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Hall of Fame Ceremony

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1986
11:00 a.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
David Williams, Conductor

INVOCATION Vince D. Ross
Second Lieutenant, West Virginia State College, Class of 1986

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

PRESENTATION OF INDUCTEES AND RESPONSE

Paul H. Easley, Colonel (Retired), class of 1956
presented by Robert Easley, Manager of Security and Standards,
Charleston Job Corps Center

Roscoe A. Swann Jr., Colonel, class of 1957
presented by P. A. Williams, Professor of Music, (Retired)

John E. Baker, Lieutenant Colonel (Retired), class of 1956
presented by Floydelh Anderson, Professor of Education

James W. Hawkins, Jr., Major (Retired), class of 1963
presented by Robert E. Peters, Colonel (Retired)

MUSICAL SELECTION—
West Virginia State College Band

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

Special Presentation Quewanncoi C. Stephens

ALMA MATER—

PAUL H. EASLY SR.

COLONEL, RETIRED

Colonel (Ret.) Paul H. Easley, Sr., is a native of Charleston, West Virginia and a current resident of Atlanta, Georgia where he is the campus minister for Clark College.

Colonel Easley retired from the U.S. Army's Chaplain Corps with more than 23 years of total military service. He began his career as an enlistee and later was graduated from the U.S. Army Chaplain School, Command and General Staff College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

His chaplaincy assignments took him to Fort Chaffee AR, two tours in Korea, Fort Riley, Kansas, Fort Hamilton, New York, Vietnam, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas and the Presidio of San Francisco, California. He is the recipient of the Legion of Merit, two Bronze Stars, the Meritorious Service Medal, two Army Commendation Medals, and in 1974, was named Chaplain of the Year in Corrections in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

Colonel Easley earned his bachelor's degree at West Virginia State College in 1956. He also holds a bachelor of divinity from Gammon Theological Seminary, a master of theological service from the School of Theology in Denver, Colorado and a master of divinity from Interdenominational Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Georgia.

He has pastored several churches in the West Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church as well as in Atlanta, Georgia.

ROSCOE A. SWANN, JR.

COLONEL

Colonel Roscoe A. Swann, Jr., always has a good reason to return to his alma mater from which he was graduated in 1957. His wife, Raynina, is the daughter of the late Daniel L. Ferguson, a former professor at West Virginia State College, and one of the persons for whom the Ferguson-Lincoln Building is named.

Colonel Swann continued his education at Central Michigan University where he earned a master's degree, and at various military schools including the Armed Forces Staff College, and the Defense Intelligence College.

His military service as a field artillery and airborne officer took him to various posts around the U.S. and overseas including assignments in Vietnam, Korea, and Germany. He also had duty with the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the Pentagon.

Colonel Swann served as the Defense and Army Attache with the American Embassy in Lagos, Nigeria where he advised and assisted the U.S. Ambassador with military and political matters. As attache, he represented on various occasions the Secretary of Defense, Secretary of the Army, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency.

He is listed in "Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges," and "Outstanding Young Men of America." He holds a certificate of Appreciation from the Secretary of State for performance during the Iranian hostage crisis in 1981.

Colonel Swann's military honors include the Defense Superior Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star, and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, along with several other awards.

JOHN E. BAKER

LIEUTENANT COLONEL, RETIRED

An educator and former military intelligence specialist, Lieutenant Colonel John E. Baker currently is the newest member of the Albemarle County Board of Education, Charlottesville, Virginia.

Lieutenant Colonel Baker's career has spanned several years in which he has occupied high-level, decision-making, problem-solving positions both in the United States and overseas. He has directed scientists and engineers in the analysis of worldwide foreign scientific and technical intelligence regarding military systems, and served as liaison with the Department of Defense for the continual flow of foreign technical data.

He spent three years in Tokyo where he supervised 34 civilian and military scientists, engineers, and technicians in the exchange of technical information with foreign commercial developers, academicians, and senior military officers.

Lieutenant Colonel Baker also served as an artillery officer for seven years and led, trained, and supervised 700 personnel from a variety of socioeconomic and educational backgrounds. He is the recipient of nearly 100 letters of commendation of which more than 40 are from foreign countries.

A native of Buffalo, New York, Lieutenant Colonel Baker earned a bachelor's degree in 1954 from West Virginia State College, and later a master's from the University of Southern California.

JAMES W. HAWKINS, JR.

MAJOR, RETIRED

Traveling around the world and meeting various dignitaries are highlights of the military career of Major James W. Hawkins, Jr., a native of Charleston who was graduated from West Virginia State College in 1963.

A Distinguished Military Graduate of the College's ROTC program, Major Hawkins served with the 82nd Airborne Division and was a Green Beret. His military career took him to Okinawa, Thailand, Vietnam, Korea, and West Germany. While in Vietnam with a Medical Battalion, he was responsible for planning and coordinating medical support for 15,000 U.S. and Vietnamese troops.

Major Hawkins holds the Bronze Star, the Army Commendation Medal, the Vietnamese Honor Medal (First Class), Combat Medical Badge, Vietnamese Parachutist Badge, the Air Medal for sustained aerial flights in support of hostile operations, the Senior Parachutist Badge, and the Joint Service Commendation Medal.

While assigned to the U. S. Military Mission in Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa, as medical advisor to the Liberian Armed Forces, Major Hawkins interacted with numerous foreign dignitaries and African heads of state. Among those leaders were President William R. Tolbert of Liberia, Siaka Stevens of Sierra Leone, and Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia.

He also has service with the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Major Hawkins was instrumental in establishing the Washington, D.C. Chapter of the American Association for Affirmative Action.

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

1981

Colonel George Peters (Ret.)
Colonel Robert Peters (Ret.)
Colonel Frank Bacon (Ret.)
Colonel Vincent Reed (Ret.)

1982

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

1983

Lieutenant Colonel Preston A. Davis (Ret.)
Lieutenant Colonel Haywood H. Martin (Ret.)
Lieutenant Colonel (P) Robert S. Stephens, Jr.

1984

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

1985

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

John Jones

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 Quewanncioi C. Stephens	1984-