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Peacock Military Academy
Alumni Association

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BEAT THE DRUM!



WANT TO CONTINUE RECEIVING THE ALUMNI NEWSLETTER??

In addition to our supporting members---those who have paid dues---we have been mailing the Kadet Newsletter to about 500 former graduates who have NOT paid dues. We may not be able to continue this free mailing after this issue for it costs about \$600 for printing and postage to do so.

Thus with the next issue we may be forced to discontinue mailing the Newsletter to alumni who have NOT paid their dues.

WE THEREFORE URGE EACH INDIVIDUAL ALUMNUS TO PAY YOUR DUES FOR 1988 IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO. Return envelopes and forms are enclosed for your convenience.

BECOME A SUPPORTING MEMBER NOW!

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Collins presented a 1949 "Peacock Booster Club" trophy to the Alumni Association. Mr. Collins is a former Peacock football coach. President Wayne Spivey, on behalf of the Alumni Association, thanked Coach and Mrs. Collins for their generous gift, which will be placed on display in the Wesley Peacock House.

PATE CHALLENGE UPDATE Trust Fund Growing Slowly

In the last Newsletter we reported a total of \$4,709.71 in the Peacock Academy Records Trust Fund ("PAR"). This included Alumni donations of \$2,950, 50% matching funds by the Pate Brothers (Aggie '38 and Sebert '45) and \$284.71 interest earned to that date.

Since then the grand total of all above is \$9,831.16. The Pate Brothers Challenge to the Alumni Association was they would make 50% matching donations up to a total of \$5,000---in other words, if the Alumni would contribute a total of \$10,000 they would add \$5,000 for a grand total of \$15,000.

This means the Association still needs to raise an additional \$3,445.90 in order to qualify for an additional \$1,722.22 from the Pate Brothers for a final total of \$15,000 for the Trust Fund.

"PAR" is a non-profit corporation chartered by the Peacock Family for the purpose of maintaining the student records, archives and memorabilia of the Academy. An agreement with the Salvation Army provides for "PAR" to maintain an office in the historic Wesley Peacock House and also for the Alumni Association to maintain its headquarters therein free of charge, including utilities, janitor service, etc.

YOU ARE URGED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS WORTHY FUND. Make your check payable to Peacock Academy Records, Inc. and mail it in the enclosed return envelope.

Also, those paying dues for the first time are urged to add their contribution to their check, using the enclosed form.

DONNA PEACOCK WRITING HISTORY
OF THE ACADEMY

In her spare time Donna Peacock, whom most of you will remember as one of Colonel Don's three daughters, is writing a history of the Academy.

"PARADE REST" is a biography of a military school from its birth in 1894 until its retirement in 1973. Volume I covers "The Early Years" from 1894 to 1941, concluding with the death of the founder, Professor Wesley Peacock, Sr.

Volume II-"The Final Years"-will cover the period 1942 to June of 1973.

Written by the granddaughter of the School's founder, the daughter of its Commandant for many years - with special perspective, care and love---written to preserve the special history of a special "game little school" (as Mamie Eisenhower once described it) for the family, the many thousands of former students, and for San Antonio and the State of Texas.

We anxiously await the completion of this project by Donna Peacock.



TAPS

COLONEL ROBERT LEE MOFFETT, who served as Associate Headmaster and History Instructor during the last three years the Academy operated, died recently following a long illness. He was very popular with the cadets and those who knew him will regret to learn of his death.

We deeply regret to announce the recent death of COLONEL GEORGE COLE, who was a 26-year member of the Faculty. A West Point graduate, he started at Peacock as Professor of Military Science and Tactics, later becoming Associate Commandant. He taught math and science.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Meeting of the Board of Directors is to be held on October 22, 1988 at 12:00 Noon at the Wesley Peacock House in San Antonio.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Slave Day - The one day a cadet private could order an officer to shine his shoes?

Mexican Food on Wednesdays and Fish on Fridays in the Dining Hall?

Drug Store Permits for Grace's Drug Store at the corner of Cincinnati and Wilson?

Pounding the asphalt on Saturday marching off tours?

Being Corporal of the Guard and sitting at the desk on the porch of the Headquarters Building?

The Spirit, the Bonfire, and the Excitement of the Peacock vs. TMI Football Game?

The Drum and Bugle Corps practicing in the Log Cabin?

And finally, getting your thumb caught in the bolt on an M1 rifle. Ouch!!

COLONEL WESLEY PEACOCK, JR.
TO BE 92 YEARS OLD ON AUGUST 29TH

Let's surprise him with 100+ Happy Birthday Cards. Send your card to his home address: 2910 West Ashby, San Antonio, Texas 78228.

DIRECTOR EMERITUS

By unanimous vote of the Board of Directors, former charter director and officer of the Alumni Association, Pat Boscamp, was given life membership in the Alumni Association and had bestowed on him, the title of "Director Emeritus". It was reported that Pat is recovering satisfactorily from his stroke.

MIKE VLIENER ELECTED TO "PAR" TRUST FUND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Peacock Family is happy to announce the election of Michael A. Vliener '62, to the Board of Directors of Peacock Academy Records, Inc. (PAR), the non-profit trust fund established by the Peacock's and supported by the Pate Brothers and the Alumni Association.

Mike Vliener is Chief Executive Officer of the Association and Editor of the Kadet Newsletter.

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

At the Board of Directors Meeting June 11, a quorum was present-nineteen of twentyfive-for transaction of business. The meeting was filled with much debate, characterized by careful reasoned thinking on each subject. The phoenix that arose out of the meeting was the direction the Alumni Association will take to preserve the "Kadet Spirit" and the two projects that will perpetuate that "Spirit".

The following are brief synopsis of each project:

(1) Project One was voted on at an earlier board meeting in the form of a resolution that established an annual award/scholarship program. This program has two parts to it. Part one established an annual medal for merit award to be presented to graduating students attending private, military high schools within the State of Texas who demonstrate exemplary character traits, academic excellence and leadership ability while enrolled at their schools.

Part two established a scholarship program, the purpose of which is to facilitate attendance of qualified children of alumni or former students of Peacock Military Academy at private, military high schools within or without the State of Texas.

President Wayne Spivey is in the process of selecting a committee to establish the guidelines.

(2) Project Two has established a building fund for the purpose of building or buying a structure in proximity to Peacock to serve as a permanent headquarters for the Alumni Association and a museum to maintain and preserve the archives and memoration of Peacock Military Academy and headquarter the permanent academic records of the alumni and former students.

The following funding levels are the vehicles and category opportunities for all Alumni Kadets and other interested friends to give support to the Association that dues cannot provide. The following annual tax-deductible gift programs are activated and ready for donations. All donors

will be presented with a nice commemorative certificate for the level of gift and a letter of appreciation denoting their gift is tax-deductible for the IRS and state records.

Fund Levels

FOUNDERS COUNCIL:

Provides annual gifts of \$5,000 or more to the short-range and long-range capital budgets.

SOCIETY OF KADETS:

Provides annual gifts of \$1,000 to \$4,999 to the General Fund.

PMA 1894 CLUB:

Provides annual gifts of \$100 to \$999 to the General Fund.

FRIENDS OF PEACOCK:

Provides gifts of under \$100 to the General Fund.

ALUMNI GIFTS BY CLASS:

Annual participation by each Class to raise money through special events. This money is to be used for specific projects designated by the Class that collects the money.

MATCHING GIFTS:

For Companies and Individuals who match unrestricted gifts as well as restricted gifts from donors.

MEMORIAL GIFTS:

Gifts made in memory of loved ones and friends.

A committee is being formed to develop a workplan for site selection, structural design and package cost. The final decision and cost will be published in the Newsletter. Between now and the decision, you have the opportunity to start building the fund through the tax-deductible programs, set out above.

Doug Ham '54



EXTRACTS FROM THE "PEACOCK SENTINEL"
(Academy Newspaper) Issue March, 1969
Eddie Wise '69, Editor

"This year's Senior Class includes the last of the six-year cadets - those who entered in the 7th grade - James Albert, Luis Bartheneuf, Ronald Bridgman, John Lynn, William Morgan, and John White.

"Distinguished Honor Students for the last grading period with "A" in all subjects are W. H. Morgan, G. W. Snowden, E. A. Summerlin, J. L. Ziegenhals, and J. G. Frisby. Honor Roll students, "A" average with no more than one "B" are R. L. Bandy, P. G. Chazl, D. T. Copeland, J. G. Hoefs, V. L. Johnson, R. D. Jones, D. M. Lillard, P. J. Maiz, and J. E. Rice.

TMI HAVING PROBLEMS

Those of you who read the San Antonio papers are aware of the fact that our old rival, TMI, has been having tremendous financial problems. Following is an excerpt from the North San Antonio Times of December 3, 1987:

"Financial problems which could ultimately force a San Antonio private school to close may be a sign of tough economic times. ...Trustees vowed to keep the Alamo Heights campus open at least through the end of the year despite a \$1 million deficit. Meanwhile construction has been halted at a proposed northwest Bexar County campus because the school ran out of money to pay the contractors."

Recent developments have given TMI an eleventh hour reprieve. Construction has started again and present plans are to move in during the Fall Semester.

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