

# "THE K A D E T"

Peacock Military Academy Alumni Association Newsletter

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KADETS -

One of the most fulfilling, pleasant times of the year is when I sit back and compose this Newsletter. You see, I'm back again in high school; trying to tackle Billy Dunham from T.M.I., or trying to outrun Billy Sathoff from Edison High School, or making a touchdown against Edgewood. Not all memories are pleasant. How about the whipping for dousing water all over Coach Collins? The tours on Saturday for mischievous things done during the week? Squatting beside Mrs. Richardson's desk for many wrong things! Peacock is all of these things to me, it is second only to my family. I wore a "Green Beret" in the U.S. Army for many years, combat in Vietnam and Korea, made over 1,000 parachute jumps, and it all started in the seventh grade - and the Corps.

Each of the faculty gave a piece of themselves to us, and we gave some of ourselves to each other. You are part of my family, and in my family we love each other. It doesn't matter if you're rich or poor, married or single, successful or not. . . you are whatever you have become. When we get together with our families and each other we shall relive the days of long ago.

I can remember graduation day of 1948 when Tom Colbath and Newman Percy, Skip Elliott, Joe Trout, Dee Burkholder, Al Hoskins, and Carroll Womack were all in that long gray line, and the tears were flowing like rain. You know I never realized it until 1953 when I graduated - but I found out that I was part of something that took me six years to earn, that would remain in my heart for a lifetime. And now I know why I organized the 1973 Reunion when we turned up over 1,000 former Kadets, and the 1981 Reunion when over 250 enjoyed the comradeship. Now that we have established a viable Alumni Association that can function, we can enjoy meeting each other's families and spending time together throughout the year. With the receipt of the student directory in June, we can even take time to visit with each other during the year when we travel. This directory was not designed to further anyone's business aims, but we all are big boys now, so we understand the word of "some". It would be wonderful if some of you can help each other. . . , however, that is up to each individual. I retired from the U.S. Army as a First Lieutenant, so there isn't much that I haven't heard! At least, I don't believe anyone can pull the wool over these eyes!

I spent almost twenty-five years learning how to destroy things, and now it's kind of fun learning to build things in civilian life. I work for an engineering company that designs and supervises the construction of telephone co-ops and companies - and even more recently, planning placement of rectifiers and ground beds in oil fields. Very interesting work. I haven't worried about mines or punji pits for some time now! The only thing I regret is that I can't shoot back now. Ha, Ha!

I'm really looking forward to meeting the ladies in the future, just to see what effect they have had on you guys! They had good material to start with.

I guess I'm just trying to say "I miss all you guys."

Hope to hear from you or see you soon. I learned to say "goodbye" in many languages - but don't. The only words I want to remember are: Hi! Hello! and thank you!

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## DIRECTORY NEWS

The Directory is being printed and should be completed and in the mail before the end of June. My wife has really been the driving force behind the scenes on this project - my hat is off to her. With me being gone 5 days a week and only home on the weekends, she has done it single-handed! Gents, don't put off calling these guys and as soon as you get a Directory you can sit down and remember (Con't.)



where they lived - then track them down by phone. When you send men that ordered directories, receive yours, please try to locate the Kadets that don't have addresses or phone numbers listed. It has been most enjoyable to me, meeting former Kadets from 1912 - 1973 on the telephone. Please note that the format is designed for Xerox labels for updating and corrections when we ship them to you during the year. Also note that if you have not ordered a Directory yet there is an order form included in this Newsletter!

## HATS OFF!

A very special thank you to Jerry Smith, '63, Hondo, TX Police Chief - he has turned up a bunch of Kadets, keep up the good work Jerry!

And our "old faithfuls" - Pat Boscamp, '60, and Mike Vlieger, '62, these guys are really locating people.

Sheldon Anisman, '49, just gave me Mal Sondock's address in Munich, West Germany.

A very special thank you to Col. Don who made the school records available to myself, Pat Boscamp and Mike Vlieger. Through efforts like these our "team" is constantly locating former Kadets.

I wish to thank the several hundred that called or wrote, and said why they couldn't be with us last July 4th. I was very sad to have missed you - we all were. But we're sure looking for you all to get active in this Alumni! We need each other.

Join this small group of folks who are locating former Kadets.

## REUNIONS

Since our last "school" reunion, we have seen several things change, some good things started, and hopefully, bad things stopped. I'm always sad to see old friends depart, and last July 5th was no different. We are really looking forward to the next "school" reunion during the first weekend in August 1985! It's not that far off! And of course we're looking at several class reunions coming up very soon:

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Bob Meuth (2107 Spring Breeze Dr., Round Rock, TX 78664) and Steve Schechter (512-346-0536), Class of '72, are getting classes of '71, '72, '73 together this 12th and 13th of June.

You can contact either of them for additional information.

Mike Vlieger is getting his class of '62 together this July 23-25, in San Antonio, TX at the Granada Royal Hotel. You can contact him at 512-696-8292.

Pat Boscamp, '60, is getting class of 1959, '60, '61, together this August 6th through 8th, in San Antonio, TX, at the Granada Royal Hotel and you can contact him for further information concerning hotel reservations, etc. from Friday - Sunday at 512-340-7915.

## KADET NEWS

Pat Boscamp, '60, and Mike Vlieger, '62, visited with Col. Cole a week ago. He's doing well, and promised to be at their Reunions in town along with Col's. Wesley and Don, and Coach Snowden.

William Bradford, '70, wrote in from Tuscon and said he'd help in any way possible in that part of the U.S. Thanks Bill! Good luck with IBM!

Hey, did everyone catch Dick Bradford, '53, on the "Hart to Hart" show? He did a super job as a "bad guy", and I'm sure glad he didn't hurt Robert Wagner too much! Keep at it Pinky!

Bert Flyckt, '52, was up from Mexico City trying to get his citizenship application straightened out. He and Paul Weston, '52, are in the same building!

A few years back, Jerry Ferguson, '53 was teaching a psychology class in Community College, Mesa, Ariz., and Doug Hamm, '55, walked in. You just never know. When Doug was with the Army Parachute Team I just missed him - I was with the "Green Berets" at Ft. Bragg.

I talked to Bob Haley, '53, in March and he was going to bum around England for a few months.

I talked with Jim Cumby, '12, he is doing well in Dallas, I hope Kay Pickering, '41, found him. They were with different banks in Dallas and didn't know they both graduated Peacock. Jim was the ONLY member of his graduating class, but that's a whole story in itself!

Buddy Bruni, '51, talked to Big Joe Sajevez up in Mass. but he couldn't make it down for the July reunion. We hope next time.

I guess it's time for some sad news. Walter Poole, '49, passed away 4 April, and Harris Weingarten, '50, passed away on 27 March, both this year.