



# *Kadet Newsletter*

## *Peacock Military Academy*

### *Alumni Association, Inc.*

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Dear Peacock Brothers,

As we go through life, we have all learned many valuable lessons. One very important lesson is to not suffer for what you do not have, but be grateful for what you do have. In other words, always count your blessings. One of the biggest blessings in my life was to attend Peacock Military Academy. Peacock not only provided us with the opportunity of a quality education, it also instilled in us a code of honor, discipline, and duty that has guided us through our lives. Above all, it has given me the great honor of belonging to a select group of men from different generations united through our Peacock experience.

As I stood next to Rudy Johnson at Fort Sam Houston for the farewell ceremony of Peacock Brother Leon Whitfield, '53, I reflected on Leon's life and his contributions to this great Country. Leon Whitfield is one of many examples of how Peacock molded young men for excellence. His multiple medals earned by unselfish willingness to lay down his life for his Country are a testimony to his honor, integrity, and valor. Leon's noble spirit truly followed Peacock's creed of *Do or Dee*. He, like other Peacock brothers, will never die. They live on because of their contributions to society and humankind.

Our Peacock Alumni Association helps all of us ensure that the legacy of Peacock and the contributions of the School and our Alumni endure. And this is possible because our Association itself has endured. Why does it continue to thrive in spite of Peacock being closed for 40 years? (This year marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the last class). That same question was asked by individuals from TMI's Administration who met with Mike and Ginger Vlieger one day at the Peacock House. Yes, they were allowed on campus!

The answer to the longevity of our Peacock Alumni Association was eloquently given by Mrs. Elaine Austin Palmer, Peacock House Curator, when she joined us for dinner this April. She attributed it to the "Peacock influence." She credited the values that a professor by the name of Wesley Peacock and his sons, Colonels Wesley, Jr. and Donald, inspired and encouraged these

values into the lives of fifteen thousand young men. This was the gift of heritage that is mentioned in our PMA Alumni Memorial on the Senior Terrace.

Our numbers may dwindle but our Peacock legacy and heritage needs to be preserved. One enduring way of preserving our heritage and making sure that our legacy is continued is by supporting the efforts of a newly established committee for the PMA Memorial Scholarship Fund. In this issue you will find some news of their work. What better way to memorialize our heritage than by giving the gift of education to a deserving young individual? Especially if this young individual is one who will not only benefit from a good education but also will greatly contribute to our society in the way that Brother Leon Whitfield and many others have and still do.

The Peacock Alumni Association is all of us. Let's keep it and our legacy going. Please help by staying in touch. And if you have information of anyone who attended Peacock (even for a week), he is one of us. It is important that we keep our Alumni Directory updated. This way we can reach out to as many brothers as possible so we can come together in our meetings, remember the good times and have some laughs. Let's keep the flame of PMA going. That is what our brotherhood is about!

Arthur Wolf  
Class of 1973  
PMA Alumni Association President

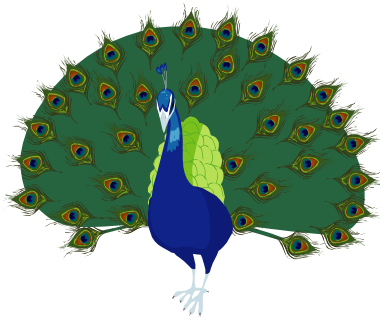


## The 2012 Reunion by Bruce Williams, '68

Well, we had a great Reunion in Boerne. Many old friends reunited. It was almost as if we had never missed a beat and were still the same ole Kadets back on the campus at Peacock. I am glad for all that attended but saddened at the same time for all that didn't! It was such a good Reunion, but could have been so much better at the same time. We learned a very saddening statistic. Between the 2010 and 2012 Reunion, we lost 26 of our classmates. We are not getting any younger and the sad truth is that we will lose more before 2014.

We also heard stories from the past of fellow Kadets who attended their first reunions after graduation, maybe 40 or 50 years ago, only to pass before the next reunion. They had terminal illnesses and did not disclose this fact at the time they attended. This greatly saddens me.

Just think! We have no guarantee we will open our eyes tomorrow. We are not producing any new Kadets since Peacock closed in 1973. For those of you who have not been active or attending, I plead, consider these facts. Mark your calendars for the first weekend in October, 2014, and don't let anything interfere! Do it for the rest of us, but most of all, do it for yourselves! We miss all of you and would love to see you again!!



### New Life Member

Vernon Lee Nelson, '67

### 2013 Dues

The Alumni Association is collecting dues for 2013 and a Dues Form is included with this Newsletter. The Dues Form may also be used to make a contribution to PAR and 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

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

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 creat and sustain a scholatrship 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.”*

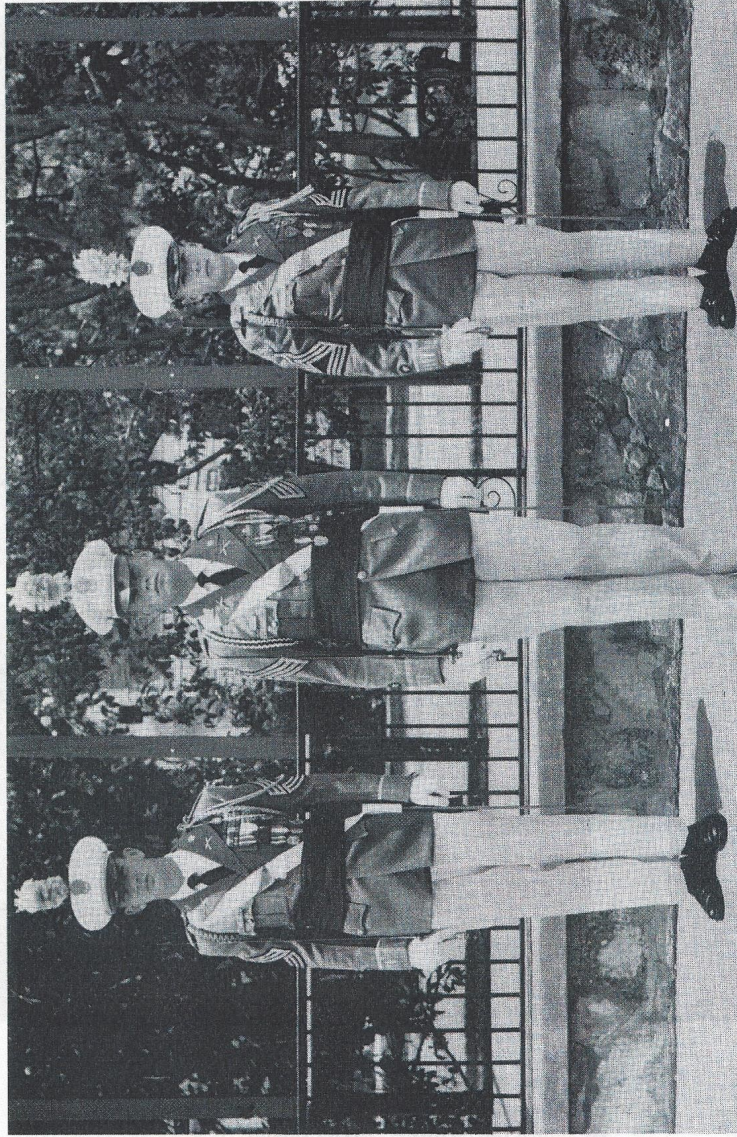
The proposed Fund has the blessing of the Committee, the Board, and the Peacock Family. NOW it is up to each of us to make it a reality. Remember, all it takes is for at least 250 of our members to average at least \$400 per year in donations to reach a million dollar fund in five years. Some of our 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.

Right now what we are asking for is **PLEDGES** with actual donations to follow when we reach our initial minimum funding goal to be determined. We need **YOUR PLEDGE** for **THIS YEAR** and, hopefully the four future years of our matching donations campaign.

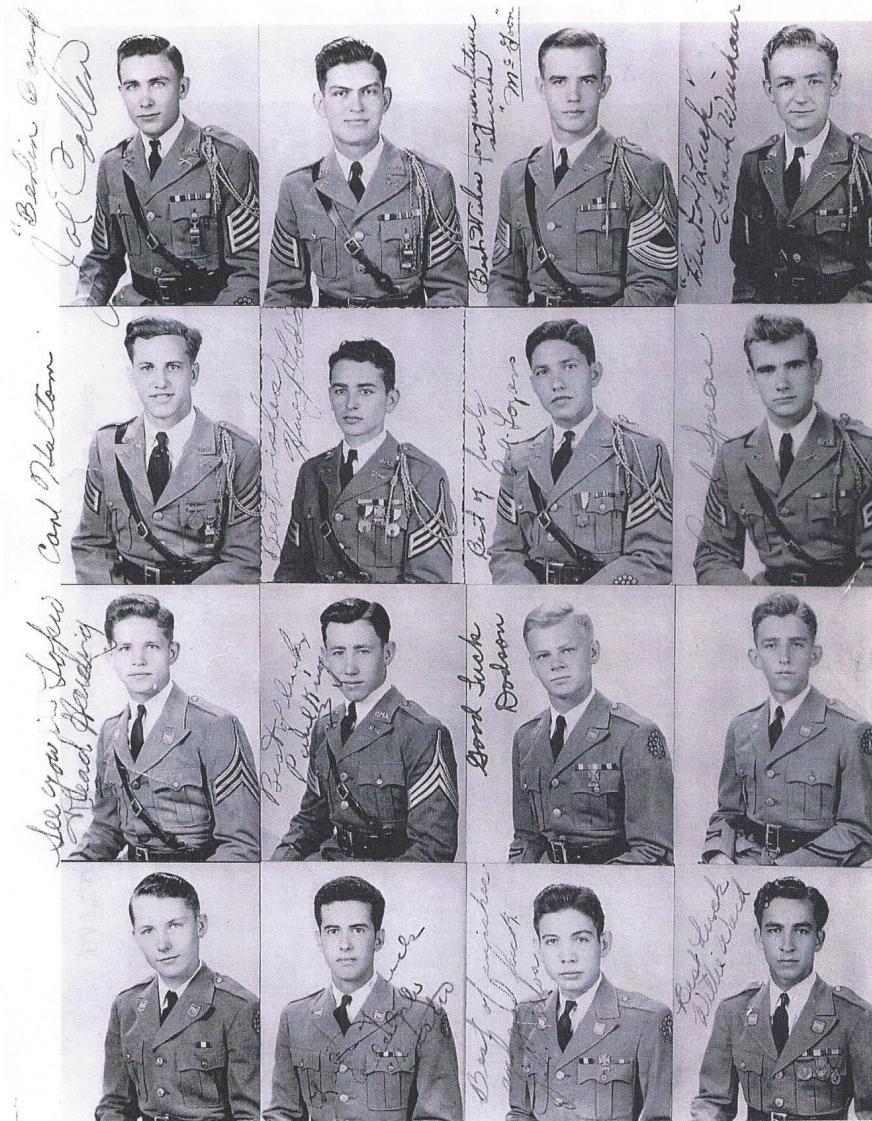
You can respond to Mike Vlieger by email at [jabonero@aol.com](mailto:jabonero@aol.com) OR send your pledge via regular mail as provided in the mailer. Right now we have first year pledges of about \$25,000 including the dollar-for-dollar matching funds. The additional years two through five pledges total approximately \$50,000...\$75,000 total; so we are off to a great start; but we need **YOUR** pledge to make this happen.

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 concerns or suggestions. I **SALUTE** each of you.

Butch Daughtry, ‘58

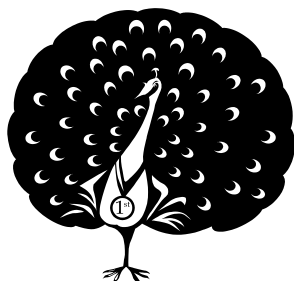


BATTALION STAFF: Captains Dublin, Bishop and Crain  
The Class of 1962



The War Time Class of 1943  
 Note: Joe Cotten, Batallion Commander, Top Left  
 He signed the picture - "Berlin Bound"

# PMA Kadet Medals for 2013



**San Antonio Academy-Cesar Martinez**  
*Presented by Edmund Valdez, Jr., '69*

**Texas Military Institute-Wallace Schmuck**  
*Presented by Mike Vlieger, '62*

**San Marcos Academy-Allan Bui**  
*Presented by Edmund Valdez, Jr., '69*

**Marine Military Academy-Cody Hubbard**  
*Presented by Earl B. Adams, '62*

## TAPS

Paul M. Spear, '43  
William L. (Leon) Whitfield, '53  
Merlyn Cone (Sonny) Grantham, '56



## PMA WebSite Address

[www.pmaalumni.org](http://www.pmaalumni.org)



## THE LAST PMA CLASS, THE CLASS OF '73, IS ORGANIZING ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION!!!

As in previous reunions, cadets from the Classes of 74, 75, 76...are included as members of our class. The Class of '72 is also included in our celebration.

In addition, because of our special affinity to the Class of '69, they will also be joining us. The Reunion will take place in San Antonio on the weekend of October 12th.

We need your help in contacting as many Alumni as possible, so we can send out invitations and RSVP requests. Any address or email information for other cadets is appreciated.

Please contact us for further information and details at the following email addresses:

Miguel Valdes, '73	<a href="mailto:Miguel_Valdes@B-F.com">Miguel_Valdes@B-F.com</a>
Arthur Wolf, '73	<a href="mailto:Awolf@FSCFoods.com">Awolf@FSCFoods.com</a>
Richard Bowerman, '72	<a href="mailto:Richard_78006@yahoo.com">Richard_78006@yahoo.com</a>
Edmund Valdes, '69	<a href="mailto:Edmund4311@hotmail.com">Edmund4311@hotmail.com</a>

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MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO PEACOCK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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

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

( \_\_\_\_\_ ) Donation to PAR  
(Peacock Academy Records, Inc.)----\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship Pledge

Year 1 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 5 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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