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REST MY GOOD BROTHER

On June 23, 2025, over 20 members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's Tau Pi Graduate Chapter attended the Interment service for Brother Oliver S. Jackson at Arlington National Cemetery. Brother Jackson, Captain, U.S. Army (ret), and a founding member of Tau Pi, received full military honors.

According to Arlington National Cemetery's established eligibility rules for burial at the site, veterans must have served at least one day of active duty (excluding training) and received an honorable discharge.

Brother Jackson first served as an Air Force enlisted man for four years before becoming a student at Morgan State University. After graduation, Jackson joined the Army serving for ten years on active duty and eight years in the Army Reserves. As a commissioned officer, Lieutenant Jackson graduated from the U.S. Army's Airborne and Ranger Schools.

Jackson said "I wanted to go to Vietnam. I was a reconnaissance battalion leader when I got over there in 1965. As the leader of the first brigade's advance party I and nine enlisted men were assigned to bring over all the 1st Cavalry Division's equipment overseas."

He also reflected on his worst experience while serving in Nam. "It was a hot day and I saw a lady and her two little kids were wounded. When the medevac helicopter landed, I had to get on the aircraft. There was news that my wife had been in a serious car accident, and I had orders to return home. I was broken up when we left those people injured on that hot day. hot day. That day has haunted me my whole life."

During his tour in Vietnam, the young Lieutenant Oliver Jackson was awarded the Bronze Star for his combat service. After his return home, Jackson was stationed at Fort Holabird, a Baltimore Army post. He also served as a transportation officer at Curtis Bay, an Army Reserve Center. Brother Jackson retired from the Army in 1980 with the rank of Captain.



Photograph (TOP): Tau Pi Chapter Brothers celebrate the extraordinary life of their friend and Omega Brother, Oliver Jackson (Captain, U.S. Army (ret)), at his interment service. (Center): Brother James Kerr, Sr., shared a smile with Brother Jackson's wife. Over 20 Omega men joined members of the Jackson family.

Brother Jackson joined Omega through Zeta Phi, a Brooklyn, NY chapter. He was on summer break as an undergraduate from Morgan and decided to join the chapter. After ending his active duty service in the Army, Jackson joined Pi Omega Graduate Chapter and later became a founding member of Tau Pi Graduate Chapter.

Brother Jackson was an outstanding Army officer and an Omega man, and he will be truthfully missed. One of his last public events with the Brothers included visiting the Pi Omega Fraternity House to welcome the members of Tau Pi's 2024 class into the Fraternity as he sat in a wheelchair with a smile on his face.

This article features excerpts from the original story written by Bro Milbert O. Brown, Jr., in the Oracle Magazine's Military Edition, Fall 2017.

CALL FOR NEWS ITEMS

Please submit news items and interesting articles for the chapter's newsletter. All materials should be advanced to the Chapter Reporter, Brother Dr. Milbert O. Brown, Jr.

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IF YOUR PICTURE WAS MISSING FROM THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY JOURNAL

I will be available to take remaining pictures of Brothers at our annual planning meeting on August 23, 2025 at Howard Community College.

This picture with others will be placed in our upcoming Tau Pi History book.

Please have on black suit, purple tie and white shirt.