



Fort Shafter, Honolulu, Hawaii - The Brothers of Lambda Beta Beta recently conducted an information session on one of the Fraternity's most aspirational members, U.S. Army (Retired) Colonel Charles Young, on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The session focused on topics deeper than singular facts that lead to assumptions about the larger-than-life Officer, they allowed the Brothers to dive into answering the question as to "why is he so important to our beloved Fraternity?"

Brother Landis Maddox, an active duty Army Colonel, led the engaging discussion to over 12 enthusiastic Brothers. Maddox, who was initiated into the Fraternity through the Phi Nu Chapter during the Spring of 1996, believes the value of having analytical conversations allows Brothers to discuss the impact and magnitude of his accomplishments and continuous display of perseverance.

Brother Maddox provided the group a succinct and comprehensive view of not only Young's accomplishments during his active military service, but added focused on his upbringing in Ohio, as well as the difficulties he endured while attending the United States Military Academy at West Point. Maddox added, "Colonel Young demonstrated qualities of character during a time when prejudice was a way of life. He is the person that I am indebted to, and he is the person that I model my life after. Just like him, I am a graduate of the United States Military Academy, just like him I am a member of Omega Psi Phi Incorporated, and just like him, I want to be remembered as an American Soldier that epitomizes duty, honor, country, endurance, obedience, and perseverance."

The Brothers remained engaged, thus enabling an open and honest discussion. Lambda Beta Beta is planning on hosting more of these sessions in the future with the intent of reigniting collegiate level discussions on who we are as Brothers, what we strive to be, and importance of the Fraternity as leaders of our communities and society writ-large.