



In the Life of Theta Chi

Undergrads extend a "Helping Hand"

Editor's Note: *Theta Chi's find many ways to serve. Here are just a few examples of undergraduates extending the "Helping Hand."*

Theta Xi Brothers Help the Community in Several Ways

Theta Xi/Virginia Commonwealth President Aaron Page writes: With our continual dedication to service, our chapter participated in different activities in the Richmond community. Some activities include Habitat for Humanity, which our organization has now participated in bi-annually for the past two years. Also, the chapter has participated in the "Monument 10K" and the "Richmond Marathon" which are community runs where we man a water station to hand water to over 25,000 runners. Another activity that the chapter participated in was "VCU in the Streets." This is a day the school organizes to volunteer at local places around the Richmond area. Some activities brothers were involved with included playing bingo with the elderly, cleaning local parks, and volunteering at the local children's museum.



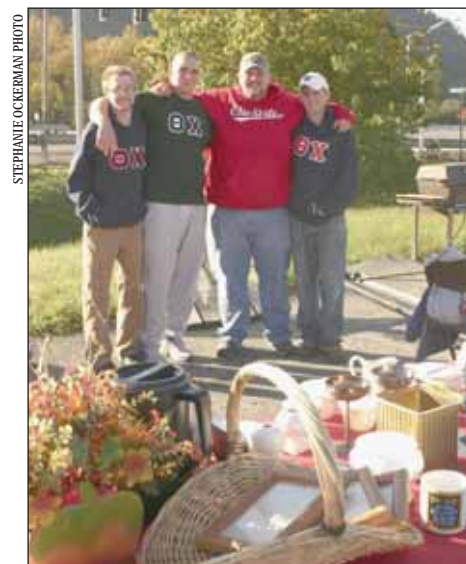
Who says passing out water can't be a creative effort! A Theta Xi chapter brother mans the water station for the Richmond Community marathon. The fundraising run is part of Theta Xi's dedication to service.

Theta Iota/UC-Santa Cruz Sponsors Pumpkin Carving

Theta Iota/UC-Santa Cruz sponsors an annual Boy's and Girl's Club pumpkin carving party. The chapter donates about 20 pumpkins to the local club and Brothers join with the boys and girls to carve them. The children are given the pumpkins to take home.



L to R: Theta Iota Brothers John McMackin '07, Jesse Owens '04, Kevin Thornton '08, Geoff Nuanes '07 hone their pumpkin carving skills.



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Eta Gamma Brothers (L-R): Kyle Sweeney, Keith Achtermann, Josh Payton and Adam Goodpaster help with the Lions Club rummage sale.

Fraternity helps club

Members of the Eta Gamma Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity at Morehead State University helped the Morehead Lions Club with its annual fundraiser rummage sale on Saturday, Oct 7, 2007. The Lions Club uses money it raises at the yard sale to help pay for eyeglasses and eye exams for those who qualify. It also donates to many international, national and local causes.



Brothers from Beta Sigma/Lehigh participated in a "Take Back the Night" walk to take a stand against sexual assault on campus.



Brothers Serve in the Military

Editor's Note: This issue's In The Life column features stories that have come to us from many of Theta Chi's military men.

Theta Eta Alumnus Deploys to Iraq

Theta Eta/Sam Houston State alumnus Gregory A. Hudgins ('99) has been deployed to Iraq as the commander of a combat engineer platoon. Hudgins is a First Lieutenant in the Marines and lives in Maryland. Upon his return, 1st Lt. Hudgins intends to submit photos of his time in the Middle East for publication in *The Rattle*. Please keep this Brother in Arms in your thoughts while he serves the United States.

Brother Lamb Receives Bronze Star

More than 90,000 fans watched as Colonel Duane Lamb (Alpha Phi/University of Alabama '73), an Air War College instructor at Maxwell Air Force Base, was presented a

Bronze Star from his former commander in Iraq. Colonel Lamb served as the 732nd Expeditionary Mission Support Group commander at Balad Air Base.

Colonel Lamb commanded more than 1,400 Airmen—some of whom were performing missions not typically done by the Air Force. Most of the missions Colonel Lamb's Airmen performed for the Army and Marine Corps required work outside of a base that had been hit by more than 320 mortar and rocket attacks in six months. Colonel Lamb's Airmen helped train the Iraqi army, police and judicial representatives and provided civil engineer support in local communities.

"Our group played a key role in planting the seeds that will help grow a democracy in Iraq," he explained. "It was a very honorable mission, but it was also very dangerous for our Airmen." "It didn't matter if you worked in civil engineering or if you were a lawyer," Brother Lamb



Col. Duane Lamb (Alpha Phi/University of Alabama '73) and Brigadier General Frank Gorenc, former 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Commander at Balad Air Base, Iraq, salute during the national anthem at the University of Alabama vs. Auburn football game.

added. "If the mission required combat skills then they got the training. My goal was to not lose any Airmen under my command. The diffi-

Dickinson College Commemorates September 11

Photos by A. Pierce Bounds (courtesy of Dickinson College)



L to R: Color Guard cadets, Brian Wallen '08, Christopher Ladd '09, Ryan Daniel '09, from Pi Chapter and two others present the flag to open Dickinson College's September 11th Patriot Day Remembrance Ceremony.



Dickinson College President, William Durden (Pi/Dickinson '71) and cadets Ladd and Daniel stand beside a memorial wreath placed in memory of the 9/11 victims.

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Patrick Lahiff, Zeta Pi '95, on duty in Iraq.

cult thing for a leader in a combat zone is realizing that every decision you make could get someone killed. You must always weigh all the risks, make sure everyone is trained, and never cut corners because people can get seriously injured or killed in combat.”

General Gorenc applauded Colonel Lamb's efforts to protect his troops while accomplishing such a challenging mission.

The Colonel plans to retire to Tuscaloosa, Alabama next year with his wife.

Former Zeta Pi President Works with Top Officials in Iraq

Patrick Lahiff, a Zeta Pi/Old Dominion alumnus, is currently stationed in Baghdad with the Army JAG Corps. Lahiff, president of Zeta Pi Chapter in 1996, works on the staff of General George W. Casey, commander of the Multi-National Force—Iraq. Lahiff is shown (photo) sitting in a chair given to Saddam



From Arafat to Hussein to Lahiff, the view from the palace.

Hussein by Yasir Arafat. His office is located in Hussein's former palace and his responsibilities include traveling in Blackhawk helicopters to visit the International Zone and various prisons around Iraq. Lahiff enjoys his involvement in the rebuilding of Iraq and will remain in Baghdad until mid-December.



Retired Brigadier General John Zydron (L) accepts a special gift from TowneBank Foundation on behalf of the Virginia National Guard Foundation

The Virginia National Guard Foundation Assists Families in Times of Need

Retired Brigadier General John Zydron (Omicron/ University of Richmond '71), Director of the Virginia National Guard Foundation, accepted a special gift from the TowneBank Foundation on behalf of his organization. The National Guard Foundation provides financial assistance to National Guard soldiers, airmen and their families in times of crisis. “The active duty armed forces have their own relief fund to assist their personnel,” shared General Zydron. “Unfortunately, these funds are not available to National Guard soldiers and airmen until they are called to federal duty. Since our mission is both state and federal, there are many times that aid is not available. The Foundation tries to fill that void.”

Woodruff Injured in Iraq

ABC News correspondent Bob Woodruff (Iota/Colgate '81) was injured while reporting from Iraq. On January 29th, an improvised explosive device detonated near a vehicle carrying Woodruff and a cameraman. Both suffered head injuries from shrapnel and were treated at hospitals in Iraq and Germany. Later, they were moved to the National Naval Medical Center in Maryland. Woodruff, co-anchor of ABC's *World News Tonight*, has now made a miraculous recovery thanks to the work of several talented military surgeons and physicians. Members of Iota Chapter at Colgate sent a letter of support to Woodruff and his family and are hopeful that Woodruff may visit their university after his recovery.

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The Sesquicentennial Edition of the Theta Chi Fraternity History Book:

150 Years of Traditions and Ideals

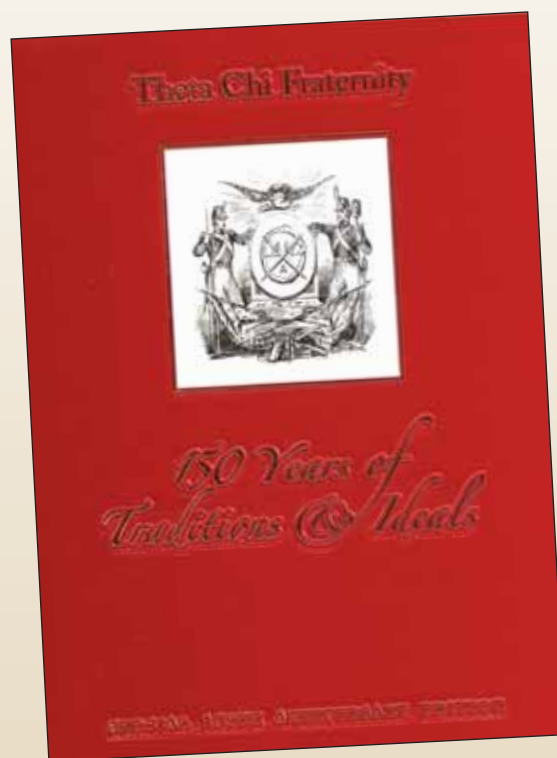


Grand Historian, Joe D'Amore (Eta Pi/East Stroudsburg '77)
at the Theta Chi Monument at Norwich University

As the current Grand Historian, I am pleased to announce that the 2006 Sesquicentennial Edition of the Theta Chi Fraternity History is now available. I highly encourage every Theta Chi Brother to purchase a copy. I also would recommend that every Theta Chi Chapter Library seek to obtain a copy. This book is so very vital, not only for its important historical content, but as a resource for educating all members about our origin and existence throughout the years. It offers a starting point for the future of our beloved Fraternity.

As I was reading the history, I was surprised to learn the many previously unknown important historic facts, insights and stories found throughout its content. *Theta Chi Fraternity—150 Years of Traditions and Ideals* offers a wealth of fraternal knowledge and transports the reader to the times and places Theta Chi Fraternity existed throughout its history. It brings alive all of the famous names we have learned about or have heard stories about in our fraternal lives; names like Freeman, Chase, Irish, Colley, Schrenk, Lasher, Chapman, Rhodes, Blue, Alter, and Kilavos, to name a few.

Be sure to obtain your copy right away, as the number of books is limited. Consider presenting one to your Little or Big Brother as a tribute of your special fraternal bond in Theta Chi. It is my wish that all who read this history get the same high level of enjoyment and pride I had when I did!



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