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# Hall of Fame Ceremony

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1989  
1:00 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

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

POSTING OF COLORS . . . . . ROTC Color Guard  
Fred White, Cadet Commander, Class of 1991

NATIONAL ANTHEM—

INVOCATION . . . . . Andre Smith  
Second Lieutenant, Class of 1989

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

PRESENTATION OF INDUCTEES AND RESPONSE—

Kenneth D. Gray, Colonel, Class of 1966  
presented by Daniel Bailey, Cadet Lieutenant Colonel

William P. Greene, Jr., Colonel, Class of 1965  
presented by Todd Dickerson, Cadet Major

Stephen S. Whisiker, Lieutenant Colonel (Retired), Class of 1954  
presented by Gary Williamson, Cadet Captain

John L. Whitehead, Lieutenant Colonel (Retired), Class of 1948  
presented by Rodney Johnson, Cadet Captain

MUSICAL SELECTION—Hear Me! Ye Winds and Waves! . . . *G. F. Handel*  
from *Scipio*  
Phillip Washington, *Baritone*  
Rodney Newhouse, *Piano*

RECOGNITION OF HONORED GUESTS—

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

ALMA MATER—

# KENNETH D. GRAY

## COLONEL, (P)

Colonel Kenneth D. Gray was born in Excelsior, West Virginia on April 27, 1944. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from West Virginia State College in 1966, and his law degree from West Virginia University in 1969. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1966 from ROTC and entered active duty with the Judge Advocate General's Corps in June 1969. Colonel Gray has completed the JAGC Basic Course, the Military Judge's Course, the JAGC Advanced Course, Command and General Staff College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Colonel Gray has served in extensive assignments in JAGC. His initial tour of duty was in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Fort Ord, California where he served as a defense counsel and legal assistance officer. He was then assigned to the Danang Support Command in Vietnam where he served in various assignments including part-time military judge, trial and defense counsel, legal assistance officer, deputy command judge advocate, and command judge advocate. After his tour in Vietnam, Colonel Gray was assigned to the Office of the Judge Advocate General as a Personnel Management Officer in the Personnel, Plans, and Training Office. After graduation from the JAGC Advanced Course, he served from 1975 to 1978 as an Instructor and Senior Instructor, Criminal Law Division, the Judge Advocate General's School, Charlottesville, Virginia. He then served as the Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, 1st Armored Division, Ansbach, Germany from 1978 to 1980. Upon completion of Command and General Staff College, he served as the Staff Judge Advocate, 2d Armored Division, Fort Hood, Texas from 1981 to 1984. Colonel Gray returned to the Office of the Judge Advocate General to serve as the Chief, Personnel, Plans, and Training Officer from 1984 to 1987. Following completion of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, he was assigned as Staff Judge Advocate, III Corps and Fort Hood in June 1988.

Colonel Gray's decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (2 OLC), the Army Commendation Medal, and the Army General Staff identification Badge. He is married to the former Carolyn Trice of Glen Jean, West Virginia. Mrs. Gray is also a 1966 graduate of West Virginia State College. They have two sons, Christopher and Michael.

Colonel Gray has been nominated by President Bush for promotion to Brigadier General. Senate confirmation is pending.

# WILLIAM P. GREENE, JR.

## COLONEL

Colonel William P. Greene, Jr. was born in Bluefield, West Virginia on July 27, 1943. A graduate of Fort Knox High School, Fort Knox, Kentucky, he entered West Virginia State College in 1961 and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science in 1965. He attended Howard University School of Law, Washington, D. C. and obtained his Law Degree in 1968. After passing the West Virginia Bar Exam, he entered active duty with the Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAGC) in October 1968. Colonel Greene has completed the JAGC Basic Course (1968), the JAGC Advanced Course (1974), Command and General Staff College (1981), the Military Judge's Course (1981), and the United States Army War College (1986).

Colonel Greene has served in broad and varied assignments on active duty. He began his extensive trial experience at Fort Knox, Kentucky, where he served as a criminal defense counsel and chief prosecutor. He was next assigned to the United States Army, Hawaii, where he served as the command's chief defense counsel for three years. After this tour in Hawaii, Colonel Greene attended the JAGC Advanced Course and decided upon making a career in the military. Upon graduating from the Advanced Course, he served for three years as the Judge Advocate General's chief recruiting officer. In this capacity, he was responsible for recruiting law school graduates for commissioning in the Judge Advocate General's Corps. He next served in Wurzburg, Germany as the Deputy Staff Judge Advocate of the 3d Infantry Division. This three year assignment was followed by his selection to attend the Command and General Staff College. Upon completion of school, he served as the Chief of the Criminal Law Instruction Division at the Judge Advocate General's School in Charlottesville, Virginia, from 1981 to 1984. He then returned to the field in 1984 to serve as the Staff Judge Advocate, 2d Infantry Division, Camp Casey, Korea. He was selected to attend the U. S. Army War College in 1985 and upon graduating in 1986 was assigned to his current assignment as the Staff Judge Advocate, West Point, New York.

Colonel Greene's military awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (2 OLC), and the Army Commendation Medal (1 OLC). He is married to the former Madeline Sinkford of Bluefield, West Virginia, and they have two sons, Bill and Jeffery.

# STEPHEN S. WHISIKER

## LIEUTENANT COLONEL, RETIRED

Lieutenant Colonel Stephen S. Whisiker is a 1954 ROTC graduate of West Virginia State College. After graduation, he entered active duty as a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery.

While on active duty, Lieutenant Colonel Whisiker attended the Field Artillery Basic and Advanced Courses. He also attended a myriad of professional courses that enhanced his professional development.

Lieutenant Colonel Whisiker has served his country proudly for over twenty years in the active Army. While on active duty, he had many significant assignments to include Chief, Technical Test Support, U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground, Yuma, Arizona; Combat duty as a Field Artillery Battalion Commander in the Republic of Vietnam; has served in various positions at the Field Artillery Battalion and Battery levels.

Lieutenant Colonel Whisiker's military honors include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (3), Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Armed Forces Reserves Medal (2), Overseas Bars (2), and the Meritorious Unit Citation.

Lieutenant Colonel Whisiker is currently a Program Manager, Nero and Associates, U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground, Yuma AZ—responsible for contract with the U.S. Army to provide Base Operations Support Services at the Yuma Proving Ground. Responsible for organizing all functional areas necessary to provide contracted services in Logistics and Facilities Engineers for the installation.

Lieutenant Colonel Whisiker and his wife Mary have three sons and two daughters. In his leisure time he enjoys doing home improvements and swimming.

# JOHN L. WHITEHEAD

## LIEUTENANT COLONEL, RETIRED

Lieutenant Colonel John L. Whitehead attended West Virginia State College for two years before entering the U.S. Army Air Corps for aviation cadet training. He received his wings and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in 1944. He then joined the 301st Fighter Squadron, 332nd Fighter Group.

Lieutenant Colonel Whitehead flew 19 combat missions with the famed "Red Tails" and returned to the United States in October 1945, and was stationed at Tuskegee Army Airfield. He was later transferred to Lockbourne Army Air Base. In 1947 Lieutenant Colonel Whitehead was separated from the service to again attend West Virginia State College. He graduated in 1948 with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering and was recalled to active duty later that year.

Upon integration of the services, he was assigned in 1949 to Williams Air Force Base, Arizona as the first Black jet pilot instructor in the United States Air Force. After holding various positions in the Air Force, in 1958 Lieutenant Colonel Whitehead became the first Black experimental test pilot in the Air Force.

In 1967, he was assigned as Chief of Quality Control Division for the 56th Special Operating Wing in South East Asia and flew combat missions in the C-47 aircraft. Prior to his retirement, he was assigned as the Group Commander of the Maintenance and Supply Group at Edwards Air Force Base. During his thirty (30) year career, he logged over 9,500 hours total time, with over 5,000 hours in jets. He has flown 40 different types of aircraft including fighters, bombers, and transports.

His citations include the Distinguished Flying Cross (5 OLC); Air Medal (7 OLC); Air Force Commendation Medal and Army Commendation Medal.

He is currently an electronics instructor at the American River College in Sacramento, CA. He is also a past president of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., a national organization for Tuskegee Airmen with chapters throughout the nation.

# 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  
Colonel (Ret) 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. Vallandigham  
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

# 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. Sevdv	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 Quewanncoii C. Stephens	1984-1989
Lieutenant Colonel Willie C. Lucas	1989-



# 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 'till 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 ever 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.

## The Star Spangled Banner

*Francis Scott Key*

O, 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, through the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming.  
And the rockets' red glare, the bomb bursting in air  
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.  
O, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.