



Kadet Newsletter

Peacock Military Academy
Alumni Association, Inc.

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Dear Brother Kadets,

We had our board meeting a few weeks ago and I'm happy to report we have made tremendous progress in many areas. The committees have been working hard to keep the Peacock legacy alive and prepare for the next reunion October 7-9, 2016. The following was covered during the meeting:

Scholarship Committee / To date we have raised in excess of \$193,000.00 towards our goal. We continue to look for ways to raise funds. We have received donations from friends, family and even people that never attended our beloved Peacock. Our next target for this account is to reach the \$250,000.00 milestone which will offer us some benefits when dealing with investment companies. Our goal is to use the investment proceeds toward scholarships, without touching the principal or corpus of the fund.

Reunion committee / The committee has set the date of our Alumni Reunion for October 7-9, 2016. The reunion will be held at the Hilton hotel directly across from North Star Mall on I-410. Rooms have been blocked off so when making your reservations let them know you are attending the Peacock reunion. Make your reservation early because we anticipate a large turn out this year. Also please contact a Peacock brother that you have stayed in contact with over the years and see that they attend. This weekend is always fun visiting with old friends and getting re-acquainted with those you have not seen for decades. You will have plenty of down time to explore the city and show your family the home you had when you were young.

Membership and Search Committee / This committee is on fire! Since we last met they have located and contacted over 60 former students many of which have expressed an interest in staying informed and also have helped in finding other members of their class. To date we have purged and updated the addresses and have increased our email correspondence to about 350 cadets. This is an increase of about 100. We commend Allen Hatley '73 and Bruce Williams '68 for their efforts. We have been including everyone in our newsletters even if they aren't members of the association. We would welcome everyone that is able to become a member of the association but more importantly we would like for you to consider joining us in October.

Facilities / This group has worked hard to preserve and maintain the Headquarters building. We have a new representative with the Salvation Army that is housed at the facility. Heidi Griffin has been instrumental in seeing the property is maintained and preserved. Since last October an alarm system was added and the grounds have been nicely maintained. You would be proud to see many of the things as they were decades ago when we were in school. The senior Terrace

that we all know so well will be the site for our closing ceremonies on Sunday morning October 9th. Don't miss this touching ceremony.

Alumni Administration / This is the group that maintains all the records and work in concert with many of the others. They respond to calls about past alumni and even keep records about how many demerits you had when you were here. They recently have been working with an alumnus, Bob Birkenmeier '67, who has graciously agreed to maintain our website. This is instrumental to be able to disseminate information and keeping us all updated. They also try to keep up when any of our fellow cadets pass and keep the directory as current as possible.

Treasury / This committee has worked hard to update our record keeping up with the accounting and any reporting we have with the IRS. With the large sum of monies we have in our scholarship fund it is imperative to have good records.

Communication and our Secretary / These board members keep the minutes of our meetings and communicate with the public.

I must express that it has been an honor and a privilege serving as your President for the past two years. I'm very proud to have been associated with so many selfless Kadets, that have given so much of their time to keep the history and legacy of our beloved Peacock alive. These past two years our scholarship fund went from a dream to being on its way to becoming a reality. Thanks to all the cadets and friends that have made a difference. In October we will be electing a new board that will serve you for the next two years, and continue were we left off. I look forward to seeing as many of you that are able to attend the reunion in October.

Thanks for all your prayers and all the support I have received the past two years.

Sincerely,

Jose Pacheco Class of 1969.
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P.S. Save the date October 7-9, 2016.



TAPS

Jack Francis Blair '39	Carl Ronnie Swain '63
Chester N. Steele '40	Eulice H. Farrar '64
Jose Vasquez Castillo '44	Edward Francis Nagle '64
Tom Roosevelt Yates, Jr. '44	John Henry Bright Jr. '65
Harold Boyd Schmidt '46	Frank Ramsey Edwards '65
Ronald Eugene Graves '47	Hal Crouch Temple '65
Harold "Hal" William Ream '48	Michael Don Joy '67
Luke R. Rampy Jr. '50	Gregory Wulfe Kuehler '67
Richard E. Bradford '53	Durand Austin Burr '68
Calder W. Bacon '54	John Daniel Osteen '68
Charles F. Dunham III '54	Louis Leonard Ridgway '68
Rev. Virgilio Elizondo '54	Gary R. Turner '68
Carl Carrigan '55	Thomas Owen McWhorter '69
Edward Frederick Furler '55	William Harland Morgan '69
Jesus Maria "Chuy" Ramon '56	Robert Karras Gill '70
Harold S. Schmidt '57	James Patrick McGoldrick '70
Marvin Douglas Schutt '57	Steven Douglas Norwood '70
Gregory Earl Finnie '58	George W. Stowe III '70
Robert Lewis Olinger Jr. '59	Douglas Heyward Wright '70
Patrick Gordon Lawrence '61	Amadeo Mazzei '71
Jerry Patrick Morris '61	Steven Aulbach Jr. '73
George Earl Markham '63	Eugenio Franyutti '73
Kenneth Earl Porter '63	David Scott '73
Richard Wente Seymour '63	William "Billy" Howard Scott '73
Harold Lincoln Sholes Jr. '63	

Note: You may notice that our taps list for this newsletter is much longer than usual. This is because this list is not only for the recently departed Peacock Brothers. Our Search Committee has contacted families and has found obituaries for Kadets not listed before.

They will all be honored at our next Peacock Reunion and their names will once again be heard at Peacock. A sound full response of "Here" from a fellow classmate will echo their names through the campus once again.

Please join us and represent your class in this touching taps ceremony at the Senior Terrace on the morning of Sunday October 9th 2016.

All Kadets listed on the taps sections since 2014 will be honored.



Welcome New Life Member!!!

Joe Ramon Jr. '64

**PMA Web Address:
www.pmaalumni.org**



MOVING???

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

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Peacock Military Academy Memorial Scholarship Fund



PMA Memorial Scholarship Honor Roll*

Ed Sebera '49 Johan Heidenreich '50 Arthur F. Wolf '51
L.B. Johnson '56 David S. Hale '62

NEW MEMBERS

Terry L. Royall '57 Bernie L. Young '57

Created to perpetuate the Peacock Legacy

Our fund continues to grow thanks to your generosity you may send your contribution along with your annual dues.

*Contributions made to scholarship fund in the name of a deceased cadet earns them a place in the Honor Roll.

2016 Dues

The Alumni Association is collecting dues for 2016 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!

2016 Kadet Medal Presentations



Marine Military Academy - Cadet Grant R. Taylor Presented by Earl Adams '62

San Antonio Academy - Cadet Jeb Brysacz Presented by Sam Gonzalez '66

San Marcos Academy - Cadet Sargent Major Tyler Welch Presented by David Lewis '70

Texas Military Institute - Cadet Master Sargent J.P. Martinez-Cordeiro Presented by James Hyslop, Battalion Commander '62. James Hyslop's father was a 1928 graduate of TMI. During 1961 three Hyslop brothers attended Peacock: James, Adin and Bill.

**PMA Facebook Page:
Peacock Military Academy Alumni**

**Wesley Peacock House Facebook Page:
W Peacock House**

ONCE UPON A TIME...Where were you in 1973?

It started three months before graduation, when Colonel Don told me the brothers were planning to donate the school to the Salvation Army. He knew I had planned to have a reunion of my class of 1953 which would be our 20th. I went home and immediately changed my plans. Instead of a class reunion it would become a "School" reunion. Col. Don helped all he could by providing information on Kadets. My wife, Sylvia and I contacted over one thousand people to come to the last graduation for the last time.

We wound up with over 1100 for the ceremony and get-together at the Anacacho Room in the St. Anthony Hotel. There was standing room only and we saw everybody representing as many years of Peacock as we could remember...they came from all over the United States and Latin America.

We shall always remember the last graduate to cross that stage...Arthur Wolf, son of Arthur '51, and nephew to Victor '53.

None of us can ever forget our last "good-bye" line next to the Senior Terrace...everyone was crying///.....

Folks, for me that was sixty three (63) years ago, when I graduated, and I will NEVER forget all of those young men. We are the result of being part of the Peacock Military Academy family, and we were changed seven days after starting classes. We became men and learned to be responsible and proud, to be part of something we really did not understand at the time. After the first year, it began to make more sense as we learned that young men could "bond" and become mature. Our families had a hard time understanding "what happened"! We began to be a part of the military family that later led to some of us finding our profession in the services of our country.

Kadets, our coming Reunion in October 2016 may be the last time we shall have the opportunity to be with someone who has been important to us. I have personally experienced that last time in the past 60 years with men who came to the Reunion only once, not even thinking that it could be their last. They told me what a wonderful time they had seeing "brothers" after so long, not knowing that it would be their last. Two names come to mind: Charlie Ritchie '48 and Tom Russell '50. I called them to make sure they had received the Newsletter about the next reunion. The person that answered was either a surviving spouse or executor of their estate. My heart is heavy for all our brothers that don't take the time to come one weekend (3 days), and share with old friends. We are only interested in you and your family; we don't wish

to sell you something, but that you are happy and are well.

This may be my last one, I am 81 years old and I don't run the 100 yard dash, or broad jump any more. I spent 26 years in the U.S. Army; many of those years as a Green Beret, with hundreds of parachute jumps and several tours in Viet Nam and Korea. I would trade all of those things for seeing old Kadets that shared so many experiences over so many years.

As I go to bed at night I can still hear the echo of taps coming back from Woodlawn Lake..., the end of one day and starting of another...

Please make arrangements to make the next Peacock Reunion in October!

God Bless and may you travel safely. AMEN!

Rudy Johnson '53

PEACOCK ALUMNI REUNION NEWS

Make Plans Now!!!

Date: October 7, 8 & 9, 2016

Friday: Dinner

Saturday: Morning General Assembly and Evening Dinner and Entertainment

Sunday: Morning Coffee and Donuts and Gray Line Ceremony on Senior Terrace

Location: Hilton San Antonio Airport
611 NW Loop 410
San Antonio, Texas 78216

Phone: 210-340-6060 or 888-728-3031

Group Code: PMA

Personalized Hilton page for Peacock:

<http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/S/SATAPHF-PMA-20161002/index.jhtml>

COME JOIN AND SEE OLD FRIENDS!!!

LET US DO OR DEE!!!

Mike's Memories

Here are assorted memories from my years at Peacock. They are just small snapshots of life at the Academy.

❖ The desk on the first floor of Johnston Hall. I used it to place my books between classes while on guard duty. You may have other memories as to how this desk was used.

❖ The heavy metal black box on the wall also on the first floor of Johnston Hall. This box contained the pages from the stick pads. Only Colonel Don had the key and it never left his key ring.

❖ The mess hall serving Mexican food on Wednesdays and fish on Fridays. Most cadets have good memories of the mess hall food. That is unusual for dining hall food.



❖ The drive downtown to the Armory with cadets to improve their skills with the 22 caliber rifles. We usually took 6 to 8 cadets along with a tactical officer.



❖ The day at Camp Bullis firing the 30 caliber M1 rifles. This was the only time the firing pins were installed in the rifles.

❖ The announcements over the PA system in the mess hall following a meal. This was usually done by Colonel Don and sometimes started with "Attention to Special Orders No. 12." Could be good news or bad news.

❖ The washateria on Bandera Road after every football game. Karl Sammons and I would load all the dirty uniforms into the Academy pickup and drive them to a nearby washateria. The trip was repeated the next day to pickup the clean football pants and jerseys.



❖ The Peacock officers ushered the Queen's Coronation during Fiesta week. Another duty was to escort a duchess from the Municipal Auditorium to the St. Anthony Hotel. A nice walk with a pretty girl on your arm.

❖ The spirit ribbons sold the week before a football game. I always wondered who made up the slogans printed on the ribbons. "Cage the Panthers" would be on a TMI spirit ribbon. Some of these ribbons are on display in The Wesley Peacock House.

❖ A problem with a stove in the mess hall created a problem for the kitchen staff and Mrs. Sue Bonin, the Academy dietician. Grace's Drug Store came to the rescue by making over 200 hamburgers with short notice. The cadets had a good noon meal.



George M. Cole 1928



**Cullum No. 8260 • Feb. 18, 1988 • Died in Fort Sam Houston, TX
Interred in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, TX**



George Morris Cole was born in Chester, Pennsylvania on 29 April 1904. He was the third of eight children of Thomas Sessions and Sue Morris Cole. His older brother, Bill, went to the Naval Academy at Annapolis, graduating in 1924. George, after two years at the University of Pennsylvania, received an appointment to West Point and graduated in June 1928, commissioned a second lieutenant of Field Artillery.

His first post was Fort Stotsenburg in the Philippine Islands, then Fort Hoyle, Maryland, the Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and then Fort Francis E. Warren in Cheyenne, Wyoming, where he met and married Frances Lussier, the daughter of Lt Col and Mrs. Richard F. Lussier. Shortly thereafter, he was ordered to ROTC duty at Alabama Polytechnic Institute in Auburn, Alabama.

In the summer of 1940, he was ordered to Fort Davis, in the Panama Canal Zone, and was there when Pearl Harbor occurred.

He was transferred to Fort Clayton on the Pacific side, to take command of the 2nd (I believe) Field Artillery Battalion.

After various stateside assignments he was sent to the CBI (China-Burma-India) theater, serving first in India, then flying over the hump and into Shanghai as the Japanese exited the city, and later with one of General Marshall's peace teams (between the Communists and the Nationalist forces) in North China. For this service he was awarded the Order of the Cloud and Banner by the Chinese Nationalist Government. After returning to the States, he went to Fort Dix, New Jersey; then to the Advanced Field Artillery Course at Fort Sill, and then to Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He retired in 1950.

After retirement he became the PMS&T (Professor of Military Science and Tactics) at Peacock Military Academy in San Antonio, and taught there for 23 years.

He died 18 February 1988, aged 83, after a brief illness, and was buried at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Frances; son, Thomas; and two grandchildren, George and Katherine. Tom Cole is presently at Mainz Army Depot, Germany working for the US Army as a computer specialist.

George Cole was a good man, who always did the best he could and who never knowingly said or did an unkind thing.

These are comments made by several Kadets about Col. Cole in email correspondence. I cannot list them all or copy all in their entirety. They speak for themselves about the influence that Col. Cole and Peacock Military Academy had on us all.

I cannot forget Col. Cole. I never heard him say bad things about others. A class act. Jim Hale '62

He was my favorite Colonel. He was an all-around good man. I visited his grave at Fort Sam Houston Cemetery. I gave him a big salute from all of us. Tony Nieto '60

Great man and great Chemistry teacher. Joe P. Early '68

He was one of the nicest officers on campus. Raul E. Martinez '72

Col. Cole's devotion and dedication to Peacock Kadets is something I will never forget. His memory will always be burnished in my mind. He touched so many lives and inspired many more for the better. Gordon Cooper '73

Col Cole was a good man. One day he was walking around looking for his officer's hat. We pointed out to him that he was wearing it. Now, at my age, I relate to him. God Bless that fine gentleman. Sam Gonzalez '66

I once stood up to ask a question in class. I proceeded to ask him about the Doppler Effect. He told me to open the window if I thought it was too hot! His hearing played him tricks. Great man! Ed Woodruff '61

I loved Col. Googie. Once I asked him why he always took off so fast in his car when he backed out of the campus. Wren, he said. The law says how fast you can drive. Not how fast you can get there. Tony Wren '72

Col. Cole was a great mentor. He once put me in Saturday Study

Hall for making a "B" on a test, because he said I should have made an "A". Somehow, although he was hard of hearing, he was able to listen when you thought you were safe. Steven Copenhaver '66

He was always the professional soldier. There is also something commendable about a man who treats animals the way Col. Cole treated his little companion Doxie. Gerald Smith '64

He was a fantastic professor and a great mentor to me, a young cadet far from home. We called him Googie, it was never in bad taste, but rather a compliment on his caring nature. Charles Xaudaro '73

I lost my father the day after Christmas in my 8th grade year. Col. Cole was my father figure after that. He is the reason I pursued a career in Science. When I was in NASA/JSC Mission Operations when they walked on the moon, I thought of Googie and remembered that I would not have been there without his influence. Bob Brovey '65

In 1968, the Senior Trigonometry books had not arrived on time for our second semester. Col. Cole proceeded to teach the class without the text book. He was able to teach the course off the top of his head. He understood the subject so well and he actually enjoyed teaching Trigonometry. His nickname Googie comes from Googol, the largest number one can imagine. L.C. Clower '68

I appreciated Col. Cole greatly. Two others that were special were Colonel Donald Peacock and Colonel Dick Thiesen. Col. Don wanted to appear "tough", but he was really a kind hearted good man. I considered it a privilege to be a student at Peacock. Some of the things I learned at Peacock were: 1. Respect for authority 2. Self-Discipline 3. Excellent training in English, Math and Science

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4. Respect for others and the importance of friends and family.
Alfred Burden M.D. '51

I went to a number of public schools before Peacock. All my teachers at Peacock were better than any I encountered in public school. And Col. Cole was certainly my favorite at Peacock. It is heart-warming that so many of his students hold him at the same level of high esteem that I do. Chalmers Williams '66

I remember Googie as a great teacher for my Plane and Solid Geometry courses and for Physics. He had a real knack for teaching complex concepts and kept classes interesting by telling us some "war stories" from time to time. After graduation, I later came back to Peacock as a TAC Officer and became his assistant. I had the privilege of being both his student and also work with him. Col. Cole's retirement check arrived on the 1st of each month. That meant he took all the TAC Officers to Little Italy on Fredericksburg Road. That was my first experience with pizza and Chianti wine. What a great Officer and Gentleman Col. Cole was! We were blessed by his being a part of our lives. Butch Daughtry '58

Col. Cole said he got his nickname when he was a sophomore at West Point. "My math professor asked me what a 1 followed by 100 zeros was called. I replied it is a googie. After the class stopped laughing I had my nickname for life." FYI the correct answer is of course a Googol. The term Googol was coined by

the nine year old nephew of the mathematician E. Kasner. Bob Brovey '65

I often describe to my kids and grandchild how Googie gave a lecture. He would start the class with a poem about a battle (e.g. "Half a league, half a league, half a league onward..." from the Charge of the Light Brigade, or "Tomorrow our arrow will darken the sun." "Spartan Response "Then we will fight on in the shade".) Googie would then give a lecture detailing why the point of Physics he was covering that day was decisive in the battle that the poem was about. He would end the lecture by repeating the poem. Bob Brovey '65

I went back to Peacock on my wedding day in 1973 to show my wife the place where the boy she loved learned the basics of being a man. I found Col. Cole. We talked a bit about the old days and my bride took our photo at the Senior Terrace. (See photo at right). My days there from 1960-64 remain among the best in my life. And I have had a great life as a journalist and as staff in the Texas Legislature. I owe it to Peacock. One of the few regrets I have in life is I could not send my son there. Robert McVey '66



A multi-generational, interational entertainment radio program with a common sense approach to parent/child viewpoints on culture and relationships.



Jim Bond '65 has a broadcast program, now available as a blog at: <https://thebondbroadcastblog.wordpress.com/> Join Jim along with his very bright and articulate partners: Son Michael Bond and his long time girlfriend Sarah Lepird. They touch on today's controversial topics as they would be discussed at the dinner table. Jim's other son Thomas, is the artistic director of the program. The focus is to provide generational viewpoints on culture and relationships in a light entertaining manner.

Many Peacock Kadets and their families are already following and reading Jim Bond, Michael and Sarah, and contributing with comments. Join Jim and his bright millennials in their insightful conversations and topics.

You can like the Bond Broadcast on Facebook – The Bond Broadcast

Also follow the Bond Broadcast on Twitter.

You can email at thebondbroadcast@gmail.com

MEET HEIDI GRIFFIN!!!



Ms. Heidi Griffin is the Salvation Army Area Director for Boys and Girls Club. Previously she had been Development of the Boys and Girls Club in Alaska. As San Antonio Area Director she oversees two wonderful programs for area youth. One is the Keystone Club which

is a unique leadership development experience for ages 14-18 focusing on academic success, career preparation, leadership and spiritual development. The other program is the Passport to Manhood which promotes and teaches responsibility to Club boys ages 11-18. The class runs year round and concentrates on specific aspects of character and manhood, leadership and positive behavior with a spiritual emphasis on becoming the man God wants you to be. Heidi's office is in the Wesley Peacock House. We are very fortunate to have Ms. Griffin. She has done an excellent job in presiding over the maintenance of the campus, the grounds and of course, our beloved Peacock House. Heidi exemplifies the Salvation Army's motto of "Doing the Most Good". And she has a wonderful smile.