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HOMECOMING CONVOCATION
AND
RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS
HALL OF FAME CEREMONY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1998
11:00 a.m.

P.A. Williams Auditorium
Harrison H. Ferrell Building
West Virginia State College

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE ROTC

The second Morrill Act of 1890 made training in agriculture and mechanical arts available to African-American citizens. Section four of the Morrill Act required military training as part of the curriculum. West Virginia responded on March 17, 1891 by enacting legislation to create a special land-grant institution for Blacks. 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.

Although not specifically included in the West Virginia Legislative Act, military training was conducted during the school's first year. The ROTC Department opened shortly after the establishment of a military corps in 1899. In 1915 West Virginia Colored Institute was renamed the West Virginia Collegiate Institute. It assumed its present name in 1929. Military training continued at the college from 1899 until the present with the exception of temporary suspensions from 1907-1916 and 1920-1942.

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 requiring instruction in mathematics, chemistry, French and English. The first college degrees were awarded in 1919.

Much of the credit for establishing the present Senior ROTC program goes to Mr. Daniel P. Lincoln and Professor Daniel L. Ferguson. Their success in conducting voluntary military training early in World War II kept alive the War Department's recognition of the college's desire to continue the ROTC program.

In 1942, LTC Payton Winlock established a Senior ROTC unit to provide instruction in Field Artillery. Artillery was taught until 1956 when the department was designated a General Military Science Program. Graduates could now be commissioned into any of the Army's eighteen branches of service.

With the 1954 Supreme Court decision, *Brown v. the Board of Education*, West Virginia State College was propelled from a small Black college to a racially integrated one. Program offerings expanded and new ones have developed as the College kept pace with the demands of students and the needs of the larger community. In 1970, the Military Science Department acquired elective status and ceased to be a mandatory program for all male students.

PROGRAM

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

PRELUDE: "An American in Paris" *George Gershwin*
The West Virginia State College Symphonic Band
Christopher S. Card, Director

POSTING OF COLORS ROTC COLOR GUARD

NATIONAL ANTHEM *Francis Scott Key*

INVOCATION Cadet SSG Christy Young

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS Raphael P. Deegan
Lieutenant Colonel, Field Artillery, Professor of Military Science

PRESENTATION OF INDUCTEES AND RESPONDENTS

John E. Barnette, Brigadier General, Class of '69
Presented by Cadet LTC Brett A. Beamesderfer, Cadet Commander

Ferguson B. Meadows, Jr., Lieutenant Colonel (Retired),
Class of '67
Presented by Cadet 1LT Sarah Persinger, Cadet Operations Officer

Francisco B. Newman, Jr., Lieutenant Colonel (Retired),
Class of '53
Presented by Cadet 1LT André Jones, Cadet Intelligence Officer

MUSICAL SELECTION: "Rhapsody in Blue" . *George Gershwin*
The West Virginia State College Symphonic Band

RECOGNITION OF HONORED GUESTS LTC Raphael P. Deegan

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

ALMA MATER *Spencer-Wade*

POSTLUDE: "God Bless the Child" *Arthur Herzog, Jr.*
and Billie Holliday
West Virginia State College Symphonic Band

Reception immediately following in Erickson Alumni Center

BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN E. BARNETTE

BG John E. Barnette, a native of Princeton, West Virginia, received his Bachelor of Science degree from West Virginia State College. He received his Doctorate degree in 1990 at West Virginia University. His military education includes the Infantry Officer Candidate School at the West Virginia Military Academy where he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant, Engineer, 4 July 1969.

In 1970, after graduating from the West Virginia Military Academy, General Barnette transferred to the Armor Branch and attended the Armor Officer Basic Course. His first assignment was platoon leader in troop L, 3/107th Armored Cavalry. In 1973, he was appointed as Troop Commander of Troop L, 3/107th Armored Cavalry. From 1975 through 1979, General Barnette was assigned as the Personnel Officer for the 1st squadron 150 Armored Cavalry, and in February 1979, he was appointed as the Operation Officer. In February 1981, General Barnette became the Adjutant for the 111th Engineer Group. He served in this position until October 1982 when he was reassigned to Headquarters West Virginia State Area Command as the Administrative Officer. From April 1985 through August 1987, General Barnette was selected to command the 1st squadron 150th Armored Cavalry. After this assignment, he was transferred to the West Virginia State Area Command at the position of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel. He served in that capacity until May 1993 when he was appointed Deputy STARC Commander, West Virginia Army National Guard. Effective 11 September 1995, Governor Gaston Caperton appointed him as the Assistant Adjutant General (Army).

General Barnette is affiliated with many civic groups such as: National Association of Mental Health Administrators, West Virginia Association of Mental Health Administrators (past president), Bream Memorial Presbyterian Church (session member), National Community Mental Healthcare Council, Mental Health Corporation of America (Chair, Executive Development Committee), American Society for Quality Control, Member of Phi Beta Kappa (Academic Honorary Society), and Member of Phi Delta Kappa (Educational Honorary Society).

Brigadier General Barnette's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (1st OLC), Army Commendation Medal (1st OLC), National Defense Medal Service Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (5th), Humanitarian Service Medal (2d), Armed Forces Reserve Medal (2d), Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon, West Virginia Meritorious Service Medal with Bronze Star, West Virginia Achievement Ribbon, West Virginia Emergency Service Medal with Oak

Leaf Cluster, West Virginia State Service Ribbon, West Virginia Service Ribbon with Four Oak Leaf Clusters, West Virginia Minuteman Award.

General Barnette is married to the former Karen Hill. They have two children, Scott and Aimee.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL (RETIRED) FERGUSON B. MEADOWS, JR.

LTC Ferguson B. Meadows, Jr., a native of Charleston, West Virginia, received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology with minors in Psychology and Philosophy. He continued his education by attending Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University where he received his Doctorate's degree. His military education includes the West Virginia Military Academy, Officer Candidate School; Armor Officer Basic; Armor Officer Advanced; Military Police Officer Basic; Command and General Staff College; and Nuclear, Biological, Chemical School.

From June 1962-1967 LTC Meadows was enlisted in the West Virginia Army National Guard rising to the rank of staff sergeant. In 1967, LTC Meadows entered the West Virginia Military Academy Officer Candidate Program where he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army. He was promoted to Captain while assigned as S-4, 1st squadron, 150th AC. While assigned as Commandant at Headquarters and Headquarters State Area Command (STAFAC), he was promoted to Major. In 1985 LTC Meadows was assigned as area officer, Selective Service System where he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel. He retired November 1992 while assigned as Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff Personnel, West Virginia State Area Command.

LTC Meadows is a member of the following associations: American Associate of Colleges of Teacher Education, American Counseling Association, Association for Counselor Education and Supervision, Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development, Phi Delta Kappa, National Association of Black School Educators, Ohio Association for Counselor Education and Supervision, Ohio Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development and Ohio School Counselor Association.

Some of his awards and recognitions include: Creative Contribution Award, 1991 Distinguished Educator of the Year, 1990 West Virginia State College Distinguished Alumni **Award, selected for Who's Who in Black America** (1985), and Ohio Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development Outstanding Service Award (1985).

LTC Meadows is currently the Associate Professor of Counseling and Human Development Services College and Graduate School of Education, Kent State University. He has authored over 30 articles, books and book chapters. He has made over 60 international, national and state presentations and has directed some 20 dissertations.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL (RETIRED) FRANCISCO B. NEWMAN, JR.

Lieutenant Colonel Francisco Newman, Junior, United States Army Retired, the eldest son of Francisco Beale Newman, Senior, and Lucille Willis Miller Newman was born in Charlottesville, Virginia, April 24, 1932. After graduating from Booker T. Washington High School, he began his studies at West Virginia State College where he graduated as a Distinguished Military Graduate with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education. He immediately entered the Field Artillery Branch as a Second Lieutenant and was assigned to Fort Sill, Oklahoma for artillery basic training. He later continued his education and received a Master of Science Degree in Educational Administration and Supervision at Virginia State University in 1988.

While at West Virginia State he was President of Men's Senate, a member of Alpha Zeta Chapter, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha, a member of the Mathematics Society, a member of the Scabbard and Blade and performed his duties as Cadet Major Operations Officer (S-3).

LTC Newman has been assigned in various command, staff, and training positions. Duties served were at: Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Fort Devens, Massachusetts; Fort Benning, Georgia; Fort Bliss, Texas; In Germany he was assigned as Director of Logistics; he served as Battalion Commander at the Port of Bremerhaven, Vietnam, 1969, 6th/84th Artillery Battalion (155mm Howitzer); An Khe/Central Highlands, and Fort Lee, Virginia where he retired in June 1974 after twenty-one years of regular military service. While he was at Fort Lee he studied at the Army Logistics Management Center, and Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne, Florida in addition to his regular military duties. In July 1974, LTC Newman began teaching at John Marshall High School in Richmond, Virginia as the Senior Army Instructor (JROTC).

In August of 1980, LTC Newman transferred to Franklin Military High School in Richmond, Virginia teaching mathematics, and serving as Math Department Team Leader. School year 1998-1999 will be LTC Newman's nineteenth year at Franklin Military High School.

LTC Newman participates in the following community activities: Richmond Education Association; Virginia Education Association; National Education Association; Richmond Urban League; Astoria Beneficial Club, Inc; Beta Gamma Lambda Chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; Military Order of World Wars; Richmond/Central Virginia Chapter WVSC Alumni Association; Fulton Civic Association and National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

LTC Francisco Newman is presently a mathematics teacher at Franklin Military High School, Richmond, Virginia. He was married to Thelma Lorraine Moats and from that union is a son Francisco Beale Newman, III, who attended West Virginia State College and a daughter, Cleriece C. Newman Pressley, who is a graduate of West Virginia State College. His adopted daughters are: Marilyn Renee Henry Tiller and Lawanna Pearl Reff Meriweather. He has two grandsons, Marshall Lee Pressley and Alphonzo Meriweather, III.

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

1971-19-74

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 Qewanncoii C. Stephens

1989-1993

Lieutenant Colonel Willie C. Lucas

1993-1996

Lieutenant Colonel Herbert E. Lattimore

1996-

Lieutenant Colonel Raphael P. Deegan

ROTC HALL OF FAME

The West Virginia State College ROTC Hall of Fame was created to recognize the accomplishments of its graduates who have excelled in their chosen fields. Previous inductees include:

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

1983

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

1984

Major General Joseph E. TurnerUSAR (Ret)
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

Lieutenant 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 E. 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

1993

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Ronald H. Poole
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Rodney I. McCormick*
First Lieutenant (Ret) Beny J. Primm, M.D.
Dr. Thomas D. Boston

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
Captain John Willis Hill Gravely
First Lieutenant Herbert Henderson
First Lieutenant Edward Scott

1996

Lieutenant Colonel Lew G. Tyree
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Edward T. Haggins
Major Jeff Chandler Woods
Captain A. Dayton Carpenter

1997

Brigadier General Earl M. Simms
Lieutenant Colonel Carolyn L. Maddox
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Clifford Hill
Captain Jerry L. Hatcher

1998

Brigadier General John E. Barnette
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Ferguson B. Meadows
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Francisco B. Newman

* Deceased

ROTC HALL OF FAME HONORARY MEMBERS

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1982

Dr. William J. L. Wallace*
Dr. Prince A. Williams*

1995

Mrs. Sidney Taylor Brown

1992

Brigadier General Roscoe Cartwright
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Samuel Kelly
Dr. John W. Davis*
Mr. James Evans

* 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.

