



Homecoming Convocation

and

Reserve Officer Training Corps

Hall of Fame Ceremony

Friday, September 30, 2011

11 a.m.

F. S. Belcher Theatre
John W. Davis Fine Arts Building
Institute, WV





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.

2011 Fall Program

Major Tony Taylor, Presiding
Professor of Military Science, WVSU ROTC Yellow Jacket Battalion

Prelude: The Mad Major..... Kenneth J. Alford
The West Virginia State University Wind Ensemble
Scott Woodard, Director

Arrival of Official Party..... Major(P) Tony Taylor

Posting of Colors..... WVSU ROTC Color Guard

National Anthem..... By F.S. Key/arr. By B. Moffitt

Invocation..... Cadet Frankie Hibberd

Promotion Ceremony for Major(P) Tony Taylor.....MG James A. Hoyer

Welcome & Introductory Remarks..... LTC Tony Taylor
LTC, Aviation, Professor of Military Science

PRESENTATION OF INDUCTEE AND RESPONDENT

Colonel Gary Allen Blackhurst, Class of 76' Presented by Cadet David Cottrill

Recognition of Honored Guests LTC Tony Taylor

Closing Remarks.....Dr. Hazo W. Carter, Jr.
Ninth President, West Virginia State University

Alma MaterSpencer-Wade

Army Song & Recessional of Official Party

Postlude: Block M MarchJerry Bilik
West Virginia State University Wind Ensemble

Colonel (Ret) Gary Allen Blackhurst

Colonel Gary A. Blackhurst (Ret) was born on April 27, 1953 in Charleston, West Virginia. He graduated from Wahama High School, Mason, West Virginia in 1971. He graduated from West Virginia State University in 1976 with a BS in Industrial Technology (Architectural Technology). He was commissioned through the WVSU ROTC program in August 1976. In 1999, he received a MS degree in Environmental Science from Marshall University Graduate College. His military education includes the US Army Airborne School; Field Artillery Officer Basic and Cannon Battery Officer Courses; Special Weapons Maintenance and Assembly Officer Course; Special Forces Qualification Course (RC); Infantry Officer Advanced Course; and Command and General Staff College.

Colonel (Ret) Blackhurst served on Active Duty from September 1976 to March 1980. His major Active Army assignments include: 8 inch Special Weapon Maintenance/ Assembly Team Leader, 15th US Army Artillery Detachment (FA), Paderborn, Germany; Detachment Executive Officer / Security Officer, 15th US Army Artillery Detachment (FA), Bergen-Hohne, Germany; He joined the West Virginia Army National Guard in August 1980 and served until his retirement in August 2007 with 31 years of total service. His major Army National Guard assignments include: "A" Detachment Executive Officer, CO C, 2d BN, 19th SF Group, 1st SF; "A" Detachment Commander, CO C, 2d BN, 19th SF Group, 1st SF; Battalion S-1, HQ, 2d BN, 19th SF Group, 1st SF; Battalion S-2, HQ, 2d BN, 19th SF Group, 1st SF; Battalion S-4, HQ, 2d BN, 19th SF Group, 1st SF; Battalion S-3, HQ, 2d BN, 19th SF Group, 1st SF; Battalion Executive Officer, HQ, 2d BN, 19th SF Group, 1st SF; Company Commander, CO C, 2d BN, 19th SF Group, 1st SF; Chief, Environmental Management Branch, Joint Force HQ, WV Army National Guard; Deputy Commanding Officer, Special Operations Detachment - Europe (SODE); Commander (Rear Detachment), Special Operations Detachment - Europe (SODE); Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel (DCSPER), G-1, Joint Force HQ, WV Army National Guard; Commander, Special Operations Detachment - Europe (SODE).

Colonel Blackhurst currently serves as the Environmental Programs Manager for the WV Army National Guard. In this capacity, he manages and directs the day-to-day activities and tasks his staff performs to keep the WV Army National Guard's operations and facilities in compliance with Federal and State environmental laws and regulations. He also serves as advisor to the Adjutant General for issues relating to environment protection and enhancement. He has served full-time in this capacity since February 1991 as a Federal civilian technician.

Colonel Blackhurst (Ret) has received the following awards and decorations: Meritorious Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster); Army Commendation Medal; Army Achievement Medal; Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (with 1 Silver and 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters); National Defense Service Medal (with Bronze Service Star); Humanitarian Service Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Silver Hourglass Device); Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon; Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon (4 Awards); Parachutist Badge; Royal Thai Army Parachutist Badge; Special Forces Tab; WV Meritorious Service Medal; WV Emergency Service Ribbon (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster); WV State Service Ribbon; WV Service Ribbon (with 4 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters); WV Minuteman Ribbon.

Colonel Blackhurst (Ret) is married to the former Kimie Lovejoy (WVSU Class of '75) and resides in South Charleston, West Virginia. They are the proud parents of two daughters, Heather (WVSU Class of 2010) and Laura, and a granddaughter, Lauriana.

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
2006-2009	Lieutenant Colonel Steve D. Thomas
2009-2011	Lieutenant Colonel Timothy U. Phillips
2011-Present	Major Tony Taylor

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 M. 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.

*Deceased
(H) Honorary

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

Major General John E. Barnette
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Ferguson B. Meadows*
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Francsico 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)*

2008

Brigadier General James A. Hoyer
Colonel Michael R. Kitts
LTC Rodney D. Johnson, Sr.
LTC Samuel M. Allmond
LTC (Ret) Quewanncoii C. Stephens, Sr. (H)

2009

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Stanley M. Jenkins
Lieutenant Colonel Antoine B. Bethel
Lieutenant Colonel Johnnie D. Ross
Lieutenant Colonel Daniel B. Jones, Sr.
Sergeant First Class (Ret) Joseph Turner (H)

2010

Judge Donald L. Graham
Major Celeita A. Stephens Kramer
Dr. Roscoe C. Brown, Jr. (H)

2011

Colonel Gary A. Blackhurst

*Deceased

(H) Honorary Inductee

ROTC Hall of Fame

Honorary Members

Honorary inductees are not necessarily graduates of West Virginia State University. However, they have excelled in their field of work and have accomplished things that are exemplary of recognition

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

2008

LTC (Ret) Quewannocii C., Stephens, Sr.

2009

Sergeant First Class Joseph Turner*

2010

Dr. Roscoe C. Brown, Jr.

*Deceased

West Virginia State University Army ROTC 15 Decorated General Officers

<i>Name</i>	<i>Year of Graduation</i>
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
Brigadier General James A. Hoyer	1983

*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?





WD Mt. Hol.

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.

