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Epsilon Zeta Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega at LSU

RECOLONIZATION EFFORTS A SUCCESS

71 MEN FORM EPSILON ZETA COLONY AT LSU



Epsilon Zeta brothers are proud to be back on the LSU campus.

We are excited to share that the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity recolonized Epsilon Zeta at LSU on March 3rd, with a founding father class of 71 men. Colonization wrapped up after six weeks of constant recruitment efforts led by our national consultants, **Chase Ferguson**, *Samford University '15*, and **Kyle Stepp**, *University of New Mexico '12*, who ended those six weeks with a list of 1,200 men on LSU's campus who showed interest in membership. From these men, they were able to find the best and brightest, which led them to recruit the top 6 percent of men on campus.

The colonization ceremony started with the national associate director of growth, **Corey Busk**, *Union University '10*, reading the creed of Alpha Tau Omega, then pinning and installing the Colony's president, **Charlie Kurtz**, and the rest of the executive board, at which point the executive board and local alumni began to pin the rest of the Colony. The ceremony concluded with Charlie running the rest of the meeting and dismissing the Colony and the audience to applause and celebration.

Thank You, Generous Alumni

We are extremely grateful to the loyal alumni who contributed to the recent scholarship drive at the end of 2016. These 35 alumni were able to raise more than \$9,000 to support the undergraduate Colony at LSU. Due to these generous contributions, we were able to fund seven scholarships for the spring semester. Brothers who donated are listed to the right by initiation year.

Dennis Lastrapes '58
Raymond L. Nesbit '58
Stephenon L. LeGardeur '67
Peter E. Tucker '67
Timothy C. Flynn '68
David Laxton '68
Frederick R. Godwin Jr. '78
Charles Hostetler '78
Logan P. Pruitt '78
Michael T. Ferry '79
John B. King '79
Darryl K. Long '79
Michael M. Remson '79

William "Butch" Callegari '80
Wayne G. Zeringue '80
Eric M. Rigby '81
Charles Stuart McKendrick III '82
Ronald S. Barron '83
Otto F. Briede '83
Brian Gilbert '83
Felix H. Lapeyre III '83
James D. Lilly '83
David T. Cuccia '85
James D. Ross '87
Dr. J. Mark Wrighton '87

Scott G. Smith '88
William S. Edwards '89
Craig T. Elliott '90
Robert C. Kirst '90
Jonathan E. Bennett '92
Col (S) Thomas P. Esser '92
Cliff Mount '92
Matthew Paul Caillouet '93
Paul M. Hoffman '93
Christopher Gass '96



Continued Camaraderie

Colonel (Select) Tom Esser '92 Shares the Impact of ATΩ

Camaraderie has always been important for Col. (S) Tom Esser '92. He wasn't interested in joining a fraternity when he first stepped foot on LSU's campus, but after several of his friends from high school encouraged him to attend an ATΩ party he had the chance to see what Greek life had to offer. Tom found the Epsilon Zeta brothers to be a tight-knit group that came together despite the differences in where and how they were raised. For these same reasons, he chose to serve in the Air Force and has been serving our country with honor and pride for the past 21 years.



ATΩ taught Tom several lessons that he's carried with him into his military positions through the years.

"Epsilon Zeta developed me socially, which is often a skill we overlook that is needed for the real world," Tom said. "The fraternity life draws you out of your shell, builds confidence, and teaches you how to interact in large groups." In addition to learning this skill, Tom had fantastic memories he left LSU with that involved his ATΩ brothers. "LSU football games are my absolute best memories from ATΩ. There is something electric about Tiger Stadium on a Saturday night with your brothers." The camaraderie experienced in those moments in his years as an ATΩ brother continued in his service in the Air Force.

Today, Tom is an active duty United States Air Force officer serving at the Pentagon for the secretary of the Air Force as the executive assistant for force support, where he oversees the strategic plans and policies pertaining to the full range of support, readiness and quality of life programs affecting active and reserve military personnel, their families, Air Force civilian employees, and retirees. He received his initial commission through the AFROTC detachment 310 at LSU. Tom saw many of his ATΩ brothers

serve our country in the Gulf War and Operation DESERT SHIELD and he noted, "their calling was contagious."

His most recent deployment overseas led Tom to engage in strategic planning for more than 750 Joint Special Operations warriors and 30 aircrafts operating in five countries in support of Operation INHERENT RESOLVE, against the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, as the director, Manpower and Personnel, Joint Special Operations Air Component—Central. Tom continues to represent ATΩ as an honored brother having been recently selected for promotion to Colonel. He will transition to Bolling Air Force Base, Washington

D.C., this summer as the Air Force Element Commander for the Defense Intelligence Agency. There, he will command over 1,200 Airman dispersed to 208 locations around the globe in the world's premier intel agency to defend Department of Defense and U.S. national security interests.

"The experiences and relationships I made at ATΩ molded me into who I am today," Tom said. Although his career in the military has been sending him around the world since it began 21 years ago, he continues to make the effort to keep in touch with many of his ATΩ brothers either through social media or catching up over a beer when he can. Tom is excited to see the Chapter back at LSU and encourages alumni who may have lost touch with Epsilon Zeta to reconnect in this exciting time.

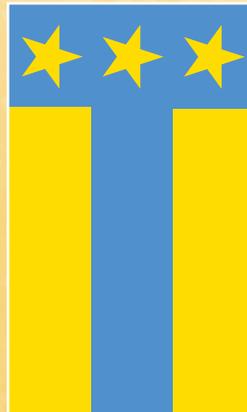
Tom and his wife, Jenepher, have three children, TJ (12), Toby (9), and Bonnie (6). They live in Virginia, where Tom enjoys spending time outdoors, running, and smoking cigars. If you'd like to connect with Tom, you can reach him at lsuesser@gmail.com.

Accomplished Alumnus Douglas "Jerry" Daly '71 Recognized as Distinguished Veteran at LSU

Douglas "Jerry" Daly '71 was recognized by LSU Baseball and the Tiger Athletic Foundation as a distinguished veteran at an LSU baseball game earlier this spring. Jerry's service to our country has been acknowledged by several awards over the years, including two Bronze Stars for valor, an Air medal, Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Man's Badge, a Presidential Unit Citation, and many more.

Jerry's time in the forces included commanding company-sized units where he served as S-3 Operations of the 769th Engineer Battalion. They built roads, school buildings, medical facilities, bridges, and other facilities in Panama and Honduras. In central Louisiana, the battalion also worked on airfield construction for the U.S. Forest Service and Avondale Scout Reservation north of Baton Rouge.

In his time in service, Jerry also founded and maintained his position as owner and president of Gulf Coast Supply, Architectural Fabrications,



and Media Leasing from 1972-98. In 1999, he joined Thomas Pipe, now Edgen Murray Corporation, and held the role of vice president of operations and facilities. In this role, Jerry was responsible for all construction and remodels of various facilities as well as managing leasing in 30-plus locations in 15 countries. He retired in 2014.

Jerry is a former member of the Rotary Club of Baton Rouge, the Baton Rouge Airport Advisory, and the Country Club of Louisiana. He also served as president of CCLA Property Owners Association and today is the president of the Stones Throw Property Owners Association. He also serves on the board of directors of the Istrouma Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

We are proud of all that Jerry has accomplished as an Epsilon Zeta alumnus. He and his wife, Judy, live in Baton Rouge and have two daughters, Kristin and Colleen.



Brothers participated in LSU's Dance Marathon this spring, which is an event on campus that raises money for Our Lady of the Lake Children's Hospital in Baton Rouge.



A LEGACY CONTINUES

EPSILON ZETA COLONY DETERMINED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Epsilon Zeta Colony of Alpha Tau Omega has started to leave its mark on LSU's campus, affecting both the Greek and Baton Rouge communities. The Colony has decided that its mission is to raise the standards of and redefine the definition of the "fraternity man" on LSU's campus. This goal will be achieved by building a brotherhood as strong as right itself, reigniting a static Greek life society, donating time to the betterment of Baton Rouge, and simply being genuine and determined in all daily efforts.

In the time since colonization, Alpha Tau Omega has made and continues to make a statement to LSU. The Epsilon Zeta Colony has the highest GPA of any fraternity at LSU at 3.43, the brothers have been generous with their time by volunteering at multiple events, and the fraternity has accumulated several hours of volunteering since the March 3rd colonization ceremony. Consisting of 71 dedicated and purpose-driven men who come from different backgrounds and a variety of perspectives, the Colony's men have unified in order to achieve the same goal. When brothers are asked why they joined Alpha Tau



Epsilon Zeta Colony's first two members, Nick Judson (left) and Wyatt Greer (right), with our ATΩ leadership consultant, Kyle Steep, Eta Kappa '12.

Omega, the unanimous response is: "To leave a legacy on campus by creating an organization with an impact that lasts forever."

Faternally,
Landon Zeringue
 Alumnae Relations Chairman

Call to Alumni

As we create a new generation of Epsilon Zeta brothers, we are asking alumni to help us build the link between what has been and what will be. We encourage alumni with any historical artifacts and remnants (articles, newsletters, pictures, or more) from their years at the Chapter to send them to us. Please send any material to ATΩ Alumni Association, P.O. Box 571, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or to ezato@live.com. Thank you for your help!



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Join Us!

Join us for our monthly alumni gatherings in Baton Rouge.

Monthly happy hour

When: First Thursday of each month

Time: 6-8 p.m.

Where: The Pelican House on Corporate Blvd.

Monthly alumni lunch

When: Third Friday of each month

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Where: TJ Ribs on Acadian Thruway

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ALUMNI NEWS

Philip J. Pizzo '51 enjoys traveling and meeting with former colleagues and friends in his retirement. He and his wife, Abigail, live in Camarillo, Calif. Philip also belongs to a group of retired naval aviators. E-mail: jpizzo4lsu@aol.com

Joseph V. Fairchild, Ph.D. '53 reports that life has been quiet since his retirement from the U.S. Air Force Reserve in 2000. He has had the chance to travel on available military flights in the U.S. and Europe. Joe and his wife, Marion, live in Thibodaux, La. E-mail: jeepsterjeaux@hotmail.com

Fred F. Abbott '54 went into the U.S. Air Force in 1958 and retired 20 years later. Fred served in Vietnam and completed flying air tours in Hawaii in 1988. He then moved to Albuquerque to teach tennis at Rio Ranch Country Club until January 2016, when he "retired retired." Fred and his wife, Faye, live in Albuquerque, N.M. E-mail: f.abbott@att.net

Leo F. Gentry '54 retired in 2010 and enjoys playing golf three times a week. He serves as president for his local alumni chapter in San Diego. Leo looks forward to participating in the

world's largest crawfish boil this spring, where there will be a gathering of 4,500 at Qualcomm Stadium. He and his wife, Karin, live in San Diego, Calif. E-mail: leogen@aol.com

Dr. Charles P. Daspit '62 retired from his micro-surgical otologic/neurological medical practice in 2010 after spending 30 years in the field. Before his time in that profession, Charles spent time as a naval reserve medical officer for 21 years. He now spends time between his homes in Arizona and Santa Fe, N.M. E-mail: phil@daspit.com

Col. Marvin J. Brigman Jr. '64 still travels from his home in Shalimar, Fla., to attend LSU games with brothers **Frank Fertitta '61** and **Eddie Haile '62**. He is thrilled to see ATΩ return to LSU. E-mail: mjbrgm@aol.com

Gregory E. Recht '66 splits his time between Tennessee and his family's ranch in Montana. He retired in 2010 as director of aviation at the Ft. Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport in Florida. Gregory previously worked in project management for Broward County in Florida. He and his wife, Susan, have six children and four grandchildren. E-mail: rexrancher71@aol.com

Conrad H. Appel '70 is the president of Construction South Inc., and serves as a Louisiana State Senator for District Nine. He and his wife, Carol, live in Metairie, La.

Eric M. Rigby '81 enjoys his career in finance as a CFA and financial planner. He and his wife, Jennifer, are beginning to help their daughter, Meghan, decide on which college she will attend. Eric likes to run and drink wine. The Rigby family lives in New Orleans. E-mail: erigby@therigbygroup.com

Roger N. Zecchel Jr. '89 survived a heart attack in August 2016. His daughter, Cassie, turns 7 this summer, and he is engaged to Kathy Thomas. He lives in Baton Rouge, La. E-mail: rmzjr@bellsouth.net

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