



# BOBCAT SIG

THE BETA RHO CHAPTER OF SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY  
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Spring 2019

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ENTERS THE FINAL STAGE

### HELP US REACH OUR GOAL

**W**e are approaching the end of fundraising for the renovation of our 722 South Willson chapter house. So far, we have raised approximately \$1.58 million from over 200 alumni. We are so fortunate to have alumni who support our effort to keep Beth Rho on top at Montana State. With over 1,000 additional alumni who can still join our campaign, now is the time to donate!

#### KEEP BETA RHO STRONG

As one of the top Sigma Chi chapters in the nation, we need a safe and productive living space in order to provide the best experience possible for our members. We need over \$2 million to complete the needed renovations to bring the house up to date and provide safe and healthy living accommodations. This will allow us to remain competitive in recruitment at Montana State and give our members the best opportunity to be successful.

#### YOUR GIFT MATTERS

If you have wanted to donate to our campaign, but thought that you can't make an impact, think again! We allow alumni to make their donations

over a five-year period. So, if you wanted to give \$2,500 but can't do it all at once, you can spread it over five payments (years) of \$500.

#### How to Donate

- Donate online at [www.bobcatsigs.org/vision-2025/donate](http://www.bobcatsigs.org/vision-2025/donate).
- Mail the pledge form enclosed in this newsletter with your gift.

All the campaign details can be found on the Beta Rho website at [www.bobcatsigs.org/vision-2025](http://www.bobcatsigs.org/vision-2025) or by contacting Rick Dally at (408) 348-4337 or [rdally@comcast.net](mailto:rdally@comcast.net) with any questions you have. We are very thankful for your continued support of Beta Rho.

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## Beta Rho Sigs Unite at Fort Hood to Honor Lt. Gen. Paul Funk II '84

In October, a group of Beta Rho Sigs gathered in Killeen, Texas, at Fort Hood to celebrate **Lt. Gen. Paul Funk II '84** receiving the Significant Sig award and his proud military career. The weekend was a multi-generational Beta Rho affair, including friends of both Paul '84 and his father, **Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Paul "Butch" Funk '61**. In attendance were Helen and **Dave Sloan '60**, Danny and **Butch Funk '61**, Kathy and **Bebo Brown '62**, Anna Marie and **Col. (Ret.) Darrel Charlton '64**, **Tom Overturf '64**, **Tom Heck '80**, **Ralph Simpson '81**, **Terry Bruckbauer '82**, **Bobby Morton '82**, **Larry Larsen '82**, **Roy Ewen '82**, **Dennis McSweeney '83**, **Bryan Henson '84**, **Skip Higgins '84**, **Russ Newberry '84**, **Walt Smith '85**, and Bill Funk (Butch's brother; Paul's uncle from Roundup, Mont.).

Below is a recap of the weekend as told by Tom Overturf.

"On Friday we enjoyed a VIP tour of Fort Hood. Due to the heavy rains before and during our stay, the carefully scheduled events by Paul's staff had to be modified due to flood and mud. The enormity of the military opera-



**Bryan Henson '84**, **Roy Ewen '82**, **Tom Overturf '64**, **Dennis McSweeney '83**, **Terry Bruckbauer '82**, **Bob Morton '82**, **Skip Higgins '84**, **Lt. Gen. Paul Funk II '84**, **Ralph Simpson '81**, **Tom Heck '80**, **David Sloan '60**, **Larry Larsen '82**, **Russ Newberry '84**, and **Daryl Charlton '64**. (Not pictured: **Walt Smith '85**)

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# More Than \$1.58M Raised for Honoring Our Past 100 Years

## THANK YOU, DONORS

**W**e are deeply grateful to the 207 donors listed below for committing \$1,583,515 to the *Honoring Our Past 100 Years: Beta Rho's Vision for 2025* capital campaign. These brothers recognize the importance of ensuring the future of Beta Rho and have demonstrated a sense of gratitude for their personal experience. Commitments are still needed from the rest of our alumni to achieve our goal and complete this critical project.

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### Campaign Status

#### At-a-Glance

As of March 14, 2019

**Total Raised**

**\$1,583,515**

**Goal**

**\$2 Million**

**Number of Contributors**

**207**

**Number of Active Alumni**

**1,244**

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tions (one of the largest installations anywhere), the troops, the equipment, the facilities, the support communities around the post, and the obvious respect and love among everyone, from the Chinese restaurant, to the mess halls, to the facility tours, museums, simulators, and the interface with the Funk Generals and their loyal troops, was just heart-rending! The Troops clearly love Lt. Gen. Funk and he loves working with them.

After a full day of VIP activities on the post, we formed a convoy to travel a half hour west to the famous Spearhead Ranch, the Funk's Hereford cattle operation. The planned Texas barbecue had to be moved inside but Butch's wife, Danny, and the big family put on a fine cocktail party with spectacular hors d'oeuvres followed by a great, sit-down dinner in their huge party room. All the Beta Rho Sigs and families, kids, grandkids, great-grandson, friends (including Major General Paul Calvert, and his family, CG 1st Cavalry Division, a Sigma Chi Friend)) gathered around, as **Bryan Henson '84** emceed the official Significant Sig ceremony. The keynote address was masterfully delivered by **Walt Smith '85** from Seattle, and there was not a dry eye in the house. Helen Sloan observed, 'I'm just blown-away by this tremendous, military-family atmosphere that permeates everything around Ft. Hood and the Funks.'

The Saturday schedule afforded additional military VIP tours and opportunities to mingle with the troops as well as the brothers before heading back home. We all departed with a new appreciation for our military and their very professional

## Beta Rho Sigs Unite at Fort Hood

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*Bill Funk, Darrel Charlton '64, Terry Bruckbauer '82, Russ Newberry '84, Dave Sloan '60, Roy Ewen '82, Larry Larsen '82, Ralph Simpson '81, Bob Morton '82, and Dennis McSweeney '83*



*Paul Funk surrounded by his brothers from the '80s at the Third Cavalry Museum.*

dedication to the defense of America. It was an event that will long be remembered for the very impressive military operation, the quality of the facilities and the troops, the great hospitality of the Funk family, and the long-term, multi-generational brotherhood of Beta Rho of Sigma Chi. We all can share in the pride of accomplishment of Lt. Gen. Paul Funk II, as he has followed the big footprints of his dad, Lt. Gen. Paul "Butch" Funk (Ret.). All honor to these two great Army Generals and Significant Sigs!



*Presentation of Significant Sig Award to Brother Paul Funk II by Bryan Henson '84.*

On March 28, 2019, upon orders signed by President Trump, the U.S. Senate officially confirmed U.S. Army Pentagon HQDA Appointment to the rank of General (4th Star) to Paul E. Funk II, with assignment as Commanding General, United States Army Training and Doctrine Command, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia. Brothers, this is a big job, a huge responsibility, and a great honor!

## Like Father, Like Son

### Significant Sig Lt. Gen. Paul Funk II and His Beta Rho Experience



*Funk Sr (left), Funk II (center), and Funk II's father-in-law, Lieutenant General Yeosock (right) when they all commanded together in Desert Storm.*

**A**s seventh in a long line of Sigma Chis, there was only one fraternity for **Lt. Gen. Paul Funk II '84**. Paul comes from a proud family of Soldiers and Sigma Chi alumni. Funk II followed his father **Lt. Gen. (Retired) Paul "Butch" Funk '61**, who served Beta Rho as Magister and Consul and 32 years as a Soldier. Both sides of Paul's family have strong ties to Montana State University and the Beta Rho chapter of Sigma Chi.

Paul's family of Montana State University alumni includes his father **Paul "Butch" Funk**, mother **Sheila "Danny" Funk**, grandfather **Frank Brown '30**, uncles **Chester "Chet" Brown '59**, **Robert "Bebo" Brown '62**, **Jon Funk '65**, and cousin **Col. Darrel Charlton '64**. "I learned the value of service to this nation by watching my father as he served his country for over 32 years" Paul says. "Montana State and Beta Rho gave me the opportunity to follow his example."

In his early days at Montana State University, Paul was attracted to Sigma Chi's core values. "As the son of a Soldier, and part of the Army family for 57 years now myself, I think it's hard to overstate the importance of justice, friendship, and learning. The values this organization instills in its members helped shape my college experience and those same values are no less important to me today."

As a student, Beta Rho pushed Paul to succeed. "I like to joke that I wasn't always the best student, and if I wasn't part of an organization that valued learning, I might not have graduated at all." Paul graduated MSU with a speech communication degree and a commission in the United States Army through the MSU Army ROTC program.

Paul continued his journey of lifelong learning in both his civilian and military education. He later earned his Master of Science in Administration from Central Michigan University. As a Soldier, Paul is a graduate of the Army Armor Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Command and General Staff College, and the Senior Service College as a fellow attending the Institute of Advanced Technology at the University of Texas in Austin.

It wasn't just the focus on values and learning that Paul appreciates from his time in Beta Rho. **"Bud Hall '61** and **Barry Hedrich '81**, our Consul at the time, were strong mentors, even after we graduated. Their support was so important to me." He stays in contact with many other Beta Rho brothers, including **Tom Heck '80**, **Terry Bruckbauer '82**, **Larry Larsen '82**, **Bob Morton '82**, **Bryan Henson '84**, **Walt Smith '85**, **Tom Sullivan '86** and his wife, Gina Sullivan, **Skip Higgins '84**, and our sweetheart, Betty Higgins.

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# Active Chapter Focuses on Unity of Brotherhood and Community Service



*Brothers exhibiting excellence in recruitment.*



*Brothers helped to organize the warehouse at Habitat for Humanity.*

The Beta Rho Chapter has seen yet another successful year, filled with a generous amount of community service projects, philanthropic events, and awards won by our brothers. This year started off strong, and we have continued to take every opportunity available to increase the unity of our brotherhood and become a driving force within our community. This was recently exemplified when Montana State University awarded our chapter the House Cup, which is given to the Greek house that shows the most outstanding support and involvement within the campus community. We are very pleased with the amount of success we have seen from our brothers and look to build upon it to continue to grow stronger.

## Building a Better Community

Out of all our brothers' most recent accomplishments, none are more impressive or selfless than their immense increase in community service and philanthropic efforts. Thus far our chapter has raised over \$18,000 (which is up from last year's \$8,000), and we are eager to reach \$20,000 by the end of the semester. On top of that, the Beta Rho Chapter has partnered with organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, Shodair Children's Hospital, the Gallatin Valley Food Bank, and many others to help those in our community that are less fortunate. In the fall semester alone, our brothers completed a total of 1,236 hours of community service, which averages about 15.5 hours per brother. We are planning our next project, which will be a blood drive held at our house through the American Red Cross.

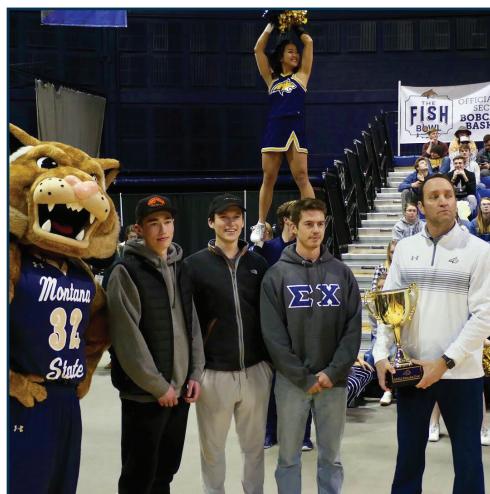
## Leaders of Men

On top of all the work they do helping our com-

munity, our brothers also hold many ambitions within their personal lives. It is not uncommon to see a Sigma Chi sitting at the top of a student organization at Montana State. From the Interfraternity Council to the finance club, many of our brothers are involved on campus, and those that aren't typically hold a job. Our brothers also continue to show a large involvement in intramural and club sports. The most notable of these are our brothers on the MSU club hockey team, who this year made it to the national championships. Overall, 86% of our brothers are involved in some other organization, which helps to ensure our values are well spread within our community.

## Friendship, Justice, and Learning

Even with our brothers' increased involvement within our community, they still hold strong in their academics; attaining a chapter grade point average that surpasses the all-men's average GPA at MSU. In almost every way, our brothers have looked to apply the ideals of Sigma Chi within their lives and inspire those around them to do the same. It is obvious to anyone that spends time around the Beta Rho Chapter that our brothers are a united strength dedicated to fighting for what we believe to be just. In a time where many fraternities are seeing failure, the Beta Rho Chapter continues to see new success and stays strongly rooted in our ideals of friendship, justice, and learning.



*At a Bobcat basketball game, Sigma Chi was awarded the House Cup, given to the Greek chapter that shows the most support for university athletics.*

In Hoc Signo Vinces,  
**Brent Eaton '19**  
 Consul  
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# Sigma Chi Continues to Lead the Way

## Internationals Sets the Standard for Fraternities

We are all proud of the many facets of our great fraternity: our chapter, our brothers, the Sigma Chi values, and the alumni from other places that we have met over the years. In our formative undergraduate years, we developed our understanding of the Sigma Chi values of friendship, justice and learning and built leadership attributes that have enabled us to become productive and caring participants in our families and communities.

But we seldom pay attention to the role that Sigma Chi International leadership has played and continues to play to keep our fraternity strong and up to date with the changing times. Are you aware of the significant leadership shown by our fraternity over the past year? Unless you have been following closely, you might not be fully up to speed on the many positive actions that have been taking place.

## International Policy Changes

Early last year, Sigma Chi International leadership announced four specific policy changes and reinforced longstanding policies on alcohol and drugs. In summary, the policies prohibit hard alcohol in chapter facilities, eliminate alcohol at social events during recruitment, cap the size of social events, and limit the chapter pledge education program to a maximum of five weeks. *Further details and FAQs can be found at [www.sigmachi.org/policychanges](http://www.sigmachi.org/policychanges).*

As Grand Counsel **Tommy Geddings Jr. South Carolina '85** said at the time of these announcements, "Culture change is never easy, and that sentiment will ring true as Sigma Chi embarks on this new era. Yet, we are resolved to eliminate the antithetical behaviors that have so unfortunately become coupled with the idea of being a fraternity man. Sigma Chi was founded on the principles of friendship, justice and learning. Since our humble beginnings in 1855, Sigma Chi has been on a mission to make the world a better place through the impact of many men working together toward that common purpose. The time to make our actions congruent with our beliefs is here, and only by doing so will we ever be able to come close to contributing to that mission that our seven Founders set as our course."

Our Sigma Chi International leadership is strong. Your scribe has met most of our international leadership brothers over the past three years and I can report that they are an impressive group of experienced, dedicated volunteers who devote a significant part of their time to ensuring the progress and success of Sigma Chi Fraternity.

## Undergraduate Men Grow at Leadership Programs

Sigma Chi offers many leadership training programs for undergraduate brothers. Our vision is "to become the preeminent collegiate leadership development organization—aligned, focused and living our core values." More information on our leadership training programs can be found at [www.sigmachi.org/leadership-programs](http://www.sigmachi.org/leadership-programs).

Your Beta Rho Chapter, a 10-year Bell Chapter and a consistent Peterson Significant Chapter Award winner, sends eight chapter officers each summer to the Krach TLW for leadership training to plan the chapter's strategies for the following year. As well, our brothers have benefitted from all the above programs and over the years have used Mission 365 training to build a strong, sustainable chapter of 85 quality brothers and to ensure we maintain a full live-in chapter house. The chapter is debt free, has a sizeable "rainy day" fund, and the actives have pledged \$150,000 to the house renovation program. Beta Rho continues to provide consistent leadership on the MSU campus on many fronts.

## Reconnect with Sigma Chi

Certainly, there are a lot of great things happening in the world of Sigma Chi. And you played a role in Sigma Chi history. Your years at Beta Rho were the beginning of all your brotherhood experiences and these experiences to some extent formed the foundation for the rest of your life. Sigma Chi brotherhood never ends. Though its direct role in our lives might diminish from time to time, the values we learned from Sigma Chi during our university days remain part of our core being.

For many of us, it might have been a long time since we have had a direct Sigma Chi or Beta Rho experience...a visit with a brother, attending an alumni chapter meeting in your area, a visit to South Willson, attending an initiation. We might be at the point in our lives where we wish to renew the lifelong commitment to the development of self, others, and community through Sigma Chi's values-based living.

And this might be the time for you to make a direct brotherhood connection. Sigma Chi teaches that being a Sigma Chi is a lifelong journey. Perhaps the best way to begin the journey again is to start in a simple manner. Call a brother, attend an alumni event in your area, or schedule a return visit to Beta Rho for Homecoming this fall. For a brother's contact information, go to our website, [www.bobcatsigs.org/alumni/alumni-directory/](http://www.bobcatsigs.org/alumni/alumni-directory/). The password is *betarho1917*.

## ALUMNI UPDATE

### CHAPTER ETERNAL

**Patrick Andrews '57** entered Chapter Eternal on October 4, 2018, from Alzheimer's disease in Aurora, Colo., at his home with family by his side. At MSU, he was a member of ROTC and Sigma Chi. In 2002, he became a proud Life Loyal Sig. Along with his wife, Barbara, Pat is survived by his daughters, Andi (Dan) Raber and Tammy (Bruce) Hernandez, sons, Clay and Mike Andrews, and his eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

**Lowell "Ronnie" Cloninger '60** of Missoula and Swan Lake, Mont., entered Chapter Eternal at his home on February 20 from complications due to cancer, with his family at his side. Survivors include his wife, Gwen; and children Dirk (Becky) Cloninger, Becky (Bob) Byrne, Missoula, and Marcy (Tim) Dolan.

**Gary Tavenner '63** entered Chapter Eternal on February 26 at his home in Missoula. After graduation, he married Lynn Ellinghouse

and moved back to the Williams and Tavenner Ranch and joined his father and Uncle Bob in the family business and Montana ranching tradition. Later, he built custom homes and worked for the ASCS/Farm Service Agency in Missoula. Gary's family remembers and appreciates his quiet, caretaking demeanor, his work ethic, and good humor in the face of adversity. He was an encouraging swim, basketball, cheer, and life coach to his daughter and a construction foreman for the entire family. He is survived by his wife, Lynn; daughters Gloria (Dean) of Reno, Nev., Tanya (Dennis) of Spokane, Wash., and Laura (Ken) of Denver, Colo.; four grandsons; two great-granddaughters; and numerous nieces; nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

**Frederick Buckingham '66** entered Chapter Eternal on April 7, 2018. He was 74. Buckingham was born on June 17, 1943, in Townsend, Mont., where he grew up on his family's ranch.

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## Significant Sig Lt. Gen. Paul Funk II '84

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In 2018, Paul was named Significant Sig, following his father, Butch, who was awarded Significant Sig in 1991. This is the 10th Significant Sig award for Beta Rho. "When I joined Sigma Chi, I joined something bigger than myself. I became part of a brotherhood that sought to make better leaders and citizens of every member. Throughout my life, I've always gravitated toward being part of something bigger."

Paul has commanded at every echelon in the U.S. Army through the corps level. He has deployed and led Soldiers in combat six times, beginning with Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and continuing through the Global War on Terror. Most recently, Paul commanded the Combined Joint Task Force - Operation Inherent Resolve in 2017 and 2018 where he led the coalition of 74 nations with one mission - the defeat of ISIS. His sixty months of combat tours include two in Operation Iraqi Freedom, one in Operation Enduring Freedom, and two in Operation Inherent Resolve.

Paul currently serves as the Commanding General of the Third Armored Corps - known as "America's Hammer!" and the "Phantom Corps" headquartered at Fort Hood, Texas. In this role he commands over 40% of the Army's combat power and more than 90,000 Soldiers spread across six states. He was recently confirmed for promotion to four star general and the next Commanding General of the Army's Training and Doctrine Command.

Paul and his wife, Beth, have three children, Amanda and her husband Jake, Matthew and his wife Christine, and Nate. They have one grandson, Jack. In his spare time, Paul enjoys spending time with his family, golfing, hunting, and fishing.

**Attention:** This newsletter is intended for alumni and parents. If your Sigma Chi son is still attending Montana State University, he will receive a copy at the chapter house. If he has graduated, please send us his permanent address to update our records. Thank you.

## ALUMNI UPDATE

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After graduating from Montana State University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in agriculture, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. He then moved to White Sulphur Springs, Mont., where he also worked as a rancher tending to his cattle and land.

### ALUMNI NEWS

**Chuck Fulton '63** shares, "My wife, Judy, and I have four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. I am still actively flying a Jetprop, skiing, fishing, and golfing." Email: [cjfulton@cableone.net](mailto:cjfulton@cableone.net)

**Bud Albin '65** enjoys spending half of his year in Las Vegas and the other half in Idaho Falls.

**John Stewart '71** retired from Sanderson Stewart in 2016. He has been married for 48 years and lives in Billings. Go Hawks and Bobcats! Email: [dg5390.2013@gmail.com](mailto:dg5390.2013@gmail.com)

**Mark Anderson '94** recently moved from Texas to Deer Lodge, Mont., where he is freezing with his wife and two dogs. Email: [markandersonattorneyatlawpllc@gmail.com](mailto:markandersonattorneyatlawpllc@gmail.com)

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