

Delta Chapter Honors Alumnus Killed 9/11

By the Delta Chapter Alumni Corporation

John Lutkehaus, '72,
Heritage Club

GAMMA NU
New Mexico State University
Howard R. Little, '52
Henry A. Palm, '39,
Snake & Sword Club

GAMMA XI
San Jose State University
Robert T. Adams, '53,
Century Club

GAMMA RHO
Florida State University
James E. Neil, '52,
Heritage Club
William D. Walker,
Heritage Club

GAMMA TAU
Drake University
Andrew J. Kotonias, '52

GAMMA OMEGA
Vanderbilt University
Robert H. Morast, '52,
Founders Club

DELTA ALPHA
Linfield College
Doy F. Gatlin, '57

DELTA GAMMA
West Virginia Wesleyan College
James H. Bowen, '52,
Founders Club

DELTA ETA
Colorado State University
Charles A. McCumber, '52

DELTA IOTA
Northwestern University
Kenneth A. Schneider, '55

DELTA KAPPA
Ball State University
Dr. Raymond Ruff,
Founders Club

DELTA MU
University of Texas
Stephen Chavez, '06

DELTA XI
Valparaiso University
Rudolph C. Kutansky, '61,
Founders Club
Dr. Allen E. Tuttle, '38,
Snake & Sword Club

DELTA PI
Indiana State University
Philip L. Cox, '71
John D. Franklin, '71
Donald R. Shoemaker, '70,
Men Since '56
Dan R. Winchell, '39,
Founders Club

DELTA TAU
Kent State University
Paul F. Brown, '44

DELTA PHI
University of North Texas
Thomas V. Malooly Jr., '66
Albert D. Ramirez, '70

DELTA PSI
University of Kansas
Deros Hogue, '59
Danny B. Hudson, '72,
Century Club

EPSILON THETA
Tufts University
Norman E. Maccuspie
Donald E. McCullough, '55

EPSILON XI
Clarion University
of Pennsylvania
Graydon L. Berlin, '65

EPSILON TAU
Stephen F. Austin State
University
Leslie M. West, '96

EPSILON PHI
Central Missouri State
University
Gary M. Burmeister, '75
Thomas A. Irvin Jr., '76
Billie T. Moran, '71
Robert E. Sonnenfeld, '63
Joseph B. Spencer, '76
Charles P. Spinello, '77
David G. Taggart, '65
William H. Twitt, '64
David P. Whitaker, '68
Thomas J. Whitaker, '85

ZETA DELTA
Saint Cloud State University
Michael E. Bretz, '67

ZETA UPSILON
University of Hartford
Harold C. Chapin,
Founders Club

ETA GAMMA
Morehead State University
Robert M. Dietrich, '68
Jeffrey R. Hart, '01

ETA ZETA
Edinboro University
Thomas P. Gabriel, '71

ETA OMICRON
Northwestern State University
Jay T. Ham, '83

AT-LARGE MEMBERS
Henry Sachs, '42

BETA KAPPA FRATERNITY
Howard C. Helgerson

On June 15, 2003, as part of their 40th Reunion Weekend at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, members of the Delta Chapter class of 1963 dedicated a plaque to one of their classmates, J. Nicholas Humber. Humber was a passenger on one of the planes that terrorists crashed into the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

The dedication ceremony was held at the Chapter House immediately following the annual meeting of Delta Chapter's alumni corporation. In addition to some of Humber's classmates, the ceremony was also attended by the alumni corporation's board members, advisors, and several undergraduate brothers. The principal speaker was Bill Stitt '63, who had been a close friend and roommate of Humber during his undergraduate years, and had remained a very close friend throughout all the years that followed. Stitt's remarks included the following:

"Nick's life defined his special passions and deep convictions. His son, Jordan, was his greatest passion, followed closely by his brother, Jeff, and sister, Judy. His professional life, built upon a BS degree from RPI in Mechanical Engineering and an MBA from the Wharton School, focused on applying technology to environmental and energy problems. He worked diligently to sustain his natural athletic gifts, which had made him an accomplished varsity lacrosse player at RPI and, afterwards, an excellent tennis and squash player. He loved well-engineered automobiles and, as a counterpoint, was intrigued by the possibilities of higher consciousness. Personal integrity and a commitment to doing the right thing, always, were his paramount convictions. He was a wonderful friend to a wide circle of people. He was uniquely committed to improving the lot of people that society typically overlooks. He generously gave his time and money to organizations ranging from the World Hunger Project to the Norfolk Prison Fellowship Outreach Program.

"Nick's commitment extended to Rensselaer as well. He was a substitute father to his deceased friend's son, Eric Khalid '98, who captained RPI's soccer team. As part of resettling a Thai family to America, he helped their son be accepted to and graduate from RPI. In June 2001 Nick completed a three-year term as a member of Delta Chapter's alumni corporation board, only months prior to his death; and



Shown holding the memorial plaque dedicated to J. Nicholas Humber, in the lobby of the Delta Chapter House, are Humber's fellow 1963 class members, from left, Ev Molony, Fred Boehm, and Bill Stitt. Following the ceremony, the plaque was mounted on a wall in the Chapter House dining room.

board members who had never met Nick before were quickly impressed with his level of commitment and his desire to give something back to his Fraternity. At his memorial services, attended by several alumni board members and by his Theta Chi classmates, among the personal photos and other memorabilia that were displayed was a prominent copy of his 1963 Delta Chapter composite."

The plaque reads as follows:

This plaque is presented in memory of J. Nicholas Humber, class of 1963, who lost his life during the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. Nick was an active and enthusiastic brother during his undergraduate years and an active and supportive alumnus during the years thereafter. We all remember him fondly.

Dedicated on June 15, 2003 by Nick's Theta Chi classmates at RPI on the occasion of their 40th reunion.

In addition to the memorial plaque, more than 20 Delta Chapter alumni from the classes of 1960–1966 have contributed more than \$11,000 in Humber's memory to the Delta Chapter Theta Chi Fraternity Scholarship Fund. This fund was established in 1996 by an agreement between the Delta Chapter alumni corporation and RPI. It provides annual scholarships to needy and deserving undergraduate brothers at Delta Chapter. To date, more than \$150,000 has been contributed to this fund by more than 160 Delta Chapter alumni.