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BROTHER MOORE VISITS THE FRATERNITY HOUSE ...DONATES BROTHER'S PIN, BADGE, & MEDALS

Submitted by Robert Lazzell '85

On 21 August 2009 @ 1535 hours as Brothers Andy Wilkins '65, Garrett Dinsmore (Chapter GP)'07, Justin Grosso (Chapter VGP)'08, and myself were lounging in the G.P.'s new President/Vice President Suite, Brother Clarence J. Moore '48, Philadelphia, PA, just happen to stop by for a visit. The conversation we had was light, educational, enjoyable, and also tugged deeply at our hearts.

As we reminisced about the years, Brother Moore presented us with an envelope containing two Aviator's Badges, a U.S. Army Uniform Collar Pin, a Phi Kappa Psi Badge (James Ronald Moore, WVA ALPHA 1941), and a Phi Kappa Psi Sweetheart Pin (JRM, WVA. A.) all belonging to his older brother, James Ronald Moore '41, 1LT, US AAF.

As Brother Moore recalled the day that his older brother, Ron Moore, was reported Missing in Action via Western Union Telegram, and later pronounced Killed In Action, over the Pacific Ocean during WWII. It was hard for those present to keep the tears at bay.

It was overwhelmingly clear that Brother Moore still misses his older brother very much. Another reminder of how much that so many sacrificed, and many still do today, to maintain the freedom that most of us take for granted. I'm sure I can speak for all of us in extending our utmost gratitude and condolences to both Brothers Moore and their family for their sacrifice and dedication to our Country, Brotherhood, and the priceless gifts. In addition to the pin, badges, and medals, the Moore Family had donated the Memorial Chapel stain glass in recognition of James Ronald. I am humbled by the acts of men like this.



Top: Memorial Chapel Stain Glass Window

Bottom: Moore's badges include: PKP Badge '41, Roll #470; PKP Sweetheart Pin, U.S. Pin, Aviators Badges



From The House Parent Quarters...

Linda James, House Director

As we start another great year living at the WV Alpha Phi Kappa Psi home aka "The Ritz-Carlton" (as the actives and their guests are referring to our newly refurbished home...pretty fabulous!) the Actives are extremely pleased with all of the upgrades. The new bathrooms along with the air conditioning are big hits! There are no words to express the activity that has been engaged since spring at the house. Many days with extremely long hours with demolition were invested. Yes, something around 127 tons? I must commend our contractor for getting the house in condition for the chapter to move in whenever school started.

Within the last 30 days, the construction has been completed for the year. Also, many thanks need to be extended for the time, energy, & financial contributions that have been invested by all of you thus far... in this great venture as of date. Do I have your curiosity stirred? I certainly have tried. For all of the Actives, Alumni's and their families please feel free to visit so that you can experience what each of us living in the house are experiencing. I guarantee you will be shocked and pleased!

With the beginning of the fall semester, I had the pleasure of meeting several parents. Guys, you have to know you are truly blessed. A visit was enjoyed when Brother C.W. Moore '48 visited our home on move-in weekend. Mr. Moore had the time to speak with me about his sibling, Brother James '41 that lived in the WV Alpha home but, unfortunately was lost too early while serving during World War II. I took him up to the new president's suite on the third floor where "the young" Bob Lazzell was meeting with our new president and vice president. Our chapter president Garrett Dinsmore took our guest on an extended tour of the home. Many thanks again to the Moore family for the stained glass fixture in the Chapel and all that they have given us.

I also wanted to note that Justin Heydon continues to make tremendous progress. He remains at HealthSouth Rehabilitation Center in Morgantown...and welcome visitors and notes.

I just returned from the South Florida weekend enjoyed by many brothers, spouses, and friends. It is during these weekends that I truly appreciated the extent of brotherhood within this chapter.

And for all of the Alumni and your families that I have not had the pleasure of meeting, please feel free to contact me at your convenience. If I know when you will be arriving I can make sure someone is there to open the security door. My contact information is as follows: JAMESL822@AOL.COM with my number being 304-290-6142.

2009 Phi Psi Roadtrip



Brothers from all era's re-united in Tampa, FL for the WVU-USF Football Game the weekend of October 30-31st.

Chapter and Campus Update...

- James P. Clements is the University's 23rd president, formerly serving as provost and vice president for Towson University.
- In addition to the major renovations this summer at the James Cochran House, both the Phi Sigma Kappa and Tau Kappa Epsilon have been remodeled and relocated. Both were condemned within the last two years, although they remained active in the Greek world. Both fraternity houses are now open.
- WVU has once again exceeded their expected enrollment numbers for 2010. Launched in 2005, the 2010 Strategic Plan wanted 28,500 students in Morgantown, and 30,000 overall within the regional campuses. Presently, 29,000 students attend WVU in Morgantown and overall, 32,000, are enrolled. The University has seen a 4% increase in graduate and professional students; a 7.3% in international students; a 10% increase in online and extended learning; and 17% increase in freshman honors students. The University typically aims for between 4,700 to 4,900 incoming freshmen each year, with the number split 50% in-state versus out-of-state.
- WVU Career Services Center and the Alumni Association established a new mentoring program for WVU Students. Officials hope to have the new program implemented by fall 2010. The Alumni Association is already recruiting alumni to become mentors, promoting it through online newsletter and with Facebook and blogs.
- Two Morgantown natives, Katie Gatian and Jared Ramsey, were named homecoming queen and king, during homecoming weekend festivities, October 24th.
- Student seating at WVU Basketball Games will change this year. 380 seats in the court level of the student section have been removed so to make room for the area now known as the "Maniac Madhouse" that will seat 836 students in standing room only.
- In January 2010, WV Alpha will be represented at the American Leadership Academy (ALA) hosted in Cabo San Lucas, MX by Jerry Nelson by the following chapter members: Garrett Dinsmore, Tony Secret, Sivatore Montalbano, Izaak

Mendelson, Ryan Kelly, Dom Costa, Jeff Farah, David Campenella, Nick Miragliolo, and Yale Mendelson.

- During the fall, both the ELC/National President tours took place at the chapter house. The chapter receiving outstanding reviews following both events. In addition, many alumni have visited the chapter house during the last two months.

2010 Founder's Day

Date: Saturday, February 20th

Time: 3:15 Chapel Service

4:30 Cocktails (@ Lakeview Resort)

5:30 Dinner (@ Lakeview Resort)

WVU hosts Seton Hall at noon. We are efforting to secure a block of tickets.

Contact Joe Harmon, chair of chapter alumni relations, at

jharmon4@mix.wvu.edu, for more details.



This picture was taken Saturday, July 4th at Deep Creek, MD.

It is obvious Mark Vasilko, aka Scratchy, has not invested in a new swim suit since his college days!

From L to R: Paul Schulte '78, Zach Mendelson '79, Mark Vasilko '78, Pat Mclister '78, and Arch Reed '78.

Assuring Our Future Campaign Update...

They say lightning does not strike twice in the same place. Well, it has not only struck twice but three times in the Assuring Our Future Campaign. As reported earlier Brother Bob Douglas 1950 donated \$100,000 to the campaign. He has again donated an additional \$100,000 to the campaign for renovations to 780 Spruce Street. The third lightning strike comes from Brother Bob Reynolds 1971 as he has pledged \$100,000 to the Campaign. We will honor Brother Reynolds with a biography in a future Mountaineer Phi Psi.

Not only do we thank these brothers who are able to make such a large donation, we thank all the Brothers who have donated to the campaign.

Donations and pledges to date are \$565,200. This comes from 140 Brothers. This is an average donation of \$4037. We are eager to hear from the remaining 1400 plus living alumni. **NEEDLESS TO SAY, WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT.**

The James Cochran House Corporation Board of Directors along with the chapter and academic advisors worked tirelessly to give the active chapter and all Alumni a finished product that we can all be proud of. The chapter hosted Friday and Saturday receptions when the Mountaineers took on Marshall and Connecticut. A large number of Phi Psi's traveled to Tampa for the South Florida game to promote the campaign. We are planning a major ceremony for dedications of naming rights for Founders Day. The celebration will be held February 20th, 2010.

If you have not seen the renovations yet, the Board will give a guided tour upon request. What did we do with the campaign donations? Completed to date are the following:

- New energy efficient metal roof
- New energy efficient windows
- Exterior painted
- Porch roof and columns repaired
- New House Mothers quarters
- New Officers suite with meeting room
- New entry hall
- New security system (lights, locks & cameras)
- New fire safety system (fire doors & New electrical system sprinklers)
- New plumbing system
- New and expanded bathrooms
- New laundry
- New heating/cooling system
- Room upgrades (paint and carpet)
- New internet system
- Upgraded kitchen
- Many miscellaneous upgrades

More renovations are planned as we secure the additional contributions

It was critical that we accomplish the above without shutting down for renovations. Thus, we did not lose income and more importantly, we kept the brothers together. The active chapter played a major roll in working with the contractors and the Board to assure a great finished product.

We have spent \$2 million to date on the renovations. This is a big number for us to mortgage. Our construction loan goes through the summer of 2010 at which time we will convert to a mortgage based upon dollars raised. The Board is managing your contributions in a conservative way. The intention is to carry as small a mortgage as possible, not to exceed \$1 million which we can cash flow with a full house. The Board also made decisions considering cost savings in the future such as heating, electrical usage, maintenance and security. We are already seeing reduced bills. Naturally we would like to have no mortgage and that is up to YOU and your contributions.

We are taking our campaign on the road and will be visiting several cities with the intent of seeing as many brothers as we can by the end of 2009. Please plan to attend these informational events. Pledge class captains have been a major help in the campaign with personal contact to many brothers. They continue to support our efforts. You can help by calling your pledge class brothers and encouraging them to support the campaign.

A full color brochure is in production showing the results of the renovations and will be sent to you shortly. We will follow the brochure with a three day phone-a-thon Dec 4, 5, and 6 intended to answer questions and ask for your tax deductible contribution before year end.

The fraternity system at WVU has improved dramatically and we clearly lead the way with our house and our active brothers. We pledged 16 for the Fall semester with a majority coming from West Virginia.

Please find a way to visit 780 Spruce and relive some of the memories of your college days. The House Corporation Board welcomes your visit, comments and donations.

Thank you.
W. C. Bird & Bob Bird



Bob Douglas still leading the alumni band.

Assuring our Future Campaign Gifts and Pledges

Report of Contributors through November 9, 2009

West Virginia Alpha Leadership Society- \$200,000 & Up

Bob Douglas '50

William Henry Letterman Society - \$100,000 - \$199,999

Robert L. Reynolds '71

Charles P. T. Moore Society - \$50,000 - \$99,999

Jacques Minot Rose Society - \$25,000 - \$49,000

Richard Adams '65

1890 Founders Society - \$10,000 - \$24,999

John Holliday '53

Andy Wilkins '65

WC Bird '65

Robert Holland '72

Thomas Douglass '72

Richard Campbell '47

John L. Thomas '70

Cardinal Red & Hunter Green Society - \$5,000 - \$9,999

CJ Moore '48

Lee Shaffer '44

Tom Covey '54

Tim Miller '74

John Shott '42

James R Dilley, MD '67

J.Frederick Hiehle '53

Edward Brandt '47

Bob Henderson '60

Zach Mendelson '79

Mike Fiery '79

Tim Muscaro '79

Spruce & Goose Club - \$2,500 - \$4,999

Mel Colborn '42

William B. Maxwell iii '44

Jerry Sturm '59

John R. Pyles '59

John Giamalis '76

Brad Williams '79

Tim Dyer '81

Matt Herrick '79

John Ragan '79

Order of the GP - \$1000 - \$2499

Bob Jacobson '44

Mike Keller '63

James V Lorenze '74

Jack Hancock '49

Bob Lazzell '85

Russell Bolton '46

John Windsor '52

Gene St.Clair '42

F John Brizzi '73

Charles Critchfield '47

Rick Pihl '70

Pat Whalen '76

Charles Cox '43

William Burnfield '53

Theodore Heiskell '51

Steve McWhorter '60

Robert Spears '76

Richard H. Wagener '69

Karl F. DesRochers '53

Jerome Adamson '47

Don E. Smith '56

David C Hague '63

Charles Mahan '57

Charles Huffman '46

BW Hancock '47

Mountaineer Club - \$500 - \$999

Bill Hevener '70

Richard Jones '75

John JB Stoetzer '54

Tom Mainella '71

Robert P Northrop '72

Custer Holliday '49

William Yagle '55

William Riffée '63

William R. Samples '50

Thomas V Murphy '49

Steve Crislip '67

Robert S Ice '49

Robert B Bird '73

Richard Nutter '70

Phil Comer '51

John Miesner '81

John Hughes '70

John Benedum '66

Jack Bolton '47

Jack Anderson '70

Howard Furbee '53

E James Harner '64

Dick Marshall '60

Davis Hughes '70

David Hardesty '64

Doug Ball '56

Shield Club - \$100 - \$499

John T Evans '62

Wm Poundstone '46

Roger Neighborgall '42

George Thompson '57

Vince Nowell '79

Troy Emidy '95

Thomas Seckman '48

R.Karl Yagle '59

Jack Poundstone '48

William Haden '61

Leigh Shorr '63

Jack Snyder '63

David Strait '79

David Morris '73

Brian Freed '90

Robert Dickinson '60

Raymond Fisher '42

Philip Hill '55

Michael Hoffman '68

Kent Thrush '66

Joseph E Reger '47

Jack Blair '62

Charles Steinmetz '51

Robert Moore '62

Ray McKim '42

Wm Bumgardner '39

W. David McWhorter '54

Tommy J Hinzman '72

Thomas Messmore '64

Thad W Evans '55

Russell T Keith Jr '51

Roy Pyles '56

Rodney Thomas '65

Michael A Chefran '85

Mark Waronicki '70

Jerry Stone '60

Jeffrey Roberts '84

James R Burns '76

James R Bell Jr '62

Jack Blair Jr '62

Frank Maxwell '46

Eric L Hall '88

E. Burl Randolph '39

Don Duncan '42

Derek Gray '89

Dean Noah '90

David McWhorter '54

Daniel White '45

Bob Spiker '65

William Wolfe '65

Robert Smith '42

Mike Gamble '96

Mark Hall '81

Hugh I Shott II '47

EK Morice '43

Daniel R Hollis '89

Charles E Hodges '50

Dave Faris '76

John Yokum '78

Abe Key '78

Naming rights remain available at various giving levels.

Brothers who donated previously to the "Preserving our History Campaign" will be separately credited with those dollars in this campaign for purposes of naming rights.

Gifts and pledges to the "Assuring our Future Campaign" were added together to determine individual placement in the various giving levels. If your records indicate differently, please let us know.

FROM HERE . . . TO THERE

- (438) **Robert Pierce '39**, 9164 36th Way, Pinellas Park, FL 33782. Ph: 727-577-0472. Mailed \$40 and writes: Getting slower and forgetful...pre-mature senility. At age 88, what can we expect, Ole Bob.
- (524) **Bob Jacobson '44**, 788 Lakewood Drive, Palm Harbor, FL 34684. Ph: 727-785- 4331. Sent along \$100 and notes: My home/office in Lewisburg has been taken by the City of Lewisburg for city offices. This forces me to retire this year at age 85. Headed to Chataugee, NY for the summer and then back to Florida.
- (602) **C.V. Critchfield '47**, 6322 Muir Ct, Huntersville, NC 28078. Ph: 704-947-5514. Mailed \$50 and writes: Glad to see tribute to Sam Morris. He was in my pledge class and we competed together on a number of frat athletic teams. **Bob Douglas '50** is to be commended. Sam was a good brother. Glad we have a house mother—good move!
- (685) **Ted Heiskell '51**, 299 Sylvan Drive, Delaware, OH 43015. Ph: 740-363-1102. Sent along \$100.
- (716) **John R. Holiday '53**, 2338 Martinsburg Road, Newark, OH 43055. Ph: 740-345-5472. Sent along \$50 and notes: Wife Ramona (Alpha Phi) and I both pretty well for our 75-years. Have 9 grandchildren and 3 step grandkids. Does anyone know status/address of **Wm Brubaker (#714, '53)**; please let me know?
- (731) **Howard R. Furbee '53**, 1696 Fox Ridge Drive, Springfield, OH 45503. Ph: 937-342-0509. Mailed \$35 and writes: Continue to spend six winter months in Winter Haven, FL.
- (771) **Douglas P. Ball '55**, P.O. Box 736, Daniels, WV 25832. Mailed \$135.
- (803) **George Thompson '57**, 760 E. Maiden St., Washington, PA 15301. Sent \$50.
- (809) **Phil Gainer '57**, P.O. Box 929, Sanibel, FL 33957. [New Address] Ph: 304-546-1070. Mailed along \$105.
- (811) **Jack Bowman '58**, 28 Vintner Place, Morgantown, WV 26505. [New Address] Ph: 304-599-5537. Mailed \$50 and writes: Just moved to retirement-friendly home. I was appointed to a second 2-year term as Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for WV in March. Our daughter-in-law has started a new magazine all West Virginian's need to see. Check wvlivingmagazine.com.
- 876) **Bob Henderson '60**, 38 Maple Ave, Morgantown, WV 26505. Sent along \$100 and notes: In Tampa I bumped into 3 guys I had not seen in years. **Arky Moore '63**, for I last saw him in 1966 or so. **Mike 'Crack' Jones '60**, whom I last saw at Air Force summer camp in 1965; and **Jack Blair '62**, who was also at the '65 summer camp, but he was present for my 0-6 promotion party in 1987.
- 886) **Stephen McWhorter '60**, 570 Lovely Lane, Sylacauga, AL 35151. Ph: 256-510-0283 ©. Mailed \$100.
- 921) **Ike Maxwell III '62**, P.O. Box 218, Lost Creek, WV 26385. Ph: 304-745-3403. Mailed \$135.
- 1048) **Bob McNabb '67**, 10919 Wickline Drive, Houston, TX 77024. Ph: 713-647-9220 (H). Sent along \$100 and writes: My days as a Phi Psi at WVU were very special. Today, we are in Houston, TX. I am an Executive CP of Korn/Ferry International and the CEO of our global outsourcing business. I am still involved with WVU as an Advisory Board Member of the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences. I am also on the Board of Visitors of Vanderbilt University and the Council of Overseers at Rice University.
- (1092) **Charles Wilson '69**, 44 Monarch Lane, Weston, WV 26452. Ph: 304-838-1501 © cwwchestnut@yahoo.com. Mailed \$150 and notes: Judy and I just finished our new home. Very close to I-79/Rt 33 split. All brothers welcome. Enjoy every issue of the newsletter. Would like to hear from my pledge brothers.
- (1270) **Kim Craig '74**, 137 Clinton Street, Loft 2, Johnstown, PA 15901.[New Address] Ph: 814-241-3036 ©. craig@fnb-corp.com. Mailed \$135.
- (1279) **Jim Lorenze '74**, 54 Tara Place, Morgantown, WV 26505. Sent \$135.
- (1386) **Dave Hanna '77**, 120 Andrew Lindsey, Williamsburg, VA 23185. [New Address]. Ph: 757-345-0573 (H). dhanna@lockwoodbroadcast.com. Sent \$135 and notes: Living now in Williamsburg, VA with wife, Jodi (WV Kappa-Jodi Petrie). Two girls Ashley, 19, a sophomore at U of Georgia. Jordan, 16, is a junior in high school. Always have open home in Williamsburg for my brothers-come play some golf.
- (1415) **Richard "Dick" Daugherty '78**, 1814 Kanawha Ave, Dunbar, WV 25064. Ph: 304-549-8166. Mailed \$100 and states: Co-owner of WV Auto Sales in Cross Lanes, WV. www.wvautosales.com. Also in the "scooter business" (100 mpg alternative transportation). Recently served as Commander in Chief of Great Kanawha River Navy. Wife, Nancy, and I have granskids in Charlotte, NC. Saddened to hear about Rick Marks '78, one of my favorite pledge brothers.
- (1489) **Mike Sullivan '80**, 425 Telfair Way, Columbia, SC 29212. Ph: 803-315-6187. msully44@sc.rr.com. Mailed \$200 and notes: Continue to live in Columbia, SC and work as an anesthesiologist at a local hospital. Wife, Melanie (Carr-Delta Gamma) have four children with the oldest two in college. Michael, just finished his sophomore year at Clemson where he is Sigma Chi (yeah-poor parenting on my part). Him being a Sigma Chi did make for some interesting discussion re-telling the story of the "twinkie dog". Our oldest daughter, Molly, is heading to the University of Georgia in the fall (following in the footsteps of **Dave Hanna '77** and **Arch Reed '77** daughters). Robert is 16 and stays busy with soccer and Mary Kate is 14 and also busy with soccer and dance. Melanie and I stay busy with kids stuff...and feel blessed in so many ways. Looking forward to a return trip to Tampa this fall-but hoping for a win this time!
- (1492) **Chris Gillette '80**, 164 Valley Way, Wierton, WV 26062. Donated \$100.

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2009 Fall Pledge Class

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Jon Bock	Bridgewater, NJ
Paul Connors	Chester, PA
Bryce Cumpston	Morgantown, WV
Jared Espinoza	Houston, TX
Jason Greenberg	Martinsburg, WV
Kyle Thorton-Jones	Havertown, MD
Mike Laws	Salisbury, MD
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From the widows of Phi Psi...

Barbara Morris, widow of **Sam Morris '47**, sent the following note: Thank you for continuing to send the Mountaineer Phi Psi. Along with the letter from **Bob Douglas '50**, the Phi Psi newsletter will be placed in Sam's Memorial Book. Bob and Sam had a special friendship which started in the Phi Psi House. Sam would be overwhelmed at Bob's generosity. I enjoyed attending the 2009 Founder's Day dinner with my son, **Dave Morris '73**, and seeing many friends. I especially enjoyed my visit with Bob and Nancy and meeting Linda James. She is a lovely lady, and I commend the Phi Psi's for engaging her as house director. She will bring charm and grace to the house.

Chapter Eternal

J. Mark Riley '74
August 18, 2009

A special remembrance to our beloved friend, Florence Nelson, who passed on September 25, 2009. The picture below shows Florence admiring a "Mountaineer Statute" presented to her (and Jerry) during our February 2003 Retreat to Cabo.

