

PHI THETA KAPPA

# New England Region Newsletter



**UPCOMING DATES :**

Regional Convention  
March 20-22

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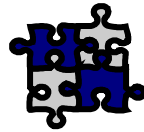
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## Regional Leadership Conference Recap



The regional officer team would like to thank those of you that were able to make it to this year's New England Regional Leadership Conference at Gateway Community College, North Haven, CT. We hope you as great a time as we did! We are excited to announce that this was our largest fall conference in many years. Our newly revived Chapter Officer Academy was also extremely well attended and we invite and welcome



any suggestions for future trainings or conferences.

We also wanted to thank our attendees for supporting our regional fundraiser for the Hites Scholarship Challenge. We were able to raise \$301 through donations, the 1918 pins, and of course "Give a Dollar Make Brooke Holler "Synergy"! We look forward to seeing everyone at the Regional Convention in Rocky Hill, CT, so mark your calendars for March 20-22, 2009 and come prepared to make Brooke holler!

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## New Regional Website Forum

The New England Regional Officer Team is pleased to announce the new website forum or discussion board. This was unveiled at the recent leadership conference in North Haven. This tool will allow you to communicate more effectively with us throughout the year. Please use our forums for any and all questions you may have for us. You may also share your project ideas and success with the entire New England region. The forums are located directly under the calendar of events on the main page. Just follow the link and use the box on the left hand side to register once inside the forums. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me and I will be more than happy to walk you though the process live. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Craig Champley, Northern VP

### Honoring Those In Active Military Service

Do you know a Phi Theta Kappan who is serving in the U. S. Military? If so, you may be interested to know that Phi Theta Kappa has a website that honors all members who have served with the U.S. Military Forces since the first Coalition strike in Afghanistan on October 7, 2001, and since the first Coalition strike in Iraq on March 19, 2003.

Phi Theta Kappa is also proud to include the names of Phi Theta Kappa members in the National Guard and Reserves who are deployed across the nation and around the world. Finally, they have a memorial page for those who have lost their lives serving.

Help us honor all of our heroes by spreading the word about this opportunity. Please visit <http://www.ptk.org/ad/> to learn more.

-Kim Rodrigues  
Central VP  
Proud mother of a soldier

### Remembering Brenda Parmalee Active Member of Phi Theta Kappa

Sadly, Brenda Parmelee of the Alpha Upsilon Alpha Chapter at Manchester Community College died unexpectedly of a heart attack on October 3, 2008. She was 52 years old and an active member of our chapter as well as many other student groups on campus.

Brenda was part of the 2020 student group, volunteered at Nikki's Run, Walk and Roll benefit for Children's Cancer research, volunteered for many bake sales, Relay for Life, MCC Alumni Auto Shows, assisted with several induction ceremonies at Manchester Community College and was involved in several other campus and community service projects. She will be missed terribly.

The Alpha Upsilon Alpha chapter at Manchester Community College in CT is including a tribute to Brenda at the Fall induction, a special bulletin board presentation in her honor and a donation to Habitat for Humanity in her memory.

-Julie Larkin  
Southern VP

Dear New England Phi Theta Kappa Family,

It was an honor to officially open our Leadership Conference Saturday, October 18th with a Salute to The Troops. This "salute" reminded us to honor our troops by making every day count, and to do great things with the opportunities that we have been afforded. This video salute can be viewed at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pGb4-8cVgyQ>

Nearly 70% of attendees raised their hands when asked if they had someone that they cared about currently in service. Therefore, we thought it only fitting to have a presentation at our Regional Convention in March to honor all family and friends of New England Phi Theta Kappans serving in active duty or with veteran status.

So, we are asking you to email a photo of a family member or friend who is serving or has served in any of our U.S. Military Armed Forces across the nation or around the world to [kimrodriguesptk@yahoo.com](mailto:kimrodriguesptk@yahoo.com). Please include their name, rank and branch of service, and where they are serving or if they have veteran status. If no photo is available, please send their name and the above information.

You may also send a short sentiment that you may wish to be included in the presentation. The presentation style will be dependant upon the number of submissions that we receive. We look forward to honoring family and friends of New England Phi Theta Kappa family who are serving in active duty or with veteran status.

Sincerely,  
Kim M. Rodrigues  
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New England Region