have pertaining to WWII to present. The reason I am asking is I am now attending Hyperbaric Wound Care sessions and my doctor is an old retired Navy officer and he is crazy for all these things I am asking for. He took over my care after 3 podiatrists threw up their hands and wanted to cut my toes off. He saved one and is working on the second and hopefully his knowledge will save my toe and foot. Anything will be appreciated by my doctor and me. Hope all of you the best!"

# Ye Kendall Inn

Est. 1859

Texas Hill Country

Historic Inn—Limestone Grille—Conference Center

128 West Blanco—Boerne, Texas 78006

Ye Kendall Inn is both a Texas and a national landmark, and has given shelter to many famous people including Jefferson Davis, President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Robert E. Lee.

The history of Ye Kendall Inn begins April 23, 1859, when John James sold the land to Erastus and Sarah Reed for only \$200. The Reeds built the center section of the Inn as their home, bringing the Southern Colonial style of architecture to the Texas Hill Country.

Since there was no regular hotel for travelers in these early days, the few homeowners of the town shared their spare rooms. The Reeds began the hotel tradition by renting out their spare rooms in the Old Reed House. They rented accommodations to horsemen and stagecoach travelers. The grounds around the house served as a wagon yard for ranchers who penned their cattle in what is now the city park, awaiting other cattle for a big drive up the trail.

Colonel Henry C. King and his wife, Jean Adams King, purchased the Inn on May 4, 1869. While Colonel King served as State Senator and covered his district on horseback, Mrs. King ran The King Place.

In 1878, C. J. Roundtree and W. L. Wadsworth of Dallas purchased The King Place and renamed it the Boerne Hotel. These new owners added the two long wings on either side of the original house to accommodate the large number of health seekers attracted to Boerne's climate.

The Boerne Hotel served as an authentic stagecoach Inn throughout the 1880's. Dr. H. D. Barnitz purchased the Inn in 1909 and adopted the name Ye Kendall Inn after George W. Kendall.

From 1922—1943, the Kendall Inn was owned by Robert L. and Maude Hickman. Mr. Hickman learned the business of hotel management while working with his father at the Old Southern Hotel in San Antonio. The Hickman's began the many important steps of modernizing the hotel, including the installation of private baths.



Some little known, interesting facts about the Inn include evidence in the cellar of a tunnel which is said to connect the old hotel with another building a block away. The tunnel was used for protection from wandering bands of hostile Indians. The main structure is constructed of native rock walls, which are 20" thick. The front porch facing south has excellent exposure for staying cool in the hot summers. The property extends down to the Cibolo Creek and consists of approximately 6.5 acres. Since 1982, the Inn has had extensive and ongoing restoration to bring back the historic beauty of this true Texas treasure.