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Kadets - WOW! Has it been six months already? It seems like only yesterday that we put out our first Newsletter - but of course, this is only number three! Let me review a little of what was in the first two. . . . We established: (1) An Alumni Association, (2) decided to publish a Directory of Graduates and former students, (3) also, a semi-annual Newsletter which will keep the Association members up-to-date, (4) set the first weekend in August as a Reunion date for all Reunions, class and school, and lastly, (5) the next "School Reunion" to be in San Antonio, first weekend in Aug. 1985. That is what the "Corps" decided during the 1981 Reunion in which over 250 men were present at the Marriott Hotel in San Antonio. *THE BEGINNING OF KADET*

The Directory was printed and distributed July 1982, and to date approximately two hundred have been welcomed by former Kadets. We have received nothing but outstanding comments from those that received them. It was a joy to prepare it, shared between my wife and I!

We enjoyed three big class reunions that covered the following years: 1959, '60, '61, '62, '71, '72, and 1973 sprinkled with a few folks from: 1935 thru 1958 and 1963 thru 1970. Response has been wonderful from everyone! Lois and I enjoyed dinner and fellowship at the Ft. Sam Houston NCO Club with Pat Boscamp and classes of 1959, '60 and '61. There was a sprinkling of 1957 and 1958! And to my most pleasant surprise - the wives thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We met some very wonderful people that we intend to visit over the next few years.

This is the season to be jolly! We've just finished Thanksgiving - and truly we have so much to be thankful for, and now we're looking at Christmas. There are many, I'm sure, that are hard-pressed, starving, dying, imprisoned, lonely, divorced, widowed, or just unhappy. And even though I've been most of those things, God has always been with me and has blessed me. I realize that with each letter and phone call to one of you, when you tell me about one of "ours" or ask me about someone. The only thing on this earth that NO one can take from you or deny you is our friendship for each other. We must work hard to cement that relationship which we hope will last longer than the Temple of Solomon.

PLANS

The only Reunion that I'm aware of in 1983 is mine - Class of 1953, our thirty year get-together. It is the first weekend of Aug. (6-7), and it will be at the Marriott Hotel downtown San Antonio. I'm going to reserve a meeting room and several suites. It is really hard to have a "class reunion, we were so close with each other for several years it is like all of us being in the same class. So what I want to do is to give an open invitation to all who would like to attend - with special emphasis on Class of 1953! Just drop me a line as soon as you can, so I know how many to plan on for dinner. I would suggest you butter up Mother and see if she will baby-sit for you and the wife to have a "weekend" to yourselves with old friends! We will have the Friday night welcome with everyone, Saturday night dinner, party, dance (whatever), and Sunday excursion out to the campus to see the "Wesley Peacock House". I will contact as many of the Faculty as possible and invite them to be part of our Reunion.

Don't forget - we have a "School Reunion" scheduled for August of 1985! It will be at the Marriott unless something happens to change the plan. Now is the time to start making commitments to being here. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you that haven't been able to make it to the 1973 or 1981 Reunions! Take time for something that is MOST important - each other. I think the wives will enjoy it also!

Rudy - Socy + EDITOR

Now let me throw some proposals out to you all. In order to establish a more permanent, viable Association, I would entertain your approval of me becoming Secretary as long as I am physically able. To be able to do this I would like to purchase a small "home" computer with printing capability. We have over \$3,000.00 in our expense fund, and no class has written in for any funds to get started with for a Reunion. I will not act on any of this until I hear from sufficient numbers of our Association. At the same time, I would encourage whoever of our members that can come up with the lowest bid on a: 24K, Screen and keyboard, disc drive with printing (for mailing labels, letters, etc.) capability. The machine would belong to the Association Secretary - so it can be passed on - or eventually placed on Campus at the "Wesley Peacock House"! Please reply with your wishes, as I will not act unless I feel that there is enough Corps support to allow me to acquire a machine.

HATS OFF!

I guess that it's the ECONOMY! Everything else has been blamed on President Reagan - why not? What I'm trying to say is Pat Boscamp and I are the only ones who have located any new addresses and people in the last 4 to 5 months! Come on folks - take one day, get out your Annual, and find an old friend that you used to play football with, rode monkey drill, scaled

the Zouave wall with, etc. Pat is almost as a "good as a private eye", when it comes to locating our brothers. Thank you Pat, not for demoting me to Corporal, but for just being yourself. You be the "guts" of our country, the "guts" of our families.

KADET NEWS

Tom Peacock, '38; and wife just bought a home in Kerrville and stay for a while whenever they can get away from Houston - hope you can stay full time here in the "hill country".

Jerry Houston, '52, has just assumed command of the USS Caloosahatchee and is in drydock at Norfolk, VA. Congratulations Jerry, when are they going to skip all the prelim's and make you Admiral! Oh well, the Navy takes a while to find out what we knew all along - Jerry was a good battalion commander.

Coach Collins is a little under the weather, Anne take good care of our Coach, slow down and let him catch you more often! Ha, Ha!

A.M. Pate Jr., it's always good to be with father and son teams that attended Peacock - and then to have an Uncle also is almost too much of a good thing. I don't see much difference between Peacock and Texas A&M, except size. I was in Texas A&M when Mr. "Bear" Bryant was football coach! You are truly part of us, we welcome you.

Karl T. Sammons, '62, the pleasure of meeting you was mine, and yes, taps has sounded for many of our brothers, as well as Faculty. I do give out details when someone asks about specific folks - if I'm knowledgeable. Thanks for your kind comments.

Buddy Bruni, '51, I still remember you carrying the flags on top of the monkey drill pyramid, or performing in the Houston rodeo. You are what Peacock was all about - hard work, smart, discipline, endurance, can't stop, won't stop, can do, guts. That description fits a KADET, whether it was 1912 or 1973. Thank you Buddy, for being you.

Haven't seen Charlie Ritchie in ages - he was my football idol in 1948, Buddy turned him up and he's fine in Eagle Pass.

Steven Copenhaver, '66, wrote in to say Round Rock, TX is still on the map, and he swears to it! Keep on putting those bad guys on ice, Steve.

Roy Starnes, 1948, says he spent many years flying KC-135's with USAF - trying to keep Dee Burkholder, '48, and Newman Pearcy, '48, filled up, but gave up because it was a losing battle. Hope to see you next reunion Roy - try to find "Skip" Elliott for us, nobody has heard from George Washington Elliott!

Jax Poteet, '54, thanks for your kind words, yes, I do think constantly about Peacock, the friendships, the lessons learned, the Faculty, the good times. It was the most important six years of my life, and I thank my family for

making it possible (as well as the Peacocks) for making it available to us all. (April 1983) Bill Morse, Jr., '54, GOD BLESS YOU! You not only have whipped McS. you have been the "guts" for so many to join the fight! I point to your example at every opportunity, you are proud to have been part of your life, God has been good to us both. We all are very special, in our own ways. The message to "Garcia" was only part of the lesson . . . the message received an answer.

Col. Moffett thank you, many have confided that you were tough, but honest and fair. The Kadets know you, you are part of us. These young men will become older men, thanks to someone like you - who cared enough to demand excellance!

Jim Heath, '56, hope you can keep the Chamber going there in San Angelo, if you folks strike oil call one of the Pates, Buzzini, Gilpin, Wasteneys, or Bill Sellers out at the King Ranch Somebody will know what to do with it.

Seb Pate, '45, we're not having anymore "stag parties"! Ha, ha! I'm looking forward to meeting you and your lovely lady at the next reunion that you can schedule. My class is having one 6-7 Aug. '83. I promise not to get you into any trouble . . . well, not much . . .

Dick Wasteneys, '53, glad you're back in Dallas from Canada - too cold up there full time . . . of course, Dallas isn't that much better! I love the "hill country". . . you couldn't guess, huh?

Bill Cheshire, '47, you were a legend to me along with Pault, Paseman - but I was so little (12 years old and everyone was bigger than me except Sue Ellen!) Hope to meet you soon.

It was good to hear from Gary Turner, '61 Joe Gough, '56, Jim Womack, '50 - where is your brother of '48? Mark Barrow, '61, Jack Turner, '53, glad you and Drew Wall, '52, had such a good time in Dallas - now you know why B/S are in such bad shape! Ha, Ha!

Will somebody tell me if Bobby Bacon made General? Gary, are you going to make me call him

Young Arthur Wolf - can you get your uncle to come to one reunion before I pass away!? Hi, Victor, glad you finally found a girl that would have you - Arthur must have blackmailed her into marriage! Ha, ha.

Jim Cumby, 1912, it was wonderful to have talked to you, our youngest graduate, I'm going to try to see you when I get up to Dallas.

Merry Christmas, happy new year,
and may God bless you all,
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