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Alumni Association

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We who attended the Centennial Reunion missed "you" who weren't there!!! We have three scrapbooks full of pictures plus two videos of the Saturday night Military Ball and the Sunday morning Open House at the Wesley Peacock House.

The saber detail, posting and retiring of the colors, the Grand March, the Bagpipe and Drum Corps, the 16-piece band that played for the ceremonies and the dancing later, and the Peacock family. It was fantastic and exciting.

The ladies in their formal gowns, the men in uniforms and tuxedos, we were a breathtaking family!

However, all was not play. I was honored to accept the presidency of our association and immediately read the goals listed in our constitution and by-laws to the Board of Directors.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all again the first weekend in August 1996.

May God keep and bless you and yours.

RUDY JOHNSON '53

REUNION VIDEOS AVAILABLE

Thirty alumni have ordered copies of the two-hour video showing all the highlights of the Saturday night gala and the Sunday morning Open House.

This is a professional job for which your Association paid the initial cost. A life long remembrance of the 1994 Centennial Reunion. For your copy send check for \$20.00 payable to Peacock Alumni Association, 2811 West Ashby, San Antonio TX 78201.

A WEEKEND TO REMEMBER

The weekend of August 5-6-7, 1994 will long be remembered by the 200-plus Alumni, wives, friends and Peacock family members who attended the Centennial Reunion.

Many came from long distances in Texas and eleven other states, including Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Washington State, and two foreign countries: Costa Rica and Mexico.

For the complete story see the 4-page supplement to this Centennial Edition.

A NOTE FROM SUE ELLEN

Sue Ellen Peacock Hains, who came all the way from New York for the Reunion, writes as follows:

"Dear Mike, all officers and members of the association:

Thank you for a wonderful reunion and 100th birthday celebration. Paige, my daughter, and I enjoyed every minute of this memorable occasion! Your attention to detail and planning, your obvious respect and affection for my parents, and your generosity made us feel like royalty.

We still bask in the warm memories, the impressive and moving ceremonies, and the strong traditions you revived on Saturday night. I'll treasure and keep these with me for the rest of my life, as I know the rest of the Peacock family will.

Sincerely,

SUE ELLEN

DOTTIE WRITES FROM COLORADO

"The centennial celebration was an incredible affair -- beautifully orchestrated, tastefully done, and so much fun!

Your tribute to Mother and Daddy was truly beautiful - and moved all of us. I felt honored to be part of it. The etched glass plaque sits proudly in my living room. It is exquisite---a lovely remembrance. My son, Kyle, was deeply impressed with the strength of his Peacock heritage."

DONNA PEACOCK SAYS

The cliché "words are inadequate to express..." takes on fresh and significant meaning as I write this thank-you, for thank-you's are measured in faces captured in memory and video-tape; in renewed memories and friendships; in smiles; in photo-sharp moments of military pomp and color. Thank-you's are measured in voices and laughter, and in the lingering music of mariachis, swing tunes, bag-pipers, Sousa marches, and "Auld Lang Syne." Thank-you's are measured in emotions, family pride, and gratitude.

Thank you all for the Centennial Celebration and for your loyalty, friendship, and love.

RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION

The Centennial Celebration Reunion was an unqualified success because of the following members of the Reunion Committee, and their wives, who spent many months of planning and working to make the affair a once in a lifetime event: FRANK VAN DELDEN, ED SEBERA, WAYNE SPIVEY, RUDY JOHNSON, EDWIN FORD, MIKE VLIENER, LYNN POWELL, AND EDDIE WISE.

LYNN POWELL deserves special recognition for conceiving and developing the protocol for the many military ceremonial features of the Saturday night celebration.

DICK THIESEN, Faculty Member
Board of Directors

NEW DIRECTORS ELECTED

At the general meeting of the alumni association during the 1994 Reunion five new members were elected to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors.

They are DUANE HENRY BAKER '67, Dallas; WILLIAM KIRK JOHNSON '54, Dallas; WALLACE L. MORGAN '50, Brackettville; WILLIAM L. WHITFIELD '53, Alvin; and ARTHUR B. ZOCH, '51, Nederland.

The next meeting of the board is scheduled for Saturday, February 11, 1995.

OFFICERS FOR 1994-1995

RUDY JOHNSON '53	President
FRANK VAN DELDEN '46	1st Vice President
BEN SUTTON '42	2nd Vice President
ROBERT MEUTH '72	3rd Vice President
JERRY HOUSTON '52	Secretary
ED SEBERA '49	Treasurer
LYNN POWELL '66	Legal Advisor and Parliamentarian
MIKE VLIENER '62	Chief Executive Officer (Executive Director)
WAYNE SPIVEY '51 *	Operations Officer

(*) Operations Officer is a new position created to Assist the CEO.

DONATIONS TO PEACOCK HOUSE

Recent donations to the Peacock House include a beautiful crochet reproduction of the Academy coat-of-arms by Joe and Jorene Murley (it took her 6 months to make it). A Peacock blanket was donated by Donald Colbath '72. Bob Scoggins '59 wore his Peacock Dress Uniform to the Centennial Military Ball and then donated it to the Peacock House, complete with medals, ribbons, and gold Captain/Adjutant chevrons. These new donations are now permanently displayed in the memorabilia room.

TRIUMVIRATE AWARDED LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

One of the highlights of the Saturday night centennial gala was the announcement that the Board of Directors had voted to award Life Memberships in the Association to Rudy Johnson, Lynn Powell, and Mike Vlieger. President Wayne Spivey made the presentations and Col. Dick Thiesen read the Citations, as follows:

Twenty-one years ago, in May of 1973, a large number of graduates and their families were honoring Peacock Military Academy when the school ceased operation after almost eighty years. The man behind the party at the St. Anthony Hotel's Anacacho Room must be gratified to see the fine gathering of cadets tonight as we once again celebrate an institution which means so much to us. The fact is that we would probably not have an Alumni Association today if it were not for this individual who personally sponsored the Association for its first ten years: **RUDY JOHNSON.**

Eleven years ago, the Peacock Alumni Association received its official charter from the State of Texas. Before this charter was possible, many steps were necessary. The man who did all of the legal and research work leading to the reorganization and incorporation of our Association also served as its first President and CEO. He has served faithfully since then as Secretary and Legal Advisor: **ROBERT LYNN POWELL.**

In addition to holding his own successful, full-time job, this individual has for many years managed the Alumni Headquarters in the Wesley Peacock House and published the **KADET** Newsletter. He serves as our highly competent Chief Executive

Officer, and regularly devotes generously of his time and talents to the Association. He also played a major and enthusiastic role in the publishing of "PARADE REST," BOOKS ONE AND TWO, a role for which the author gives special credit in both books. This individual is largely responsible for the growth and success of the Association today and for our celebration tonight: **MICHAEL VLIEGER.**

TAPS

HENRY PUMPHREY	'28
ROY ROBERTSON	'52
RICHARD REEVES	'44
VANCE HYATT	'52
WYATT MYERS	'53


By
DONNA PEACOCK

Copies of "Parade Rest" Books One and Two are still available at \$18.00 each, including postage and handling. Send check and instructions to **PEACOCK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, 2811 West Ashby, San Antonio, Texas 78201**

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DUANE ADAMS' WIDOW WRITES

Edie Adams, widow of Duane Adams '51, whose untimely death was announced in the last Newsletter, writes: Thank you so very much for your thoughtfulness at the death of Duane. My two brothers, my uncle, and Duane's brother were all Peacock Cadets. All truly loved the school. Keep up the great work the Association is doing.

PHOTOGRAPHS IDENTIFIED

Photographs in this issue of the Newsletter are identified as follows:

Page 1 - Left to right - top to bottom

- (1) Edwin Ford escorts Mrs. Peacock upon arrival at the military ball.
- (2) Rudy Johnson, Eddie Wise, Lynn Powell, Bob Scoggins, Wallace Morgan, George Elliott, and William Whitfield.
- (3) Color Guard - Courtesy TMI.
- (4) Donna Peacock and Bob Scoggins.
- (5) Retirement of the Colors - Rudy Johnson, Eddie Wise and Lynn Powell.
- (6) Wayne Spivey unveils new Alumni Colors.
- (7) Colonel Don speaks for the Peacock Family. Mike Vlieger in background.

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- (1) At the Mexican Fiesta Friday night. Donna Peacock, Walter and Minnette Buzzini, Gayle and Buddy Bell, and Sue Ellen Peacock Hains.
- (2) Enjoying the mariachi music at Fiesta.
- (3) Mike Vlieger presents Lynn Powell with photograph of Johnston Hall.
- (4) Dressed up for Saturday night Gala. Edwin Ford, Mike Vlieger, Ed Sebera, Lynn Powell, Eddie Wise, and Rudy Johnson.
- (5) At the Peacock House Open House. Virginia Epps, Susan Lacy, Ben Epps, Earl Lacy, Colonel Don, and Sue Johnson.
- (6) At the Open House. Donna Peacock, Dottie Peacock Sanders, Mrs. Donald Peacock, and Sue Ellen Peacock Hains.

COLONEL DON HONORED

During the Annual Meeting of The Salvation Army Advisory Board at the Marriott RiverCenter Hotel May 9th Colonel Jack T. Waters, the Texas Commander of The Salvation Army, presented Colonel Peacock with one of the Army's highest honors, "THE WILLIAM BOOTH AWARD". The Citation reads as follows:

Presented to COLONEL DONALD W. PEACOCK for outstanding contributions to the betterment of humanity, through personal participation in civic and philanthropic affairs.

The Ballroom was filled to capacity with 400 in attendance. It may be seen on display in the Peacock House.

NEWSBRIEFS

MARK BARROW '61 writes "Seeing some of my old classmates at the Reunion after 33 years was really something indeed, and I am already looking forward to 1996."

JERRY HOUSTON '52 "Shirley and I want to send along our thanks and congratulations to all the worker bees who made the gala such a memorable event. It was a well planned and lovingly executed reunion to be cherished in all our memories."

HENRY CULLINS '50 received his Master's degree in geology from Oklahoma U. and is President of Christeve Oil Co. and Winnie Oil & Gas Co., Houston. He served as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force. He and his wife Beverly live in Spring, Texas and have two children: Steve and Chris.

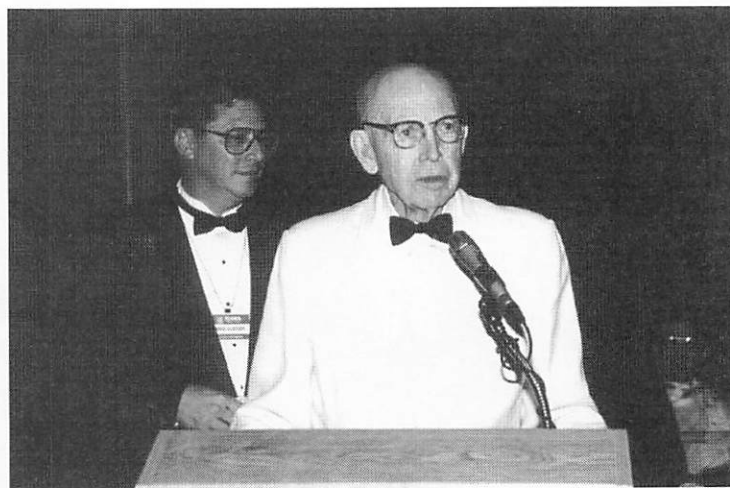
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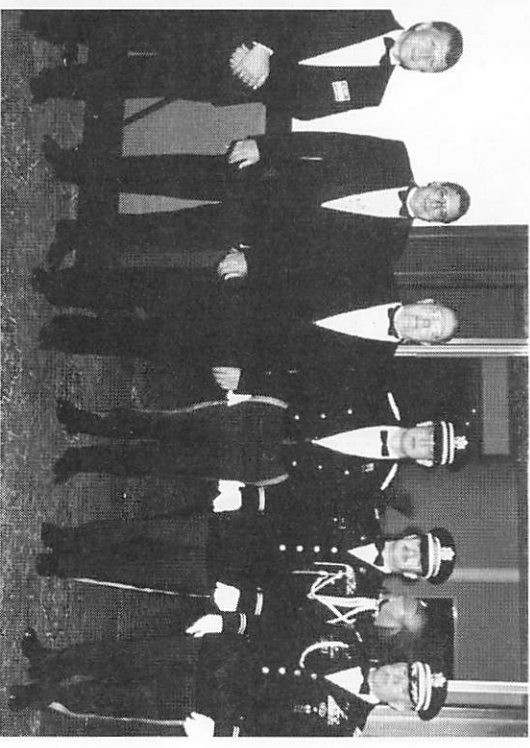
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1994 CENTENNIAL REUNION — PHOTOGRAPHS BY FRANK VAN DELDEN '46





PEACOCK KADETS ON PARADE (AGAIN)

*An Anonymous Observer's Very Personal and Sentimental Account
of the Events of August 5, 6, & 7, 1994, On the Occasion of the
Peacock Centennial Celebration Reunion in San Antonio, Texas*

They came from around the United States and from several foreign countries. Aged men and not so young men. Familiar names, but, sometimes, not so familiar faces. Yet all had something in common. All were alumni or former students of Peacock Military Academy gathering to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of their school in 1894, by famed Texas educator and Peacock Family patriarch, Professor Wesley Peacock, Sr.

Beginning around noon, on Friday, August 5, 1994, in the Peacock Alumni Headquarters Suite high atop the Marriott RiverCenter Hotel, the Alumni and their families arrived steadily, eagerly inquiring about the upcoming weekend reunion events. For many of the late afternoon arrivals, sign-in, a quick exchange of greetings, some light refreshments, and a dash back to the hotel room for a quick nap, shower and change of clothes, signaled the hectic pace that would characterize the remainder of the weekend. All the months of planning and the weeks of simply waiting for this one special occasion - The Peacock Centennial Celebration Reunion - would soon be realized.

Friday evening a large group of the early arrivals traveled by chartered bus to Mi Tierra Restaurant in San Antonio's famous Market Square, for a sumptuous Mexican fiesta banquet. Salt-rimmed and stemmed margarita glasses and stout Mexican beer with lime wedges, helped create a festive mood. Entertainment included Wayne Spivey ('51) polka-dancing with anyone who would, to music provided by an especially exuberant mariachi band. Then, back to the Headquarters Suite for more late night celebrating. Frank Van Delden ('46) and wife, Jeanette, generously volunteered to forego sleep in order to man the open bar and keep the Headquarters Suite humming for the diehard Friday night revelers.

Saturday morning reveille began with the Alumni Association Board of Directors meeting in final session, before general assembly of the members to elect a new board. The members elected all the new board candidates and Rudy Johnson ('53), President, by acclamation.

After a short break for lunch on the San Antonio Riverwalk, the frenzied pace continued with a Saturday afternoon practice session for participants in the various Dress Ball events scheduled for later that evening. Several of the wives who showed up to practice the Grand March nervously admitted that their previous exposure to military ceremony was limited to membership in their own high school marching bands decades before. Little did they know that they were in for the experience of a lifetime.

Saturday evening, August 6, 1994, 7:00 p.m. Dress uniforms, tuxedos and dinner jackets, sequined and antebellum ball gowns and the sights and sounds of flashing bulbs, clinking glassware and the low din of cocktail chatter began filling the mezzanine in front of the Grand Ballroom of the Marriott RiverCenter Hotel.

The attention grabbing command, "Saber Guard, Attention. Arch Sabers", barked by the Alumni Saber Guard Commander, Rudy Johnson ('53), announced the arrival of the Peacock Family. Picture Col. Don's stunned facial expression when, rounding the corner, he came upon eight, ramrod straight, former

Peacock cadets in military dress uniforms, with drawn Peacock swords and sabers forming an arch of gleaming steel blades, beneath which passed the Peacock Family members, including grandchildren Kyle Sanders (Dottie's son) and Paige Hains (Sue Ellen's daughter), all escorted by Ed Ford ('62) and his wife, Regina. Bob Scoggins ('59) was there, attired in his vintage 1959 Peacock cadet officer's dress uniform (medals and all).

Frank and Jeanette Van Delden's fears of a problem in getting the 200-plus guests formed up for the Grand March quickly dissipated when Ed Sebera ('49) bellowed, "*Fall In*". It was an astonishing sight. Years of ingrained military discipline instinctively took hold as these former Peacock cadets, within just a few short minutes, formed with their wives and sweethearts in "groups of four" for the Grand March.

The ballroom doors slowly opened and a trumpet fanfare from the 16-piece orchestra blared forth to greet the assembled guests. Lynn Powell ('66) and wife, Eileen, Eddie Wise ('69) and companion, Zandra Smith, arm in arm, led the Grand March, preceded by two TMI cadets in parade dress uniforms, carrying two special centennial celebration Troop A (cavalry) and Company B (infantry) guidons. Following a series of intricate maneuvers, and aided by a medley of stirring regimental marches, the guests were formed into Troop A and Company B, with a "company street" up the center of the "massed companies" troop formation, reminiscent of dozens of Fiesta Battle of Flowers parades of bygone days.

Master of Ceremonies Dick Thiesen (ex-PMA faculty) next announced, "*Ladies and Gentlemen, our guests of honor tonight are Brigadier General Donald W. Peacock and Mrs. Peacock, known to all of us, affectionately, as Col. Don and Miss Ellen.*" Then, following strict military protocol, the riveting notes of "*Ruffles and Flourishes*" rang out, followed by the pomp of "*The General's March*". Preceded by a TMI cadet carrying the single, five-point star, red with gold fringe brigadier general's flag, General Peacock and Mrs. Peacock proceeded up the company street to the thunderous applause of the assembled guests, triggering a traditional U.S. cavalry era cheer, "*To the General and his Lady. Hip Hip Hurray (three times)*". The old cavalryman beamed with pride at the honor given to him by his boys.

Without question, the next ceremony was the most moving of the evening. To the stately "*National Emblem March*", a blue uniformed, four-member, TMI cadet color guard, carrying the National and Peacock School Colors (being paraded in public for the first time in over 21 years), marched in perfect step up the company street. A drumroll and the crack of rifle slings on wooden stocks as the rifle guards presented arms preceded the playing of the National Anthem, to which the assembled guests proudly followed along in stout-hearted song.

Next came the presentation of the new Alumni Association Color. Designed by alumnus Lynn Powell ('66), the white, gold-fringed and tasseled flag, carried by a third TMI color bearer, made its solo, inaugural appearance to the inspirational "*Aida Grand March*". With the command, "*Color bearer, assume your position with the color guard*", the Alumni Association Color was joined with the National and Peacock School Colors in the now, five-member TMI color guard, but not before Frank Van Delden ('46) affixed a special centennial celebration streamer to the gleaming "guiding star" adornment atop the flagstaff, commemorating this historic occasion.

The colors were then posted and the TMI cadet color guard marched down the company street to enthusiastic applause and the strains of the toe-tapping Irish drinking song, "*Garry Owen*", a favorite of General Peacock.

Dinner was followed by the anniversary cake cutting ceremony. After

former Army Captain Lynn Powell ('66) told a true story about "an anniversary cake, a Peacock sword and a cake cutting ceremony on an army post in a faraway place," a white-gloved alumni honor guard, commanded by Mike Vlieger ('62), paraded the anniversary cake about the ballroom to "The Yellow Rose of Texas". The cake, adorned with an emerald green, gold and blue, spread-tailed, glittering, life-sized peacock, was spontaneously cheered by the guests. John Viles ('28), representing the class of 1928 (the oldest class representative) and Donald Loebbaka ('73), representing the last graduating class, using former cadet officer Lynn Powell's Peacock sword, together cut the first slice of cake. The cake was then served to General Peacock and the other guests of honor seated at the Peacock Family table.

Outgoing Alumni Association President Wayne Spivey ('51) next awarded Rudy Johnson ('53), Mike Vlieger ('62) and Lynn Powell ('66) "Life Membership" in the Association, in recognition of their extraordinary service to the alumni and former students of the Academy. Wives Lois Johnson, Ginger Vlieger and Eileen Powell also were recognized for their loyalty, dedication and work on behalf of the Alumni Association. Mike Vlieger ('62) then presented the Peacock Family Women, Mrs. Peacock, and daughters Sue Ellen, Donna and Dottie, and Mike's wife, Ginger, beautiful beveled and etched, leaded glass plaques depicting the School coat of arms, with personalized inscriptions commemorating the Centennial Celebration. These exquisite, one of a kind, works of art, were hand-crafted by Ed Ford ('62) and wife, Regina. Moments before, Col. Don was given a 25 in. color TV by the Alumni. In accepting his gift, this octogenarian pronounced, "This is a wonderful gift, and I know I will enjoy it for the rest of my life." (Don't count on it, Col. Don. They don't make things to last that long anymore).

In honor of the Peacock Family's Scottish heritage (Remember Donaldson Hall and the McKinnon Rifles, not to mention the school motto, "Let Us Do or Dee"?), the Grand Finale Ceremony had a uniquely British stamp. The San Antonio Pipes and Drums highlander group marched into the ballroom playing the old standard, "Amazing Grace". Then, to the haunting Scottish melody, "Lodgings on the Cold Cold Ground", Rudy Johnson ('53), Lynn Powell ('66) and Eddie Wise ('69) (attired in U.S. Army dress blue uniforms), comprising the Alumni Color Guard, "slow stepped" (British Style) to the head of the dance floor and retrieved the colors. The somber refrain "Auld Lang Syne" signaled the Alumni Color Guard and Alumni Flag Furling Detail (Ed Sebera '49, Mike Vlieger '62 and Ed Ford '62) to commence furling the colors in preparation for their retirement for the evening.

Dick Thiesen's command, "Ladies and Gentlemen, please stand for the march off", preceded the highlander group's heart pounding rendition of "Scotland the Brave", during which the Alumni Color Guard, sequentially quick-marched from the ballroom with the furled colors at the very British "reverse slope" position.

One final impromptu event is worth mentioning. With bagpipe music still reverberating in the ballroom, Lynn Powell ('66) counter-marched back to the center of the room, smartly executed a "right face" and saluted General Peacock (British style). Hushed silence befell the audience as the guests anxiously awaited the General's response. A brief moment passed and then, General Peacock rose slowly from his seat, squared his shoulders, and sharply returned the salute (American style). A gesture of mutual respect that the two of them had performed hundreds of times before with each other, in bygone days. A broad smile spread across the younger man's face and, then, dropping his salute, Lynn Powell with his other white-gloved hand, gave General Peacock the universally familiar "thumbs up" sign, prompting an equally broad