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Dear Norval;

In response to the request for information received in today's mail I provide the following information.

1945 activities:

- o Entered SDSC as Freshman in February 1945 under GI Bill on General Engineering program.
- o Graduated June 1948, BA with Honors, with Distinction in Engineering.
- o Pledged Eta Omega Delta (HODs) in spring '45. Still include some of my best friends!
- o Learned that it is difficult to start school after 5-year hiatus and to enter the "B" part of each class, so no introductory portion. Several of us were in same boat.
- o Worked, along with several fraternity members, for U.S. Naval Air Station public works department as members of surveying party, Summer 1945 (as war came to a close in August).
- o Participated with HODs in fall 1945 Homecoming game Frosh/Sophomore push ball contest. Incoming Frosh apparently included half-trained killers from Camp Pendleton. Two of us (Ernie Krebs and I) ended up in hospitals for several weeks with assorted head injuries. Turns out that it is very hard to study when you see everything twice as result of a brain concussion). Worst part was I had game date with one of the prettiest girls at State, but after the impact with somebodies GI boot, I couldn't remember her name..the women in our group were convinced we were all "on" something and wouldn't talk to us. Fortunately HOD brother Art Sheafer had been a Corpsman and eventually recognized the problem, delivered the remains to the police surgeon. The Veterans's administration put me into Naval Hospital. Legacy of this episode has been need to wear glasses ever after. Before that event, eyes tested had 20/15 (kind where one reads label fine print on label on back side of eye chart- well...almost).
- o Added chemistry major in Fall because of fascination with subject.

- o Campus affiliations included Oceotl, Xolotl, Kappa Sigma (Physics Honorary), Delta Kappa (Chemistry Honorary), SAE (Engineering), Eta Omega Delta (social), and later (charter group: Kappa Sigma).

In re current status:

Have been working in what later became the "aerospace industry", in both government and industry sectors, since June 1948. Am still working at age 72 (for own consulting firm since 1978) as technical specialist in certain Defense Technology areas (ballistics). Present technical papers annually, wrote/published two books (one historical treatise on technical area, published by Los Alamos National Laboratory, 1000 copies distributed world wide-1990). Was one of the subjects of another book published in 1993. Wrote the first chapter (Perspectives) of American Institute of Astronautics and Aeronautics "Tactical Missiles" series book published 1993. Am currently engaged in special studies for Department of Defense agencies, and teaching courses in specialty technical area.

^{HE HAS} Have received three peer awards for (1) "outstanding research", (2) "lifetime contributions to the technology", and (3) for original contributions to the technology for U.S. Army Artillery, a technique now adopted world-wide. Was responsible for concept and/or development of several items contributing to the success of the 1991 SouthWest Asia actions.

Have no present plans to retire. Need challenges to keep brain active and make life interesting (and also provide some extra income to feed 11 mouths- 6 big dogs, 2 cats, 3-sometimes 4 people, including self) while residing in what was to become a very expensive area in which to live (but also a lovely environment on the Peninsula between San Jose and San Francisco). Family has raised puppies for Guide Dogs for the Blind for past 17 years. Wife is Santa Clara county chairman of the program, youngest daughter (recent graduate RN) is a group leader. With 4 German Shepherds, a very strong labrador and a golden, I think that burglars tend to avoid our property.

Hope this answers your questions.


Don Kennedy