

**Horace D. Taft Alumni Medal
and
Citation of Merit
1980 Recipient**



**E. Philip Snyder, Jr. '38
1919-2000**

Loyal friend of Taft, sturdy outdoorsman, natural leader, you have used your many talents well. With a conscience as strong as your heart and body, you moved toward leadership early in life, as athlete and five-time chairman of your class at Taft, as Navy commander when your nation called, as business executive when the war was over. Your love of the outdoors led you to be a founder of the Stratton Mountain Ski Resort; your love of people led you to organize and manage the Otis-Stratton Clinic, which has ministered to countless sick and injured, and to years of service with "Outward Bound," helping to bring the character-building benefits of the rugged life to others less strong. As world-class ocean racer and frequent navigator in Bermuda races, you may not have won, but you never failed to find the island. As trustee and advisor to three headmasters, you have given countless hours and generous support to the betterment of Taft. With gratitude and affection, and pride in your achievements, Taft today awards you its highest honor: the Alumni Citation of Merit.