



Summer 2014

## KAPPA SIGMA ALUMNUS AWARDED THE French Legion of Honor



**Roger F. James**

**CITED FOR VALOROUS SERVICE  
IN WORLD WAR II**



Roger F. James

Seventy years after the WWII Battle of Rittershoffen, Roger F. James, of Raymore, MO was decorated with the highest award conferred by the Republic of France: Knight of the French Legion of Honor. The medal, instituted by Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802 was presented by Honorary French Consul, Dr. Arthur Elman, MD and was accompanied by a Citation and Letter of Congratulations from Prime Minister Hollande of France. The presentation ceremony was held March 15, 2014 at a meeting of the Delaware Crossing Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution in Overland Park, KS.

In late December, 1944, the now 90 recipient was just 20 years old; a corporal tank gunner serving in Company "C", 48th Tank Battalion, 14th Armored Division (Liberators). The decisive armor engagement in which his company lost 13 of its 15 tanks was characterized by General Jacob Devers, as part of the "Greatest defensive battle of the war." In the big picture it was overshadowed by the Battle of the Bulge in which the highly publicized defense of Bastogne occurred a week earlier.

Corporal James' piece of the action commenced on New Year's Eve, when US Task Force Hudelson received the opening blows of Operation Nordwind, the last major Nazi offensive on the Western Front. Engaged by elements of five German divisions, the Task Force succeeded in delaying the enemy advance long enough for strong reinforcements to arrive and contain that thrust. Operation Nordwind nearly succeeded when the axis of the main attack shifted to a line centered between the villages of Hatten and Rittershoffen and achieved a short-lived breakthrough of US Seventh Army lines. In a furious armored engagement, elements of the 14th Armored Division, supported by the 2nd and 3rd Bns, 315th Infantry, fought the German XXXIX Panzer Corps to a stand-still, stopped the breakthrough and

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## REPORT FROM THE Grand Master

The spring semester of 2014 is underway at the University of Kansas, and the Gamma Omicron chapter of Kappa Sigma is very excited about the upcoming year and the great things that are in store for us. Throughout the year we've worked hard to improve ourselves individually as young men and to improve the chapter as a whole.

Kappa Sigma hosted the 69<sup>th</sup> Grand Conclave in Las Vegas, NV over the summer. Gamma-O had three undergraduates attend. All of those who attended learned much about the new and exciting ways Kappa Sigma is growing and developing. We hope to bring home another F.A.C.E. (Founders Award of Chapter Excellence) award this spring, elevating our chapter to one of the premiere chapters in the country. Additionally, we had over 20 members attend district conclave in Kansas City, MO shortly after winter break. It was a great day for meeting several of our brothers at close-by universities and to hear our Worthy Grand Master Hugh M. Robert motivate us to strive for greatness.

Not only have we spent time meeting brothers from across our district, but we have been heavily involved in the Lawrence community. One of our

members, Joel Rosenberger is on the executive board of the House that Greeks Built, and several more of our members are involved as well. This organization raises money from fraternities and sororities to build homes in the Lawrence community for those who are less fortunate. Another area in which one of our brothers is involved is Relay for Life. Kellen Smutz ('11) is a divisional representa-

tive for this organization, and he works tirelessly to aid the fundraising for cancer research, as well as provide other members with the resources needed to get involved themselves.

The fall semester yielded a 2.92 overall GPA for the men of Gamma Omicron, placing us above the all university level. We hope to improve this spring with the

implementation of new academic policies, aiming to return to becoming one of the top 5 houses on the hill. Seven of our members recorded all As this past fall, and we hope to continue having several members accomplish this feat each semester.

This past fall, Kappa Sigma teamed up with the ladies of Delta Delta Delta during homecoming week, with the theme of "Jayhawks Around the World". The members of both houses worked hard throughout the week, securing a first place in the



“Moving Float” competition and second place overall. We excelled at several events during the week as well; including the recycling drive, chalk n’ rock, and banner competition. The freshmen were very involved throughout the week, participating in the Jayhawk Jingle competition with some of the members of Tri Delt.

Although the spring semester is often a busy time of the year, the men of Gamma Omicron have still found time for social events. On February 8<sup>th</sup>, we hosted our “Ski Lodge” party. The date party consisted of dressing up in our best ski lodge attire and enjoying the evening in the basement where it was adorned in a true ski lodge fashion. On March 1<sup>st</sup>, members’ mothers visited from all across the country to spend the day in Lawrence. Many members and their moms bowled at the union, and some explored Massachusetts Street during the day. The evening consisted of cocktail hour and dinner at the Eldridge. We look forward to the several social events throughout the rest of the semester: our Black and White Formal, Caddyshack, Dad’s Day, and Margaritaville

This spring, a tiled version of the crest was installed in the entryway of the house, at the foot of the stairs. The crest is a mosaic-styled piece of artwork featuring our colors of scarlet red, emerald green, and white, and our secret motto A.E.K.Δ.B. inscribed beneath the crest. I would like to thank Parents Club for arranging the funds for this to

occur. Parents Club is also considering improving our current patio furniture, and I would like to thank them for that as well.

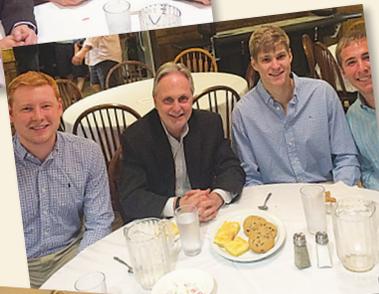
I would like to thank the seniors currently living in the house: Patrick Begley, Nick Colbert, Colin Remick, and John Ryan. These four brothers have remained diligent and committed to Kappa Sigma throughout their time here at KU. All of them have held leadership positions within the house, excelled academically, been involved in the community and on campus, and have remained encouraging brothers to everyone in the house. We are truly blessed to have them as members of Gamma Omicron.

I would also like to thank our house director, Patricia Harbaugh, and our cook, Cindy Post. Mom Harbaugh has been a tremendous person to have involved in the house. She continuously goes above and beyond the bounds of her duties in order to be helpful and improve our house in all aspects. We are blessed to have her recognized as the “Best House Director” on campus, and are proud of her achievement! She is a large reason we have had the success we have experienced during her time here. Cindy has also been an incredible person to have in the house, keeping things in the kitchen running efficiently and continuing to be a crucial member to our success as well. Mom Harbaugh and Cindy are a joy to have on our team, and we are incredibly lucky to have them.

This semester, Gamma-O welcomed 24 new members. These younger guys are excited to continue excelling in all facets of college life. These freshmen, with the help of our recruitment chairmen, have begun recruiting the seniors across all of Kansas. If you know of any men interested in joining our fraternity, please contact [rush@gamma-o.org](mailto:rush@gamma-o.org).

This past fall and first few months of spring have been jam packed with all aspects of collegiate life, but I speak on behalf of every Kappa Sigma here at KU when I say we’re truly enjoying ourselves and extremely blessed to be in the position we’re in. We are all happy to have such a great facility, and we hope to improve the house during our time here. With 73 members living in the house and about 30 living out of the house, we are one of the largest chapters on campus. Gamma-O aims to increase our presence in the community and continue to excel in every area of college life the rest of this semester and for several years to come. As my term as president comes to a close this spring, I want to thank all of our members and everyone who has been a part of my life for making my time in the house the best it could possibly be.

A.E.K.Δ.B.  
Sean Cameron (‘11)  
Grand Master



APRIL 2, 2012

## Mentor Dinner

The Gamma-Omicron chapter of Kappa Sigma hosted many alumni for the annual mentor dinner on April 2, 2014. Conversation was held over a fine meal cooked and presented by Kappa Sigma’s own personal chef Cindy Post. Alumni came from across Kansas and Missouri representing several different career paths to give brothers advice and tips about their chosen fields. Engineers to Accountants, every brother was eager to enjoy the benefits of this occasion in hopes to soak up some knowledge that will help them for the future. In addition to the mentoring dinner, academic awards were presented to numerous members of the Gamma-Omicron chapter for their outstanding performance in the classroom, with many of the successful students receiving up to \$500 for all A’s. After the festivities, brothers broke out into groups of lawyers, engineers, financiers, doctors, and other professions to discuss interview tactics and give tips on constructing the perfect resume. In addition to the advice, personal stories were told by the alumni about their experiences in the chosen field and why they were so successful in their career. Brothers asked their questions to the experienced alumni and the alumni were more than happy to share their intuition with the guys. The night continued on and the conversation was light and happy, brothers were talking with the alumni like they were old friends and conversation seemed to drift towards a more storytelling approach from the alumni, who were talking of the “good old days” of living in the fraternity. The night ended with many appreciative “thank yous” from the brothers, and many happy “good lucks” from the alumni. The night was one for the books, and we at Kappa Sigma cannot wait for next year’s event.

# French Legion of Honor

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*US troops defend Rittershoffen, Alsace, France, January 1945*



restored the defensive line at the two villages.

On the eve of the firefight which merited the award, three tanks of the Second

Platoon were deployed in deep snow on the northern edge of Rittershoffen, about 8 miles west of the Rhine river and roughly 23 miles northeast of Strasbourg in Alsace. All night long they were subjected to the noise of maneuvering tanks coming from behind a ridgeline to their front. The Germans were attempting to unnerve the tankers. By listening closely, the Americans quickly detected cyclical repetitions. The noise was being blasted from a loudspeaker. The tankers were, however, unprepared for their first encounter with the "screaming meemies". The German artillery fired a shell that screeched louder and louder and sounded as if it was inside their helmets until it passed harmlessly overhead. Additional nebelwerfer shells that followed soon lost most of their psychological effect.

Unbeknownst to the wary tankers, enemy infantry had infiltrated to their rear and doused several buildings with gasoline. Before dawn the houses suddenly burst into bright flame silhouetting the tanks which were quickly backed to the relative

safety of a sunken farm road. In hull defilade only the turrets of the M4A3 Sherman tanks were exposed. It was still dark when, just as suddenly, a German patrol appeared clad in white camouflage suits with peaked hoods that made them seem over seven feet tall. Gunner James quickly fired a high explosive shell set on delay and bounced it off the ground disposing of that threat. Immediately a Panther tank lurched into view. James told his loader, Clarence Wilde, to keep loading armor piercing shells and that he was going to hit the Panzer as often as he could. German tank guns were so powerful that they could shoot completely through American tanks. This was serious business. Wilde never missed a beat. James' first shell ricocheted straight up. The fifth well-aimed shell struck the gun shield and glanced downward into the driver's compartment whereupon the Panzer burst into flame never having fired a shot. The range had been about 40 yards.

James' tank commander, a sergeant, had seen enough. He jumped out and fled to a nearby base-ment. The driver, Howard Harper, took command, came to the hatch and standing exposed gave James continuous firing orders. The Germans soon sent several men armed with panzerfaust weapons launching football size projectiles with

thermal cores that burned through armor and exploded inside tanks with devastating results. The tankers were relieved to dispose of three of them, but not before panzerfaust had disabled the other two 2d Platoon tanks. Two crewmembers were killed, cut down by German machine gun fire as they scrambled from the tanks, while the others found cover in nearby houses.

Harper said "It's time to get out of here." James provided covering fire from the open turret with his 45 caliber grease gun while Harper rounded up the dismounted tankers and loaded them on the remaining tank. Harper again took control of the gears and bulldozed the disabled tanks out of the way. Then, knocking off the corner of a house, he raced away at top speed. A shell hit a glancing blow to the side of their tank as they repositioned to continue the fight from inside the village. By their valiant action that day, 13 of 15 Second Platoon tankers (including the cowardly sergeant) were rescued from death or capture.

Two days later with a new commander the crew lost their tank in an encounter in the shadow of a huge burned out church that dominated the center of Rittershoffen. Two men were killed. Their pet and prospective stew, a plump Alsatian rabbit, went missing in action. The surviving crew counted taking at least five hits before abandoning the tank and then watched from a distance as puffs of black smoke belched from the turret as the ammunition load cooked off. After 11 days of almost constant contact the survivors were sent to get a new tank.



*Sir Roger in the Color Guard Dress Uniform  
Sons of the American Revolution*

The German offensive finally sputtered to a halt on January 25 along the Moder River where the US Seventh Army had established a reinforced main line of defense. The 14<sup>th</sup> Division, refitted and resupplied, resumed the offense on March 15, crossed the Rhine on Easter Sunday, and raced across the German heartland to the Austrian border. Corporal James missed most of that ride.

While waiting in the village of Ludwigswinkle, still on the French side of the Rhine, James, now tank commander, was perched, as a friend said, "fat, dumb and happy" atop the turret of "his" tank enjoying a delicious steak sandwich. The first of several random mortar shells burst beside the tank. His left arm absorbed a sledgehammer blow and protected his head though his face and upper torso were pierced by multiple shards of shrapnel. He was evacuated to a Field Hospital in Dijon and slapped in an upper body cast for several weeks followed by painful rehab. When the war ended on 8 May Corporal James was enroute across a thoroughly defeated Germany to rejoin =the heroes of Company "C".

The requisites for award of the French Legion of Honor to American veterans are: the combat action must have taken place on the soil of France; the recipient must hold at least two United States valor awards such as the Purple Heart, a Bronze or Silver Star; been honorably discharged; and remain alive. James met all requisite qualifications and is especially gratified to have achieved the last one.

James first learned about his eligibility for the award in 2013 through "The Liberator" the 14th Armored Division Association



newsletter. He submitted his application through the Military Attache at the French Consulate in Chicago. It was then sent through multiple reviews in France before final approval. The entire process took about a year and now James is a Knight.

"Sir" Roger, a second generation Kappa Sigma who grew up hearing his father Ralph James and uncle, Judge John R. James (both BT – Baker University), singing Kappa Sigma songs at family gatherings, was initiated into the Gamma Omicron (GO) Chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity at the

University of Kansas prior to the American entry into WWII. Like many of the Brothers including Bobby Dole (Later Senator Robert J. Dole) James soon enlisted for military service. Upon his return from the war Brother James took a bride, Miss Joan Happy, to whom he has been "happily" married for 63 years. Roger founded the James Printing Company and fathered three children (daughter Karen McHugh, and Kappa Sig sons Andy GO '73 and Evan GO '75) who proudly accompanied him at the ceremony. James is now the sole surviving member of his original tank crew. He was greatly honored a few years ago to deliver the funeral eulogy for his combat comrade Howard Harper who had been best man at Roger and Joan's wedding.



*Brothers Roger F. James GO '42 (ctr) with sons Andy GO'73 (lt) and Evan GO '75 (rt)*

## APRIL 22, 2014 Bob Dole



It was a beautiful Tuesday morning, when Brother Bob Dole visited Lawrence for a reception at the Dole Institute. This was the first of three scheduled returns to Kansas – billed as a Thank You Tour. The Dole Institute was filled with an enthusiastic, welcoming crowd led by Barbara Ballard, Associate Director of the Institute, Bill Lacy, Director of the D.I., and Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little who welcomed and praised Brother Bob before he spoke.

Bob spoke with his trademark wit which was displayed in both his remarks and answers to questions from the crowd. He demonstrated the political perspective that enabled him to work productively with strong Democrats such as Tip O'Neil, Daniel Moynihan, et al. For example in discussing the challenge of reducing spending and the debt he reflected that during his tenure he found it very difficult to accept spending that, while having an overall benefit, resulted in a reduction in \$ to his Kansas constituency, and that hasn't changed. About half his comments and questions reflected serious thought, but some of his wittier reposts included:

*When asked the most important thing for a new Senator to know, he said it was to know the location of the bathroom nearest the Senate floor. He commented about his time at KU, mentioning that he studied here for a couple years, then reflected that perhaps saying he studied was a bit of an overstatement. When he concluded his remarks he mentioned that it was then time for him to collect his million-dollar speaker's fee. After a pause he said that it's his usual fee, and maybe that explains the fact that he never gets asked to speak.*

Even with Bill Lacy's encouragement Senator Dole wasn't able to fit in a visit to the house due to a tight itinerary scheduled weeks ahead. But he did have a chance to meet our House Director, Patricia Harbaugh, urging her to "keep those boys in line"! Margaret Shirk, whom Patricia brought to the event, the widow of David Shirk '37 and still the proprietor of Shirk's Barn (by the way, the Kappa Sig Red Dog party is still held there, and the only Greek party allowed at the hallowed venue). Both the Senator and Mrs. Shirk were elated as, when David Shirk coached the KU freshman football team, one of the players was a young fellow from Russell by the name of Dole!

# Thank you...

The chapter would like to take this time to thank those of you generous Gamma-Omicron Brothers, friends, and family that have donated to the Scholarship/Leadership Program. If you'd like to learn more, please visit the website, [www.gamma-o.org/slp](http://www.gamma-o.org/slp). If you'd like to add your name to our list of supporters, you can send payment to Scholarship/Leadership Program, c/o Lloyd Hanahan: 10001 W. 156th St. Overland Park, KS 66221 or contact Lloyd at [lbh6221@AOL.com](mailto:lbh6221@AOL.com).

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## GO-LITE UPDATES

### Noel Rooney '53

Noel & Sharon have 4 sons (all of whom were initiated into Gamma-O), seven grandchildren and one great-grandson. We play golf and tennis all year, which is why we relocated in Las Cruces. Noel also likes to play duplicate bridge, and Sharon keeps busy with her weaving and genealogy. We've been to Palm Springs, Las Vegas and several times back to Kansas in the past year.

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### Dale Reinecker '63

Dale and Pat are enjoying life in Bedford, TX. "I'm just kickin' back and enjoying retirement. Staying involved with 3 grand-kids and following the Jayhawk football/basketball teams."

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### Ron Odegard '66

"I have been married for 26 years to Beth, a graduate of Oklahoma State University. We are both retired Navy Captains (O-6) and I am a retired American Airlines Captain. We have two sons that are both graduates of Florida State University. I am currently employed as an Aviation Safety Inspector for the Federal Aviation Administration."

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### Kent Sundgren '72

Ken is married to Debbie and a Motorcycle & Riding Instructor for PAS. His sons Zach and Harrison are both Kappa Sigmas from the University of Northern Colorado. "Both have graduated and started their careers. Harrison is married to Brittany, they live in Castle Rock, CO. Zach is working in Colorado Springs, CO. We watch as many of the Jayhawk games as possible together."

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Brothers on cycles at Moab –  
Kent and Zach at Hurrah Pass

## Gamma-O Alumni Brothers,

### Steve Asher '74

Steve is a Strategic Account Executive for Maritz. Steve and his wife Beth have two boys, Justin (29) and Brendan (26), who also live in Houston. "Beth and I look forward to celebrating our 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in August".

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Steve Asher

### Marc Nicolas '81

Marc is a Vice President with the Albemarle Corporation. "I was appointed as vice-president at Albemarle joint venture in Japan. It was a great experience and needless to say great sushi. My responsibilities include China and all Asian countries. I am happy to share my experiences welcome all brothers who consider a posting in ANY Asian country.

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### Dr. Jonalan Smith '01

Brother Smith lives in Fairway with his wife, Alison. He is Director of Pharmacy Services for Sunflower State Health Plan.

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### Cory Sims '04

Cory enjoys traveling, and does nearly every week for his job as a consultant with Kansas City based Cerner Corporation. Presently, his client is in Long Island, but he escapes the Northeast for trips to the sunshine as often as possible. He recently took a trip to Key West with his lady friend, and came back with a decent tan and hundreds of photos from fishing,

snorkeling, and other water activities. For his next trip, he is helping to plan a bachelor party for Derek Hoefler (PC Fall '06). The current idea is a New Orleans weekend, with several other brothers joining, including Robert Lutz (PC Fall 2005) and Mitch Plummer (PC Fall 2006).

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Approximately 15 years ago the House Corp and the Foundation announced to alumni of Gamma Omicron Chapter the **Scholarship/Leadership Program**, designed by then 5 active chapter leaders and 3 alums. While the title isn't sexy, the program is designed to reward both Chapter scholarship (GPA) **and** brothers' leadership within the chapter and "on the Hill".

1. The first overall qualifier is the **chapter** (brotherhood) must meet at least KU's "all men's" GPA and be current in all chapter financial obligations.
2. The second qualifier is a **brother** must have at least the KU "all fraternity" GPA and be current on all obligations to the chapter.
3. A qualifying brother's GPA, will have an added a leadership factor (a fraction one GPA equivalent, or less, depending upon the office held). The calculation is (GPA+Factor) times the number of semester hours completed. The product of a brother's calculation, will then be computed as a percent of the total product of all qualifying brothers, times the funds set aside by the boards for that semester, to determine his "payout".
4. Note the qualifiers require the "brotherhood" to be mutually successfully, before individual brothers can qualify! Not just a few, **but at least a majority** of the brothers should earn the funds available for that semester! Go to the Gamma-O website to see calculations using a semester's actual results modeled into these formulas.

The last 15 years has brought in **\$275,481** for this program, including \$6,000 pending pledges. A brother had pledged \$50,000 once we hit \$450,000 and another \$100,000 once we hit \$900,000. He was frustrated with the low funding level since the pledge, so he advanced the first \$50,000, now in the above totals.

This writer has been championing fund raising for Gamma-O for over 30 years, beginning with the \$2+ millions funding of the rebuilding the chapter house, which we re-occupied in 1998. I am having too many family health/other distractions, so I am asking for more of you to step up your generosity soon, while we seek someone to head up this important program's fund raising! Let me know of any questions or suggestions you may have. Gamma-O now has over 1400 living alumni and only 75 have responded to this "SCHOLARSHIP LEADERSHIP PROGRAM"!! More than 494 responded to **re-building** the chapter house, from then about 1200 alumni! (Top 7 donors gave \$856,000 and all 37 donors at \$10,000, or more, gave \$1,405,000!)

To acquaint you with the current cost of attending KU, tuition works out to about \$350/credit hour. Gamma-O's house bills are about \$8,000 per semester (similar to Beta, DU, Phi Delt and Phi Psi, all competitive with University Housing ..... a couple of sororities are \$10,000/semester!). This will dramatize the need for an endowment fund that will support at least \$20,000/semester to have a meaningful incentive to reward at least a **majority** of the brothers, not just a few. Note, the qualifiers are intentionally not based on **need**, but on **performance** of the brotherhood and individual brothers. Also, at least \$20,000/semester requires \$1 million endowment earning 4%!

When we launched this program the chapter was functioning at a historically high level, academically and otherwise. At that time we warned that history tells us such excellence was not a permanent condition. Recent semesters had the chapter earning a 3.1 GPA, but slipped to 2.92 this past semester. Last semester's KU's all men's average was 2.84 and the average for large (60+ member) chapters was 2.97.

This program addresses all the right issues to condition brothers' results orientation for their careers. Please be a significant donor to this program's making a difference in preparing brothers for teamwork successes, necessary for any company.

A.E.K.Δ.B.

Lloyd B. Hanahan '56  
For the good of our Order



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