



# The Ohio Gamma Red Door

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Alumni Newsletter of Sigma Phi Epsilon at The Ohio State University

## One Last Chance to Celebrate

Centennial Celebration Concludes in Columbus October 3-5, 2008 in Columbus, Ohio

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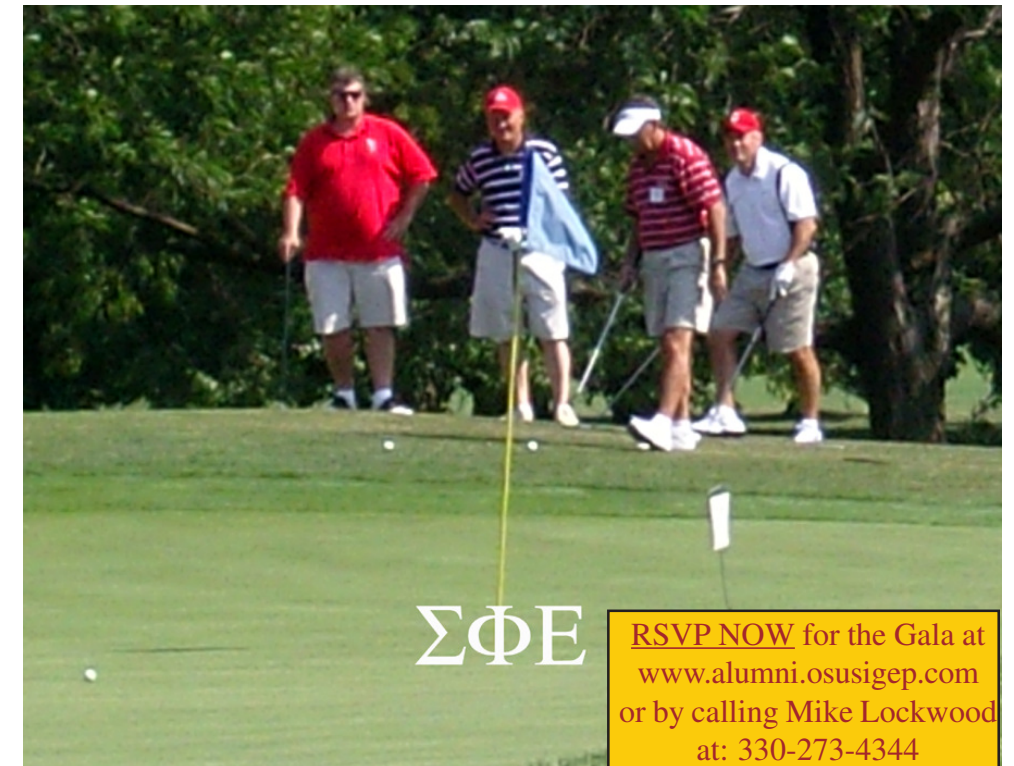
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Over the past twelve months, Ohio Gamma Alumni have joined together at various venues to celebrate our first century. We've learned a great deal about our brotherhood, spent quality time conspiring on the future of our fraternity, and have created some fun memories in the process.

In early August, thirty-two brothers, including over twenty alumni, hit the links at Blacklick Woods Golf Club. This event, arranged by the Centennial Celebration Committee, was the second to last event in honor of our hundredth year. Each

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participant received a commemorative a sleeve of balls, golf tees, water bottle, golf tee shaped snacks and pretzels and even a band aids for those with blisters.

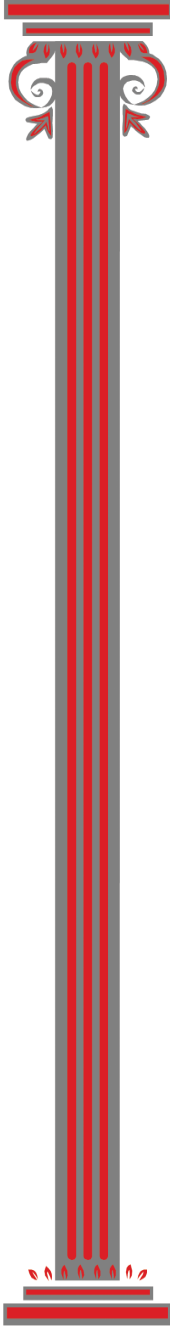
The competition was fierce. We set up the foursomes to balance the skill levels of the participants and played a scramble team event coupled with five individual skill activities. We awarded prize money to the top three winning teams. As it turned out, all three teams ended

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# From the Desk of the Foundation



Brothers:

The “official” Centennial Campaign is off and running! I can’t say enough about the generosity and belief in the value of our fraternal experienced exhibited by the growing number of donors to the Campaign. To date, we have actual donations and pledges “in hand” of almost \$350,000 and promised pledges “in the mail” bringing our total after only a month of the “official” Campaign to approximately \$400,000!



As good as this may sound, there is still a lot of ground to cover before the end of the Centennial Celebration Weekend in October. Although we have almost 1,000 good addresses for living alumni, only about one-fourth of you have contributed or pledged something to the Campaign. If our success to date says anything, it’s that many of our alumni see the value in insuring the future vitality of our Ohio Gamma Chapter, not only for future college men to reap the benefits we so clearly see in our everyday lives, but also for own growing alumni relations programs described in this, and earlier, newsletters.

I urge you to please consider sending in a pledge of whatever amount you are comfortable with before the end of September. If we can get an 80% participation level from our alumni, we will make a very serious run at reaching our goal of \$1,000,000. Please do your part and join your fellow alumni in supporting Ohio Gamma!

I recently attended my first (and probably last) high school reunion, and I was struck by the difference in depth of friendships between those of my high school friends and my fraternity brothers. The experiences and values we shared in the fraternity were so much more meaningful. I sincerely hope you will be able to attend our Centennial Celebration Weekend in October. It is going to be a fabulous event. We are expecting several hundred alumni, and this will be the “chance of a lifetime” to catch up with brothers you haven’t seen in years, and may never have the chance to see again.

Again, my deepest thanks for your support to date, and for your future support, of the Foundation. All tax-deductible donations and pledges can be sent to the Ohio Gamma Foundation at 1567 Northcrest Ave. Columbus, OH 43220, or made online at our website, [www.alumni.osusigep.com](http://www.alumni.osusigep.com).

Fraternally,

*Bob*

Robert B. Barnett ‘71  
President, Ohio Gamma Foundation

## Centennial Campaign Gift Recognition Levels

Circle of Brotherhood members will be recognized on a plaque and in the brick work at the Chapter House; Centennial Club members in the brick work.

Ohio Gamma Club	Centennial Club	Circle of Brotherhood
\$50 Brotherly Love Level	\$250 Red Door Society	\$2,500 Founders Society
\$75 Diligence Level	\$500 Gold Society	\$5,000 Woodruff Society
\$100 Virtue Level	\$750 Pearl Society	\$10,000 Ruby Society
	\$1,000 Diamond Society	\$25,000 Ducal Crown Society
		\$50,000 Golden Heart Society
		\$75,000 Harry Kurtz* Society
		\$100,000 Herbert Smith* Society
		\$200,000 Edwin Buchanan* Society

\*denotes an Ohio Gamma that served as  
Grand President of the National Fraternity

# Thank You To Our Donors!

## Circle of Brotherhood

**Herbert Smith Society**  
(\$100,000-\$199,999)

**George Smith ‘63\*~**

**Golden Heart Society**  
(\$50,000-99,999)

**S. Ray Lok ‘70\***

**Ruby Society**  
(\$10,000-\$24,999)

**James Pfeifer ‘60\*~**

**Jim Crossley ‘70\***

**Jeff Odenwald ‘68\*~**

**Bob Barnett ‘71\*~**

**Ken Misener ‘71\*~**

**Woodruff Society**  
(\$5,000-\$9,999)

**Jeff DuBois ‘66\*~**

**Dan Prucha ‘69\*~**

**John Barta ‘70\*~**

**Founders Society**  
(\$2,500-\$4,999)

**James McMillan ‘54\***

**Tom Wheeler ‘55\***

**Richard Walters ‘58**

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**Mike Deegan ‘66\***

**Mike Lockwood ‘66\***

**Dave Wilson ‘66\***

**Andy Latham ‘67\***

**Tom McLaughlin ‘69\***

**Eric Van Gilder ‘69\***

**Ken Butler ‘70\***

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**Bradley Griffith ‘04\***

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## Centennial Club

**Diamond Society (\$1,000-2,499)**

**William Killgallon ‘60**

**Gary Ryan ‘67**

**Michael Reed ‘70**

**Stephen Sanford ‘71~**

**William Grundemann ‘72~**

**Pearl Society (\$750-\$999)**

**Lawrence Bechler ‘72~**

**Gold Society (\$500-749)**

**Ed Spellacy ‘56**

**Robert Fogoros ‘73**

**Stephen Hicks ‘86**

**Red Door Society (\$250-499)**

**Richard Webster ‘49**

**Howard Bender ‘55**

**William Pfeifer ‘55**

**John Knoff ‘56**

**Neal Kresheck ‘61**

**Ronald Miller ‘63**

**Jim Burkhard ‘64**

**Dave Cessna ‘64**

**Raymond Fahrmeier ‘64**

**Marvin Leedom ‘64**

**David Rogers ‘64**

**Jeffrey Smith ‘66**

**Gerald Gille ‘68**

**Linden Beck ‘69**

**Thomas Miller ‘70**

**Robert Williams ‘70**

**Mark Reilley ‘87**

**Michael Bess ‘91**

**Michael Beer ‘96**

**Karl Curtis ‘98**



\* denotes “Charter Member”  
of the Founders Society  
~ denotes that total donation  
includes pledged gifts

## Ohio Gamma Club

(up to \$249)

**Howard Berthold ‘42**

**Carl Obenhaus ‘43**

**Chris Slauter ‘46**

**Donald Detmer ‘47**

**Thomas Hildreth ‘47**

**Alan McAllister ‘48**

**Robert Johnson ‘49**

**Carl Alexander ‘50**

**Marvin Kincaid ‘51**

**Lloyd Williams ‘51**

**Jacque Cain ‘52**

**Richard Dilts ‘52**

**John Crawford ‘53**

**LeRoy Jackopin ‘53**

**Robin Schmidt ‘56**

**Donald Swales ‘56**

**Frank Hill ‘57**

**William McNutt ‘57**

**George Wilkinson ‘57**

**Russell Hanthorn ‘58**

**Lynford Gabriel ‘59**

**Edward Cass ‘60**

**Keith V. Smith ‘60**

**Vernon Burger ‘61**

**Robert Love ‘61**

**Frederick Osgood ‘64**

**Brian Boling ‘65**

**David Gross ‘65**

**James Hendrickson ‘65**

**David Crouch ‘66**

**Charles Eigenberg ‘66**

**William Spitler ‘66**

**Lawrence Bond ‘68**

**William Vorlicky ‘68**

**Dean Failor ‘69**

**Robert Gochoel ‘69**

**Bryan McIntyre ‘69**

**Jeffrey Smith ‘69**

**Russell Wiseman ‘69**

**Robert Gille ‘70**

**Steve Skapik ‘70**

**Vincent Kazmer ‘71**

**Rodger Soeldner ‘71**

**Michael Tranovich ‘71**

**Chris Case ‘72**

**David Foust ‘72**

**Joseph Masternick ‘72**

**Daniel Miller ‘72**

**John Tranovich ‘72**

**Paul Kleifgen ‘73**

**Mark Rollinson ‘73**

**Jerry Steiner ‘74**

**Doug Wemmer ‘74**

**Stephen Linton ‘75**

**Ed Miller ‘75**

**Robert Hanrahan ‘76**

**Bradley Brinzo ‘88**

**David Cereno ‘88**

**Mark Walter ‘89**

**Joseph Roman ‘90**

**Todd Wray ‘91**

**Derek McClellan ‘92**

**John Berschied ‘97**

**Benjamin Balliet ‘00**

**Christopher Burk ‘00**

**Brian Head ‘03**

**George Gornall ‘04**

**Matt Dornauer ‘05**

**Jeremy Fiser ‘05**

**Doug Hange ‘05**

**Wade Guzdanski ‘05**

**Ron Dulaney ‘06**

**Mark Mudarth ‘06**

**Matt Potts ‘06**

**Adam Schwartz ‘06**

**Brad Waldsmith ‘06**

**John Baxter ‘08**

**Alex Harnocz ‘08**

**Brent Raes ‘08**

**Delano Yocco ‘08**





# Centennial Celebration Schedule

## Centennial Celebration Gala: October 3-5, 2008

This event concludes our celebration of the first century of Ohio Gamma. The event will be at the DoubleTree Hotel in Worthington where we have a block of rooms reserved with a special Centennial rate which also includes your breakfast for two each morning.

**Friday** will include golf for those interested starting at 11:00 a.m. and a Welcome cocktail reception with heavy hors d'oeuvres Friday evening from 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

**Saturday** will include a ceremony at the Chapter House, campus tours for those interested, a Strategic Planning session on the future of our Chapter and the Centennial Gala Banquet including guest speakers from OSU and our Sig Ep National Headquarters. We have made arrangements to be able to watch the OSU-Wisconsin (away) football game for our many diehard Buckeye fans. It is this evening that we will also host the Centennial Celebration Gala unveiling the future of our fraternity and celebrating our first century together. This event is black-tie optional.

**Sunday** will conclude with a get-away breakfast and final farewells.

This is our 100th anniversary and this truly is a once in a lifetime opportunity. Formal invitations have been sent out so please RSVP to attend like the many Brothers who have already indicated that they are planning on coming on the next page. Let's celebrate!

## LOOK who's coming to the Centennial Celebration Gala (October 3-5, 2008)

### 1940-1959

Edward Hill  
Howard Bender  
John Clark  
Donald Swales  
Tom Wheeler  
John Petro  
Jim Pfeifer  
Robin Schmidt  
Peter Stroup  
Ed Spellacy  
Dick Walters  
John Crawford  
Ken Fox  
Brad Hummel  
George Wilkinson  
Jim Worden  
**1960-1969**  
Mike Lockwood  
Jim Burkhard  
Dave Cessna  
Brian Boling  
Dave Wilson  
Jeff DuBois

Paul Freshwater  
Ray Fahreimer  
George McCready  
Roger Moore  
John Waggoner  
Jeff Smith  
Andy Latham  
Bill Spitler  
Rick Callison  
Bill Vorlicky  
Brian McIntyre  
Dan Prucha  
Eric Van Gilder  
Gary Ryan  
Geoff Hill  
Jeff Odenwald  
Jim Doyle  
Linden Beck  
Mike Deegan  
Steve Skapik  
Steve Smith  
Tim O'Brien  
Tom McLaughlin  
Mike Reed  
Chuck Juhasz

Keith Kistler  
Jim Griesen  
Jon Fitzenrider  
Mike McKisic  
Tom Okasinski  
Randy Smith  
John Hartman  
Bill Stall  
George Smith  
John Young  
Hugh Muir  
Russ Wiseman  
**1970-1979**  
John Barta  
Bill Grundemann  
Ken Butler  
Alex Sales  
Jim Crossley  
Bob Barnett  
Ken Misener  
Ed Miller  
Jim Allshouse  
Mike Mundorf  
Mike Roberts  
Don Kender

Tac Berry  
John Raab  
Mark Stevens  
Dan Miller  
Ray Roop  
Bob Harrison  
John Petro  
**1980-1989**  
Bob Jennings  
Todd Wirick  
Rob Hanrahan  
Mike Clark  
**1990-1999**  
Bill Gordon  
Pakon  
Nunthiraporn  
Chris Burke  
Mike Neilson  
Matt Turner  
Joe Marino  
Ben Balliett  
Greg Kreeger  
Todd Hill

### 2000-2007

Scott Phillips Jr.  
Matthew Potts  
Joseph Whittaker  
Adam Osenga  
Dennis Kaps  
Brad Griffith  
Christopher Alvarez-  
Breckenridge  
Trevor Thompson  
Adam Schwartz  
Michael Zion  
Jonathon Maneval  
Patrick Klein  
Brian Katz  
Scott Clayton  
Nate Busch



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with a 5 under par so we used lowest putts as the tie breakers – First Place (pictured left)– Team #6 – Bob Barnett, Son Pham, Jim Crossley and Bill Gordon; Second Place (pictured below)–Team #3 – John Waggoner, Dave Dressler, Andy DeLong and Jeff Dubois; Third Place – Team #8 – Tim Fields, Tyler Miller, Matt Potts and Mike Roberts.

The individual event winners were Mike Dressler – closest to the pin hole #5, Jock Taylor – closest to the pin hole #9, Andy DeLong – longest putt made hole #18, Sam Sheets – longest drive undergraduate hole #16 and finally an alumni winner – Bob Barnett – longest drive alumni hole #13. Thank goodness we set up an event that only an alumnus would win, otherwise the undergraduates would have put the alumni to shame.

After golf, we ventured to Hoggy's Bar and Grill in New Albany and feasted on BBQ Ribs, Beef Brisket, Pulled Pork, Pulled Chicken, and some liquid refreshments. Our thanks to Bob Jennings '85 who set up the event with assistance from Mike Roberts and the rest of the Centennial Committee.

This event leads us to the finale of our year-long celebration- the Centennial Celebration Gala. The event, held in Columbus from October 3-5, will highlight 100 years of Ohio Gamma and help us set a guiding light toward the future. You MUST RSVP NOW for this event. See the article on page 4 for more information on how to do so. We thank everyone who has supported SigEp during our first hundred years and hope to see you at the Gala to set the foundation for the next century!





# The Revolutionary Years – 1990 to Present

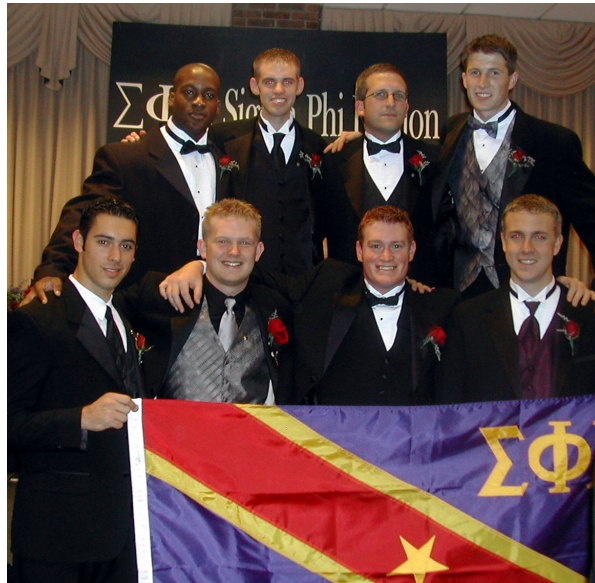
*Call them generation X, generation Y, or just the youngsters. Whatever you call our youngest Ohio Gamma Alumni, you should probably call them amazing! They have accounted for some of the greatest pieces of Ohio Gamma history in our first hundred years! This article is the final segment of our “100 Years of History” column that we’ve been running in this newsletter for the past two years. We look forward to writing the future of this fraternity TOGETHER as brothers!*

It began in 1991, when Ohio Gamma in its final year of leadership under President Mike Clark, won a Buchanan Cup. The chapter at that time was well over 100 men and had consistently recruited more men than its opposing chapters. Mike Clark went on to become Ohio Gamma’s first of four Regional Directors, including Dennis Kaps ‘03, Michael Repasky ‘08 and Ryan Dressler ‘08.

In 1995, the chapter peeked in membership and social fraternities were becoming a common part of campus life. SigEp continued to lead Ohio State, but as chapter sizes grew out of control, risk management became a challenge. Sigma Phi Epsilon, under the leadership of President Dave Diffendal, lead a revolution for the American College Fraternity by adopting a new program for member development- **the Balanced Man Program. This revolutionary “No pledging, No hazing” model spread the development opportunities earned in a pledge period out over the entire four years of membership in the chapter.** Furthermore, through campus involvement, the BMP offered brothers a myriad of new opportunities to grow as young men and exceed college expectations.

In spite of the wonderful developments in the chapter during the 1990s, Ohio Gamma elected to close its doors and re-colonize in early 2001...

The dust had settled on 1943 Waldeck Avenue, former home of Ohio Gamma. The house was occupied by students placed by the University to keep the house active while SigEp re-colonized. The brothers dreamed of a day they could move back in, but knew the task would be challenging. In room “Scarlet K” of the old Ohio Union, the first brothers of the new Ohio Gamma were initiated. These “founding fathers” assembled together, barely knowing each others names, to develop something greater than themselves. Something so amazing, that we would still support it to this day- the future of Ohio Gamma SigEp.



Leadership changed hands multiple times in the early years. The Presidency at one point seemed like a turn-style, but one VP excelled beyond expectations. Dennis Kaps ‘03, succeeded in recruiting enough men into the chapter back into the house (albeit on only one of the two floors.) He built the chapter to over forty men while transitioning his successor and the chapter immediately began to succeed. **They concluded the 2001-02 academic year by winning the campus “Chapter of the Year” award- their first of many.**



That summer, several brothers began to work on a chartering application. The time had come for Ohio Gamma to be officially designated as a chapter with Sigma Phi Epsilon. **On the 101<sup>st</sup> anniversary of our brotherhood, November 1, 2002, SigEp returned officially to the campus of The Ohio State University.** With Grand President Robeson performing the installation ceremony, the brothers looked forward at the future with open hearts!

As we watched our beloved Buckeyes shock the world with a National Championship in January of 2003, recruitment became the focus as the chapter grew to 75 men. The chapter GPA rose from 2.82 to a stunning 3.14- head and shoulders above their competition. Service projects, member development, and chapter social events filled the calendar with hundreds of reasons to love SigEp! **In August of 2003, newly elected President Phillips walked across the stage in San Antonio to accept Ohio Gammas third Buchanan Cup- the first of the newly colonized chapter and just two short years after they received their charter!**

Complacency became an option after so much success. What formerly looked like a tiny bookshelf was now completely filled with trophies and awards. The meetings that used to take hours, were taking an hour just to pass the gavel around the room. We had grown so large that we began to wonder what was next. Something had to evolve. Something had to grow.

Our chapter raised the bar. From 2003-2005, Ohio Gamma increased its standards for membership to a point that allowed only the best and the brightest to join the chapter. As President Adam Schwartz accepted Ohio Gammas fourth Buchanan Cup, the last of the founding fathers graduated from the chapter, leaving it in the hands of the brothers they hand selected to continue the traditions of success. **During the 2007-08 academic year, under President Michael Repasky, the chapter finally reached 100 men, and peaked at a 3.44 GPA.** At one point the chapter membership included the Student Body President, Ryan Fournier, the IFC President, Jason Kalira, and many members of Ohio State’s most envied organizations including SPHINX, Homecoming Court, and Ohio Staters. Almost naturally, the chapter accepted its fifth Buchanan Cup, third consecutively, to put an exclamation point on what has been the most successful decade in Ohio Gamma history.



The future is not set. *There is no fate, but what we make for ourselves.* As brothers, we are writing the history books right now. These decades of history conclude with the decisions we make in our present day. Funding scholarships, supporting undergraduates, and ensuring the future of this wonderful fraternity is the backbone of our success. Let’s make history together! Support Ohio Gamma as we enter our second century.

# The 2008 Tailgating Schedule

Its the time of year again! Buckeye football is back and the expectations are higher than ever. SigEp Alumni have tailgated in the same location for three years now and we expect great turn-outs at our scheduled tailgates throughout the season. For more information, email John Waggoner at [johnwaggoner55@hotmail.com](mailto:johnwaggoner55@hotmail.com).

- ♦ September 6th vs. OU - 9:30am and 1 hour post-game
- ♦ October 24th vs. Penn State - 5:30pm and 1 hour post-game
- ♦ November 22nd vs. M\*ch\*g\*n - 2.5 hours prior to kickoff and 1 hour post-game

Location is available on our website at [www.alumni.osusigep.com](http://www.alumni.osusigep.com).

## Brother Honored for Service in Iraq

Major Tom Markovich (pictured at right), OSU SigEp graduate, received the Distinguished Flying Cross for actions taken in Iraq. Brother Markovich is a C-130 pilot with the 773rd Airlift Squadron, who received this Distinguished Flying Cross for actions he took to save his aircraft, crew, and passengers during a C-130 mission in Iraq as his aircraft came under attack during an Operation Iraqi Freedom mission. Thank you, brother, for your service to our country.



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*Last chance to RSVP for the Centennial Gala!*