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Mike Vlieger, '62

This NEWSLETTER represents a lot of work especially by the editor, Pat Boscamp '60, Col. Donald Peacock, Rudy Johnson '53 and Eddie Wise '69. I see this as a transition into a new format that will have many contributing editors. Although it is far from perfect we are committed to continually improving the NEWSLETTER. Please send us ideas or suggestions for your NEWSLETTER.

Col. Donald Peacock has been very helpful in setting up an office for the Alumni Association. He has provided the necessary office furniture and space for the Alumni computer. With the assistance of a Salvation Army staff member we will begin to utilize the computer in November. We will begin by storing all names, addresses, phone numbers and related information in the computer.

1987 will be a busy year for the Alumni Association, especially since it is a reunion year. I am looking forward to seeing you in San Antonio on the reunion weekend of July 31 - August 2, 1987. At the next Board of Directors meeting in January the location for the reunion will be decided. If you have a hotel preference write or call before the meeting so that the choice will reflect the majority wishes.

In closing I want to thank the Board of Directors who take the time to meet in San Antonio. Some of the Board I know have to travel quite a distance at their own expense. Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

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DATE FOR NEXT REUNION ANNOUNCED

At the recent meeting of the Board of Directors it was decided that the next Bi-Annual Reunion of the Association would be held in San Antonio the weekend of July 31-August 2, 1987. More details and complete information will be given in the next issue of the KADET NEWSLETTER.

CONDENSED MINUTES OF

DIRECTOR'S MEETING OCTOBER 11th

A special meeting of the Board of Directors was held in the Wesley Peacock House in San Antonio October 11, 1986, with the following Directors present: Mike Vlieger '62, Doug Ham '54, Pat Boscamp '60, Mark Hawkins '65, Robert Lynn Powell '66, Rudy Johnson '53, Jim Ingram '56, Real Ransom '58, Tom Colbath '48, Bill Morse '56, Ben Sutton '42, Wayne Spivey '51, Gary Bacon '49, and Julian Weslow '52. Also attending: Jim Heath '56 and John Viles '28. Alumni President Mike Vlieger presided.

Highlights of the meeting included the following: Rudy Johnson (Treasurer) reported a balance of \$2,475.70 in the Association's bank account.---Chief Executive Officer Doug Ham outlined a proposed plan to develop and expand the goals and aspirations of the Association and Alumni.---Annual dues, beginning in 1987, were adopted as follows: Honorary Members (none); Regular Members \$50.00 per year; Lifetime Members \$500.00. Dues for Associate Members \$30.00 year year; Lifetime Membership \$300.00. ---Bill Morse '54 of Houston has the distinction of being the first to take out a Life Membership.--- Doug Ham proposed that the Association compile and print a new up-to-date Directory, and President Vlieger was instructed to obtain pricing information from Eddie Wise '69, who is in the printing business.--- Responsibility for publishing the NEWSLETTER beginning with the next issue was placed with Pat Boscamp '60, using an entirely new and attractive format. Individual Alumni will be encouraged to provide feature articles and news of interest to the general membership.---Although a formal vote was not taken, it was generally agreed that the proposed re-establishing of PMA was not feasible and would no longer be sponsored by the Board of Directors. Rudy Johnson stated that he would continue to work on the project as an individual.---In order to devote full time to this project Rudy resigned as Treasurer, but will continue to be active as a Director.--- Next meeting of the Board is scheduled for January 24, 1987.

NEWS OF THE PEACOCK FAMILY

Col. Wesley Peacock, Jr. was 90 years old last August and is still going strong! Col. Donald will be 80 in December. He has been honored twice since the Academy ceased operation. On February 14, 1982, he was awarded the Salvation Army Distinguished Service medal by the General of this worldwide organization. On November 6, 1982, in a ceremony at Camp Mabry in Austin, he was installed in the Texas National Guard Hall of Honor. The Citation reads "In recognition of his Selfless Dedication to Duty, Outstanding Achievements, and Service to the people of Texas." You will remember that he was Chief of Staff of the State Guard for several years.

Miss Dorothy Peacock has moved in to a condo with her sister, Mrs. Margaret Peacock Hames. She deeded her home adjacent to the campus to the Salvation Army, the house to be demolished and the corner lot converted to a parking lot for the Citadel Chapel across the street on the corner of West Ashby and Wilson Blvd, directly across the street from the Wesley Peacock House (formerly the Academy Headquarters Building).

SEND NEWS ITEMS

We need your help if we are to publish an interesting NEWSLETTER every four months as planned. News items of interest to Alumni are needed, and should be mailed to our new headquarters address as follows: Peacock Alumni Association, 2811 West Ashby, San Antonio, TX 78201

PEACOCK GRADUATES

Richard Bradford '53 will be co-starring in the new Fall ABC-TV mini-series "Amerika". The series was taped in Little Rock, Arkansas and Omaha, Nebraska.

C.D. Grissom '55 living in Abilene, Texas along with his proud display of antique cars has been in the Watkins Spice business for several years. C.D. is a graduate of TCU and an avid football fan.

GIFTS AND DONATIONS TAX DEDUCTIBLE

The Peacock Alumni Association is Chartered by the State of Texas as a non-profit foundation, and gifts and donations are tax deductible under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. This would also include your dues in the Association if given as a donation.

TREASURER PRO TEM APPOINTED

Alumni Association President Mike Vlieger has appointed Bill Hudnell, Class of '65, as Treasurer Pro Tem, to replace Rudy Johnson, who has resigned, effective January 24, 1987, due to conflict with other responsibilities. Rudy, who everyone recognizes as the founder and guiding spirit of the Association, will continue as an active member of the Board of Directors. At the Bi-Annual Reunion last August Rudy was presented with a special plaque engraved with the following tribute: "In recognition and appreciation of his dedication and loyalty to the Academy and his fellow cadets and his outstanding leadership in organizing and maintaining the Peacock Alumni Association. His continuing inspiration and the success of this association is a reflection of his dedication and integrity."

INFORMATION PHONE NUMBER

If you need information about school records-transcripts, etc., please call the following number (512) 733-7766. Col. Don is in and out of the office during the day, so if you don't reach him, please try again.

ALUMNI HEADQUARTERS MOVED TO SAN ANTONIO

The Alumni Headquarters has been moved to the Wesley Peacock House, 2811 West Ashby Place, San Antonio, Texas 78201, where all meetings of the Board of Directors are held, and where it will be more convenient for the Association President, Mike Vlieger, who lives in San Antonio. 1st Vice President Pat Boscamp, Editor of the KADET NEWSLETTER, also lives in San Antonio. The Wesley Peacock House will be remembered as the Headquarters building of the Academy. It was the original school building when Prof. Wesley Peacock, Sr. founded PMA in 1894, and has now been designated a historical landmark by the Texas Historical Commission. All Association mail should now be addressed to this address.

DUES TO INCLUDE COPY OF NEW DIRECTORY

By vote of the Board of Directors at its meeting on October 11th, dues for Association Members will be \$50.00 per year beginning for 1987. This will include a copy of the new Directory, which would cost \$15.00 if purchased separately. Dues for Life Members will be \$500.00.

Dues for Associate Members (those who wish to support the Association, but who do not expect to be active members, will be \$30.00 a year. Associate Life Members will pay \$300.00.

A return envelope for sending in dues and/or donations to the Peacock Academy Records Trust Fund, is enclosed for your convenience.

Please send your dues promptly as we are depending on this income to pay for the cost of printing 500 plus directories we are having printed; also the cost of engaging a professional to "program" our computer to include our complete membership names, class, address, etc. as well as a separate page for each class, our mailing list for the NEWSLETTER and related data. We may even print future NEWSLETTERS on our computer.



WESLEY PEACOCK HOUSE

ERECTED AS A TWO-STORY HOME IN 1890, THIS STRUCTURE WAS THE ORIGINAL BUILDING OF PEACOCK SCHOOL FOR BOYS, FOUNDED IN 1894 BY WESLEY PEACOCK (1865-1941). MILITARY TRAINING WAS INITIATED IN 1900. CHARTERED IN 1904, IT BECAME A DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL WITH HIGH ACADEMIC STANDARDS. PEACOCK'S TWO SONS, WESLEY, JR., AND DONALD, TOOK CHARGE IN 1926 OF THE PEACOCK MILITARY ACADEMY. A FIRE IN 1931 ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE HOUSE PROMPTED MAJOR REMODELING. AFTER EDUCATING 15,000 STUDENTS, THE 20-ACRE FACILITY WAS DEEDED IN 1973 TO THE SALVATION ARMY TO BE KNOWN AS "PEACOCK CENTER".

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OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS
1986 - 1987

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Michael Vlieger.....President
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Mark Hawkins.....2nd Vice President
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PEACOCK ACADEMY RECORDS, INC.

Peacock Academy Records, Inc. is a non-profit corporation Chartered by the State of Texas by the Peacock Family. Its purpose is to maintain the Wesley Peacock House as the address of record of the PMA Alumni Association, to house the archives and memorabilia of the Peacock Military Academy, and to preserve and make available the academic records of the 15,000 plus cadets who attended the Academy during the years 1894 until June, 1973. As the original school building when the "Peacock School for Boys" was founded by Prof. Wesley Peacock, Sr. in 1894, it has been designated an historical landmark by the Texas Historical Commission. It served as the Academy Headquarters for many years prior to the close of the school in June of 1973.

Contributors to the Trust Fund should make their donation checks payable to "Peacock Academy Records, Inc." and mail to 2811 West Ashby, San Antonio, TX 78201. Acknowledgement of your Donation will be sent to your and your name added to the list of Donors to be permanently displayed in the Wesley Peacock House, which is also the Headquarters of the PMA Alumni Association.

See letter regarding this Trust Fund from A.M. (Aggie) Pate, Jr. on this same page.

OFFER TO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BY
A.M. PATE, JR. '38, and SEBERT PATE '45

Extract from letter to Col. Donald Peacock dated October 7, 1986.

"You mentioned several months ago you and Wesley had put \$15,000.00 of your own money in the Trust Fund for the 'Peacock Academy Records, Inc.' At that time you said none of the Alumni had made any direct contributions.

"Sebert and I would like to make the Alumni Association an offer through you. We would like to raise another \$15,000.00 through you and the Alumni. We would offer to give \$1.00 for every \$2.00 raised from the Alumni, payable to the Peacock Academy Records, Inc. We will put a limit on our gift of \$5,000.00. In other words if the Alumni raises \$10,000.00, we would give \$5,000.00. If the Alumni Association raises \$3,000.00, we would give \$1,500.00 to the Fund. This offer is good through the balance of 1986 and all of 1987."

(Signed) AGGIE PATE
A. M. Pate, Jr.

Note For tax deductible donations to this fund make check payable to "Peacock Alumni Association" and indicate thereon "For the Peacock Academy Trust Fund".

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