

Psidelights



Penn State Skull House

Est. 1890

April 2007

Second World War II Bronze Plaque to be Unveiled at All Classes Reunion

The second WWII Bronze plaque honoring our Psi Chapter Brothers for their service is currently being cast. It will be unveiled at a ceremony as part of the All Classes Reunion in State College over Arts Fest Weekend. We look forward to seeing our WWII vets at the Reunion.

An Extreme Thank You to Dave Kayal '00

We want to thank Dave Kayal for his help, dedication and insights over the years as Treasurer. Dave did a great job keeping us on track with the budget and upgrading the house. Thanks again, Dave.

Mt. Nittany Cam joins Skull Cam on www.psuskull.com

Now you can view Mt. Nittany without leaving your home or office. Just go to our web site, and click "Mt. Nittany Cam" on the home page.

We Need Your E-mail Address

Make sure you are getting the monthly Skull House E-letters. Just e-mail your address to psuskulls@hotmail.com, go to www.psuskull.com and update your e-mail address there, or just list it on the enclosed update sheet and stick it in the mail.

2007 Psi Chapter Phi Kappa Sigma All Classes Reunion

State College – Arts Fest Weekend – July 13th and 14th
Reunion, Dinner, Cocktails, Golf and More

You and your family are invited to the 2007 All Classes Reunion which will be held over Arts Fest Weekend. This is your chance to reconnect with pledge brothers and fellow Phi Kaps, visit the Arts Fest, tour the House and stay at the Nittany Lion Inn.

It has been a while since we held a reunion at Penn State, so we are going to do it right.

Friday, July 13: Welcome Cocktail Party

Saturday, July 14: Golf, House tour and Dinner including a House update and the WWII Bronze Plaque Ceremony

Both days: The Arts Fest in State College and Boalsburg

This is your chance to celebrate fellowship – friendship – and our heritage!

Register online at www.psuskull.com!

Accommodations: We have reserved a block of rooms at the Nittany Lion

Inn for July 13th and 14th. The rate for each night is \$169 plus tax (single or double occupancy). To reserve a room at this reduced rate, please call



Participants in the 2002 All Classes Reunion pose for a photo in front of the House.

1-800-277-7505 by June 13th, 2007 and mention either the Block Name, **Phi Kappa Sigma**, or the Reservation Code, **PKS0713**.



Above: 2005 Alumni Get Together in NYC.

Below: The gang from the 2003 Best Years Reunion takes a break and poses for the camera.



Contribute Your Photos – Be a Star

It is easier than ever to contribute your Phi Kappa Sigma photos for Psidelights and our web page. Just e-mail them to psuskulls@hotmail.com. Or, if you prefer, mail them to us in the enclosed envelope. We will make sure to send the original back to you.

Vietnam Memorial Plaque Donated by Bob Brown '70 to be Unveiled this Fall

The Bronze Vietnam Memorial Plaque should be completed this summer, and we are looking to have the unveiling ceremony this fall. Watch for details in the next Psidelights and at www.psuskull.com.

Again, we thank Bob for his generosity.

Skull House and Parking Lot

*Closed Over Summer Due to
Continued Renovations*

The House and the parking lot will be closed for safety reasons during the summer. Both indoor and outdoor renovations are planned.



The house in 1931.

Chris DePeppe '88 sends Beer Fest Thanks

Brother DePeppe sends a thank you to the Penn State Skull House Alumni Association for promoting his first Philadelphia Craft Beer Fest. The event was a huge success selling out both sessions. Watch for upcoming events at www.phillycraftbeerfest.com and www.totalbru.com (coming soon).

Thanks to Lance Kandler '88, the 1980's Photo Album Almost Doubles in Size

Thanks to Lance Kandler '88 for donating a number of photos to www.psuskull.com. These photos are listed under the 1980's photo album and almost double the size of our collection. If you graduated in the mid- to late- 80's, make sure to check them out.



Class of 1986.



William A. Siegmann '37

(915 Aspen Ave., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-8614) Have lived in our retirement home - Massach Village - since 1986.

George W. Blakslee '42

(N3976 Park Road, Brodhead, WI 53520-9633; blakslee@wekz.net) I guess it's about time that I fill in our Psi Chapter fraternity readers regarding Brother George Blakslee. After leaving military service at the end of WWII, I entered graduate school at the University of Pennsylvania. It was handy that our Phi Kappa Sigma, Alpha Chapter, was also located on the Penn campus, so I always had a place to bunk, if necessary. After one semester at Penn, I was fortunate to land work as a geologist in Saudi Arabia. I spent the next 27 years traveling the world in search of oil reserves. In 1973 I was called back to Los Angeles to be Chief Geologist for the international division

of Getty Oil Co. After five years, I was able to take early retirement, having reached 55 years of age.

During these years, I was married, raised two children and retired in Brodhead, Wisconsin. My first wife

died in 1992. A year later I remarried a University of Wisconsin graduate. It is interesting each year when Penn State and the Badgers play each other.

So there you have a rundown of an old Penn State grad and Brother of the Bone. At this time in life, I find myself pretty much alone, having lost my former roommates--**Thomas "Tommy" Moran '42**, **William "Bill" Clemmens '47**, **William "Bill" Schabaker '44**, **W. Tad Salom '49**, **James "Jim" Fitzpatrick '42**, Craig Turner and Bob Corbet.

Samuel "Sam" Eyer '48 is still on tap, although he lives in Colorado but close enough that we get together periodically.

My stay in our fraternity house has always been with me in my memories of great fellowship and our days when "Chesty" our chef was on deck. To be a member of Phi Kappa Sigma will always be the highlight of my days at Penn State.

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Thank You All Psi Chapter Brothers for your Generosity in 2006

A very special thank you to all donors in 2006. This was one of our best years yet. Because of your generosity we are able to continue to publish two issues of *Psidelights* per year, to update and upgrade www.psuskull.com, to send out e-letters monthly and hold another All Classes Reunion. Your 2006 donations also helped us complete the J. Orvis Keller portrait.

1890 Club

John B. Goldham 1948
Otto Grupp III 1951

Stellis Aequos Durando Club

Jacob Forney 1935
Michael Friel 1977
Alan G. Schrum 1984
Michael Rycheck 1987

Psi Club

George Meeker Jr. 1948
Hobart Pollard Jr. 1950

Richard Schweiker 1950
Ralph E. Briedenthal 1953
Thomas Woolaway 1954
Graham W. Hume 1955
John Molloy III 1956
James S. Broadhurst 1965
Joseph Koletar 1966
Randall C. Runk 1974
Thomas L. Hebel 1977
Stephen Kelly 1983
Richard James Cassidy 1989
Mark Jones 1993
David Sieling 1993
Lincoln Taylor 1993

Club Skull

George W. Blakslee 1942
Miles W. Smith 1943
George Mills 1945
Charles W. Daiker 1948
Grant Davis 1949
Henry E. Rea 1949
Dr. Raymond Barr 1951
James W. Davis 1952
John Wylie 1952
Tom Brasher 1955



Robert B. Mowery 1955
Fred W. Montanari 1956
James Cline 1958
Harold E. Pellow 1958
Jacob Shook 1958
Chester Buckenmaier Jr. 1959
Noel B. DeCavalcante 1959
Nicholas S. Molloy 1959
Alan Davidson J.D. 1960
Paul Sheckler 1960
William T. Euwer 1961
Kenneth Louis 1961
James R. Swab 1961
David Allison 1962
Mr. Samuel Curry Jr. 1962
Lester W. Carl 1963
G. Esslinger 1963
Donald M. Barnes 1965
John Leach 1965
Elmer J. Cummings 1966
John A. Lapinski 1969
Thomas W. Salinsky 1969
John Clarence Bender 1978
Thomas D'Andrea 1978
Russell C. Hatton 1978
James M. Kerrigan 1978
Robert A. Clare 1981
Eric P. Johnston 1981
Kevin M. Olsavsky 1986
William Turner Jr. 1986
Brent R. Beabout 1987
Christopher Genovese 1987
Brett Wenger 1988

Anton Silich 1991
Ty A. Torres 1991
Donald Pohland 1992
Jeffrey D. Derr 1993
Ryan Woodring 1994
Benjamin Lewis 1995

Dues Giver

William A. Siegmann 1937
Robert M. Jameson Jr. 1942
Paul Corbiere 1949
Edward W. Horn 1949
Harry K. Mellinger 1949
Maj. John Mitchell 1949
Robert Schuster 1950
Ronald T. Coder 1951
C. Nat Netscher 1951
Frederick Le Van 1954
Hugh M. Quigley Jr. 1954
R. Nevin Rupp 1954
James Harter Sr. 1955
William Rother 1955
Jack Javens 1959
William Swisshelm 1961
John B. Haberlen 1962
Guy Askley 1971
Mark Nowakowski 1973
James Gaspari 1978
Colin M. Kelly 1980
William Bradley 1981
Jeffrey Brightman 1982
Anne M. Burns

2007 Special Donor Recognition

Recognizing those Brothers Who Donate \$500 or More

As an additional thank you for helping support the House and The Penn State Skull House Alumni Association, all donors making a gift of \$500 or more during 2007 will receive a framed, antique Phi Kappa Sigma etching. These 8 x 10 matted antique etchings are from the early 1900's and most were produced in Philadelphia. We had great feedback about these etchings last year, so we are pleased to be able to continue our special recognition.

Fly Fishing is More than Just a Hobby

Grant Davis '49 Uses the Sport to Spread Joy and Hope to the Young, the Old, the Ill and Everyone In Between

Brother **Grant Davis '49** has strong memories from his days in the Phi Kappa Sigma house, especially about trying to keep the house warm in the winter. Grant was quite the athlete at Penn State participating in wrestling, lacrosse, track & field and soccer. His freshman year he was undefeated in wrestling! His time in the house is marked by Work Week prior to Initiation and 60 members living in the house.

After college, Grant served in

the Army in WWII and the Naval Reserves and lastly retired from the U.S. Forest Service. He has been married to his wife Virginia since 1974 and has 4 sons. He says "They're more famous than I am" with a lawyer, an architect and a mechanical engineer in the mix. One of whom was involved in the design of the Holocaust Museum.

For the full-length Q&A with Brother Davis, visit www.psuskull.com.



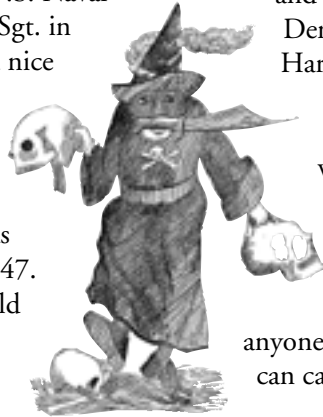
News From the Bone

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I am equally proud to know that my name is set in the bronze plaque honoring the WW II veterans. They are definitely members of the greatest generation, as christened by Tom Brokaw.

Grant Davis '49

(3109 Forsythia Blvd., Billings, MT 59102-0410) I retired from the U.S. Forest Service in 1981. I also retired as a Commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve after serving as a Sgt. in World War II. That was a nice article about **George Harvey '35** in June 2005 *Psidelights*. I have been in contact with George because I was in his fly-tying class in 1947. Although I am 80 years old and have cancer, I still hunt, fish and play golf in the Billings, MT area.



Reunion Skull circa 1890

Maj. John Mitchell '49

(79308 Montego Bay Dr., #16, Bermuda Dunes, CA 92203-8051; weavermitch2000@yahoo.com) Still selling real estate at Bob Hope Classic course. Wife is confined to nursing home. Have 4 grandchildren in Los Altos, CA.

Capt. Robert Schuster Sr. '50

(3979 Dixie Ridge Run, Penn Laird, VA 22846; rjschuster2@msn.com) Except for the ski season when I am on the slopes, I keep busy by doing some writing. My third novel, *Operation Red Dragon*, was published in July 2006.

Dr. Raymond Barr '51

(19800 S.W. 180th Ave., #303, Miami, FL 33187; rbarr@miami.edu) I am a professor of Music at the University of Miami, FL, retiring in May with 35 years. My PhD is from the University of Wisconsin. Penn State is honoring me in April as a distinguished alumnus,

flying me up, housing me, the whole works! I will certainly mention Phi Kappa Sigma in my acceptance speech.

William Hafley '53

(64 Wagon Trail, Black Mountain, NC 28711; bbhafley@bellsouth.net) Still enjoying our retirement community outside Asheville, NC. We made the right decision at the right time. My wife with two new hips and me with a new knee and heart valve were back on the travel trail. We took twin granddaughters to the Galapagos Island this summer and soon off to Boja for whales; Denver for the Barbershop Harmony International; Olympia, WA to take two other grandchildren for a week; and next fall, to Brazil for a month of travel and to visit friends we made when I was consulting there in the 80's. We'd love to see anyone traveling in this area if you can catch us at home.

Mr. Earl Wollaston '56

(81 Station Road, Campbell Hall, NY 10916; gerry35@frontiernet.net) I finally retired and I don't like it. I would like to contact other Bro's.

Chester Buckenmaier Jr. '59

(8221 Shadowridge Dr., Fairfax Station, VA 22039-2437) As usual, my wife Carolyn and I will be "wintering" at our place in Burnt Store Marina, Punta Gorda, FL from December until May. If any of you are traveling along Florida's "Gold Coast" on I-75, look for Exit #160, follow the signs, stop by and say "hey!" The brewskis are always cold. (941) 505-1853

Alan Davidson J.D. '60

(5823 Rushwood Dr., Dublin, OH 43017; aj.davidson@sbcglobal.net) After many years in the investment management and trust banking field, I retired as Chief Fiduciary Officer for National City Corporation, a

Cleveland-based bank holding company. I am now doing somewhat similar work in the newly created position of Manager of Investment Compliance for the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, one of the largest public funds in the country. A long-time resident of Columbus, I am surrounded by avid Ohio State fans!

Joseph Koletar '66

(1796 Candle Ridge Lane S.E., Bolivia, NC 28422; jwk357@aol.com) My second book, *The FBI Career Guide*, came out in 8/06 from AMACOM, the publishing arm of the American Management Association.

Anton Silich '91

(17 Starrs Ridge Rd., Redding, CT 06896-1001; ajsilich@hotmail.com) I am living in CT with my wife Julie and 3 children: Adrian (9), Giorgia (7) and Ashton (3). If anyone needs a root canal, stop by and visit...and NO, I don't have GAS!

Lincoln Taylor '93

(2411 Freetown Dr., Reston, VA 20191-2511) I am moving back to Boston to manage the New England Sales Team. My family is excited to get back North. Kristin, Ethan (5), Teagan (3) and Elliott (2) are all doing great.

In Memoriam

Since the last *Psidelights*, we have learned of the following deaths:

John Schubert '48
Tad Salom '49

Psi Chapter mourns the loss of these Brothers and extends our sympathy to their family and friends.

