



# Kadet Newsletter

## Peacock Military Academy Alumni Association, Inc.

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Dear Peacock Brothers,

On the 7th of April the Board of Directors met for our spring meeting. We had a good member attendance. Like always I would like to thank each and every one for their sacrifice and support of our Peacock Alumni Association. With your help and support we continue to keep the legacy of Peacock alive and we will keep it going into the future long after we are gone.

**Scholarship:** The scholarship fund has reached 260K and the matching funds by our anonymous donor terminated in April. This does not mean that you cannot continue your contributions to the scholarship. I encourage everyone to continue sending in your donations. The board discussed starting scholarship distributions next year. There are still some details to be addressed before we present the first scholarship. Donna Peacock's experience and knowledge in the education field has greatly enhanced the process for choosing recipients for the Peacock Scholarship. Just a reminder, donations to the Scholarship fund are tax exempt.

**Committees:** Once again thanks to all the committees for the excellent job they continue doing for the Association. All committee heads gave us an update on their respective committee. Mike Vlieger continues to work

with the Salvation Army on the up keep of the Peacock House. Butch Daughtry gave us a report on the scholarship committee. Marty Cavanaugh submitted the treasurer report with details of the Alumni finances. Bruce Williams continues his job with the membership committee and finding Kadets. David Lewis and Raul Gonzalez continue working on our 2018 Reunion. Bob Birkenmeier continues his work as our Web Master. If you need a password please contact him at Birk@pmaalumni.org and he will issue you one.

**Note:** Special thanks are in order to Butch Good class of 67. He has designed a new Peacock Medal which will be brought before the Board of Directors for review and approval. If approved it will replace the old medal and will be awarded in the future.

**Reunion 2018:** All plans for our 2018 Reunion have been finalized. Our reunion will take place on October 5, 6, and 7, 2018.

**Hotel:** Wyndham San Antonio Riverwalk, 111 E. Pecan St. San Antonio, Texas 78205.

**Reservations:** 1-866-764-8536 or 210-354-2800 ask for the Peacock Military Academy Reunion rate. **(Dead line for making reservations is 9-15-18, (Sep 15, 2018).**

It is not too early to start contacting your

fellow classmates and reminding them of our upcoming reunion. Our last reunion was a great success and I am hoping this one will be just as great as the last one. With your help and assistance in contacting your fellow Kadets, it should be even better. The class of 68 will be celebrating its 50th reunion. Let us show up in good numbers!

We will be expecting all brother Kadets at our 2018 reunion. It will be a time to catch up with old friends, meet new ones, have fun, enjoy good stories and start new friendships. On Sunday Oct 7th we will again meet at the Wesley Peacock House for coffee and donuts. We will also celebrate our traditional Gray Line Ceremony on the Senior Terrace. After that it will be time to say our good byes until our next time.

Thank you all for the support you have given me. God Bless.



Raul Gonzalez  
Class of 68  
PMA Alumni Association President

### PMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## **Welcome New Life Members!!!**

Dwight Anthony Weatherford '72  
 Ted Fletcher Nevels '73

## **Peacock Military Academy Memorial Scholarship Fund**



### **Created to perpetuate the Peacock Legacy**

All contributions are tax deductible. You may send your donation along with your annual dues.

### **PMA Memorial Scholarship Honor Roll\***

Ben E. Sutton '42	Bernie L. Young '57
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Arthur F. Wolf '51	Edwin R. Kollman '63
L.B. Johnson '56	Kenneth Earl Porter '63
Terry L. Royal '57	Edmund Valdes '69

### **Class of '53 Deceased:**

Otho Bolton, Robert Bleuler, Richard Bradford, Jimmy Chamness, Charles Cole, Jack Gilpin, Robert Haley, Colon Loft, Leonard Millstead, Wyatt Myers, George Ochoa, Delbert Robertson, William Whitfield.

### **NEW MEMBERS**

The Peacock Family	William D. Morse Jr. '56
Joshua A. Tilton '52	Arthur Anthony Wolf

## ***MOVING???***

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

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## **2018 Dues**

The Alumni Association is collecting dues for 2018 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!

### **PMA Web Address:**

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## **PEACOCK MERCHANDISE**

Caps (Green or Khaki)	\$10.00
T-Shirts	\$10.00
Polo Shirts	\$25.00
Totes	\$15.00
Pennants	\$8.00
Decals	\$3.00
Koozies	\$2.00
Coffee Mugs	\$5.00
Aprons	\$10.00
Peacock Patches	\$3.50
Lapel Pins	\$7.00
DVDs	\$3.00

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# THE PEACOCK REUNION OCTOBER 2018

Once again my dear Peacock Brothers, it is time for another Peacock Reunion. This is the one you have been meaning to attend for some years and have not made it. You have committed in your mind to come; so make it happen this time! And for all who attended the last one, get your bags ready and come on down to San Antonio to see all the old faces (literally) once more.

Here is a touching testimony from a Peacock Kadet who decided to attend the Reunion last time:

"I left Texas decades ago, arrived in California, I liked what I saw... got a job right away doing structural drafting with Bechtel Mining & Metals. Learned to fly... ski...stayed ever since...started a family here.

Years went by and I started getting flyers about a Peacock reunion... oh sure...didn't think much about it..."I'm grown up now". More years went by and another flyer and newsletter...and a picture of Phil Crawshaw...holly sh\*#...and Major Garcia...Ben Bishop... Ronnie Swain...really hooked me.

I planned and positioned myself so when the reunion came around I went. Downtown San Antonio was nicely evolved...there was the river restaurants...some historical buildings...and the Alamo.

Meeting Peacock Kadets, old and new friends, was wonderful. Friday and Saturday events were great.



On Sunday of the weekend I arrived at the Peacock Headquarters early...went into Don's office and stood where I stood many a scary day...I truly told Col. Don that he scared me and I wanted to be done with that...I thanked him silently for being a father I needed... people began to assemble in the office where Wesley and the lady admin sat. When they filtered in Don's office, I felt they didn't have the right to be there. Even though NO ONE ever wanted to be... before the man...in Col. Don's office...you had to earn the right to be there.

An hour later all the surviving Kadets assembled on the Senior Terrace for a ceremony. People walking on MY Senior Terrace...my feelings surprised me. We all lined up on the walk from the street to the Sally Port...where the coke machine and armory was...right next to Birkhead Hall...outside the window of my first room...1959. The ceremony was extremely touching to say the least.

I came back to my three sons and there is no way to tell the experience of why anyone would go to a 52<sup>nd</sup> high school reunion. And we do every two years. There are Kadets that always intend to come... some do and some don't...Bill Hyslop was such a surprise...all of us had so much to catch up on.

I guess I've rambled on...I was excited to read Herb Harris' article in the last Kadet Newsletter about his Year Book event with Don. Colonel Donald was promoted to a General...and he was casual about it...we were not.

Respectfully,  
Jonathan Hodell '64

## PEACOCK MEDAL RECIPIENTS FOR 2018

Every year the Peacock Military Academy Alumni Association presents medals to the outstanding cadet of several academies. A citation is presented to each medal recipient congratulating them on their scholastic, character, leadership and aptitude achievements. We also mention that these are the traits that personify the more than 15,000 young men who formed the ranks of the Corps of Cadets of Peacock Military Academy between 1894 and 1973. It is also stated in the citation that the purpose of making this award is to honor outstanding students in their schools and, in a symbolic way, to continue the proud traditions of Peacock Military Academy.

Recipients for 2018 Peacock Medals were:

San Marcos Academy – Cadet Ashton Blackstone  
Presented by David Lewis '70

Marine Military Academy – Cadet Trevor Roberts  
Presented by Earl Adams '62

San Antonio Academy – Cadet Eshanth Beeram  
Presented by Raul Gonzalez '68

Texas Military Institute - Cadet Eddie Garcia  
Presented by James Hyslop '62



*Cadet Trevor Roberts from Alaska, outstanding cadet at the Marine Academy for 2017-2018. He will be Battalion Commander for 2018-2019. His future plans: Annapolis, later Marine Corps (he wants to be a Marine Officer like his father). Then, Special Forces.*



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**Attire for Dinners:** Business casual.

**Friday Afternoon October 5:** We will open the Don Yust Hospitality Suite (Executive Salon 5) at 3:00 p.m. for greetings, reunion registration confirmations, identification tags, etc.

**Friday Evening October 5:** Kadets and guests will gather in the San Antonio Ballroom. Social hour (cash bar) will be from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. At 7:00 p.m. we will have a seated buffet dinner. We will have a brief program after dinner. Later, the Hospitality Suite will re-open.

**Saturday Morning October 6:** Board of Directors Meeting at 9:00 a.m. (open to all). General Assembly Meeting for all Kadets at 10:30 a.m. The new Board of Directors for next two years will be elected. Both meetings will be held in the San Antonio Ballroom.

**Saturday Afternoon October 6:** Open for visiting or touring San Antonio.

**Saturday Evening October 6:** Social hour (Cash bar) in the San Antonio Ballroom from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. followed by a seated dinner. Program includes posting of the colors, guest speaker, and music entertainment.



**Sunday Morning October 7:** The Wesley Peacock House will be open at 10:00 a.m. for Kadets to visit. Continental breakfast (coffee, pastries) will be served. At 11:30 a.m. Kadets will form our traditional Gray Line on the Senior Terrace. The names of the Kadets that have passed since the last reunion will be called. Ceremony includes rider-less horse and will serve as farewell to the 2018 Reunion.

## Kadet News

**Conrad Banspach Jr. '37** originally from San Antonio, is well and still active in his family engineering firm in St. Petersburg, Florida. He has not lost his sense of humor. When we called and told him we were from the Peacock Military Academy, he immediately said "What tha hell did I do now? Conrad distinguished himself during WWII in flight combat and instruction. He trained on radar both crews that dropped bombs on Japan in 1945.

**Jim Carey '51** lives in Donna, TX (moved from Port Isabel). He graduated from Texas A&M in 1956 and later completed a Master's Degree at Texas Tech Air Force ROTC. He has great stories about Peacock, including the one about a brawl in a hamburger joint in New Braunfels after a football camp. It started when an employee of the establishment stated that "they did not serve Mexicans". Some of the members of the Peacock team did include Latin-Americans, including my Costa Rican father Arthur Wolf '51.

**Alvin Burden M.D. '51** from San Antonio sent a message

stating: "Peacock had a profound impact on my life, for which I'll always be forever grateful. My wife and I celebrated our 61<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary this year. I have been retired since 1998. We took our three daughters to watch the dress parades from 1966 to 1973. Although I was a day student the five years I was at Peacock, the bond has remained for life".

**Jerry Houston '52** lives in Fort Worth, Texas. He was Battalion Commander, Valedictorian, and captain of the football team. He later played under Bear Bryant at Texas A&M where he graduated. He had a distinguished Navy career first as a fighter pilot accumulating 6000 hours, commanding two fighter squadrons and later commanding a ship. He served several tours in Vietnam. He also served in Naples, London, and as U.S. Naval Attaché to the American Embassy in Buenos Aires, Argentina before retiring.

**Johnny Gabriel '54** heads Gabriel Industries in San Antonio, TX. He has excelled in his civic work for the community. He was crowned Rey Feo in 1991 for the 100<sup>th</sup> Celebration of Fiesta San

## Kadet News (Cont.)

Jacinto. He was crowned by fellow Kadet **Reverend Virgilio Elizondo '54** (†). His work in collecting over \$400,000 per year for scholarships has been rewarded by San Antonio by naming a street in his honor. (Gabriel Way).



*Reverend Virgilio Elizondo '54 crowning Johnny Gabriel '54*

**Rudolph Timpte '57** is living in Boerne TX. He was a member of the last Peacock Monkey Drill Team. He helped save horses from the stable fire in '52. He taught Math and Finance at San Antonio

College coinciding as a faculty member with Col. Dick Thiesen, his former teacher at Peacock.

We received the sad news of the passing of **Darwin Harris '57**. His wife Beulah sent a letter of appreciation to the Peacock Association for all the kind notes and flowers from fellow Kadets. She plans to attend the reunion. Darwin was an outstanding human being, always reaching out and mentoring others. He was a member of the last Peacock Monkey Drill Team.

**Robert Adam '57** worked for 39 years with Reader's Digest. He lives in Miami, Florida. He has had the opportunity to sail around the world. He is very involved with his church and enjoys helping other human beings.

**Tom Porter '64** has moved from Dallas back to his hometown in Denison Texas. He says he will be attending the Peacock Reunion in October. We will be looking forward to seeing him.

**William Stewart '64** attended San Antonio College and joined the Army in 66. He volunteered for Vietnam in 68 after spending a year in flight training in Ft. Rucker, Alabama. He mentions that Peacock discipline "made the transition into the Army very easy". He and his wife spend their time between Bogota, Colombia and Bulverde, Texas, since his wife is Colombian. His brother Arthur also graduated from Peacock in the Class of '62.



*William Stewart '64 in Viet Nam 1968*

**Larry Feldt '64** has left California and is back in Texas. It seems like many folks are leaving California these days. Welcome back home Larry. Texas missed you!

We have lost a dear member of our Peacock family, **Dwight Alfred Foster '65** from Palestine, TX. His son Randall and widow Beverly Foster sent a letter of gratitude for the Peacock Association's condolences. They plan to attend the memorial

ceremony on Sunday October 7 at the Peacock campus.

The Peacock Association lost a most treasured member of our family. **Eileen Powell**, wife of Peacock Brother **Lynn Powell '66**, left us after a valiant fight with cancer. Her memorial services were held in Port Isabel, Texas in March.

**Mark Rosenfield '66** lives in Fort Worth, Texas. Mark attended Texas A&M where he was a member of the Aggie Band. He later earned a Law Degree from University of Texas. He has been involved with Boy Scouts of America and enjoys raising Black Angus cattle and tilapia fish. He obviously enjoys a good balance of healthy protein, from red meat to fish.

**David Lewis '70** has a new hot rod. Check out his '32 Ford

**Eddie Canales '73** graduated from Texas A&M. He is the founder and director of Gridiron Heroes Spinal Cord Injury Foundation. It is a non-profit organization which provides immediate and long term resources and support for individuals sustaining a catastrophic spinal cord injury through activities associated with high-school football. In 2011 he was named one of the top CNN Heroes for that year and in 2014 he was inducted in the Latin American Sports Hall of Fame.



*Ford '32 owned by David Lewis '70*



**The Peacock Alumni Association** was represented at the Annual Salvation Army Luncheon. In the picture from left to right, **Steven Copenhaver '66** with wife **Janet**, **Dee Ann** and **Chalmers Williams '66** and **Ginger Vlieger**. Also in attendance were **Mike Vlieger '62**, **Kaye** and **Butch Daughtry '58**.

**Dr. Lino Garcia (AKA Lt. Garcia)** is going strong at 84. He is completing 60 years in the teaching profession. Dr. Garcia and Amalia, his wife of 61 years, live in Edinburg, Texas where he is a Professor Emeritus and teaches two classes at University of Texas Rio Grande Valley. He has written several books and essays, with subjects ranging from Spanish literature, the vaquero (Cowboy) culture, colonial Spanish Texas, and a beautiful collection of poems.



*Dr. Lino Garcia, Professor Emeritus of Spanish Literature*

**Coach Joe Cortez** spoke recently with Mike Vlieger '62. He plays golf twice a week and is writing a book on basketball coaching. He is proud of starting his coaching career at Peacock in 1956. Coach Cortez was inducted into the San Antonio Sports Hall of Fame a few years ago. He wishes all alumni well.



# MIKE'S MEMORIES

## PEACOCK MILITARY ACADEMY SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

### SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 1960-1961

Mon	Sept. 5	Registration: Old Cadets	9:00 am
Tue	6	Registration: New Cadets	8:30 am
Wed	7	Assembly of all Cadets and Instructors	8:30 am
Mon	12	Election of Class Officers & Student Council Members	
Fri	16	FOOTBALL: San Marcos Academy at Peacock Field	3:00 pm
Sat	17	"Short Weekend" Permits issued to Cadets whose parents are in San Antonio	
Mon	19	Induction of Student Council Members	
Fri	23	FOOTBALL: Holy Cross at Peacock Field WESTERN DANCE - Johnston Hall Terrace	3:00 pm 8-11 pm
Mon	26	Senior Class Induction Ceremony	
Fri	30	FOOTBALL: John Marshall at Marshall Field - Corps Trip	8:00 pm
Fri	Oct. 7	FOOTBALL: St. Edwards at Austin Approved Homegoing Weekend from 2:30 pm until Sunday at 9:00 pm	3:00 pm
Mon	10	Examination Week for First 6-weeks Period	
Sat	15	FOOTBALL: St. Gerard's at St. Gerard's - Corps Trip	8:00 pm
Sat	22	FOOTBALL: St. Mary's at Fredericksburg	8:00 pm
Fri	28	FOOTBALL: St. Louis at Peacock Field	3:00 pm
Sat	29	"Short Weekend" Permits issued to Cadets whose parents are in San Antonio	
Fri	Nov. 4	FOOTBALL: Schreiner Institute at Peacock Field	3:00 pm
Fri	11	FOOTBALL: TMI at Leonard Wood Field - Ft. Sam Houston	8:00 pm
Sat	12	Approved "Short Weekend" Permits for Cadets whose parents are in San Antonio	
Fri	18	CORPS DANCE HONORING FOOTBALL TEAM - Academy Dining Hall	8-11 pm
Mon	21	Examination Week for Second 6-weeks Period	
Wed	23	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS begin at 2:30 pm, ending Sunday at 9:00 pm	
Mon	28	Classes resumed following Thanksgiving Holidays	8:30 am
Fri	Dec. 16	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS begin at 2:30 pm until Monday, Jan. 2d at 9:00 pm	
Tue	Jan. 3	Classes resumed following Christmas Holidays	8:30 am
Mon	16	Examination Week - First Semester Examinations	
Fri	20	MID-TERM WEEKEND - Overnight permits issued to cadets whose parents in city.	
Mon	23	Beginning of Second Semester	8:30 am
Fri	Feb. 3	MID-TERM DANCE - Oak Hills Country Club	8-11 pm
Wed	22	Washington's Birthday Program	
Fri	24	TALENT SHOW sponsored by Student Council	7:00 pm
Mon	27	Examination Week for Fourth 6-weeks Period	
Sat	Mar. 4	"Short Weekend" Permits for cadets whose parents are in San Antonio	
Thr	16	GYMKHANA DAY - Athletic Contests between Classes	2:30 pm
Wed	29	EASTER VACATION beginning at 2:30 pm until 9:00 pm Monday, April 3rd	
Tue	Apr. 4	Classes resumed following Easter Vacation	8:30 am
Sat	8	Special Schedules of Classes to make up for extra holiday during Easter Vacation	
Sun	9	CEREMONIAL DRESS PARADE - Academy Parade Ground	4:30 pm
Mon	10	Examination Week for Fifth 6-weeks Period	
Mon	17	San Antonio River Pageant - Beginning of Fiesta Week in San Antonio	7:00 pm
Thr	20	CEREMONIAL DRESS PARADE Honoring "King Antonio"	4:30 pm
Fri	21	Battle of Flowers Parade in Downtown San Antonio - Corps of Cadets	3:00 pm
Sat	22	Fiesta Flambeau Night Parade - Band & Peacock Zouaves Drill Team Weekend Permits issued to Cadets whose Parents are in San Antonio	7:00 pm
Sun	30	GOVERNMENT INSPECTION DRESS PARADE AND PROGRAM	4:30 pm
Mon	May 1	Government Inspection concluded	8:30 am
Fri	5	SPRING DANCE - Johnston Hall Terrace - Informal	8-11 pm
Sun	14	"AWARDS DAY" Dress Parade and Program	4:30 pm
Fri	19	JUNIOR-SENIOR PROM - Beginning of Senior Week	7-11 pm
Mon	22	Examination Week - Final Examinations	
Tue	23	Junior Class Formal Retreat Superintendent's Stag Supper for Seniors	5:45 pm 7:00 pm
Wed	24	Commandant's Swim Party for Seniors and Their Dates	7:00 pm
Thr	25	GRADUATION PARADE	5:00 pm
Fri	26	GARDEN PARTY & Commencement Dance Honoring Parents of Cadets Closing Exercises - Johnston Hall Terrace	8-11 pm 9:30 pm

Note:- The Academy is closed during the Christmas Holidays