

PEACOCK MILITARY ACADEMY
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Rudolph M. Johnson, Secretary and Editor

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Kadets -

The school reunion of July 4, 1981, was a success and enjoyed by over 250 men. Some could only attend for one day, due to business commitments, but everyone enjoyed the fellowship of long lost friends. We resurrected a few thought to be dead, and just happened to turn up "alive and kicking". The Peacocks, Wesley, Don and wives with daughter really had a good time at the Welcome Party in the Marriott. Sometimes it was a little hard to recognize folks that you hadn't seen for 30 years. Some have changed for the better! Ha! We also had a wonderful "Open House" at the Academy campus - the "Wesley Peacock House". It was like coming home after being away for many years, thinking of those who couldn't make it, joy with those present, sad for those who have passed away. There were many over the 2 days with tears in their eyes - from both sadness and joy. It was just like graduation - and we all shared in that heart-shaking experience, whether or not we were seniors. The long line, the final handshake, the hug of two men who had shared it all - victory and defeat. The experience shall never be forgotten.

PLANS

The "Corps" present at the reunion decided to:

1. Establish an Alumni Association.
2. Set dates of future Reunions: All reunions will be the 1st weekend of August every year. School reunions every five years starting in August, 1985. In between, class reunions every August.
3. Prepare and print an Alumni Directory of former Kadets and graduates. It shall be updated yearly by this Newsletter.
4. Prepare and distribute this Newsletter every May and November. It shall reflect what YOU put into it, news from your Class reunions, messages, etc.
5. Establish workers and "points of contact" in the major cities of Texas.

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MORE REUNION NEWS

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HATS OFF!

Our thanks go to Pat Boscamp - '60, Mike Vlieger - '62, Mark Hawkins - '65, and Eddie Wise - '69! These hard workers have located over 40 Kadets each! Keep up the good work guys! If all you fellows would locate at least 3 men not already in the Directory, we won't have any "blanks"! Get busy!

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We passed the hat at the "business" meeting and paid all our expenses to include the meeting room at the Marriott. With the money left over I established an account with the Comfort State Bank. I am soliciting donations, write-offs for this fund, to be held for future school/class reunions. I would like to build up \$5,000.00, until each class can come up with a system of its own. I would be able to mail out what is needed for the class to make deposits on meeting rooms, caterers, etc. Then after they get their people together to "pass the hat", they can reimburse the "home kitty". When the classes become self-sufficient we will have a "School Reunion" to use up the account - everything free as much as possible, dinner, band, whatever. We could shoot for 1985 to be the date of this!

I almost forgot, the price of the directory! We believe we can publish, print, and mail it for \$10.00. This should also allow us to mail address changes annually. Please fill out and mail the enclosed form with your check to the address indicated for the Directory.

That's about all for now, no word on the pictures yet from Don Gretzer. We will get that out in May! If you need to contact me for input, this is my permanent home - I'm in the telephone book. Someone will be home after 8:00 p.m. every evening, and we will both be here on the weekend except for 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Sundays.

In parting, when you get your Directory, please help up update it and send us any addresses and phone numbers, indicating classes. I've really enjoyed meeting the Kadets from the years after I graduated - we are a bit different, but we all have shared many things that most other schools will never know. And through it all - we were, and are, the CORPS. Let's plan to get our wives and families together from now on. . .

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Military Academy Alumni Association

Sincerely,

Rudy Johnson
Rudy Johnson, Class of 1953