



Kadet Newsletter

Peacock Military Academy Alumni Association, Inc.

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Dear Peacock Brothers,

I want to begin by thanking all Board Members for the honor and privilege of being your next PMA Alumni President. I have some very big shoes to fill in since past Presidents have done an excellent job maintaining the Association's high spirits. I want to especially thank Jose Pacheco for the outstanding job that he did while President of the Association. His leadership in creating the different committees will make it easier for the President and future Presidents to coordinate the different phases of the Association. I will do my best as President to continue to improve and promote the traditions of Peacock Military Academy.

As always, I want to give thanks to all Board Members for their dedication and loyalty for another successful Board meeting which had a very good attendance. We had a pleasant surprise by the Losoya family (Olegario Losoya class of '32). Frank Torres '63, past President of the Association introduced Olegario's daughters Patricia and Carmen. They gave an emotional and

beautiful speech about the loyalty and dedication their father had for Peacock. They also presented a beautiful framed picture of Peacock in the 30's. We extend our gratitude to the wonderful Losoya family.

Special thanks to all the committees that were created during Jose Pacheco presidency. Special thanks goes to the Search Committee, thorough their efforts we were able to locate and increase our member base, (special thanks to Allen Harley 73 who will take a leave of absence from the Search committee). To all committees your dedication, loyalty and efforts will forever be appreciated. I encourage all members to visit our website www.pmaalumni.org , special thanks to Bob Birkenmier for the upgrading, maintaining and adding new features to our web page.

Reunion 2018. It's not too early to start planning for our 2018 reunion. Safe the date October 5-7, 2018. The reunion committee has started to look for locations and hotels for our 2018 reunion. (Reunion 2016 was a great success with over 150 persons attending).

Peacock Military Academy's legacy will live forever through our Scholarship program. I encourage all Kadets, family members and friends of Peacock to make a donation to the scholarship fund. Donations are tax exception. Our goal for 2018 is. The amount of donation can be what ever you can effort, no donation is too small or to large. With your donations we can meet our goal to start issuing scholarships to deserving students. Peacock is a 501 (c) 3 tax exempt organization. Remember every dollar received is matched by our anonymous donor.

Once again thank you for having the confidence in me to lead this great organization for the next two years. With your help and prayers we will continue to make the Peacock Alumni Association like no other. Remember we are one TEAM.

Raul Gonzalez
Class of 68
PMA Alumni Association President



NEW PMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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John H. Allen '37
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 Herschel T. Moore '57
 Arthur Robert "Bob" Oakley '62
 Lloyd Goldwire '72



2017 Dues

The Alumni Association is collecting dues for 2017 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!

Welcome New Life Member!!!

James P. McDonough, Jr. '69

Peacock Military Academy Memorial Scholarship Fund



Created to perpetuate the Peacock Legacy

All contributions are matched by a generous anonymous donor. You may send your donation along with your annual dues.

PMA Memorial Scholarship Honor Roll*

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| Ben E. Sutton '42 | Terry L. Royall '57 |
| Ed Sebera '49 | Bernie L. Young '57 |
| Johan Heidenreich '50 | David S. Hale '62 |
| Arthur F. Wolf '51 | Kenneth Earl Porter '63 |
| L.B. Johnson '56 | Edmund Valdes '69 |

NEW MEMBER

Edwin R. Kollman '63

*If a contribution is made to the Scholarship Fund in the name of a deceased cadet he joins the Honor Roll.

MOVING???

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

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PMA Web Address:
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PMA Facebook Page: Wesley Peacock House
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Our Webmaster Bob Birkenmeier '67 requests feedback on our website

REMINDER!

Board of Directors will meet on Saturday, October 7, 2017

The Wesley Peacock House



PEACOCK MERCHANDISE

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| 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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 OF \$40 OR HIGHER

HELP PERPETUATE THE PEACOCK LEGACY THROUGH OUR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The monument on the Senior Terrace has a statement that begins with these words: Between the years of 1894 and 1973, the lives of 15,000 students were shaped by a tradition of discipline, honor and personal pride. Sadly, no longer does Peacock Military Academy continue with this worthy endeavor.

The Peacock Military Academy Alumni Association (all of us), was incorporated in November of 1983 and subsequently, in August of 1985, it was established as a Non-profit Organization under the provisions of Section 501 (c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code.

The general definition of a NPO is an organization that has been formed by a group of people to pursue a common non for profit goal without the intention of distributing its excess revenues to members or leaders. A non-profit organization is dedicated to furthering a particular social cause or advocating for a particular point of view.

The stated purpose of the Peacock Military Academy Alumni Association in its Articles of Incorporation is to advance the cause of education as described in section 501 (c) 3 of the Federal Code. It is also stated in those Articles that upon the dissolution of the Association, after paying for all liabilities, all assets shall be disposed exclusively to organizations involved in educational, charitable or religious endeavors.

The Peacock Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in April of 2013 to comply with our educational purpose, and to parallel our shared objective of perpetuating the Peacock Legacy of continuing to shape, in a positive manner,

the lives of future generations of young individuals.

The plan for the Peacock Scholarship Fund is to never touch its "corpus" or principal. We will always distribute only the earned interest from investing the fund. Our fund corpus must first reach a minimum amount required (\$250,000) that will allow us to participate in low fee fund investment opportunities.

Our Memorial Scholarship Fund has grown with the generous matching contributions from a donor who has chosen to remain anonymous. Our kind benefactor pledged to match dollar per dollar all contributions for 5 years. April of 2018 marks the end of this pledge. We have only 9 months left to make each contributing dollar count twofold.

So, where are we? We are close to \$210,000 which is \$40,000 short of \$250,000. Since contributions are matched dollar per dollar, we need at least \$20,000 to reach this mark. If 300 of our 600 members contribute with \$75, we can surpass this mark easily.

We know that not everyone can contribute at that level, but we have several big-hearted Peacock Kadets that can surpass that amount. But know this: even \$1.00 contributed earns not only our appreciation but also the gratitude of a future deserving young individual. It is in our hands to continue the valuable work and legacy of the Peacock family. We are proud extended members of this family.

LET US DO OR DEE. We could also say: Let us do before we dee. We can in this manner assure that the clear notes of silver taps will sustain its lingering echo across the campus of PMA. Thank you Brothers.

Arturo Wolf '73
CEO/Peacock Military Academy Alumni Association



Col. Raul Gonzalez PMA Class of '68 presents Peacock Medal to Cadet John Kohl McAdams, the Outstanding 7th grader at San Antonio Academy.



**2017 Kadet
Medal Presentations**

Marine Military Academy - Cadet Giancarlo Betti – Presented by Earl Adams '62

San Marcos Academy - Cadet Trey Fox – Presented by David Lewis '70

Texas Military Institute - Cadet Alec Bassett – Presented by Michael Vlieger '62

San Antonio Academy - Cadet John Kohl McAdams – Presented by Raul Gonzalez '68



The Origin Of the Peacock Motto LET US DO OR DEE

A few weeks ago I was asked by a fellow Peacock Kadet to clarify for him what the meaning of the word Dee was. I remembered my father (Arthur Wolf PMA '51) telling me that to dee meant

to die in old English. But instead of giving that straight simple answer, I responded to my fellow Peacock brother that I would research the word and the origin of our great motto Let Us Do Or Dee.

I found out that the word Dee indeed meant to die. I also found out that in Old English it later meant "doing". People would ask: What are ye deeing? (What are you doing?). I found out that it can also mean accomplishment. I also found that there is a River Dee in Scotland.

So my tentative response of the meaning of the Peacock motto was: Let us do or accomplish something, and if the mission is extremely important for survival or worthy cause, be willing to give your life for it.

Not yet satisfied, I contacted Donna Peacock for more guidance and her response was enlightening. She said: "My understanding of the motto Let Us Do Or Dee, with Dee at one time meaning literal death— is to be willing to sacrifice yourself for a just cause— but most probably, "Never to Give Up", to keep trying, striving for the best". She then gave me the best clue ever! Donna told



me to check out the Scots song "Scots Wha Hae" with lyrics from a poem by Robert Burns in 1793.

The song lyrics are meant to be a speech given by Robert the Bruce before the Battle of Bannockburn in 1314 where Scotland maintained its sovereignty from King Edward of England. For movie fans, this battle was depicted in Braveheart by Mel Gibson.

Here are the final two stanzas of the song: listen at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yMRRQvXXxik>

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| By Oppression's woes and pains | Lay the proud usurpers low, |
| By your sons in servile chains! | Tyrants fall in every foe, |
| We will drain our dearest veins, | Liberty's in every blow, |
| But they shall be free | Let us do or dee. |

Travis L. Snow '15 Hero of the Meuse-Argonne

The Peacock Alumni Association was contacted through our Website <http://www.pmaalumni.org/> by Mr. Mardi Timms from Wisconsin. He decided to research Peacock Military Academy because his great uncle attended Peacock according to his Army records. His name was Travis L. Snow. What we later learned is very touching. Please read.

Travis Snow was born in Rockdale, Texas on July 22, 1896. He died on September 30, 1918 in France. Travis Snow enrolled in Peacock in 1909. Sadly, his mother died in 1910. He went to live with his uncle and aunt in Torrington, Wyoming who later adopted him. This is why our Peacock records show his home town as Torrington.

As a Peacock Cadet, Travis L. Snow was a classmate of Col. Wesley Peacock Jr. At age 21 he joined the Army to serve in WWI. He was a member of the 91st Division, 363rd Infantry which was involved in the Meuse-Argonne offensive that took place from September 26 thru November 11, 1918. Travis Snow died on the 5th day of the offensive that ended the war. Armistice was signed on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.



Travis L. Snow '15 Army Picture

Americans lost 26,277 men in the Meuse-Argonne. Over 100,000 were wounded. Travis Snow made the ultimate sacrifice for his country in the fields of France so that others could enjoy liberty and freedom. His grave at the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery and Memorial is silent testimony of his bravery. The Travis Snow American Legion Post 5 in Torrington Wyoming bears his name, as well as the building, in honor of our Peacock Brother Travis L. Snow '15.

We will proudly list Cadet Travis L. Snow as a member of the Peacock Military Academy Alumni Association Class of 1915. We will also honor him at Taps Ceremony on the Senior Terrace on October 2018, for he is a brave example of our Peacock Motto: **LET US DO OR DEE.**



Sign in front of American Legion Building in Torrington Wyoming.



Dedication of Building to Travis L. Snow.

PEACOCK KADET NEWS

The Peacock Board of Directors was honored at our last meeting with a visit by the family of **Mr. Olegario Losoya Sr., Class of '32** Battalion Commander. His daughters **Patricia and Carmen** along with 3 generations of Losoyas attended. They presented us beautiful framed pictures of Mr. Losoya and the Peacock Corps of Cadets in the 30's. His granddaughter **Dr. Carla Gamez**, gave a very touching and eloquent speech of her grandfather's legacy and the role Peacock had on his life and their family. **Olegario Losoya Jr '60** and **Jose Pablo Losoya '63** are also Peacock graduates. By the way, they are related to Toribio Losoya who died defending the Alamo with Travis, Bowie and Crocket, and Domingo Losoya who fought with General Sam Houston and Capt. Juan Seguin at San Jacinto.



Dr. Carla Gamez speaks about her Grandfather Olegario Losoya '32

Memorial Scholarship fund in honor of her husband **Edwin R. Kollman '63**, and a heartfelt letter of thanks to the Alumni Association for honoring him at the Taps Ceremony last fall. She mentioned how Eddie loved Peacock and would always drive by the campus when they visited San Antonio. She and their 3 sons were touched to see the photo of a cadet guarding the monument wearing Eddie's helmet.



Arthur Wolf III guards monument with helmet worn by Kadet Edwin Kollman when he was part of the McKinnon Rifles Drill Team

James Oakley '65 from Chesapeake, VA gave us the sad news of the passing of his brother **Arthur Robert "Bob" Oakley '62**. He passed away suddenly May 2017. We will honor Bob at our next Reunion October 2018.



Frank Torres holds picture of Olegario Losoya, BC of 1932



Frank Torres with picture of 1932 Corps of Cadets



Losoya family during Board Meeting



Mike Vlieger '62, Raul and Carmen Gonzalez '68, Heidi Griffin, Kaye and Butch Daughtry '58, Rudy and Lois Johnson '52 and Ginger Vlieger.

Members of the Peacock Board of Directors attended the **Annual Salvation Army Luncheon on May 9th**. The Peacock Military Academy Alumni Association supports the Salvation Army in their efforts of doing the most good by spreading the word of God and helping people in need.

The Salvation Army has named a new Area Commander, **Major Ron Webb** and his wife **Major Carolyn Webb**. Also **Lieutenant Ben Godwin** and his wife **Lieutenant Charlsie Godwin** are now responsible for the Boys and Girls Program and for overseeing the Peacock Campus. **Ms. Heidi Griffin**, will be serving as a Salvation Army volunteer and continue to assist the Alumni Association. We are thankful to Heidi for all she does.

The Peacock Motorized Cavalry rode with their iron horses into Tombstone this spring. We salute our motorized knights as they send out a message to other Kadets to join them on their rides.

Janie Kollman, sent a generous donation to the Peacock

Janice Rice, wife of our lost brother **James Rice '70**, sent her appreciation for the honoring of her husband at the Taps Ceremony. Janice and their two sons **Jeffrey** and **Joshua** were thankful for the calling of James' name along with that of his best friend **Graham Hoefs '70**.



Ribbon with James Rice '70 and Graham Hoefs '70 honored together

Peacock Kadets Reunited! **Donald McCall '72** sent us the following wonderful story:

I am a former Peacock Kadet. I attended 1968 thru 1971. I elected to graduate from MacArthur High in San Antonio in 1972. After a 30 year career in Law Enforcement I decided to move to Wimberley Texas where I met my wife Cynthia. We married July 25, 2015. A few months later, I emptied a rental storage shed and came across my Kadet 1968 and 1969 yearbooks. I explained to Cynthia that I had attended Peacock Military Academy long ago. She told me that her sister was married to a man who also attended Peacock! I learned that person was **Kadet Captain Vince Lee Johnson Class of '69**. He and I were at Peacock 2 years at the same time together. My wife contacted her sister Nancy and arranged for us to talk on the phone. Vince and I spoke for at least one hour. A year ago we had a family reunion on Mother's Day. Vince and I met for the first time in 47 years since Peacock. We had a great time. I asked Vince if he would sign my 1969 year book 47 years late. Vince really did it right at Peacock, I am proud to have him as a Brother in Law!! What are the chances of this happening!!!



Donald McCall '72 and Vince Lee Johnson '69 meet after 47 years. Vince in yellow shirt



PEACOCK IRON HORSE CAVALRY RIDES INTO TOMBSTONE

What began last May, was a ride from San Antonio to Tombstone, Arizona. The men, not exactly cowboys on horseback but retired happy go lucky riders on Iron Horses, in other words, motorcycles.

I was the first to arrive at our departure place and naturally, it started with the obvious: Problems. I forgot my cell phone which I was going to need to contact two fellow riders in El Paso. My two companions from San Antonio, Raul Gonzalez and fellow rider Oscar Martinez were late. Raul is always on time; but today, of all days, he was not. My quandary was, do I wait and prolong our departure time or rush home to get my phone and leave him wondering, where is Sam?

It was 5 a.m. so the traffic was sparse when I left home, but needing to return to get the phone, wouldn't you know it, it had become heavy, slowing things further down! Was I irritated? Yes, to say the least! Not that there was any harm done; we are all retired I reminded myself. But being in the habit of following a tight schedule, after a 30 year grind from government service, it was annoying!

We finally got on the road, and oh dear, the deer. They were



Col. Raul Gonzalez '68 and "Val" Gonzalez '66 relaxing

out and about and while these creatures are beautiful, a collision at 80 mph can be deadly since these animals are famous for jumping out in front of you with a most peculiar accurateness. One hundred and fifty miles later, things began to improve. The deer were gone and the day was perfect for riding. A cool breeze and light temperature made it all worthwhile again.

We made two stops for gas and did what bikers enjoy most: shoot the bull, tease and rest our butts. We gassed up, ate and got back on our way. Ten hours later we arrived in El Paso and it was hot, veryhot! I

contacted two friends of many years and they joined us for dinner. Where did we eat? At a Chinese restaurant. I couldn't help but wonder if we could travel to China and find good Mexican food. Thankfully, the food was good!

Early the next morning, we left after having my favorite breakfast: Huevos rancheros! Our hunger satisfied, we got back on the road. David Wright rode with us and we were joined the next day by Marc Kaplan. Four hours later, we arrived in Tombstone, "the town too tough to die"! Tombstone was the site of the most exciting shootout in western history. It was here on October 26 1881, that Wyatt Earp, his two brothers Virgil and Morgan, and Doc Holiday, shot it out with the Clantons and the McLaurys and their friend Billy Claiborne. Both McLaury brothers were killed along with one of the Clantons. The score was bad for the losing side, three to nothing.

We stayed two nights and watched reenactments of the shooting at the OK Corral, visited the Bird Cage Theater, ate like hungry men after distant travel, drank a few beers and did all that tourist stuff. And in all, it was a great trip!

If you have never visited Tombstone, watch the movie and visit. It is a fun and very interesting place to go, whether by car or motorcycle!

Sam Gonzalez PMA Class of 1966 and Raul Gonzalez Class of 1968 (who was late).

