

THE Kappa Alpha Journal

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VOL. II

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What does being a member of the 1865 Trust mean to you?

It means that I am able to do my part in ensuring that the work of the Kappa Alpha Order Educational Foundation, whether it be scholarships, or vital educational programming continues; because there will always be a need for it.

Your wife Betty knows how much KA means to you. How supportive was she when you approached her with idea of leaving KA behind in your estate plans?

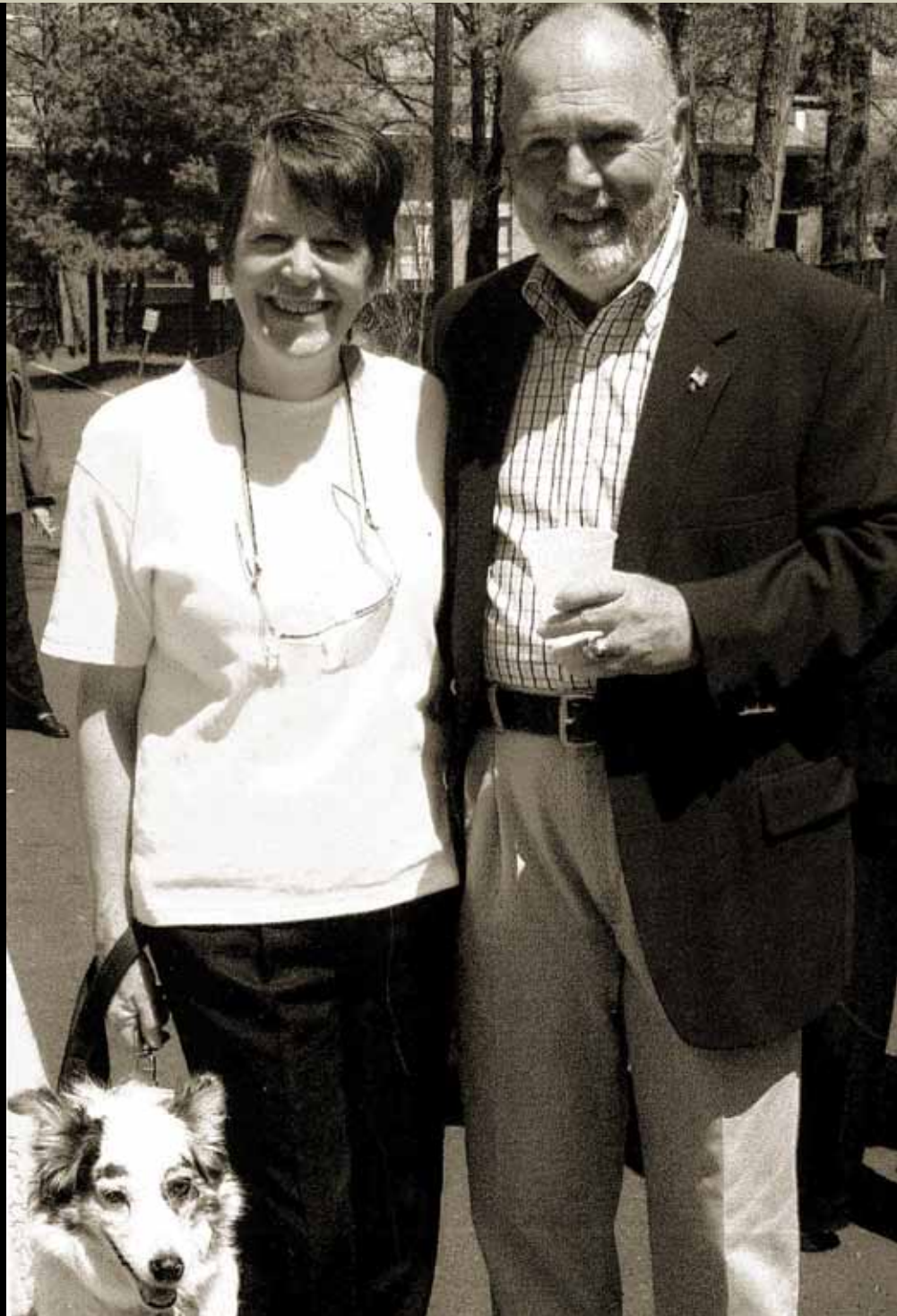
When I approached Betty with this idea she was very supportive. She is aware of scholarship money and other opportunities that KA is able to offer its undergraduate members as a result of alumni support. She simply said, "this is something that you need to do."

How important is it in today's world that KA values continue to be taught to young men? Is the need greater than ever?

Absolutely! I feel very strongly that if we do not continue to support KA's mission and continue to teach and lead by example as KA men, our youth of today will be lost. Kappa Alpha is an institution that teaches moral, ethical, and gentlemanly conduct to its members every year. By supporting the Kappa Alpha Order Educational Foundation you give KA the tools to continue to train the types of leaders needed in today's world.

What has KA meant to you throughout the years?

I have always felt very close to KA. Being able to find other KA brothers during my time in the U.S. Army was another way to connect and have something in common with them, other than the duties we were doing at the time. Today it means more to me than ever because I have continued to stay involved working with the young men that will eventually take the reins of our Order. I see a group of young men that I know will carry out our mission for many years to come.



Brother McMichael with wife Betty and dog Lacy ▶

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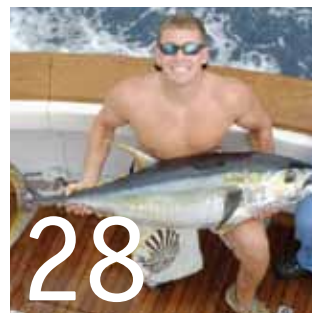
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Dear Brothers,

As we close out another great year of growth and achievement in the Order, it is a real pleasure to be bringing you another special military edition of *The Journal*. As noted previously, the Order has a very rich history of service in the U.S. armed forces, dating all the way back to our earliest members. To bring to light and recognize this great record and the many who've served, we're pleased to present Volume II of this special series (Volume I was the Winter 2008 edition).

I'm also very pleased to highlight our continued academic progress. As you'll read about in this issue, we've just recorded our highest collective chapter GPA ever - a 2.87! We commend our active brothers for making scholastic achievement a top priority as evidenced by these latest figures. I highly encourage all of you to continue striving for excellence in the classroom and throughout your campus involvements.

It is also fitting around this time of year that we recognize and thank our many volunteer leaders who put in so much time and effort to help us achieve our mission of building leaders among men. I'd like to extend a special word of thanks for all that you do to help our active members become men of character and achievement. Without you, we simply could not operate or grow as an organization.

And lastly, I'd like to take a moment to thank members of the Order's national staff and of the Kappa Alpha Order Educational Foundation for all of the great work they put into making KA the best it can be. It's not easy to do with tight budgets and what seem like ever expanding responsibilities. The Order is incredibly fortunate to have such a highly qualified, professional staff working day after day to manage and operate the many demands and functions of running a national men's fraternity. Thank you for all that you continue to do on behalf of KA and our 109,000 living members.

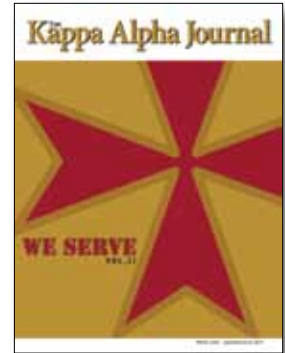
As you reflect on 2009 and all that the year has brought you, I hope you'll remember KA and consider making an end of the year gift to the KAOEF. It really does make a difference and the many men who continue excelling on college campuses across the country are a testimony to your generosity and the Order's commitment to their success.

I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. May it be a season of joy and thanksgiving for you and your family.

Faternally,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Duncan".

Mike Duncan
Knight Commander



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The *Kappa Alpha Journal* has been published since 1879. From 1883 to 1885 it was known as *The Magazine of Kappa Alpha*.

Kappa Alpha Order was founded in 1865 at Washington College (Washington and Lee University) in Lexington, Virginia. Today, Kappa Alpha boasts 124 undergraduate chapters and over 60 alumni chapters across the nation.

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- Winter/Issue 4
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Dear Brothers,

I have KA to thank for yet another incredible experience for which I will be forever grateful. This past summer I had the incredible privilege of attending the 55th National Security Seminar at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. The college serves as the capstone institution for the development of Army and other service leaders who will serve in senior positions. The week long seminar is the culminating event of an intense 10-month program of study, much of which is focused on the strategic aspects of our national security. A cross section of citizens are invited and nominated to participate in the seminar to provide a unique forum and exchange between our future military leaders and those they serve and protect.

It was an absolutely incredible week of intense learning, spirited interaction and genuine fellowship and affirmation that I will never forget. It was simply a thrill to learn from, and interact with, the best of the best that our military leadership has to offer.

So how did I, a lowly fraternity magazine editor, get to do this? Several KA brothers made it possible, the first of which was current Feller Province Commander Jim Lawson (ΔΔ -East Tennessee '68), who nominated me after having attended last year's seminar. Col. R. Christian Brewer (EZ-Arkansas Tech '82), the Director of Strategic Planning in the Department of Distance Education at



Three KAs at the Army War College: COL. Keith Hirschman (L) and COL. Bobby Towery (R) with Journal Editor Matt Bonner at the graduation ceremony for Army War College students in June of this year.

the War College, also played a key role. Among other things, brother Brewer helped arrange my placement with then Lt. Col. Keith Hirschman (AH-Westminster '85) as my student host for the week!

I was also thrilled to meet COL. Bobby Towery, Jr. (AY-Mississippi '79), who is now the deputy commandant - the second in command - at the War College. He and brother Hirschman's hospitality and friendship during the week made the experience all the more meaningful.

In that spirit, I'm pleased to bring you another special military edition (Vol. II), this time recognizing our proud history of military service and those who have lead on the front lines. I trust you will enjoy this venture to further explore their decorated service, and to honor once again, all those who put us,

our country and our freedom, before themselves.

May we be forever grateful for our many brothers who serve our country in the armed forces, and who do so with such humility, class, and genuine servant leadership.

And once again, I dedicate this special issue to all of you who serve, defend and protect this great land. May God bless you and your families.

Fraternally,

Matt V. Bonner
Editor

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is William Avery Caviness II—the son of William Avery Caviness of Greensboro, N.C. My dad is a graduate of North Carolina State University and a proud KA!

I am writing to talk about my dad and just let you know a little bit about the wonderful man that he is. I was raised as a proud southern gentleman and it is thanks to him and his love of KA. I can remember growing up and always seeing the Kappa Alpha flag hanging in our house. He also proudly wears his ring with honor.

From the time I was old enough to understand what it was, and what it means, I wanted to be a KA man. However, as I was about to graduate high school something happened to me. I decided to serve my country and join the military.

I enlisted in the Navy and just past my ten year anniversary. I am part of a special unit called the Riverines. We take our gun boats and patrol the rivers of Iraq. I just returned from my second tour in Iraq and am getting ready to transfer and be in charge of the Navy Ceremonial Guard in Washington, D.C.

In my time in the Navy, I have advanced to Gunner's Mate Chief Petty Officer. The reason that I am telling you all of this is because I wouldn't be here if it were not for my dad. I was heading down a path of failure but because of his love, patience, support, and Kappa Alpha principles he guided and taught me even when I was resistant to teaching. I don't know if there

is anything that I can do for him but I wanted to write and just tell you a little bit about the amazing man that I call my Dad. I would have loved to have been a KA man myself but it didn't happen. I would not be the man that I am if it were not for him and for Kappa Alpha.

Very Respectfully,

GMC William A. Caviness II
(EXW/FMF/SW)

Brother Bonner,

I just wanted to extend my sincere thanks for the hard work you put in to every issue of *The Journal*. I recently downloaded the Summer 09 issue (I'm a little behind because I'm in Iraq!). I thought it was very well put together and one of the best I've seen so far. Please keep up the great work and know that brothers "down range" appreciate what you do.

Thanks again and take care!

Fraternally,

CPT Adam Nickelson
(ΠΠ-Florida Southern '02)
Commander,
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Matt,

The quality of the KA Journal these days is outstanding. The military issue, then the God and Women features were great. All is well written and I love the pictures showing all that goes on in KA. Keep up the great work!

Jon Turner
(AY-Mississippi '75)



The Military Division of Kappa Alpha Order, launched this summer at Convention, was established to honor our brothers who have provided distinguished service in the United States Armed Forces. This honor is now available to brothers in good standing that are either currently serving, or have been honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces. Brothers are recognized with the Official Military Division of Kappa Alpha Order lapel pin in addition to an official certificate.

The pin features the Maltese Cross, utilizing KA's colors crimson and old gold, and has eight points in the cross, which symbolize the chivalric virtues of loyalty, piety, frankness, bravery, glory and honor, contempt of death, helpfulness towards the poor and sick, and respect for the church. To join the Military Division of KAO, please visit the alumni section of our website (kappaalphaorder.org) to learn how.

Are you a doctor or medical professional? We want to hear from you! Email the editor (mbonner@ka-order.org) the following info: name, chapter/initiation year, your role in the medical field and where you work and your contact info. We're working on a doctor/health/wellness themed issue and we'd like to hear from our brothers in the medical field.

Expulsions

The following men have been expelled from Kappa Alpha Order since the last printing of *The Journal* as of November, 2009.

Mu Chapter University of Tulsa

Fanning, Casey M.

Pi Chapter – University of Tennessee-Knoxville

Linn, Zachary E.

Alpha Rho – West Virginia University

Crews, Spencer G.

Dufour, Alex A.

Hudson, Wayne T.

Meisinger, Eamonn J.

Orchulli, Matthew J.

Triplett, Terrence W.

Zeta Epsilon – Tennessee Technological University

McMillan, Andrew H.

Government Relations Update

Kappa Alpha Order on the Hill

What is the Fraternity & Sorority Political Action Committee?

It's a federal political committee established to develop and maintain a Greek presence in Washington D.C., and which is supported by the many individuals associated with the North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) and the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC). Formed in 2005, the FSPAC is the largest PAC focused solely on higher education issues. The PAC has made contributions to a bipartisan slate of more than 100 candidates in the first four years of operations and more than 90 percent of those candidates won their elections. In 2006, the FSPAC helped support the election of three sorority women in their first runs for the House of Representatives and the Senate. Kappa Alpha Executive Director Larry Wiese (ΓΩ – Midwestern State '87) is a founding board member of the PAC and is the current president. Former Knight Commander Jim Estes (AK -Missouri '60) is also a current board member.

Why do we need a PAC?

For a number of years, fraternity and sorority leaders

"I am a donor to the Fraternity and Sorority PAC and have been since its inception. My business experience indicates that political and financial support of members of Congress and Congressional candidates demonstrates that you are serious about your advocacy of issues. You have to give to be taken seriously in Washington. I am an active political donor and Kappa Alpha Order is one of my longterm priorities for volunteer time and charitable giving. These two priorities dovetail nicely and result in my support of the PAC. I hope that others will give to support this worthy interfraternal effort."

William E. Dreyer,
Senior Councilor



have been working together to build a positive presence in Washington that helps improve the fraternal experience we offer to our members. A logical extension of those efforts is this PAC, which seeks to provide financial aid to campaigns of federal office candidates (House, Senate and President) who support objectives of fraternity life. The PAC supports candidates, both Greek and non-Greek, who have demonstrated a record of support for Greek policy causes or are involved with committees with jurisdiction over issues of concern to Greeks. The PAC is bipartisan and complements our lobbying efforts each April.

What is our current legislative focus in Washington?

More than 250 Greek student and alumni leaders went to Capitol Hill in April lobbying

Congress to pass the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act (H.R.1547/S.781). Kappa Alpha alumnae leaders joined this effort in conducting over 400 Congressional visits in a single day with a goal of reaching 218 sponsors in the House (a majority) and 40 in the Senate. As of August, there are 153 sponsors in the House and 22 in the Senate.

How Can Kappa Alpha members Support FSPAC?

Register with the Capital Fraternal Caucus - Receive periodic email updates about our efforts and how you can help. Your email address will not be given to anyone else. By registering, you help us track the success of the fraternal grassroots movement. Visit fraternalcaucus.com today.

Contact Your Legislators Using the CFC Facebook Application

A letter writing tool will prompt you once you enter your address, and it will take less than five minutes to contact your Representative and Senators. Use the Petition Your Congressman Facebook Application to get your voice heard on Capitol Hill! Log on to facebook.com now!

How successful is the FSPAC?

The following are comparisons of funds raised by top political action committees in the 2007-08 cycle.

Time Warner
\$338,000

FRATERNITY & SORORITY
\$330,000

Google
\$318,000

Road Builders Association
\$315,000

Cell Phone Association (CTIA)
\$259,000

NOWPAC
\$252,000

Contribute to the Fraternity & Sorority PAC

\$201,989 has been raised this year along toward the \$400,000 goal and Kappa Alpha has led in donations for last three years straight! Visit fratpac.org to see the current financial support by each Greek organization. This is a true opportunity where Kappa Alpha can continue to be a leader in the Greek world by supporting the efforts of the Fraternity & Sorority PAC. Go to fratpac.org to make your contribution and learn more about the FSPAC.

For additional information, please contact Executive Director Larry Wiese. 📞

Organization Rankings: 2009-2010 Cycle Contributions	
Kappa Alpha Order	\$14,958
Alpha Chi Omega	\$9,958
Sigma Chi	\$8,150

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Working towards academic excellence

Kappa Alpha Order undergraduates continue to improve academically!

This past spring, our chapters set a new all time record by achieving a 2.87 National Grade Point Average. Our undergraduates have really focused on their enhanced academic plans and have set higher goals for the members to achieve. Every semester we continue to see an improvement with our chapter's academic programs and commitment to meet higher expectations set forth from the Executive Council.

Please see the KA National Scholarship report that recognizes our chapters who meet the Order's national standard of a 2.7 overall chapter GPA from this past Spring 2009 semester/quarter.

(Please note that all grade reports were received. The chapters listed below meet the criteria. If your chapter is not listed, it did not meet the criteria.)



39 chapters made above a 3.0 GPA (Last Fall 2008 we had 33)
 55 chapter made between a 2.7 and 2.99 GPA (LY 52 Chapters)
 28 chapters made between a 2.5 – 2.69 GPA (LY 32 Chapters)
 5 chapter made below a 2.5 GPA (LY 12 Chapters)

GPA	College or University	Chapter
3.5300	Princeton University	Zeta Beta
3.4690	Duke University	Alpha Phi
3.3503	University of California - Berkeley	Alpha Xi
3.3443	Vanderbilt University	Chi
3.3430	University of Texas	Omicron
3.3337	Stanford University	Alpha Pi
3.3100	University of Washington	Zeta Mu
3.2640	University of Virginia	Lambda
3.2600	University of Tennessee	Pi
3.2500	Drury University	Beta Iota
3.2300	Univ. of Southern California	USC Prov.
3.2200	University of Georgia	Gamma
3.1980	Washington and Lee University	Alpha
3.1600	Goldey Beacom College	Zeta Gamma
3.1500	University of Delaware	Beta Epsilon
3.1443	College of William and Mary	Alpha Zeta
3.1440	William Jewell College	Alpha Delta
3.1300	Northern Arizona University	Epsilon Tau
3.1240	University of South Carolina	Rho
3.1200	Clemson University	Delta Omicron
3.1194	Missouri University S&T	Beta Alpha
3.1184	University of Richmond	Eta
3.1110	Westminster College	Alpha Eta
3.1100	Miami University	Epsilon Lambda

GPA	College or University	Chapter
3.1094	University of North Carolina	Upsilon
3.1080	Furman University	Iota
3.1000	Transylvania University	Alpha Theta
3.0900	University of Florida	Beta Zeta
3.0900	Emory University	Epsilon
3.0890	University of Tulsa	Mu
3.0600	George Washington University	Alpha Nu
3.0430	Wingate University	Zeta Zeta
3.0400	Davidson College	Sigma
3.0350	University of the South	Alpha Alpha
3.0300	Texas Wesleyan University	Zeta Xi
3.0280	Tulane University	Psi
3.0170	Louisiana State University	Alpha Gamma
3.0070	Wake Forest University	Tau
3.0000	Wofford College	Delta
2.9933	McNeese State University	Delta Xi
2.9900	Rhodes College	Alpha Epsilon
2.9700	Florida Gulf Coast Univ.	Zeta Pi
2.9660	College of Charleston	Beta Gamma
2.9640	Florida State University	Gamma Eta
2.9610	Birmingham Southern College	Phi
2.9600	Southern Illinois University	SIU Provisional
2.9600	Delta State University	Delta Beta
2.9581	Bethany College	Beta Beta

Upcoming Province Councils

February 6	Hardeman (University of Georgia - Gamma Chapter House)
February 6	Irwin (Mississippi State University)
February 12-13	Feller (University of Tennessee)
February 12-13	Chiles, Frampton (Univ. of Missouri – Columbia)
February 12-13	Wood (Univ. of Maryland)
February 13	Graves (Furman University)
February 13	Locke (Univ. of Arkansas-Fort Smith)
February 19-20	Berryman, Neal (University of Southern California)
February 19-20	Crawford (University of Florida)
February 20	Mikell, Walsh (Austin, Texas)
February 20	Candler (University of Kentucky)
February 20	Forester (Univ. of Memphis)
February 26-27	Ammen, Hamilton, Smith (Washington & Lee University)
February 27	Dunwody (Birmingham Southern)
March 6	White (Louisiana Tech University)

On the Calendar



The **Number 1's Leadership Institute** is scheduled to take place at the Caraway Conference Center, which is outside of Greensboro, North Carolina.

January 8-10, 2010

GPA	College or University	Chapter
2.9510	Arkansas State University	Delta Eta
2.9500	Randolph-Macon College	Zeta
2.9400	University of Tennessee - Martin	Delta Upsilon
2.9400	Millsaps College	Alpha Mu
2.9300	Bowling Green State University	Zeta Lambda
2.9200	University of Alabama	Alpha Beta
2.9200	Elon University	Epsilon Mu
2.9200	University of Maryland	Beta Kappa
2.9100	Penn State University	Zeta Eta
2.8990	University of Missouri	Alpha Kappa
2.8990	Southwestern University	Xi
2.8820	Western Kentucky University	Epsilon Theta
2.8800	Purdue University	Epsilon Rho
2.8788	West Virginia Wesleyan College	Beta Chi
2.8780	University of Oklahoma	Beta Eta
2.8766	Indiana State University	Zeta Iota
2.8700	James Madison University	Zeta Theta
2.8516	Lamar University	Gamma Xi
2.8450	Washington College	Beta Omega
2.8420	Georgetown College	Beta Delta
2.8408	Newberry College	Delta Epsilon
2.8330	Arizona State University	Epsilon Omega
2.8270	Hampden Sydney College	Alpha Tau
2.8140	Tennessee Tech University	Zeta Epsilon

GPA	College or University	Chapter
2.8140	Florida Southern College	Gamma Pi
2.8000	Eastern Kentucky University	Delta Mu
2.7984	Georgia Southern University	Delta Theta
2.7936	Auburn University	Nu
2.7860	Mississippi State University	Beta Tau
2.7750	Francis Marion College	Delta Tau
2.7700	UNC - Wilmington	Epsilon Psi
2.7677	George Mason University	Epsilon Phi
2.7600	University of North Florida	Zeta Nu
2.7520	Virginia Wesleyan College	Epsilon Omicron
2.7510	Texas A&M University	Epsilon Delta
2.7500	Missouri State University	Gamma Beta
2.7500	Georgia Tech University	Alpha Sigma
2.7397	University of Louisiana-Monroe	ULM Prov.
2.7270	University of Kentucky	Theta
2.7200	Jacksonville State University	Delta Phi
2.7200	Texas State University	Epsilon Iota
2.7018	Nicholls State University	Epsilon Beta
2.7000	Presbyterian College	Beta Pi
2.7000	University of West Georgia	Zeta Kappa
2.7000	Northwestern State University	Gamma Psi

KA Provisional Chapter Updates

The future of the Order . . . on campus now!

University of Louisiana-Monroe Provisional Chapter (Gamma Nu)

The brothers working to regain the Gamma Nu charter surpassed the membership requirements and were thus approved to be initiated. The young men in Monroe were initiated on November 14 by other local chapters of the Order and a full "Restoration Banquet and Ceremony" took place on December 5th. For more information on getting involved, please contact Jesse S. Lyons, Director of Chapter Development, who can place you in contact with the province commander and AAC Chairman.

See next issue for an article on the restoration of Gamma Nu.

University of Southern California (Beta Sigma)

After years of work by the national administrative staff and alumni leadership, Kappa

Alpha Order proudly boasts an undergraduate presence once again at the University of Southern California. The membership of the provisional chapter is working hard to recruit new brothers, host events, and engage the Beta Sigma alumni. A "cigar night" for alumni was hosted by the chapter on Friday, November 13 in Costa Mesa, Calif. For more information, or to get involved in new housing efforts which are essential for future progress, please contact Jesse S. Lyons, Director of Chapter Development, who will place you in contact with AAC Chairman and housing corporation leadership.

University of Southern Illinois-Carbondale (new chapter)

These brothers continue to lead their campus in GPA amongst all fraternities. Their recent efforts in recruitment are yielding positive results and their praise from University administration on community/campus involvement has helped promote Kappa Alpha Order as a positive image for Greek life. The chapter is excited to connect with any alumni near Carbondale and if you'd be interested in learning more, please contact Jesse S. Lyons, Director of Chapter Development, who can place you in contact with the province commander and AAC Chairman.

North Carolina State University (Alpha Omega)

It was an exciting time in Raleigh this past fall! The newest members of the NCSU Provisional Chapter were

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inducted on Tuesday, October 27, 2009. Members of the Alumni Advisory Committee and Housing Corporation were in attendance to welcome the new men. These brothers started the journey that all of our chapter founders have embarked upon...to restore the KA legacy and heritage to its rightful place at North Carolina State University. While just entering the process, the new chapter needs continued support in advising and housing efforts. If you're interested in learning more, contact Jesse S. Lyons, Director of Chapter Development, who will place you in contact with the province commander, housing corporation leadership and AAC Chairman. ■■■





Cockpit photo: Loper with the KA flag in flight above the north eastern part of Afghanistan, a very mountainous region. In front of jet: Loper, (L) with pilot, Capt TJ Zaremba



1LT Carr (L) and CPT Nickelson both held key logistics positions charged with sustaining the Paratroopers of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team. Both officers earned Bronze Star Medals for meritorious service during their deployment.

Those serving:

1LT Jack Carr (K-Mercer '00) deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom as a platoon leader in B Co, 82nd Brigade Support Battalion(BSB) in December 2008. He was reassigned as the Assistant Operations Officer for the 82nd BSB during the deployment, and was redeployed to the US in mid-November.

CPT Adam Nickelson (ΓII-Florida Southern '02) deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom as the Assistant Operations Officer for the 82nd Brigade Support Battalion(BSB) in December 2008. He took command of D Forward Support Company, 5th Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Regiment in May 2009. He redeployed to the US in mid-November.

Reade M. Loper, 1 Lt, USAF (AB-Alabama '00) is a Weapon System Officer, WSO aboard the F-15E Strike Eagle of the 336th Fighter Squadron "Rocketeers"

based at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, Goldsboro, N.C. His squadron is deployed to Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, which is about 30 miles north of Kabul. Loper has flown over 70 missions in the Strike Eagle supporting the troops on the ground by providing surveillance and deploying munitions.

COL Keith Hirschman (AH-Westminster '85), a recent graduate of the Army War College, is the Deputy Director of Test & Evaluation for the Program Executive Office Integration at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland. As such, he is responsible for Test and Evaluation for equipping Enhanced Infantry Brigade Combat Teams. He lives there in Aberdeen with his wife Staci and their two kids, Emily and Eric.

PATTON



Brilliant Soldier, Rugged War Hero, KA from the Virginia Military Institute

by COL M. Randall Scholze (ΔΠ -Missouri Southern '71)

PATTON. Just the mention of his name conjures up thoughts of a fearless warrior, a profane tyrant, an outspoken antagonist, and a man who was born to fight wars and win as ordained by God (so he believed). He was not only a warrior, but a complex renaissance man. He was an Olympic Modern Pentathlete, expert swordsman, a deeply religious Christian, poet, licensed pilot, sailboat master, and a connoisseur of the finer things in life. Patton was as prone to tears as he was to rage. He suffered depression. Yet, he had only one fear...his own cowardice.

U.S. Army General George Smith Patton, Jr.* (B-VMI 1904) was born into a wealthy family in San Gabriel Township, Calif. (now the city of San Marino), on November 11, 1885. Despite being a native son of California, his distinguished pedigree was purely of the "Old South" and Virginia in particular where his great grandfather, John M. Patton, had served as acting governor in 1841. His father and grandfather, along with three other close relatives, were graduates of VMI. Patton's father was a prominent attorney and politician in Los Angeles. His grandfather, Confederate Colonel George Smith Patton, was killed during the Battle of Opequon. A great-uncle



died in Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg. Two great-uncles were Confederate Colonels. Two others included a Confederate General and a naval officer. As a young boy, he was smitten with family stories of the glories of war that ultimately set his life's destiny in stone. At a very early age, he knew he was to be a general officer in the U.S. Army and a hero to the vanquished.

Patton followed the family tradition and enrolled at VMI in 1903. Not too long after, however, he determined his best chances to earn a regular Army commission were at the United States Military Academy (USMA) at West Point. Thus, after his VMI "rat year", he received a senatorial appointment in 1904 to West Point. We know that he was initiated into KA by the Beta Commission

in May of 1904 and so it is very likely that his initiation took place right before he left VMI. As a plebe (freshman) at the USMA, Patton struggled with mathematics, though was exceptionally well read in the classics and history. This despite his struggle with dyslexia. He graduated in 1909 and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant, Cavalry. In 1910, Patton wed Beatrice Banning Ayer, the daughter of a wealthy textile industrialist, whom he had known since he was 16. She was perfect for him: rich, brilliant, outdoorsy, a superb horsewoman, gifted sailor, and author. He often asked her for ideas with his battle planning. Georgie** and Bea Patton had two daughters and a son, George Smith Patton IV. 2LT Patton attended the Summer Olympics of 1912 participating in the first-ever modern pentathlon, placing fifth overall.

First Lieutenant Patton's first combat experience came during the Mexican Expedition of 1916 while serving under Brigadier General John J. "Blackjack" Pershing. While pursuing Pancho Villa, he led ten infantry soldiers and, using armored vehicles, conducted the world's first armored attack. As a result, two Mexican leaders were killed, one of whom was commander of Villa's bodyguards. Pershing was so

impressed he called Patton "his Bandito."

At the beginning of U.S. involvement in World War I, Pershing promoted him to Captain and assigned him as the first officer of the newly formed U.S. Tank Corps. In 1918, after nearly a year of training in France (he mastered French), Patton commanded the 1st Provisional Light Tank Brigade, later re-designated the 304th Tank Brigade.



Patton at VMI

On September 26, 1918, Patton spearheaded an attack leading six men against German machine guns. It was almost his last. All his men were killed except for Patton and his orderly. Patton was seriously wounded in the left leg, but was rescued and saved by his orderly. While Patton was recovering from his leg wounds, WWI ended. For his outstanding service, Patton received the DSC, Distinguished Service Medal and a Purple Heart.

As the nation began to bask in the warmth of peacetime, George S. Patton, Jr. continued to soldier on. He reverted from his battlefield promotion to Colonel back to his permanent Army rank of Captain. Such was the common practice. In 1919, while he was assigned to Washington, D.C., he met

another career soldier named Dwight D. Eisenhower. Patton was senior to Eisenhower (Ike), but they became fast friends. Both officers were subsequently assigned to Fort Riley, Kansas at the same time. Patton was Eisenhower's boss. Together, they worked tirelessly developing Army combat doctrine for armor. The Patton and Eisenhower families grew close and often vacationed together. Patton pressed the Congress to fund armor forces for the Army. Despite his evidence of improvements he designed in armor physical systems and his previous demonstrations of the value of armor in combat, his pleas fell largely on deaf ears. As he began to realize that armor was going nowhere, Patton transferred back to his roots in horse cavalry where he knew he had better shots at promotions.

In 1932, Major Patton served under General Douglas MacArthur, the Army Chief of Staff and went on to serve in Hawaii in 1935. One of his responsibilities was the defense of the islands. He warned the War Department about a potential surprise attack on Pearl Harbor. The irony is now crystal clear.

As the threat of World War II engulfed the nation, Congress finally approved funding for two armored divisions in 1940. Patton quickly jumped in the 2nd Armored Division as a Colonel and by April of 1941 he had worked his way up to its' commander and two shiny stars. Major General George S. Patton, Jr. was finally in his element. He took command of the new I Armored Corps and trained his troops hard in the deserts of Calif. to prepare them for North Africa. The first desert warriors were born.

The Army engaged the Germans in its' first big WWII contest in 1943. The surprising

result of this conflict at Kasserine Pass in Tunisia was a humiliating and demoralizing German trouncing of the U.S. II Corps. Eisenhower, then Army Commander in North Africa, knew he needed Patton on the job. Patton showed up at II Corps in a self-designed blaze of glory. Within days, using extremely strict discipline, he revamped the crippled corps into a hard fighting force that readily defeated the strutting Afrika Korps. When Allied Forces left Africa to invade Sicily, Patton had gained command of 7th Army and pushed them at the speed of light to take Palermo and Messina. When reminded that he was supposed to let British General Bernard Montgomery take Messina, he replied "I already took it! What do you want me to do, give it back?"

No senior officer could capture the heart of an ordinary GI like Patton. He was vulgar, wildly profane, and witty, and knew how to inspire them all at their level. His troops loved him, hated him, called him "Ol' Blood 'n Guts", all the while wanting to follow him knowing their best chances of surviving the war were with Patton.

Despite nonpareil successes on the battlefield, Patton's hot head consistently kept him in trouble gaining him many threats of removal. Patton often visited field hospitals and was sometimes moved to tears seeing soldiers clinging to life with horrible wounds. In 1943, during a hospital visit, he observed a soldier he believed a coward. In a fit of rage, he slapped the young GI around loudly cursing him. A few days later, a nearly identical incident occurred with a different soldier. Neither were cowards. In fact, the first soldier was suffering from malaria and the other had begged to stay with his

unit in combat rather than see a doc. Then, it seemed the world wanted his head. Ike had to field the ouster demands. He knew he needed Patton, his ultimate conqueror, yet he was dubious about his irrational behavior. He sought guidance from his boss, Army Chief of Staff General George C. Marshall (B-VMI, '01). Marshall made it Ike's call. Eisenhower took away Patton's command and ordered him to apologize to the two soldiers, those who witnessed his rampages and to his entire command. Furthermore, he relegated Patton to the job of "decoy" having him run around Europe knowing the Nazis believed Patton was to lead the major assault against them. As a result, the Germans made faulty plans.

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After the June 6, 1944, Normandy landings on D-Day, Patton took over 3rd Army. He produced astounding results with his offensive operations. In slightly over nine months, Patton's troops liberated over 118,000 square miles of territory in six different countries. They killed and/or wounded over 163,000 enemy forces and captured more than 1,280,000 Axis combatants. During the Battle of the Bulge, Patton engaged his dog tired troops in a daring

counterattack, ultimately turning the tide of battle into a U.S. victory that broke the German Army. He famously raced to save the surrounded American troops facing annihilation at Bastogne. Patton was unstoppable until he ran out of gas...literally. Some suggested that his high operational tempo simply sapped dry the lines of supply. In true Patton style, he gritted his teeth (between spitting out a blue streak) until his tanks and trucks were rolling again.

along with his close friend, Lieutenant General Jimmy Doolittle made a brief trip to California in June 1945. Los Angeles honored both men with a parade through the city. Before a crowd of over 100,000 at LA's Memorial Coliseum, Patton, wearing ivory pistols and all, spoke to a wildly warm reception. Curiously, General Patton was cursed with an extremely high pitched voice that was hardly the "command voice" expected from him. Also, as he became

the bit to go to the South Pacific and fight the Japanese, but Ike said no way. Patton's persistent misbehaving finally led Eisenhower to relieve Patton from command of the 3rd Army and gave him the 15th, a "paper army" charged with research and writing WWII history. Also, Patton had his own ideas about denazification policies in Bavaria where he was occupation commander. He argued extensively with his boss about them. And, he was constantly popping off about his detestation of the Russians and how he wanted to fight them and right now. Ike had had enough at last, relieving Patton of all duties and ordering him home. Patton blamed Ike's actions on caring more about his future political jobs than his long time military career. Thus, their years of friendship were over.

understood war and winning. He also said, "Perpetual peace is a futile dream." Korea would have been his next chance at battle. It was an undeclared war. What would Patton have thought of that? He fought wars only to win!

His fear of cowardice was expressed to his father when he was a young man, "I told Papa of my fear of cowardice." He knew all men were fearful of battle, including him. He said, "Courage is fear holding on a minute longer." But, he refused to let fear lead him to cowardice. Patton often said, "In case of doubt, attack!" He never gave himself or anyone time to experience cowardice. Patton had said in one of his many speeches to the troops he admired and adored, "There is no better death than to die in battle for a noble and glorious cause." Alas, it was not his final destiny. General George S. Patton, Jr. is buried among the soldiers who died in the Battle of the Bulge under his command in Hamm, Luxembourg. 🇱🇺

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On December 9, 1945, just a few days before he was to return to the states, Patton's vehicle was hit by a truck while heading to Manheim for a day trip of hunting. He suffered a cervical spinal cord injury and was paralyzed from the neck down. On December 21, 1945, with his beloved Bea at his side, General Patton died of a pulmonary embolism at the military hospital in Heidelberg.

In so many ways, death at 60 may have been a blessing for Patton. He once said, "Peace is going to be a hell of a letdown." He only

Footnotes:

*he was actually the III, but his parents wanted him to be a junior to his father.

**his wife Bea tagged him "Georgie"

***"Patton", the 1970 motion picture, was produced by Army Brig. Gen. (retired) Frank McCarthy (B-VMI '33). Brother McCarthy worked for nearly 20 years producing the film which won seven Academy Awards, including Best Picture and Best Actor. He accepted George C. Scott's Oscar for Patton at the awards ceremony, returning it the next day in keeping with Scott's refusal to accept the award.



Patton and his wife Bea on their wedding day

By February 1945, the Germans could only retreat as Patton kept pushing them hard. In March, a photo was snapped of Patton, expressing yet another opinion, as he urinated in Germany's famed Rhine River.

As the war in Europe was winding down, Patton,

enraged, his voice got higher and higher. On this occasion he did restrain himself using only an occasional splash of the profanity his troops enjoyed. It was to be his last hurrah.

After Patton returned to Europe, he was chomping at

OUR TOP MILITARY LEADERS

KA General Officers and Admirals of the U.S. Armed Forces

The brothers listed here have served in top leadership positions in the U.S. Military, and are the highest ranking military officers in our membership. Our first general officer was MG Jo Lane Stern, famed member of Alpha Chapter who, along with Samuel Z. Ammen, decided to keep up the fight when things looked bleak for KA in 1867. To the best of our knowledge with the records available, our most recent general officer is Brigadier General Hugh B. Tant III (Ret.) initiated by the Theta Commission in 2008.

Editor's note: The following list of over 90 brothers is not complete as we are aware of anywhere between 35-50 additional flag officers on our membership rolls that we are in the process of confirming.

DID YOU KNOW? ★★★★★



One of the youngest Major Generals ever to serve in the U.S. Army was Arthur Fridge (AM-Millsaps 1897) of the Mississippi National Guard who was only 22 years old when nominated, (23 when approved) to serve as Adjutant General of Mississippi in 1904.

- BG Thomas H. Alexander (Ret) (BII-Presbyterian '54)
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- BG Phillip R. Anderson (B-Virginia Military Institute '70)
- LTG. Robert Jacob Baer (AH-Westminster '43)
- BG Caleb T. Bailey (BK-Maryland '19)
- MG James W. Ball (BT-Mississippi State '59)
- MG George S. Beatty, Jr., USA (Ret.) (BII-Presbyterian '36)
- LTG Sidney B. Berry Jr. (AΨ-Mississippi '43)
- BG Michael L. Bozeman (B-Virginia Military Institute '03)
- LTG George H. Brett (B-Virginia Military Institute 1908)
- BG Albert E. Brewster, Jr. (BΦ-New Mexico '49)
- GEN William O. Brice (Θ Second-Citadel '21)
- BG Charles F. Brower (B-Virginia Military Institute '07)
- RADM Richard E. Byrd, Jr. (B-Virginia Military Institute 1906)
- GEN William P. Campbell (AO-Arkansas '15)
- GEN George H. Cary Jr (BZ-Florida '47)
- BG E. Erle Cocke, Jr. (Γ-Georgia '39)
- BG William M. Connor, Jr. (Λ-Virginia '29)
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- RADM Frank W. Corley Jr. (H-Richmond '43)
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- GEN James W. Duckett (Γ-Georgia '34)
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- GEN Michael P. Fleming (ΔΦ-Jacksonville State '80)
- LTG Robert B. Flowers (B-Virginia Military Institute '69)
- RADM Arthur W. Fort (N-Auburn '57)
- BG Thomas Fuller (BZ-Florida '25)
- MG Donald R. Gardner USMC (Ret) (ΓΓ-Memphis '59)
- BG Ernest A. Garlington (Γ-Georgia 1870)
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- BG Louis H. Ginn, Jr. (AT-Hampden-Sydney '20)
- BG Allen M. Goodson (BZ-Florida '47)
- MG Robert L. Gordon (ΓB-Missouri State '54)
- GEN Mark A. Graham (ΔN-Murray State '73)
- BG Joseph G. Gray (ΓΨ-Northwestern State '63)
- MG Joseph W. Griffin (Γ-Georgia '50)
- ADM Gordon F. Griffin (E-Emory '97)
- MG John S. Grinalds (ΔΘ-Georgia Southern '02)
- LTG Leo D. Hermle (AΞ-California-Berkeley '11)
- RADM Richmond P. Hobson (Φ-Birmingham-Southern 1884)

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 BG John S. Letcher (B-Virginia Military Institute '24)
 BG Maurice Marrs (BH-Oklahoma '20)
 GOA George C. Marshall (B-Virginia Military Institute 1901)
 General Richard J. Marshall (B-Virginia Military Institute '16)
 MG James H. Marshall (B-Virginia Military Institute '51)
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 LTG John M. McDuffie (ΔΘ-Georgia Southern '68)
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 GEN Jack N. Merritt (BH-Oklahoma '49)
 GEN Edmund W. Montgomery II (AΨ-Mississippi '38)
 Mr. Orlando C. Mood (Θ Second-Citadel '21)
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 MG Gordon C. Nash (AT-Hampden-Sydney '68)
 MG Robert B. Newman Jr. (B-Virginia Military Institute '73)
 ADM Robert J. Nicholson III (Π-Tennessee '89)
 GEN Randolph M. Pate (B-Virginia Military Institute '21)

GEN George S. Patton, Jr. (B-Virginia Military Institute 1904)
 GEN James H. B. Peay III (Ret) (B-Virginia Military Institute '62)
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 LTG Jeffrey G. Smith (Ret.) (B-Virginia Military Institute '43)
 BG Leo E. Soucek (B-Virginia Military Institute '49)
 MG Joseph L. Stern (A-Washington College-1867)
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 MG Will H. Tankersley (N-Auburn '76)
 BG Hugh B. Tant III USA (Ret) (Θ-Citadel '08)
 BG Joe G. Taylor Jr. (ΔΞ-McNeese State '71)
 MG M. Bo Temple (B-Virginia Military Institute '75)
 LTG Richard F. Timmons (B-Virginia Military Institute '65)
 BG W. Troy Tolbert (Ret.) (BT-Mississippi State '52)
 GEN Sam S. Walker (B-Virginia Military Institute '82)

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The 20th and 21st Commandants of the U.S. Marine Corps, serving from 1952-1960, were both Beta Commission initiates from the Virginia Military Institute.



General Pate and General Shepherd



General Lemuel C. Shepherd, Jr. (B-VMI '17), who served as Commandant from 1952 to 1956, served over 42 years in the Marine Corp. He was then succeeded by General Randolph M. Pate (B-VMI '21), who also served a four year appointment ending in 1960. Both were highly decorated and distinguished four star Generals.



USS Richard E. Byrd (DDG-23)

KA AT SEA

Five Navy ships named after distinguished KAs

by Matt Bonner

The Order is honored to have had five Navy ships over the years named after distinguished members of Kappa Alpha.

Two of the ships were named after famed explorer Rear Adm. **Richard E. Byrd** (B-Virginia Military Institute -1906), who we highlighted in last year's special military edition as one of our medal of honor winners (see Fall 2008 issue).

The first ship named after Byrd was the **USS Richard E. Byrd (DDG-23)**, a Charles F. Adams class



guided missile destroyer of the U.S. Navy launched in 1962 and commissioned in 1964. She was deployed to the Mediterranean a number

of times over the years, serving in firing exercises with NATO and various protective deployments including a rescue operation for a pilot who had crashed during a landing approach. She also conducted numerous local operations and was decommissioned in 1990. Removed from the Navy list in 1992, she was officially transferred (sold) to the Hellenic Navy in 1993 and used for the other four Charles F. Adams destroyers in Greek service.

The second U.S. Navy ship named after Admiral Byrd was the **USNS Richard E. Byrd**

(T-AKE-4) a Lewis and Clark class dry cargo ship. Launched into the San Diego Bay in 2007, Bolling Byrd Clarke, Admiral Byrd's eldest daughter, broke the ceremonial bottle of champagne on the ship's bow. She joined the Pacific Fleet in July of 2008 and is most often found in the Far East and Indian Ocean operation areas.

Named after another KA Medal of Honor winner, the **USS Hobson (DD-464)** a Gleaves-class destroyer, is the only Navy ship to be named after Rear Admiral **Richmond P. Hobson** (Φ-Birmingham



F-14 Tomcat of Squadron 51 over USS Carl Vinson (CVN-70)



USS McCampbell (DDG 85) preparing to refuel

Southern 1884). USS Hobson was involved in key WWII battles and operations including the Normandy invasion of June 6, 1944 and the assault on Okinawa. After the war, the Hobson operated off the East coast and in Caribbean waters on amphibious and mine warfare operations. She also took part in the Korean War where her fate was decided in a collision with a friendly carrier. The Hobson sunk and took with

her 176 of her crew while many others were rescued. The ship received six battle stars for WWII service and shared in the Presidential Unit Citation awarded to the ships in the Bogue anti-submarine task group in the Atlantic.

The **USS Carl Vinson (CVN-70)**, named after Georgia Congressman H. **Carl Vinson** (K-Mercer 1901), is the third U.S. Navy Nimitz class supercarrier and was

commissioned in 1982. A member of the House of Representatives for 50 years, Vinson was the Chairman of the House Naval Affairs and Armed Services Committee for 29 of those years. The USS Vinson was first deployed in 1983 and has had successive deployments over the years taking part in numerous operations around the World including Operation Enduring Freedom in 2001 and Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. After several overhauls and upgrades the carrier is still in operation and in October of this year the USS Vinson became the flagship of the newly established Carrier Strike Group 1, based in San Diego. The carrier is also a movie star in its own right, appearing in *The Presidio*, *Stealth*, and *Behind Enemy Lines*. In 1984, aircrew and F-14s from the carrier participated in the filming of *Top Gun*.

And lastly, we have the **USS McCampbell (DDG 85)**, the first ship named for the Navy's top fighter pilot and leading Navy "ACE" of all time, Captain **David McCampbell** (AS-Georgia Tech '29), another KA Medal of Honor winner featured in last year's special military edition. The McCampbell, an Arleigh Burke class guided missile destroyer, was launched in 2000 and was delivered to the Navy in early 2002. The ship has been deployed in support of the global war on terrorism and maritime security operations and is part of Destroyer Squadron 15 permanently forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan. Most recently, the McCampbell has been part of the Amphibious Force U.S. 7th Fleet involved in providing humanitarian relief and support for the earthquake disaster area in Indonesia at the request of the Indonesian government. ■●■



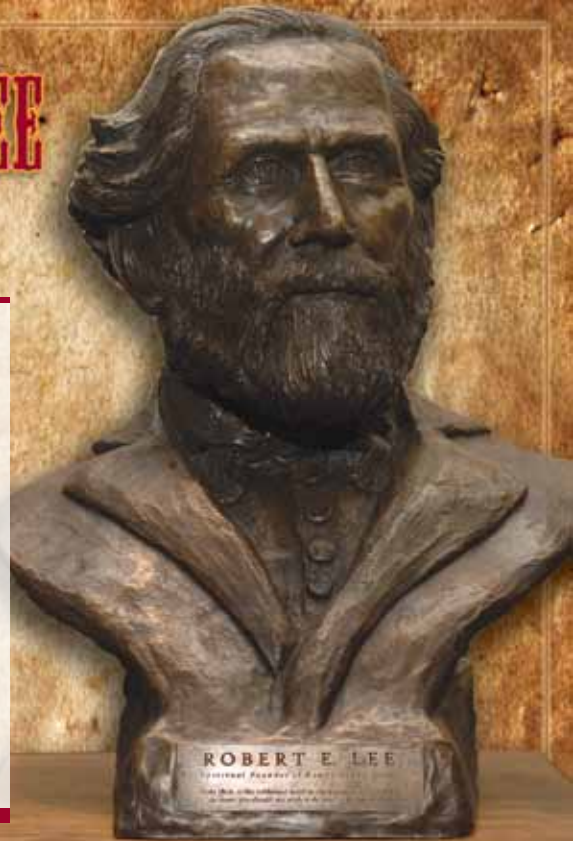
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Alpha Kappa Chapter brothers gather for a reunion in September at their chapter house in Columbia, Missouri. The brothers in attendance, a large portion of which were initiated between '79-'82, enjoyed fellowship at the house, a football game and entertainment that evening.



Above: Several Delta Chapter brothers, who were initiated in 1996, gather at Wofford College's recent 10 year reunion. Pictured here (from L to R) are brothers John David Rowell, J. D. Boone, Tim Hilton, Greg Koch, Curtis Guy, and Brent Williams, all of whom graduated in 1999. **Above right:** Mu Chapter alumnus David Bey at his recent wedding to Beth Bender on September 19, 2009 in Tulsa, Okla. with fellow Mu alumni (front row: L to R) Jay Matlock, Damon Hutson, Jason Hughes, R.J. Lasek. (Back row: L to R) Michael Bey, Phil Faries, David Bey (Groom), Ryan Crone, Anthony Sinor, Bobby Asher, Mu Chapter Faculty Advisor Roger Bey, and Richard Lee. **Right:** Forester Court of Honor Preceptor Mike Hopper (L) is presented with his 50th Anniversary certificate commemorating his 50 years as a KA by Eddie Wilson on August 30, 2009 in Memphis, Tenn. at the Forester Court of Honor dinner.

Top of his game

High school football coach shares KA values with students

by Wendy Lovell

Ken Little still recalls hearing “excellence is our aim” for the first time in 1970 as a new member of Kappa Alpha Order at East Texas State University. The words made quite an impression on the young man from Mesquite, Texas, who took them on as a personal motto he’s aspired to throughout his life.

“The brothers at Gamma Upsilon lived by those words,” said Little (ΓΨ-East Texas State ’70). “It was more than a concept that you heard only once or twice a year...it was something that motivated each one of us. Even today, when we all get together, we marvel at how successful we have all been, each in his own way.”

“As a parent, I feel blessed that my son is benefiting from his leadership, and the influence of a brother who is as committed to the values of the Order today as he was nearly 40 years ago.”

Little began his college career as a football player at Texas Tech University, but he soon found that the large campus was not for him. While visiting his best friend at East Texas State University (now Texas A&M University-Commerce), Little heard over

and over how much his friend enjoyed being part of the Kappa Alpha Order, and he decided to transfer.

The move was a good one as Little found a home in KA, too. He made friendships that are as strong today as they were in the 1970s, and he met his wife of 32 years at East Texas State, as well. Following graduation, Little began a career as a high school science teacher and football coach. This unique role has allowed him to touch the lives of thousands of young people and had given him the opportunity to instill the concept of excellence each weekday in the classroom and on the field every Friday night during the fall.

Little is an example of why Texas football is held in such high esteem. During his 36-year career as a head coach or coordinator, he has led teams to more than 150 wins, going to the playoffs in six out the past nine years as head coach and 12 of the last 20 as head coach or athletic coordinator. Personally, Little has been named District Coach of the Year four times and Area Coach in 2005. He received the prestigious Sportsmanship Plaque from the football officials association in 2000 and 2006, and he was a finalist for the Tom Landry Award for the state of Texas in 2007.

Before coming to Henderson High School, Little was head coach at Rains and Beckville high schools and offensive coordinator at Gladewater High School. All three schools



experienced their best seasons during Little’s tenure.

Little’s first wife passed away at the beginning of the 2005 season. Along with his family, his KA brothers helped sustain him during that dark time in his life. When he remarried in 2008, he moved to Carthage, Texas, so that his wife and stepdaughters wouldn’t have to relocate, and he joined the staff at nearby Henderson High School where a traditionally strong football program was faltering. After a bleak season ending with a 1-9 record, the coaches met for a heart-to-heart and to determine how to move the team forward. Little’s leadership as defensive coordinator was crucial.

“Since I had turned four other programs around, I knew what had to be done,” he said. “We first had to get our athletes to accept responsibility, develop a work

ethic and to start believing in themselves. Too many coaches blame the athletes for not being talented enough or having a poor attitude; I’ve always believed the coach was in charge of all of that.”

After a great off season and summer program, the Henderson Lions are doing well and, are vying for first place in their district.

Russell Brown (EA-Texas A&M ’81) is the father of one of those Henderson Lions and is also a Councilor for the Order. Not only does he appreciate what Little has done to motivate his son, Clay, and the rest of the team to be better athletes, but he also respects the values that Little instills in his players as he helps them become better men.

“It is literally inspiring to watch Coach Little every Friday night. He personally



engages every one of his players and motivates them to believe that every new set of downs is an opportunity to do better. The concept of 'Onward, Upward' is clearly understood in Ken. In fact, he causes all of his students and coaches to believe this," said Brown. "He does this by coming to work every day with an enthusiastic and positive attitude. The Lord has placed a dark spot or two on the woven cloth that is Ken Little's life, but he believes that today is better than yesterday. As a parent, I feel blessed that my son is benefiting from his leadership, and the influence of a brother who is as committed to the values of the Order today as he was nearly 40 years ago."

Despite the accolades he's received from people like Brown and the many trophies on his shelf, Little counts the greatest rewards of his life

when he sees his students and players go out into the world and realize success with their careers and family.

"At the end of each day, year or life, if I have made myself better or those around me better, then I've been successful," said Little. "I've won a lot of games and championships coaching, but the victories that I cherish the most are the ones walking on two legs. Some are doctors, lawyers, politicians and coaches, but most important are those who are everyday citizens who make America great—former students who make great parents and spouses and contribute everyday to their families and communities." ■■■

With special thanks to Russell Brown for his contributions to, and assistance with, this story.



Coach Little with Clay Brown

Tuning it up

Rising country music star Rich O'Toole grounded in KA ideals

by Rick Moore

Kappa Alpha Order has a long history of molding men into successful businessmen, entrepreneurs, and even entertainers. Names such as Red Steagall and Pat Boone are on the list of KAs who have gone on to become leaders in the field of popular music. Now, Texas A&M graduate and KA Rich O'Toole is striving to add his name to that list.

O'Toole (EA-Texas A&M '02) is making a name for himself as a high-energy contemporary country singer

throughout Texas, where he and his band perform several nights a week, traveling the countryside in a 15-passenger van. Those nightly shows see him performing music from his two CDs, *Seventeen* and the new *In a Minute or 2*. With thousands of miles of road work behind him, and a high-powered Nashville agency that once represented Garth Brooks booking him, O'Toole is eyeing international stardom.

"We've had six top-10 singles in a row on the Texas

charts, and for a kid in his 20's it's been pretty amazing," O'Toole said during a recent trip to Nashville, where he and his management were meeting with various Music Row types. "But music has always just come naturally for me. I even got in trouble in elementary school for humming."

Having opened for superstar country acts such as Dierks Bentley and Gary Allan, O'Toole credits much of his success, and his outlook on life, to the values he learned as a KA brother.

"Being a KA has taught me a lot of the fundamentals I've used to succeed, like the realization that hard work is the formula for success in anything, and whatever you put into it you'll get out of it," said O'Toole, who is now based in Austin. "And it's taught me to be a gentleman and a well-respected man, unlike a lot of people in the music business who aren't that way."

Eric Doyal (EA-Texas A&M '03), now an associate with an investment management firm in Houston, is a former Epsilon Delta Number I and a close friend of the singer he simply calls "O'Toole."

"O'Toole pledged as a sophomore when I was a freshman, and he was always very passionate about KA," Doyal said. "I've never met anyone as driven or motivated or passionate about achieving their dreams, and O'Toole has never given up, even when people doubted him. He's held tight to his dreams, and there's no doubt in my mind that he will achieve them."



O'Toole said that his time as a KA has helped him grow as a person, and has contributed greatly to his success. "One of the things that being a KA taught me is to learn to get along with everybody, which has helped in learning to get along with a band," he said. "And being in a fraternity taught me that there are steps you have to take to become a full member of anything, including steps that you have to take to be a full member of the music industry and the Nashville music community, for instance."

Houston patent attorney Cole Mackey (EA-Texas A&M '00) is also a member of the fraternity, and has seen O'Toole become a great musician and entertainer since their Aggie days.

"I actually initiated him into the chapter when I was Number I," Mackey said, "and I remember Sunday afternoons when I was the only person, or sometimes one of a dozen or two, when we'd sit and listen to him sing and play in College Station. You can't help but be proud of him - he's a great guy, doing what he loves and doing well at it."

O'Toole said he sincerely loves what he does, and always makes sure the audience gets what it came for. "I've tried to follow the ideals I learned in KA, and tried to record music that people will enjoy," O'Toole said. "And I believe it will all pay off." 🇺🇸

For more information, go to richotoole.com.



Honoring Lee

KA Committed to Preserving Arlington House

by Wendy Lovell



Gene Cross in costume at Arlington

As a Kappa Alpha in Auburn's Nu Chapter, Gene Cross (N-Auburn '59) admired Robert E. Lee, but it wasn't until much later in life that he grew to really understand KA's spiritual founder. It wasn't Cross' connection to KA that led to his interest in Lee, but the contents of a roll-top steamer trunk left to him by his mother who passed away in 1983.

Years went by before Cross was emotionally ready to go through the trunk, but when he did, he discovered a packet of letters written by and to Thomas S. Taylor, his great-grandmother's brother who served as a first lieutenant for the 6th Alabama that fought under Lee in the Civil War.

"Thomas Taylor entered the war in 1861 and was elected first lieutenant because of his bravery and leadership," said Cross. "He led a corps of sharpshooters and fought in almost every battle on the Eastern seaboard before he was killed at Cold Harbor in 1864."

Cross became engrossed in learning more about Taylor and documenting his family history. In 2000, his research led him to Arlington House, the home outside of Washington, D.C., the Lees owned before the Civil War. Then a senior vice president and general manager at the non-profit MITRE Corporation, Cross maintained a relationship with the staff at Arlington House, and after his retirement in 2005, he became a volunteer and historical interpreter at the home that is run by the National Park Service.

Dressed in an 1850s top hat, vest and coat, Cross spends each Thursday sharing the history of Arlington House and its inhabitants with visitors from all over the world. In fact, in addition to reading 30 or 40 books on Lee to prepare for his talks, Cross began studying French shortly after he retired and is able to lead tours for French-speaking tourists.

More recently, Cross has taken his volunteer commitment to Arlington House to a new level as chairman of the newly-formed Save Historic Arlington House, Inc. The needs are greater than the Park Service's budget allows to fully restore the home to its condition before the war. In addition to helping fund restoration projects, the friends group is committed to enhancing education programming and the visitor experience at the treasured home of Lee and the George Washington



Parke Custis family. Among the board members are direct descendants of Lee, Ulysses S. Grant and Jim Parks, one of Arlington's enslaved family; and a leading Lee scholar.

"So many things happened in the rooms at Arlington House," said Cross. "It's powerful in many ways, and the place oozes with history. When people visit Arlington House, we get the chance to tell them things they never knew about Lee, and to correct their misconceptions."

Currently, fire protection and humidity control systems are being installed in the home, but there are many other restoration projects waiting in the wings. The goal of the friends group is to supplement funding allocated by the National Park Service

to bring Arlington House, the Robert E. Lee Memorial, back to its condition in 1861 and to sustain the experience for visitors now and into the future.

To join Cross in supporting the efforts of Save Historic Arlington House, Inc., visit friendsofArlingtonHouse.org. Tax-deductible contributions can be sent to:

c/o The National Park Foundation, 1201 Eye St., N.W., Suite 550B, Washington, D.C. 20005. Donations should reference 10SAARL (Arlington House).

A life of service

Longtime Marine retires with distinction

by Rick Moore

Kappa Alpha Order has a long and rich history of influencing and producing men whose leadership abilities have helped shape our nation. Whether it be in politics, business or the military, the men of KA have held themselves to the highest standards both professionally and publicly, helping make America great and keeping her safe.

One of those leaders among men is Maj. Gen. Donald Gardner (ΓΓ-Memphis '59), whose career of more than half a century with the United States Marine Corps serves as an example to all of us who love our nation, and who aspire to excellence in our chosen fields.

Maj. Gen. Gardner retired last summer after a five-year stint as President of Marine Corps University (MCU). But his presidency was the culmination of a career that had seen him on active duty, and serving in other capacities with the Marine Corps, for five decades throughout the United States and in several foreign stations.

"I was in Japan, Germany and other countries, and did several overseas tours, though I was mostly in the Eastern part of the U.S.," he said. "I think I spent about 10 years overseas altogether."

What this modest KA brother doesn't mention is that he was presented the Order of the Rising Sun, Third Class, by the Emperor of Japan for his dedicated service to the security of Japan and the

mutual cooperation between Japan and the United States. And he served his country with distinction, receiving the Distinguished Service Medal, the Purple Heart, the Silver Star and other medals. Maj. Gen Gardner, who graduated from Memphis State University (now the University of Memphis) in 1960 with a history degree, had been involved with the Marine Corps since his high school days.

"I joined as a Marine Corps reservist when I was a junior in 1955," he said. "I came on active duty after I graduated from Memphis State." He also graduated from the Marine Corps Command and Staff College and is a distinguished graduate of the Naval War College.

During a ceremony at the National Museum of the Marine Corps (NMMC) celebrating his accomplishments at MCU, Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. James T. Conway, who had served under Maj. Gen. Gardner, called him "the last Confederate general still on active duty," humorously alluding to the Maj. Gen.'s affinity for Civil War history.

"I've got a great interest in Civil War history," Maj. Gen. Gardner said from his home in Virginia. "(Confederate battlefield) Shiloh's what got my interest started, since I grew up not far from there in Memphis. I'm reading books and working a couple battlefields for fun now, just doing history."

In addition to being recognized for a lifetime of



MG Gardner addresses KA Convention attendees in Washington D.C. July '09

service, Maj. Gen. Gardner was lauded for advancements in education during his tenure at MCU, as well as for the completion of construction of the NMMC while he was there. While he retired from the Marine Corps in 1994, Maj. Gen. Gardner served from 1996-99 as President and CEO of the Intrepid Sea-Air-Space Museum in New York City, and as CEO for the Marine Corps University Foundation from 1999 to 2004.

Maj. Gen. Gardner said that being a KA definitely made a difference in his growth as a man and as a Marine.

"I certainly picked up some leadership skill traits in KA along the way that were useful," he said, "and there

were some good role models."

Now 72, he is obviously pleased with the way his life and career played out.

"Almost all the days were good ones," he said. "It's been a great run and I thoroughly enjoyed it. And it was perfect being a KA." ■■



Cas Heilman

Cardiovascular Research Center, University of Missouri Columbia.

University of Washington

Cas Heilman '97 - recently completed a successful summit climb of Mt. Rainier, thought by many to be the most difficult climb in the lower 48. The fifth highest peak in the continental U.S. at 14,411 ft., Heilman summited on the morning of September 2, 2009. Adding significance to the endeavor, Heilman championed a cause as part of his experience, setting out to raise funds for the Jimmy V Foundation for cancer research while he trained and prepared for the climb. As a result of his "Mt. Rainier Ascent to Cure Cancer", Heilman raised over \$5,600. To learn more, visit his Facebook page, facebook.com/cas.heilman.

Texas A&M University

Les Hatch '82 - was recently appointed by Texas Governor Rick Perry to serve as Judge of the 237th Judicial District Court of Lubbock County, Texas. At the time of his appointment, Hatch was an attorney with Mayfield, Crutcher and Sharpee in Lubbock. He is also a former president of the Lubbock County Bar Association and a member of various other community boards.

University of Georgia

Paul Jorgensen '89 - was a passenger aboard US Airways flight 1549 which crashed into the Hudson River shortly after take off in January of this year. The VP of Medical Software Business at Epocrates, Inc, Jorgensen said in his chapter's newsletter "I put a new rule in that I want to be better at everything and take advantage of my second chance because I really believed I was going to die." After the incident, some of the first people to call him were his chapter brothers. "I've had lasting friendships that

will continue for the rest of my life. KA was clearly the best group of guys to become a part of and I have great memories from my time with all of them," he said. Jorgensen lives with his wife, Meredith, and his two young daughters Blake (5) and Ryan (3) in Charlotte, N.C.

Alumni Updates:



Missouri State University

Derrick Sims '02 - was married to Megan Johnson, an Alpha Chi Omega alumna from Missouri State, on July 10 of this year in Parkville, Missouri where a large gathering of Gamma Beta chapter brothers were in attendance. Featured at the reception was a KA themed grooms cake! Sims has received his CPA license and is a staff accountant at Meara Welch Browne, P.C. They reside in the Kansas City area.

Louisiana Tech University

Dr. James D. Sandefur '59

was honored by the Optometry Association of Louisiana recently. The Association created a new award for outstanding service to the profession of Optometry and named it the Dr. James Sandefur Distinguished Service Award. The award is not expected to be an annual award, rather, only conferred when there is a deserving recipient. In addition, the Association presented the first award to Dr. Sandefur at the Association's Annual Convention for his many years of outstanding service to the profession.

University of Missouri

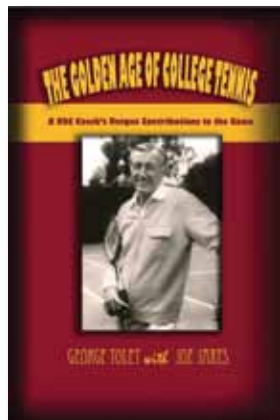
Ed Blaine '59 - has been named a distinguished Eagle Scout by the Great Rivers Council of the Boy Scouts of America in Columbia, Missouri. Blaine, who played professional football with the Green Bay Packers and Philadelphia Eagles, is a prominent pharmaceutical researcher, and the Director of the John M. Dalton



Mr. & Mrs. Derrick Simms

Western Carolina University

Georgia Tech head football coach **Paul Johnson '77** has led his Yellow Jackets to a 9-1 record and a #7 ranking in the BCS standings. His success story at Tech is discussed in a featured story titled "Options All Around" in the November 16th issue of Sports Illustrated. His high scoring, flexbone triple option offense is ranked second in the nation with 314.9 yards on the ground. Johnson first used the flexbone offense as an offensive coordinator at Georgia Southern in 1985 and used it during 11 seasons as head coach at Georgia Southern (five years) and Navy (six years). ■■■



The Golden Age of College Tennis

By George Toley with Joe Jares (BΣ – USC '56)

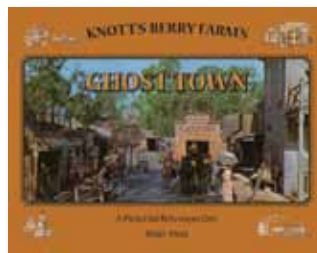
This book is the biography of famed USC tennis coach George Toley, who recently died at the age of 91. As written with veteran journalist and KA Joe Jares, the book follows the life and career development of a man heralded as one of the great tennis coaches and teachers of all time. In addition to his USC successes, he later toured the world as coach to championship player Raul Ramirez. Toley became known as the “Father of Mexican Tennis” for his work with players from Mexico, and also coached USC KAs Chris Lewis (Beta Sigma-Southern California '75) and Ramsey Earnhart (Beta Sigma-Southern California '61).

Along with a comprehensive history of his extensive championship record, this book is a fine look at the history of the sport from one of the men who helped mold many championship players. Author Jares, who knew Toley for more than three decades, does a great job in communicating his memories of, and reverence for, the sport and the many players he mentored. Available at www.americasgroup.com/The_Golden_Age_of_College_Tennis.htm.

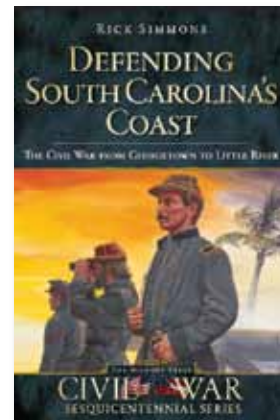
Knott's Berry Farm's Ghost Town: A Pictorial Retrospective, 1940-1968

By Dave Bourne (BΣ – USC '58)

Author Dave Bourne celebrates the history of the legendary tourist attraction (now a major theme park) Knott's Berry Farm, where a Ghost Town was built in 1940 to entertain long lines of restaurant patrons. As the attraction grew, it began to offer live music, gunfighter shows, parades, kids' activities and much more, and became world-renowned as a tourist destination that offered far more than the boysenberry jam that had originally been its hallmark.



The dozens of great photos in this nicely designed pictorial, some obviously painstakingly restored, are worth many thousands of words. The book will not only appeal to those who live in California, but to anyone interested in the general entrepreneurial pioneer spirit that developed the West as we know it today. With dozens of pictures of the Ghost Town, its attractions, and the numerous Western musical entertainers who performed there (including the author), this book is an excellent pictorial of the development of a legendary Southern California tourist attraction. Available only at saloonpiano.com



Defending South Carolina's Coast: the Civil War from Georgetown to Little River

By Dr. Rick Simmons (ΔO-Clemson '77)

Dr. Simmons examines the often-overlooked stories of the South Carolina coast from Georgetown to Little River during the Civil War. As a base of operations for more than 3,000 troops early in the War and as the site of more than a dozen forts, almost every inch of the coast was affected by and hotly contested during the Civil War. From the skirmishes at Fort Randall in Little River and the repeated Union naval bombardments of Murrells Inlet, to the unrealized potential of the massive fortifications at Battery White and the sinking of the U.S.S. Harvest Moon in Winyah Bay, the area's colorful Civil War history is fully documented here for the first time.

Dr. Simmons is the holder of the George K. Anding Endowed Professorship at Louisiana Tech University, where he is currently the Director of the Center for Academic and Professional Development, and faculty advisor for Gamma Alpha chapter. 🇺🇸

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Beta Chi brothers Joseph Johns, left, and Rob Hilton-Devitt took part in the chapter's food drive for the needy.

Alpha Mu Chapter Millsaps College

After a very successful rush, the men of Alpha Mu received 21 new members into the Order. The new pledge class was the largest pledge class amongst all four fraternities at Millsaps. The chapter also participated in its first Operation Crimson Gift blood drive since 2005. The brothers teamed up with Mississippi Blood Services for the day-long event on the Millsaps campus, which was a great success with



Dr. Patricia Shields, featured speaker at "Breastfest of Champions," with Beta Kappa President W. Regis Fox.

strong student and faculty participation.

Alpha Nu Chapter The George Washington University

Fall 2009 Rush for the chapter was a month long with weekly events, including a hot dog eating contest, a pig roast, and a Maryland crab dinner. New members, as well as ladies from Delta Gamma, Pi Beta Phi, and Chi Omega attended the events and supported the chapter. The gentlemen gave out 10 bids and inducted eight new members. Alpha Nu's fall intramurals started off well with flag football.

Alpha Theta Chapter Transylvania University

The men of Alpha Theta had another successful Rush last fall, acquiring 19 new members. The brothers have also enjoyed good times and camaraderie remodeling their chapter room, and are raising money for further additions.

Order of Omega celebrates 50 years

Thirty-four KAs added to the rolls in milestone year

The following brothers were initiated into the National Order of Omega in what is a milestone year for the organization founded in 1959. Celebrating its 50th year, the leadership honor society for fraternity and sorority members has chartered over 500 chapters throughout the United States and Canada; initiated over 200,000 members; and awarded over \$800,000 through its scholarship, fellowship, and outstanding chapter award programs.

Order of Omega's purpose is to recognize fraternity men and women who have attained a high standard of scholarship and leadership in interfraternal activities, to encourage them to continue along this line, and inspire others to strive for similar conspicuous attainment. It unites outstanding fraternity men and women to help create an atmosphere where ideas and issues can be discussed openly across Greek lines and to help work out solutions.

- James Andrew Barham, Delta State University
- James W. Berry III, Clemson University
- Samuel Carstensen, Wake Forest University
- Benjamin Dycus, Transylvania University
- William B. Edwards, University of Southern Indiana
- Damon Flowers Jr., Clemson University
- Charles Gautier, University of Mississippi
- Aaron Gladstone, Arizona State University
- David Henington, Centenary College of Louisiana
- Jake Howse, Florida State University
- Jeff Johnston, Clemson University
- Nick Joyner, Wake Forest University
- Alexander Kovalic, Rhodes College
- Erick Kuhlmann, Washington College
- Taylor Curtis Carter, Lansdale Western Kentucky University
- Michael Lewis, Rhodes College
- Sean Manners, Westminster College
- Mike Martin, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
- John Taylor, Miller Delta State University
- Jeffrey Steven Moad, Western Kentucky University
- Alex Musser, Texas Wesleyan University
- Scott Newlon, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
- James Pearson Hill, Randolph-Macon College
- Peter Pryor, Wake Forest University
- Josh Randle, University of Mississippi
- Steve Reuter, Washington College
- Steven Kyle Rodgers, Delta State University
- Jacob Roth Southern, Illinois University, Carbondale
- Michael Saporito, Texas A & M University, Commerce
- David Steele, University of Mississippi
- Jason Warncke, Westminster College
- Keenan Wheeler, Washington College
- Benjamin Wheeler, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
- Jim Witherspoon, Vanderbilt University

On Campus



Participating in a marathon



Murphy (L) in Sadr city a few days before he was hit by the IED.

A wanted man

Veteran's character, leadership strong draw for FSU KAs by Wendy Lovell

Luke Murphy doesn't fit the profile of the kind of student the brothers of Gamma Eta at Florida State University typically rush. For one thing, he's 28 years old. For another he served two tours in Iraq and left the military in 2007 following a year-long stay at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

A U.S. Army staff sergeant on his second combat tour, Murphy lost his right leg and his left leg was severely damaged in a roadside bomb attack in 2006. Following his release from the Army, Murphy became a student at Tallahassee Community College and this fall, he followed in his father's footsteps by attending Florida State.

Murphy caught the attention of the brothers of Gamma Eta not because of his differences, but because of his commitment to the values they share. They also enjoy his company and appreciate the

leadership skills he'll bring to their chapter.

Jake Howse (ΓH-Florida State '05), a former Number 1, met Murphy at a sorority date function and was immediately drawn to him.

"During the short time I spoke to Luke, I was impressed by his gentlemanly behavior towards his date and others," said Howse. "We were all humbled that he wanted to be a part of our organization. There was no question that we wanted Luke—he has strong social skills and a dedication to his country, and he's a Purple Heart recipient. We are lucky to have him in the Order."

When Murphy began studying at Florida State, he wasn't interested in joining a fraternity. However, a friend thought he might consider Kappa Alpha because the members share Murphy's values. After meeting some of the brothers, Murphy agreed and has enjoyed getting to the



Jake Howse, Former Number 1, Luke Murphy, Evan Neihaus new member educator, Patrick Conrad, current Number 1.

members of the Order and his fellow pledges.

"A lot of people at this age are inconsiderate and immature but not these guys," said Murphy. "I got dealt a bad hand but I've kept on trucking, and having a good attitude has opened a lot of doors for me and has allowed me to meet some really good people. The

guys I'm pledging with are great, and I'm looking forward to being a member of KA."

Despite his injuries, Murphy has indeed kept on trucking. Like many young men his age, he hunts, fishes, swims, rock climbs and - amazingly- skis black diamond mountains. He's even completed several marathons riding a hand-



Murphy rock climbing in Tulluride, Colo. in June of this year.

"I got dealt a bad hand but I've kept on trucking, and having a good attitude has opened a lot of doors for me and has allowed me to meet some really good people."

powered bicycle. That winning attitude is one of the attributes Howse thinks makes Murphy a great leader not only for the fraternity, but in his future beyond Florida State.

"Luke encourages our chapter members to strive for the highest degree of excellence without complaining about our circumstances," said Howse. "What we deal with on a daily basis pales in comparison to what he faces each day. Through Luke's example, we are reminded of what great Americans practice each day—sacrifice, duty, honor and character."

Those characteristics will serve Murphy well as a Kappa Alpha brother, but they will come in handy down the road. A political science major, Murphy hopes one day to become a senator, and if you ask the brothers of Gamma Eta, that will be an easy goal for him to reach. ■■■



Murphy skiing in Telluride in February of this year.

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Beta Chi Chapter West Virginia Wesleyan

The brothers of Beta Chi took part in a canned food drive at a local Wal-Mart in September, with community members donating canned goods and other non-perishable items to the Upshur County Parish House. At the end of the long rainy day, the brothers had collected around 800 pounds of food.

Beta Kappa Chapter University of Maryland, College Park

The brothers of Beta Kappa recently held the "Breastfest of Champions," a successful philanthropic event to raise money for breast cancer research. Featuring Dr. Patricia Shields, an instructor at UMCP who spoke about her experience with breast cancer, the event raised almost \$9,000.



Zeta Iota chapter

Beta Epsilon Chapter University of Delaware

The brothers of Beta Epsilon enjoyed another tremendous semester at UDel with several community service projects, including street and park

cleanups. Some of the older brothers took part in the Mentor program, and seniors and fraternity officers enjoyed several dining opportunities with various alumni.

Beta Tau Chapter Mississippi State University

The gentlemen of Beta Tau have made community service a top priority with their involvement in several projects benefiting the Starkville area.



Wake Forest University Tau brothers from the winning team of this year's Hubie Poteat Alumni Golf Tournament.

The brothers hosted their first annual MDA Beta Tau Memorial Golf Tournament, which included the Greek and city communities, raising over \$3,000 for MDA. The chapter also has been assisting a family dealing with the effects of muscular dystrophy, doing "honey do's" around the patient's house and helping the parents in any way possible.

The men have also adopted a section of Highway 25, and the new members of Beta Tau participated in a community service project cleaning up the Noxubee Wildlife Refuge, picking up litter, cleaning sidewalks, and weeding flowerbeds around the area. The men are greatly satisfied with all that has been accomplished but are eager to continue their hard work.



Epsilon Theta brothers Casey Brummett, left, and Evan Conder enjoying themselves at the Montgomery Gentry fundraising concert for MDA at WKU.

**Delta Chapter
Wofford College**

The men of Delta held their 30th Annual Alumni Breakfast at the Country Club of Spartanburg in October, where Paul S. Atkins, former Securities & Exchange Commissioner and Delta alumnus, was the keynote speaker. More than 150 brothers and alumni attended the event as the chapter celebrated its 140th anniversary. Homecoming weekend activities included a large turnout at a tailgate party with live music at the house, and the chapter had a successful Rush with 23 new members.

**Delta Omicron Chapter
Clemson University**

The brothers of Delta Omicron held their annual KA Bass Tournament, which raised over \$500 for MDA. The men of the chapter have participated in several social events, including Mountain Weekend and a weekly Bible study that continues to grow in attendance.

**Epsilon Beta Chapter
Nicholls State University**

The brothers of Epsilon Beta are proud to announce that the chapter, which recently stood at nine men, currently has nearly 30 active members. The men held a successful 1st

Annual Kappa Alpha Order Family Day, and many of the brothers were involved in such philanthropic activities as the Race for the Cure, Darius Goes West, and the coaching of recreational sports for children. In addition, the men are proud that the chapter's former advisor, Norbert "Norby" Chabert, was elected to fill vacated Louisiana District 20 State Senate seat, with much of the active chapter involved in his election campaign.

**Epsilon Iota Chapter
Texas State University**

Epsilon Iota has been involved in various community service and community building activities. The first

of Service), giving the Greek men of TSU the chance to compete with TSU athletes in basketball, baseball, volleyball, swimming, and soccer. All proceeds benefited the Special Olympics of Texas, with reportedly more than \$1,000 raised by the event. Epsilon Iota also participated in the Community Clean Up in October, cleaning the river and park area that is used by local community members and tourists in the San Marcos area.

**Epsilon Kappa Chapter
Southeastern Louisiana University**

Epsilon Kappa brothers participated in the Multiple Sclerosis "Tour for the Cure"



Zeta brothers (from L to R) Tripp Howerin, Greg Manuel, Jonathan Shular, Bryan Hannum, Joe Varner, Tristan McDonald, and James Robinson work on a road cleanup project in Ashland, Va.

of these events, "Greek Joes vs. College Pros," was created by brother Jeremy Klaff (Interfraternity Council VP

Bike-A-Thon, and also held two on-campus blood drives this year, with both blood drives boasting 100%



Brothers from Epsilon Kappa participated in the Multiple Sclerosis "Tour for the Cure" Bike-A-Thon.

participation by actives as well as Rose Court. For Memorial Day many of the gentlemen participated in the MDA Telethon by answering phones, as well as talking about the chapter on live TV.

For homecoming, many of the brothers invited their parents, and the house was packed with moms showing baby pictures and alumni watching the game. Many of the men celebrated Old South, and had a great time camping and spending time together

dressed as Civil War soldiers.

**Epsilon Omega Chapter
Arizona State University**

The brothers of Epsilon Omega hosted their first annual philanthropic event to raise money for MDA, called KA KARNIVAL. They also have volunteered their time for the non-profit organization Ear Candy to help provide kids access to music education.

**Epsilon Rho Chapter
Purdue University**

After receiving the

Ammen award, the brothers of Epsilon Rho continued their momentum by increasing their presence on campus and conducting a successful Rush. In addition, the chapter has been involved in a number of philanthropic activities, including a 5k run/walk for the Leukemia Society and Fuzzy Football for underprivileged children.

**Epsilon Theta Chapter
Western Kentucky University**

The brothers of Epsilon Theta had a very successful fall Rush, resulting in a pledge class of 19 gentlemen. In September, the chapter co-sponsored a philanthropy event with the local Alpha Omicron Pi chapter, a Montgomery Gentry concert at Diddle Arena on the WKU campus that raised around \$32,000 for MDA. Other service projects undertaken by the chapter include "Adopt-a-Highway" and participation in WKU's Relay for Life. Epsilon Theta currently leads the campus in intramurals, and the men look to capture their first three-peat in the chapter's history.

**Mu Chapter
University of Tulsa**

Summer and formal Rush efforts have paid off for the men of Mu, with a 12 man pledge class, keeping the house strong at 48 active members. Mu chapter's annual philanthropy week was also a great success with dinner, Trivia Night and Karaoke activities raising over \$1,300 for MDA.

**Pi Chapter
University of Tennessee**

The men of Pi hosted an exceptional First Annual Parent's Weekend in September, with a formal dinner on Friday night and a BBQ tailgate on Saturday before the Tennessee-Ohio football game. The event was a great success with over 150 attendees including parents, brothers, the chapter's Alumni Advisory Committee and Faculty Advisor, and Province Commander. In addition, academic excellence led to the chapter's being awarded the 2008-2009 Dean's Cup for Academic Excellence.



Pi Chapter new members and active members at the Lexington Triad during their visit to Lexington, Va. this fall.



Zeta Nu Chapter with their first place Greek Week trophy.

Fall 2009 recruitment led to the initiation of 14 new members, giving Pi a total of 58 active members since its re-chartering in 2008. To help new members understand the history and depth of KA, new members, along with 10 active brothers, traveled to KA's

birthplace in Lexington, Va, where they toured Mulberry Hill, saw the Lexington Triad, visited the gravesites of Stonewall Jackson and Samuel Z. Ammen, and, of course, spent time at Lee Chapel. The brothers are also looking forward to the groundbreaking for a new chapter house in the near future.

**Sigma Chapter
Davidson College**

Sigma chapter has been working on a number of community service events, including a garage sale to raise money for a local daycare, co-hosting a dinner on sustainable pig farming with the Environmental Action Coalition, and running a booth for the Ada Jenkins Community Center in the Halloween carnival. With the support of some loyal alumni, the brothers raised over \$1,700 dollars for the house at their Alumni Pig Pickin'/Bluegrass Band Reunion. The chapter also did well with recruitment during an extended Rush.



Bryan Register (BZ-Florida '07) was recognized as an "Anderson Scholar of Highest Distinction" at UF's Fall Convocation in October. A Finance major and current Number VI, Bryan maintained a perfect GPA for his first two years at UF, an achievement accomplished by only 166 students in his freshman class of approximately 10,000. At BZ, Bryan follows his father and former Province Commander, Len (BZ-Florida '74), and his uncles, Steve (BZ-Florida '75) and Chuck (BZ-Florida '79).

**Tau Chapter
Wake Forest University**

The gentlemen of Tau held their Crimson Gift blood drive, which was the second most successful blood drive ever held at Wake Forest. This fall also marked the third playing of the Hubie Poteat Alumni Golf Tournament, with more than 70 alumni and current brothers participating. The fraternity has seen its grade point average improve, and is

currently ranked 6th out of 13 fraternities with a 3.007 GPA.

**Theta Chapter
University of Kentucky**

Twenty new members whom Theta chapter initiated this past year are the strongest in terms of size and in quality that the chapter has seen in recent times, with several immediately placed in officer and committee chair positions. Fall recruiting saw 25 new



Members of Delta Omicron participate in a Bible study.



Zeta Rho new members at their new member induction ceremony

pledges. The chapter also hosted the annual KA/KD Kapture the Flag Tournament, raising several hundred dollars for MDA.

**Zeta Eta Chapter
The Pennsylvania State
University**

Despite the fact that the men of Zeta Eta do not have a chapter house, they have moved forward and focused on productive ways to stay active as a fraternity, such as philanthropy. The brothers are proud of their association with THON, a philanthropic 48-hour dance marathon with Penn State students that benefits The Four Diamonds Fund, which covers medical expenses for children with cancer at the Hershey Medical Center in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Six Zeta Eta brothers participated in the dancing for 48 straight hours, helping raise more than \$31,000.

**Zeta Iota Chapter
Indiana State University**

Zeta Iota participated in the annual Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon over the Labor Day weekend. The chapter,

along with local television personalities, helped raise over \$144,000 for MDA. Zeta Iota has participated in the MDA Telethon since its establishment in Terre Haute in 1996.

**Zeta Nu Chapter
University of North Florida**

Zeta Nu extended bids to 13 new members and held its first annual Alumni-Undergrad Softball Tournament. The chapter had 15 brothers participate in a beach cleanup, and took first place in both Greek Week and Zeta Tau Alpha's Fraternity Roundup.

**Zeta Omicron Chapter
University of Southern
Indiana**

The brothers of Zeta Omicron had 12 men accept bids this fall for their 2009 Bid Day, with the chapter projected to reach a total of 36 men after initiation. Zeta Omicron also held its annual Old South Ball on the Belle of Cincinnati riverboat, enjoying the scenery along the Ohio River, where the brothers received their annual awards and their Kappa Alpha Rose

was announced. The brothers also participated in the Delta Zeta's annual Turtle Tug, the Delta Zeta's philanthropy to support Paint-A-Turtle Camp.

**Zeta Pi Chapter
Florida Gulf Coast University**

The brothers of Zeta Pi hosted a travelling Old South in Madison, Georgia, with the weekend featuring a formal dinner held at Madison's historic Heritage Hall, at which the Rose and Magnolia Court arrived by horse and carriage. Several successful Rush events resulted in the addition of 15 new members, the chapter's targeted goal. Maintaining active in Crusade, Zeta Pi has recently passed five brothers through Phase 2 of the program, and currently has 15 members going through Phase 3. The brothers are planning a philanthropy event with ZTA to support MDA and the Susan G. Komen foundation.

**Zeta Chapter
Randolph-Macon College**

The gentlemen of Zeta welcomed their alumni brothers visiting RMC for

homecoming, and had the opportunity to introduce the chapter's new members to KAs from as far back as the class of '49. The men are proud that, during recruitment week, KA received more members awaiting initiation than any other fraternity on campus, with 25% of males joining fraternities becoming KAs.

The brothers of the Zeta chapter have stayed active in campus life through participation in the Campus Events Committee (CEC). This organization, which is responsible for organizing and producing campus-wide entertainment events, is chaired by Zeta Number 1 David Brooks.

Brothers James Robinson and Brian Hannum became Peer Mentors in RMC's academic center, working with freshman students who are struggling with the rigors of college academics. The brothers are also proud of their "adopt-a-road" initiative, with several motivated and community service-minded brothers participating in road cleanup. ■■■

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Delaware Stalwarts Thurman and Leon Adams

Delaware Senate President Pro Tempore Thurman Adams Jr. (BE-Delaware '47) died of pancreatic cancer on June 23, 2009, at the age of 80 after a long and successful career in business and politics.

The youngest of four children, Adams was raised on the family farm near Bridgeville, Del. He earned a B.S. degree in agricultural education from the University of Delaware in 1950 and returned home to join his father in the family farming enterprises and grain brokerage business, T.G. Adams & Sons, Inc., where he later served as its longtime president.

Adams was appointed to the State Highway Commission in 1961, which launched his political career. He served in the Delaware Senate from 1972 until his death and became president pro tempore in 2003. He also chaired the Senate Executive Committee, which reviews all gubernatorial appointments. The dedicated state servant carved

time out of his busy schedule to be active in community and civic organizations, as well as serve on many boards and commissions.

Kappa Alpha benefited from Adams' leadership, as well. In October 2008, the Order presented Adams with the Distinguished Public Service Award, one of its top honors bestowed by the Executive Council. A member of the Wood Court of Honor, Adams was quite supportive of the Beta Epsilon Chapter at Delaware over the years. (Please see "Distinguished Public Servant" pg. 19 - Spring 2009 issue of the *Kappa Alpha Journal*.)

The Chapter was dealt another blow on Aug. 11, 2009, with the death of Adams' brother Leon (BE-Delaware '38) at the age of 90. A 1941 graduate of Delaware, Leon Adams served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II. He and his wife, Theresa, owned and operated Sussex Hardware in Seaford, Del., from 1946 to 1959.



Thurman Adams, Jr. and Leon Adams

In 1960, Leon Williams established an independent insurance firm in Newark, Del. His success in the industry led to several high honors from the Travelers Insurance Co., including being named National Agent of the Year and being admitted to the Order of the Tower, the company's honorary organization for top agents.

Like his younger brother,

Leon Adams was active in his community as a member of the Newark Lions Club and the Masons, and he served the Order as a director of the Kappa Alpha Order Education Foundation. He was also instrumental in securing Delaware's chapter house as a young alumnus.

Among the survivors are Thurman Adams' grandson Drew Slater (BQ-Washington '02). ■■■

Carl Trauernicht



Carl Trauernicht, Jr. was born in Jefferson City, Missouri on March 3, 1924 to Mildred E. Coose and Carl Trauernicht, Sr. He attended Webster Groves High School in

St. Louis County, graduating in June 1941. He then entered Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri and was initiated into the Kappa Alpha Order (Alpha Eta Chapter) in 1942. Carl was drafted into the Army in February, 1943. He left college to train as an Aviation Cadet and ultimately received his wings as a pilot in September 1944. He proudly served the United States as a Second Lieutenant and B-17 co-pilot stationed in England during World War II. After the War, Carl returned to Westminster College and graduated in January 1947. He carried the United States Flag in the Honor Guard that led the procession for Winston Churchill in March

1946 when the Prime Minister delivered his famous Iron Curtain Address at the college. Carl then attended Law School at St. Louis University, accepting a law degree in June 1950. He entered the field of municipal finance law with his father's firm Charles and Trauernicht. On September 7, 1949 Carl married Margaret Penn Wallace, also from St. Louis. They have three daughters. He was also devoted to the Kappa Alpha Order and received their Knight Commander's Accolade in November 2008. Combining his Presbyterian faith with Theosophy, Carl pursued a disciplined exploration of life's meaning. He was always eager to share perspectives with others.

Mr. Trauernicht passed away on Sunday, November 1, 2009 at Brooking Park Skilled Nursing Center in Chesterfield. He will best be remembered for his jovial personality, his loyalty to friends and family, kind spirit, and love of country. Brother Trauernicht will be sadly missed by his KA brothers, and will always be remembered for his dedication and service to the Order. ■■■

Chapter Eternal Listing follows on the next page

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Alpheus "Al" Maynard Phillips Jr. '50 08/01/2009

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William Anderson Wolff '59 08/15/2009

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Wilfred A. Stone '65 09/12/2009

Georgetown College

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Georgia Institute of Technology

Charles Willis Brown Jr. '57 10/11/2009

Howell Reese Mendenhall Jr. '58

Alan G. Rester '58 09/26/2009

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Riley Howell Curtis Jr. '48 07/16/2009

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Mercer University

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Mississippi State University

William W. Lassiter '65 09/19/2009

Missouri University of S & T

James P. Delong '60

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Old Dominion University

Lloyd Baxter Grant '77 09/13/2009

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Beverly Randolph Carter '51 05/29/2009

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Jac Covington Ruffin '38

David Louis Simpson III '55 05/01/2009

Roanoke College

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Joseph C. Alston '50 04/16/2008

San Jose State University

Robert M. Hofsfeldt '56 12/15/2008

Southern Methodist University

David Donosky '53 10/20/2009

Jack C. Spillman '61 09/20/2009

Stanford University

John Woodhull Claypool '48 10/27/2001

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Lowell Anthony Airola '44 10/01/2008

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Leon William Adams '38 08/11/2009

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Robert J. Disher '60

Robert N. Gilbert Jr. '50

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Hugh Clayton Dobbins '57 09/23/2009

Samuel "Sam" Lane George '54 03/09/2006

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James Neville Floyd '42

University of Louisiana at Monroe

Robert Lee Scott Jr. '68

University of Louisville

William Buckingham Jr. '47 04/08/2009

University of Memphis

Charles Edward Couch '60 08/11/2009

University of Mississippi

Aaron Albon Ben Kay 2008 09/03/2009

University of Missouri

Stephen Brian Smith '65

University of North Carolina

Richard Alexander Urquhart Jr. '37 06/08/2008

John Clinton Newton '46 10/29/2009

University of North Texas

Jeffery Van Seay '90 10/01/2009

University of Richmond

James "Chip" Harmon Barnett III '40 08/22/2008

Amiel Lee O'Bryan '58 03/01/2008

Oscar Smith Wooten '42

University of South Carolina

Kenneth Edward Turner USMC (Ret) '44

University of Texas

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Virginia Military Institute

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Berry L. Johnson '65

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Roy Dennis Collier '76 09/07/2009

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Harvey L. Wright '71 10/21/2009

West Virginia University

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West Virginia Wesleyan College

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A veteran of a thousand thrills

Stanford brother pushed the limits of aviation

by Michael Wilson



It is hard to imagine that Lieutenant John A. Macready (AII – Stanford '08) would live to be 92 years old. This is not due to the fact that he lived through the Great Depression or that he was born near the turn of the century before many advances in modern medicine. Rather it was his work in early aviation that led to numerous advances in aeronautics that makes it amazing he was able to live such a full life.

“In the meantime the plane had gone into a dive and was falling at a tremendous rate of speed.”

Brother Macready graduated from Stanford University in 1912 with a degree in Economics. His life would find a new purpose when he enrolled in the United States Air Service in 1917 earning his pilot's

wings at Rockwell Field in San Diego, California. He became a three time recipient of the Mackay Trophy (the only three-time winner in history), awarded annually for the “most meritorious flight of the year.” He was awarded this honor for record breaking achievements which included setting a world altitude record in 1921 of 40,800 feet, setting a world duration record in 1922 of 35 hours 18 minutes, and making the first U.S. non-stop transcontinental flight in 1923.

Perhaps it was the experience he gained during these aviation advancements that helped him keep his head and survive a feat that coined him “a veteran of a thousand thrills.” On June 19, 1924 Lt. Macready was some 5,000 feet in the air, en route to McCook Field just north of Dayton, Ohio, when his engine died leaving him plummeting to the ground. He recounted, “While high above the city my engine began to sputter and miss and I switched to my gravity gasoline tank. Finding that did not help matters any and seeing that I could not glide to McCook Field, I headed for the open spaces beyond the city. This was done to avoid landing in the city and endangering the life of anyone.” He continued to drive the plane towards the country until he was 1,500 feet above the earth.

“The ship was traveling fast at the time and I decided to crawl out on the wing and drop off. There was a terrible swish of wind and the propeller was singing. Holding onto the stick with one hand, I put one foot over the side of the cockpit and tried to draw myself out. But I couldn't budge. The parachute



was caught. Hauling myself back into the cockpit, I reconsidered my plans, then tried it again. In the meantime the plane had gone into a dive and was falling at a tremendous rate of speed. I tried again and reached the wing. The wind was so strong I could hardly hang on. Then I let go and counted to two before releasing the parachute from my pack, and believe me, I counted fast.”

Lt. Macready eventually landed in a ravine on top of some trees. A rescue party arrived and escorted him to a local farm house where he reported in, called his wife and

then headed out to look for his plane. Unharmed, he had just recorded the first parachute landing at night, and only the fifth parachute landing recorded at the time.

He retired from the air service in 1926 only to be recalled to active duty in World War II where he commanded several Army Air Force groups, and served in North Africa with the 12th Air Force. Lt. Macready finally retired from active duty in 1948. His contributions to aviation were unmatched and led to many innovations that helped both the military and private sectors. ■■■

The Beta Legacy

The Order welcomes ten legacies in its newest class from VMI

by Matt Bonner



From L to R, Ronald G. McManus III (B -VMI '09), his father Ronald G. McManus Jr. (B -VMI '84) and grandfather Ronald G. McManus Sr. (B - VMI '57)

Top: John Saunders (B - VMI '09) (left) with his father David Saunders (B - VMI '81)

Bottom: Benjamin F. Kimsey (B -VMI '09) and his father, William D. Kimsey (ΔΔ - East Tennessee '70)

In April of 2009, the most recent class of Beta Commission members were initiated into the Order at the Virginia Military Institute and among them were ten legacies with a number of their KA family members in attendance at the special, post graduation initiation.

The Beta Commission was authorized by Samuel Z. Ammen in 1895 after years of operating "sub-rosa" as a result of the Institute's ban on fraternities in 1885. Our young fraternity wanted to keep its relationship going with its neighbor who had been so important to its early years. Unlike other KA chapters, the commission would operate as an alumni operation for the most part, initiating members following their graduation. This practice was formalized around 1915, and ever since has operated in much the same manner.

A few weeks before graduation, the commission's governing board selects

members of the senior class and informs them of Kappa Alpha's association with VMI. They are invited to join the Order, and they come together a few hours after commencement at R.E. Lee Memorial Episcopal Church, where they are initiated and placed on the roles of the fraternity. According to the head of commission board, George Mercer Brooke, III, "the people who join are the cream of the crop - class officers, Jackson Hope and Society of the Cincinnati medalists, high ranking members of the Corps and those with academic stars... it's an honor and a distinction."

The Beta Commission is one of Kappa Alpha Order's oldest and most celebrated traditions - a unique partnership that has produced some of the most ardent supporters of Kappa Alpha. VMI has produced two Knight Commanders and Beta has initiated more members than any chapter of the Order.

Beta commission initiates

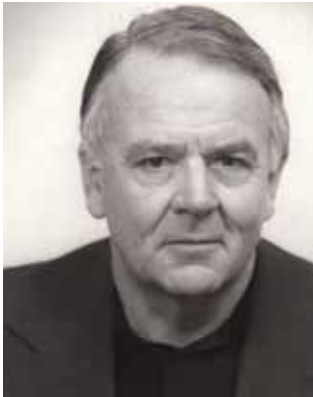
are the most loyal contributors to the Order and they make financial gifts to the Kappa Alpha Order Educational Foundation in greater numbers than any other chapter. Additionally, five of the 19 recipients of the Distinguished Achievement Award have been Beta initiates.

Newly initiated legacies not pictured are Teddy Gottwald and his son, Thomas Gottwald, (Thomas' brother, Daniel Gottwald (AA-University of the South '07)); John C. Collier (Father, William C. Collier (B-VMI '72), brother William C. Collier (B-VMI '06); Lloyd R. Crouse (Uncle, Roger Demik (H-Richmond '65)); Christopher R. Johnston (Grandfather, Bruce Randolph (H-Richmond '49) & Uncle, Jack Randolph (H-Richmond '78)); Alexander G. B. Kelley (father, Charles Kelley (AB-Alabama '82)); Julian P. Sculley (father, Mark Sculley (B-VMI '76) & uncle, Jay Sculley (B-VMI '71)).

KA Big Brother

Brotherhood shines on the open sea during WWII

by Capt. Ralph K. Brooks (MC) USN Ret. (AP-West Virginia '37)



In 1935 I entered West Virginia University, was rushed by KA, and initiated in 1937. As a freshman I was assigned a "big brother" - an upper classman who was supposed to be there for me when I needed help, to advise me when problems arose, and to be a fulltime friend. I was lucky to get a law student, Frank Everhart, from Kingwood, WV. He was very helpful, was always available to give me a hand when needed. I graduated in 1939, and then went on to graduate from University of Maryland Medical School in 1943. I interned at the U.S. Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Va. and by 1944 was on duty as Division Medical Officer, Escort Division 79. This was a group of six escort destroyers operating in the North Atlantic, escorting convoys of merchant ships to Europe and to the Mediterranean.

One day in late summer of 1944, I was serving aboard USS Carter in a convoy which we had escorted from Norfolk to Bizerti in Tunisia; we had delivered our loaded ships to their assigned destination and were returning to the states with a convoy loaded with German and Italian prisoners of war.

It was a lazy, quiet afternoon in late August. The sun was bright, the sea was calm, and I was sneaking an afternoon nap in my bunk when all of a sudden the P.A. system began paging the doctor to the bridge. I ran up the three ladders as fast as I could, wondering what had happened. When I got there the Captain told me that he had a message from one of the ships in the convoy saying they needed a doctor to be sent aboard their ship, "now." I had a medical bag packed especially for this sort of situation which I strapped on quickly.

Our ship, Carter, was one of 13 destroyers which encircled the convoy completely, providing full protection against the ever present U Boats. We were on station three, midway back on the west side of the convoy, one of the hot spots of the operation, and could not leave that station open.

"At first I dropped several feet, then the line tightened and I was tossed into the air, wet shoes and all. . ."

So Destroyer escort number six dropped back, then steamed ahead to come alongside the big, rusty hulled merchant ship who needed the doctor right away. This took about forty minutes to accomplish and soon we were running beside the merchant, about twenty yards away. Our Chief Bosun had rigged a heavy block to a



Surrounded in mid ocean by the 100 ship convoy is the merchant ship that Captain Brooks boarded via "high line."

stanchion on the port side of our boat deck through which he ran a long three inch line; one end was secured to the big ship and the other went through a block and down to our port side main deck where twenty five strong sailors held its loose end. They were to run forward when the ships rolled toward each other, and run backward when the ships rolled apart; this was meant to keep the bosuns' chair out of the water, and free of being crushed when the ships rolled together. The bosun's chair was a flat board 18 inches long, eight inches wide, suspended from the big line by a free running block hooked to the chair.

As we pulled alongside the big ship there was a rising roar, aided by the ships engines as the white topped water rushing between the ships grew into a rough slough. I pulled the chin strap of my cap down, first time it was ever used for anything but decoration, then sat onto the bosun's seat and kicked off. At first I dropped several feet, then the line tightened and I was tossed into the air, wet shoes and all, then up and down a few times as the halving line tightened and I made progress across the open water. The last part of the short trip was uphill toward the ship's gunwale,

then I was smacked flat against the side of the merchant; very quickly I felt strong hands on my shoulders and I was lifted and dragged over the side of the ship, to land on her deck. This was a moment of noise, confusion, even struggle as everyone was trying to get me safely onto that ship, free of injury, standing straight and tall. It was then that I heard someone say, in a loud, clear voice, "Hello Ralph."

I was astounded; here we were far out to sea, we had just come through the Strait of Gibraltar, on a strange ship, with no one I had ever seen before, and I am greeted by first name. I soon found the source of the welcome, it was my KA big brother, Frank Everhart, from Kingwood WV. He was a Major in charge of the US Army gun crew on that ship, and he had over two hundred of Hitler's best, now prisoners of war, on a cruise to a POW camp in the USA.

Amazing it was; years later, and miles away, it was my KA big brother carrying out his role; he gave me a helping hand when he pulled me over the side of that ship, just as he gave me a hand in Morgantown when I was depressed by puppy love affairs gone awry or by the challenge of organic chemistry. 🇺🇸



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