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Hall of Fame Ceremony

Friday, October 18, 1991
11:00 AM

HARRISON H. FERRELL BUILDING
P.A. WILLIAMS AUDITORIUM
WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE
INSTITUTE, WEST VIRGINIA

Welcome

Greetings! and welcome to the eleventh ROTC Hall of Fame Ceremony.

Nineteen hundred ninety marked the beginning of the Centennial Celebration for West Virginia State College and we are proud to be a part of this celebration. As the college centennial celebration comes to an end, 1991 marks the 75th anniversary of ROTC at colleges and universities across the nation. We are also proud to be a part of the tradition and military legacy that the ROTC has established in the past 75 years.

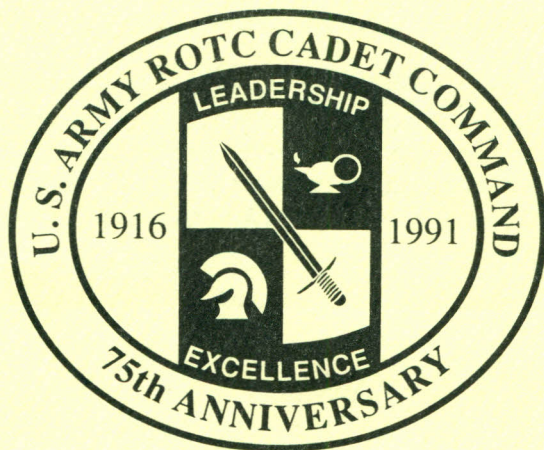
ROTC at West Virginia State College was formerly established in 1942. Since that time the Military Science program has evolved into a strong, vibrant program, commissioning 769 cadets as Second Lieutenants, eleven of whom have become general officers in the United States Army.

As West Virginia State College enters its second century of excellence and the ROTC begins its 76th year of service to our nation, our challenge is clear. We must foster all opportunities to strengthen this uniquely successful partnership with the college and army ROTC by attracting quality students who will one day also be candidates for the ROTC Hall of Fame.

Willie C. Lucas, Lieutenant Colonel

LTC EN

Professor of Military Science



A Short History of ROTC

at

West Virginia State College

West Virginia State College was founded in 1891 as one of sixty Land Grant Colleges in the United States. As provided in section four of the Morrill Act, military training was a requirement. With this authorization, in addition to agriculture, mechanical arts. Military Tactics was taught as a part of the curriculum. The ROTC Department of West Virginia State College began shortly after the establishment of a military corps in 1899.

While provisions for military training were not specifically included in the language of the West Virginia State Legislative Act establishing West Virginia Colored Institute, training was conducted during the school's first year of existence.

This tacit agreement marked the first organized military activity at present day West Virginia State College (WVSC). Military training continued at the college with the exception of temporary suspension during the years of 1907-1916 and 1920-1942.

Much of the credit for the establishment of the present ROTC program goes to Mr. Daniel P. Lincoln, a former registrar, and Professor Daniel L. Ferguson, (both deceased) for whom the ROTC building was named. Their success in conducting military training on a voluntary basis early in World War II laid the ground work for the War Department's recognition of the college's desire to continue with the ROTC program.

In 1942 the first professor of Military Science, Lieutenant Colonel Payton Winlock established a Senior ROTC Unit at the College. Providing instruction in Field Artillery, this Unit was the only one of its kind in the country approved by the War Department for a Negro College. Artillery, as a subject, was taught until 1956 when the department was redesignated as a General Military Science Program. This meant that cadets could receive General Military Instruction with emphasis on fundamentals common to all branches of the Army, and that graduates could be commissioned in any of its eighteen branches.

The Military Science Department acquired an elective status in 1970 and ceased to be a mandatory program for which all male students were required to enroll. The military science program at West Virginia State College continues to be a vibrant component to the curriculum of West Virginia State College having commissioned over 769 Lieutenants since 1942.

PROGRAM

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

PRELUDE—Valdrez *Johannes Hansen*

POSTING OF COLORS ROTC Color Guard
Gerald Dooley, Comander, Class of 1993

NATIONAL ANTHEM—

INVOCATION Stephen Betts
ROTC Battalion Executive Officer, Class of 1992

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS Willie C. Lucas
Lieutenant Colonel, Professor of Military Science

PRESENTATION OF INDUCTEES AND RESPONSE—

Ronald E. Townsend, Colonel, Class of 1969
presented by Michael Swinford, Cadet Lieutenant Colonel

Kenneth A Ingram, Colonel (Ret), Class of 1960
presented by James Fink, Cadet Major

Henry R. Bellinger, Lieutenant Colonel (Ret), Class of 1960
presented by Frederick Gilmer, Cadet Captain

Earl E. Jones, Class of 1955
presented by David Jones, Cadet Major

MORNING SONG John Harmon
WVSC Wind Ensemble
Graham Gillispie, Conductor

RECOGNITION OF HONORED GUESTS Willie C. Lucas

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

ALMA MATER—

Eugene Branch, Baritone
WVSC Wind Ensemble

POSTLUDE—Marchi Manhattan Beach . . . *John Philip Sousa*

Ronald E. Townsend

Colonel

Colonel Ronald E. Townsend is a native of West Virginia. Upon graduation from West Virginia State College, he was awarded a Bachelor of Science Degree. He also holds a Master of Business Administration from the University of Alabama.

His military Education includes completion of the Field Artillery Officer's Basic and Advanced Course, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the National War College.

Colonel Townsend has served in a wide variety of command and staff positions, to include three tours in Germany and one tour in Vietnam. During his first assignment in Germany he served with the 3d Battalion, 80th Field Artillery (Darmstadt) and 2nd Battalion, 75th Field Artillery (Hanau). While in Vietnam Col Townsend held positions with the 2d Battalion, 11th Field Artillery, 101st Airborne Division, The 1st Supply and Service Battalion in CAM Rahn Bay, and the Security Section Army Support Element in Can Tho.

Following his tour in Vietnam, Col Townsend returned to Germany with the 3d Battalion, 16th Field Artillery where he held Battery Command and Battalion Staff positions. Upon return to the United States, he attended school where he earned his MBA, after which he was assigned as a program analyst for Headquarters, Training and Doctrine Command. Following a school assignment, Col Townsend returned to Germany for his third tour, during which he served as executive officer for the 1st Battalion, 76th Field Artillery and S-3 for the 3d Infantry Division Field Artillery. Next Col Townsend served as the Schweinfurt Deputy Community Commander. He then returned to the United States to attend the National War College and later assumed duties at the National Military Command Center of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He commanded the 2d Armored Division Artillery and on 10 December 1990 in Saudi Arabia he assumed command of the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) Artillery.

Colonel Townsend's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (1st OLC), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (1st OLC), Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal (1st OLC), and the Army Achievement Medal. He wears the Ranger Tab, Airborne Badge and the Pathfinder Badge.

He is married to the former Julianne (Julie) Gustafson. They have three children: Lori, Bradley and Paul.

Kenneth A. Ingram

Colonel (Retired)

Colonel (Ret) Ingram, a native of Nitro, West Virginia, was a distinguished Military Graduate of Army ROTC at West Virginia State College 1960.

He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery and began his career upon graduation from West Virginia State College. His military service included six years of service in Germany and two years in Vietnam. His field artillery experience has included every position for Forward Observer to Battalion Commander. He has been assigned to every type of cannon artillery unit from 105 mm to 280 mm, and with a Lance Missile Battalion, where he served as the commander. While serving in Vietnam as an artillery and infantry advisor to a Vietnamese infantry, Division in 1972, Colonel Ingram distinguished himself in the historically significant battle of an Loc and was awarded the Silver Star, the nation's third highest award for valor. Colonel Ingram secondary career specialty was in the field of research, development and fielding of weapon systems. In this capacity, he supported the development of the Redeye Missile, the Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS), the MLRS termally guided warhead and the fielding of the hawk missile system in the countries of Kuwait and Jordan. Colonel Ingram completed his army service in 1982 while serving on the Army Staff as the Congressional Affairs Staff Officer for the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Research, Development and Acquisition in the Pentagon.

Colonel Ingram graduated from West Virginia State College and Xavier University (Cincinnati) where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics and a Masters in Business Administration.

His military schools include the Field Artillery Officer's Basic and Advance Course, The US Army Command and General Staff College, The Defense Systems Management College and The Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Among his many medals and awards ar are the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (6 awards), Air Medal (5 awards) Meritorious Service Medal (2 awards), Army Commendation Medal, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Ranger Tab, Parachutist Badge and the Combat Infantryman badge.

At the time for his induction into the ROTC Hall of Fame, Colonel Ingram is Assistant to the President of Quantum Research International, that supports the US Missile Command and the Strategic Defense Command. He is married to Mary A. Keyser of Huntington, West Virginia and has four sons and four grandchildren.

Henry R. Bellinger

Lieutenant Colonel (Retired)

Henry R. Bellinger, Sr. is a native of Salem, Virginia and graduated from the George Washington Carver High School in 1956. He was a very active student while at carver and participated in all school programs and activities.

He attended West Virginia State College and earned a B.A. Degree in Sociology. He earned a Masters Degree in Management/Science at the National Graduate University, Arlington, Virginia.

While serving his country in the Army his tours of duty included Korea, Alaska, the Pentagon, Walter Reed Army Institute of Research and the Walter Reed Army Medical Center and Vietnam. He retired from the United States Army Medical Department as a Lieutenant Colonel. He is presently the building manager, Washington District of the Financial Management Service, U.S. Department of Treasury.

Henry R. Bellinger is a deacon, the president of the Board of Trustees, and the adult division director of the Sunday School at Severn Baptist Church in Severn, Maryland and also held the position of chairman of the building committee's \$600,000 building program and served on the Board of Directors for the Maryland/Delaware Association of Southern Baptists. He holds a lifetime membership and is a Golden Heritage Subscribing Life Member in the NAACP, was vice Basileus of MU RHO Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Chairmen of Reclamation/Smoker Committee, wrote the MU RHO Chapter Hymn and is a life member. His other memberships include the Association of Health Care Administrators, The Military Order of World Wars, the Retired Officers Association, Life Member of the West Virginia State Alumni Association and the National "W" Club. Among the various awards bestowed on Mr. Bellinger are the Million Dollar Medallion for membership in the NAACP in recognition for fund-raising, the Vietnam Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, The meritorious Service Medal, the Bronze Star, The Legion of Merit and Omega Man of the Year award.

In January 1991, Mr. Bellinger was appointed by Anne Arudel County, Maryland Executive, to the spending affordability committee. He is currently president of the West Virginia State College National "W" Club. The National "W" club has donated approximately \$90,000 to the college for its support of athletics.

Mr. Bellinger is married and has three children.

Earl E. Jones

Commissioner

Earl E. Jones has served as the Commissioner of Federal Property Resources Service (FPRS) for the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) in Washington D.C., since April 1984.

FPRS is responsible for managing the nation's multimillion dollar program for the utilization and disposal of federal real estate, a program of multibillion dollar potential. Previously, Jones was the Assistant Commissioner of the FPRS, Office of Real Property, from 1979 to 1984. Until transfer of the function to the Department of Defense in 1988, Jones was also responsible for the management and administration of the nation's multibillion dollar stockpile of strategic and critical materials.

Jones joined GSA's real property office in 1962 as a realty trainee and served in a number of positions of progressive responsibility, including the deputy director of the eastern division from 1971 to 1976, and the director of the western division from 1976 to 1979.

A charter member of the senior executive service established in 1979, among many honors earned during his career, Jones received the Presidential Rank Award of Meritorious Executive in 1983 and the GSA Distinguished Service Award in 1984. Additionally, he was nominated in 1988 for the Presidential Rank Award of Distinguished Executive and in 1990 for the President's Volunteer Action Award. He is actively involved in promoting agencywide community-based volunteer programs, including GSA's adoption of the Prospect and Buchanan learning centers in Washington, D.C. in February 1988 under the partnership in Education Program, and the establishment of the GSA Agencywide Volunteer Service Corps in 1989. Also, he is a participant in the ongoing D.C. Committee on Public Education Project to Upgrade the Quality of Education and School Facilities in the District of Columbia.

A former Army captain, Jones graduated from West Virginia State College with a B.S. degree in business administration in 1955 and attended graduate school at the American University in Washington, D.C. He and his wife, Annetta, live in Columbia, Maryland. They have a daughter, Carmen Jones-Burke, two granddaughters, Kayla and Carena, and a grandson, Kiel, who also reside in Columbia, Maryland.

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. Robers
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
Mr. Vincent E. Reed

1982

Colonel (Ret) Grover A. DuBose
Colonel (Ret) James M. Garrison, Jr.
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Nelson R. Bickley

1983

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

1984

Brigadier General Joseph E. Turner (USAR)
Colonel 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 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 Herman H. Jones
Colonel 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 Edwin A. Wilkerson

1989

Colonel 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

PROFESSORS OF MILITARY SCIENCE

1942-1944

Lieutenant Colonel Payton Winlock

1944-1946

Lieutenant Colonel Benote H. Lee

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

1959-1964

Lieutenant Colonel Howard Hinkson

1964-1967

Lieutenant Colonel Joseph C. Hill

1967-1971

Lieutenant Colonel Marvin E. Billups

1971-1973

Lieutenant Colonel Louis J. Weil

1973-1974

Colonel Lawrence M. Sevy

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 Quewanncoi C. Stephens

1989

Lieutenant Colonel Willie C. Lucas

Alma Mater

Ernest Wade '30

Martha Spencer '31

There is a place we love so dear—
It's 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 daily 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.

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 rocket'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?