



HOMECOMING  
CONVOCATION

RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS  
HALL OF FAME CEREMONY

AND  
ENDOWMENT LUNCHEON

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Harrison H. Ferrell Hall

P.A. Williams Auditorium

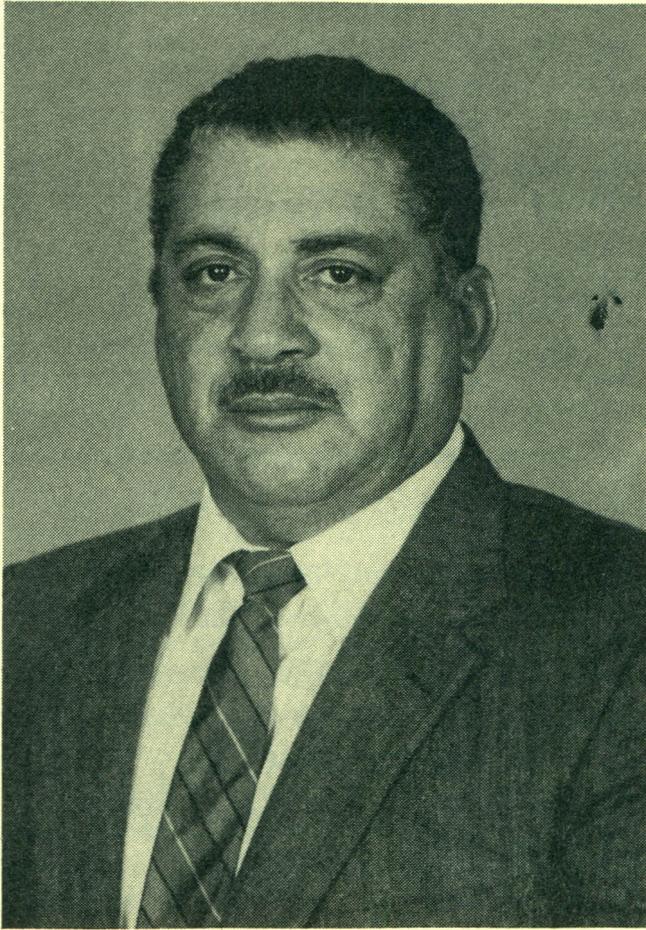
# HISTORICAL SKETCH OF WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE

The second Morrill Act of 1890 was intended to make available to black citizens training in agriculture and mechanical arts. Like other states that maintained segregated educational systems, West Virginia responded on March 17, 1891 by enacting legislation to create a special land-grant institution for blacks. To this end federal funds provided \$3,000 for faculty salaries, and the West Virginia Legislature appropriated \$10,000 to purchase a farm and build a school building upon it. The institution was founded as the West Virginia Colored Institute. In 1915 the name was changed to the West Virginia Collegiate Institute, and its present name was assumed in 1929.

From its beginnings until 1915 the institution offered the equivalent of a high school education with a curriculum devoted primarily to agriculture, trades and teacher education. In 1915 the school was given the authority to award college degrees that included instruction in mathematics, chemistry, French and English. The first college degrees were awarded in 1919.

Beginning in 1919 the College turned increasingly to the development of a strong academic curriculum with emphasis upon academic excellence. First of America's Negro land-grant colleges to earn accreditation, it has the distinction of having the longest continuing accreditation in the North Central Association of the public four-year institutions in West Virginia.

The 1954 *Brown v the Board of Education* United States Supreme Court decision had an immediate and dramatic impact on West Virginia State College. Within two years, the institution was transformed from a small black college to a racially integrated one. Since that time, program offerings have expanded and new ones developed as the College keeps pace with the demands of students and the needs of the larger community. From a modest beginning with forty students, West Virginia State College has emerged into a multipurpose institution serving a diverse student body which is multiracial and multicultural. From a small tract of land and a building, the college has developed into a multimillion dollar educational complex.



**IN MEMORY OF  
LIEUTENANT COLONEL (Retired)  
STEPHEN S. WHISIKER,  
CLASS OF 1954**

# PROGRAM

Barbara J. Oden, Presiding  
Vice-President, Academic Affairs

PRELUDE: "Hands Across the Sea" . . . . . *John Philip Sousa*

The Yellow Jacket Symphonic Band  
Christopher Card, Director

POSTING OF COLORS . . . . . ROTC Color Guard

Stuart Edick, Cadet/Sergeant Major

NATIONAL ANTHEM

INVOCATION . . . . . Cadet/First Sergeant Gary Faucher

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS . . . . . Roosevelt L. Charles

Captain, Acting Professor of Military Science

PRESENTATION OF INDUCTEES AND RESPONSE—

Ronald H. Poole, LTC (Ret), Class of '53

Presented by Michael Swinford, Cadet Captain

Rodney I. McCormick, LTC (Ret), Class of '68

Presented by Ernest Samples, Cadet Major

Beny J. Primm, LT (Ret) Class of '50

Presented by Macushle Edick, Cadet Captain

Thomas D. Boston, Class of '68

Presented by Alan Franks, Cadet Lieutenant Colonel

MUSICAL SELECTION . . . . . *Rimsky-Korsakov*

The Yellow Jacket Symphonic Band

RECOGNITION OF HONORED GUESTS . . . . . Roosevelt L. Charles

CLOSING REMARKS . . . . . Hazo W. Carter

Ninth President, West Virginia State College

ALMA MATER . . . . . *Spencer-Wade*

The Yellow Jacket Symphonic Band

POSTLUDE: "The Klaxon" . . . . . *Henry Fillmore*

The Yellow Jacket Symphonic Band

# **Ronald H. Poole**

## **Lieutenant Colonel (Retired)**

Ronald H. Poole, a resident of Columbus, Ohio, and a member of the class of 1953, is a distinguished military graduate of Army ROTC at West Virginia State College. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from West Virginia State, did graduate work in Advanced Studies in Public Administration in Washington, D.C. at a branch of the University of Northern Colorado in 1972-74, and received a Master of Science in Business Management from Central Michigan University in 1976.

Poole served as a U.S. Army Officer from 1953-78 in various Command and Staff positions. He was an Artillery Executive Officer in Korea and a Military Advisor in Military Intelligence in Vietnam. Other positions include: Commanding Officer-Chemical Corps; Air Defense Artillery-Operation and Security Officer; Instructor/Committee Chief-Army Intelligence School; Intelligence Officer-G2 Section, 8th U.S. Army; and Commanding Officer-Army Recruiting District. He is a 1971 graduate of the Command and General Staff College in Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, and a 1971 graduate of the National Security Management, Industrial College of the Armed Forces. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1978.

Upon retiring from the military, he entered public service. He was appointed Executive Assistant and Chief of Staff to Columbus, Ohio Mayor Tom Moody from 1978-1984. Since 1984, he has been active in private business. He is the president of the pH Services, Inc. (an environmental resource management company), and president of PackWay Linco Corporation (dealing in international trade). Poole has returned to public service; Columbus Mayor Greg Lashutka has appointed Poole as his Executive Assistant and Acting Safety Director.

Poole is a member of the Board of Directors of the Veterans Memorial; a member of the Board of Trustees of the Columbus Metropolitan Area Community Action Organization and the Greater Columbus Convention and Visitors Bureau; and a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, the Columbus Council in world affairs, and the Kiwanis Club. He is the recipient of the 1992 Humanitarian Award in Politics awarded by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. in Columbus.

Lieutenant Colonel Poole's military awards and decoration include the Legion of Merit, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, and Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Lieutenant Colonel Poole is married to Alice M. Poole, and is the father of two children, David and Michelle.

# Dr. Rodney I. McCormick

Dr. Rodney I. McCormick was born July 28, 1946 in Charleston, West Virginia. He attended St. Albans public schools and graduated from St. Albans High School in 1964. In the fall of 1964, he entered West Virginia State College, majoring in Physics and Mathematics. He graduated *magna cum laude* in 1968. While at West Virginia State, Dr. McCormick was Vice President of the student body, a member of the Men's Senate and of Alpha Kappa Mu, National Scholastic Honorary, and was recognized in *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities*. He was an extremely active member of the ROTC Corps of Cadets. He was a member of Pershing Rifles and Scabbard and Blade and was the commander of the Corps of Cadets his senior year.

Upon graduation, Dr. McCormick was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery. Highlights of his twenty year Army career included service as a Battalion Operations Officer in the Federal Republic of Germany, Battery Commands in the Republic of Viet Nam and at Fort Sill, service on the faculty of the US Military Academy at West Point, New York, and positions as a Battalion Executive Officer and Deputy Division Inspector General with the 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

In his penultimate military assignment, Dr. McCormick was the Chief of the Technical Support Office, Army Research Office, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. There he was the Chief of Staff for technical matters, reporting to the Director. He was the Director's principal assistant in managing the Army Material Command's basic research and exploratory development efforts. He was responsible for linking the Army's basic research and exploratory development programs to the needs of the Army by conducting an exhaustive and continuous survey of the recognized deficiencies in current weapons systems and the development of the new technologies necessary to overcome those deficiencies. During this assignment, Dr. McCormick also returned to Duke University, where he had received a Master's degree in 1973, to pursue doctoral studies on a part-time basis. He was awarded the Ph.D. in Physics in 1987, based on his research in the energy transfer mechanisms of far infrared lasers.

Upon his retirement from the Army as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1988, Dr. McCormick accepted a position as the Associate Director, Free Electron Laser Laboratory, at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. There he managed the engineering and administrative functions necessary to restore a mid infrared free electron laser to operation, as well as the design, construction and installation of a much higher energy machine operating in the ultraviolet. He was responsible for both strategic and short range planning, to include funding and construction of a new research facility. He supervised both the administrative and engineering staff to include position development, selection and training.

Dr. McCormick subsequently accepted a position as the Director, Physical Sciences Projects at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. There he provided professional project management skills and direction to the College of Mathematical and Physical Sciences. He advised the Dean on both fiscal and academic planning.

In 1992, Dr. McCormick accepted his current position as Special Assistant for Project Development, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina. He serves as the principal strategic planner for the College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences. He is the primary project manager for a \$200 million particle storage ring project on the University's new Centennial Campus. This project will make possible innovative research and technology development in the physical sciences, engineering

# **Beny J. Primm, MD.**

## **1st Lieutenant (Retired)**

Beny J. Primm is a 1950 graduate of West Virginia State College. Upon graduation, he received a bachelor of science degree in education and a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

Upon commencing active duty, he was assigned to Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Beny's stay in the U.S. Army was short, ending with a medical retirement in 1953.

Upon retirement from active duty, Beny entered medical school at the University of Heidelberg in Germany and completed his studies at the University of Geneva. After internship, residency, and certification as an anesthesiologist, Beny pursued an interest in substance abuse rehabilitation. Beny's efforts lead to the opening of a major program for the treatment of opioid dependent persons. He remains as the program's director and as the executive director of the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment.

During the Nixon administration, a special action office of drug abuse prevention (SAODAP) was established. Beny was chosen to accompany a White House appointed staff to go to Viet Nam and establish drug rehabilitation programs and urine screening for all military personnel up to the Rank of Major returning to the United States. While on travel in Viet Nam, Beny was given the paper rank of Major General and Later the positional head doctor and commander of the team. Beny established the first massive screening for drugs in the urine as a method of detection of drug abuse. Upon completion of his work in Viet Nam, Beny returned to the states to debriefing for President Nixon.

Beny continued his relationship with the SAODAP and was in integral part of the debriefing of top Department of Defense (D.O.D.) officials at the Pentagon. He was assigned to direct the training of D.O.D. personnel and VA personnel in centers that would receive returning Viet Nam veterans. Beny remained a consultant to the Special Action Office training teams of Army and civilian physicians working in drug treatment programs.

Beny terminated his involvement with the SAODAP when appointed to the President's Advisory Council. Since that time, Beny has served as a consultant to Presidents Ford, Reagan, and Bush, and was chosen along with publisher Earl Graves (Black Enterprise) for a Department of the Army movie depicting successful African American Professionals who got started through R.O.T.C.

# Thomas D. Boston

Thomas D. Boston is an Associate Professor of Economics in the School of Economics at Georgia Tech. A native of Jacksonville Florida, he received the BS degree in Industrial Technology from West Virginia State College in 1968. A member of the Pershing Rifles and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity while at WVSC, Dr. Boston also served as Cadet Lt. Commander of the ROTC Battalion and graduated a Distinguished Military Student. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Regular Army Infantry. Upon successful completion of Airborne and Ranger School, Dr. Boston was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division. In September of 1969, his tour of duty in South Viet Nam was cut short as a result of critical wounds received while serving as a reconnaissance platoon leader with the American Division. His subsequent duty was at Aberdeen Proving Grounds where he was promoted to the rank of Captain.

Upon leaving the service, Dr. Boston enrolled in the graduate program at Cornell University where he subsequently received the MA and Ph.D. degrees in Economics. Dr. Boston has served in a variety of academic positions since graduating. These include Chairman of the Department of Economics at Atlanta University, Visiting Scholar in Economics at Stanford University, Visiting Lecturer at the Shanghai Institute of Finance and Economics in the Peoples Republic of China and his current position as Associate Professor of Economics in Georgia Institute of Technology.

Danny has received a number of professional distinctions including being elected President of the National Economics Association, being selected "Economics Professor of the Year" for the State of Georgia and being voted "Faculty of the Year" by the Student Government Association of Georgia Tech.

He has acted in a number of economic policy advisory positions at the federal, state and local levels. In 1991 he was invited by the U.S. Senate to serve as a Senior Economist to the Joint Economic Committee of Congress. He currently serves as an economic advisor to Mayor Maynard Jackson of Atlanta and was recently appointed by Governor Zell Miller to the State of Georgia's Joint Commission on Revenue Structure.

The primary architect of minority business programs for the City of Atlanta and the Atlanta School System, Dr. Boston is also an expert on labor market issues and issues relating to African American economic development. He is the author of *Race, Class, and Conservatism* and two forthcoming books by Routledge publishers in addition to numerous articles and scholarly papers.

Danny is married to Dr. Catherine Ross and has a son Linje and daughter Shani.

# ENDOWMENT LUNCHEON PROGRAM

BG (Ret) Robert L. Stephens  
Master of Ceremonies

MESS CALL . . . . . 12:30

PRE LUNCHEON CEREMONY . . . . . BG (Ret) Robert Stephens

POSTING THE COLORS

INVOCATION

WELCOMING REMARKS . . . . . BG (Ret) Robert Stephens

THE OCCASION . . . . . CPT Roosevelt L. Charles  
Professor of Military Science

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

## LUNCH

INTRODUCTION OF HONOREE . . . . . Cadet/LTC Alan Franks  
Cadet Battalion Commander

RESPONSE AND PRESENTATION OF ENDOWMENT GIFT  
MG (Ret) Edward Greer  
First Recipient, The WVSC ROTC Role Model Award

CLOSING REMARKS . . . . . Dr. Hazo W. Carter, Jr.  
Ninth President, West Virginia State College

ALMA MATER

AFTER-LUNCHEON CEREMONY

BENEDICTION

RETIRING THE COLORS . . . . . ROTC Color Guard

Luncheon music—Mark Femia

# PROFESSORS OF MILITARY SCIENCE

## 1942-1944

Lieutenant Colonel Payton Winlock

## 1944-1945

Lieutenant Colonel Benote H. Lee

## 1945-1946

Captain William J. Gray

## 1946-1948

Lieutenant Colonel Leon Lavoie

## 1948-1951

Lieutenant Colonel Charles H. Wesner

## 1951-1954

Lieutenant Colonel Orion Page

## 1954-1956

Major Robbin Washington

## 1956-1958

Lieutenant Colonel John Woodruff

## 1958-1959

Lieutenant Colonel Howard  
Bartholomew

## 1959-1963

Lieutenant Colonel Howard Hinkson

## 1963-1967

Lieutenant Colonel Joseph C. Hill

## 1967-1969

Lieutenant Colonel Marvin E. Billups

## 1969-1971

Lieutenant Colonel Louis J. Weil

## 1971-1974

Colonel Lawrence M. Sevdy

## 1974-1976

Lieutenant Colonel Stanley Goldsmith

## 1976-1979

Lieutenant Colonel Edward Robertson

## 1979-1983

Lieutenant Colonel Charles T. Ledbetter

## 1983-1984

Lieutenant Colonel Douglas W. Richmond

## 1984-1989

Lieutenant Colonel Quewanncoii C.  
Stephens

## 1989-1993

Lieutenant Colonel Willie C. Lucas

## **ARMY GENERALS WHO ARE GRADUATES OF WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE**

Major General Edward Greer, USA (Retired)

Major General Charles C. Rogers (Deceased)

Major General Harvey D. Williams, USA (Retired)

Major General Joseph E. Turner, USAR

Major General Kenneth D. Gray, USA

Brigadier General Dallas C. Brown, USA (Retired)

Brigadier General Frank C. Bacon, USAR (Retired)

Brigadier General Walter Johnson, USA, (Retired)

Brigadier General Robert L. Stephens, Jr., USA

Brigadier General Jack Yeager, WVNG

Brigadier General James Monroe, USA

### **The Star Spangled Banner**

*Francis Scott Key*

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?  
And the ricket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.  
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

# ROTC HALL OF FAME

The West Virginia State College ROTC Hall of Fame was created to recognize the accomplishments of its graduates from the program who have excelled in their chosen fields. Previous inductees are listed below:

## 1980

Major General (Ret) Edward Greer  
Major General (Ret) Charles C. Rogers\*  
Major General (Ret) Harvey D. Williams  
Brigadier General (Ret) Dallas C. Brown

## 1981

Colonel (Ret) Frank C. Bacon  
Colonel (Ret) George E. Peters, Jr.  
Colonel (Ret) Robert L. Peters  
Dr. Vincent E. Reed

## 1982

Colonel (Ret) Grover A. DuBose  
Colonel (Ret) James M. Garrison, Jr., M.D.  
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Nelson R. Bickley  
Dr. William J. L. Wallace (Honorary)  
Dr. Prince A. Williams (Honorary)\*

## 1983

Brigadier General Robert L. Stephens, Jr.  
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Preston a. Davis  
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Haywood H. Martin

## 1984

Major General Joseph E. Turner (USAR)  
Colonel (Ret) Charles E. Stokes, Jr.  
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Richard V. White  
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Howard L. Wilson

## 1985

Brigadier General (Ret) Walter F. Johnson, III  
Colonel (Ret) Thomas E. Carter, M.D.  
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Thomas D. Carter, Jr.  
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) James L. Hill

## 1986

Colonel (Ret) Paul H. Easley, Sr.  
Colonel (Ret) Roscoe A. Swann, Jr.  
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) John E. Baker  
Major (Ret) James W. Hawkins, Jr.

## 1987

Colonel (Ret) Vandy L. Miller  
Colonel (Ret.) Herman H. Jones  
Colonel (Ret) James W. Vallandingham

Colonel (Ret) James W. Reed

## 1988

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) C. Milton Kates  
Colonel (Ret) Alphonso W. Nabors  
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Bernice McGhee  
Colonel (Ret) Edwin A. Wilkerson

## 1989

Major General Kenneth D. Gray  
Colonel William P. Greene, Jr.  
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Stephen S. Whisiker\*  
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) John L. Whitehead\*

## 1990

Brigadier General James W. Monroe  
Brigadier General Jack Yeager  
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Acie McGhee, Jr.  
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Ronald M. McLeod  
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) George S. Roberts

## 1991

Colonel Ronald E. Townsend  
Colonel (Ret) Kenneth A. Ingram  
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Henry R. Bellinger  
Commissioner Earl E. Jones

## 1992

Colonel (Ret) James Manning  
Colonel (Ret) John Mackey  
Colonel Donald Townsend  
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Dennis Neighbors  
Dr. John W. Davis (Honorary Posthumously)  
Mr. James Evans (Honorary Posthumously)  
Brigadier General Roscoe Cartwright (Honorary, Posthumously)  
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Samuel Kelly (Honorary)

## 1993

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Ronald H. Poole  
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Rodney I. McCormick  
Dr. Thomas D. Boston  
First Lieutenant (Ret) Beny J. Primm, M.D.

\*Deceased

# Alma Mater

Ernest Wade '30

Martha Spencer '31

There is a place we love so dear—  
Its name we'll ever praise and revere  
'Tis West Virginia State we love—  
Just one more step from there is Heav'n above.

## **Refrain:**

West Virginia's praise we'll sing—  
Lift our voices 'til heavens ring—  
As we gaily march along—  
We'll sing a song—  
For Alma Mater  
How we love her  
Pride of all our loyal hearts—  
From her we will never part—  
Thoughts of thee will ne'er be few  
Alma Mater we love you.

We'll love her more as days go by,  
And send her praises to the sky;  
To place her over all the rest,  
And keep her e'er the dearest and the best.

Shadowed 'neath a deep blue sky;  
Is STATE for whom we'll live and we'll die—  
Arise! O men of God and sing;  
We're loyal, and to her we'll always cling.