



Jerry M. Patterson '56

Has been elected to membership in the

Beta Phi Hall of Honor Class of 2002

Brother Patterson enters this Hall of Honor Class of 2002 as a shining example of the importance of service that Sigma Chi reinforces to its actives. He has served our country both in the military and the government, all the while brilliantly representing the Beta Phi Chapter.

After his first year at the University of Arizona and the Beta Phi Chapter, where he served as Freshman Class President, Brother Patterson spent the next four years in the Coast Guard as a Hospital Corpsman. Before earning his honorable discharge in 1957, he received the National Defense Service Medal.

From there, he continued his education, culminating with a Juris Doctor Degree at the UCLA School of Law. After earning his degree, Brother Patterson began his long and illustrious career in politics. He was elected mayor of Santa Ana, California, in 1973. It was a position he would hold for two years, until the nation's capital beckoned him. In 1974, he was elected to represent the 38th Congressional District in Orange County, CA., a position he would hold for a total of five terms before retiring from government for the private sector.

For 13 years, he was a part-time professor at California State University at Long Beach, moving on to the University of California, Irvine, where he teaches courses on the Congress, contemporary issues, public law and public administration to this day. He is also President of Moulton Patterson Associates, a Public Affairs Consulting Firm, as well as a Governing Board Member of the Coast Community College District, where he was once President of the Board.

Brother Patterson also finds time in his busy schedule to continue his community service. He currently serves as the President of the Institute for Local Self-Government, President of the Community United Methodist Church Foundation of Huntington Beach, and as a frequent guest lecturer on college campuses for the Congress to Campus Program. He has been a founding member on various community housing commissions in the Santa Ana area, and he is an active member of the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress. In 1999, he was awarded the Harry S. Truman Award for his community and political achievement.

Summing up his Beta Phi experience, Brother Patterson said, "Sigma Chi means values, character, integrity and ethics to me. It is a strong and vibrant fraternity in our nation". In addition to being inducted into the Beta Phi Hall of Honor, Brother Patterson has been named a "Significant Sig" by the Sigma Chi Fraternity.