

"THE KADET"

Peacock Military Academy Alumni Association Newsletter

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KADETS —

Ahhh, it's that time of the year; the crisp, cool, brisk breeze of December. The strains of Christmas music flow through the air, the fire in the fireplace, relaxing with your wife or family, thinking fond memories. It is a time to stop and reflect, assure yourself of all that was, is, and may be. How sweet it is to love, and in turn, be loved. Is there anything else? It is enough for me, and I can't think of anything that I haven't had - or done. I've been all over the world, met many kinds of people, fought in some wars, helped raise children, been an Indian - and a chief. What else is there? I think that now is time for me to pay back all that I've been made steward of . . . to return that investment made in me so long ago. Otherwise, why all the trials and tribulations of life, if not for someone with which to share? It takes two, to appreciate - while one alone, merely covets. Looking back I realize now that I was part of a rugged, strong, good-looking, funny, smart, caring, honest, disciplined, daring, loyal family. I know now, thirty years later, that I loved Peacock, and I loved you - remember graduation line? It was never finished there in that line, it started there, and has continued to grow over the years. I cannot believe that a young man attending Peacock even one year - did not find at least one brother. I found many more than that! I dream of another Peacock Military Academy, identical in every way! It couldn't have been wrong - how have we turned out? Yes, I would not change a thing. Any other dreamers out there?

PLANS -

We're going to have another "Open, School" reunion again in Aug. of '84 with special emphasis on the classes of 1944, 1954, and 1964. Jax Poteet will do the leg work in San Antonio in the setting up, etc. He should have plenty of help. . . Carinhas, Burden, Van Deldens', Goldberg, etc. please make time if you're called upon.

Let me explode the bomb! In Aug. of 1985, we the Kadet Corps, are going to have a battalion parade - on the old football field, at the Academy campus. We are going to be as uniform as possible, there will be special units in uniform (Zouaves - Monkey Drill - McKinnon Rifles - Combat platoon, etc.), a drum and bugle corps, etc. I need volunteers for all positions of command NOW, so they may be selected and notified as soon as possible. We will not have the Zouaves - Monkey Drill perform as they used to, but they will perform somewhat! Everything else will be as it was (as close as possible - years being what they are) and it will be held on the first Sunday of Aug. 1985. We will walk through it on Saturday. The wives will be in the reviewing stands with children - watching what Dad did 20-30-40 years ago! It's going to be a great fun time for us all. We need everyone possible that can be there. Make it the greatest time for your family in years. You will need white pants and shirt, black tie, belt, socks and shoes, and gray jacket or coat.

if they still fit. There will be prizes for the most complete uniform that still fits!

Please call me soonest for those that will volunteer for the command positions on parade: Bn. Co. and Staff, Company Co. and Guidons, Platoon Leaders, guides, Drum major, drum sgt., bugle sgt., Zouaves Cpt and Guidon, Monkey Drill Cpt., and Guidon, Cpt. of Cavalry with Guidon, and a color guard. If you can provide certain equipment (sabers, musical instruments, guidons, flags, and horses) please notify me soonest!

Call any night after 7:00p.m. or on the weekend 512-995-2634, and I or my wife can answer questions! Don't call until after the 8th of Jan. 1984. Gentlemen, this is going to happen, be part of it, you may never have the opportunity again to make it happen. Who knows, it may become a tradition!

- KADET NEWS -

Thanks to Otho Bolton, '53, who turned up Doug Ham, '54, after all these years, it sure was good to see Doug. He left shortly after the Reunion for Saudi Arabia and just now returned home to The Woodlands (outside Houston.)

Bob Bacon, '51, is six months into a Korea tour, says he'll be fired up for the '85 Reunion. He's got a super shot at making General!

Jerry Houston, '52, is settled in London, England and said he'll be here for the '85 Reunion if he has to go AWOL (unless of course

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someone gives a war! Ha, Ha!) He has Admiral made..!

It was nice to see Air Force General Jim Womack, '50, in from Albuquerque, Jim, you and Luke Rampy, '50, haven't changed much - except on the outside. Ha, Ha!

M.L. Sheppard, '46, really enjoyed your letter - that's super about the "career" in scouting, the rewards are infinite. You and Robert E. Lee, '48, should get together and talk about mathematics/Col. Olsen/Col. Richardson.

Congratulations! Robert E. Lee, '48, has been "brought back to life" after someone reported him deceased! Bob, I really enjoyed our telephone calls - we have walked the same trails, and I praise God you were returned alive from your Chinese Communist P.O.W. status. Seven months can be 210 lifetimes . . . you and I shall talk soon, at length - my home is open to you and yours.

Bob Crancer, '54, we used your check for the party and sure enjoyed it - we all wish you could have been there with us! You had better in '85. Thank you for your contribution. See you Christmas in St. Louis.

Bill Croson, '20-'21, sure was nice to receive your letter - we didn't even have those years listed in our Directory yet, bless your heart. We may get a chance to round up some of "your Kadets" soon! Would like to get up to Tyler to see you.

Eddie Wise, '69, thank you for the special donation, we used it for the party, you are one of our "Charter Workers", I appreciate your support, if only we had ten more of you . . . God bless you Eddie!

Bill Sellers, '47, sorry you couldn't make it for the Aug. reunion - thanks for the address on Koger, '47, we'll get him in the Directory soonest.

Ben Sutton, '42, it sure would be nice for you to drop in on Bill Croson there in Tyler. (1319 Terre Haute)

Bob Grady, '50, sorry you had to cancel at the reunion, hope you enjoy your Directory - call somebody!

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SPECIAL THANKS TO -

Robert Powell, '66, you've done monumental work in submitting our paperwork to become a non-profit corporation. The Alumni can't thank you enough . . . you have done us all "a job well done!" I thank you on behalf of all former Kadets.

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HATS OFF!

Our hats go off to George Clifton, '63, for his diligence in researching the possibility of ordering class rings from Balfour Co. in San Antonio. If any of you would like to order class rings, please write or call me so we can have a number that we might bargain with. We could get a medium and a large ring made - then each individual would have to have them cut down. The dies are expensive for many sizes . . ., but if enough of us want to replace a ring that has been lost, stolen, given to old girl friend, etc., we finally have a chance! Please sit down and just write me a note with your ring size. I will pass this on to George!

Chito Longoria, '50, and Ray Salido, '46, just opened a "Cadillac Bar" in San Antonio, just like in Nuevo Laredo - super everything! Good Luck! Lois and I are looking forward to eating dinner there in 1984! Good food, good atmosphere, good prices!

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P.A.R. INC.

To perpetuate the maintenance of our transcripts, artifacts, etc. Col. Wesley, Col. Donald, and Dorothy have created "Peacock Academy Records Inc." They have backed it with a \$10,000.00 C.D. in the name of the new corporation, with the interest to go into a special fund for the expenses of maintaining the "Wesley Peacock House" and our Records. We, the Alumni Association, need to support this endeavor, and at this time I would solicit your donations. I shall combine all monies and purchase a C.D. that shall be dedicated to the P.A.R. Inc. Our warm, heartfelt thanks goe to the Peacock family for their deep regards for us - we won't let you down, we shall do our part.

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- SPECIAL COMMENTS -

KADETS, I want ALL of you to know that this organization exists solely on donations by our Kadet Corps. So far the few have been paying for the many. This association is for the entire Alumni no matter what your status in society is. I urge each and every one to donate whatever it takes to make you feel "involved". Join us in calling or writing each other, locating former class mates, organizing chapters in cities and towns. We presently have over \$1000.00 in our bank account, and it costs upwards of \$350.00 for our mail-out every six months. So please, everyone, give a little, be a part of the Corps, help us to grow as an Alumni Association.

