



# Grizzly Sig

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## Homecoming 2008

Homecoming is happening September 20<sup>th</sup> this year. As usual, Beta Delta has a Friday Night Open House for visiting brothers as well as a Tailgate Party at the game and Reception at The House following the game.

This year, the Grizzlies host UC Davis at 1:05 pm at Washington Grizzly Stadium. Unfortunately, the stadium is mostly sold out to season ticket holders and there are few game tickets available to visiting alums. So, Beta Delta is unable to provide game tickets as we have in years past. As an alternative, UM plans to host a big tent in the tailgate area with big screen TVs, beverages and food.

## Basketball Court Dedication

At Homecoming 2008, we will dedicate another wonderful addition to 1110 Gerald. Underwritten through the generosity of Bob, Jim and Pat Rowe in memory of their parents Robert (Bob) Rowe Sr. and Margaret (Peggy) Rowe, a new basketball court is under construction in the back yard. It will serve as a great gathering place for the brothers and a fantastic recruiting tool for pledges. Come join the celebration!



## New Beta Delta Brothers

New Beta Delta brothers were initiated Spring 2008 into Sigma Chi: Patrick Carter, John Halligan, Michael Mallory, Brooke McCaleb, Brady McCarthy, Geoffrey McEvars, Matthew Mittelstaedt, Garren Richter, Kevin Rowe, Dustin Schwitchenburg, Nathaniel Wien and James Wiscombe.

Congratulations to all of these new brothers as they begin their Sigma Chi adventure.

## Chapter Eternal

Thomas E. Nelson '56	John P Allison '64 (2007)
William Baldrige '50	Robert A. Callaghan '50
John H. Duncan '40 (2007)	Robert L. Hauck '64
Alan Jackson '50	Thomas I. Sabo '61 (2007)
Garvin F. Shallenberger '42 (2006)	J.J. Wuerthner '48
Nickolas A. Wolfe Jr. '54 (2005)	

**All Honor to Their Names**

## Notes from the Brothers

From Greg Beach '79: I'd like to pass along a nice note that I received from Eleanore Hauck, widow of Beta Delta's Bob Hauck Sr. who passed away in March 2008.

She writes "Greg, I'm not sure who to thank for the beautiful, dozen white roses from the Sigma Chis. I have talked to a number of Sigma Chis that were in the House with Bob and mentioned the chapter had sent them and thanked them. I so appreciate all your thoughtfulness."

Bob wore the White Cross worthily through out his life and walked closely with the Lord. He was stellar individual and his life was a fine tribute to the chapter and our county.

## Second 100 Years Fundraiser

The goal of the Second 100 Years Fundraiser is to add \$250,000 more to Beta Delta's scholarship endowment and contribute \$50,000 toward the renovation cost of the Pat Wilcox Memorial Project. When the scholarship endowment is fully funded, it will produce up to \$30,000 a year in scholarships for deserving Beta Delta brothers. We believe this strategy will attract more focused and mature leadership to the chapter.

The following brothers and friends have answered the call (CE = Chapter Eternal):

### Pledge Builder (Up to \$249)

Lou Aleksich '63	Tom Agamenoni '60
Albert Angstman '41	Don Archibald '56
Jeff Bird '85	Jim Bryngelson '63
Chris Cavanaugh '99	Maury Colberg '57
Don Criswell '50	Tom Croci '65
Richard DeGroot '67	John Driscoll '55
Dale Evans '63	Steve Fenter '63
Arnold Hageman '59	John Hauck '64
Ron Hauf '82	Walter Hill '44
Ken Hornung '62	Steve Jerhoff '73
Greg Johnson '95	Marc Kouzmanoff '74

Hollis McCrea '50  
Doug Moher '68  
Gerald Murphy '68  
Duane Ray '00 (BR)  
Sigma Nu Fraternity  
Kent Webster '64

Bob McCue '79  
Bill Moore '63  
Larry Pettit '59  
Pat Rowe '78  
Murray Swenson '54

### **Norman Shield (\$250 to \$499)**

Jack Besso '64  
Mark Comfort '76  
Bob McCue '79  
Rob Giesen '76  
Jim MacIntosh '46  
Tom Naegele '73  
Ron Simon '60

Chuck Bergstrom '74  
Bill DeGroot '73  
Tom McElwain '67  
Ron Hauge '68  
Josh Maki '00  
Tom Nelson '56 **CE**

### **Jordan Standard (\$500 to \$999)**

John Agnew '72  
Dennis Bugge '69  
Mike Halligan '74  
Kevin Murphy '81  
Cory Rigler '98  
Bob Rowe '80  
Pat Schruth '71  
John Thompson '68  
Jim Zaro '72

Mike Barker '75  
Bill Dolan '82  
Walt Muralt '89  
Jeff Peete '79  
John Rimel '79  
Mike Schruth '68  
Cam Slade '85  
Tim Wolff '91

### **Prof Scheuch (\$1000 to \$4999)**

Brent Appelgren '75  
Roger Beeter '70  
John Bohlinger '59  
Brad Colberg '82  
Bruce Crippen '56  
Chuk Denowh '03  
Frank Gibson '61  
Tom Hines '63  
Howard Hunter '49  
Kero, Walt '73  
Jim Lee '59  
Greg McCunn '92  
Bill Miles '46  
James Mountain (SAE)  
Tim Ondrak '05  
John Rood '62  
Pat Sheehan '75  
Rob Stern '85  
Jim Thompson '58  
Bill Todd '56  
Paul Wilde '92

Greg Beach '79  
Don Bennett '78  
RJ Brewer '74  
Nate Cranston '03  
Phil Currie '63  
Joe Ford '72  
John Hemstad '81  
Don Hooper '63  
Rukin Jelks '50  
Brian Kurth '82  
Chuck Lueckemeyer '05  
Bill Mitchell '50  
Cory Miller '03  
Mark Nelson '77  
Fritz Pierce '67  
John Ross '66  
Steve Simon '90  
Allen Thompson '74  
Jim Tidyman '54  
Steve Vielleux '76  
Tim Wolff '91

### **Constantine (\$5000 to \$9999)**

John Bennett (BP) '84  
Dan Cederberg '75  
Sherman Lohn '41 (and Elizabeth)  
Bill Papesh '65

Ted Burton '49  
Barry Henderson '82  
Jim Murphy '51

### **White Cross (\$10,000 to \$11,999)**

Ray Cosman '66  
Russell Lund '85  
Pat Sheehan '74

Greg Hardy '82  
JC McLaughlin '74  
Rich Thompson '73

### **Seven Founders (\$100,000)**

Warren "Stubb" Wilcox

### **What can YOU do to help?**

**1. Make a Donation.** If your name is not on this list, it should be. We need support from all brothers to achieve our worthy goals. Complete and mail the enclosed Contributor Form with your donation today. Your donations are tax deductible.

**2. Fulfill Your Pledge.** There is currently over **\$40,000** in pledges outstanding. We completed the Wilcox Memorial (Garage Renovation) Project in Fall 2007 and had to borrow to complete construction. Most of this loan could be paid off if outstanding pledges from the following brothers were completed:

Roger Beeter  
Nate Cranston  
John Hemstad  
Howie Hunter  
Russell Lund  
Josh Maki  
Cory Miller  
Tim Ondrak  
John Rimel  
Pat Rowe  
Cam Slade  
Bill Todd  
Mike Wood

Jack Besso  
Frank Gibson  
Don Hooper  
Chuck Lueckemeyer  
Jim MacIntosh  
Tom McElwain  
Mark Nelson  
Larry Pettit  
John Rood  
Ron Simon  
Jim Thompson  
Tom Willard

For balance of your outstanding pledge, email [rich@regenesi.net](mailto:rich@regenesi.net) or call Rich Thompson at 503.977.7974.

**3. Up Your Ante.** If you have contributed in the past, why not increase your level of giving? Please let us hear from you soon so we can continue to grow the legacy of Sigma Chi at the University of Montana.

### **Donating Securities to Beta Delta**

If you have considered giving back to Beta Delta Chapter, gifting stocks, bonds or other securities may be a great way to do it and help you reduce your yearly tax burden.

Most charitable gifts generate a tax deduction equal to the fair market value of the property given to charity. This means that Uncle Sam is paying approximately 30% to 40% of the charitable gift depending on your income tax bracket. You can obtain an even larger bang for your buck by giving appreciated property to charity.

Since Beta Delta's house corporation (Sigma Chi Building Foundation) is approved by the IRS as a 501c3 charitable foundation, it will pay no tax on the sale of your stock gift since public charities are exempt from income tax on the sale of investment securities.

Using this tax strategy can allow brothers to give back more to Sigma Chi, an organization that has given us so much. If you would like more information, consult your financial consultant and your tax advisor.

To make a gift of securities to Beta Delta, contact our Director of Special Gifts **Walt Kero '73** at 406.549.4148 or [taxman@bigsky.net](mailto:taxman@bigsky.net)

## Beta Delta Receives Purple Heart

For 63 years, a small white scar on the middle knuckle of Sidney Kurth's left hand was the only reminder the World War II veteran had of the day he was injured during battle. Now, a small medal over his heart will remind others of what Kurth gave for his country.

Monday, Kurth was awarded the Purple Heart for an injury he received while serving in the U.S. Marines during World War II.

"It's been a long time coming - too long. This should have been taken care of years ago, but it's taken care of now," said Wilber Jensen, commandant of the local Marine Corps League.

Kurth, a Billings lawyer, served in the Marines from Jan. 6, 1942, to Jan. 4, 1946. He was a second lieutenant in the 3rd 155mm Howitzer Battalion based at Guadalcanal, part of the Solomon Islands, during World War II.

It was Oct. 6, 1944, when Kurth's left hand was struck by shrapnel. Kurth sat in a foxhole made of coral on Peleliu Island in the South Pacific as the Japanese crossed the perimeter defense.

When the first hand grenade flew over their makeshift fort, Kurth quickly threw it out. But just as it seemed they were out of harm's way, another grenade landed in the foxhole and exploded. Kurth retreated from the battle just long enough to bandage up his hand. Then he returned.

"When you're wounded, you either go back to your outfit, or go to a hospital ship. I wasn't bad enough to go to a hospital ship," Kurth said.

The battalion's operations around the island were supposed to last only 48 hours but ended up taking 43 days, Kurth said. On Aug. 8, 1945, the battalion disbanded.

Somewhere along the way, the battalion's records were lost. Although Kurth knew he was eligible for a Purple Heart, neither he nor anyone else brought it up.

About two years ago, he got a copy of the battalion's records in the mail. "I had known all along I was entitled to a Purple Heart, but I kind of forgot about it until the records came," he said.

Apparently, somebody's grandson had decided he wanted to know what his grandfather had done in the military, so he traveled to Washington, D.C., where he searched the Naval Archives for records of the 3rd 155mm Howitzer Battalion, Kurth said. What he came up with was the battalion's log book, which cited each day's activity, who was injured and who died.

It was from these photocopied papers that 1st Sgt. George Rabidou compiled a history of Kurth's battalion, which he read as part of Monday's ceremony.

Rabidou first met Kurth a year and a half ago when he brought him the papers. Kurth tabbed a paper in the middle of the pile to mark the entry that spoke of his injury.

According to military regulations, the Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the president to any member of the Armed Forces or any civilian national of the United States who, while serving in the U.S. Armed Services after April 5, 1917, has been wounded or killed in action against an enemy or opposing armed force of the United States.

Rabidou mailed the paperwork on Feb. 27, 2006. It was 62 years late, but better late than never, he said. Monday, Rabidou handed over the medal, embossed with George Washington's face on the front and the phrase "For Military Merit" on the back. Kurth accepted the honor with a smile on his face and his wife, Sue Fraser-Kurth, at his side.

Kurth's sons, Kevin and Brian, and his grandchildren, Pearce and Cydney, were also in attendance, along with 20-plus members of the Marine Corps League.

"It's been a long time coming," Kevin Kurth said. "But the best part about it being late is that we get to share it with him."

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