



Kadet Newsletter

Peacock Military Academy

Alumni Association, Inc.

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Dear Peacock Brothers,

We recently celebrated our 2018 (Oct 5-7) Peacock Reunion in San Antonio, Texas at the Wyndham Hotel by the River Walk. The reunion was a great success with many new Kadets in addition to those who always attend. Kadets at the Reunion ranged from the class of 47 to the class of 73. Weekend activities and ceremonies were enjoyed by all. Ms. Donna Peacock was also present and as you all well know she is the First Lady of the Peacock Military Academy Alumni. A white orchid corsage was presented to her, now a tradition in remembrance of the orchid bestowed on First Lady Mamie Eisenhower by the Peacock Corps of Cadets when she would attend Peacock Parades.

A special thank you goes to Mr. Butch and Mrs. Kaye Daughtry '58. They provided wonderful entertainment by The Kyrie Singers who sang beautiful old time songs on Saturday night. Our thanks also to Pete Barbeck '73 for providing sound systems for our ceremonies and entertainment. And a very special thank you and recognition for Dr. Alfred Miller '55 for his brilliant talk on Saturday night on the importance of properly diagnosing and treating neurodegenerative diseases.

The class of 68 celebrated their 50th anniversary and five members were present. Mr. Edgar Fischel '50 from Costa Rica presented some Board Members with very nice bird houses that he made from Texas license plates. Sunday we had our closing ceremonies at the Peacock campus. A rider-less horse was led by Pat Garza

'73 followed by taps. Arturo Wolf '73, our CEO, read the names of all recently departed brothers. His son Edward Wolf dressed as Peacock Kadet, guarded the Monument on the Senior Terrace with an old Zouave Springfield 03 and fixed bayonet.

Please remember that reunions are made so that we can gather and reminisce old times, share stories, rekindle old friendships and make new friends. I am hoping that for our next reunion, with your help, we will contact even more brothers to join in.

On Saturday the Board of Directors meeting was followed by the General Assembly. A new Board of Directors was voted in to serve a two year term. I thank the new members for volunteering to work on behalf of our beloved Peacock Association. The prior Board Officers were reelected and Arturo Wolf will continue the duties of CEO and I will continue to be your President.

The scholarship fund has enough funds that we may start awarding scholarships in 2019. Two generous contributors will each match up to \$20,000 per year for every \$1.00 we contribute, so I ask every Kadet to contribute as much as you can. Every dollar counts. The scholarships will assure us that the Legacy of Peacock Military Academy will continue long after we are gone. Be generous on your donations as they are tax deductible.

My thanks to all Board Members and committees for all your support these last two years. I would not have been able to accomplish all the tasks without your help. Thanks are in order for Mike Vlieger and Butch Daughtry who are on the facilities committee and have been very active in maintaining our dear Wesley Peacock House and are our liaison with the Salvation Army. My very special thanks to Arturo Wolf for his leadership and guidance the last two years. A heartfelt deserved appreciation also to Rudy Johnson '53 who inspired and fathered our Association.

I will start working on our 2020 (Oct 2-4) reunion in January 2019. It's never too early to start planning for our next reunion so save the date. I want for all of you brothers to start contacting classmates and let them know that our alumni association is well and thriving, but we need them to be more active. So I ask for your help.

My best wishes from my family to your families. Happy Holidays: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Once again thank you for the support and help that you provide me. God Bless



Raul Gonzalez
Class of 68
PMA Alumni Association President

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ALTERNATES

Frank Reyna Torres '63	William Jeff Riggs '67
Edwin R. Ford '62	
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TAPS

Thomas Otton Mudd Jr. '28
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Hugh Jones "Pete" Plummer '62

John Weiss '64

James Francis Carnahan '66

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Welcome New Life Members!!!

Gordon Cooper '73

Peacock Military Academy Memorial Scholarship Fund



Created to perpetuate the Peacock Legacy

All contributions are tax deductible. You may send your donation along with your annual dues.

PMA Memorial Scholarship Honor Roll*

The Peacock Family

Ben E. Sutton '42

John F. Kiel '47

Edward Sebera '49

Johan Heidenreich '50

Arthur F. Wolf '51

Joshua A. Tilton '52

L.B. Johnson '56

William D. Morse Jr. '56

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Gene G. Hughs Jr. '60

James C. Norman '60

David S. Hale '62

Edwin R. Kollman '63

Kenneth Earl Porter '63

Edmund Valdes '69

Arthur Anthony Wolf

Class of '53 Deceased:

Otho Bolton, Robert Bleuler, Richard Bradford, Jimmy Chamness, Charles Cole, Jack Gilpin, Robert Haley, Colon Loft, Leonard Millstead, Wyatt Myers, George Ochoa, Delbert Robertson, William Whitfield.

REMINDER!

Board of Directors will meet at noon

Saturday,
April 6, 2019

The Wesley
Peacock House



2019 Dues

The Alumni Association is collecting dues for 2019 and a Dues Form is included with this Newsletter. The Dues Form may also be used to make a contribution to the Scholarship Fund.



THANKS!

Register on our PMA Website:
<http://www.pmaalumni.org>



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PEACOCK MERCHANDISE

Caps (Green or Khaki)	\$10.00
T-Shirts	\$10.00
Polo Shirts	\$25.00
Totes	\$15.00
Pennants	\$8.00
Decals	\$3.00
Koozies	\$2.00
Coffee Mugs	\$5.00
Aprons	\$10.00
Peacock Patches	\$3.50
Lapel Pins	\$7.00
DVDs	\$3.00
Sweatshirts	\$20.00
Parade Rest Book II	\$10.00

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Please add \$5.00 for shipping and handling.

FREE SHIPPING & HANDLING
FOR ORDERS OF \$40 OR HIGHER.

REUNION 2018 PICTURES



David "Stonewall" Lewis '70 with Renny Johnson, daughter of Rudy Johnson '53.



Richard and Jan Lively '65, an elegant couple.



Rudy Johnson '53 and Michael Toler '68 who came from New York. Two outstanding officers and gentlemen.



Lee Montague '73 explaining to Tandy Walker '73 how the cow ate the cabbage.



Introduction of the fabulous Kyrie Singers. Twelve wonderful ladies who sang on Saturday night.



Donna Peacock, Ginger Vlieger and Delores Carson visiting in Peacock House.



Dr. Alfred Miller '55 guest speaker on Saturday, Marge Miller and Stewart Russell '62 during social hour.



Rudy Johnson about to lead us in prayer on Sunday by Senior Terrace.



Gary and Connie Singer '66 with Lisa Feldman and Val Gonzales '66 enjoying conversation. Gary shared a display of his father Norman Singer's 1913 Peacock diploma at the reception.



Allen Hatley '73, Pete Barbeck '73 and Calvin Littrell "hanging out" behind Birkhead Hall.



Bob Meuth '72, Tim Zboril '71 and Chris Calvi '71 remembering the good ol' days.



Tom Knight '47, Stephen Brownfield '62 and family, Carlos Randol '61 in foreground.

THE WESLEY PEACOCK HOUSE NEEDS YOUR HELP



The Wesley Peacock House, which shelters all of our memorabilia and academy records, is in need of painting and restoration of other portions of its external structure. We plan on doing this in the Spring of 2019. Contributions to this effort are needed and appreciated.

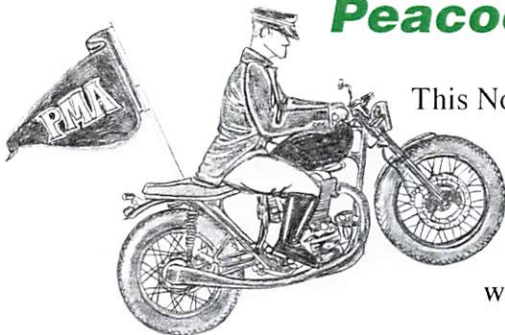
This year of 2018, the Peacock House has undergone major repairs which have substantially decreased the funds allocated to our beloved historical site. Plumbing and Air Conditioning were some of the major items that were addressed and resolved.

The Peacock House Fund has had total expenses for 2018 of \$ 9,692. Contributions to the fund in 2018 have totaled \$ 6,333 of which \$ 3,600 were contributed by the Salvation Army. The House Fund balance today is \$409 which will obviously not cover our planned restoration.

When filling out your 2019 dues, please consider adding a few dollars for the Wesley Peacock House. Every dollar counts. Thank you Peacock Brothers for your continued generosity.

Arturo Wolf '73
CEO PMA Alumni Association

Peacock Motorized Cavalry News



This November 12th through the 14th we rode in the Texas Hill Country. The weather was not totally cooperative. Monday, the 12th, was super cold, 21 degrees that morning, if I remember correctly. The next two days were more hospitable.



Colonel Raul Gonzalez, "68", our association Prez, was the gang leader of our "Peacock Posse." Jose Pacheco '69, and myself, Bruce Williams '68, just followed orders.

Riding in the Hill Country is good any way you slice it. If you ride, let us know. We will organize a ride.

Bruce Williams '68



From left to right: Bruce Williams '68,
Raul Gonzalez '68, Jose Pacheco '69

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Conrad Banspach '37 is doing great in St. Petersburg, Florida. He just renewed his driving license at age 99. He is a great hero of WWII completing many combat flying missions in both Pacific and Europe. He trained on radar at MIT at end of war and he trained the two crews who dropped the bombs on Japan in 1945.

Dr. Alfred Miller '55 was our PMA reunion guest speaker. He gave a brilliant talk about Lyme disease, "Autoimmune" and Neurodegenerative Diseases. Dr. Miller has had a stellar medical career, appearing as a guest on various shows and has testified before US Senate bringing attention to various health concerns. He has been married 58 years to his wife Marge and they have 4 children and 11 grandchildren. Please check his following informative videos #Neuroborreliosis, #Lyme Disease, #MS, #ALS, #CIDP, #Neurodegenerative Diseases, #Parkinson's, #Autoimmune Diseases, #Rheumatoid Arthritis, #SLE, #Polymyalgia Rheumatica, #Antiphospholipid Syndrome, #TBI, #PTSD, #Mental Illness, #Bipolar Disorder, #Schizophrenia. Check the following site <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCD19kTsVBMH-F0BfV3335Ow>

Dr. Lino Garcia sends greetings to all his dear Peacock Kadets: "I have great memories of my teaching years at PMA from 1959-1967. Lots of young boys that were my privilege to serve and got to know. We lived at Wilson Hall where our daughter Cindy was born, and she is presently living in San Antonio. We took a nostalgic trip around the PMA campus a couple of years ago. Enclosed a donation to the PMA Association in the spirit of PMA. Best regards from Lt. Garcia, aka Maj. Garcia, Dr. Lino.



Robert Jones '62 is doing well and living in Escondido California. He sent us the following great story:

In my junior year at Peacock, a book on hypnosis caught my eye one Saturday in downtown San Antonio. So I bought the

book & read it. Then it was time to experiment. A cadet rooming with Tommy McNutt was my subject. He went under hypnosis quickly and I proceeded with his request. I told him "you will go on a date with that girl you so badly want to date,---and everything will go just perfect on your date tonight." The next morning Tommy McNutt looked excited as he rushed into our room and asked, "what did you do to him?--- he has been running around wild all night, & we could

not get him into bed!" We then questioned the cadet and he said "it was a perfect & very real date but I could not go as far as I wanted to go."

Within a day, Col Wesley made an announcement in the mess hall saying something like "I have heard of some hypnosis going on, and that has to stop. We do not do hypnosis in this school." So that was the end of it,--- and I felt lucky to not be pointed out, and 'called in.'

Peacock did a lot for me by providing a good example of time management, and a quiet place to study. Comradery worked not only in the field. It worked in quiet Peacock study halls. Peacock was a place of respite and solace,---two very important things that seem to be less practiced in our quest for more technology. The Spirit of Peacock remains, and if Colonel Wesley, & other great Peacock teachers were here, I am sure they would say "carry on."



Bill Stewart '64 lives in Bogota, Colombia with his wife Adriana. They enjoy life and good wine.



Col. Raul Gonzalez '68 presenting Peacock Medal to Cadet Eshant Beeram at San Antonio Academy Commencement Exercises this past May.

The Salvation Army and Kaboom joined hands and together they built this beautiful playground with the help of 200 volunteers.

It is behind the Peacock House in the empty lot that was the site of Phelps Hall and earlier the horse corral. It is now being used by the Boys and Girls Club as a playground.





season's
greetings

PEACOCK MILITARY ACADEMY

Morning at Peacock

By A. J. Sparkman (Feb 1968)

It's six o'clock says the clock,
Put on your socks and shoes;
'Tis time to rise, open your eyes,
There's not much time to lose.

Make up your bed, fix the spread,
You have inspection at seven.
Sweep the floor, clean the floor.
Hurry up! It's six-eleven!

You hear the call, get out into the hall
With pants, T-shirts and shoes,
Don't lean on the wall; or Clower will call
That you're stuck for breaking a rule.

Look at the Corps, an especially Moore –
They're living in a daze;
Hold your chest high, don't fall to the floor –
With luck you'll pass this phase.

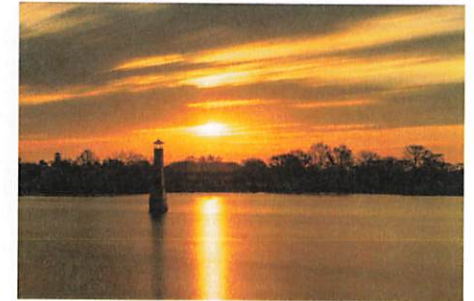
Sharp and alert, always at work
You stumble back into your room.
While cleaning your desk, call your roommate a pest,
And he'll call you a baboon.

You can't find your tie, you let out a sigh
And nothing more is to be said.
When you find your tie, you let out a cry –
The thing was made into your bed!

The rest of entire day might go this way –
You're lucky if it won't;
As a word of the ways, I have something to say,
If you want to give up, please don't.

It's happened to me and I'm sure you'll agree
That things could be a lot worse.
If you ponder a while, I think you will see
That you'll be neither the last nor the first!

The above poem was sent to us by Col. Michael Toler '68. He found it in a February 1968 issue of The Sentinel. What a great memory!!!



Sunrise over Woodlawn Lake

