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# Homecoming Convocation

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*Reserve Officer Training Corps*  
**Hall of Fame Ceremony**

**Friday, October 12, 2007**

**11 a.m.**

**F. S. Belcher Theatre**  
John W. Davis Fine Arts Building





# 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. In 1929, the college changed its name to West Virginia State College. In 2004, the college received university status and was renamed West Virginia State University. 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.

# 2007 Fall Program

LTC Steve D. Thomas, Presiding  
Professor of Military Science, WVSU ROTC Yellow Jacket Battalion

PRELUDE: "America the Beautiful" .....by S.A.Ward/arr. by Ralph Ford  
The West Virginia State University Marching Band  
Scott Woodard, Director

ARRIVAL OF OFFICIAL PARTY ..... LTC STEVE D.THOMAS

POSTING OF COLORS .....WVSU ROTC COLOR GUARD

NATIONAL ANTHEM ..... by F. S. Key/arr. by B. Moffitt

INVOCATION .....CADET MICHAEL H.WEBB

WELCOME & INTRODUCTORY REMARKS ..... LTC STEVE D.THOMAS  
Lieutenant Colonel  
Field Artillery, Professor of Military Science

PRESENTATION OF INDUCTEES AND RESPONDENTS

James J. Braxton, Sr., Colonel, (Retired), Class of '82'

*Presented by Cadet Dominique L. Logan*

Tyra Y.White, Lieutenant Colonel, Class of '81

*Presented by Cadet Alexander Chiang*

Vince D. Ross, Lieutenant Colonel, Class of '86

*Presented by Cadet Dirk L.Toombs*

Peter S. Ridley, Captain (Posthumous), Class of '60

*Presented by Cadet Brittani L. Chambers*

MUSICAL SELECTION: Selections from "God Bless America" .....by I. Berlin/arr. By J. Bocook  
The West Virginia State University Marching Band

RECOGNITION OF HONORED GUESTS..... LTC Steve D.Thomas

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

ALMA MATER .....*Spencer-Wade*

ARMY SONG & RECESSIONAL OF OFFICIAL PARTY

POSTLUDE:"Battle Hymn of the Republic" .....by J.W. Howe/arr. By F. Cofield  
West Virginia State University Marching Band

# Colonel (Retired) James J. Braxton, Sr.

Colonel James J. Braxton was born in Brooklyn and raised in Jamaica, Queens, New York where he attended Bayside High School. At the age of seventeen, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. His first assignment was aboard the USS Noxubee as a ship's storekeeper. He was discharged from active duty naval service in April of 1974.

In 1982, James Braxton graduated from West Virginia State College and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery branch. While in the military, Colonel Braxton held the following specialties: PATRIOT Missile, Quartermaster, Contracting, and Military Police Officer. His Army duties include: Maintenance and Fire Control Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, Company Commander, Battalion Logistics Officer, and Command Provost Marshall.

Colonel Braxton spent 14+ years on active duty with the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Army, inclusive. He is currently serving in the U.S. Army Reserves as a mobilized U.S. Army Reservist, holding the rank of Colonel. His current position is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Command Provost Marshall (Director, Force Protection/Antiterrorism, Physical Security, and Law Enforcement). He is the principal agent responsible to the Commander (Lieutenant General) for all security. Previous positions include: Comptroller, G8 for the 80<sup>th</sup> Division (Institutional Training), Brigade Executive Officer, Battalion Commander, Battalion Executive Officer, and Brigade Logistics Officer. He has a total of 29 years of active and reserve military, inclusive.

Military decorations include: Meritorious Service Medal, Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal, 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal, Oak Leaf Cluster, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, National Defense Service Medal, w/Bronze Star, Army Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal; Overseas Service Ribbon (2); Parachutist Badge, and Rigger Badge.

As a civilian, he holds the position of Chief of the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) office, Humphrey Engineer Center Support Activity, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers located in Washington, D.C. and Alexandria, Virginia. Colonel Braxton has a total of 14 years of Federal government service, serving in a variety of positions.

Colonel Braxton's educational experience includes: Associate Degree in Banking and Finance from West Virginia State College, as well as a Bachelors of Science Degree in Business, a Masters of Science Degree in Administration from Central Michigan University, US Army Command and General Staff College, US Department of Agriculture's Graduate School Executive Potential Program for Senior-Level Employees. He is currently attending the University of Phoenix, PHD program in Leadership and Organizational Design.

He currently resides in Fredericksburg, Virginia. He is married to his wonderful wife, Linda, and they have a son, a daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren.

# LTC Tyra Yvette White

Lieutenant Colonel Tyra Yvette White is a native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. LTC White graduated in 1977 from the Immaculate High School located in Detroit, Michigan. She was also a member of Xinos during the years of 1975 to 1977. Xinos is a community organization sponsored by the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa Inc. The organization's goal was to empower women in the area of business. She earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from West Virginia State University in 1981. White later received an MBA with Honors-Cum Laude from Touro University International in 2006.

During the course of her stay at West Virginia State University, she was a member of the Senior Reserve Officer Training Corps, where she obtained recognition as Miss Company C. Tyra is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority as the Dean of Pledges. She also received the honor of being Miss Senior in 1981.

After receiving her Bachelor of Science degree, White was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Military Police Corp through the West Virginia State University ROTC program. She attended MP Officer Basic Course, MP Officer Advanced Course, Command and Staff College (CAS<sup>3</sup>), Command and General Staff College (CGSC), and numerous other military courses.

LTC White proudly gave more than 20 years of military service, which included one tour in Germany. While in service, she received numerous medals and awards including Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal with Three Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, a Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, and Oversea Service Ribbon.

In 1992, LTC White transferred from Active Duty to the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR). In 1993, she later joined the Michigan National Guard. Also in that same year, she began a career in Law Enforcement as a member of Detroit Metropolitan Police Department. There she served ten years with the Detroit Police Department while she was assigned to duties at the Army National Guard Bureau in Arlington, Virginia.

White has been involved in several community, civic, and religious activities where she has been recognized for her outstanding contributions. She was a T-Ball coach for the Detroit Police Athletic League (PAL). White volunteered for the Crossroads Young Marines located in Quantico, Virginia. She is also a member of the Knights of Peter Claver, a member of the Ladies Auxiliary Court 167. LTC White has been a faithful member of St Cecilia Catholic Church in Detroit, Michigan from 1983 to the present.

LTC White is currently assigned to the Pentagon in Washington, DC. She has one daughter, Tiffany, who is currently a sophomore at Massanutten Military Academy in Virginia.

# LTC Vince D. Ross

Lieutenant Colonel Vince D. Ross is a 1986 Distinguished Military Graduate from the West Virginia State College ROTC program. Upon commissioning and graduation, he remained at West Virginia State, where he served as a Gold Bar Recruiter from 1 June through October 1986. Lieutenant Colonel Ross holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from West Virginia State College and a Master of Arts Degree in Human Resources from Webster University.

Ross completed the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course and was later assigned as the Executive Officer of Battery C, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 33<sup>rd</sup> Field Artillery of the US Army Field Artillery Training Center. After approximately 24 months as Battery Executive officer, his Battalion Commander made a controversial decision, with the approval of the installation Commanding General, to put First Lieutenant Ross in command of that same battery, though he had not attended the Field Artillery Advanced Course and had only three years of service. In September, 1989 First Lieutenant Ross assumed Command of Battery C, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 33<sup>rd</sup> Field Artillery.

After his command assignment, then Captain Ross completed the Field Artillery Officer Advanced Course and was assigned to Second Infantry Division, Headquarters Command Group where he served as the Assistant Secretary to the General Staff and Chief of Protocol for the Commanding General of Second Infantry Division, Camp Casey, South Korea. After eight months in Korea, Captain Ross received a compassionate reassignment to Ft. Hamilton, New York. He was assigned as the installation Chief of Plans, Training, and Security, for New York Area Command and Ft. Hamilton. After approximately a year in the assignment, Captain Ross moved to St. John's University, Jamaica, New York, where he served as an Assistant Professor of Military Science.

In 1996, Captain Ross was selected for promotion to Major. He was transferred to the Adjutant General Corps and was assigned as Battalion Operations Officer and Later Battalion Executive Officer of the New York City Recruiting Battalion. Following a tour in New York, he was reassigned to Fort Knox, Kentucky, where he served as the Chief of Military Personnel Division for the Midwestern Regional Third Recruiting Brigade.

After being selected for promotion to Lieutenant Colonel, he was then reassigned as the Director, Theater Army Personnel Operations Directorate at First Personnel Command, The Theater Human Resources Command for Europe. As Director, Lieutenant Colonel Ross was responsible for guiding the command through personnel transformation along with other critical personnel functions in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. He served as the command's point person for the theater Rest & Recuperation Program and also as the training manager for all personnel support operations of units rotating through Bosnia and Kosovo.

His twenty-year career has led to service throughout the United States, Germany, Korea, and Kuwait.

He is married to the Former Lorraine Wallace of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and they have twin sons, Marcellus and Dawson.

# Captain Peter Stapleton Ridley, Jr. (Posthumous)

Captain Peter Stapleton Ridley, Jr. was a native of Washington, D.C. He was born September 12, 1939, the only son of The Honorable Peter S. Ridley, Sr. and Mrs. Virginia Pair Ridley. Peter S. Ridley, Jr. was educated in the public schools of the District of Columbia.

Peter was accepted for enrollment at West Virginia State College in the fall of 1956, where he majored in Business Administration. He was an active member of the Student Council, Spanish Club, Basileus (President) of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity (Theta Psi Chapter), a member of the Pan-Hellenic Council, Prillerman Hall Council, and Commander of The Pershing Rifle Corps. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree and accepted his Commission as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the United States Army in June 1960, serving with distinction and rising to the rank of Captain.

During the period of his military career, from 1960 to 1967, he served as Company Commander and Battalion Executive Officer with the 7<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Battalion in Heidelberg, Germany. After his tour in Germany, he was sent to the Foreign Language School in Monterey, California where he learned Vietnamese, graduating with high honors. Pete was assigned as a Military Advisor to the South Vietnamese Infantry in Ben Tre, Vietnam. During his tour in Vietnam, he was awarded the Army Commendation Medal, the Bronze Star, and the Vietnamese Service Medal.

Following Captain Ridley's tour of active duty with the U.S. Army, he returned to civilian life in Washington, D.C. to pursue a degree in Law. He was accepted and enrolled in the Washington College of Law at the American University Law School, earning the Degree of Juris Doctor. He was listed in **Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities**". He also received the **John Sherman Myers Achievement Award for Community Service** from the Student Bar Association of American University. In 1970, Peter was admitted to the Bar of the District of Columbia and entered into private practice of Law. Peter was also admitted as a member to the Bar of the D.C. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, and The United States Supreme Court. Peter served on the Advisory Commission for the Codification of the D.C. Municipal Code and was counsel to the National Rifle Association. His community work encompassed his church, Northeastern Presbyterian, the Brookland Civic Association, the NAACP, the Urban League, and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.



# 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. 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 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.
2003-2006	Lieutenant Colonel George A. Nelson
2006-Present	Lieutenant Colonel Steve D. Thomas

# 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. Inductees include:

## 1980

Major General 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 (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 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  
Mr. Earl E. Jones

## 1992

Colonel (Ret) James A. 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\*  
Beny J. Primm, M.D.  
Dr. Thomas D. Boston

## 1994

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

# ROTC Hall of Fame Continued

## 1995

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

## 1996

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

## 1997

Brigadier General (Ret) 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) Franciso 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 (Ret) 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

## 2006

Lieutenant Colonel Charles P. McCormick  
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Clarence "CJ" Jackson  
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Willard O. Jasper  
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Michael A. White

## 2007

Colonel (Ret.) James J. Braxton, Sr.  
Lieutenant Colonel Tyra Y. White  
Lieutenant Colonel Vince D. Ross  
Captain Peter S. Ridley, Jr. (Posthumous)\*

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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

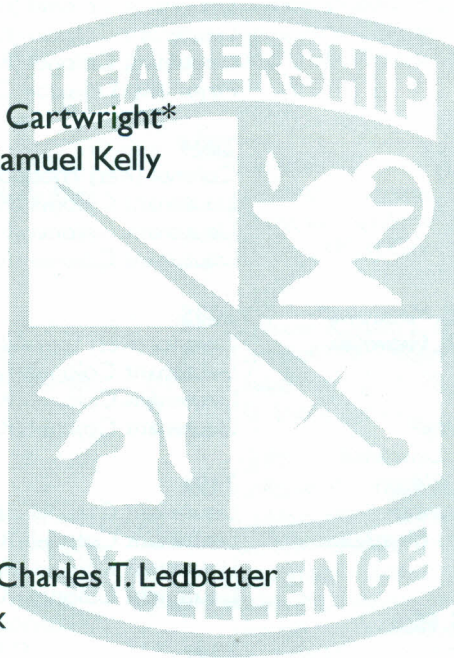
### 2002

Judge Booker T. Stephens

Judge Herman G. Canady

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Charles T. Ledbetter

Colonel David G. Shaddrix



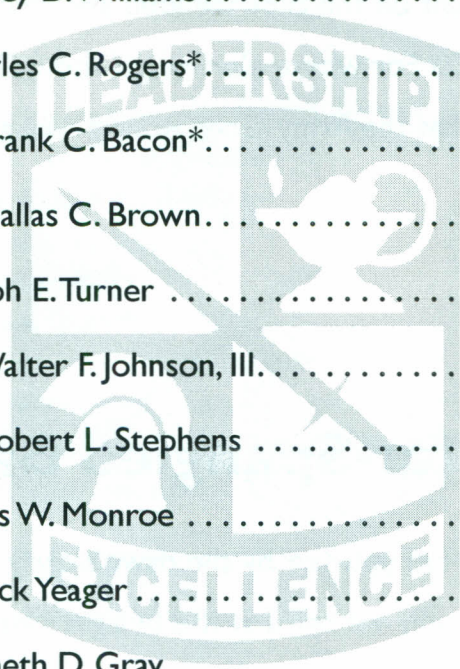
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# West Virginia State University Army ROTC

## 14 Decorated General Officers

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




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\*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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