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Hall of Fame Ceremony

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1985
1:30 p.m.

AUDITORIUM OF HARRISON H. FERRELL BUILDING
WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE
INSTITUTE, WEST VIRGINIA

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, etc., Military Tactics was taught. The ROTC Department of West Virginia State College, as we now know it today, began shortly after with 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 in 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, a Senior ROTC Unit was established at West Virginia State 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 has, traditionally been an integral part of the College's existence since its founding.

PROGRAM

PRELUDE—Stars and Stripes Forever *John Phillip Sousa*

NATIONAL ANTHEM West Virginia State College Band
Michael R. Newman, Conductor

INVOCATION Terence L. Kizer
Second Lieutenant, West Virginia State College, Class of 1985

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS Quewanncoi C. Stephens
Lieutenant Colonel, Professor, Military Science

PRESENTATION OF INDUCTEES AND RESPONSE

Walter F. Johnson, Brigadier General
presented by Dallas C. Brown, Brigadier General (Retired)
Professor of History

Thomas E. Carter, Colonel
presented *in absentia* by Angie T. King, Professor Emeritus, WVSC
received by Floydelh Anderson, Professor of Education

Thomas D. Carter, Jr., Lieutenant Colonel (Retired)
presented by Ancella Bickley, Vice President for Academic Affairs

James L. Hill, Lieutenant Colonel (Retired)
presented by Thomas Cabbell, Associate Professor of Chemistry

MUSICAL SELECTION—Olympic Fanfare & Theme . . . *Newman-Williams*
West Virginia State College Band

ENCOMIA AND RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS . . . Thomas W. Cole, Jr.
President, West Virginia State College

ALMA MATER—

*Reception immediately following
Ferguson-Lincoln Reserve Officers Training Corps Building*

WALTER F. JOHNSON III

BRIGADIER GENERAL

General Walter F. Johnson, III was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Medical Service Corps at the time of his graduation from West Virginia State College in 1961. While at the College he pursued the B.S. degree in zoology, and was quite active in student affairs on campus. In 1972 he earned the M.A. degree in International Relations from the University of Missouri.

General Johnson attended the Officer's Basic Course and was initially assigned as Medical Platoon Leader, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. In 1963 he was reassigned to the 8th Medical Battalion, 8th Infantry Division in Germany. Following his return to the United States he attended the Army Medical Department Officer Advanced Course. Upon graduation he was assigned to Vietnam as Plans Officer, 44th Medical Brigade and concurrently held the same position in the 1st Logistical Command. In May of 1983 he was selected as the Executive Officer for the Army Surgeon General and later received an additional appointment as Chief of the Medical Service Corps.

Among his military citations and decorations are the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Expert Field Medical Badge and the Senior Parachutist Badge.

General Johnson and his wife, Doris, are parents of six children: Walter F., IV, Roxanne, Rhoda, Terrell, A. Jason, and Ian.

THOMAS E. CARTER

COLONEL

Colonel Thomas E. Carter is currently serving as Chief of Neurosurgery Service at Fitzsimons Army Medical Center in Aurora, Colorado. He was an honor graduate and Distinguished Military Student at West Virginia State College, receiving his B.S. degree in 1956. He has done further study at the University of Pittsburgh and earned the M.D. degree at West Virginia University.

After graduation from West Virginia State College Colonel Carter began his military service in the Regular Army as a second lieutenant assigned to the Field Artillery Officer Basic Training Course. He remained on active duty until September 13, 1960, when he entered the Active Reserves so that he might attend medical school. On September 30, 1964 he was honorably discharged from the Army.

After receiving his medical degree, Colonel Carter did his internship and several residencies at prestigious medical centers in the New York City area. He then entered the private practice of neurological surgery at Marina Del Ray, California.

On June 17, 1977 Colonel Carter reentered military service, being commissioned as a Major in the United States Air Force. In 1979 he entered active duty with the United States Army, being commissioned as a Lieutenant Colonel. Since that time he has served at the Fitzsimons Medical Center where he achieved the rank of Colonel in October, 1983, and was made chief of Neurosurgery in 1985.

THOMAS D. CARTER JR.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL, RETIRED

Thomas D. Carter, Jr., a distinguished military graduate of West Virginia State College Army ROTC in 1955, was born in Montgomery, West Virginia.

He served in the military from 1955-1973 with assignments in Nike Hercules Battery, Baltimore/Washington Defense (Command), Field Artillery Battery, 7th Infantry Division, Korea (Command), General Staff, Vietnam, Faculty, U.S. Army Command & General Staff College and Deputy Director, Missile Electronics Department, U.S. Army Air Defense School, Ft. Bliss, Texas. He received the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Award and the Army Commendation Medal.

He completed the Army's Command and General Staff College with honors, and was named to the Commandant's List for excellence in scholarship. His civilian education includes study for masters and doctorate degrees in Counseling and Educational Psychology. Presently, he serves as an independent living coordinator for the El Paso Opportunity Center for the Handicapped, as a lecturer for the Department of Leadership and Counseling at the University of Texas, El Paso, and is in private practice in family counseling. He has received special recognition as Kappa Alpha Psi Man of the Year (1977), Silhouette Civic and Social Club Father of the Year (1979), and Zeta Phi Beta Man of the Year (1980).

LTC Carter is married to the former Queen Banks, also a WVSC graduate. They are the parents of three sons, Thomas, Michael, and Mark. The latter two are currently serving as captains in the U.S. Army.

West Virginia State College is proud to induct Thomas D. Carter, Jr. into the 1985 ROTC Hall of Fame.

JAMES L. E. HILL

LIEUTENANT COLONEL, RETIRED

Lieutenant Colonel James L. E. Hill graduated from West Virginia State College in 1957 with a B.S. degree in Chemistry. A native West Virginian, he was a distinguished military graduate of the College's ROTC program and an active participant in student government activities.

While on active military duty LTC Hill attended the Field Artillery Officers' Basic Course at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, the Parachutist/Jumpmaster Courses at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, the Chemical Officers' Career Course at Fort McClellan, Alabama and the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, Virginia. He served as Commanding Officer of a Chemical Detachment in Korea and as an Assistant Professor and Assistant Dean of Academics at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.

His military awards include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the National Defense Service Medal, the Parachutist Badge, and the Explosive Ordinance Disposal Supervisor Badge.

LTC Hill holds the M.S. degree in Chemistry from Pennsylvania State University and the M.S. degree in Business Management from Central Michigan University. He is currently serving as Plant Manager of the Athens Plant of the Dupont Company in Athens, Georgia. He is married to the former Elaine Spears, a Charleston native and graduate of West Virginia State College. They have two sons, Everett and Jeffrey.

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.

	<i>Year Inducted</i>
Major General Edward Greer (Ret.)	1980
Major General Charles C. Rogers (Ret.)	1980
Major General Harvey D. Williams (Ret.)	1980
Brigadier General Dallas C. Brown (Ret.)	1980
Colonel George Peters (Ret.)	1981
Colonel Robert Peters (Ret.)	1981
Colonel Frank Bacon (USAR, Ret.)	1981
Doctor Vincent Reed	1981
Colonel Grover A. DuBose (Ret.)	1982
Colonel James M. Garrison (Ret.)	1982
Lieutenant Colonel Nelson R. Bickley (Ret.)	1982
Lieutenant Colonel Preston A. Davis (Ret.)	1983
Lieutenant Colonel Haywood H. Martin (Ret.)	1983
Lieutenant Colonel Robert L. Stephens, Jr.	1983
Colonel Joseph E. Turner (USAR)	1984
Colonel Charles E. Stokes, Jr.	1984
Lieutenant Colonel Richard V. White (Ret.)	1984
Lieutenant Colonel Howard L. Wilson (Ret.)	1984

PROFESSORS OF MILITARY SCIENCE

Lieutenant Colonel Payton Winlock	1942-1944
Lieutenant Colonel Benote H. Lee	1944-1946
Lieutenant Colonel Leon Lavoie	1946-1948
Lieutenant Colonel Charles H. Wesner	1948-1951
Lieutenant Colonel Orion Page	1951-1954
Major Robbin Washington	1954-1956
Lieutenant Colonel John Woodruff	1956-1958
Lieutenant Colonel Howard Bartholomew	1958-1959
Lieutenant Colonel Howard Hinkson	1959-1964
Lieutenant Colonel Joseph C. Hill	1964-1967
Lieutenant Colonel Marvin E. Billups	1967-1971
Lieutenant Colonel Louis J. Weil	1971-1973
Colonel Lawrence M. Sevdý	1973-1974
Lieutenant Colonel Stanley Goldsmith	1974-1976
Lieutenant Colonel Edward Robertson	1976-1979
Lieutenant Colonel Charles T. Ledbetter	1979-1983
Lieutenant Colonel Douglas W. Richmond	1983-1984
Lieutenant Colonel Quewanncoi C. Stephens	1984-