

# Kadet Newsletter

## Peacock Military Heademy Alumni Hssociation, Inc.

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Hello Peacock Brothers.

Time to recap another year and like others, what a year it has been! We started with Director Mike Vlieger '62 taking care of the Wesley Peacock House maintenance and repair. Mike has been our rock in all that he does for us. It is quite an undertaking to look after our beloved Peacock House and memorabilia. Director Allen Hatley '73 is also assisting Mike in this endeavor. On behalf of the Board and Alumni we want to express our gratitude for Allen's support.

We welcomed several visitors to our director's meeting throughout the year. We have a great relationship with the Texas State Guard. This relationship will ensure that the memory of the Academy will live on after we are no longer here. General Anthony Woods, TSG Commander, visited the Peacock House and offered to house all our memories in the future. For the moment, several items are in rotation for display at the TSG museum at Camp Mabry in Austin, Texas.

On the same subject of perpetuating the memory of Peacock, Director Lynn Powell '66 proposed a great idea to the Board of Directors. He suggested a "virtual museum" of all the artifacts, photographs and records of Peacock in existence. This virtual museum would be on a restored Peacock website. Lynn's idea was unanimously approved,

and we are proceeding with the project. Lynn also generously contributed a substantial amount to funding the project. The Association is very thankful to Lynn for this contribution as well as all that he has done for Peacock. The Directors discussed the 50th Anniversary of the closing of our Academy. Arturo Wolf '73 had been in conversations with Ms. Susan Eisenhower, granddaughter of President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Ms. Eisenhower



Butch Good '67 and David Lewis '70 presenting Susan Eisenhower with plaque and picture of Coach Ike with 1915 Peacock Football Team

was very gracious, and she agreed to be our guest speaker at our past reunion. Thanks to our benefactors Ed Ford '62 and Marty Cavanaugh '67 we were able to cover her expenses and able to welcome Ms. Susan Eisenhower in San Antonio. She was outstanding and many commented that she was the best speaker we have had at Peacock Reunions. She was gracious to share a wonderful talk on leadership and tales of her grandfather's military and political experiences. The former President was our football coach in Peacock's early years.

If you have never been to our past reunions, you should make it a point to attend. These gatherings are fun and a great time to meet up with classmates and reintroduce yourself to others who shared our campus.

I would like to acknowledge the returning Directors as well as our new Directors who agreed to serve on the Peacock Board. Many travel great distances for our meetings and we commend them for this.

As always, we wish all our Peacock Brothers and families the best. May you have a wonderful Holiday Season and may God Bless all.

David Lewis '70 President PMA Alumni Association



#### PMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### **OFFICERS**

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#### **BOARD MEMBERS**

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Paul Loyal Mantle Jr. '73 Steven Skaggs '73 Doug Brew - Marine, Dear friend of Dottie

 Marine, Dear friend of Dottie and Donna Peacock Mrs. Maria Teresa Cortez

- Wife of PMA Basketball Coach Joe Cortez Mrs. Kaye Evelyn Daughtry

- Contributor to PMA and wife of Butch Daughtry '58 Paul Gowen

- Contributor to PMA Scholarship

### Welcome New Life Members!!!

Johnny Lee Isbell '57 Col. Byron Wesley McKinnon '73

Lee Robert Montague '73 Robert Moore '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.

#### New Honor Roll Members

Rudolph M. "Rudy" Johnson '53 Gary Allen Blum '62 Stuart Lee Russell '62 George Edwards Duncan Jr. '63 Paul Loyal Mantle Jr. '73 Kaye Evelyn Daughtry (Wife of Butch Daughtry '58) Paul H. Gowen (Contributor to Association)

### PMA Memorial Scholarship Honor Roll

\*Individuals are inducted into the Peacock Military Academy Memorial Scholarship Honor Roll when a generous contribution is given to the PMA Scholarship Fund honoring their memory.

The Peacock Family
Theodore James Morris '68
Mark S. Barrow '61
William D. Morse Jr. '56
Gary Allen Blum '62
James C. Norman '60
Kaye Evelyn Daughtry
Kenneth Earl Porter '63
George Edwards Duncan Jr. '63

Terry L. Royal '57 Paul H. Gowen Stuart Lee Russell '62 David S. Hale '62 Charles (Chris) Salerno '60 Darwin W. Harris '57 Edward Sebera '50 Johan Heidenreich '50 Ben E. Sutton '42 Gene G. Hughs Jr. '60 Joshua Tilton '52 L.B. Johnson '56 Edmund Valdes '69 Rudolph M. "Rudy" Johnson '53 Paul Robert Weston '52 John F. Kiel '47 Arthur F. Wolf '51 Joe Bert Killough '47 Arthur Anthony Wolf (Honorary Kadet) Edwin R. Kollman '63 Bernie L. Young '57 Paul Loyal Mantle Jr. '73 Class of '53 Deceased Class of '62 Deceased

### **2025 Dues**

The Alumni Association is collecting dues for 2025 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!

### PEACOCK ALUMNI REUNION 2025 — RESERVE NOW!!!

Come to San Antonio to join old (yes, we are old) friends and make new ones at the Peacock Alumni Reunion this coming October 2025. Peacock closed its doors 52 years ago, but our brotherhood bond endures. Do not miss this opportunity to renew your Peacock spirit.

When: October 3rd, 4th and 5th 2025

Where: The Westin San Antonio North

Address: 9821 Colonnade Blvd. San Antonio, TX 78230

Reservations: (210) 691-8888

Make sure to ask for the special Peacock rate of \$109 per night



Friday Night 2023



Dana Johnson, Susan Eisenhower, Donna Peacock, Rennye Johnson



Susan Eisenhower at Sunday Gray Line Ceremony with Dottie and Donna Peacock

### **Schedule Of Events:**

#### Friday October 3rd:

3:00 pm	Hospitality Suite will open at 3:00 pm Friday for registration.
6:00 pm-7:00 pm	Cocktail Reception in Colonnade Ballroom (Cash Bar).
7:00 pm -10:30 pm	Dinner in Colonnade Ballroom.
10:00 pm -12:00 pmHospitality Suite Open.	

#### Saturday October 4th:

	9:00 am - 10:00 amBoard of Directors Meeting (Open to All Members) in La Joya Ballroom
	10:30 am - 11:30 amGeneral Assembly Meeting for all Members in La Joya Ballroom
	12:00 Noon
Saturday afternoon is open to visit or tour San Antonio. Don Yust Hospitality Suite will also be open.	
	6:00 pm – 7:00 pmSocial Hour in La Joya Ballroom (Cash Bar).
	7:00 pm – 11:00 pmDinner in La Joya Ballroom

#### Sunday October 5th:

10:00 am – 11:30 am	Continental Breakfast at Wesley Peacock House.
11:30 am – 12:00 pmdeparted Peacock Brothers.	Gray Line Ceremony on Senior Terrace with riderless horse honoring our
12:00 pm – 12:15 pm	Playing of Taps, prayer and farewell to the 2025 Peacock Reunion.

### ARTICLE FOR PMA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Submitted by Jack Seigler '73

August 16, 2025

### REMEMBER THE ASSOCIATION AND SCHOLARSHIP FUND IN YOUR ESTATE PLAN Fellow Kadets, recently my wife and I realized we had not updated our estate planning

documents for over 20 years. Many changes took place over that time, so we set out to rethink our final wishes and we worked with an estate attorney to make things current.

If this is something you have put off, or not reviewed recently, please tend to it! Your heirs will be glad to know that your wishes are recorded in a valid Last Will and Testament, Durable Power of Attorney, Medical Power of Attorney, and Living Will. Depending on your situation, you may want to establish a Trust as well. If you have any questions or doubts about what you need for sound estate planning, consult an estate attorney, and get your affairs in order. It's an important responsibility as we get older.



ROTC Color Guard at UTSA

While going through the process, consider allocating a portion of your estate assets to the Peacock Memorial Scholarship Fund. Depending on your accumulated assets and individual situation, you would be contributing to PMA's legacy and creating a better future by helping young people achieve their goals long after you are gone. It is quite easy to accomplish this. You can specify a precise dollar amount or express your gift as a percentage of your estate, whichever you prefer. Giving is a personal decision, and you should ensure your spouse and Executor(s) understand your intentions. Revisions can be made should things change.

As an example, here are the words I have included in my Will to ensure my gift reaches the Fund after Taps sounds for me. Your estate attorney can advise you on the best way to structure things:

#### **DISPOSITION OF ESTATE**

A. I give the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to Peacock Memorial Scholarship Fund, 900 Montreux Avenue, Colleyville, Texas 76034, awolf@pmaalumni.org (817)581-7715.

B. I give all my remaining estate to my wife, Claudia Staudt Seigler.

It's that simple, and it will make a world of difference.

Wouldn't it be great if all our remaining Alumni Association members would include the Fund in this manner? What if we doubled our current endowment by all of us taking this action? We can really make a huge impact without compromising the inheritances we leave to our heirs.

### SUSAN EISENHOWER VISITS PEACOCK ALUMNI IN SAN ANTONIO

We were honored by Ms. Susan Eisenhower's visit to Peacock during our last Peacock Alumni Reunion in October 2023. She is the granddaughter of President Dwight D. Eisenhower who coached the 1915 Champion football team at Peacock. She came all the way from Washington D.C.

Ms. Eisenhower gave an outstanding address at our Saturday dinner at the Westin hotel. She shared her extensive knowledge of her grandfather's legacy, as well as American history. She answered many questions to a very interested audience. She is without doubt the most wonderful speaker we have had at our meetings. Ms. Donna Peacock, Ms. Dorothy Peacock and other members of the Peacock family joined her at the main table.

During her speech, Ms. Eisenhower gave special praise to the Peacock Scholarship recipients who were in attendance. She had them stand

up for applause and recognition emphasizing the need that our country has for great future leaders.

Butch Good '67 presented her with a plaque and picture of the 1915 Peacock Football Team.

William Hyslop '62 showed her photos of President Eisenhower and himself as Commander of the Peacock Guard that received him at the San Antonio Airport. Later, she was available for signing copies of her book "How Ike Led."

Ms. Eisenhower joined us on Sunday for our Gray Line Ceremony. She was very touched by the ceremony, especially when the name of her grandfather "Coach" Eisenhower was called. She continues to be in touch with our Alumni Association and has expressed that her visit to Peacock is one of her greatest experiences. She learned many things about her grandfather that she did not know before. She did not realize that in this corner of the world lke is still revered and was moved by all the Kadets wearing "I Like Ike" buttons



Susan Eisenhower

#### PEACOCK SCHOLARSHIP FUND UPDATE

The Peacock Military Academy Memorial Scholarship Fund continues its successful endeavor of contributing scholarships to outstanding young individuals pursuing careers in military leadership. We are proud to have now granted a total of \$150,000 in scholarships.

The year 2024/25 recipients were:

Omar Escobar – UTSA Abrahamny Guerrero – UTSA Samantha Palanca Kiang – Incarnate Word

Ms. Samantha Palanca Kiang wrote us a letter proudly informing us that she has recently been accepted to join the newly formed United States Space Force. She expressed her gratitude to Peacock for helping her with this great achievement.

On July 19th, 2025, the Scholarship Committee conducted scholarship candidate interviews at the Wesley Peacock House. We had an outstanding group of candidates and resolved to grant scholarships to 4 individuals. They are:

Niyella J. Bay



**UTSA** 

Alyssa K. Davis



UTSA

Coral S. Jungmann



UTSA

Markeith T. Phillips



UTSA

All candidates were required to submit a written essay based on Tim O'Brien's "The Things They Carried", which is a collection of linked short stories about a platoon of American soldiers fighting on the ground in Vietnam. Tim O'Brien was a soldier with the 23rd Infantry Division. The essays submitted were reviewed by Ms. Donna Peacock, who commented on their organized and intelligent expressive work.

### **PEACOCK MEDAL RECIPIENTS FOR 2024 AND 2025**

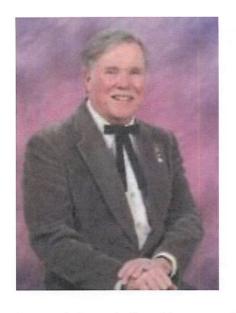
The Peacock Medal continues to be awarded to the top Junior cadet designated as corps commander for their Senior year. The following were awarded the Peacock Medal recently:

Texas Military Institute San Marcos Academy Marine Military Academy San Antonio Academy 2024
Jackson Uhr
Quinn Nash
Magnus Velez
William T. Brockwell

2025 Wells Peterson No medal awarded Kevin Chen Wyatt Minarcik Presented By Jim Hyslop '62 David Lewis '70 Earl Adams '62 Arturo Wolf '73



Arturo Wolf '73 presenting award to Wyatt Minarcik



### IN MEMORIAN

Rudolph Michael "Rudy" Johnson '53 February 25, 1935 – February 1, 2025

Rudy Johnson, named the "Father of the Peacock Military Academy Alumni Association", graduated from Peacock in 1953. He served in the United States Army in Germany, Korea, combat in Vietnam and other assignments. As a young infantry man, he went to Airborne School and served in the Army Special Forces as a proud Green Beret. After retiring from the Army, he later served in the Texas State Guard, Special Forces Association, Masonic Lodge, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Shriners, and the

Peacock Association. He was a devout Christian, Deacon in the Comfort Baptist Church and serving as chaplain for his special forces chapter and the Peacock Alumni Association. His daughters Rennye and Dana continue to serve as volunteers in our Association. We will honor our beloved and distinguished founding member at our Alumni Reunion in October.

# PEACOCK MEMORABILIA REQUEST FOR OUR NEW VIRTUAL MUSEUM AND WEBSITE REDESIGN PROJECT

Our Board Director Lynn Powell '66 has spearheaded an incredible effort in projects which include a "Virtual" Peacock Museum and the reconstruction and redesign of our Peacock Alumni Association website. In addition to Lynn, we are grateful for financial contributions from Marty Cavanaugh '67, George Veloz '66 and Ken Scoggins '66.

We need your contributions of any memorabilia including photos, videos, objects, ribbons, medals, documents, etc., so we can photograph them and include them in our Virtual Museum which will be available in our new website.

The website is still a work in progress and will include, in addition to our Virtual Museum, postings of items of interest for the public, as well as information available to Members Only of our Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Scholarship Funds, Directory, Board Minutes and other items of interest to our Peacock Members.

