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AMPLIFYING OUR BROTHERHOOD: YOUR VOICE, OUR LEGACY

A message from the 13th District Director, Public Relations

Brother Dr. Carl W. Bampoe was initiated into The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in Spring 1993 through the Tau Zeta Chapter at Rutgers University. He is a past Basileus of the Tau Chi Chapter in Ghana, West Africa, and currently serves as Director of Public Relations (DDPR) for the Thirteenth District.

A dedicated educator with over two decades of experience in educational and instructional leadership, Brother Bampoe has served in both elementary and secondary education. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics from Rutgers University, a Master's degree in Educational Leadership from The College of New Jersey, and a Doctorate in Education from Kean University. He currently resides in Somerset, NJ, with his wife and three children.

As DDPR of the Thirteenth District, I am committed to showcasing the outstanding work being done across our district through our quarterly publication, "Step Into The 13." In pursuit of this goal, I am pleased to introduce and welcome Brother Marc Proctor, who has been working closely with me on this initiative. Our mission is to enhance the quality of our newsletter and highlight impactful stories that reflect the exceptional efforts within our district.

To achieve this, I invite thought-provoking and uplifting contributions on current events and matters of significance to the Brotherhood. Chapters are encouraged to submit well-written opinion pieces, essays, feature stories, poetry, and literary works created by our Brothers.

Submission Guidelines:

- **Format:** Microsoft Word
- **Font:** Times New Roman, 12 pt
- **Images:** High-resolution JPG action shots (please do not embed images within the document)
- **Send submissions to:** Bro. Carl Bampoe, DDPR of the 13th District at tzspr93@gmail.com

Thank you for your continued support and contributions to the success of the Thirteenth District.

**In Friendship and Service,
Brother Carl W. Bampoe
DDPR – Thirteenth District**

STRENGTH, SERVICE, AND BROTHERHOOD: A REFLECTION ON OUR IMPACT

Brothers of the Tenacious 13th District of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

As we finish up the 2nd Quarter of the fraternal year, it brings me great pride to reflect on the outstanding accomplishments and contributions from our many chapters across the 13th District. The energy, dedication, and excellence consistently displayed by our Brothers has been nothing short of inspiring. The submissions we've received for this edition of the newsletter are a true testament to the impact we are making, both within our communities and across the globe.

This quarter has been marked by several significant milestones and events. Our Brothers participated in the International Undergraduate Summit, demonstrating leadership, scholarship, and the strength of Omega Psi Phi's undergraduate representation. Chapters have also been diligently preparing for the 32nd Thirteenth District Annual Meeting, which promises to be a powerful moment of fellowship, history, planning, and recommitment to our mission. In February, we celebrated Black History Month with reverence and pride, hosting events that uplifted our heritage and honored our ancestors' contributions to history.

Looking ahead, we also pause to honor our dearly departed Brothers through Omega Psi Phi's Memorial Day Services. These solemn observances remind us of the lasting bonds of our fraternity and the legacy we continue to uphold. I thank each chapter for your continued commitment, for sharing your stories, and for advancing the work of Omega in your respective communities. Let us carry this momentum forward as we build toward an even greater second half of the year.

**Fraternally,
Freddie Thompson, IV
Twelfth 13th District Representative**



THE TENACIOUS 13TH DISTRICT



THE INTERNATIONAL UNDERGRADUATE SUMMIT

Celebrating the Thirteenth District's unwavering commitment to Omega Psi Phi's cardinal principles at the 2025 International Undergraduate Summit, where undergraduates and graduate Brothers united to learn, reflect, and strengthen the Fraternity's global presence.

STRENGTHENING BROTHERHOOD: THE THIRTEENTH DISTRICT'S IMPACT AT THE 2025 IUGS



International Undergraduate Summit
By: Byron F. Ferguson II
2nd Vice District Representative
13th District

For many undergraduates, attending the International Undergraduate Summit represents an opportunity to network and build lifelong friendships, gain leadership experience and a chance to enhance their individual profiles and resumes. However, the IUGS serves as a vital gathering for undergraduates and graduate Brothers to come together and not only learn but reflect on the year, discuss plans for the future and foster connections.

STRENGTHENING BROTHERHOOD



As for the District which truly makes Omega international, it helped by letting the Fraternity at large know that the Thirteenth is fully functioning, active and upholding the Fraternity's cardinal principles. Under the leadership of 2nd Vice District Representative Byron Ferguson, all undergraduates within the district were present and well represented at all meetings during the summit. Even though the number of Brothers didn't match other Districts, the Thirteenth District was the only District with a perfect attendance record having all registered undergraduates within the District present. Additionally, all of the District's elected officers were present along with Undergraduate Advisor and First District Representative Peter L. Mitchell.

Brothers present at the IUGS attended all meetings, but really enjoyed sessions such as: Member Code of Conduct Training, Suit up for Success, How to Effectuate STEM in your Chapter, Undergraduate Roundtable, #NOTOWT and a Fraternity favorite Omega Training Camp. All events served to be informative and will help each attendee personally and most importantly within their respective Chapters. The trip concluded in fellowship with a dinner hosted by District Representative Freddie Thompson IV. This allowed Brothers of the Thirteenth to build relationships, reflect on the session and lastly set goals for the fraternal year.

As the landscape of our beloved Fraternity continues to evolve, the IUGS remains a vital tradition that helps maintain the organizations strength, unity, tenacity and relevance not only in the Divine Nine but also in the modern world. For undergraduates, it's more than just a formal gathering. It is an essential step in their journey of personal and professional development. The Brothers of the Tenacious Thirteenth District looks forward to attending and making tremendous contributions for many years to come.



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SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Highlighting fraternity-led initiatives that demonstrate a strong commitment to uplifting communities, from mentorship to vital outreach efforts across chapters.



LAMBDA XI HONORS DR. KING'S LEGACY AT USAG HUMPHREYS WALK

Lambda Xi (South Korean)
By: Bro. Eugene Gibbs

South Korea - On Monday, January 21, 2025, the Brothers of the Lambda Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. proudly joined the United States Army Garrison Humphreys community in a commemorative walk to honor the enduring legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The event, which brought together military personnel, families, and local leaders, served as a powerful reminder of Dr. King's unwavering commitment to equality, justice, and unity.

The walk began at the Warrior Chapel, where participants gathered to reflect on Dr. King's profound contributions to the Civil Rights Movement. Amid a sense of camaraderie and shared purpose, the Brothers of Lambda Xi Chapter stood out in their signature purple and gold, embodying the fraternity's mission of uplift and service.

As the group made its way through the designated route, the Lambda Xi Brothers engaged with participants, sharing insights about Dr. King's message and its relevance today. Their presence underscored the fraternity's commitment to fostering leadership, scholarship, and community service in every endeavor.



The walk culminated at Warrior Chapel, where a short program highlighted the significance of Dr. King’s work and its lasting impact on the pursuit of civil rights. The Brothers of the Lambda Xi Chapter expressed gratitude for the opportunity to participate and reaffirmed their dedication to advancing Dr. King’s ideals.

As the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. continues its legacy of service, the Lambda Xi Chapter remains steadfast in its mission to inspire positive change and promote unity. By honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the Brothers reaffirmed their commitment to building a better society, one step at a time.



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EMPOWERING YOUNG ATHLETES: THE 2025 ADAMS FOOTBALL CAMP

Chi Mu Mu (United Kingdom)
By: Bro. Brandon J. Wilkins

Bro Terry Adams is the Chi Mu Mu Chapter Keeper of Records of Seals and ensures all administrative support is met. He lives and works in England along with other members of the chapter. But there is another motivation that keeps Bro Adams committed, service. Bro Adams uplifts his community through coaching youth football. Bro Adams founded the Adams Football Camp at Elkin High School in Elkin, NC shortly after finishing his collegiate football career at Liberty University. His camp focuses on athletes aged 7-14. Alongside a group of like-minded men, he created the camp to give back to the next generation of athletes. "I created this camp with the understanding that some kids may never have the means to afford expensive camps. I wanted to provide a place where young athletes could develop their skills under coaches who genuinely care". This year's camp runs from June 2-13, 2025. Bro Adams looks forward to each summer helping the young athletes grow, compete, and gain additional opportunities. He also looks forward to mentoring these youth building character, discipline, teamwork, and perseverance.



INSPIRING CHANGE: CHI MU MU CHAPTER UPLIFTS LONDON YOUTH THROUGH ADVOCACY & STEM

Chi Mu Mu (United Kingdom)
By: Bro. Brandon J. Wilkins



The Chi Mu Mu Chapter (XMM) of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is comprised of brothers living, working and serving Omega in the United Kingdom. The brothers of XMM continue to impact our community by living our Cardinal Principles, conducting our mandated programs, and leading in our respective circles. In November, XMM celebrated Achievement Week with our annual Founders Day Banquet recognizing our annual winners and highlighting achievements. In December, XMM wrapped gifts at Royal Air Force Base Lakenheath (RAFL) where several brothers are stationed. The event allowed great interaction with the base populace and reinforced Omega Psi Phi's presence in the community.



Bro. Berhan Kaleb conducted a radio interview on London's premier urban station Supreme 99.8 FM explaining the importance and purpose of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and how our Fraternity supports the overall efforts of the Divine Nine. This was the first interview of this kind and was intended to introduce the Divine Nine to listeners. Bro. Kaleb did an excellent job representing Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. while introducing to concept of Greek Life to the UK. XMM remained busy in February and supported the "Love Not Hate Young Stars of London" event in South Croydon, London. This annual community event featured performances of over 150 young performers showcasing their talents through dance, music, instrumental performances, martial arts, and cultural displays.

XMM brothers participated the event by serving on a panel discussion on reducing youth violence, mental health awareness and entrepreneurship at the event. Brothers completed a STEM for Autism event in March.

This STEM program was designed for autistic children aged 6 to 13 and featured hands-on activities focused on science, coding, and engineering. XMM also hosted a game night to introduce some fun and competition to the masses. Game night patrons enjoyed card and board games while socializing into the evening hours. Over the next few months XMM will support the Lakenheath Liberty Fest 4th of July Celebration and additional summer community events. XMM will also host the first European Fellowship in London. This event welcomes brothers from Theta Rho and Phi Gamma Gamma for a weekend of fellowship, service and friendship.

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OMEGA PSI PHI'S GLOBAL IMPACT: THE POWER OF GIVING CAMPAIGN 2025

Chi Mu Mu (UK)
By: Bro. Michael Robinson

The Brothers of the 13th International District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. are participating in the St. Jude and Omega: "The Power of Giving Campaign 2025" from today through June 30, 2025. We are requesting everyone to make a donation. Our goal for the 13th International District is to raise \$13,000. All donations received will go directly to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital on behalf of the Brothers representing the 13th International District. Also, you can claim donations on your tax return. This is the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. eleventh year in partnering with St. Jude.

Please help us reach our goal by clicking on the following link to donate today:

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- Together we can help St. Jude change the world.

Thank you for your support towards St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, "Finding Cures & Saving Children." If you have questions or need more information, please contact the 13th International District St. Jude Committee Chairman Brother Michael Robinson email mrobin12004@yahoo.com or Co-Chairman Brother Voris Crooms email: vcrooms1@hotmail.com

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Finding Cures & Saving Children

BUILDING A BRIGHTER FUTURE: ACHIEVEMENT WEEK STEM DAY IN PANAMA

Nu Gamma Gamma (Panama)
By: Bro David A. Eaves

NGG Achievement Week 2024 STEM Day, Day Two: On November 16, 2024, Nu Gamma Gamma culminated a seven-month period of planning and coordination to conduct the first ever STEM event sponsored by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity or any other African American organization in the country of Panama. The tremendous level of support from Brother Lee Willis, STEM International Chair, Brother Robert Morgan, 13th Deputy District Representative for the Americas and 13th District STEM Chair, and the International Headquarters staff enabled NGG to successfully conduct the first-ever STEM event in the country. Nu Gamma Gamma levied the synergistic efforts of the chapter's STEM committee Scholarship Committee to coordinate directly with the Bilingual School leadership to conduct the event. Twenty-eight students from grades 4 - 11 paired in teams of two to build 14 Pitsco Ray Catcher Solar Cars. Brothers from Nu Gamma Gamma and ladies who are members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., and friends of Nu Gamma Gamma coached and supported each team's car build and coordinated directly with the Principal, Assistant Principal and STEM Teachers to sponsor 28 students participate in the Solar Car Build. honor of Nu Gamma Gamma.

Students working in teams of two and facilitated by members of Nu Gamma Gamma, Delta Sigma Theta and friends of Nu gamma Gamma successfully built 14 solar cars. Nu Gamma Gamma provided all participants, the principal, assistant principal, the school's STEM coordinators and the school's security team with T-Shirts displaying with the Omega Psi Phi STEM logo along with Nu Gamma Gamma tote bags. Additionally due to the enthusiasm and excitement from the students Nu Gamma Gamma donated 10 of the solar car kits and all the hardware materials to support the build process to the school for future learning related to solar energy. The school expressed their appreciation to Nu Gamma Gamma by having members of their band perform three songs in





STEM FOR AUTISM: CHI MU MU CHAPTER INSPIRES YOUNG MINDS

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STEM KITS FOR THE FUTURE: NU NU NU CHAPTER'S OUTREACH TO CASA NIÑOS FELICES

STEM Initiative Nu Nu Nu (Dominican Republic)

The NuNuNu chapter continues to provide uplift and outreach to communities in the Dominican Republic. On Wednesday November 14th, TriNu continued its community partnership by providing over 25 STEM kits to Casa Ninos Felices Orphanage. This is the fourth year TriNu has engaged in this important outreach and this continues to be a highlight of Brothers in attendance each year. Being able to touch the community in this way allows for TriNu to uplift children with this valuable tool.



EMPOWERING YOUTH & SERVING COMMUNITIES: NGG'S SOCIAL ACTION DAY IN PANAMA



Nu Gamma Gamma (Panama)
By: Bro David A. Eaves

NGG Achievement Week 2024 Social Action

Day, Day One: On November 15, 2024, Social Action Day, as one part of the Chapter's Achievement Week 2024 Celebration. NGG and the Cavalry Baptist Church (CBC) in the San Miguelito District within Panama City, Panama collaborated to engage with 90 youth spanning school grades pre-school to high school in activities that encouraged and enriched social and scholastic achievement. CBC, as one of Nu Gamma Gamma's strategic partners for orchestrating the chapter's Social Action Program, opened its doors to Nu Gamma Gamma which resulted in not only enriching and encouraging the youth but also fostering the chapter's English Learning Program within Panama.



In addition to engaging the youth, the brothers completed a full cleaning and re-organization of the CBC kitchen area increasing the efficiency of the CBC food plate ministry. Nu Gamma Gamma Social Action Day also addressed the needs in the city of Colon on the Atlantic side of the country. Nu Gamma Gamma Social Action Committee Chairs Brothers Alfred Myers and Ezekiel Dennison working with First Isthmian Baptist Church, another strategic partner, met with the coordinator for the Atlantic Senior Citizens Home, assessed the current need, and made a financial contribution to support immediately addressing the most pressing needs.



LA CIENEGA FOOD DRIVE: A COMMITMENT TO SERVING HAITIAN IMMIGRANT FAMILIES

Social Action
Nu Nu Nu (Dominican Republic)

In the northern DR province of Puerto Plata, near Cabarete, there is a severely undeserved group of Haitian immigrants who are not afforded the financial and educational resources the Dominican government affords its citizens. To address this need on Saturday November 16th the brothers of Nu Nu Nu Chapter continued their annual humanitarian service.

The chapter served the targeted Haitian community of La Cienega by personally distributing those items that were both donated and purchased with funds collected. Thanks to the support of approximately 48 donors we were able to feed over 100 families.





ETA IOTA IOTA SPREADS HOLIDAY CHEER IN ST. CROIX

Eta Iota Iota (Virgin Islands)
Bo: Bro Alaric Gardine

Each year from November to December, the 13th International District runs the “Give Back to the Community Campaign” to support individuals and families in need. This past holiday season, the Brothers of Eta Iota Iota Chapter in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, made a meaningful impact. On December 19, 2024, with the help of the Crucian Purple and Gold Foundation, they donated \$1,000 to the Queen Louise Home for Children, a foster home that provides care and support for children. They also gave \$500 to My Brother’s Table, an organization that helps feed the homeless. Their generosity helped bring hope and comfort to those in need, showing the true spirit of the season.



SIGMA GAMMA GAMMA HONORS AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY IN OKINAWA

Nu Gamma Gamma (Panama)
By: Bro David A. Eaves

Okinawa, Japan – On February 15, 2025, the Brothers of the Sigma Gamma Gamma Graduate Chapter, in collaboration with the Okinawa Diversity Council, and other members of the Divine Nine continued their commitment to educating and strengthening the community through cultural expressions such as song, dance, spoken word, and cultural Greek step performances. Despite recent changes implemented by the current administration that have halted the celebration of African American history during duty hours at all Department of Defense (DOD) facilities, the event provided an important opportunity to honor the past while delivering a powerful message to the present. Brother Matthew Bowman provided the patrons in attendance with a brief history of Sigma Gamma Gamma Chapter, 13th International District, and the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity’s association to the origins of Black History Month. In addition, the brothers of Sigma Gamma Gamma entertained the patrons with a brief hop performance which was well received by the audience.



Brothers Cortez Pree, Cedric McCormick, Zerbin Singleton, Matt Bowman, Jacquary Bradford, Philip King, Kamal Johnson, Vice-Basileus Pablo Ramos, and Basileus David Dew represented SGG at the Schilling Community Center on Kadena Air Base, engaging with service members, educators, students, and the local community. Basileus Brother David Dew stated: The chapter has supported the Okinawa Diversity Council Black History Program on an annual basis and looks forward to supporting the event for years to come.

MOBILIZING VOICES: LAMBDA XI'S VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE EMPOWERS OVERSEAS VOTERS

Lambda Xi

By: Bro. Michael Robinson

South Korea – On Saturday, September 14, 2024, Brothers of Lambda Xi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. joined forces with the Sisters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Rho Nu Omega Chapter to host a voter registration drive at the Commissary entrance on Camp Humphreys Army Base in South Korea. This initiative aimed to assist U.S. citizens living overseas in registering to vote for the 2024 Presidential Election.

The event, which ran from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., brought together volunteers from the Republic of Korea (ROK) Divine Nine to distribute informational materials and provide guidance on voter registration. Participants received step-by-step instructions on how to register and submit absentee ballots while residing outside the United States.

At the end of the event, volunteers successfully:

- Register 22 new voters
- Assisted 54 registered voters in requesting their Federal Post Card Applications (FPCA)
- Distributed 450 FPCA and absentee instructions pamphlets
- Provided over 200 cards with step-by-step instructions on how to request absentee ballots.

The strong turnout highlighted the dedication of the military community to civic engagement. With the collective efforts of the ROK Divine Nine, participants not only expanded voter outreach but also reinforced their commitment to ensuring every vote is counted, regardless of location.

Sister Safiyyah S. Wrightsil, President of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Rho Nu Omega Chapter, expressed her gratitude to all who contributed to the event. She stated: “The impact we’ve made will resonate throughout this critical election season, and I am so proud of what we’ve accomplished together.” Sister Wrightsil also encouraged community members to “Stroll to the Polls” and continue supporting voter registration efforts.

To extend their reach, the Brothers of Lambda Xi Chapter kept the online voter registration link open until midnight on October 31, 2024, adding seven registered voters to the total count. Additionally, the event helped the chapter achieve its goal under the 13th International District’s Vote to Pledge Initiative, reinforcing its commitment to increasing voter participation.

This collaborative effort demonstrated the power of unity in empowering voters and ensuring that service members and their families remain engaged in the democratic process, no matter where they are stationed.

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THE COUPLE CONUNDRUM: A STORY OF LOVE, GROWTH & REDEMPTION

Lambda Xi (South Korea)
By: Bro. Michael Robinson

On Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at Humphreys Middle School auditorium on Camp Humphreys Army Base in South Korea, Brother Will Little of the Lambda Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and his wife, Dhakeria Little of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Rho Nu Omega Chapter, delivered a powerful reading of their two-person play, *The Couple Conundrum*.

Approximately 75 active duty service members, dependents, contractors, and civilians from the Humphreys Community, along with members of the Republic of Korea Divine Nine, attended the event to show their support. The play masterfully blends humor, vulnerability, and raw emotion, offering audiences a deeply personal look at love, conflict, and redemption. Rooted in the couple's real-life experiences, the story follows their journey from meeting at Howard University to overcoming life's challenges together.

Since its debut in Sarasota, Florida, *The Couple Conundrum* has been performed across the southeastern U.S. and even made it to the renowned National Black Theatre Festival, known as the "Black Theatre Holy Ground." This recognition has helped the play gain more widespread appreciation.

At the South Korea performance, the audience was highly engaged and took part in a lively talkback session after the reading. Attendees shared personal reflections on the play's themes, expressed their connections to the story, and found it both inspiring and relatable. Their feedback reinforced how the play resonates with people from all walks of life.

Will and Dhakeria's revival of *The Couple Conundrum* continues to move audiences, proving that real and honest storytelling has the power to connect with people worldwide.



NU GAMMA GAMMA - AWARDS BANQUET AT HOTEL TORRES DE ALBA



Nu Gamma Gamma (Panama)
By: Bro. David A. Eaves

NGG Awards Banquet, Day Three: At 5:00 p.m. on November 17, 2024, Nu Gamma Gamma, friends of Nu Gamma Gamma, and representatives from Nu Gamma Gamma Social Action and Education partners convened at the Torres de Alba Hotel in Panama City Panama to conduct the awards banquet; a total of 122 persons attended the banquet. The evening entailed a continuous slide show depicting a year long review of the chapter's efforts throughout the entire year; a recognition of the students that participated in the International High School Essay Contest at the chapter level, a recognition of Nu Gamma Gamma Social Action Partner Organizations, recognition of Nu Gamma Gamma Education Partner Organizations, special recognition of the host hotel manager, and chapter level award recipients for years 2023 and 2024.

RECOGNIZING COMMUNITY LEADERS

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PERSONAL MILESTONES & BROTHERHOOD

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BROTHER PREE RECEIVES THE KEY TO THE CITY OF OKINAWA

Brothers in Excellence

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By: Brother Cortez Pree



Brother Cortez Pree's remarkable achievements and contributions to the Okinawa community truly exemplify the spirit of service and dedication. His multifaceted involvement shows not only his commitment to mentorship and youth development but also his compassion for the local community. Having arrived in Okinawa in 2010, Brother Pree immediately immersed himself in community service, starting with his leadership roles at New Covenant Ministries of Faith, where he played a pivotal role in the music and men's ministries. His military background as an Infantryman with 23 years of honorable service has undoubtedly shaped his leadership abilities and dedication to serving others.

Through the mentorship programs he established—Boyz 2 Men(Torship), Cutting Edge Conditioning and Mentoring Program, Tomodachi Bridge Builders, and Youth Achieving Financial Success—Brother Pree has positively impacted countless young lives, providing them with guidance, support, and valuable life skills. His extensive volunteer work, amounting to over 500 hours of community service, reflects his unwavering commitment to helping those in need, whether through food drives, clothing drives, or mentorship initiatives. Brother Pree's collaboration with local organizations like Oki Hands, Oki Hearts, and Help Oki illustrates his resourcefulness and dedication to community improvement. By assisting with facility remodeling, food and clothing drives, and greenhouse projects, he has made significant contributions to enhancing the quality of life for Okinawa's residents.

As an avid sportsman, Brother Pree's participation in the over 50 Sensei basketball team highlights his belief in the importance of physical health and camaraderie. Additionally, his roles as the Parent Teacher Student Office President...



and lead facilitator for various educational initiatives underscore his commitment to fostering a positive environment for students, parents, and educators alike. His focus on anti-bullying programs and outreach to the youth in schools, where he promotes reading and academic achievement through engaging activities, further demonstrates his passion for nurturing the next generation.

In his capacity as the lead facilitator for the Marine Corps Community Service Retiree Activity Office, Brother Pree's assistance to over 200 Japanese spouses, widowers, and veterans in securing benefits speaks to his dedication to supporting military families and the local community. Brother Pree's membership in the American Chamber of Commerce and his roles on the Tourism and Business Development Committees showcase his efforts to bridge cultural divides and foster positive relationships between American and Japanese communities.

His contributions to New Life Christian Academy International exemplify his dedication to education and community involvement further.

The awarding of a key to the city by Okinawa is a well-deserved honor for Brother Cortez Pree, recognizing his exceptional service, leadership, and positive impact on the community. His enduring legacy of mentorship, outreach, and community spirit will undoubtedly inspire future generations to engage with and serve their communities with the same passion and dedication.

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BROTHER NATHAN KING RETIRES AFTER 40 YEARS OF NAVAL SERVICE

Chi Mu Mu (South Korea)
By: Bro. Michael Robinson

Brother Nathan Jerome. King is a native of Helena, Arkansas. He enlisted in the Navy's Delayed Entry Program in March 1984 and reported for Recruit Training in Great Lakes, IL in July 1984. He graduated Recruit Training as Company 932's "Honorman" and was awarded the "Military Excellence Award." After completion of A, C, and Basic Enlisted Submarine School, he reported as a Machinist Mate on board the submarine, USS Key West (SSN 722). While serving on board the USS Key West, he earned his Enlisted Submarine Warfare qualification, deployed several times in support of the Cold War and other operations and was named "Sailor of Year" in 1990. In May 1991, he transferred to Navy Recruiting District Atlanta, GA and was named Navy Recruiting District Atlanta's "Recruiter of the Year," and was subsequently advanced to Petty Officer First Class through the Recruiter Meritorious Advancement Program.

Brother King was selected for the Enlisted Commissioning Program and enrolled at Georgia State University in August 1995. After completing a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance and a Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing, he was commissioned through the Navy ROTC program at Georgia Institute of Technology in August 1996 and reported to NAS Pensacola for flight training.

In March of 1998, he reported to VAW-120, “Greyhawks.” After receiving his coveted “Wings of Gold” in VAW-120, he reported to VAW-121, “Bluetails,” where he served as the Ground Safety Officer and the Aircraft Division Officer. In February 2002, he deployed aboard USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67) to the Arabian Gulf and flew 68 combat sorties in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. In January 2003, he was assigned as the Enlisted Programs Officer for Navy Recruiting District Montgomery.

In July 2005, he reported to the University of Memphis to participate in the Navy’s Graduate Education Program and received a Master of Science degree in Leadership and Policy Studies in December 2006. Following graduation from the Naval War College in Newport, RI with a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies and a minor in Greater Middle Eastern Affairs, he served as the Training Officer aboard USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70).



In February 2010, he reported to U.S. Southern Command (USSOUTHCOM) and immediately deployed to Haiti in support of Operation Unified Response. At USSOUTHCOM, he served as the J1 for Standing Joint Force Headquarters and as the Secretariat of the Joint Staff. Brother King reported as the Executive Officer for Navy Recruiting District Miami in April 2013. In January 2015, he assumed command of Navy Recruiting District Miami. In September 2016, he reported to Commander, Navy Region Japan as the ACOS/N1 Director, Total Force Manpower and Personnel. In July 2019, he reported as the Commander, Western Sector, United States Military Entrance Processing Command.

Brother King’s final assignment was the Chief, Office of Mission Support, Intelligence Directorate, USSOUTHCOM in Miami, Florida. He is a graduate of the Joint and Combined Warfighting School (JPME II) and is designated as a Joint Qualified Officer and is a certified Senior Professional in Human Resources.

His personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Strike/Flight Air Medal (3), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (5), Navy Good Conduct Medal (3), and numerous unit, service, campaign ribbons, and medals.

Brother King has four children, LT Latisha King, Nathan, Malik, and Brittany.





Today, he is proud to have his daughter Latisha Deneen King and grandson Khalil Deshawn Copeland follow in his footsteps.

Brother King stated: “I have always wanted my children to be able to choose their own paths in life. I felt that my service would give them choices and options in life to do whatever they wanted to do with their life. My dream for my children has always been that they would grow up to be productive citizens.”

Brother King comes from a family that values serving our country. His father had a brother that served in the Army in World War II and was killed in action. All three of CAPT King’s brothers served in the United States Army. Although Brother King served three tours in Navy recruiting, he did not encourage his daughter and grandson to join the military. He stated: “It is an honor and privilege to serve in the United States Military. I have always tried to live my life in a way that displayed the importance of serving and serve in a manner that would make my family proud”.

Brother King and his daughter Latisha both enlisted and earned commissions to Officer through the Enlisted Commissioning Program. They have truly navigated the same course in the Navy. CAPT King is extremely proud that his daughter and grandson chose the Navy and their desire to serve our great country.

Brother King stated: “There is no greater feeling than your first-born child and first grandchild wanting to follow in your footsteps, but honestly, I believe that they are charting their own paths. I hope that I have served in a manner to fuel their journey. I am truly blessed to have an opportunity to serve alongside my daughter and my grandson. It is an opportunity of a lifetime. I hope that this is the beginning of the King family building a legacy of service in the United States Navy.”

Brother King was initiated at Upsilon Lambda Lambda Chapter in Tokyo, Japan on April 28, 2018. He has demonstrated unwavering dedication and service. The Brothers of the 13th International District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. proudly salute “CAPT Nathan Jerome King” for his exceptional commitment to our nation, the U.S. military, and his family. We extend our best wishes as he starts a new chapter in his life.



THE TENACIOUS 13TH DISTRICT



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HONORING SERVICE & ADVOCACY: A RECOGNITION FOR PROMOTING NON-VIOLENCE

Chi Mu Mu (South Korea)
By: Bro. Michael Robinson

Receiving recognition from Black Women For Positive Change for the 13th Annual Month of Non-Violence holds profound significance for me. This acknowledgment represents more than a certificate; it is a testament to the collective efforts in spreading awareness and fostering a culture of peace in South Korea and beyond. It validates the work we do to guide our communities (youth, families, friends, and co-workers) toward embracing the principle of the Golden Rule, as stated in Matthew 7:12: “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you and treat others the way you want to be treated.”

At its core, the Golden Rule is a call to empathy and compassion, a reminder that our treatment of others reflects the values we uphold. By promoting this principle, we encourage individuals to act with kindness, understanding, and respect, which are essential to creating non-violent communities. The Month of Non-Violence has provided a platform to amplify these messages, uniting people globally to recognize the far-reaching effects of violence and the need for proactive change. This recognition is especially meaningful as it highlights the power of collaboration and the tangible impact our efforts can have. Every conversation, event, and initiative contributes to a ripple effect, inspiring others to reflect on their actions and strive for a more harmonious world.

It reminds me that how we act, re-act, and carry ourselves daily has the power to influence and inspire those around us, regardless of age or background.

Looking forward, this acknowledgment motivates me to expand our outreach and deepen our impact. I see this as an opportunity to reach even more people next year, further educating, and empowering communities to reject violence in all forms. It is both a privilege and a responsibility to serve as a positive role model and advocate for non-violence.

Thank you, Black Women For Positive Change, for affirming the value of this work. Together, we can continue to guide others toward understanding the importance of empathy, compassion, and respect as foundational pillars of a non-violent society. This recognition fuels my commitment to fostering a world where these values thrive.



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BROTHERHOOD & NETWORKING

Uplifting celebrations of fraternity bonds and networking opportunities, emphasizing connection and collaboration within the district.

NU NU NU - BROTHER VICTOR LITTLE SPOTLIGHT

Nu Nu Nu (Virgin Islands)

Each quarter the Nu Nu Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. spotlights a Brother doing amazing work in our Chapter and within the Dominican community.

Brother Victor Little (13GE85) is a Charter Member of Nu Nu Nu. He was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY. He currently resides in Virginia.

Brother Little is a graduate of Hampton University and received his Graduate Degree from Marist College. He has been employed in Law Enforcement, Corrections and Social Work.

Currently Brother Little serves as newly promoted Major in the Federations' International Division. Brother Little is tasked with developing relationships with other law enforcement agencies, develop training opportunities for the Federation and support the Federation's initiatives with the local Dominican community on the island.

Brother Little is committed to making Nu Nu Nu the light of the 13th District and the Fraternity. He believes that serving the Dominican community with his talents and resources will have a lasting impact on the island and Our Great Fraternity.





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