



A Celebration Honoring

**ASTP Student**

**Dr. Malcolm Ekstrand**

as he receives his

**Honorary Degree of Bachelor of Science**

conferred by

**Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P.**

President

**PROVIDENCE COLLEGE**



**Monday, August 1, 2011**

**SCANDINAVIAN RETIREMENT CENTER**



In 1943, Malcolm Ekstrand was one of  
380 members of Unit #1188 of the  
U.S. Army Specialized Training Program  
who were enrolled at Providence College.

Their promised education was cut short.  
These young men answered the urgent call  
to serve their nation  
and courageously served in the  
328<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment of the 26<sup>th</sup> Yankee Division.  
They marched with General George Patton  
and fought in the Battle of the Bulge.

In Northern France, Dr. Ekstrand served  
on permanent KP duty.  
On Palm Sunday, Dr. Ekstrand was driving his captain  
and they were both shot and taken by the Germans.  
Malcolm was separated from his Captain and  
put in a room with nineteen wounded German soldiers.  
There was no pain medicine available  
and only a little bread and water for food.  
After six days, he was liberated by American forces.

Dr. Ekstrand returned to the States after his discharge  
and went on to graduate from Temple University  
and became a podiatrist.  
He had a practice in Warwick for many years.  
For the past two years, Dr. Ekstrand has resided  
at the Scandinavian Retirement Center  
Assisted Living Community.

## **WELCOME**

Todd Larson, President,  
Board of Directors  
Scandinavian Home, Inc.

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Chaplain Carol J. Huff  
Scandinavian Home, Inc.

## **OVERVIEW OF ASTP PROGRAM**

Rev. Brian J. Shanley, OP  
President of Providence College

## **HONOREE**

Dr. Malcolm Ekstrand

## **CITATION AND HONORARY DEGREE**

Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P.  
President of Providence College

## **PRESENTATION OF MILITARY COIN**

Brigadier General Brian Goodwin  
Assistant Adjutant General  
Rhode Island Army National Guard

## **BENEDICTION**

Lay Minister Mr. Albert McGinn

# Thank You

**Donna and Michael Stanfield**  
for providing the American Flag pins

**The Assisted Living Community Staff**  
for organizing this Celebration

**Scandinavian Home Food Services Department**  
for the delicious luncheon

**Howard Bailey**  
for his musical contribution

**J. Chris Woulfe, Executive Director,  
Scandinavian Home**  
for serving as our Master of Ceremonies

**Todd Larson, President,  
Scandinavian Home Board of Directors**  
for taking part in today's festivities

**Chaplain Carol J. Huff of Scandinavian Home  
and Lay Minister Al McGinn**  
for their help in planning this special occasion

**Brigadier General Brian Goodwin  
Assistant Adjutant General  
Rhode Island Army National Guard**  
for the presentation

And especially  
**Providence College,  
Ann Molak, Assistant to the President,  
and Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P., President**  
for making this celebration possible