



# Kadet Newsletter

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MICHAEL A. VIEGGER '62, CEO

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### BEAT THE DRUM!



BY WAYNE SPIVEY '51  
President

The Peacock Military Academy Alumni Association was formed and is continuing to function for YOU. It will continue to function and improve in scope only if YOU get involved.

I was very disappointed with the attendance at our last Reunion. I asked myself, and others, why? Maybe the economic times we find ourselves struggling with. Maybe the date infringed on prior plans. No, that should not be, for the date was set by YOU long ago. Maybe someone, sometimes hurt your feelings or made you mad. I wish I knew the answer, but I don't. Hopefully, it is the economy, so when it returns, and it will, YOU will get involved.

The Association needs are many, but the most dire need is for you and you and you to get involved and give of yourself.

Your Board of Directors is comprised of four members from the 40's, thirteen from the 50's, six from the 60's, and one from the 70's. Tell you anything? It does me. It tells me that the Association is not getting the benefit of much needed input from a world of talent. You may ask "What can I do?"

### FROM YOUR ASSOCIATION CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

One of our goals for the coming year is to increase the number of supporting members. A supporting member being a dues-paying member. At the present we have only about 100 dues-paying supporting members out of 750 located Kadets. We need to improve this record and we are asking your support.

The \$25.00 per year dues was set by your Board of Directors last Spring. This was done to give the Alumni Association a small operating Budget. The dues are used to pay for the printing of the Newsletter, Postage, and related expenses. A portion of the Dues income was also used at the recent Alumni Reunion to help pay expenses.

We will have additional expenses this coming year with the printing and mailing of the new Alumni Directory. When completed copies will be mailed to all supporting members.

Be assured of your copy of the new Directory and help support the Association by filling out the enclosed dues form and returning it to the Association Headquarters, 2811 West Ashby Place, San Antonio, TX 78201.

Best regards,

MIKE VIEGGER '62

NOTE: Those who paid \$50.00 before the dues were reduced to \$25.00 are paid up through 1988. Those who paid \$25.00 will be due payment of \$25.00 dues for 1988.

NEW SUPPORTING MEMBERS who are paying dues for the first time are urged to send in same NOW without waiting until January. You will be credit as a supporting member for the remainder of 1987 and all of 1988.

# ALUMNI NEWSBRIEFS

MICHAEL A. VLIEGER '62, immediate Past President and now the Association's Chief Executive Officer, is Southwestern Regional Sales Manager of PENNWALT Corporation, a major chemical company. "Mike" is married and has a son who is a Freshman at Texas Lutheran College in Seguin, Texas. Mike and "Ginger" live at 10702 Mossbank, San Antonio 78230 (512) 696-8292.

NAVY CAPTAIN JERRY HOUSTON '52 is now assigned as Naval Attache at the American Embassy in Buenos Aires. First Captain during his Senior Year at Peacock, he later graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, becoming a Pilot in the Navy Air Service.

STEVEN COENHAVER '66 is an attorney in Austin. He served as a Captain, First Cavalry Division, Staff Judge Advocate, during the period 1974-1977. He is a Director and Parliamentarian of our Board of Directors.

ERNEST (Buddy) BRUNI, JR. '52 business activities are ranching and investments, Bruni Mineral Trust, Laredo. He was honored as Outstanding Rancher of the year 1986. Buddy was "Top Man" on the Monkey Drill Pyramid Ride during his first year at Peacock.

EDWIN R. FORD '62 is a Civil Engineer and President of Ford Engineering, Inc., San Antonio, Texas. He graduated from Texas A&M University with a B.S. and C.E. degree, and served in the U.S. Army as a 1st Lieutenant during the period 1966-1969.

GERALD SEARS '56 graduated from the University of Kansas with B.S. and B.A. degrees, served in the U.S. Army as a Paratrooper 1957-1960, and is now a Financial/Consultant, President of Sears Financial Services, Inc. He and his wife "Bonnie" and daughter Jerilyn, live in Houston.

RAUL GONZALEZ M. '68 is a part-time Charter Pilot and Flight Instructor with the U.S. Custom House Brokerage Firm, Laredo, of which he is Export Manager. He is a graduate of Laredo State University, and is a Captain in the Texas Army National Guard.

## MANNEQUIN WANTED

The Alumni Association would like to prepare a display of the uniforms worn over the years at Peacock Military Academy. This would be displayed at the Wesley Peacock House. We have enough uniforms to start our display but are in need of one or two male mannequins. If you have access to these mannequins and are able to loan or donate them to the Alumni Association please contact Colonel Don at (512) 733-7766.

## ALUMNI MARCHING UNIT

If you are interested in forming an Alumni Marching Unit contact Rudy Johnson. It has been proposed that this unit would have a distinct uniform so that all members would be dressed the same. Perhaps similar to the grey blazers and white pants worn two years ago at the Alumni Reunion. This could be good exercise and a change to reminisce. Rudy's phone number is (512) 995-2634.

## TAX LETTER ?

Any member requiring a letter from the Association acknowledging receipt of his tax deductible contribution for 1987 can request one from Headquarters.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

When you have a change of your mail address please be sure to notify Alumni Headquarters. The post office furnishes a special postcard to use for this purpose. Our address is 2811 West Ashby, San Antonio, Texas 78201.



E. G. "Bill" CREECH, Class of 1928. Passed away June 21, 1987.

COLONEL CARROLL W. SNOWDEN. Died of heart attack while playing golf on Monday, August 10, 1987. Colonel Snowden spent 9 years at Peacock as Director of Athletics, and an additional 3 years as Headmaster.

## PAT BOSCAMP RECOVERING

In May of this year Pat Boscamp '60 suffered a stroke that left him in a coma for eight weeks. Being the fighter that he is Pat came out of the coma and has begun his physical therapy. Pat was moved from San Antonio to El Paso in August so that he would be closer to his mother and their doctors.

If you would like to send Pat a card or letter write to: Pat Boscamp - care of - Mrs. Ben Hieken, 6738 Westwind Drive, El Paso, Texas 79912.

## NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE

The date has been set for the next Board of Directors Meeting. May 7, 1988, at 10:30 a.m. at the Wesley Peacock House. A social function is planned for the wives and Board members that same evening. Our plan is to have dinner as a group on the River Walk in San Antonio.

## EXTRACTS FROM THE "PEACOCK SENTINEL" (ACADEMY NEWSPAPER) MAY, 1966

"The Academy has just been notified by HQ Fourth U.S. Army, that Cadet Captain Lynn Powell has been award a 4-year ROTC College Scholarship. Upon graduation from college he will be commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

"At the final exercises May 27th Cadet Steve Copenhaver will receive the gold medal as 1st Honor man in the graduating Class of 1966, and Ken Scoggins will receive a silver medal as 2nd Honor man. Congratulations to Steve and Ken. Both are members of the National Honor Society.

"On Awards Day Cadet 1st Captain Ken Scoggins received the General Birkhead medal as Outstanding Cadet of the year."

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

A Board of Directors Meeting was held on October 10, 1987, at the Wesley Peacock House. There were eleven members present which did not constitute a quorum. The minutes were read by Lynn Powell and a treasury report was given by Bill Hudnell. The new President Wayne Spivey presided over the meeting as several topics were discussed. These topics being: the new stationary letterhead, the Scholarship Fund, the Newsletter status, the Alumni Directory, the Alumni Marching Unit, regional committees, tax letters, uniform displays, and the appointment of Steve Copenhaver to replace Lynn Powell as Parliamentarian. The meeting was ad-

## OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

### OFFICERS

President.....	Wayne Spivey
1st Vice President.....	Julian Weslow
2nd Vice President.....	Eddie Wise
3rd Vice President.....	Real Ransom
Secretary and Legal	
Counsel.....	Lynn Powell
Treasurer.....	William Hudnell, Jr.
Parliamentarian.....	Steve Copenhaver
Chief Executive	
Officer.....	Mike Vlieger

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ernest M. Bruni, Jr.	51	Laredo
Steven C. Copenhaver	66	Round Rock
George W. Elliott, III	48	Houston
Jacob P. French, Jr.	64	Odessa
Donald L. Gretzer	56	Houston
Douglas S. Ham	54	Arlington
William T. Hudnell, Jr.	65	San Antonio
James W. Ingram, III	56	Midland
Rudolph M. Johnson	53	Comfort
Leon J. Lenox	51	Globe, Arizona
William D. "Bill" Morse	54	Houston
Robert Lynn Powell	66	Conroe
Real F. Ransom, II	58	Richmond
Robert J. Ransom, Jr.	58	Richmond
Wayne C. Spivey	51	Houston
Ben E. Sutton	42	Tyler
Jack Turner	51	San Antonio
Frank VanDelden	46	San Antonio
Michael A. Vlieger	62	San Antonio
Julian A. Watters	47	Lavaca, Alabama
Julian Weslow	51	Trinity
Edward W. Wise, II	69	Leesville, Louisiana

### PEACOCK FAMILY REPRESENTATIVE

Colonel Donald W. Peacock

### ASSOCIATION HEADQUARTERS

The Wesley Peacock House  
2811 West Ashby Place  
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## SCHOLARSHIP FUND STARTED

A Scholarship Fund was started at the Alumni Association Reunion with the generous donation of \$1,000.00 by Julian Watters '47. The Board of Directors are reviewing ways to maintain, increase and administer this Scholarship Fund. Thanks - Julian!

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Continued



YOU can attend your Board of Directors Meetings, listening to what the Board is attempting to accomplish, and sharing your views. You can serve on a Committee, even Chair one. You can help locate classmates that have not been located. You can pay your dues if you have not already done so. You can give to the Peacock Academy Records Trust Fund. You can contribute news for your Newsletter. You can be an asset to your Association. Do it!

Please, won't you get off your backside and give of yourself.

Write to me, or any member of the Board, telling what you will do. It will be rewarding to both the Association and to yourself.

WAYNE C. SPIVEY '51, President  
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Houston, Texas 77008  
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## PATE CHALLENGE UPDATE

Tax deductible contributions to the Peacock Academy Records Trust Fund now total \$2,950.00. Per the Pate Brothers Challenge to the Association they have added \$1,475.00 to the Fund for a total of \$4,425.00 to date. Add the sum of \$284.71 earned in interest the Trust Fund Grand Total as of November 1st is \$4,709.71.

The challenge to the Association by Aggie and Sebert Pate was that they would donate 50¢ to the Fund for each \$1.00 raised by the Association up to \$10,000.00, meaning they would donate a total of \$5,000.00 for a grand total of \$15,000.00 added to this fund. The Fund was started with \$15,000.00 by the Peacock Family for the purpose of maintaining the memorabilia and student records of the Academy, located in Wesley Peacock House, formerly the Academy Headquarters. Only the interest earned on the Fund will be used for this purpose.

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