

# Kadet Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings!!

It seems that I just did write a message for the Newsletter, but alas it is time to draft another. Mike Vlieger called and reminded me that duty was calling.

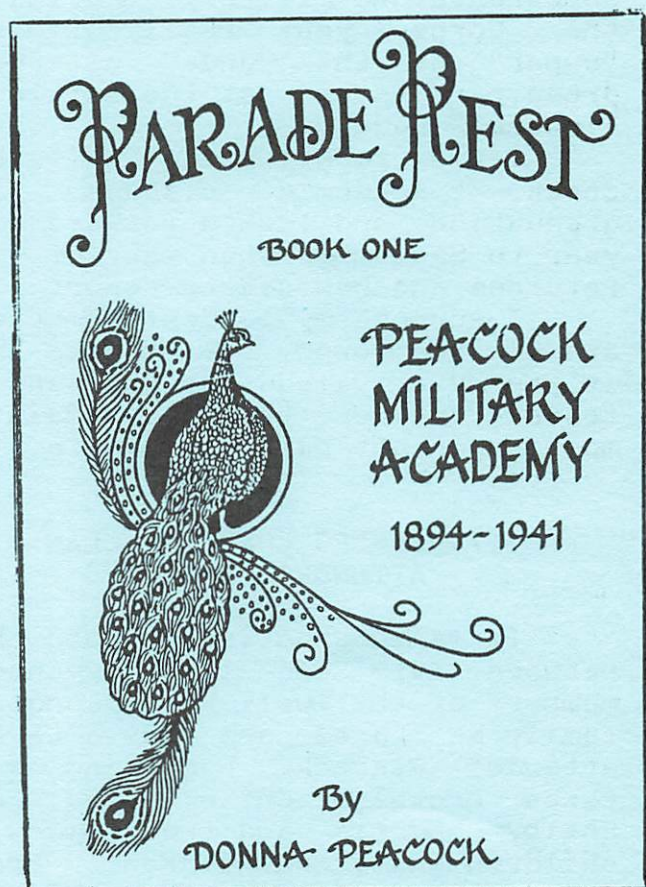
Mike tells me that membership is coming along at a nice increase. Super!! We need all of you out there to grab the ring and get on board. We, as a group, can realize so much more than a few can, so it is very important to the Association that our membership continues to grow.

Also, Mike tells me that Volume I of Donna Peacock's book will be off the press and ready for distribution in the very near future. If you want a copy, please express your desire to Mike ASAP. Mike says that he has read it and that it is so good that it was hard to put it down once started. I believe it is about 200 pages in length and has some 70 pages of pictures. Sounds like something we all will be proud to have and to share with our families.

It is my hope that this finds each of you and yours in good health and fortune.

Lights Out!

Wayne Spivey '51



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## ORDER YOUR COPY NOW

Donna Peacock's long awaited book "Parade Rest" will be off the press and ready for distribution by the end of this month. Order form is enclosed. Sponsors, those who contributed so generously to the publication costs, will be mailed their autographed copies early in December. Cost of the book is \$18.00, which includes handling and postage expense. Donna has given the rights to the book to the Alumni Association, so any profit from sales will help support our many projects.



## COLONEL DICK THIESEN WRITES-----

My memories of PMA remain fresh and certainly it has been some years since I was on the Faculty. I of course recall, sometimes in detail, the years I served as Professor of Military Science. I imagine, to the chagrin of some of the cadets, but all of you came through unscathed.

I was always proud of the appearance and military bearing of the Corps---you really looked "super" at the Sunday afternoon dress parades and at the Battle of Flowers Parade.

I too recall study hall, bed check, academic classes and graduation, and looked forward each year to September when many of you returned and new cadets reported.

I suppose my fondest memories are of the Corps, the cadets that it was my privilege to know and to teach. You were then and remain a most important part of my life.

### 17 MEMBERS LONGORIA CLAN ATTENDED PEACOCK

It is interesting to note that between 1917 and 1968 seventeen members of the well-known Longoria family at Laredo and Nueva Laredo attended Peacock, beginning with three brothers Chito, Fred, and Shelby Longoria and the following children and grandchildren: Frank Salido, Ramon Salido, Ernest Bruni, Chito Longoria, Jr., Eduardo Salido, Albert Gutierrez, Robert Gutierrez, Fred Longoria, Jr., Guillermo Salinas, Edward Longoria, Jr., Richard Longoria, Tommy Longoria (Shelby's son), Alejandro and Eduardo DiezBarroso (grandsons of Laura Longoria). Frank Salido was First Captain and Battalion Commander in 1945, the year he graduated.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

If you have any change in your address, write to us at 2811 West Ashby Place, San Antonio, Texas 78201.

## OPEN HOUSE

The Alumni and their families are invited to a Christmas Open House and Book Signing Party at the Wesley Peacock House on December 9th. Books will be available and Donna will autograph your copy between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

Having duty as Corporal of the Guard and sitting at the desk on the side porch of the Peacock House?

Which barracks where smoking was allowed?

Your first day when you were not sure who to salute?

Rosie and Adolph keeping the campus clean?

Having your date approved by Colonel Don for the dances?

Enchiladas on Wednesday and fish on Friday?

How good the Drum and Bugle Corps always sounded?

The annual trip to the rifle range at Camp Bullis?

The movie on Saturday night in the auditorium?

### NEWSLETTER

This is the first Newsletter to be done on the Alumni Association's new computer. We are using the Word Perfect 5.1 Program. Thanks again to Ed Ford for his generous donation of the new computer.

### EXTRACT FROM 1904 PMS CATALOG

The school provides an iron bedstead, a mattress, a locker, a gas-light, a table and chairs for each room. Each cadet furnishes a rug, a clothes bag, a double blanket, a comforter, four sheets, a pillow, four pillow cases, six towels, night shirts, and such articles as soap, toothbrush, shoe polish, comb and hairbrush. Standing collars only that meet in front are used.



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The last meeting of the Board of Directors was held on July 21, 1990, with 19 out of 25 Directors present. The meeting was held in the Conference Room of the Wesley Peacock House.

2nd Vice President Frank VanDelden was elected 1st Vice President in place of Julian Weslow, who has been unable to attend meetings. Director Ben Sutton '42 was elected 2nd Vice President and Rudy Johnson '53 was elected 3rd Vice President.

Next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Saturday, January 19, 1991 in the Peacock House, when plans for the 1991 Reunion will be discussed. Wives are invited to meet at the same time for a light lunch. A dinner for directors and their wives will be planned for that night.

## TAPS

Jack Kestner, Class of 1939  
Raymond Flanders, Class of 1928  
A.M. "Aggie" Pate, Jr. Class of 1938  
James M. Cumby, Class of 1912  
Coach Leroy Bingham

## BRIGADIER GENERAL JAMES WOMACK '50

Members of the Class of 1950 will be interested in knowing that James WOMACK retired recently as a Brigadier General in the New Mexico Air National Guard.

After graduation from Peacock he attended Baylor University and the University of New Mexico, earning both a bachelor of arts degree and a law degree. He is now a practicing attorney in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He and his wife, Jeannie, have three children: Julie, Jennifer, and Jordan.

He is a Command Pilot with over 5400 hours including 245 combat sorties in Vietnam. His many decorations include the Silver Star and the Legion of Merit.

His older brother, Carroll, graduated from Peacock in the Class of 1948.

## THREE BROTHERS GRADUATES

Robert Scoggins '59, Don Scoggins '61, and Ken Scoggins '66, all three graduated as Cadet Captains. All three, who graduated from SMU live in Dallas. Bob was a Captain during his senior year at Peacock, and both Don and Ken were battalion commanders.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Clyde Littlefield, famous as a football legend during his years at Texas University, first as a player, then as Coach and Athletic Director, played his first football at Peacock. Read all about him in "Parade Rest".

## PEACOCK ALUMNUS HONORED

Johnny Gabriel '54, owner of Gabriel's Wine and Spirits in San Antonio, has been elected KING REY FEO XLII for 1990-91. He will share the spotlight and honors with King Antonio during Fiesta Week next April. Congratulations Johnny!

## NEWSBRIEFS

GERALD CLIFFORD SMITH '64 (not to be confused with Gerald Cole Smith '47) is a Federal Agent with the U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Marshal's Service. After graduation from Stephen F. Austin University he served as a 1st Lieutenant with the U.S. Marines from 1969 to 1972. He and his wife, Elizabeth, have two children, Tamara and Laura.

MICHAEL E. HALE '60 is a practicing attorney-at-law in Little Rock, Arkansas. His home address is 3019 Charter Oak, 72207. Mike and his wife "Mary" have two children, Elizabeth and Ellen. After graduating from Peacock as a Cadet Captain he attended and earned the following degrees from the University of Arkansas: Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) and Doctor of Jurisprudence (JD).



## WE ARE PROUD OF----

REVEREND VIRGIL ELIZONDO '54 is Rector of the San Fernando Cathedral in downtown San Antonio, the oldest cathedral in the U.S. He has won international renown as a writer and theologian with his many books and articles about Hispanic culture and ministry and liberation theology. During his senior year at Peacock he was Battalion Commander, President of the Senior Class, Editor of the Kadet Annual, and Valedictorian at graduation exercises.

DR. ALVIN ELLINGTON, JR. '51 is a prominent neurosurgeon in San Antonio. Alvin earned his M.D. degree at Southwestern Medical School in Dallas and served as a medical officer one year in Korea and at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

RICHARD WASTENEYS '53 attended Peacock six years, graduating as Captain and Battalion Commander. He attended Stanford and Oklahoma University, earning both bachelor's and master's degrees in Geology. He is now a partner in Petroleum Consultants in Houston, Texas.

TONY WREN '72 visited recently. He has his own real estate appraisal business in Reno, Nevada. He and his wife Susan have three children, Justin, Petra, and Leah.

## PAT BOSCAAMP UPDATE

Pat Boscamp '60, who is still recovering from a stroke writes that he has received letters from the following since the last Newsletter. Pat appreciates your letters very much fellows, so keep writing him!

Bob Meuth '72, Round Rock  
Andy Anderson '60, McNeel, Arizona  
Charles Grissom '55, Abilene  
Tony Nieto '60, San Antonio  
Paul Weston '52, San Antonio  
Larry Lumpkin '63, El Paso (visit)

To All Alumni - If you know the address of any of the following please advise me:

William Vereecken '65  
Raul Gonzalez '68  
Richard B. Reeves '60

Thanks! Pat Boscamp  
6738 Westwind Drive  
El Paso, Texas 79912

## PEACOCK FAMILY NEWS

Colonel Don, who will be 84 years of age in December, is Curator of the historic Wesley Peacock House, and spends a great deal of time as a dollar a year volunteer with The Salvation Army. He is Executive Secretary of the Army's Advisory Board and is Supervisor of the buildings and campus at Peacock Center.

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