



Mr. Brian Downes  
Executive Director, John Wayne Birthplace and Museum

November 1, 2022

Subject: John Wayne Sigma Chi Memorial Campaign

Dear Mr. Downes,

We are pleased to announce that the Sigma Chi Monuments and Memorial Commission has unanimously voted that the John Wayne Birthplace and Museum be officially designated on its registry as a Memorial of the Sigma Chi International Fraternity.

Given this decision, we the members of the brotherhood of Sigma Chi have started a significant movement to forever memorialize John Wayne as a Sigma Chi at the John Wayne Birthplace and Museum in Winterset, Iowa. We are energized to do this because of Duke's lifelong commitment of giving back to those less fortunate. John Wayne was a Significant Sigma Chi who became an icon as the person who best-symbolized American values and ideals of that day and time.

It has long been known John Wayne considered Sigma Chi among the most important and lasting relationships in his life. In the words of his daughter Aissa Wayne: "He wore his membership proudly and fondly and always had a deep and loyal reverence for the brothers and the entire Fraternity. In fact, you could not mention the name of any other fraternity because there was only ONE, Sigma Chi. Period."

We as Alumni of Sigma Chi will forge a formal association with the John Wayne Birthplace and Museum. To make that a reality we kindly invite all Alumni of the Sigma Chi International Fraternity to generously donate to the John Wayne Birthplace Society, (a 501-c-3 non-profit organization).

As agreed, a significant collective donation from our Alumni and others will result in impressive displays of Sigma Chi memorabilia from the Fraternity, its Alumni, friends, and the family of John Wayne.

As John Wayne generously donated to Sigma Chi and its Signature charities, we now will donate to the only Museum in the world dedicated to the best-ever known member of Sigma Chi.

John Wayne, Man of The Golden West..."All Honor to His Name".

In Hoc Signo Vinces.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Roach".

Mike Roach, Gamma Psi, '66  
President, Naples/Marco Island Alumni Chapter

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Shields".

Jim Shields, Alpha Eta '65  
President, Fort Myers/Estero Alumni Chapter