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About four years ago, a small and unassuming volume made its appearance within the halls of Upsilon. It aroused interest within the Chapter. It awakened and bound even more tightly the bonds between active members and alumni. It quickened the life blood of the fraternity, and brought still closer the men of Sigma Pi. It began a dream of a greater fraternity at Westwood, and today, when its footprints are nearly lost in the sands of time, its effect is still felt... it was a Pioneer.

Since that time, other volumes have made their bow, each one finer and more pretentious than the last, and each one a Pioneer, bringing with it its measurement of accomplishment. If this volume can, with pride, take its place by the side of its predecessors, then we may consider that it has achieved its goal.

To one who has served his fraternity faithfully and well, to one who exemplifies the spirit of fraternalism which is the heritage of Sigma Pi, this book is respectfully dedicated.

-- Forward and dedication,
Upsilon Pioneer, June 1928

95th Founders Day - Sat. Feb. 10
UAA Annual Meeting - Sat. Feb. 10
Upsilon Manor - 612 Landfair Ave.

The Electronic Horseman

Computers and information technology are a long way from the Helmick Ranch, but Mark Helmick has become the Electronic Horseman and grown a herd of Arabians/Half Arabians in rural Colorado.

Helmick retired after 37 years in computer hardware and software as a Vice President of Global Services/Consulting for Dell EMC, but nowadays, his main hardware is buying horseshoes for his herd of 14 horses. The ranch is 42 acres and has a barn where a care taker lives. On the care taker's days off, Helmick and his wife feed and groom the horses.

Helmick married into the horseman life with Debbie, an Alpha Phi at UCLA who had a backyard horse as a child. They lived on a 3-acre ranch in Agua Dulce, in northern Los Angeles County, and started with 2 horses. When Helmick transferred to Colorado for work, he found even more land and prairie. Then their 2 horses expanded to 5 horses, and eventually increased to a herd of 23 horses.

Helmick participates in three big shows each year, in Arizona in February, the Canadian National Show in August, and the U.S. National Show in October. The disciplines are Halter (leading the horse and judged on form and confirmation to the breed's standards) and Western and Hunter Pleasure (performance-based with riding), for which their trainer is one of the best in the country. Several of his horses have won national championships.

Upsilon brother Tim Howell (a namesake of the Tim Howell/ Robert Webster Academic Scholarship) also worked for EMC, and the two swapped Moonshiner stories, despite a 20-year difference in age. Helmick played a key role in Sigma Pi history. He, Chuck Kirk and John Snodgrass first conjured the idea of Moonshiner shortly after the 1975 Re-Chartering, when the fraternity needed a namesake party. Snodgrass' mother shipped the moonshine from their home in Georgia, and a tradition began unbroken for five decades.

Helmick was in one of the early pledge classes after the 1975 re-chartering with Snodgrass, Charlie Berry, Dave Pulaski, Craig Connerty, and several others. He served as Sage and helped the house re-structure and become more efficient, along with parrying Phi Kappa Sigma and de-escalating tensions with our neighbor.

Photo: Mark Helmick and his wife Debbie with Garth, champion Arabian.





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Upsilon Heritage: Briggs Hunt

Melvin Briggs Hunt was a Bruin wrestler in the 1930s and in 1956, he became Upsilon's first Olympian as a referee in Melbourne, Australia. Four years later, he was selected as a coach for the U.S. Greco-Roman wrestling team for the 1960 Summer Olympics.

Also in Rome, another UCLA coach and Upsilon brother, Elvin "Ducky" Drake, coached Bruins Rafer Johnson and C.K. Yang (who competed for Taiwan) to gold and silver medals in the decathlon.

Hunt wrestled his first three years in Oklahoma, and finished his high school career at Los Angeles H.S. At UCLA, he continued his football career, but also became very active in wrestling. He was the 1934-35 Pacific Coast Conference and National AAU

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Dr. Lance Fuchs in Peru

Dr. Lance Fuchs took his career internationally in June when he traveled to South America for a medical mission. He is the Residency Director at a Kaiser Permanente hospital in San Diego, and he trains new doctors in family medicine.

Fuchs also travels to Ensenada in Mexico several times each year for daylong medical missions (UCLA pre-med students are welcome).

Another doctor runs the medical missions, and Fuchs helps him to procure supplies and medication for poor people abroad. KP funds the travel costs for the residents.

The group collected 15 duffel bags full of supplies for the trip to Peru, much of it funded from their own pockets, which was an adventure and had a big impact on the rural residents. Urban areas have good hospitals in Peru, but the countryside has primitive conditions with neighbor cows and pigs mingling on the streets with the residents. A village may have a medical clinic, but it may not be staffed by a doctor.

Fuchs' group flew from the capital of Lima to Cuzco, which is known as the Sacred Valley for its amazing Inca ruins, and they stayed in the guest house of an academic.

In Peru, dental hygiene is lacking, so the group took 300 toothbrushes and taught proper brushing techniques to children and their parents.

They set up a clinic in a closed bakery building, and were able to provide some acute and chronic care, such as treatments for sprains, infections, skin problems and high blood pressure. They also held health fairs at schools for the children, which also encouraged parents to join them. One problem is the pinworm parasite, and medication was distributed to kill the gastro-intestinal problem. Another diagnosis was for anxiety, and the group provided basic psychological counseling and relaxation techniques.

Living in the village for an extended period allowed the group to get to know the rural residents well, instead of simply passing through as tourists. Many areas speak Quechua, the Inca language, so translation needed to be first provided in Spanish for the English-speaking doctors.

One appreciative patient was a 90-year-old man, who was still healthy enough to work, repairing hats and growing crops in his year. He still liked to play soccer, but admitted had had to give up the sports a few years ago because of slowing down because of his age.





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Briggs Hunt (continued):

lightweight wrestling champion.

As the 1936 Olympic Games approached, Hunt was considered a good bet to make the U.S. team. Unfortunately, two weeks before the trials, he was shot in the back in a hunting accident and failed to make the U.S. team.

Hunt became the UCLA wrestling coach in 1935 and remained in that position through 1940 when World War II called. Returning from military service, he resumed his UCLA coaching duties and remained in that position through 1969, and he continued to work in the Physical Education Dept.

Hunt was a leader in the development of freestyle and Greco-Roman wrestling in Southern California, and authored one of the first Greco-Roman books in America. Hunt was chairman of the Southern California AAU Wrestling committee for 15 years; a member of the NCAA Rules Committee; a member of the U.S. Olympic Committee; and a referee at the 1956 Olympic Games, the 1959 Pan Am Games and the 1962 World Championships. He is a member of the California Wrestling Hall of Fame.

Hunt died in 1973 at age 64. His family included his widow Eleanor, his two daughters, Marjorie and Peggy, and a sister.



95th Founders Day and UAA Annual Meeting - Feb. 10

WESTWOOD – Upsilon will host our Grand Sage Steven Lawler and Executive Director Jonathan Frost for the first time at our 95th Founders Day at Sigma Pi Manor.

Special guests include caballero Mark Helmick, who usually misses the event because of horse shows in Arizona in late February, and he will join a 1970-1980s group organized by Bret Farnum.

A group of early 1960s brothers will attend, including Thomas Kibler, Fred Jones, Skip Keyzers, and Kent Lewis.

An Emerald Cross will be awarded on the 60th anniversary of Initiation to Doug Keppler, who has recovered from an illness and will attend his 11th Founders Day in 12 years, all the way from the Sierra foothills in northern California. Steve Lantz will fly in from Boston, and Diulio Tonini may attend from Santiago, Chile.

Silver Crosses will be awarded to alumni on the 25th anniversary of their Initiation: John Clark, Gabor Fabian, David Ganio, Ti Le, Timothy O'Hara, Keith Shoji, Frederick Tan, Keith Griffin, Robin Matuk, Abel Somilleda, Ryan Wirtz, Shang Lai, Adam Brockman, Erik Bromson, Scott Feiwell, Daniel Furr, Dennis Hong, Timothy Howell, Matthew Malone, Bobby Rangel, Shane Tseng, Jason Won, and Robert Vasquez.

Sage Jisoo Chung, an ROTC cadet, will lead the Opening Ritual. Herald Andre Tsivas and 1st Counselor Garo Kaprielian will conduct the Memorial Ritual to honor brothers who have passed to the Adytum on High this year, including Adm. James Seely, a Founders Award honoree; Everett Rea, Upsilon's oldest brother and last WWII veteran; Lt. Peter Aude, an Army executive officer; Past Sage Charles McCrary; Nicholas Zorotovich; Stephen Haworth; David Pulaski; Alex Smith, and Adrian Edwards.

Scholarships will be awarded in honor of William Meyer (Most Outstanding Brother), Julian D'Avanzo (Mr. Sigma Pi), Charles Osterlund (Athletics), Gary Gross (Community/Campus Service), Tim Howell and Robert Webster (Academic), and Joseph Marsalek, Carl Maroney and Ray Carlisle (Upsilon Perpetual).

Catering will be from Versailles, with great Cuban garlic chicken, roasted pork and fried platanos.

UAA President Pablo Rivas will chair the UAA Annual Meeting. All Officers will be nominated for re-election, and all actions of the UAA are recommended for ratification.

Bring your best scotch and Cohibas!

Register

online:

<https://sigmapiupsilon.eventsmart.com/events/sigma-pi-upsilon-founders-day-2018/>

95th Founders Day

Sat., Feb. 10, 2018

Join us at Upsilon Manor:
612 Landfair Ave.

4:00 pm Drinks

4:30 pm Ritual & Awards

5:00 pm Dinner

6:00 pm Cigars in the courtyard

7:00 pm Rocco's in Westwood

Attire: Coat and Tie

Food: Versailles cubano

Tickets: \$50 (\$40 for 2013 and younger alumni).

Paypal:

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Remembrances:

David Pulaski

I am saddened to learn of brother David's death. We called him "JD" because he reminded us of John Denver. JD was a feisty little guy, but he was fun to be around. One weekend in the spring, he invited some of us to his parents' home in Barstow.

The heat was searing and oppressive. The one saving grace was a beer keg in the refrigerator. I had never seen one before, but it is a brilliant idea, with the cost just 4 cents for 12 ounces.

We all had a good time, and returned to Monday classes re-energized.

JD was a bit of a social radical in those days and never hesitated to express his ideas.

Sometimes, he'd have a crazy idea that we followed because it sounded fun, which it inevitably was, even if it broke some minor laws.

We entered the Westwood cemetery where Marilyn Monroe is buried late at night to confirm that Joe DiMaggio had placed flowers there daily.

Towards the end of JD's college career, he took an internship at JD Powers, which I thought to be ironic for a social radical.

He was later quoted in Fortune magazine as a company representative. He made it good, I thought!

- Jonathan Van Lepp

Alumni Speaker: Dean Steve Yu

Asst. Dean Ste Yu recounted his journey from the family farm in Bakersfield to the halls of UCLA academia as the Law School's new CFO.

The family farm still operates and grows some great cherries, but Yu progressed from a pedestrian accountant through UCLA's business school to the Law School's senior management team.

Yu also is on the Admission Committee for the business school.

Yu was the Alumni Guest Speaker in November, and encouraged the active brothers to take advantage of the amazing alumni and faculty that they can meet at one of America's best public ivy universities in the big city. UCLA is a young school, less than 100 years old, but it has created some of the top medical, business, law and athletic programs in the country.

"UCLA is just a name, but the people in it are what makes it worth it," he said.

Yu had an average 2.9 GPA and had to apply twice to UCLA's selective Anderson Business School. He built up his work experience for three years, which business schools weigh higher than academics because it shows real leadership and personal character. Letters of recommendation from business bosses also are better than from professors.

"Ask yourself, Why do I want to go to graduated school?" he said. "A lot of schools look at how you add back to the community."

One of his first assignments was a case with an attorney and NASA engineer. He felt out of place, but soon gained confidence and figured out that the work actually was not rocket science.



Some of Yu's best friends are still from Upsilon, even after 20 years, and he still attends weddings and counsels brothers through divorces and difficulties.

"I never limited myself," he said. "Sigma Pi is in my DNA with my friends and my network."

Yu is very involved in the UCLA Alumni Association, and he was president of the Westside Bruins from 2014-2016 and won an "Alumnus of the Year" award. This networking helps him to meet ambitious, like-minded individuals, and he has participated in a business deal for a hotel in the Caribbean (no word on discounts at the Tiki Bar for brothers).

"You can go to school and learn from the books, but a lot of life and business is whom

you connect with," he said.

Photo (top): Chapter Advisor Josh Trifunovic, Asst. Dean Steve Yu, UAA President Jay Ross.

Photo (bottom): Steve Yu with UCLA Volunteer Day staff, including George Hill.



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It's the 4th quarter and the Bruins are down three touchdowns with five minutes on the clock. You rise to leave when a voice next to you says "No man, they're going to pull it out." You turn, puzzled, and hear further, "They're going to throw an interception on this possession and we're going to run it all the way back or at least close enough that (fill in halfback for current year) can push it across. We'll go for two and then recover an on-side kick, another score and we're back in the game! You find yourself sitting again and thinking we might just pull this one out..."

That indomitable spirit, that boundless enthusiasm, was infectious. He impacted everyone around him.

How many times did Dave and Rita host a Bruins game? How many mimosas, beers, and glasses of wine did they provide? Just how many gallons of mustard did Dave spill on his shirts during all those games???!!! He always got a spot right here, and usually on the very first bite of hot dog. I guess he wanted to get it out of the way early so he didn't have to worry about it the rest of the day.

Dave was always looking ahead and reaching up. One of my sisters offered her condolences and remarked that she was

Remembrances: Adm. James Seely

Upsilon brother Bradley Reichard, a government relations consultant in Washington, D.C., attended Adm. Seely's burial in Arlington National Cemetery on Nov. 6, 2017. Events such as these have the potential to make one truly aware of the Sigma Pi brotherhood's vast reach.

Admiral Seely's life was honored today, and it makes me proud, to know that the Sigma Pi tradition is a part of the lives of such great men. His son, Ted, was moved that Sigma Pi was a part of today's events, and standing at Arlington Cemetery was an honor we should all share and mark well.

Most importantly, I was reminded how even years after UCLA, we can continue to be inspired by our fraternity's ideals, as well as by one another.

Doug Keppler remembers: Seely was an "old dad" when I pledged in 1955. We weren't close at school, because he was older and were different majors. He was a biology major and worked for Bayer doing studies. Ronald Baskin was another friend of ours, who became a dean at UC Davis.

But we all did have a lot in common with socializing with fraternities and sororities. After graduation, Jim and I became good friends, and in 1958, I visited him in the Bay Area when his aircraft carrier docked in Alameda.

I re-connected with him last year, and we had a nice 2-hour phone conversation from across the country.

Robert Eggert remembers: Jim was a great person, a great American hero, and a great brother. He and Ralph Rea were most influential in my deciding to pledge Sigma Pi in 1953. It seems like yesterday. He and Gail are together again, which we suspect he was looking forward to after more than 50 loving years of marriage. May God bless them both eternally."

Ted Seely, the son of Adm. Seely, remembers: As far as non-military things, life things, my dad loved to work on old cars, including this old El Camino. He tinkered in his spare time with cars non-stop -- that was his hobby. From a '66 Ford Ranchero, '69 El Camino, '70 Chevelle SS convertible, and to the very end, a 1984 Mercedes 280 SE gray car imported from Germany without any U.S. emissions controls on it.

He loved cars. Some of the ones above he rebuilt and restored to like new. He even drove that '69 El Camino to and from work in uniform, 2 stars and all, and parked it in the Pentagon "flag officers" parking lot. He loved that thing. He'd used to get some funny looks when he was in his dress uniform in that thing.





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impressed with Dave because when she met him at the fraternity, he had his initials on his glasses.

When I shared the unfortunate news, every response was filled with fun and funny stories about adventures with Dave. He touched many of us and we will forever remember him. He was, as he might have phrased it, "AWESOME!", and "SPECTACULAR!"

Those who could not be here but offered their condolences and thoughts:

Tom Concannon, Steve Stewart, Steve Schaffer, Ralph Day, Glenn Wells, Greg Hill, Jay Riggs, Jonathan Van Lepp, Ken Paller, and Rick Hoffman.

I know this is corny but would you all join me in an eight clap? But instead of the line at the end saying "fight fight fight" or "Beat SC" let's substitute "Here's to Dave."

- Bruce Thompson

Upsilon Alumni

Assn.: 2017

Annual Meeting

Executive Director Pablo Rivas chaired the annual meeting on Feb. 25, 2017, at 5:00 pm at 612 Landfair Ave. in Los Angeles.

All actions of the past year were ratified by the members, and officers were elected: Executive Director Pablo Rivas, President Jay Ross, Treasurer Scott Scheffler, Jake Loughridge.

Remembrances: David Pulaski

"I was sorry to hear of David Pulaski's passing. He was in the second pledge class after the Chapter was re-chartered in 1974. He was a character, and he always worked at making things fun.

"He loved to laugh and was just a fun guy to be around. He always helped keep things light and fun. He will be missed." - Paul Goto

▲ Photo: James Lipow, John Snodgrass, Craig Connerty, Phil Thompson, George Knisley, Bruce Thompson, Mike Dykstra



Adytum on High: Remembrances of brothers



Alex Smith #1582 (1997-2017): Brother Smith, an international student who brought his British cheer to Upsilon, passed to the Adytum on High in England.

Smith returned to England soon after graduation, and stayed in touch with his friends, including Kevin Rhee, U.S. Army, Gabe Grossman, Shane Miller, Sasan Amini, Alex Stone, Robert Wayne and Past Sage Andrew Chung.

"Alex was a great man and his soul is one that heaven will cherish," said Rhee, who serves in the army in South Korea.

Grossman wrote the following tribute: Alex was a remarkable person in the truest sense - a force of nature, a loyal friend, a source of endless energy, positivity, humor, and banter, and a cheeky bastard to top it all off. He had an incredible spark of life within him, an ease with everyone he came in contact with, and an enviable charm.

Alex lived life to the fullest and on his own terms. Having completed his Bachelors and Masters degrees with the corporate world open to him, he instead opted for extended travel in Southeast Asia and Australia, taking his own path and doing what he truly wanted to do.

Alex's unique and powerful personality and strong spirit live on in our hearts. His confidence and independence continue to inspire us, and the pain for our lost brother unites us with love and appreciation. Our hearts go out to his loving family and girlfriend who survive him, and to the many friends who experienced his presence.

If any solace is to be found at his passing, it is the thought that his light burned so bright that it could not burn for long. Sausage: much love brotha, we'll see you down the line!





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Adytum on High:

Charles McCrary

Charles McCrary #507
(7/16/1935-7/15/2017):

Brother McCrary, a Golden Cross recipient, passed to the Adytum on High, on Jul. 15 in Honolulu at age 82.

McCrary was in the Kelps, a mischievous spirit club that roadtripped and supported UCLA athletics. At one USC game, McCrary had the honor of riding UCLA's donkey, our Bruin alternative to the Trojans' horse, Traveler.

He met his wife of 58 years, Ann, through her sorority sister at a Friday "beer bust" on fraternity row, and they married in 1959.

After graduation, McCrary roomed on Bellagio Rd. in an apartment with Jorgen Skov, Michael Calligan and Paul Finwall.

McCrary started work for a development company that built golf clubs, including the Tarzana Country Club. He answered an advertisement for a golf course in developer, Henry Kaiser Development Company, which had a project in Hawaii.

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Adytum on High: Remembrances of brothers



Adrian Edwards #1030 (1/11/1968-12/6/2017): Brother Edwards, a beloved brother from the late 1980s and early 1990s, passed to the Adytum on High on Dec. 6 in Houston at age 49.

Edwards was born in New Jersey and pledged Upsilon in 1988. He always had a smile, and always found the humor in awkward moments. He never got caught up in house politics or raised his voice in anger, and most brothers from his era called him a friend.

"This breaks my heart," Tom Soto said. "Adrian was kind and a main reason I joined Sigma Pi. He was also very encouraging to me when I was not feeling so great this past year. Thank you, Adrian."

"This is really heartbreaking," Nhien Le said. "He was like a genuine brother to me, not just a fraternity brother."

"This is very sad news," Pledge brother Art Escandon said. "We went through so much together. He always kept me going, and gave me a smile on my face."

Edwards moved to Houston in 2000s, following Upsilon alumnus Alfred Hernandez, and they kept their bonds of brotherhood together, though far from campus. He worked in real estate, enjoyed cycling, and loved his dog Josephine.

"I cannot emphasize enough how devastated and sad I am," said Alfred Hernandez, who had selected Adrian to be best man at his wedding in December.

"He was a beloved fraternity brother, and a kind and loving soul."

"This was a real tragedy, Adrian was a good man who died way too young," Big Brother Andrew Dearborn said. "It was a pleasure to reconnect with him in Memphis and go to the Martin Luther King Jr. Civil Rights Museum. I had always credited Adrian with helping me deal with my own immaturity, ignorance and prejudice, and I will forever be in his debt."

Edwards traveled with Hernandez and brothers Rich Marcus and Jay Ross to Bruin football games in Nebraska, Austin and Memphis, and he journeyed back to campus for Founders Days twice in recent years. Andrew Dearborn, Dave Riley and Judge John Rhode joined them for the Memphis trip this past September.

"This is very sad indeed," said Rhode, who lives in Wisconsin. "I'm glad that I saw him in September with a bunch of other brothers for the UCLA Memphis game. I had not seen him or many other brothers there for a long time, and it shows that even after decades away, we can count on our friends."

"I definitely plan on making more of these get-togethers in the future. We must enjoy the present. We never know what the future holds or when the end will be for some of us on this earth."

Edwards is survived by his two sisters, Caroline and Irene, who live in Cathedral City.

▲ Donations to Adrian's funeral fund can be made at <https://www.gofundme.com/AdrianEdwards>. Or, checks can be mailed to Alfred Hernandez at: 9900 S. Mason Road, Apt 5111, Richmond, TX 77406.





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McCrary (continued):

McCrary moved to Hawaii in 1965, and he and his wife Ann thought a couple next to them one night looked familiar. They turned out to be Upsilon brother Jorgen Skov and his wife Helen, who had just moved from Denmark and now lived on the same block. Sadly, Brother Skov died in 2007.

More brothers journeyed to the island. Dorsey Brady also worked in the hotel/hospitality field in the islands, and slept on McCrary's couch when he first arrived. McCrary also was friends with brother Lloyd King, who retired as a judge in Hawaii.

McCrary moved to Inter-Island Resorts, and built a golf course in Kauai, and he did sales and marketing through the islands, enjoying the perks of free resort rooms.

McCrary subsequently joined the Board of Directors for Gray Line Tours, and traveled the hemisphere for meetings in nice locales like Halifax, Mexico City and New Orleans.

McCrary naturally enjoyed golf and followed Bruin football.

▲ McCrary is survived by his wife, Ann, who can be reached at (808) 396-6460.

Rea (continued):

▲ Ralph Rea is at (760) 934-1524 or (760) 220-1594 in Orange County, and Everett's daughter Joel Ann is at (845) 269-0883 or 265-5211 in New York.



Everett Rea #363 (1/21/1923-11/21/2017): Brother Rea, Upsilon's oldest brother and last WWII veteran, passed to the Adytum on High in November at age 94 in New York.

Rea retired to Hawaii, where he left many friends, and moved to Cold Harbor, N.Y., to live with his daughter during his final years, enjoying the stunning views of the Hudson River and small-town ambiance. Rea's younger brother is Ralph Rea, another Upsilon alumnus who lives in Orange County.

The family traces its roots back to the 1600s in America. They moved from Iowa to Los Angeles and then to Costa Mesa in Orange County in their youth, and Rea worked numerous jobs during the Depression, including newspaper carrier, milk and egg deliveryman, soda jerk, fence painter, and became a captain for the Balboa Island ferry at age 16. He often biked to the beach and learned to surf.

The Reas' father was the first vice principal of Newport Harbor H.S., taught sciences at Huntington Beach H.S., and later became Superintendent of Schools in Costa Mesa. In the post-WWII boom, his school district never lost a bond vote, and Mr. Rea was later elected to City Council.

Ralph remembers Everett driving the roads in a 1934 Ford. One night, they were tinkering with the lightbulbs behind the dashboard and watching the shadows cast on the floor, but because they weren't paying enough attention, Everett ran the car off the road. He loved jazz, big band, classical and Hawaiian music, and he built his own hi-fi stereo in the 1950s that ran for 60 years.

During WWII, Everett was stationed on a Navy ship during the Battle of Guadalcanal in the Pacific theatre, and he landed on the island after the initial combat to establish logistics and re-supply the soldiers.

Ralph was several years younger, and remembers Everett returning from war in his uniform. Rea served at Guadalcanal but spoke rarely of it, probably because of the horrors that the soldiers saw and experienced. He said he mainly did logistics and "dug latrines" but likely saw the aftereffects of bloody combat.

Rea was one of the original card-carrying Old Mens Club members, who were older brothers that started university after serving in WWII. Rea attended CalTech for one year, where he was famous for disassembling his roommate's Model T and re-assembling it in his dorm room. Rea switched to UCLA upon his return stateside, where he took twice as many units as most brothers. But, frequent visits to Pete's on Pico Blvd. balanced school with social.

Rea worked as an actuarial for insurance companies, and his mastery of numbers and playing card distribution were legendary. On road trips as children, the Reas' parents gave Ralph simply numbers to add up and learn the addition tables. The parents would give more complicated 3-digit numbers to Everett to add. Later in life, Everett made lots of money in the Navy at bridge and poker from his ability to quickly calculate odds in his head.

"Everett had a tremendous sense of humor, and a brilliant mind," Ralph said. "It was fun to play bridge with him. He knew where all the cards were, and he could tell which cards you had and would play, based on how you sorted them in your hand."

In 1948, Rea married the former Miss Jodie Woford, a Kappa Delta, and had two children. They returned to Hawaii, which Everett had fallen in love with during his military service, and built a home overlooking the Volcano Golf Course near Hawaii Volcanoes National Park.

Rea was a scratch golfer with a 3 handicap, and golfed until age 91. His shots were all the same – hitting his driver a mere 150 yards but straight down the middle every time – not showy but enough to make par on every hole.

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Ensign Everett Rea (Y 1947): U.S. Navy
World War II - Guadalcanal (1942-45).



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Aude (continued):

of festive times celebrating the return of the war veterans, and Aude's mother re-counted a legend that one brother brought a young Elizabeth Taylor to a fraternity date party.

Aude was an outdoors lover, who watched birds and hitchhiked to Yosemite to work during his college summers along with his ROTC commitment. When his son was a youth in Alaska, Aude took him skiing, and helped them avoid an ornery moose on the trails. They shared cross-country trips to Yellowstone, Carlsbad Caverns, a rodeo in Wyoming, and the Grand Tetons. They saw Mt. McKinley (now Denali), and survived a harrowing bus trip, in which the bus nearly slid off an icy road down a cliff.

In later years, Aude took then his grown son to the Grand Canyon.

"At first I thought it was Dad who wanted to visit these places one more time," Steve said. "But as we spent time together on these trips, I came to realize, as he pointed out the special places and scenes at each place, his purpose was for him to share and pass onto me the wonder and beauty of each."

▲ Aude's son Steve can be reached at (913) 240-3188 or SteveAude@KC.RR.com. Aude also is survived by his son Greg, daughter Susan and sister Christie.



Col. Peter Aude #402: Brother Aude, a U.S. Army veteran, passed to the Adytum on High in November in South Carolina. He was buried on Jan. 3 in Arlington National Cemetery, joining Upsilon brothers Gen. William Peers, U.S. Army, and Adm. James Seely, U.S. Navy in the distinguished grounds.

Aude was a career military man, and he was stationed as a quartermaster in Alaska, where the family weathered the 1964 earthquake and tsunami. Aude helped to manage the emergency response and recovery logistics for the damage in Anchorage.

As a result of his impressive work, Aude was promoted to Battalion Commander and served at Ft. Hood, and for the Joint Army-Navy Unified Command in Europe, where he managed an oil pipeline in France and in Stuttgart in occupied West Germany in the 1960s. Aude was congratulated by a three-star general for bring the top support battalion in the division (combat battalions usually won that honor).

Aude's Executive Officer at Ft. Hood said that even though they were different ranks, that didn't matter to him. They were good friends, worked hard and the Executive Officer remarked that Aude always looked out for his Soldiers and was a good Commander.

"It was all that more interesting that my Dad's Executive officer was an African-American, and this was back in the 1960s," Peter Aude said. "His Executive Officer, Oscar Roberts, said my Dad gave him a good efficiency report (remarking to me that he definitely earned it)!"

Aude fully understood that the combat units that his quartermaster battalion supported were his first priority, and he made sure that they had no complaints with his support. He always brought in his lower-ranked Warrant Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers, and explained clearly what needed to be done. Then he delegated and gave them the support and freedom to implement his directives.

During the Vietnam War, Aude was an advisor during the 1968 Tet Offensive and taught logistics in Saigon to the South Vietnam Army, and in the 1970s, he was stationed in Turkey. During those years, Aude's wife taught the family parakeet to squawk, "Pete's in Turkey, Pete's in Turkey."

Aude returned to Los Angeles for the 1984 Olympics and visited some fraternity brothers. He was an unlikely fraternity man, but he stayed devoted to UCLA football and John Wooden's basketball teams for years. Aude always wore his two favorite caps, alternating between his light blue UCLA cap and retired Army hat. He made sure to get up early for the UCLA-Texas A&M game this past season.

Aude was a devoted father and family man, and a man of reason and quiet action, which explain his lifetime of success in the military and as a father. Along with keeping America free, he stood vigil during visits to the emergency room for stitches, and helping to calm children with car sickness during road trips. National Geographic magazines and borrowing library books were commonplace.

"He was a reader and introspective, but he wasn't a joiner," Steve said. "He was always there at every key event in my life. He said, It's not what you had done, but what you needed to do. That helped make him successful as a military commander."

Aude's burial at Arlington National Cemetery follows the burial there of Adm. Seely in Nov. 2017. Aude was laid to rest with full military honors in a touching ceremony. The family walked behind the casket and riderless horse with a procession of soldiers. An Army Chaplain blessed the gathered, and the American flag was stretched over his casket and folded by the eight Soldiers, as a 21-gun salute and taps sounded. Aude's son, John, who died in infancy, also was buried there.

"Thanks again for all of the interaction with the fraternity and care you have expressed," Steve Aude said.

Aude graduated high school early and attended UCLA right after WWII, from 1946 to 1950, where he competed on the crew team. A WWII veteran was running the kitchen, and he instilled early military discipline on Aude, who was a young hasher. Sigma Pi was in the midst

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