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# A QUARTER OF IMPACT: HONORING SERVICE, BUILDING MOMENTUM



## A message from the 13th District Representative

Greetings, Brothers of the Tenacious 13th International District,

As we end the final quarter of the fraternal year, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to every Brother across our vast and diverse District. From the Caribbean to Africa, Canada, United Kingdom, Hawaii, China, Europe, the Middle East, Mexico, Dominican Republic, Panama, and Asia, your continued commitment to Omega's ideals has kept our District strong and vibrant. The past quarter has been one of incredible productivity and pride. We gathered in unity during our Fall District Council Meeting, sharing strategies and strengthening bonds as we advance the mission of the 13th District across the globe. Our presence was also felt at the Dr. Moses C. Norman International Leadership Conference in Detroit, Michigan, where Brothers of the 13th District stood tall, representing excellence, leadership, and international brotherhood.

This quarter will be remembered as a historic one for the 13th District. We celebrated extraordinary achievements. A first in the 13th District's marveled history as Brother Robert Taylor of Chi Mu Mu Chapter was honored as the 2025 International Omega Man of the Year, and Brother Brigadier General Landis Maddox of Lambda Mu Mu Chapter received the 2025 International Brigadier General Charles Young Leadership Award—a proud moment that demonstrates the global impact and leadership emanating from our District. Additionally, I had the honor of recognizing exceptional service during a special ceremony in Nassau, Bahamas, where 11 members of Pi Xi Chapter received service awards. Among them, Past District Representative Peter Mitchell was recognized for 50 years of service, Brother Cornel Mortimer for 55 years, and the incomparable Dr. Davidson L. Hepburn was awarded his 70-year service medal—a truly historic and humbling milestone that speaks to a lifetime of dedication to our beloved Fraternity.

In preparation for our 33rd Annual District Meeting, set to take place in Toronto, Canada, the District Site Selection Committee has been hard at work ensuring a world-class experience for all attendees. The first official site visit was successfully conducted with District Marshal Brother Christopher Infantry and the members of the host chapter, Lambda Mu Mu. This meeting will not only celebrate our accomplishments but also serve as a launching point for our continued growth and international collaboration as they prepare to welcome us to what promises to be a dynamic and memorable gathering.

Brothers, as we bring this quarter to a close, let us carry forward the same spirit of excellence, unity, and perseverance that has defined our District throughout the year. The accomplishments of this quarter reflect who we are—men of Omega committed to service, leadership, and uplift across every continent. Let us remain steadfast in our purpose, continue building upon the foundation laid by those before us, and ensure that the legacy of the Tenacious 13th International District shines brighter with each passing year.

In Friendship and Fraternity,

**Brother Freddie Thompson, IV**  
**13th District Representative**  
**Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated**



# A MESSAGE FROM THE DDPR

**Greetings Brothers of the Tenacious 13th District**

As we close this Omega Year, I would like to thank you for doing your part to catalog the history of your Chapters. As I continue to settle into the role that was bestowed upon me, I am humbled by your willingness to accept my feedback and engage in civil discourse about the quality of our articles.

Each article and social media post is our opportunity to regain control of the narrative put out about our illustrious Fraternity. The Light of Omega shines brightest when we work together, so if you require any guidance or assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out.

In Friendship,

**Brother Clarence Burse**  
**13th District Director of Public Relations**  
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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

**Dr. Alade Shola McKen**  
**District Chaplain, 13th District**  
**Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.**

### A message from the 13th District Chaplain

Brothers of the Tenacious 13th,

As we prepare to close out another year of service, struggle, and success, I greet you with love, light, and the unwavering spirit of Omega. It has been a powerful quarter filled with faith-building moments, heartfelt reflection, and soul-stirring fellowship.

In this final edition of the year, I offer you a spiritual recap of where we've been, what we've held space for, and how we can continue to show up for one another—in prayer, in presence, and in purpose. My prayer is that this message brings you encouragement and helps anchor your spirit as we step into a new season with grace and intention.

May this newsletter serve as both a reflection and a reminder that our bond is not just organizational—it is spiritual.

#### **“Finish Strong, Start Sacred”**

“Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.”  
— Philippians 1:6

As the year draws to a close, many of us are moving fast—trying to close deals, meet deadlines, plan for holidays, and hold everything together. But my charge to the Bruhz this quarter is simple: slow down and finish with intention.

God is not impressed by how much we check off our list—He's looking at how well we steward our time, our health, and our relationships. The work we began this year—whether spiritual, personal, or fraternal—ain't finished. But it's still sacred. And the way we finish will speak volumes about who we are becoming.

So as we turn the page on 2025, let us recommit to prayer, patience, and purpose. Let's finish strong—and start sacred.



# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

## District-Wide Spiritual Initiatives

### Omega Marriage Virtual Retreat

Thursday, August 28 at 7:30 PM EST

We give thanks for the couples who joined us in faith and reflection. The Spirit moved, and more sessions are being planned for 2026.

### Chaplain Retreat (Coming 2026)

Plans are underway for a first-ever in-person retreat for Chapter and District Chaplains focused on renewal, ritual, and resilience.

### Bereavement and Brotherhood Support

This quarter, we have stood with Brothers through grief, illness, and transition. If your chapter has a Brother in need, I'm here to help reach out with love, prayer, or presence.

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### Moment of Remembrance

This quarter, we remember the Brothers who have transitioned to the Omega Chapter. Their names are etched in our hearts. Their stories are still being told. Their service lives on through us.

The work continues because of them. The walk is lighter because of them.

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### Frat House Dialogues: A Sacred Space of Soul and Song

This fall, I had the deep honor of moderating our Frat House Dialogues—a spiritually grounded, story-rich series where the wisdom of our elders meets the witness of our Brotherhood.

Our most recent conversation featured the living legend Brother Dr. Henry J. Porter, Sr., a 1956 initiate of Alpha Sigma and beloved member of Eta Omega Chapter. A lifelong educator, community leader, and vocalist.

During the dialogue, Brother Porter didn't just speak—he sang to our souls. He led us in timeless Omega traditions by singing Lamp songs, Marching songs, the beloved Omega Dear and the Sweetheart Song, and even blessed us with his college, Morris Brown Alma Mater song. His voice carried not just melody but memory, legacy, and reverence. For many on the line, it was a sacred moment of spiritual restoration.

Brother Porter was honored by the City of Atlanta with a proclamation and by over 1,200 guests at a tribute event hosted by Morris Brown College alumni.

The tribute included reflections from:

Brother Dr. Kevin James, President of Morris Brown College

Brother Dr. Samuel D. Jolley, former President

Grand Chaplain Brother Roi Johnson

Brother Kenneth Mitchell, Eta Omega Basileus

More than 100 Brothers, including Grand and District Officers, joined our Frat House Dialogue session to reflect, reconnect, and deepen their love for Omega soul—all in the spirit of fellowship. Stay tuned on the Omega Prayer Call Line for upcoming monthly Frat House Dialogue Series dates. Let's keep this altar of memory, song, and testimony alive.



# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

## Omega Prayer Call Info:

Each morning, Monday through Friday at 6:30 AM EST, the Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. come together in prayer and devotion. This spiritually enriching time allows Brothers across the globe to unite their hearts and minds in the spirit of Friendship, Faith, and Fraternity.

Calls are led by District Chaplains on a rotating basis. Each call includes scripture, reflection, and prayer, often accompanied by musical selections such as “Omega Dear” or other hymns of the Fraternity.

## Call-In Details:

Dial-In Number: (267) 807-9601

Access Code: 674-166-340

## Listen to Past Prayer Calls:

Archived recordings are available online at:

<https://oppf.org/omega-prayer-call>

Prayer Call Submission: [prayingomegas@gmail.com](mailto:prayingomegas@gmail.com)

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## Final Word: My Charge to You

Brothers—rest. realign. remember.

Rest your spirit. Realign your steps. Remember who you are and whose you are.

Be a light, even in the darkest season.

Let us remain rooted—not only in ritual, but in reverence.

Let us continue to lead—not only as Omega men, but as men of God.

And let us move forward—shoulder to shoulder, heart to heart, and spirit to spirit.

# THE TENACIOUS 13TH DISTRICT



## A LEGACY OF OMEGA GREATNESS

Celebrating H.E. Davidson L. Hepburn, OBE, six decades of global leadership, service, and unwavering Omega Psi Phi excellence.



# A LIFETIME OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE: HONORING HIS EXCELLENCY DAVIDSON LINCOLN HEPBURN, OBE



By: Brother Freddie Thompson, IV, 13th Dis. D.R.  
Brother Clarence Burse 13th Dis. DDPR

For seven decades, His Excellency Davidson Lincoln Hepburn, OBE, has exemplified the true spirit of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and its cardinal principles of manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift. From his initiation in 1955 to his global service as a statesman and scholar, Dr. Hepburn has embodied what it means to be an Omega man.

**A LIFETIME  
OF OMEGA  
EXCELLENCE**



Born on December 7, 1932, in Douds, New Bight, Cat Island, The Bahamas, Dr. Hepburn's journey is one of relentless dedication and achievement. He was initiated into Omega Psi Phi on December 9, 1955, and quickly emerged as a leader among his peers. As Basileus of his chapter from 1957 to 1958, he strengthened the brotherhood's foundation on campus while advancing academic excellence and service. These ideals would guide his life for decades to come.

Dr. Hepburn's deep commitment to Omega never wavered. Through the years, he remained an active and inspiring presence in the fraternity, embodying its principles not only in fraternal life but in every sphere of his distinguished career. In recognition of his unwavering devotion, Grand Basileus Brother George Grace personally traveled to Nassau to present Dr. Hepburn with his Fifty-Year Pin, a rare honor celebrating his lifelong loyalty to the fraternity. Later, Omega honored him again with the Sixty-Year Pin, marking more than six decades of faithful service and mentorship.



His Omega light shone beyond chapter walls. As an educator, diplomat, and cultural ambassador, Dr. Hepburn carried the fraternity's values to the global stage. He served as President of the 35th Session of the UNESCO General Conference, represented The Bahamas as Ambassador to the United Nations, and led international efforts promoting education, peace, and cultural understanding. Through every post, he demonstrated that Omega men are called not just to lead, but to serve humanity.

In the Bahamas, Dr. Hepburn became a role model for generations of young men; mentoring, teaching, and inspiring through his quiet strength and towering example. Whether addressing global leaders at UNESCO or guiding youth programs at home, he embodied the Omega mission: to uplift others through excellence and integrity.

Today, as a revered elder of the fraternity, Dr. Hepburn stands as living proof that the ideals of Omega Psi Phi endure through a lifetime of purpose. His story reminds every brother that the real measure of fraternal service is not just in years, but in impact — and his has been profound. Dr. Hepburn's life continues to inspire both within and beyond Omega, a shining example of leadership anchored in faith, brotherhood, and an unbreakable commitment to service.





# THE TENACIOUS 13TH DISTRICT



## 13<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS & UPDATES

*Showcasing district-wide accomplishments that reinforce our shared purpose, from major IHQ honors to inspiring Father's Day tributes.*



# MAKING HISTORY: THE 13TH DISTRICT'S IHQ ACHIEVEMENTS

**By: Brother Clarence Burse 13th Dis. DDPR**

Detroit, Michigan – Since the realignment of the international chapters to form the 13th District on 3 December 1993, many Omega Men have aspired to see their Brothers recognized at the International Headquarter (IHQ) level for their service to Her cause. While the work speaks for itself, quantifying it has proven difficult, but the men of the 13th District are not ones to shy away from adversity. A valiant effort has consistently been made, and Achievement Week Committee Chair, Bro. Christopher Infantry, has worked tirelessly to refine those efforts.

On 26 July 2025, the efforts put forth finally paid off and history was once again made in the 13th District. Bro. Landis Maddox and Bro. Robert Taylor were respectively recognized as IHQ's Brigadier General (BG) Charles Young Military Leadership Award and Graduate Omega Man of the Year Award winners. As the first recipients of these awards in the 13th District, telling their story was important.





A graduate of the United States Military Academy, Bro. Maddox, was initiated into our illustrious Fraternity in the Spring of 1996 through the Phi Nu Chapter. Since then, he has balanced holding different offices in fourteen chapters, many of which were in the 13th District, with achieving success as a Sustainment General Officer. BG Young helped pave the way for Black officers to be recognized as leaders within the military, so to win this award as a West Point graduate and BG is pretty significant.

When asked how it feels to receive this award, he stated “It is one of the most meaningful awards I’ve received in my life.” This award signifies more than what he accomplished this Omega Year, but rather it is a culmination of the efforts of his mentors, soldiers, and friends in and out of the Fraternity that have impacted who he is over the last 29 years.

To the young Brothers that aspire to be successful in Omega and in life, he offered this advice, “Surround yourself with positive people, people that are doing better than you with like ideas and ambitions.” In short, Bro Maddox’s advice is to be intentional and realistic by setting goals and continuously measuring yourself against them. It is your race to win or lose and your only competition is you. Additionally, he spoke on the importance of seeking out mentors that align with your goals because good fellowship is a foundational skill for effective leadership.

## **BG CHARLES YOUNG MILITARY LEADERSHIP AWARD WINNER - BRO. BG MADDOX**



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# GRADUATE OMEGA MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER - BRO. TAYLOR



**“DON'T CHASE THE  
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FOR ITSELF.”**

Bro Taylor is a U.S. Air Force Senior Master Sergeant, and he was initiated in Spring of 2020 through Sigma Gamma Gamma Chapter in Okinawa, Japan. He currently serves as the Basileus of Chi Mu Mu Chapter in the United Kingdom and the Assistant District Keeper of Finance for the 13th District.

He too was asked how this award win feels, to which he responded “Amazing! To be the first in the district to win at the IHQ level is a huge accomplishment, not for me or the chapter, but for the district as a whole.” The sense of pride in winning is only compounded by the fact that he entered this great Fraternity through the 13th District, but nonetheless he credits this accomplishment to his former Basileus, Bro. Cortez Pree, and the Brothers of Sigma Gamma Gamma Chapter that believed he was worthy of being counted amongst them. DRs Trevor Hodge, Tracy George, and Freddie Thompson as well as the Brothers of Chi Mu Mu were all credited as influences.

Like many Brothers, he feels an obligation to live up to the expectations set by his sponsors and MSP Chair, so that they never second guess the role they played in his journey. To the young Brothers that aspire to be recognized within the fraternity, he had this to say, “Don't chase the award, just put in the work and let your work speak for itself.” While not a Cardinal Principle, Service is our watchword and an essential aspect of every Omega Man, so aspiring to be the hardest working Brother in the chapter, district, or fraternity, will bring the recognition that is deserved.

On behalf of our Twelfth 13th District Representative, Freddie Thompson, IV, we once again congratulate these gentlemen on being recognized for their service to Omega and the World because the 13th District truly makes Omega International!





13th International District Honors Fathers with Father's Day Video Tribute By Brother Michael Robinson

# A GLOBAL FATHER'S DAY TRIBUTE FROM THE 13TH DISTRICT

**By: Brother Michael Robinson**

In celebration of Father's Day, the 13th International District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. released a powerful and heartfelt video tribute produced by Brother Michael Robinson, Chairman of the 13th District's Fatherhood and Mentoring Committee, alongside Brother Shaun Stanley and Brother Clarence Burse.

This meaningful production featured Omega men from around the world, (including the United States, Panama, Japan, St. Croix, the Bahamas, Germany, and South Korea) sharing their thoughts on a profound question: "What are the most important skills fathers should teach their children?" Their insights resonated deeply, emphasizing values such as integrity, discipline, empathy, resilience, how to persevere, and how to deal with vulnerability.

The tribute received strong engagement, drawing over 100 likes across YouTube, Facebook, and the 13th District's official website. More than just a celebration, the video served as an inspiring reminder of the vital role fathers and mentors play in shaping future generations.

We proudly salute the devoted fathers, mentors, role models, and father figures across the 13th International District. Your unwavering commitment to leadership, service, and family strengthens our communities and reflects the very essence of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Your impact is seen, felt, and celebrated.

**Click on link to view the 13th International District Father's Day video:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=buMdXKkFgrE>



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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.*

# ETA IOTA IOTA INSPIRES STUDENTS ON DAY ONE



**Eta Iota Iota (Virgin Islands)**  
**By: Brother Alaric Gardine**

St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands - On August 13, 2025, the spirit of community and service was alive and well at Lew Muckle Elementary School in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands. As students, parents, and staff arrived for the first day of the new academic year, they were greeted by eight proud brothers of the Eta Iota Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

With warm smiles and uplifting words, the fraternity brothers stood at the school's entrance, offering encouragement and a sense of belonging to all who walked through the doors. Their presence marked more than a kind gesture. It was part of a broader initiative called D.A.D.S. (Dedicated Achievement Demonstrates Success) Bring Your Child to School Day, an annual tradition led by the Virgin Islands Department of Education.

**UPLIFTING  
YOUTH**





Lew Muckle Elementary, home to 422 students from prekindergarten through sixth grade and supported by approximately 34 full-time teachers, was filled with excitement and anticipation as the new year began. The visible support of community leaders such as the members of Omega Psi Phi helped reinforce the values of education, mentorship, and unity.

For the brothers of Eta Iota Iota Chapter, this day was a powerful reminder that presence matters. Their involvement helped reinforce a message that every child deserves to start the school year knowing they are supported not only by their families and educators but by a wider circle of caring adults in their community.

As the school year unfolds, the impact of that welcoming moment will continue to resonate, setting the tone for a year filled with growth, learning, and connection.



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# SCHOLARSHIP: THETA RHO AT THE FALL BAZAAR

## Theta Rho (Germany)

Theta Rho International Chapter made a powerful impact at the 2025 Fall Bazaar in Stuttgart, Germany, coming together in brotherhood and service to raise funds for college scholarships. The event showcased the chapter's continued dedication to uplift, community engagement, and educational empowerment across the 13th District.

Brothers from across the region gathered in full force, working side by side to support the chapter's scholarship fundraising efforts. Through the combined efforts of members, supporters, and generous donors, the chapter raised significant funds that will directly benefit deserving students pursuing higher education.

Adding to the excitement of the weekend, Former 13th District Representative Brother John Griffin made a special stop in Stuttgart during his campaign tour for Grand Keeper of Records and Seal to support the event. His visit was both inspiring and encouraging, as he shared words of wisdom with brothers and reaffirmed the importance of unity, leadership, and continued service within Omega.

The Theta Rho International Chapter extends its appreciation to everyone who contributed—whether through volunteering, donating, or spreading the word. Your support continues to strengthen our mission and helps ensure that our scholarship initiatives make a lasting difference in the lives of young people. As the chapter looks ahead to future events, it remains steadfast in its mission to uplift, inspire, and serve communities near and far.





# LAMBDA XI SHINES AT CAMP HUMPHREYS GLOW PARTY



## Lambda Xi (South Korea)

South Korea - On April 11, 2025, Camp Humphreys Elementary School lit up with excitement during its vibrant Glow Party in honor of the Month of the Military Child. The event brought together students and families for an evening of fun, music, games, and glowing lights—all celebrating the resilience and sacrifices of military-connected youth.

The Lambda Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. participated in the celebration as part of its Fatherhood and Mentoring Initiative, accompanying their children to the event to foster family engagement and strengthen bonds within the military community. Members of the chapter emphasized the importance of showing support and appreciation for military children, who often navigate unique challenges such as frequent moves around the world and parental deployments.

The Glow Party served as both a joyful occasion and a meaningful reminder of the role the community plays in uplifting and supporting military families.





# BUILDING FUTURE INNOVATORS: SIGMA GAMMA GAMMA STEM DAY

## Sigma Gamma Gamma (Okinawa, Japan)

Okinawa, Japan - On June 28, 2025, the Sigma Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. brought its Tomodachi Bridge Builders Mentoring program to Marine Corps Air Station Futenma for an immersive STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) day. The event provided a unique and hands-on experience for young men, offering them an in-depth look into the world of Marine Corps aviation.

The highlight of the day was an up-close and personal tour of several key Marine Corps aircraft. The young men were given the opportunity to explore the inner workings of a variety of helicopters and planes, including the CH-53 Super Stallion, the AH-1Z Viper, the UH-1Y Venom, and the MV-22 Osprey. They also had a chance to see the UC-12W and the C-35, gaining a comprehensive understanding of the different roles and technologies used in military aviation.

The experience went beyond just looking at the aircraft; the young men were invited to climb inside the cockpits and cargo bays, where they learned about the intricate systems and controls from the Marines who operate them. A particularly fascinating part of the visit was an exclusive look at the inside of the engine of an MV-22, providing a tangible lesson in engineering and mechanical principles.

This visit, a part of the Tomodachi Bridge Builders program, aims to expose mentees to a wide range of career possibilities and educational paths. By connecting them with the real-world application of STEM fields, the Sigma Gamma Gamma Chapter is fulfilling its commitment to fostering the next generation of innovators and leaders. The day at MCAS Futenma served as a powerful and inspiring reminder of the exciting opportunities that lie ahead for these future bridge builders.





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# BACKPACKS FOR SUCCESS: LAMBDA XI SUPPORTS STUDENTS

## Lambda Xi (South Korea)

South Korea - As the school year kicks off with renewed energy and anticipation, the Brothers of the Lambda Xi Chapter are proud to continue their tradition of giving back to the community and supporting academic achievement. In a meaningful effort to promote educational readiness, the chapter hosted its annual backpack giveaway for the third consecutive year.

This initiative provided free backpacks filled with essential school supplies to two outstanding high school seniors at each of the following Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) schools:

- Humphreys High School on Camp Humphreys Army Base
- Osan Middle High School on Osan Air Base
- Daegu Middle High School on Camp Walker Army Base

By equipping students with the tools they need to succeed, the Lambda Xi Chapter aims to ease the financial burden on families and encourage academic focus and motivation among recipients.

As students, parents, and friends prepare for a successful school year, the Lambda Xi Chapter remains committed to uplifting and supporting the community through service and scholarship. Together, we're helping students start strong and stay prepared for the challenges and opportunities the year may bring.





# CHI MU MU HOSTS ANNUAL DR. CHARLES R. DREW HEALTH FAIR



## Chi Mu Mu (UK)

The Chi Mu Mu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. proudly hosted its annual Dr. Charles R. Drew Health Fair on Saturday, June 7, 2025, at the Whitgift Shopping Centre in London. This impactful event drew more than 300 community members who engaged with brothers and health professionals to access vital wellness resources while demonstrating our emphasis on important health initiatives. Attendees received free on-site screenings for kidney health, blood pressure, and body mass index (BMI), as well as educational materials focused on mental and sexual health. The event featured the presence of a consultant psychiatrist and a registered mental health nurse, who offered culturally sensitive guidance and answered important mental wellness questions. Clinical partners, including the social action organization RAFFA (Renewal Advancement Financial Freedom Autonomy) played a key role in ensuring a safe, informative, and welcoming environment.

This was the seventh annual health fair sponsored by Chi Mu Mu. The continued efforts of Chi Mu Mu's Dr. Charles R. Drew Health Fair demonstrates the continued commitment to community empowerment and preventative care. While the location and timing proved ideal for public engagement, organizers noted the need for enhanced visibility and expanded testing capacity in the future. With high energy and strong collaboration, the event successfully advanced the legacy of Dr. Charles R. Drew by promoting accessible healthcare in underserved communities; one conversation, one screening, and one connection at a time.



# LAMBDA MU MU CELEBRATES STUDENTS AT ELMBANK

## Lambda Mu Mu (Toronto, Canada)

On June 26th, the Brothers of the Lambda Mu Mu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. brought joy and celebration to the students and staff of Elmbank Junior Middle Academy by hosting a festive End of the School Year event. Continuing their strong partnership with the school, the brothers made sure the day was one to remember by providing pizza and ice cream for the entire school.

The event served as both a celebration of the students' hard work throughout the academic year and a gesture of appreciation to the staff for their ongoing dedication. Laughter, smiles, and full stomachs filled the school as the brothers connected with students one last time before summer break.

The chapter's involvement with Elmbank has been consistent and impactful, ranging from mentorship sessions to motivational school-day greetings. This year-end celebration is a beloved tradition for Lambda Mu Mu—a chance to give back and reaffirm their commitment to uplift and service.

As always, the brothers look forward to continuing their work with Elmbank in the upcoming school year, building positive relationships and creating meaningful experiences for the students.







# THETA RHO'S 2025 QUE'S BOAT RIDE WEEKEND

## Theta Rho (Germany)

The Theta Rho International Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. extends its heartfelt gratitude to everyone who joined us for the 2025 Que's Boat Ride Weekend. Your presence, energy, and support made this year's event truly unforgettable.

The weekend was filled with fellowship, fun, and purpose—a true reflection of our commitment to friendship, scholarship, and service. We thank each of you for helping us make this signature event a resounding success.

We are also proud to announce that next year's Que's Boat Ride Weekend is set for July 10–12, 2026 in Mainz, Germany. Mark your calendars now—we can't wait to welcome you back for another weekend of brotherhood, celebration, and community impact!

A special thank you goes out to our generous sponsors, whose partnership and support were instrumental in making this event possible. Your contributions not only enhanced the weekend's experience but also strengthened our ability to fulfill our mission of uplifting our community.

As many know, the Que's Boat Ride Weekend is more than just a social event—it's a college scholarship fundraiser. Through your participation and donations, Theta Rho continues to provide scholarships to deserving high-school graduates, empowering the next generation of scholars and leaders to pursue higher education and achieve excellence.

On behalf of the brothers of Theta Rho International Chapter, thank you once again for your continued support. Together, we are creating opportunities, uplifting our youth, and carrying forward the true spirit of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.





# LAMBDA XI: FATHERHOOD & MENTORSHIP ON THE FIELD

## Lambda Xi (South Korea)

In alignment with Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.'s Fatherhood and Mentoring Initiative, Brother Eugene Gibbs proudly served as a volunteer football coach for the Child and Youth Services (CYS) on Camp Humphreys this season. Coaching the Raptors, a spirited group of 10–11-year-olds, Brother Gibbs guided the team to an undefeated 6–0 record, demonstrating the power of teamwork, discipline, and positive mentorship.

Throughout the eight-week season (Aug-Oct 2025), Brother Gibbs—who is CPR certified—prioritized player safety, personal growth, and character development both on and off the field. The season concluded with a bowling celebration, recognizing the team's outstanding effort and sportsmanship.

This experience was especially meaningful as both of Brother Gibbs' sons (Carson, 10 & Cassius, 8) played on the team, further strengthening the bonds of fatherhood and mentorship. Through his service, Brother Gibbs continues to exemplify Omega's enduring commitment to uplifting youth, empowering families, and mentoring the next generation of leaders.





# UPLIFT IN PANAMA: NU GAMMA GAMMA ON MISSION

## Nu Gamma Gamma (Panama)

Panama City, Panama – Nu Gamma Gamma’s Social Action Program traveled to Panama from June 1st to June 6th, 2025, to support its continued mission of building stronger connections and bridging gaps within the Panamanian community.

Guided by a shared sense of purpose, brothers of the chapter united their energy and enthusiasm to support the needs of local families and the Panama Partners. Our Social Action Committee hosted a special roundtable with eight of our Panama Partner Organizations. This meeting allowed us to listen, share ideas, and plan meaningful projects for the future.

Over the past months, this has included donating healthcare products to a neighborhood development center and lending a hand to a local food ministry program. Their tireless efforts assisted the Food Ministry partner in issuing 840 meals to 60 people in need in the city of Colon, Panama.

All of these efforts are aimed at uplifting our neighbors in Panama and promoting a lasting, positive impact in both Panama and Colon. In accordance with the mission statement and objectives of NGG’s Social Action Program Committee, we conducted our quarterly Cleanup Project focused at one of our oldest Panama Partners, Calvary Baptist Church-Christian Keeper Ministries, located in the Caledonia District of Panama City.

Brother Johns with the assistance of Brother Williams led a group of dedicated brothers consisting of Brother Clark and Brother Davis from the Rho Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity to carry out this major cleanup project. The entire team worked tirelessly to clean and sanitize all classrooms, kitchens, bathrooms, and common areas. The Cleanup Project ensured that 22 adults and 105 students greatly benefited from the hard work and dedication of this group of dedicated brothers, who worked vigorously to provide a clean and safe building for learning and work.



# PHI GAMMA GAMMA SUPPORTS BACK-TO- SCHOOL SUCCESS



## Phi Gamma Gamma (Germany)

Kaiserslautern, Germany - The Brothers of Phi Gamma Gamma ensured children in the Kaiserslautern community began the year with confidence and the supplies they needed by partnering with the Divine Nine to host a Back-to-School Bash at Ramstein and Kaiserslautern High School, donating backpacks, notebooks, pens, and other essential school items to local families.

The event brought together parents, students, and community members for a day of celebration and preparation. Phi Gamma Gamma's donation effort reflected the chapter's commitment to giving back, helping ease the financial burden of school readiness while putting smiles on the faces of children eager to learn. In addition to the Back-to-School Bash, the brothers of Phi Gamma Gamma were actively involved with their own children and in the broader Kaiserslautern community. Brothers walked students to classrooms and transitioned their children to college dorms to ensure a smooth welcoming start to the year.

Through these efforts, Phi Gamma Gamma continues to strengthen community ties, invest in future generations, and highlight the importance of starting each school year with both resources and support.





# THETA RHO'S CHARTER DAY FAMILY CELEBRATION

## Theta Rho (Germany)

The Theta Rho International Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. proudly hosted its 2025 Charter Day & Family BBQ Celebration on August 16, 2025, at the North Clay Pavilion in Wiesbaden, Germany. The event brought together brothers, families, and friends for a day filled with fellowship, music, great food, and community spirit.

In true Omega fashion, the event was about more than just fun—it was about uplift and community connection. Several attendees spoke about how gatherings like these help strengthen relationships among members and provide opportunities to engage with local families and community partners. The celebration also highlighted the chapter's ongoing commitment to mentoring, scholarship, and service.

Theta Rho's Charter Day serves as a proud reminder of the chapter's rich legacy within the 13th District. Since its establishment 63 years ago, the chapter has worked diligently to exemplify the Four Cardinal Principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift, while fostering brotherhood among Omegas stationed and living overseas. Events like the Charter Day BBQ reinforce those values, providing a platform for unity, reflection, and the continuation of the Fraternity's noble ideals.

The chapter extends heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended and supported the event, including the brothers who volunteered their time to make the day a success. Their dedication to service and teamwork ensured that all guests felt the warmth and fellowship that define Omega Psi Phi. As the sun set over Wiesbaden, the spirit of brotherhood was unmistakable—reminding all in attendance that wherever Omega men gather, friendship truly reigns supreme.

Theta Rho looks forward to continuing this annual tradition, celebrating its legacy while strengthening bonds within the community. With each passing year, the chapter reaffirms its mission to uplift, inspire, and serve—living out the words of our beloved Fraternity: "Friendship is Essential to the Soul."



# CHI MU MU PROMOTES VOTING AT RAF LIBERTY FEST

## Chi Mu Mu (UK)

The Chi Mu Mu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. supported the Royal Air Force Base (RAF) Lakenheath's Liberty Fest on Saturday June 28, 2025. This event hosted by the 48th Fighter Wing is the annual Independence Day celebration for Airmen, civilians, and families stationed at the base. This year the base opened the event to local British citizens as well. At the event the Brothers of Chi Mu Mu raised funds by selling snow cones and cotton candy. Additionally, Chi Mu Mu also raised absentee voting awareness by promoting the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP). FVAP is a one stop site that starts the absentee voting process by encouraging the use of the Federal Post Card Application. Using a QR code, members encouraged patrons to learn about individual state guidelines for absentee voting. Basileus Bro. Robert Tayor commented, "It starts with education, many Airmen and family have never lived overseas and are unaware of how to vote overseas". Providing this information increases opportunities for our community to exercise their vote at all levels and also supports the Fraternity's voter registration, education and mobilization efforts.





# THETA RHO SUPPORTS VICENZA JROTC CIP LAUNCH

## Theta Rho (Germany)

On October 1, 2025, the Vicenza JROTC cadets, under the leadership of Bro. Jesse Woods, Sr. Army Instructor, proudly unveiled their Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP) at Vicenza High School. This initiative reflects the program's commitment to growth, excellence, and preparing cadets for success both in school and in life.

The unveiling of the CIP was supported by Bro. Devin Patton, Bro. Maris Pichon, and Bro. Ed Johnson, who played key roles in helping implement and guide this vital plan. The CIP is designed to keep cadets focused, adaptable, and committed to continuous improvement, ensuring they are well-prepared to become the next generation of responsible citizens and leaders.

This event highlighted the hard work, dedication, and discipline of the Vicenza cadets, as well as the ongoing support of the Theta Rho brothers, who continue to mentor and encourage youth in the community. Their involvement reinforces the chapter's mission to uplift, guide, and inspire the leaders of tomorrow.

Congratulations to the cadets on their accomplishments, and thanks to the brothers whose dedication makes programs like this possible. Together, Theta Rho continues to strengthen the bridge between mentorship and community impact.



# LAMBDA MU MU EMPOWERING YOUTH THROUGH THE EDGE PROGRAM



## Lambda Mu Mu (Toronto, Canada)

On September 13, 2025, the Brothers of Lambda Mu Mu Chapter hosted an engaging learning session as part of their Take the Edge Program. Leading the session were Brothers Tony Diala and Karim Pierre, with Brother Junior Ofori also in attendance. The workshop was designed for students from Grade 11 through first-year university, focusing on two key topics: “Dressing for Success” and “Landing and Keeping the Job.”

In Dressing for Success, students explored the fundamentals of professional fashion; From understanding color schemes and patterns to dressing appropriately for different settings. The session concluded with a hands-on demonstration on how to properly tie a tie. The Landing and Keeping the Job portion provided practical insights on resume writing, interview strategies, and leveraging AI tools in the modern job search.

A total of 15 students participated in this impactful session, gaining valuable skills to help them transition confidently into their academic and professional journeys.





# THETA RHO STANDS WITH TUSKEGEE AIRMEN IN ITALY

## Theta Rho (Germany)

The 80th Liberation Anniversary of World War II was celebrated in Italy with a three-day event honoring freedom, courage, and the sacrifices of those who fought to secure it. Representing the Theta Rho International Chapter, Bro. Bruce Jones (2001) attended in support, joining Italian friends and the broader community in commemorating this historic milestone.

A major highlight of the event was the Tuskegee Airmen Incorporated chartering the first overseas Tuskegee Airmen chapter, with Bro. Jones and his fellow retired SMSgt serving as charter members. The celebration also included the presence of 102-year-old original Tuskegee Airman Daniel Keel, likely marking the last visit of a living Airman to the hallowed grounds of Ramitelli Airfield. Additionally, a host of surviving spouses attended, honoring the legacy and contributions of these pioneering aviators.

Bro. Jones' participation underscored the chapter's commitment to supporting initiatives that honor history and inspire future generations. By standing alongside the Tuskegee Airmen and the Italian community, Theta Rho helped pay tribute to both the heroes of World War II and the enduring impact of the Tuskegee Airmen on generations to come.





# SIGMA GAMMA GAMMA: LIFE LESSONS THROUGH BASKETBALL

## Sigma Gamma Gamma (Okinawa, Japan)

Okinawa, Japan - For the past 15 years, Brother Cortez Pree of the Sigma Gamma Gamma Chapter has been a dedicated youth sports coach with the 18th Force Support Squadron (FSS) and Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS) in Okinawa, Japan. Currently coaching basketball for 18th FSS, Brother Pree's influence goes far beyond the court.

More than just teaching the fundamentals of the game, he instills in his players the values of teamwork, discipline, and respect. Recognizing that the development of character and confidence is just as crucial as athletic performance, Brother Pree takes his mentorship a step further by offering life skills sessions to every team he coaches.

His players learn practical tools such as how to tie a necktie, basic investing, and public speaking—skills that will serve them well beyond their time in youth sports.

“Life skills are just as important as sports,” said Brother Pree. Brother Cortez Pree's commitment reflects Sigma Gamma Gamma Chapter's dedication to uplift and community service, ensuring that the next generation is equipped both on and off the court.







# THETA RHO STEPS UP FOR WIESBADEN MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Theta Rho (Germany)

In a true display of service and brotherhood, the Theta Rho International Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. stepped up to support Wiesbaden Middle School during challenging times. As the effects of the ongoing government shutdown continue to impact families across the community, the brothers of Theta Rho demonstrated their commitment to uplift by donating essential school supplies and providing over 30 free haircut vouchers for students.

This initiative aimed to ensure that children in the Wiesbaden community have the tools and confidence they need to succeed academically, regardless of the hardships their families may be facing. The effort not only met immediate needs but also reflected the Fraternity's long-standing dedication to service and leadership within the communities where its members live and serve.

The chapter's outreach was met with gratitude from school staff and parents, who expressed appreciation for Omega's continued presence and positive influence in the area. For the brothers of Theta Rho, the project was another opportunity to put the Fraternity's values into action—uplifting youth, strengthening community ties, and standing together in times of uncertainty.

The Theta Rho International Chapter extends sincere appreciation to every brother who contributed time, resources, and support to this meaningful effort. Your dedication continues to embody the true spirit of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., proving once again that when we come together, our collective impact is powerful and lasting.



# LAMBDA MU MU GREETES STUDENTS ON DAY ONE

## Lambda Mu Mu (Toronto, Canada)

On September 2nd, the Brothers of the Lambda Mu Mu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. proudly gathered at Elmbank Junior Middle Academy to support and uplift students as they returned for the first day of school. This annual initiative is part of the chapter's ongoing commitment to mentorship, community uplift, and academic encouragement.

As students arrived, they were greeted with motivational signs and positive affirmations, thoughtfully presented by the chapter. These signs bore messages of encouragement, resilience, and excellence—designed to inspire confidence and a sense of pride as students stepped into a new academic year.

This effort reflects Lambda Mu Mu's ongoing partnership with Elmbank Junior Middle Academy, where brothers mentor students on a monthly basis, offering guidance, support, and leadership by example.

Brother Courtney Brown, as both an educator and chapter member, continues to be a vital bridge between the fraternity and the school, helping ensure that the mission of Omega reaches students where it matters most—in the classroom and in their daily lives.

The brothers remain committed to the uplift of our youth, knowing that when we invest in our young scholars, we invest in a brighter future for our communities.





# STANDING IN SOLIDARITY: LAMBDA XI ON POW/MIA DAY

## Lambda Xi (South Korea)



South Korea - The Lambda Xi Chapter's participation in the Veteran of Foreign Wars Prisoner of War / Missing In Action (VFW POW/MIA) Recognition Day ceremony was more than a symbolic gesture, it was a powerful affirmation that social action includes remembrance. For the Brothers of Omega Psi Phi, standing in solidarity with those who served is a reflection of true brotherhood, and a reminder that meaningful uplift begins with honoring the sacrifices of the past while working toward a better future.

Observed annually on the third Friday of September, National POW/MIA Recognition Day is a solemn occasion dedicated to honoring American service members who were prisoners of war and those still unaccounted for. This year, Lambda Xi Chapter not only paid tribute but also helped to elevate the message that these heroes are never forgotten.

Social action is not always defined by speeches or headlines. Sometimes, it is the quiet dignity of simply showing up and bearing witness. By attending this ceremony, the Brothers of Lambda Xi reaffirmed Omega Psi Phi's long and proud tradition of military service and sacrifice.

Founded in Korea, Lambda Xi Chapter holds a unique position with its strong military presence. Participation in events like this strengthens the bonds among service members, expatriates, and the local community. It is a reminder that the spirit of social action knows no borders, and that the language of sacrifice is one understood around the world.



# THE TENACIOUS 13TH DISTRICT



## CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENTS & EVENTS

*Showcasing chapter initiatives that build community and mentorship, from volunteer efforts to cultural events, health initiatives, and competitive success.*





# HOOPS FOR HEALING: LAMBDA XI HOSTS 2ND ANNUAL MENTAL HEALTH GAME

## Lambda Xi (South Korea)

On September 6, 2025, the Brothers of the Lambda Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., in partnership with the Peninsula Basketball League, hosted the 2nd Annual Mental Health All-Star Basketball Game at the Collier Fitness Center, Camp Humphreys. Building on the success of last year's inaugural event, this year's game carried even greater significance as it was held during Suicide Prevention Month in support of Omega Psi Phi's mandated Health Initiatives program and the fraternity's signature "Brother, You're on My Mind" mental health campaign.

The event drew between 150–200 attendees, including servicemembers, Department of Defense civilians, contractors, families, and local community members. Several organizations were present to provide valuable mental health resources and information, including the Asana Counseling Center and representatives from the Republic of Korea Divine Nine fraternities and sororities, each hosting tables to engage attendees with practical tools and support for mental wellness.





This year's competition featured four teams and more than 60 players across two high-energy games, adding a new layer of excitement with a special twist: the Humphrey's Hoop Club high school players took to the court against members of the Divine Nine fraternities. This intergenerational matchup showcased unity, mentorship, and the shared commitment to raising awareness around mental health while also providing an entertaining experience for the crowd.

Since its founding in 1977, the Lambda Xi Chapter has been dedicated to uplifting communities through service, scholarship, and social action. The Mental Health All-Star Basketball Game continues this legacy by combining fellowship, family engagement, and the promotion of critical mental health resources. As the Brothers of Lambda Xi affirm, "If we are able to make a positive impact on even one individual by providing mental health resources and information, we will have achieved our mission."







# BROTHER ROBINSON REPRESENTS AT MOSES C. NORMAN CONFERENCE

## Lambda Xi (South Korea)

13th International District - Brother Michael Robinson proudly served as a delegate for Lambda Xi Chapter during the 2025 Moses C. Norman Leadership Conference, held July 24-27 in Detroit, Michigan. His participation reflected both dedication and leadership as he engaged in a series of impactful youth-centered events and panel discussions throughout the weekend.

The conference kicked off early Thursday morning with the Omega Youth Leadership Conference at the Huntington Convention Center. The event energized youth attendees with a live DJ and an interactive meet-and-greet icebreaker, fostering new connections. Led by Brother Keith Pemberton, youth from across Omega's districts were introduced to leadership initiatives before breaking into focused group sessions.

Later that morning, Brother Robinson joined volunteers for a Community Service Social Action Project at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. High School. More than 100 students from Detroit-area schools, along with college students from Alabama State University, attended the event. Educational booths highlighted critical topics such as bullying, social media awareness, and civic engagement.

On Friday, Brother Robinson attended the Omega STEM session, where students explored the complexities of the human brain. From brain functions to the dangers of Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE), the session sparked enthusiastic discussion among youth eager to understand how science connects with their everyday lives.





Immediately following, Brother Robinson was honored to serve on the Fatherhood and Mentoring Panel at the Portside Ballroom. Invited by Brother Raymond Bell, Chairman of the International Headquarters of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Fatherhood and Mentoring Committee, Brother Robinson contributed to a lively question and answering session. Discussions included the upcoming rebranding of the national fatherhood and mentoring initiative to "Omega Uplift," a move intended to unify programming and increase funding opportunities across all districts.

In the evening, he participated in the "Brother You're On My Mind" event, a powerful session focusing on mental health and emotional wellness among the Brotherhood. The initiative, born out of personal tragedy and first introduced in 2017, has become a cornerstone of Omega's commitment to mental health. The session emphasized creating safe spaces, recognizing the lasting effects of the pandemic, and supporting one another through honest dialogue.

To conclude Friday's full schedule, Brother Robinson attended the International High School Talent Hunt Program, showcasing the extraordinary abilities of young artists from across the country. The event celebrated creativity, confidence, and cultural expression supported by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.



Brother Robinson's involvement at the 2025 Leadership Conference reflects the Lambda Xi Chapter's enduring commitment to service, mentorship, and the development of future leaders. His engagement in these initiatives underscores Omega's mission: lifting as we climb.







# SIGMA GAMMA GAMMA: LIFE LESSONS THROUGH BASKETBALL

## Sigma Gamma Gamma (Okinawa, Japan)

Okinawa, Japan - Brother Cortez Pree of Sigma Gamma Gamma Chapter, lead facilitator of the Cutting-Edge Conditioning (CEC) and Mentoring Program, continues to expand his reach and impact. This time on an international stage. On June 26, 2025, Brother Pree was handpicked to lead a local Japanese elementary and middle school basketball program in Okinawa, Japan.

CEC, a free mentorship program open to males and females of all ages, emphasizes physical fitness, character building, and personal development. During this special international session, Brother Pree began by mentoring the youth on the importance of nutrition and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. He then led them through a structured physical fitness training session that integrated principles of teamwork and critical thinking to promote both athletic and personal growth.

Despite the challenges of a language barrier, Brother Pree noted that the young athletes remained focused and determined, successfully completing the 90-minute session. Their commitment and enthusiasm were a testament to the universal language of perseverance and discipline.

The Okinawa program is set to continue on a monthly basis, further strengthening cross-cultural connections and expanding the global footprint of the CEC and Mentoring Program



# WELCOMING BRO. HASSELL AS THETA RHO KRS

## Theta Rho (Germany)

Please help Theta Rho welcome Bro. Ryshein Hassell Solo-25 QKA The Slow Ωne, who crossed on May 9, and immediately stepped up to serve as chapter Keeper of Records and Seal for the remainder of the year and again for Omega Year 25-26.

Bro. Hassell was lead under the guidance of MSPU Chairman Bro. Terry Sterling (2004 Theta Rho) and Co-Chair Bro. Joe Flemmings (2022 Theta Rho), ensuring the chapter continues its tradition of excellence, camaraderie, scholarship, and service.

We celebrate Bro. Hassell's commitment to stepping into this vital role so quickly and look forward to the contributions he will bring to Theta Rho International Chapter. His dedication exemplifies the spirit of service, leadership, and brotherhood that defines our chapter and fraternity.

Welcome to the fold Bro. Hassell!





# FELLOWSHIP AND FOCUS: LAMBDA MU MU RETREAT

## Lambda Mu Mu (Toronto, Canada)

The Brothers of the Lambda Mu Mu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. recently gathered on October 9th for a meaningful and productive chapter retreat focused on fellowship, reclamation, retention, and chapter operations. The weekend event was a powerful opportunity for brothers to reconnect, recharge, and recommit to the values and vision of Omega.

Held over the course of a weekend, the retreat was designed not only to strengthen the bond between brothers but also to address key chapter business. The agenda included strategic discussions, team-building sessions, and forward-looking planning for the next fraternal year. One of the highlights of the retreat was the successful election of new officers, setting the stage for continued excellence and leadership within the chapter.

The event fostered a renewed sense of purpose and brotherhood, reminding all in attendance of the importance of unity and accountability. As the chapter moves forward, the spirit of the retreat will undoubtedly fuel its mission to uplift the community and uphold the high ideals of Omega.

It was, without a doubt, a weekend well spent.



# THE TENACIOUS 13TH DISTRICT



## PERSONAL MILESTONES & BROTHERHOOD

*Celebrating significant achievements and life moments for fraternity brothers, highlighting their personal and professional growth within the Omega Psi Phi community.*



# A LIFE OF SERVICE: BRO BRANDON WILKINS NAMED UK BOY SCOUTS PROGRAM LEAD DIRECTOR



By: Brother Rob Taylor

On July 12, 2025, Brother Brandon Wilkins (Delta Pi – 2011) was appointed as the United Kingdom Program Lead Director for the Boy Scouts. In this role, he oversees all Cub Scout packs across England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales a network encompassing approximately 7,700 packs.

Brother Wilkins' connection to Scouting spans more than three decades. Even during his military service, he made it his mission to remain active in the Scouting community wherever he was stationed whether in South Korea, Germany, the United States, or now in England. His lifelong dedication to mentorship and youth development reflects the true spirit of Omega's cardinal principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift.

When asked what inspired him to pursue the Program Lead position, Brother Wilkins humbly replied, "Service it's all I know. I have a lot of free time, so when I'm not with the brothers, working out, or at work, I prefer to give my time to the tiny humans. Even if I can't reach all of them, if I can make a difference in one or two kids' lives, then that's an accomplishment."

Brother Wilkins continues to embody the essence of service before self, proving that leadership and love for community transcend both borders and uniforms.



# THE TENACIOUS 13TH DISTRICT



## RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE

*Honoring the remarkable  
achievements and contributions  
of fraternity members,  
showcasing scholarly successes,  
special honors, and leadership  
within the district.*



# BROTHER BRANDON WILKINS: EXEMPLIFYING LEADERSHIP THROUGH SERVICE

By: Brother Rob Taylor

In June 2025, Brother Brandon Wilkins (Delta Pi-2011) led the deployment of two units following short-notice taskings from higher headquarters. He directed a 17-member team that successfully deployed 475 personnel and 878.3 tons of equipment via 21 C-17 aircraft within 96 hours. His team worked tirelessly around the clock to coordinate and secure all airlift requirements. This effort marked the first and largest F-35 deployment from the European Command's Area of Responsibility, a critical component of Operation Midnight Hammer, which resulted in the destruction of three Iranian nuclear facilities. For his exceptional leadership and dedication, Brother Wilkins was coined by Brigadier General Jack Arthaud, Commander of the 48th Fighter Wing. Additionally, his team was recognized as Team of the Quarter for the second quarter of 2025.



# THE TENACIOUS 13TH DISTRICT



## BROTHERHOOD & NETWORKING

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





# LAMBDA XI HOSTS COL. SHABAZZ FOR BROTHERHOOD SESSION

## Lambda Xi (South Korea)

South Korea - On Saturday, May 3rd, the brothers of the Lambda Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. held an exclusive mentoring session as part of the Fraternity's Fatherhood and Mentoring Initiative. The featured guest was Bro. Dr. Col. Khallid Shabazz, the highest-ranking African American Muslim chaplain in the U.S. Army.

Held exclusively for the brothers of Lambda Xi, the session provided a powerful space for reflection, growth, and brotherhood. Col. Shabazz shared wisdom from his unique journey, addressing topics such as manhood, marriage, the power of community and networking, resiliency, and navigating a successful military career. His candid insights resonated deeply with attendees, reinforcing the importance of faith, purpose, and perseverance in both personal and professional life.

This private engagement reflects Lambda Xi's ongoing dedication to the development of its members and the promotion of intentional mentorship rooted in the Fraternity's core principles.



# PHI GAMMA GAMMA WALKS FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

## Phi Gamma Gamma (Germany)

Ramstein AB, Germany – On 4 October 2025, the Brothers of the Phi Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. participated in the 2nd Annual Breast Cancer Awareness 5K. This annual event is intended to raise awareness on a disease that impacts 1 in 12 women and nearly 1% of men throughout the world.

The Brothers participated in this event to honor those affected by breast cancer and to help promote the importance of early detection, education, and ongoing research in the fight against this disease. Participating in this event and ones like it are pivotal to fostering meaningful connections in the local community, and while a cure has yet to be found, it is our sincere belief that one will be discovered in due time.







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