



Ralph liked school and appreciated any chances to learn beyond what he knew from the military. He graduated from NEIU in 1978 with a degree in communications and minor in business. In 1981 he took graduate work at Wichita State University. Yes, Ralph returned to the service in the , \$ŋ'UbX'UXj UbWX'hc'hY'fUb_cZ'WdhUj]b'hY'I G'5]f': cfW''K]h'a i`h'd`Y health problems, he began to lose his sight and found his calling in doing work for the blind. His work at the Kansas Blind Foundation became his passion. He became Director of Rehabilitation for Envision, Inc.

To write this I went back to letters that Ralph had sent me over the years. I treasure them for his wanting to continue dialogues we had had in classes. Interestingly, Ralph never dwelled on

5 bch\Yf'hja Y'F Umk fchYzI 7 cb[fUhi `Uh]cbgZcf'U'f'i `mk cbXYfZ `'+) th Birthday celebration at Northeastern. We laughed and cried; we applauded and lauded; we smiled happily at each other! Your party was a reunion stretching across generations, states, mentors, protégés, family and colleagues. All were friends of Bernie Brommel. You tied us all together with your love and friendship, kindness, compassion, loyalty and learning!

I so enjoyed sitting with Ralph Manganiello and his son, and Tim Day, the recipient of the first scholarship, in our names. We all got a chance to learn about one another. Later we sat front and center for the program of speeches and music that celebrated your life.ĭ

After graduating from Northeastern I often visited Dr. Brommel in his office in the Beehive Building. Often I would leave with a book or two under my arm for recommended reading. When he retired, I was the recipient of many of his books. My home library has greatly benefited from his generosity. I am so honored to be part of your scholarship legacy and commitment to excellence and to the next generation of student scholars. Bernie, I pledge to you that I will continue to be a loyal contributor to NEIU and assist the University in its fund raising efforts. I too look forward with you to a continued association with Northeastern in so many wonderful ways.ĭ

Today Mr. Wohl teaches, as he has for the past twenty years, in the Chicago Public Schools as Fine Arts, Music & Media teacher. Active in the union in 2013, he won in an election one of only two dcg[h]cbg'cb'hY'WmgWcc`lg'DYbg]cb'Board.