

"THE KADET"

Peacock Military Academy Alumni Association Newsletter

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KADETS -

T.M.I. is moving! (Off of Loop 1604 North). What are we doing? Kadets, in 50 - 60 years there may not be any of "ours" left. Those of us that have sons, grandsons, etc. have to send them somewhere else. Do I even need to explain the hurt that I feel when I realize - WE ARE DINOSAURS, a dying breed. Gentlemen, I'm not content with that epitaph, not when we can do something about it. I would like to see another "Peacock". One that teaches even more, that goes even further in the development of a young man. These young men would be leaders and managers that operate computers, fly airplanes, helicopters, swimmers, horseback riders, marksmen with rifles and shotguns, listeners as well as thinkers, martial arts students with a background in Bible history. Young men that realize the evils of self-abuse, drugs, running away from life, losers. I see a school that is affordable, practical, educational, physical, challenging, fair, morally benefiting, and most of all - a family away from home made up of many names. It would be built by "ours", paid for by "ours", staffed by "ours" as much as possible, filled with our spirit! Imagine the boundless possibilities - 1,000 young men from grade 5 to Junior College level, classrooms with only 10-12 per teacher, a sports program patterned after Olympic/Pentathlon competition standards. No end to the possibilities of expansion into various fields. The only restrictions are finances and imagination things that "we" have. Every person has a talent to contribute, a piece of themselves to give for the family. All that is needed then is the family to perpetuate. You are all out there - somewhere, waiting, wondering, doubting - stop all of these dying procedures --- make a commitment to life - be part of a new lasting creation that does something about the "world's problems". Help our young men make the difference - be proud of what you are a part!

We will talk about the above topic at great length at our "general meeting" during the reunion August 17-18-19, 1984! PLAN NOW TO BE THERE!

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PLANS ----- Our School Reunion this year is going to be at the Granada Royale - corner of Loop 410 and IH10 (North side) close to Central Park Mall and North Star Mall. The dates are Aug. 17, 18, and 19, 1984. Enclosed you will find our Agenda - you have certain decisions to make and return to me. You will notice we are having a dinner this year, something we would like to continue every year. Also while we are having our "general meeting" we will have something special planned for the ladies like going to El Mercado and/or River Walk, etc.

We have a special emphasis on the attendance of our local area Kadets and their wives! You guys really have missed seeing old friends from way _____ back! Joe Castillo, '44, has really been digging up folks from his class, so it should be pleasant to see the post W.W.II group.

We are also going to be talking about our "Parade" planned for August of 1985. Now is the time to start digging up those uniforms! The uniform for the parade is gray blazer (matches our West Point gray), white shirt and white trousers, black shoes and socks with black tie. If your hat still fits, bring it, bring sabers, sashes, etc. There will be a special prize for the best fitting original Peacock uniform. We will offer at cost a blazer CREST that is removable. At the last Reunion someone mentioned that they could "cast" our uniform brass buttons! That would be super --- then we could put them on our gray blazers! Please contact me - whoever it was! We need action on this NOW! PARADE in 1985 - we need more people for a few command slots: Monkey Drill team, Zouaves, McKinnon Rifles, Drum & Bugle Corps, etc. CONTACT ME! We are going to have bumper stickers reproduced - as they were in '47-'53 and offer them at cost. We hope to have something finalized soon on the reproduction of our class rings, we've had 15 to 25 orders from Kadets. Call or write if you would like a class ring.

***** KADET NEWS!!!! *****

Col. Dick Thiesen ran into W.M. "Bill" Donaldson in old S.A. - if memory serves me right we were roommates! Come to the REUNION '84! Bob Lee, '48, wrote again to update his profile - Corporate Director, Aerojet General Corporation, La Jolla, CA. I'll bet you guys out in California could get Bob to fly the lot of you here in Aug.! Wouldn't that be special! Don't distract the pilot!

Page 2 KADET NEWS Continued - Harry T. McClain just checked into the net, attended 1938-1940, would have been class of 1943. Harry's in San Antone doing many things, he'll be at the reunion! He was asking about the King brothers of Oklahoma, Harry Pitney, '44, of New York, Paul Few of Louisiana, Jaime Gutierrez of Monterey, Mexico, and others we don't have addresses for yet! DO YOU know where they are? Contact me if you can help locate other Kadets!

Stuart Russell, '62, oil and gas broker from Wichita Falls wrote in. He's looking forward to the Parade in 1985! We had several Kadets from there - Robert Jeters and his cousin, Bob Spalding, among others. Where are they now?

Good to hear from Carl Barto, '65, lawyer in Laredo. We have gotten good response from our Kadets in Laredo - Mexico areas. We may have to have a Reunion down there in '86!

As always it is a tremendous pleasure to hear from Dr. Eddie Wise, '69! He has prepared a framed mural 41" x 36" of Kadet pictures, and will bring it to the 1984 Reunion. As owner-operator of several businesses, Eddie always finds time to perform those "labors of love" for his Alumni!

Bill Hyslop, '64, sure hope to see you in Aug. - we really appreciate your checks.

Prentiss Burkett, bless your heart, I don't get many 2 & 3 page letters, so it was pure joy to hear from you. Yes, you are correct - we made a mistake - Peacock shut down for W.W.I and the next class was '26. I don't know about you being the "best bugler", having the "longest tenure" or the "most demerits"! Ha, ha! I'm sure we will dispute that in Aug. when all these Kadets get together And NO, we'll not forget the widows of former Kadets - they will be invited by all that can find them or we are aware of! Thank you for remembering . . . you must be a very special person!

Jax Poteet, '54, good to hear from you, as you can see we already have put to work some of your suggestions, and some of the others will be discussed at our "general meeting" this Aug. Thanks for your input!

Jack Carinhas, '52, lawyer in Brownsville, TX it will be nice to see you in Aug. - let's try to get Joe volunteered for something. Ha, ha! Jack thanks for your check, and your offer to participate in the PARADE '85! You're OK!

Yes, "Butch" Good, '67, I did see the movie "Hard Knox" - as well as "Taps". And it really reaches me, as you can tell by my "Editorial". Rest assured . . . it will happen! Thanks for your faith and confidence! All it takes is for US to get together and decide, with committment.

Mrs. Richardson, thanks for LTC Klutz's, '59, address in Niceville, FL. Julian Watters, '47, we get addresses from every conceivable way you could imagine. I hope you, and George Hugo, '47, can come to the Aug. Reunion with your wives! Some of your classmates will be here. Wylie Evans, '72, and Larry Dublin, '62, thanks for those donations, please come to the Aug. Reunion, so we might meet you and your wives. Thanks to Frederic Tacquard, '16, we will have an authentic Peacock uniform on display soon at the Witte Museum, they are looking for a proper way to display it. Yes, sir, there should be another Kadet here in Aug. that you know, we'll save it for a pleasant surprise. Please send any memorabilia. It can be displayed at the Wesley Peacock House, and all of us can enjoy it. Jimmy Cain, '47, it was good to hear from you, thanks for the check, hope you enjoy your student Directory! And by all means - send me ANY and ALL names of Kadets not listed in the Directory. We have 1200 names - but only 600-650 addresses and phone numbers! We need everyone's help in locating lost Kadets! Kenny Barr, '59, enjoyed your card, hope you can make at least the '85 REUNION for the Parade. We'll contact you in Longboat Key, FL when we conclude our arrangements for the class rings! Dr. Vernie Bodden, M.D., '64, wouldn't it be nice if every time you went to the car wash you could run into a former classmate! I'm glad Baker recognized you! Since you are a doctor of Obstetrics and Gynecology maybe you can help Hugh Lampman, '51, he's starting his family there in Dallas. Who knows - you may be able to retire just taking care of little Lampmen??? Hugh is president of the Screen Actors Guild and hosted Ed Asner last year, hope to see you all at the Aug. Reunion!

News of more of our family: Trent Jones, '67, sells Real Estate in Boerne, TX. Dr. Alfred Miller, '55, a rheumatologist is also a clinical professor in the Dept. of Int. Medicine at UTSA Health Science Center. Dr. Alfred Burden, '51, ophthalmologist is in practice in San Antonio, also Dr. Alvin Ellington, '51, is a prominent neurologist in San Antonio. William "Bill" Hudnell, '65, is Senior Vice-President at Citizens Frost Bank in San Antonio, and James Hyslop, '62, is Vice-President and Treasurer of TESORO Petroleum in San Antonio.

And Thanks to Col. Donald Peacock and Col. Wesley Peacock for finding many Kadets. Col. Don hosted the "original" Board meeting, and helped guide us through business, by his suggestions. The Peacock family is still, ALWAYS THERE when you need them. Thanks, from all of us!

Rudy Johnson '53

P.S. Almost forgot, yours truly, Rudy Johnson, just made Captain in the Texas State Guard. I hope this is just the start of many happy years of service! Battalion CO is LTC Dave Owens, New Braunfels