

"The Kadet"

Peacock Military Academy Alumni Ass'n. Newsletter

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Kadets - My weapons are being checked, repaired or replaced, the intelligence is starting to build up, my scouts are checking equipment, canteens filled, grenades packed, ammunition checked, pictures studies, assets being verified, guides questioned, strategies discussed, situations thought about, co-ordination being made between all services, locations being memorized, letters written . . . commitments being made . . . thoughts of families . . . prayers . . . stand up! hook up! check equipment! stand in the coor! green light - go! Into the night, dark, unknown - for an instant. We are almost there - the point of no return! The feeling in unforgettable . . . winning! success . . . returning . . . remember?

The Board of Directors will decide on August 3, 1985, if it is possible for us to start building another PEACOCK MILITARY ACADEMY! We have the blessings of the Peacock family - if we abide by the proud heritage they have left us . . .

Brothers, this is our shot, and I fear it is our only one. We either make it, or settle for seeing each other once in a while if the reunions continue. We MUST GROW - OR DIE, that is life, that is death . . .

I have been getting many phone calls from our brothers, that they are coming from all over the world - Mexico, South America, Germany, the Pacific. It will be successful only if YOU make it happen - I just put it together. This school will not be built for personal profit - but survival of a unique species. The finest youngmen, minds, leaders, builders, spiritual caring that the world has ever known. Comrades of life from many countries, respecting each other, trusting through involvements, understanding by experience, what a beautiful future!

The Corps should stay at the Wyndham Hotel off I.H. 10 West, because the rates are super - \$60.00 for single or double - and all our events will be there! We have a dinner-dance scheduled for the first time, and I'm really looking forward to it. The last dinner we had at the Granada Royale, Bill Edwards, '49, had some movies of his graduation parade and ceremony - we all (especially the wives) thoroughly enjoyed them! This time we will be in formation at the campus for a retreat ceremony - gray blazers, (or uniforms if they fit) parade whites, etc. and I'm sure the minds will pleasantly wander back through time . . .

All who attend must send a pre-registration fee of \$35.00 per person for the dinner-dance. The room reservations must be mailed direct to the Wyndham as soon as possible before the 2nd of July - they will take reservations after that, but cannot guarantee the \$60.00 rate. We have blocked one hundred rooms in anticipation of our largest turn-out yet!

All who have movies of parades, etc., please mail them to me as soon as possible and Patrick Boscamp, '60, will transfer them to video tape for viewing during the "Open House" at the "Wesley Peacock House" on campus Sunday, August 4, 1985. DO IT NOW!

One of our graduates is bringing a class ring made by his company and will take orders - choice of red, blue, or green stones, gold, etc. at around \$290.00 plus tax. It is a bargain, if you have had to buy class rings for your sons or daughters lately!

We have our Peacock crest patch already in for our blazers - they will run around \$15.00, and we should have a way to afix them to your blazers by the time August rolls around! Hopefully, we shall have some P.M.A. brass buttons for you to put on your blazers - we'll see!

We need folks to volunteer for the special units - Zouaves - Monkey drill band - etc. We may not perform, but it would be fun to put on the uniform again huh? Call me and let me know . . . we need some folks in leadership positions such as company commanders, platoon leaders, etc. - Gentlemen - this IS going to happen - be a part of this historical event. Chances are we will be on several

STUDENT DIRECTORY ORDER FORM or DONATION FORM

I would like _____ directory(ies) at \$10.00 each \$ _____
Also, included \$ _____ for donation to the P.M.A. expense Acct.. . \$ _____
Enclosed is personal check _____ or money order _____ for Total . . . \$ _____
Send directory(ies) to:

NAME: _____ WIFE'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ TELE.#: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

LIVELIHOOD: _____ BUSINESS NAME: _____

YEAR GRADUATED FROM PEACOCK: _____ or if not a Graduate of Peacock please
give years attended _____ AND year that you would have graduated _____

For all of you that have student directories, start now calling people in your area, your class, three classes either side, etc.

We need at least twenty men in San Antonio - calling only the folks in San Antonio - we have not had as good as support locally that we should be getting. Kadets, stop giving excuses - change whatever plans you have - be at YOUR reunion. You or we - may never cross this way again! We are losing our brothers every year. It is sad to lose someone close to you, but we face that and move on. . . some of you guys missed seeing Prentiss Burkett, '32, Tim Russell, '50, Wyatt Myers, '53, and Jim Caddell, '66, but I didn't, and I thank God for having been part of them for even an instant!

Gentlemen, we have millionaires, convicts, hoods, preachers, lawyers, doctors, insurance men, plumbers, security men, jewelers, military men in all services, veterinarians, brain surgeons, teachers, oil men in all facets of the industry, brokers, real estate men, soldiers-of-fortune, politicians, judges, mayors, governors, presidential staff members, diplomatic corps members, chiefs-of-police, sheriff's deputies, business men, ranchers, farmers, talent scouts, monsignors, coaches, air line pilots, musicians, actors, and boy is this paragraph catchy! It kind of reminds me of: So-in-so begat so-in-so - and so on ----but! This is only the top of the iceberg, for our people came from everywhere and did everything! And I don't care whether you were class of '38 or '73 --- we are part of each other.

I just found Leon Lenox, '51, in a place we didn't think he would be - Globe, Arizona. After getting him all excited about people he hadn't seen in 34 years - hell, I got all fired up with him --- AUGUST is coming! What are YOU doing to help find our family? Daddy, what did you do in the war? Which ever question he asks, what is your answer? Are you proud of trying to help and getting involved, or do you just shrug your shoulders and walk away Walking away becomes a habit, where do you stop walking away - - - and turn to face life? Hopefully, before death! And that's too late. Kadets, you may question me, but I assure you, I am real. Material, personal gain is unimportant - being part of successful, honest, competitive, ambitious, intelligent, innovative, morally and spiritually developed young leaders is the success of life. There will not be me there will never be enough - but if I have a hand in the development of a few, I can meet my judge and accept eternity, because I surrendered and tried my best. not be guilty of assuming that you "know me" until you have walked in my moccasin and touched me.

Rudy Johnson '53

1985 SCHOOL REUNION

Friday, Aug. 2	7:00 - 10:00 p.m.	HOSPITALITY ROOM - Registration at Wyndham Cash bar (check at desk for location)
Saturday, Aug. 3	8:30 - 11:00 am.	DIRECTORS MEETING - Executive suite
	11:00 - 12:30	LUNCH
	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	GENERAL MEETING (Elections, business)
	3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	PREPARATION FOR RETREAT AT CAMPUS
	5:00 p.m.	RETREAT CEREMONY AT P.M.A. CAMPUS
	7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	DINNER - Wyndham Hotel
	8:00 - 12:00 p.m.	DANCE - Wyndham Hotel
Sunday, Aug. 4	9:30 - 12:00 a.m.	OPEN HOUSE at the Wesley Peacock House on P.M.A. campus
	11:00 - 12:00 a.m.	BRUNCH served on the Peacock campus

DON'T FORGET TO GET IN YOUR ENCLOSED HOTEL RESERVATIONS AT THE WYNDHAM BEFORE JULY 2 !

Send your \$35.00 per person fee for pre-registration for the dinner-dance to me, Rudy Johnson, at the address below!

SEE YOU THERE AND GOD BLESS!

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