

PHI IOTA HOSTS LANDMARK OMEGA HISTORY WEEKEND



Phoenix AZ. August 27, 2019. The Brothers of Phi Iota Chapter, known as the “Desert Q’s” hosted Omega’s from around the country for a history weekend August 23rd to 25th, 2019.

The festivities began on Friday with a continental breakfast provided by Tanner Church and an “Old School” Road Trip to Ft. Huachuca for a tour and visit to the Buffalo Soldiers Museum and Col. Young exhibit.

The Brothers of Delta Alpha Alpha chapter, who are stationed at the base, organized a reception and luncheon with museum director Mr. Paul Pipik, who accepted a unique Col. Young historical item as a donation from the 4 Arizona chapters, which was presented on behalf of the 12th District, and the Omega Museum.

12th District Rep. Bro. Dennis Martinez made the presentation along with Omega Museum Director, and active Buffalo Soldier Trooper Bro. Lee. A cigar Bar Night was planned for those who didn’t go on the ‘Road Trip’ and were joined by the Ft. Huachuca group upon their return.



(L-R) DAA-VB CW4 Bro. Bowman, 32nd FVGB Bro. Blunt, Phi Iota VB Bro. Gresham, Omega Museum Dir. Bro. Lee, Buffalo Soldier Museum Dir. Mr. Pipik, 12th DR Bro. Martinez, 12th 1VDR, Bro. Dow, Area Rep. Bro. Davis

FT. HUACHUCA

Top Left: CW4 Bro. Bowman *DAA Vice Basileus*, **Top Right:** *Vets:* White, Lee, Mallett & Martinez with Buffalo Soldier., **Middle Left:** Bros. Martinez *DR*, Davis *Area Rep*, Lee *Omega Museum*, Trice *8th D History Chair*, Mallett, Moore, & Dow *IVDR*, **Middle Right,** Bros. Martinez, Blunt, Gordon, Bennam, Lee. Gilkey, Morrall *2nd D History Chair*, & Gresham *Phi Iota Vice Basileus*. **Bottom Left:** Blunt *32nd FVGB*, with Buffalo Soldiers **Bottom Right:** At statue of Trooper Emmit



HISTORY WORKSHOP

THE “LAND OF THE BURNING SANDS” HISTORY WORKSHOP*

The workshop presenters were International History & Archives members, Bro. Jonathan Matthews from Atlanta, Bro. Alfonso Morrell from New York, 12th District History & Archives Chair, Bro. Darroll Love and 12th District member Bro. Dr. Maurice Gross.

The information they shared was accurate, verified, detailed, enlightening and in some cases shocking. Approximately 73 local and visiting brothers representing 56 chapters, 20 States and the District of Columbia sat glued to their seats as “Their Cups Were Being Filled”. Others who had planned to stay only a few hours, were scrambling to change their plans and remain. Breakfast was provided by the Omega Youth Leadership Academy and lunch by Phi Iota.



*Name has since been changed to **the Bro. Charles C. Peevy History Workshop**, in memory of the 29th 12th District Representative.

HISTORY WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS

Top Left: Presenter Bro. Matthews, drops knowledge on Omega’s presence and influence at Ft. Des Moines.

Top Right: Omega Museum Director, Bro. Lee shares information regarding the museum at IHQ.

Bottom Left: OMLF Region XII Rep. Bro. Reed discusses Life Membership.

Bottom Right: Bro. J. Benjamin III, initiated at Gamma, recent Harvard graduate and Phoenix Omega Youth Leadership Academy Alumni, proudly displays historical Founders award presented to him by Phi Iota Basileus Bro. Heard next to him, with his father Bro. J. Benjamin II, and 32nd FVGB Bro. Blunt.

