

Brotherhood: Is not a one year commitment, it is a life-time commitment.... We took an oath to remain

brothers. An oath is something that can not be taken back, that's what makes it an oath. We may have out

grown pounding down beers but you can never out grow out of your commitment and the bonds of brotherhood.

From the President:

As I recall the one thing Schmoogle Doogles were great at was procrastination and we're still good at it.

Even though November seems a way off you should get your reservations in for Vegas. This is an excellent opportunity to connect with a Brother from parts other than New England.

There is a rumor that even one of the disappeared ones, Benn Titleman ' 69 will be there. With or without your wives Vegas is a lot of fun and with Grzenda ' 69 on guard we'll certainly be safe enough. Actually, I find it difficult to even remember how to get into trouble anymore. So make an effort to get those rezzies ASAP and bring along your stick for some golf.

Fraternally,
Kevin

Brother Biographies:

This being the 40th anniversary of the graduation of the class of 1969 I included information provided by Vince Ryszewski, one of the original members of that class. Vince writes:

Brothers. Well I put off the draft for an extra year and graduated in May '70 with degrees in geology and business and got a teaching certification to boot. Remember the night of the "Lottery"? They drew out the first date and Ken Bodziac yelled "I WIN". I did too 5/10 at number 67.

I went into the Army enlistment office in Framingham and saw the recruiter. I said: "sign me up for 2 years."

He said: "You don't want to go to school or anything?" I said: "What are you going to teach me I have two college degrees already!" He said "When do you want to go?" I replied "ASAP." So two weeks after

graduation in May 1970 I was off to boot camp at age 24 as an enlistee not a draftee. You get treated a little better as an enlistee. I didn't notice any difference.

Things at boot camp were going really swell. Eat, sleep, and exercise each day. Not a problem in the world.

E-7 Sergeant Goffney said I was doing so well that I was going to graduate boot camp as an E-2 and be a squad leader for the rest of boot camp. Lucky me. I treated my subordinates like pledges. It was great.

Then we all went to an air conditioned building to be "interviewed". The enlisted man across the table was about 22 and also a college grad. We talked for a while about his business degree and agreed that if I could type and read I did not have to worry about going into combat. GREAT. I asked: What skills is the Army looking for?" He said: "I have a list, you want to see it?" "Sure." "Here." "Number three meteorological observer that's me!!!" "You have a degree in geology how is that meteorology?" "Just give me the paper work and I will take care of the rest." "OK." We laughed out loud.

Then things took a turn for the worst. The E-5 barracks Sergeant came in dead drunk and puked on the floor and screamed at one of my guys to clean it up. I told him to go %\$&* himself. Next day Sergeant Goffney had a talk with me. I was going to come out of boot camp an E-1, and I spent the next three days cleaning latrines. No more pledges to boss around.

Then the day came to get our orders. Lots of guys were going to advanced infantry training. Some deserted right then. I was going to San Francisco to be a meteorological observer, and I was getting 30 days leave before going. Sergeant Goffney was upset that this insubordinate SOB college kid was getting such an assignment and took my orders and said: "We'll see what this is all about."

Next day he called me in to give me the news. "Your mailing address is San Francisco - You are going to Viet Nam. A meteorological observer is in the jungle between our artillery and the enemy. You will be there releasing big %\$&^ing red balloons used to determine wind direction and air density for our artillery. Your life

expectancy is less than six months. The 30 days leave is to get your affairs in order - that's all soldier - dismissed."

OH BOY. I am going to get to play in the woods. Remember I was called "Yukon Erick" at the house for my hunting, camping, and fishing exploits. Then, the day before leaving boot camp I got new orders. - Miami FLA!

What could this mean? I asked Sergeant Goffney.

"Give me those orders." said Sergeant Goffney. Later he gave me the news: "Miami FLA is your mailing address. You are going to Panama, Central America to do weather observing. You \$%&*ing lucky SOB. You

can not go to a combat zone as an E-1 or 2 you must be an E-3. It would have taken the 30 days leave to promote you - that is the other part of why you got the leave. Since you are coming out of boot camp an E-1 you can not go to Viet Nam - Get out of my sight you

So I went to Panama - fished, hunted, snorkeled, and played in the jungle for 16 months and got cursed with an

early dismissal from President Nixon to help reduce the force (just when I was up for promotion - aw nuts).

I came home and stayed lucky. I got married and finished my MBA work at UMass. We had three kids. I spent 31 years as a Bank Examiner for the FDIC in ND, MT, MN, (great hunting and fishing) KS, NY, CT, etc. I retired in 04 and was drafted back in 07 as a Bank Examiner to help with the financial crisis. We have been married for 38 years, 2 grandsons. We live on a lake in Paola, KS. Stop in any time. We have an RV port with full hook up 913.908.3364. I have a lot more stories and can't wait to hear yours. See you in Vegas - Vinnie, Vin, Vince - AKA Yukon Erick.

Lawrence D. Hirsch ----- Unfortunately I have to report the loss of another brother. Information has reached me that Larry Hirsch died February 25, 2009. Larry had been residing in California for many years. I spoke recently with Larry's daughter-in law and expressed condolences on behalf of our association.-Stan

Brothers who have written or provided new
contact information:

Bob Malavich ' 69 sent an email with an up date
on his health issues: My rehab is going
well.....I am
walking around the house without a cane but my
therapist won't let me do any more than
that.....my arm and
hand are the slowest to recover.....just
starting to grip things with my hand.....I am
trying to get bc/bs to cover
a hand mounted apparatus that will train my
fingers to open and close and grip and release
thingstakes @
a year to allow me to catch a bouncing ball both
off the table and from my other hand.....It's
hard work but
everyone says I have improved greatly.....I
still have Vegas on my radar but my therapist
says I have to build
my endurance for all the walking the trip may
entail.....a goal that I am focused
on.....we will see if I can
achieve that.....hope to make the
trip.....Benn emailed me a while back but I
forgot to answer him
back.....hard to type with one
finger.....hope all is well Bob

address changes:

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I am also very please to report that I have been
able to locate and speak with 5 of the original
Brothers that
helped start our Chapter. All have been out of
the loop and "lost" to us for way to many years.
It's great to have made contact with each and I
hope they feel welcome and will be part of our
Fraternity again.

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Scholarships: Scholarship applications are due
to Chairman John Cycz '76 by the meeting the day
of the 2009

reunion. Our scholarship applications are now
available on our web site phisig.atspace.com or
from chairman

Cycz at: 23 Capt. Lathrop Dr. S. Deerfield, MA
01373 (413)-665-7089 or at: jlcycz@verizon.net.

Any

association member who has paid his dues may
nominate one or more dependents. We expect to
give five

scholarships again in 2009.

Website: The Phi Sigma Delta of Zeta Beta Tau
UMass Alumni website remains up and running.

Please check

it out if you have not seen it lately at

phisig.atspace.com (no www). Lloyd Bristol

' 74 has done a fabulous job

adding many new items. Lloyd updates the site
weekly. Scholarship applications are available
on the site. If you

have any photos you'd like to add please send
them and we'll get them up on the site. If a
problem, try using

<http://phisig.atspace.com>

Your calendar: By moving the reunion 2500 miles west of Amherst we expect to get all you Midwest and West

Coast Brothers to attend. As always the entire family is invited.

Our 2009 reunion will be held this year in beautiful Las Vegas, NV over the weekend of November 14th. As usual Stan is the point of contact and would appreciate hearing from you.

THIS WILL BE THE LARGEST, MOST INVOLVED AND BEST ATTENDED REUNION THE BROTHERS OF ALPHA MU HAVE EVER HELD. IT IS OPEN TO ALL FAMILY, NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS. COME EARLY AND STAY LATE. HOPEFULLY SOME OF THE YOUNGER ALUMNI FROM THE THETA ALPHA CHAPTER NOW ON CAMPUS WILL JOIN US ALSO.

After getting input from several of the brothers we've selected Paris hotel/casino as one of our host hotels.

Located in the center of Las Vegas Blvd (The Strip), with 2900 rooms and first class amenities the Paris should keep even the most critical Schmoog happy.

I've negotiated a room rate of \$154.00 per night at Paris or if you would like the less expensive Flamingo at \$87.00 I know that many of you will be flying into Vegas and by packaging your airfare with reservations you

may get even better pricing. Please note the change in phone number since the last newsletter. Call Lia Holmon at 702-697-2865 she will handle reservations at either Paris or Flamingo. The rooms are reserved under Stan Kittredge/Phi Sigma Delta Reunion.

I've fronted the deposit to hold the rooms so please make your reservations now. There is a very liberal change/cancellation policy.

Most of the brothers I've spoken with are traveling in on Thursday November 12th and traveling out on Sunday or Monday. Several are making longer stays combining some vacation time. The tentative schedule includes golf, shows, tours and anything else you guys want to include. We will dine Friday evening at The Golden Nugget on Freemont St.: Hold our annual meeting Saturday morning over breakfast at The Paris and dine Saturday evening at Carlucci's on Tropicana Blvd. We will provide a shuttle bus to both restaurants.

Benn Titleman ' 69 is coordinating the golf for those who are interested in playing one or more days.

This year is the 40th anniversary of the class of 1969. In addition to President O'Reilly, Benn Titleman and Gideon mentioned above, other members of the class of 1969 are; Bob Band, Mike Barnes, Glen Chaple, Bill Foisey, Rick Fortier, Ray Grzenda, Steve Karoul, Barry Klickstein, Bob Malavich, Kevin McKenna, Tom Nastasia, Len Nyer, and Dave Marshall. Others who started out with the class of ' 69 but enjoyed their stay at UMass and Alpha Mu so much they went on the five year program are Bob Singer, Bob Jackson, and Vince Ryszewski. Did I leave anyone out?

I've spoken to most of the brothers from the class of 1969 and have gotten a ton of commitments so that group will be well represented. I've also heard from the following who expect to be there Grandonico, Cycz, Berkowitz, Goldfarb, Goldfarb, Fortier, Spierdowis, Campbell, Lewis, Petrone, Hanson, Spekin, Callahan, Cammarata, Young and Lauria so please RSVP to this newsletter and add your name to the list. Thanks, Stan

Please RSVP to me now so that I can get an accurate meal count and right size the transportation-Stan

2009 Association dues:

If you have not sent in your Association dues \$10.00/year now is a good time. Send to

Treasurer: Stan Kittredge

' 72 at; 399 Old Farm Road Franklin, MA 02038.
If you are not sure if you're current drop me a line for an up date.

Dues pay for this newsletter, postage, scholarships and other related association expenses. (Not flights to Vegas)

I hope to see as many of you as possible at the reunion!!!Any questions, give me a call (508) 528-1107

PLEASE if you receive a copy of this newsletter by U.S. Mail it is because I do not have your email address.

Please forward your email address to me at:
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Fraternally, Stan