

Mark Odom Hatfield

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In service to the Fraternity and to the broader community, few have been more distinguished than Mark Hatfield. Yet as U.S. Senator from Oregon in 1985, having been a chapter founder, president of both the petitioning local and the chapter, a Navy combat officer, a Beta district chief, a State Representative, State Senator, Secretary of State and Governor, he could say, "One of the truly great experiences of my life was to be a part of the Kappa Gamma Rho team from Willamette University to carry the petition for charter to the 116th Convention."

It's said that Hatfield never has lost an election. Retired to private life at age 74 after five terms in the U.S. Senate, he maintains an office in Portland, Ore. He serves as guest lecturer at Willamette, George Fox and Portland State Universities and continues a long commitment to medical research as chairman of Funding First, an initiative for medical research funding by the Lasker Foundation.

Among the numerous boards he continues to serve are the National Advisory Council on Aging, the James Madison Fellowship Foundation, the Oregon Historical Society, the Oregon Symphony Foundation, the Oregon Health Sciences Foundation, Mercy Corps Intl. and the Omega Point Foundation.

"Retirement" has given him more time for rare books and presidential history, particularly the careers of Abraham Lincoln and Herbert Hoover. He is author of four books: *Not Quite So Simple* (1967), *Conflict and Conscience* (1971) *Between a Rock and a Hard Place* (1976) and *Vice Presidents of the United States: 1789-1993* (1997). He is co-author of five others: *Amnesty: The Unsettled Question of Vietnam* (1976), *The Causes of World Hunger* (1982), *Freeze! How You Can Help Prevent Nuclear War* (1982), *What About the Russians?* (1984) and *Lessons and Legacies: Farewell Addresses from the Senate* (1976). Several of these volumes are in the John Reily Knox Memorial Library in Oxford.

Born in Dallas, Ore., July 12, 1922, he graduated from Willamette in 1943 with the B.A. degree and a master's degree in political science from Stanford University in 1948 after release from the Navy as a lieutenant.(jg). He married Antoinette Kuzmanich July 8, 1958. They are parents of Mark, Elizabeth, Theresa and Charles and have five grandchildren.

A World War II battle veteran, he has dedicated his life to preventing armed conflict and improving the human condition through a lifetime of public service. He authored 1992 legislation calling for an end to U.S. nuclear testing and opposed increases in defense spending and U.S. military involvement abroad while focusing on improving health, education and social services programs.

He was chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, a member of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, the Rules Committee, the Joint Committee on the Library and the Joint Committee on Printing.

— Robert T. Howard, DePauw '37, General Fraternity Historian