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HALL OF FAME CEREMONY

**FRIDAY, 14 OCTOBER, 2005
11 A.M.**

DAVIS FINE ARTS AUDITORIUM

Historical Sketch of West Virginia State University 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 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 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.

2005 Fall Program

LTC George A. Nelson, Presiding
Professor of Military Science, WVSU ROTC Yellow Jacket Battalion

PRELUDE: "You Raise Me Up"arr. Doug Adams
The West Virginia State University Marching Band
Jim Florkevich, Director

ARRIVAL OF OFFICIAL PARTY LTC George A. Nelson

POSTING OF COLORS WVSU ROTC Color Guard

NATIONAL ANTHEM Francis Scott Key

INVOCATION The Reverend James D. Ealy, Sr.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTORY REMARKS LTC George A. Nelson
Lieutenant Colonel
Air Defense, Professor of Military Science

PRESENTATION OF INDUCTEES

- Tom Adams, Jr., Colonel (Retired), Class of '55 *Presented by Cadet Major Adrian L. Nelson*
- Francis E. Crawford, Jr., Lieutenant Colonel (Retired), Class of '55 *Presented by Cadet Tommy Holley*
- Roscoe D. Crawford, Lieutenant Colonel (Retired), Class of '57 *Presented by Cadet Staff Sergeant Robert A. Hamilton*
- Thomas L. Jones, Lieutenant Colonel (Retired), Class of '74 *Presented by Cadet Staff Sergeant Brian Werhle*

MUSICAL SELECTION: "God Bless America" arr. Jay Bocook
The West Virginia State University Marching Band

RECOGNITION OF HONORED GUESTS LTC George A. Nelson

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

ALMA MATER *Spencer-Wade*

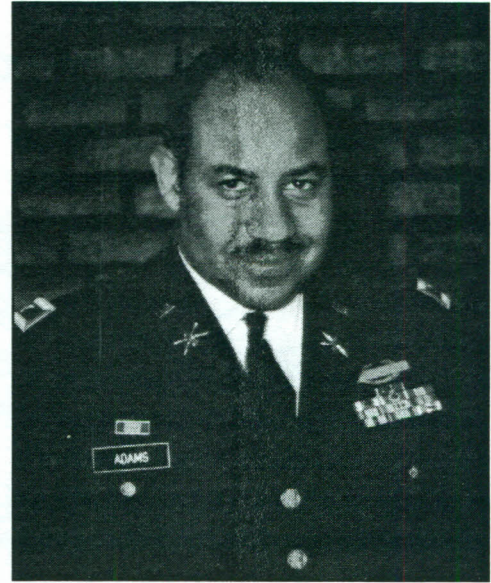
ARMY SONG & RECESSIONAL OF OFFICIAL PARTY

POSTLUDE: "God Bless the USA" arr. Mike Sweeney
West Virginia State University Marching Band

Colonel (Retired) Tom Adams, Jr.

Col. Tom Adams was born 15 August 1933 in Killarney, West Virginia. A graduate of Stratton High School in Beckley, West Virginia; Col. Adams received a Bachelor of Science degree in General Science from West Virginia State College in 1955 and a Master of Public Policy and Administration degree from Jackson State University.

He was commissioned as a distinguished graduate through Army ROTC. Col. Adams entered the Army on August 16th, 1955 at Fort Bliss, Texas. Stationed at Fort Bliss until 1959, he was assigned to the 1st Guided Missile Brigade and took the Anti-aircraft Artillery Officer's Basic and Intermediate Courses. Assigned to Germany from 1959 to 1962, he served as a platoon leader, and later as battery executive officer and battery commander, with the 5th Missile Battalion, 1st Artillery.



Assigned to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, in 1962, Col. Adams took the Artillery Officer's Advanced Course. He served with the 2d Battalion, 32d Artillery, Fort Sill, Oklahoma from 1963 to 1964 (Battery CDR, BN S-4 and Post Enlistment OFF). From 1964 to 1965, he served as a Province Advisor and Artillery Advisor to the 72d ARVN Division, Republic of Vietnam, at battalion and division levels. Upon his return to the United States in 1965, he became chief of the Supply and Transportation Division, 1st Region ARADCOM, Fort Totten, New York until 1967.

Col. Adams served as a logistics advisor with the Korean Military Advisory Group, Teague, Korea from 1967 to 1969. In 1969, he was then assigned as Deputy Senior Advisor, and later a Senior Advisor with the U.S. Army Advisor Group, U.S. Army Reserves, Indiana. He completed the Command and General Staff College Course. Reassigned to Vietnam in August 1972, he was Chief of Personnel and Administration, U.S. Army Support Element, Military Region 4, Can Tho, until March 1973.

From 1973 to 1975, Col. Adams was Chief of the Missile Electronics and Control Systems Division, U.S. Air Defense School, Fort Bliss, Texas. Appointed a Professor of Military Science at Jackson State University in 1975, he remained and served in that position until June 1979. He then served as Inspector General, HQ, TECOM, APG, MD from 1982 to March 1985. Col. Adams became the DPCA, USAAPGISA in March 1985 and served until retirement.

His decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star (with two oak leaf clusters), the Meritorious Service Medal (with two oak leaf clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (with an oak leaf cluster) the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medals (Korea), the Vietnam Service and Campaign Medals, Overseas Service Ribbon, and the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross (Unit).

Since his retirement in 1989, Col. Adams has been working as a Tax Professional for H&R Block. He holds the title of Enrolled Agent, EA, and is currently authorized to practice income tax matters before the Internal Revenue Service, Department of Treasury. Col. Adams has a wife, Dorothy, and they have two sons, Tom III and John, and a daughter Kelly Adams-Tate.

LTC (Retired) Francis E. Crawford, Jr.

Lieutenant Colonel Francis E. Crawford, Jr. was born and raised in Hinton, West Virginia. He graduated from Lincoln High School at Hinton in 1951. He graduated in 1955 from West Virginia State College with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics and Physics. He received his commission through the Field Artillery Reserve Officer Training Corps Program as a Second Lieutenant in the Army in November 1955. While at WVSC, was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

LTC Crawford's military training included the Field Artillery Officers Basic Course; the Air Defense Artillery Advance Course; and Air Defense Surface to Air Missile Maintenance Officers Courses.



During his career, LTC Crawford was assigned to tactically deployed Air Defense units in the United States and Europe, served a combat tour in Vietnam, and performed duties as Chief U.S. Operations and Training Branch, G3, Eighth U.S. Army in Korea.

LTC Crawford retired from military service January 1976, after which he worked for the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Agency as a Test Planner for Operational Testing of newly Deploying Tactical Systems. Later, he was a Budget Analyst for the U.S. Army Material Command.

LTC Crawford is married to his wife of 50 years, Helen, who is part of the Class of 1950 from West Virginia State College. They have three sons and three granddaughters.

LTC Crawford is a member of Alfred Street Baptist Church in Alexandria, Virginia. He serves in the Deacons Ministry and Christian Education Ministry.

LTC (Retired) Roscoe D. Crawford

Lieutenant Colonel Roscoe Crawford was born in Hinton, West Virginia and graduated from Lincoln High School. He later graduated from West Virginia State College in 1957 and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army in the final year of the Field Artillery ROTC program. In LTC Crawford's family history, several of his family had graduated from West Virginia State College; his grandfather graduated from the institution when it was named West Virginia Colored Institute.

LTC Crawford had majored in Mathematics, was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and a member of the Sigma Delta Pi Spanish Honor Society.



He served in Germany, where he commanded a Howitzer Battery and served in several staff positions, including the VII Corps Artillery Special Weapons Inspection Team. In Korea he served as the Executive Officer of an I corps 8-inch howitzer battalion. In Vietnam, he was an Operations Officer in the 25th Infantry Division Artillery Fire Direction Center and Operations Officer (S3) of a direct support Artillery Battalion. In Okinawa, Japan he served as Deputy Inspector General for the U.S. Army Base Command.

His stateside assignments included various Army Air Defense Missile Organizations, the commander of Basic Training Units, and a Combat Arms faculty member of the U.S. Army Chaplain School.

LTC Crawford's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, The Bronze Star (2nd OLC), the Air Medal (4th Award), and the Army Commendation Medal (2nd OLC).

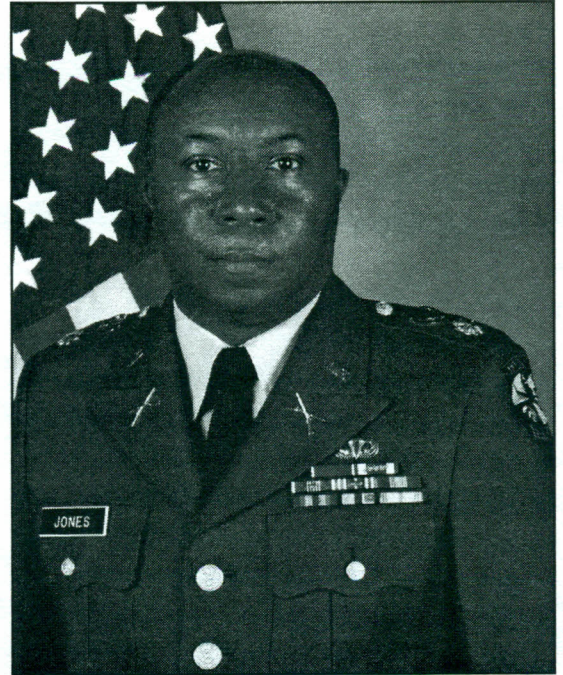
Subsequent to his military career, he completed a second 20-year career with the Washington Post newspaper as a Human Resources Manager and internal consultant to the Production Department management staff.

LTC Crawford lives with his wife, Janice, in Annandale, Virginia. He has three adult children, one grandchild and one adult stepson.

LTC (Retired) Thomas Lee Jones

Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Lee Jones is a 1970 graduate of Pemberton Township High School in New Jersey. A native of Cleveland, Ohio, he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from West Virginia State College in 1974. He later received a Master of Science degree in Administration from Central Michigan University in 2002.

While attending West Virginia State College, he was a member of the Senior Reserve Officers Training Corps. He was Company Commander of the Pershing Rifle Team and a member of Scabbard and Blade. He also participated on the college's track teams. His events included the two-mile relay, one-mile relay, 440 yard relay, sprint medley relay and 440 yard dash. He also ran the 880 yard dash in under one minute and fifty-five seconds, and the 440 yard dash in under forty-nine seconds, both which were outstanding times during his era. As a sophomore, he served as the teams' co-captain and also as a member of the All Conference track team in 1973-1974. He was also Senior Class President in 1974.



After receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree, LTC Jones was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry in the United States Army from West Virginia State College. He faithfully served more than 20 years of military service, which included four tours in Korea. During his military service, LTC Jones received numerous medals and awards, including the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, and the Army Commendation Medal.

LTC Jones retired from Active Duty in 1995 and began a teaching career. He served as a teacher and head boys track coach at Marietta Middle School (GA).

In January 2000, LTC Jones accepted the Senior Army Instructor position at Spencer High School, Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC), Muscogee County School District (GA). He has been instrumental in increasing the enrollment of the school's program by fifty percent (from 105 to 216). Recently, under LTC Jones' leadership, Spencer High School's JROTC program was recognized as having the highest Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery scores of the eight high schools in the school district.

LTC Jones has been involved in various community, civic, and religious activities and has been recognized for his contributions. Honors include: 2002 inductee into the Pemberton Township School District Hall of Fame; Who's Who Among America's Teachers (2002) and 2002 Student-Teacher Achievement Recognition (STAR) recipient. In 2003, he was inducted into the West Virginia State University Sports Hall of Fame. In the 2004-2005 school year, he was listed in Who's Who Among Teachers in America. In 2005, he received an award as one of the top ten teachers in Spencer High School.

LTC Jones and his wife, Constance, have two children. Alexis is a senior at Case Western Reserve University (OH), and Marcel is a second year student at Columbus Technical College (GA).

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 Edward D. Hinkson
1963-1967	Lieutenant Colonel Joseph C. Hill
1967-1969	Lieutenant Colonel Marvin E. Billups
1969-1971	Lieutenant Colonel Louis J. Weil
1971-1974	Colonel Lawrence M. Sevdý
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
1989-1993	Lieutenant Colonel Willie C. Lucas
1993-1996	Lieutenant Colonel Herbert E. Lattimore
1996-1999	Lieutenant Colonel Raphael P. Deegan
1999-2000	Lieutenant Colonel Robert T. Kleppinger
2000-2003	Lieutenant Colonel John M. Horn, Sr.
2003-Present	Lieutenant Colonel George A. Nelson

ROTC HALL OF FAME

The West Virginia State University 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

Brigadier General (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
Dr. William J.L. Wallace (H*)
Dr. Prince A. Williams (H*)

1983

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

1984

Major General Joseph E. Turner USAR (Ret.)
Colonel (Ret.) Charles E. Stokes, Jr.
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Richard V. White
Lieutenant Colonel 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 (Ret.) Kenneth D. Gray
Colonel William P. Greene, Jr.
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Stephen S. Whisiker*
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) John L. Whitehead*

1990

Brigadier General (Ret.) James W. Monroe
Brigadier General (Ret.) Jack Yeager
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Acie McGhee, Jr.
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Ronald E. McLeod
Colonel (Ret.) George S. Roberts (Posthumous)*

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

1993

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

1994

Colonel Frankie D. Hoskey
Brigadier General(P) Terry L. Tucker
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Lazelle Free, Sr.
Major (Ret.) George L. Rich, Jr.

*Deceased

ROTC HALL OF FAME

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1995

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Keith Sovine
Captain John Willis Hill Gravely
First Lieutenant Herbert Henderson
First Lieutenant Edward Scott
Sidney Taylor Brown

1996

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

1997

Brigadier (Ret.) 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*
LTC (Ret.) Fransciso B. Newman

1999

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) John F. Hailey*
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Herbert L. Lawrence
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Charles E. Wilson
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Frank E. Duncan
Lieutenant Colonel Timothy A. Boyles (Posthumous)*

2000

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Howard G. Hicks, Jr.
Colonel (Ret.) Cardell S. Hunter
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Frederick C. Franklin
Major (Ret.) Charles S. Corprew, Jr.

2001

Justice Leander J. Shaw, Jr.
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Osborne E. Reaves
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Robert H. Meggison
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Len O. Witcher

2002

Colonel Terry L. Melton
Lieutenant Colonel Edward E.
Dickerson
Major (Ret) Stephen T. Reaves
Judge Booker T. Stephens (H)
Judge Herman G. Canady (H)
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Charles
T. Ledbetter (H)
Colonel David G. Shaddrix (H)

2003

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Jesse L. Haynes
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Clarence O. Hill
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Harvey C. Johnson
Major (Ret) Mexion O. Prewitt (Posthumous)*

2004

Colonel (Ret) Theodore A. Crawford
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Francis V. Wilson
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Albert W. Powell
Lieutenant Colonel Charles W. Marshall

2005

Colonel (Ret) Tom Adams, Jr.
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Francis E. Crawford, Jr.
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Roscoe D. Crawford
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Thomas L. Jones

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ROTC HALL OF FAME

HONORARY MEMBERS

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1982

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

1992

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

1995

Mrs. Sidney Taylor Brown

2002

Judge Booker T. Stephens
Judge Herman G. Canady
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Charles T. Ledbetter
Colonel David G. Shaddrix

*Deceased

West Virginia State University ROTC 14 Decorated General Officers

Major General (Ret) Kenneth D. Gray.....	1966
Major General (Ret) Edward Greer	1948
Major General (Ret) James W. Monroe	1963
Major General (Ret) Charles C. Rogers*	1951
Major General Terry L. Tucker	1972
Major General (Ret) Joseph E. Turner.....	1961
Major General (Ret) Harvey D. Williams.....	1950
Brigadier General (Ret) Frank C. Bacon*	1951
Brigadier General John E. Barnette	1969
Brigadier General (Ret) Dallas C. Brown.....	1954
Brigadier General (Ret) Walter F. Johnson, III.....	1961
Brigadier General (Ret) Earl M. Simms	1968
Brigadier General (Ret) Robert L. Stephens.....	1962
Brigadier General (Ret) Jack Yeager.....	1965

*Deceased

THE ARMY SONG

First to fight for the right, And to build the Nation's might,

And The Army Goes Rolling Along

Proud of all we have done, Fighting till the battle's won,

And the Army Goes Rolling Along.

Then it's Hi! Hi! Hey! The Army's on its way.

Count off the cadence loud and strong

(TWO! THREE!) For where e'er we go, You will always know

That the Army Goes Rolling Along.

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,

What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming?

Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,

O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming?

And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,

Gave proof thro' 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?

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.



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