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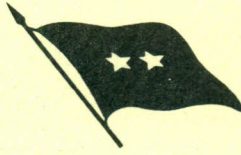
RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS
HALL OF FAME CEREMONY

AND
ENDOWMENT RECEPTION

OCTOBER 20, 1995

Harrison H. Ferrell Hall

P.A. Williams Auditorium



Dear Inductees:

Today is truly a day of reflection and honor. It is indeed a great day that recognizes your outstanding contributions to the community, West Virginia State College and U.S. Army Cadet Command.

Since 1980, West Virginia State College has honored distinguished graduates and community leaders for their unyielding dedication to its Reserve Officers' Training Corps program. Today, we honor your past, your present and your future. Your accomplishments and the accomplishments of those inducted before you strongly display what Cadet Command is all about, "Producing Leaders and Citizens of Character for Our Nation."

On behalf of Cadet Command, congratulations for your induction into the West Virginia State College ROTC Hall of Fame. Best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,

James M. Lyle
Major General, U.S. Army
Commanding General
U.S. Army Cadet Command

WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE

Office of the President
P.O. Box 399
Institute, West Virginia 25112
(304) 766-3111



October 20, 1995

Dear Inductees:

It is with pleasure that I extend to you and your families, congratulations on your induction into the West Virginia State College Army ROTC Hall of Fame.

The legacy you share is a proud and noble one. Through the years, the officers commissioned at West Virginia State College have played a vital role in the security and defense of America. In 1942, West Virginia State College was the first historically black institution to receive authorization for the senior level ROTC program. As a land grant college, Military Science has been offered at West Virginia State College for more than 100 years and it is one of the oldest programs in our curriculum. The College has produced eleven General Officers, hundreds of senior officers and thousands of community leaders.

It is with great pride that we acknowledge your accomplishments as you take your place in the Hall of Fame. We thank you for your support and we want you to know that you do make a difference to the students who are now cadets in the ROTC program. Enjoy this day and your return to your Alma Mater.

We look forward to seeing you often.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hazo W. Carter, Jr.".

Hazo W. Carter, Jr.
President

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"Entering Our Second Century of Excellence"

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.

PROGRAM

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

PRELUDE: "Washington Post March" . . . arr. John Phillips Sousa
The Yellow Jacket Symphonic Band
Christopher Card, Director

POSTING OF COLORS ROTC Color Guard

NATIONAL ANTHEM The Yellow Jacket Symphonic Band

INVOCATION Marland Jones
Cadet Sergeant

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS Robert H. Smith
Major, Assistant Professor of Military Science

PRESENTATION OF INDUCTEES AND RESPONDENTS—

Keith Sovine, Lieutenant Colonel (Retired), Class of '59
Presented by Michael McMasters, Cadet Battalion Commander

Edward Scott, First Lieutenant, Class of '52
Presented by Wes Gillespie, Cadet Captain

John Willis Hill Gravely, Captain, Class of '62
Presented by Jay Smith, Cadet Captain

Herbert Henderson, First Lieutenant, Class of '53
Presented by Gary Faucher, Cadet Lieutenant

Sidney Taylor Brown, (Honorary) Class of '34
Presented by Matt Isner, Cadet Major

MUSICAL SELECTION: "Flashing Winds" . . arr. Jan Van der Roost
The Yellow Jacket Symphonic Band

RECOGNITION OF HONORED GUESTS Robert H. Smith

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

ALMA MATER *Spencer-Wade*
The Yellow Jacket Symphonic Band

POSTLUDE: "Jupiter" from Gustav Holst's Suite "The Planets"

Keith Sovine

Colonel (Retired)

Keith Sovine was born in Mount Orab, Ohio. He graduated from St. Albans High School. In 1959 he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from West Virginia State College. He also received a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Georgia.

While at West Virginia State College, Mr. Sovine received recognition as the ROTC Cadet Colonel and Battle Group Commander of the Corps of Cadets, Company Commander, Outstanding General Military Science Cadet, Distinguished Military Graduate (DMG) and Honoree, Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Mr. Sovine's military history contains many remarkable accomplishments. He was commissioned (DMG) in Artillery and served with the 25th Infantry Division, Hawaii in 1959. Afterwards, he transferred to the Adjutant General Corps in 1962 and served with Headquarters, United States Army-Pacific. Sovine also served as a Personnel Management Officer with the 82D Airborne Division from 1963-1964. He was a Detachment Commander at Fort Bragg, North Carolina and Adjutant in Bien Hoa, Vietnam where he served with Special Forces. His other assignments include: Instructor of Manpower Management, Secretary of The General Staff Military Advisory Group, Personnel and Plans Officer, Management and Plans Officer in the Office of the Adjutant General and Executive Officer for the General Counsel of the Office of the Secretary of the Army. One of the great contributions he made was as a co-author of the *Reaffirmation of the Unique Special Trust (Trust) Review Group Report*. This group reviewed Army regulations and made corrections in order that special trust of officers were not violated. Mr. Sovine retired from the Army as a Lieutenant Colonel and received many awards.

Community activities are a very important part of Mr. Sovine's life. He is a former member of the Steering Committee and Treasurer of the City of Fairfax *Spotlight on the Arts* annual festival. He is also a member of the Economic Development Committee from the City of Fairfax *2020 Commission*. Because of his many community services, Mr. Sovine has recently been awarded the City of Fairfax Volunteer Community Service Award.

Keith Sovine is presently an Assistant Professor of Computer Information Systems at Northern Virginia Community College in Alexandria, Virginia, and is married to the former Elaine Henley. They are the proud parents of three children.

Edward Scott, Jr.

First Lieutenant

Edward Scott, Jr. was born in St. Louis, Missouri where he attended Sumner High School and was awarded All-State Honors as a football player. He attended Drake University but later came to West Virginia State College on a football scholarship. He graduated from West Virginia State College with a BA degree in Education and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army.

Mr. Scott attended the Battery Officer's Advanced Training Course at Fort Sill, Oklahoma Artillery School. Upon graduating from the Artillery Course, he was briefly stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He was transferred to Korea where he became an Executive Artillery Officer for the 240 MM Howitzer Battery. During the Korean War, Mr. Scott received a Bronze Service Star, United Nations Service Medal, and National Defense Service Medal. Mr. Scott was honorably discharged from active duty on May 17, 1954, and discharged from Army Reserves on September 1, 1960 with the rank of First Lieutenant.

For ten years Edward Scott was a St. Louis police officer, serving as a detective for five years. He was appointed as a Special Agent by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in 1954 and was one of the first blacks to become a Special Agent and to be admitted to the FBI Academy. His first office assignment was Los Angeles, California where he worked criminal cases and was subsequently transferred to Chicago and then back to Los Angeles. As a Special Agent, Edward Scott was a Police Instructor, Hostage Negotiator, Undercover Specialist, member of Major Case Squad, FBI Disaster Squad, and a member of the Los Angeles Airport Resident Agency. In May 1978 Mr. Scott was transferred to FBI Headquarters where he served as an Assistant Section Chief, with administrative responsibilities of several hundred employees. Mr. Scott retired from the FBI on January 26, 1984.

In 1985, Edward Scott was appointed by the City of Philadelphia as a Senior Special Investigator for the Philadelphia Special Investigation Commission, which investigated the involvement of the City of Philadelphia and the MOVE Organization incident. From 1985 to the present, Edward Scott has been a Special Investigator for the U.S. Department of State and for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He is a past Commander of the FBI American Legion Post, past Vice Department Commander, Washington, D.C. and a Life Member of the American Legion. He is the Chairman of the Quantico Virginia Chapter of Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI and a candidate for the position of Vice President of the Society's Mid Atlantic Region. He is a member of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executive (NOBLE), Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, Who's Who in Law Enforcement, Commissioned Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, Secretary of National W-Club Association, Former YMCA Board Member, and former member of Fairfax County Virginia School Board Advisory Committee.

Edward Scott is the father of four children: Gail, Annette, Ralph and Jennifer, two of whom are graduates of West Virginia State College. He is presently married to Floydie Scott.

John Willis Hill Gravely

Captain

John W. Gravely, a native of Pulaski, Virginia, is founder of Living Light Ministries, and Evangelical Teaching, Research, and Outreach Ministry designed to address issues affecting the African American Church and the African American community. He is a 1962 graduate of West Virginia State College and holds Masters degrees from American University and Central Michigan University. He also holds the Master of Divinity and the Doctor of Ministry from Howard University. He is presently Minister of Pastoral Care at the Michigan Park Christian Church of Washington, D.C.

John Gravely received his commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Army in May 1962 from West Virginia State College and served until 1967. He attended the Adjutant Generals' Corp Officer Basic Course at Ft. Benjamin Harris. Upon graduating, he received orders as a Personal Affairs Officer at the Overseas Department Center, Ft. Dix, NJ (62-65). Subsequently, he returned to Ft. Benjamin Harris for Postal Officer Training. His next assignment took him to the Republic of Korea, where he served as the Division Postal Officer for the 1st Cavalry Division, later named the 2D Infantry Division (65-66). During his final assignment as Instructor of the U.S. Army Engineering School at Ft. Belvoir (66-67), he was promoted to captain. He prides himself on receiving an award from the Paju Region Major for his work with Korean Nationals.

John Gravely recently retired from a senior position at the U.S. Department of State. Among other accomplishments, he was instrumental in establishing a \$2.3 million scholarship program run by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, Princeton University, to assist in the training of minorities committed to pursuing careers in the foreign service. He is also credited with recruiting and mentoring over 70 diplomats. Some of these diplomats have served at the rank of Ambassador and other Senior Foreign Policy positions. He remains active in foreign affairs as an International Consultant.

He is a Certified Mediator and member of the Society for Professionals in Dispute Resolution. In the area of conflict resolution, he has helped resolve over 30 disputes involving family, landlord-tenant, child-custody and other community concerns. In the area of international conflict resolution, Dr. Gravely has served as a panelist on the United States Information Agency (USIA) interactive television, with participants from Uganda and Togo, and the former U.S. Ambassador to Uganda.

Dr. Gravely is published in the Congress of National Black Churches and the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies and the Kappa Alpha Psi Journal to name a few. He is the recipient of: The Benjamin E. Mays Fellowship, The W.O. Carrington Preaching Prize, The Department of State Superior Honor Award, The Congress of National Black Churches Commitment Award, and the prestigious Thursday Luncheon Group Founder's award for outstanding Humanitarian Service in Foreign Affairs. He serves on boards with The United Negro College Fund and Howard University. Dr. Gravely's Memberships include: Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity (Life-Member), The NAACP, The Biblical Institute for Social Change, and the Thursday Luncheon Group (Foreign Affairs).

Dr. Gravely and his wife, Blondeen, currently reside in Washington D.C.

Herbert H. Henderson

First Lieutenant

Herbert H. Henderson was born in Ensley, Alabama and graduated from Elkhorn High School. He received a B.S. degree in Business Administration from West Virginia State College in 1953. He was commissioned and served as an Artillery Officer until 1955. In February of 1958, he received a Juris Doctor degree at George Washington University School of Law.

He is a Life Member of the NAACP and served as state president from 1966 to 1986. During his twenty year tenure, he was President of the West Virginia Conferences of the NAACP, and was instrumental in supervising school desegregation and public accommodation civil rights cases in Southern West Virginia. One of his important accomplishments was the NAACP lawsuits against the West Virginia Department of Public Safety that facilitated the hiring of minorities and women as State Troopers. In addition, Mr. Henderson has served as lead counsel in several landmark civil rights cases including West Virginia Human Rights Commission v. United Transportation Union. 167 W. Va. 282, 280 S.E. 2nd 653 (1981).

From 1967 through 1980, Mr. Henderson was an Instructor of Black History at Marshall University. He is presently the senior partner in the law firm of Henderson, Henderson and Staples. He serves as chairman of the Finance Committee, Chief Fund Raiser for the Mountain State Bar Association and the Brown W. Payne Fellowship (for minority and disadvantaged law students). Since 1978, Mr. Henderson has served as founder, manager and supervisor of The West Virginia NAACP Jobs Program. He has served as Interim General Counsel for the NAACP in 1984, 1989 and again in 1990.

Herbert Henderson is a member of many civic, charitable and professional organizations. They are the West Virginia State Bar, American Trial Lawyers, Mountain State Bar Association, Tri-State OIC Board of Directors, former Chairman Martin Luther King, Jr. WV Holiday Commission; NAACP Board Member, National Board of Directors of the NAACP from 1980 to 1992; former member of The Board of Trustees West Virginia Wesleyan College and Morristown Junior College (Tennessee).

Attorney Henderson is married to the former Maxine D. McKissick and they four children: Cheryl Lynne, Sherri Avis, Gail Teresa and Leslie Jeanine.

Sydney Taylor Brown

World War II Red Cross Director (Honorary)

Sydney Taylor Brown was born in Sydney, Australia, May 11, 1904. She was the daughter of Marshall and Daisy Taylor. At the time of her birth her father, Marshall Taylor (nicknamed "Major"), was a champion bicycle rider on a world-wide tour. (Several books have been written about him and recently a movie about his career was made).

She completed her secondary education in Worcester, Massachusetts. Later, she received training and a diploma from the Sargent School of Physical Education where she qualified as a physical education teacher. From 1925-1930 she served as the first Director of Women's Physical Education at West Virginia State College where the idea of physical education for women was not widely accepted in the United States.

She graduated from West Virginia State College in 1934, receiving the Bachelor of Science degree in Education. In 1936 she received a Master of Science degree in Social Work Administration from the University of Chicago. After graduation from the University, she served as a clinical social worker in St. Louis and Pittsburgh.

At the beginning of World War II, she applied for a direct commission but was turned down because of her race. Still anxious to serve, she joined The American Red Cross in 1942. After a short orientation period, she was flown to London, England where she assumed the position of Director of a Red Cross Club for Negro soldiers. Shortly after the D-Day invasion of France in 1944 she traveled by boat to a Normandy Beachhead. There she climbed into a jeep loaded with supplies and drove inland alone.

For the remainder of the war (1944-1945) she was Field Director of Red Cross Clubs for Negro Soldiers in Paris, Rheims, and Rouen. During her Red Cross service overseas, she was attached to The U.S. Army and granted assimilated rank of Captain. For her wartime service, she was given a commendation by The American Red Cross. Returning to the United States in 1946, she served as Coordinator of Veteran's Affairs for the American Council on Race Relations. Later in 1946 she assumed a position with the Veteran's Administration in Pittsburgh as a Clinical Social Worker.

She retired from the Veteran's Administration in 1974 after 27 years of service. Her retirement citation stated in part: "For 27 years of dedicated service to the Veteran's Administration and the numerous patients whose lives have been touched."

She was married to the late Dallas C. Brown, Sr., who was an alumnus of West Virginia State College and the first Chairman of our Business Department. Her son, Brigadier General Dallas C. Brown, Jr., USA (Ret) is also a state alumnus and an 1980 ROTC Hall of Fame Inductee and is currently on the faculty.

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 Qewanncoi C. Stephens

1989-1993

Lieutenant Colonel Willie C. Lucas

1993-

Lieutenant Colonel Herbert E. Lattimore

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

Leutenant 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.

1994

Colonel Frankie D. Hoskey
Colonel Terry L. Tucker
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Lazelle Free, Sr.
Major (Ret) George L. Rich, Jr.

1995

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Keith Sovine
First Lieutenant Edward Scott
Captain John Willis Hill Gravely
First Lieutenant Herbert Henderson
Sidney Taylor Brown

*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.