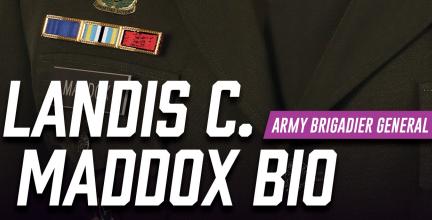
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13TH DISTRICT Introduction



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Welcome to the Tenacious Thirteenth District of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. The District is comprised of Brothers who serve Omega around the world and whose Chapters are located outside the continental United States. The District spans the globe and maintains a presence in 17 countries, on 4 continents, across 19 time zones.

There are 21 Chapters across this District and we maintain an international presence in Bermuda, Canada, China, Dominican Republic, Germany, Ghana, Hawaii, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Panama, The Bahamas, The Netherlands, St. Croix VI, St. Thomas VI, St. Maarten, the United Arab Emirates, Nigeria and the United Kingdom. Brothers across the world who are not affiliated with a local Chapter or District are encouraged to join the 13th District and reaffirm their commitment to Omega.

MESSAGE FROM THE 13TH DISTRICT Representative



Greetings,

As we approach the summer, I send my warmest greetings to all the Tenacious 13th International District Brothers. I hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits. I am thrilled to present the latest edition of our spring and summer newsletter, packed with exciting news and updates about our upcoming events, community initiatives, and important announcements from the District.

I want to personally thank each and every one of you, my Brothers, for your unwavering support and engagement with our newsletter. It is our shared goal to keep you informed and connected with our community, and we are dedicated to delivering the latest news and updates in a timely and informative manner. I hope you find our spring and summer newsletter enjoyable.

I look forward to seeing you all at our 31st Annual District Meeting and 84th Grand Conclave in Tampa, Florida. As we gather there, I am filled with excitement and anticipation for the many fruitful discussions and decisions that we will make together. This annual event serves as a platform for us to come together, exchange ideas, and strengthen our bonds of brotherhood. I want to extend a special welcome to all our new Brothers who have joined us recently. Your presence here is a testament to your commitment to our cause, and we are thrilled to have you join us on this journey of growth and progress. As we begin this meeting, remember the values that bind us together – manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift. Let us work together to achieve our common goals and further our mission of positively impacting our community.

Lastly, it has been an honor to serve as your Eleventh 13th District Representative. Each of you was instrumental in our District's success. Thank you for making my journey memorable.

Fraternally grateful,

Tracy D. George

Bro. Tracy George Eleventh 13th District Representative "Together We Achieve More"



DISTRICT OFFICERS 13TH DISTRICT



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In Oct 2023, the brothers of Phi Gamma Gamma and the sisters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. partnered to provide information that would uplift communities through the power of the vote. The brothers and sisters provided the community with critical information required to register someone to vote, submit absentee ballots, find presidential and state information, and vote. Voter registration, Education, and Mobilization is one of the mandated programs of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., and it is paramount that military members, dependents, and civilians in the community know that their vote matters.





In Oct 2023, the brothers of Phi Gamma Gamma promoted the fraternity's Anti-Bullying Campaign and Unity Day. The brothers of Phi Gamma Gamma briefed the Yellow Jackets Landstuhl youth football team on the history of National Bullying Prevention Month and Unity Day. They also discussed the importance of promoting kindness, acceptance, and inclusion to prevent bullying in classrooms and other youth settings. As a group, the brothers and young men discussed practical ways to intervene and stop bullying safely. Before departing, the Landstruhl youth football team raised their right hand and recited the Anti-Bullying Pledge, committing to intervene and support others who have been hurt or harmed.





Brother Eban Rolle, serving as the Vice Basileus for Chi Mu Mu, collaborated with the brothers of the Gamma Chi Chapter in Corpus Christi, TX, for their annual blood drive. The event drew participation from over 120 members of the community who generously donated blood. Additionally, 170 donations of various items were contributed to support those less fortunate, underscoring the fraternity's commitment to serving the community and making a meaningful difference in people's lives. 13 January 2024

PGG PARTICIPATES IN COLLEGE NIGHT IN KAISERSLAUTERN GERMANY



In Nov 2023, the brothers of Phi Gamma Gamma participated in College Night at Kaiserslautern High School (KHS) in Kaiserslautern, Germany.

The KHS College Night featured various participants, including other Greek letter Fraternities and Sororities, college representatives, financial aid representatives, and career counselors.

The brothers of Phi Gamma Gamma provided information about college admissions, degree programs, and scholarship opportunities like the Omega Psi Phi Talent hunt and Essay writing contest. The brothers of Phi Gamma Gamma aided in fostering a supportive environment for students to navigate their post-high school paths.

Scholarship is one of Omega Psi Phi's four cardinal principles, and Phi Gamma Gamma understands the importance of assisting young men and women to ensure they reach their academic goals.





ETA ETA IOTA Chapter

Eta lota lota Chapter, Thirteenth International District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc – St. Croix, USVI- On November 16,2023; Eta lota lota Chapter initiated 5 new brothers into the Fraternity.

From front to back they are Bro. David Delgado, Bro. Quincy Lewis, Bro. Clint Ferris, Bro. Joel Lee and Bro. Tyrone Sackey Jr. These new initiates are very excited about becoming members of Omega Psi Phi fraternity and has begun to lift as they climb.

They are already organizing a toy drive to get toys for the children of our local foster care group home, Queen Louise Home for Children.

ETA IOTA IOTA Achievement Week

Eta lota lota Chapter, Thirteenth International District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc – St. Croix, USVI- The chapter celebrated Achievement Week from November 12 to 18 where several mandated programs were also incorporated during the week. The week began with services at St. Joseph's Church and followed by lunch with the brothers at a local restaurant.

On November 14, 2023 Brother Joseph Schrader, on behalf of the chapter presented to Juanita Gardine K-8 Middle School a donation of S1000.00 in STEM equipment to included robotics and solar powered vehicles for the students to assemble and then demonstrate. The chapter also partnered with the Department of Health to go to one of our local high schools to talk with students about bullying and resolutions.

Finally, we culminated the week with our Awards and recognition Banquet where Bro. Clement Heyliger was recognized as the Omega Man of the Year and Mr. Renholdt Jackson was recognized as Citizen of the Year. Ms. Cheyenne George, the chapter's Essay Contest winner, was presented with a check of \$500.00.



On December 5, 2023, Brother Trevor Hodge, a member of Chi Mu Mu, spearheaded a community initiative in his hometown of Anguilla. Demonstrating the 4th Cardinal Principle, Brother Hodge contributed to the upliftment of The Valley Primary School by donating a microwave oven.

The school, does not have a lunch program, will benefit significantly from this addition, as it facilitates the preparation of hot meals during lunchtime.

This thoughtful donation addresses a critical need within the school, showcasing the fraternity's commitment to mandated programs, particularly the Social Action initiative that encourages chapters to actively participate in activities that uplift their respective communities.



BROTHERS OF OMEGA PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM



On November 18, 2023, the brothers of Chi Mu Mu demonstrated their commitment to community service by donating over 20 bags of food to the Royal Air Force Lakenheath Food Bank. This crucial initiative supports more than 5,000 military families facing challenging circumstances.

In a hands-on approach, the brothers actively participated in unpacking and stocking the shelves alongside the Program Coordinator. The decision to contribute was spurred by the awareness that, in October alone, approximately 47 families relied on the food bank, depleting its supplies. Responding promptly to the call for assistance, the brothers mobilized to address the needs of the local military community. Basileus Brother Rob Taylor emphasized the importance of giving back when in a position to support others in need.





On January 18, 2024, the brothers gathered for a fellowship at RAF Lakenheath, led by Brother Webb, who initiated the effort to rekindle camaraderie after the holiday season. Adding to the occasion, Brother Davine Thomas flew in from Baltimore, MD earlier that day, promptly joining the brothers on the bus to the base. The evening unfolded with shared meals and culminated in a hop practice session, fostering bonds of friendship and unity among the group. As the night concluded, the sentiment resonated: "To have a friend is to have one of the sweetest and dearest gifts that life can bring."



On November 16th, the British Ques convened for their monthly fellowship, coinciding with Achievement Week. To mark the occasion, the brothers organized their annual "Bowling with the Ques" event, inviting family and friends to join in the festivities.

This event is part of the chapter's yearly calendar of community outreach activities, reflecting their commitment to giving back. Basileus Berhan Kaleb emphasized the importance of establishing a more robust presence within the Tri-base military community, signaling a renewed focus on engagement and service.





Chi Mu Mu Black History in the Armed Forces



Robert Taylor, Basilieus, Chi Mu Mu Chapter, Sigma Gamma Gamma 2020.

He hails from Hampton, Virginia, and is currently stationed at RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom.

With an illustrious 16-year tenure in the United States Air Force, he serves as a beacon of expertise in his role as an Aircraft Armament Systems Specialist, leading with distinction as a Weapons Standardization Senior Non-commissioned Officer.

His journey in the Air Force began not only as a pursuit of duty but also as a quest for new horizons. Seeking change and adventure, he embarked on this path and discovered a profound passion for serving his country and its people.

His commitment to excellence shines through not only in his military service but also in his scholarly achievements.

Holding an MBA with a specialization in international business and a bachelor's degree in management, he exemplifies dedication to both personal and professional growth.

Ever driven to reach new heights, he is currently dedicated to obtaining his Project Management Professional certification, and will embark on his doctoral journey this fall, further solidifying his commitment to continuous learning and leadership.

In every endeavor, he embodies the essence of service and duty, standing as a testament to the values of the Air Force and the limitless potential of the human spirit.





On November 13, 2023, Chi Mu Mu brothers inaugurated Achievement Week by extending support to Bromley and Croydon Women's Aid (BCWA), a vital organization among only three in the United Kingdom dedicated to assisting women. Notably, BCWA stands out as the sole provider with a specialized Japanese liaison, catering to the significant population of Japanese women in the UK. Following their monetary contribution, the brothers participated in an extensive briefing session with BCWA's CEO and president. As the meeting concluded, the brothers reaffirmed their dedication to serving as a steadfast and dependable resource, committed to bolstering BCWA's impactful initiatives.

The Brothers Of PGG Chapter Support the Saint Christophorus Homeless Shelter in Kaiserslautern



Homeless shelter donation pgg 13 January 2024

On 25 March 2023, the Brothers of Phi Gamma Gamma Chapter in Kaiserslautern, Germany, collected and donated over \$500 in hygiene products to the local homeless shelter, St Christophorus. PGG has formed a consistent relationship with St Christophorus providing winter clothing in the fall and summer clothing in the spring. PGG's clothing drives for the shelter have been so successful that the shelter's coffers of clothing are bursting at the seams, and the shelter asked the Brothers for more specific items to provide to its patrons.

Since its chartering in 2018, the Brothers of PGG have led clothing drives in the Kaiserslautern Military Community each spring and fall to provide items to needy individuals.

The chapter Basileus, Brother Andre Pippen, pushes the chapter to find those less fortunate in the local community to support, including patrons of the local victims of domestic violence shelter. PGG's upcoming support to the homeless shelter will focus on socks and undergarments for those in need.





ARMY BRIGADIER GENERAL LANDIS C. MADDOX BIO

Army Brigadier General Landis C. Maddox assumed command of the Defense Logistics Agency Troop Support on June 15, 2023. Under his leadership, DLA Troop Support annually provides more than \$20 billion worth of food, clothing and textiles, construction and equipment, pharmaceuticals, along with medical supplies and equipment for America's warfighters and other valued customers worldwide.

To accomplish this mission, Maddox oversees a global workforce of more than 2,100 civilian and military personnel.

A Texas native, who was born in South Carolina, Maddox was commissioned in the Quartermaster Corps upon graduation from the United States Military Academy in 1996. His first assignment was with the 3rd Infantry Division at Ft. Stewart, Georgia. After completion of the Captain's Logistics Officer Advanced Course (CLOAC), Maddox served as a staff officer in South Korea in the 19th Theater Army Area Command.



He left Korea and moved back to Fort Stewart, Georgia, where he served as a staff officer and a company commander in 24th Corps Support Group (Forward), Fort Stewart, Georgia.

Prior to going to Command and General Staff College (CGSC), Maddox moved to Ft. Drum, New York and served as the Support Operations Officer and XO in the 210th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division.



ARMY BRIGADIER GENERAL LANDIS C. MADDOX BIO

Following Command and General Staff College in June 2012, he then moved back to South Korea and served as the Chief of Petroleum Operations and the Chief of Current Operations in the United States Forces Korea J4, Yongsan, Korea.

Maddox commanded the Special Troops Battalion 1st Theater Sustainment Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina and then assumed duties as a Strategic Staff Officer in the Logistics Initiative Group in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff G4, Washington DC.

After completion of the Army War College in 2018, he moved to Hawaii and served as the Assistant Chief of Staff G5 for the 8th Theater Sustainment Command, prior to assuming command of the 25th Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

After command, Maddox served as the Executive Officer for the Army Materiel Command Commanding General, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. In his previous assignment, Maddox served as the Commander of the Joint Munitions Command, Rock Island, Illinois.

In addition, his operational experience includes five deployments to Iraq and one to Kuwait.

Maddox's military education and schools include Army War College, U.S. Army Command, and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, Captains Career Course, and the Quartermaster Officer Basic Course.

His civilian education included a Bachelor of Science from the United States Military Academy in Mechanical Engineering in 1996 and in 2006 he earned a Master of Arts in Human Resource Management from Webster University.







Lambda Xi Chapter Receives 13th International District Chapter of the Year Award

By Brother Michael Robinson

The members of Lambda Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. located in the Republic of South Korea received the 13th International District Chapter of the Year Award.

The announcement was made during the 13th International District Meeting held on July 11 – 12, 2023 in Nassau, Bahamas prior to the commencement of the 2023 Dr. Moses C. Norman Leadership Conference of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

The Chapter of the Year Award is presented to the chapter in the 13th International District of Omega Psi Phi that has made significant contributions on the District and the International level of the Fraternity as well as to its local community. The 13th International District spans the globe and maintains a presence in 16 countries, on 5 continents, across 19 time zones.

There are 21 Chapters across this District, and maintains an international presence in Bermuda, Canada, China, Dominican Republic, Germany, Ghana, Hawaii, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Panama, The Bahamas, The Netherlands, St. Croix VI, St. Thomas VI, St. Marten, the United Arab Emirates, and the United Kingdom.

In addition to receiving the Chapter of the Year Award, Lambda Xi Chapter was also presented a check for \$1,000 as the 2nd place winner for the 13th International District Social Action Chapter of the Year.



Lambda Xi Chapter Receives 13th International District Chapter of the Year Award

The following members from Lambda Xi Chapter received awards from the 13th International District:

- > -First Vice District Representative Excellence Award Brother Michael Robinson
- First Vice District Representative Teamwork Service Award Brother Shawn Stanley
- 😥 -First Vice District Representative "MVP" Service <u>Award Brother Shawn Stanley</u>
 - -13th District Committee Service Award for serving as Chairman of the Membership Selection Program Committee – Brother Rodney Brown
- -13th District Committee Service Award for serving as Chairman of the Fatherhood and Mentoring Committee Brother Michael Robinson
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- -13th District Committee Service Award for serving as Chairman of the St. Jude and Omega "The Power of Giving" Committee Brother Michael Robinson
- $rac{3}{2}$ -13th District Superior Service Award Brother Michael Robinson

Congratulations to Lambda Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. The military and local communities of the Republic of South Korea and the Brothers of the 13th International District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. are proud of you and your outstanding accomplishments and service.



BRO. CODY HARDEN INTERVIEW Bear Mart and CodiaQ Consulting Companies in Xiamen, China :





Cody Bill Harden, initiated 2012 Lambda Tau, current chapter Lambda Tau

From his roots in Kingsland, Georgia, to his current residence in Xiamen, China, Cody has traversed continents and cultures with a passion for community building and education. For the past half-decade, he's called China home, initially making his mark as a teacher in Beijing back in 2019. However, it was in 2020 that Cody planted his entrepreneurial seeds in Xiamen, establishing CodiaQ Consulting and later venturing into the convenience store business with Bear Mart. Both CodiaQ Consulting and Bear Mart aren't just businesses; they're integral parts of the community. Cody and his team actively engage in outreach programs, from providing toys and supplies to mentoring interns. These internships aren't just about work; they're about equipping young minds with skills vital for their future.

The success stories of former interns gaining acceptance into universities both in China and Canada speak volumes about the impact of these initiatives.

BRO. CODY Harden Interview

Cody Bill Harden, initiated 2012 Lambda Tau, current chapter Lambda Tau





Moreover, Cody's commitment to community welfare extends to festive seasons, with his tradition of distributing free toys and glowin-the-dark bracelets during Christmas.

What started as a modest gesture has grown exponentially, capturing hearts across all age groups.

Despite his busy schedule, Cody hasn't neglected his own academic pursuits. With a master's degree from Penn State in psychology and now pursuing his doctorate at Purdue, he embodies the ethos of lifelong learning. This commitment to education is something he readily shares with his interns and anyone who drops by Bear Mart for a chat.

As an alumnus of Alabama State University (ASU), a Historically Black College and University (HBCU), Cody proudly showcases his alma mater along with Tuskegee, inspiring curiosity about American colleges among students.

His vision for Bear Mart transcends borders, with plans to expand to 20,000 stores across China and beyond.

Yet, amidst these grand ambitions, Cody remains grounded in his mission: to be more than just a store but a cherished cornerstone of every community, where people feel at home and safe, whether they're getting their slurp on with a slurpee or simply hanging out.



13TH DISTRICT Bro. dr. Ronnvey C. Price

DISTRICT PUBLIC RELATION COMMITTEE CHAIR



Greetings Brothers of the Tenacious 13th District,

With great enthusiasm, I extend my warmest invitation to each of you for our upcoming 31st Annual District Meeting and 84th Grand Conclave in the vibrant city of Tampa, Florida. As we prepare to convene, I am filled with anticipation for the invaluable discussions and decisions that will shape our collective journey forward.

Our annual gathering serves as a pivotal moment for us to unite, exchange perspectives, and fortify the bonds of our Brotherhood. It is a time when ideas flourish, friendships deepen, and our commitment to our shared mission strengthens.

To our newest Brothers who have recently joined our ranks, I offer a heartfelt welcome. Your presence among us reaffirms our collective dedication to our cause, and we are honored to have you as integral members of our beloved fraternity. Together, we embark on a journey marked by growth, solidarity, and progress.

As we convene for this momentous occasion, let us remain steadfast in our adherence to the principles that unite us--manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift. Let these values guide our deliberations and actions as we strive to make a positive impact on our community and beyond.

Continue to send thought-provoking, uplift-oriented commentary on current events and other matters important to the Brotherhood. Moreover, chapters are encouraged to submit well-written opinion pieces, essays, feature stories, poetry and literature written by the Brotherhood. Please submit to our DDPR of the 13th District Bro. Dr. Carl Bampose at asare1@hotmail.com. Please submit all articles in Microsoft Word format, 12pt font, Times New Roman font with pictures (no more than 3) in high resolution JPGs - Photos- Action shots (High resolution photo). Photos should not be embedded in the story. Gratitude, for your effort!

I eagerly anticipate the opportunity to join each of you in Tampa, where together, we will chart a course towards a brighter future for our Brotherhood and the communities we serve.

Fraternally grateful,

Ronnvey C. Price

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13TH DISTRICT Bro. dr. carl bampoe





MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

Greetings to the brothers of the Tenacious 13th District, I hope this message finds you well. This is Brother Carl Bampoe DDPR for the 13th District. I have been charged with showcasing all the great work that the 13th District is doing, through our Quarterly Publication of (Step Into The 13th). With that being said, I would like to introduce and welcome Brother Ronvey Price, who will be working closely with me to accomplish this project.

Our first task is to improve the quality of our newsletter and share stories/articles that embody all the great work happening in the 13th district. We will use current articles to create this publication. I am asking for thought-provoking, uplift-oriented commentary on current events and other matters important to the Brotherhood.

Chapters are encouraged to submit well-written opinion pieces, essays, feature stories, poetry and literature written by the Brotherhood. Brothers of the 13th District are also encouraged to submit poetry and other written artistic forms of expression (e.g., short stories, comic strips, dramatic and satirical prose) and the like, to the DDPR of the 13th District Bro. Carl Bampoe at asare1@hotmail.com.Please submit all articles in Microsoft Word format, 12pt font, Times New Roman font with pictures in high resolution JPGs - Photos- Action shots (high resolution photo). Photos should not be embedded in the story. Thanks again, Brothers of the 13th District for all you hard work.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment.

Fraternally,

Bro. Dr. Carl Bampoe

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