

**Charles Albert Schunk '48**, At 97, Chuck was the oldest living Phi Kappa Brother when he entered the Chapter Eternal. You may remember Chuck from his interview a couple of years ago in the *Phi Kappa News*. As a returning 24-year-old Marine veteran of WW II, he pledged Phi Kappa in 1946 as part of a 20-man pledge class and was initiated *Into the Bond* on June 30, 1946.

He'd survived battles on Guadalcanal, Bougainville and Okinawa and estimated that as many as half the 45 men in Phi Kappa from 1946-48 were veterans, some as old as 28. He credited the G.I. Bill with allowing him to go to U of I. Once aboard, he took classes all year 'round, became Chapter President, played varsity tennis, won the All-University Table Tennis championship, played on intramural teams, majored in Commerce and graduated in 1948 – all in just over two years!

One of Chuck's fondest memories from his forty-year management career was building The Racket Club in Crystal Lake, IL, which he ran for a decade, blending his love of business and tennis. After spending six decades in the Chicago area and three in San Diego, Schunk moved to Georgia to be near his three grandchildren. He taught tennis for at least 45 years and was still instructing in 2018.

