

WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY "YELLOW JACKET BATTALION"



Reserve Officers' Training Corps Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Friday, October 10, 2014
11:00 a.m.

F. S. Belcher Theatre
John W. Davis Fine Arts Auditorium
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 African-Americans. 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 on the land. 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 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.

2014 ROTC Hall of Fame Induction Program

Master of Ceremony.....Cadet Rashawn R. Terwilinger

Prelude.....West Virginia State University Wind Ensemble
Scott Woodard, Director

Arrival of Official Party

National Anthem.....West Virginia State University Wind Ensemble

Invocation.....SSG Timothy R. Hatcher

Welcome & Introductory Remarks.....LTC Derrick T. Spears
Professor of Military Science

PRESENTATION OF INDUCTEES AND RESPONDENTS

Commissioner (Ret) Anthony Conyers, Jr., Class of '69
Presented by: Cadet Vincent M. Byrd

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Haywood Holder, Class of '64
Presented by: Cadet Malcolm J. Capers

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Kenneth Rainelle Mosley, Class of '68
Presented by: Cadet Nyheem A. Robinson

Captain Robert Lee Smith, Class of '90
Presented by: Ryan L. Buchanan

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY INDUCTEES AND RESPONDENT

MAJ (Ret) Richard Neece Ojeda, II, Class of '97-Regents Bachelor of Arts

Presented by: Derrick A. McKinney

Tuskegee Airmen:

- Rose Agnes Rolls Cousins Class of '40 – Civilian Pilot Training Program
- Henry L. Moore Class of '50 – B.S. Physics Degree
- Mac Ross Class of '40 – Civilian Pilot Training Program
- Wylie W. Selden, Jr. Class of '43 – Civilian Pilot Training Program

Presented by: Cadet Ryan L. Buchanan

Closing Remarks Dr. Brian O. Hemphill
President

Alma Mater West Virginia State University Wind Ensemble

Army Song & Recessional

Postlude West Virginia State University Wind Ensemble

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

**WE WILL ALL CONVENE AT THE FERGUSON-LINCOLN BUILDING FOR
THE FOLLOWING:**

Dedication Ceremony of the

John D. Silvera, Jr., Conference Room LTC Derrick T. Spears

WVSU ROTC Program Update – Room 111 LTC Derrick T. Spears



Commissioner (Retired) Anthony Conyers, Jr. Class of '69

Commissioner Conyers is a native of Williamsburg, Virginia. He attended West Virginia State College, Institute, West Virginia where he graduated in May, 1969 with a BA in Political Science with minors in Philosophy and Military Science. While at WVSC, Conyers was an advanced ROTC cadet who served as a Battalion Executive Officer and was inducted into the National Honor Society of the Scabbard and Blade.

After being commissioned as a United States Army Transportation Corp 2nd Lt., Conyers served in various positions at the Army Transportation School, Fort Eustis, Virginia, where he helped to train soldiers headed for enlisted assignments in Army Aviation or Surface Transportation. He was promoted to Captain in 1971 and was reassigned to the 124th Transportation Command in Cam Ranh Bay, Republic of Viet Nam. After a tour of duty in Viet Nam, he left the service in 1972.

Conyers held supervisory positions in the private sector with Tenneco Inc. at Newport News Shipbuilding and with General Electric at its television receiver products division. His leadership skills were further honed with graduate study in Public Management at Old Dominion University, which helped prepare him for a career in the public sector.

In September 1976, Anthony Conyers joined the staff of James City County, Virginia as its first Public Transit Director and its first African American department head. Assigned the task of implementing a Rural Public Transit Demonstration Project, he established a system that has become the fourth largest Transit operation in Virginia.

In 1979, Conyers was named Personnel Director for James City County and held that position until 1982. As personnel Director he was instrumental in the establishment of the James City County Policy Department, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the JCC Parks and Recreation Department.

In 1982, Conyers became the Manager of Community Services for James City County. As such, he managed all human services functions of the county and solidified his role as a trailblazer, an effective advocate, and a leader at the county and state levels. During his tenure with James City County, Conyers was responsible for coordinating relationships with a host of private-nonprofit organizations that provided services to area residents. In his long and successful tenure with James City County he also served on the boards of fourteen agencies and helped to establish four agencies to include The Olde Towne Medical Center and Housing Partnerships Inc. Both have become model agencies and strong examples of how citizens can band together to help meet the needs of people.

His pioneering work in self-sufficiency programs made him widely known as an advocate for low and moderate income people.

In March 2005, Anthony Conyers was appointed by Virginia Governor Mark Warner as Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Social Services. As the executive leader of over ten thousand employees in the Virginia Social Services System, he continued his advocacy for people in need and brought a new people-centered leadership style to the Commissioner's office.

Conyers helped to mend fences between state and local agencies and strengthened the relationship between Virginia and the federal government around issues of child welfare training and Community Actions Programs.

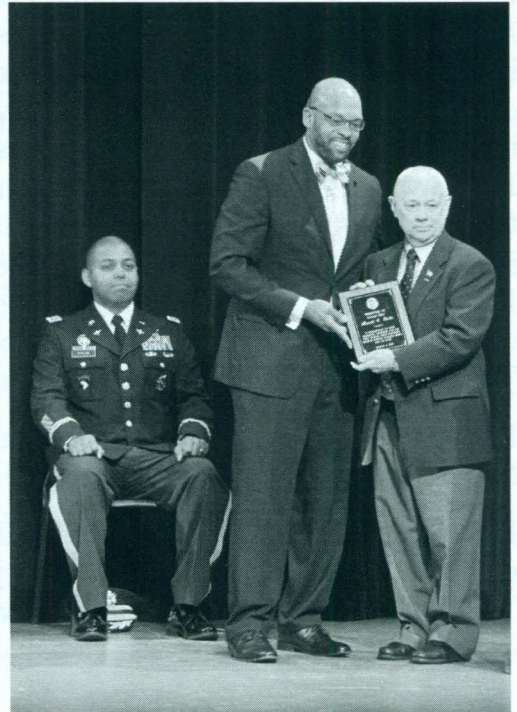
Conyers was reappointed Social Services Commissioner in 2006 by Virginia Governor Tim Kaine. He served the Governor in special assignments, such as Pre-K education, prisoner re-entry and domestic violence prevention. As the head of one of Virginia's largest agencies, Conyers led the Virginia Department of Social Services through a period of budget cuts and staff reductions without major program cuts at the local level.

Anthony Conyers retired in 2010, after having served more than 35 years in local and state government. He lives in Williamsburg with his wife, Cressondra B. Conyers, a district court judge. They have three adult children and two grandchildren.

He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity and serves as a Deacon at New Zion Baptist Church in Williamsburg.



LTC Tony Taylor, Dr. Brian O. Hemphill and Judge Reggie B. Walton



LTC Tony Taylor, Dr. Brian O. Hemphill and Colonel (Ret) Harold G. Fisher

Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Haywood Holder Class of '64

Lieutenant Holder is a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and a 1964 graduate of West Virginia State University. He graduated with A Bachelor of Science Degree in Secondary Education with teaching fields in biology and social studies. He holds a Master's degree in secondary education from Boston University and a Doctor of Education in Higher Education Administration from The George Washington University.

LTC Holder's assignments include duty as a Second Lieutenant in the Republic of China as a Communications Officer. After returning to the United States As Captain, he attended the Signal Officer Advanced Course and the Automatic Data Processing Officer Course. His next duty assignment was In the Republic of Vietnam, serving as Bravo Company Commander, 523rd Signal Battalion, and 23rd Infantry Division. From there, he was transferred to Germany where he served as Company Commander, Headquarters and headquarters Company, 7th Signal Brigade, 7th Army European Command. His next duty assignment was Commander, Communications Agency, Army Material Command, And Alexandria, Virginia where he was promoted to Major. His next duty assignment was in the Republic of Korea where he served as a Battalion Signal Officer before assuming command of the 226 Signal Company, 4th Missile Command, and 8th Army. After that tour, he was selected to attend the prestigious Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. His next assignment was Communications Officer, Charlie Team, Commander-in-Chief, Atlantic Airborne Command Post, Langley Air Force Base, where he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel. His next duty assignment was in the Republic of Korea, Director, Plans, Operations and Training, 1st Signal Brigade, 8th Army. His next duty assignment was Director, Combat Support Branch, Officer Training Directorate, Training and Doctrine Command, Fort Monroe, Virginia where retired, March, 1985.

His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and National Defense Service Medal.

Lieutenant Colonel Holder is married to his beloved wife Shirley and they have three children, Tab (Kristen), Mark (Nancy) and Shannon (David) and four grandchildren, Tab, Myles, Miranda, Dakotah, and Savannah. They reside in Hampton, Virginia.

Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Kenneth R. Mosley *Class of '68*

Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth R. Mosley is a native of Dunbar, West Virginia. He is a 1968 graduate from West Virginia State University, where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry and minors in Mathematics and Military Science.

LTC Mosley entered upon active duty July 1968 at Fort McClellan Al. as a Chemical Officer. Other previous assignments include ALMC, Fort Lee, VA as an instructor, Commander 482nd Chemical Detachment, Charleston, WV, Chemical Officer 38th Ordinance Group, Charleston, WV, Commander 487th Chemical Detachment, Charleston, WV, Instructor 2093 USAR School, Charleston, WV, Director of Officers Courses 2093 USAR School, Charleston, and Retired in 1991 after 23 years of service.

His awards and decorations include National Defense Service metal, Army Achievement Metal, Good Conduct Metal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Metal, Vietnam Service Metal, Armed Forces Reserve Metal, and Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon.

His civilian career started with FMC Fibers Division, Nitro, WV as a Chemist/Engineer (4yrs) then with Union Carbide Corporation/OSI that spanned a period of 23 years.

Kenneth Mosley founded Kanawha Home Health LLC, K & G Enterprise LLC, K & G Properties LLC, and K & G Rentals LLC. He has worked tirelessly for the community minded non-profits; Sub-Area Planning Committee, KISRA, The Mental Health Association in the Greater Kanawha Valley, Inc., Institute Volunteer Fire Department, and NAACP. He has mentored many young adults in the Dunbar area.

Kenneth Mosley is a Deacon and Chairman of the Trustee Board at Ferguson Memorial Baptist Church, Dunbar, WV.

Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth R. Mosley resides in Institute, WV. He has two daughters (both Lawyers), one granddaughter and one grandson.

Captain Robert Lee Smith

Class of '90

Captain Rob Smith reported to his present duties as the Director of the U. S. Coast Guard Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Military Campaign Office in May 2013. In this role, he is responsible for the rapid implementation of near-term strategies that will create the processes, training regimens, measurements, and support system integrity that will best position the service to achieve the ultimate goal of eliminating sexual assault from the Coast Guard.

In his previous assignment he served as the Executive Assistant to the Deputy Commandant for Mission Support, who is responsible for all facets of support for the Coast Guard's diverse mission set through oversight of human capital, lifecycle engineering, acquisitions, telecommunications and information technology, service-wide training and performance technology, and thirteen support Bases around the Nation.

Prior assignments include Executive Officer of Base Alameda, CA; Commanding Officer of the Personnel Services and Support Unit, Alameda, CA; Ethnic Policy Advisor to the Commandant, Washington, DC; Chief, Personnel Support Division, Deployable Operations Group, Arlington, VA; Human Systems Integration Surface Training Lead Deepwater, Washington, DC, and Supervisor, Marine Safety Field Office Coram, New York.

His personal awards include three Meritorious Service Medals, two Coast Guard Commendation Medals, and two Coast Guard Achievement Medals.

Captain Smith is a 1990 West Virginia State College graduate; a 1991 graduate of U. S. Coast Guard Officer Candidate School, and assessed into the Coast Guard via the Minority Officer Recruiting Effort. He earned a Masters of Science in Industrial/Organizational Psychology, a Masters of Science in Instruction and Performance Technology, and is All-But-Dissertation in pursuit of a Ph.D. in Psychology. Captain Smith is a 2013 Boys and Girls Club of America Alumni Hall of Fame Inductee. He and his wife reside in Fredericksburg, VA with their three children.

Major (Retired) Richard Neece Ojeda II, Honorary Class of '97

Major Ojeda was born on 25 September, 1970 in Rochester, Minnesota to Richard Sr. and Florena Ojeda. He was raised in Logan County West Virginia and graduated from Logan High School in 1988.

Major Ojeda enlisted on DEC 28, 1989 and attended Basic and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri as a Bridge Crew member. Following initial training, he was assigned to the 130th Engineer Brigade in Hanau, Germany as a member of the 814th Engineer Company. His next enlisted assignment would be at Fort Bragg, North Carolina with the 264th Engineer Company, the only Airborne Bridge Unit in the world.

In 1993, Major Ojeda applied for, and was granted a Green to Gold scholarship to attend college at West Virginia State College as a cadet. Simultaneously, serving as an NCO with Detachment 6, 150th Armor as a scout. On May 18, 1997 he would graduate and receive a commission as an Engineering Officer.

Following the Basic Course, he was assigned to Fort Bragg with the 37th Engineer Battalion to serve as a Platoon leader of both Sapper and Light Equipment Platoons, a Company XO and Battalion Air and Maintenance Officers. Major Ojeda would also become the first American Officer to be selected to attend the Chilean Commando Scuba Course.

In 2002, he completed the Advanced Course and was assigned to Uijongbu, South Korea with the 2nd Infantry Division. After the year-long assignment MAJ Ojeda returned to Fort Bragg and the 20th Engineer Brigade where he would serve as the Brigade Air Officer and assume command of the Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the 20th Engineer Brigade and immediately deploy his unit to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Over the course of the deployment, Major Ojeda would lead and conduct numerous operations, providing security to key leaders all throughout the battlefield.

In the spring of 2006, Major Ojeda changed command and immediately assumed a second command of Delta Company, 37th Engineer Battalion and prepared the Battalion for their departure for a year-long deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. In 2007, immediately following the re-deployment of the 37th Engineer Battalion, Major Ojeda returned to the 20th Engineer Brigade Headquarters and deployed to Iraq as the Chief of Operations. Following the deployment, Major Ojeda became the Battalion XO for the 30th Engineer Battalion.

In 2008, Major Ojeda would attend the Command General Staff College (CGSC) and also earn his Master's Degree in Business and Organizational Security. Immediately following the completions of both programs, he returned to Fort Bragg to serve in the 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division as the BSTB Operations Officer.

On January 18th, 2010, Major Ojeda deployed to Haiti for Operation Unified Response to provide Foreign Humanitarian Assistance to the people of Haiti following the devastating earthquake disaster that left over 250,000 dead and over one million homeless.

In 2010 Major Ojeda volunteered to deploy as a Combat Advisor with the 10th Mountain Division for Operation Enduring Freedom-Afghanistan. Major Ojeda would serve in the Logar and Bamyan Provinces as a Security Force Assistance Team Chief forward deployed to advise and mentor numerous District Chiefs of Police concerning the operational control of approximately 1200 Afghan Uniformed Police.

After returning from Afghanistan, Major Ojeda was assigned to the United States Army Recruiting Command (USAREC), Beckley Recruiting Battalion as the XO. In addition to serving in the Beckley Recruiting Battalion, Major Ojeda co-founded the Logan Empowerment Action and Development (LEAD) Community Organization which is a 501c3 nonprofit organization completely dedicated to the citizens of Logan County. In June of 2013, Major Ojeda came down on the selection list for promotion to Lieutenant Colonel. Major Ojeda chose to retire and on October 8th, 2013 he signed out on Terminal Leave to immediately start work establishing a Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Program as the Senior Military Instructor at Chapmanville Regional High School.

Major Ojeda has attended numerous courses over his 24 years of military service and each one of those courses educated him on Leadership, Accountability and most importantly, how to take care of and look out for the welfare of his Soldiers and their families.

A few of Major Ojeda's military awards include two Bronze Star Medals and he is pending a Purple Heart for wounds sustained during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Major Ojeda has earned the Master Parachutist Badge, The Air Assault Badge, The Combat Action Badge and The Sapper Tab. He has also earned numerous foreign awards to include Parachutists badges from seven countries, is a member of the 20th Engineer Brigade's Centurion Jumper Club and holds the US Army Engineer Regimental's Bronze Order of the De Fleury Medal.

Major Ojeda has been recognized as a Distinguished Mountaineer twice by two separate WV Governors (Gov. Manchin 2005, Gov. Tomblin 2012) and has also been given the honorable title of Kentucky Colonel by the Governor of Kentucky, Steve Beshear. In February of 2013, Major Ojeda was invited and attended the Presidential State of the Union Address and recently, Major Ojeda's combat service was highlighted in a book by Eric Douglas called "Common Valor" as well as a documentary called "The Voices of War". On 1 January, 2014, Major Ojeda chose to officially retire from the United States Army which was also the date he was scheduled to be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Major Ojeda currently teaches a leadership course for Chapmanville and Logan High Schools meant to help students to become better citizens and continue on a path towards graduation and hopefully college and recently ran for Congress for the 3rd Congressional District of West Virginia.

Major Ojeda is married to the former Kelly Ann Wismer of Logan, West Virginia and they have two children. Richard III (17) and Kayla Lavon (14).

Mrs. Rose Agnes Rolls Cousins, Honorary Class of '40

In 1941 the original 11 graduates from West Virginia State College's pilot training program traveled to Tuskegee Alabama to try out for the U.S. Air Force training program for black combat pilots. The group consisted of 10 men and one woman, Rose Agnes Rolls. She, too, was a licensed pilot from West Virginia State's program.

Rose got her first introduction to airplanes when she was a girl. Pilots would come to her home town of Fairmont, WV and charge a dollar for a ride in their planes. At age six she rode in a biplane with the father. That exhilarating experience was never forgotten.

At 16 Rose enrolled at West Virginia State College. It was while pursuing a bachelor's degree in Business Administration that Rose "pushed" her way into the Civilian Pilot Training Program (CPTP). (West Virginia State was the first of six historically black colleges granted permission by the government to establish such a program.) When she first asked the director, James C. Evans, to join the program he replied, "I don't think so. They are training men to go into the military." She persisted until Evans relented. He wrote a series of letters to government officials asking if one female could join the program. Finally word came back that she could join if she could pass the same mental and physical exams as the men. She did. Along-side the men in the program Rose had to learn how to put the plane in a spin and pull it back out again, to land with the engine off, and to fly upside down.

To get her license Rose had to complete a solo cross-country flight using only a compass and sight as her guides. Despite strong winds she flew from Institute to Parkersburg, WV making a few stops along the way. Upon her graduation Rose received her pilot's license making her the first African American woman licensed under the CPTP.

She stayed on at West Virginia State working with the CPTP. When the ten men went to Tuskegee she went too. Given that the Air Force was barely prepared to accept black men, it wasn't surprising that they refused Rose's bid. It was a disappointment to the 21 year old. She returned to West Virginia State where she married a junior tennis champion from New Jersey, Ted Cousins. She eventually returned to Fairmont and settled into a career as manager of medical records for the Fairmont Clinic.

According to her daughter, Rose Cousins was inducted as an honorary member of the Tuskegee Airmen in the 1980s because of her flight experience, her training with the men who would become Airmen, and her tenacity in breaking down racial and gender barriers. Rose Rolls Cousins passed away in 2006.

Henry L. Moore, Honorary Class of '50

Born in tiny Ocilla, GA, in 1921, he was out by 19, after graduating at the top of Ocilla High's Class of 1940. He moved to Newark, NJ to escape the poverty and racism that had marked his childhood.

By 1942, he was on a bus full of draftees en route to Fort Dix, and by 1944, he was in Italy, working on B-25 bombers as a member of the Tuskegee Airmen – the first black aviators to serve in the U.S. military. Then it was off to West Virginia State University, where he earned a physics degree, and a career as a naval researcher.

Seventy-two years after he left Ocilla, Mr. Moore was still moving: flying to Las Vegas for a conference with fellow Tuskegee Airmen, driving to Georgia to see family, playing the trumpet on Sundays at a Mount Airy church.

“He had more energy than all of us put together”, Mr. Moore’s daughter, Nadene would say. “We would call him the Energizer Bunny.”

Mr. Moore, 91, died Saturday, Sept. 15, after a heart attack. Family and friends described him as precise, exacting, and deeply committed to his ideals. He was passionate about integration – he’d witnessed lynching’s growing up in rural Georgia – and kissed the ground when he arrived in Italy during the war. “It was the first time he felt free,” said his friend Eugene Robinson, a fellow Tuskegee Airman.

When Mr. Moore’s two daughters were turned away from a white neighbor’s swimming pool, he built his own in the family’s Mount Airy backyard. Once his daughters left home, he opened it up to neighbor children.

Mr. Moore and his wife, Mary, whom he met in the registration line at West Virginia State, had been married for 61 years. After a 26-year career as a naval researcher – during which he earned a master’s degree in physics at Temple University – Mr. Moore became a teacher in Philadelphia public schools. He taught math and science at Roosevelt Middle School and Abraham Lincoln High School.

He was a strict teacher and “a hard nut to crack,” Nadene Moore said. “But he was proud of everybody.”

After he retired in 1983, Mr. Moore was active in the Tuskegee Airmen Inc., an organization dedicated to spreading the aviators’ story. Earlier this year, he was elected the group’s national parliamentarian, and, with Robinson, spoke often about his experience in the war.

“He was very much committed and quite anxious to tell the story of his experience in the combat areas,” Robinson said. “He was a crew chief and very concerned about the pilots that flew his airplane – he always called it ‘his airplane.’”

At 91, Mr. Moore still drove to speaking engagements. He attended several premieres of “Red Tails,” a film about the Tuskegee Airmen starting Terrance Howard.

“Even though he was 91, we did not expect to be without him,” she said. “We did not prepare for it.”

Captain Mac Ross, Honorary Class of '40

Captain Mac Ross was born in Dallas County, just outside of Dayton, Ohio circa 1916. He attended West Virginia State College (currently known as West Virginia State University) and graduated in May 1940, completing the Civilian Pilot Training Program (CPTP) offered at West Virginia State's Wertz airfield.

In 1941 he and ten other WVSC graduates, including George "Spanky" Roberts and Rose Cousins, traveled to Tuskegee, Alabama to attend the military aviation training program for black pilots. He was among the first class of five men to graduate as a Tuskegee Airmen on March 7, 1942.

He entered combat over North Africa and served in the 332nd Fighter Group – the "Red Tail Eagles", as well as the 99th Pursuit Squadron. Captain Ross was killed in action (KIA) during his service in World War II, while flying a P-51 Mustang over Italy during a combat mission on July 10, 1944.

His decorations included the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, the Legion of Merit, and the Purple Heart.

His military accomplishments towards advancing African-American service members during WWII are portrayed in films such as Red Tails (2012) and the Tuskegee Airmen (1995).



LTC Tony Taylor, Dr. Brian O. Hemphill, LTC (Ret) Barry Brasseur and Cadet Robert Cunningham

Wylie W. Selden, Jr., Honorary Class of '43

Wylie W. Selden, Jr., was born in Norfolk, Virginia on February 9, 1919. His idol was always his father, who was short in stature but tall in the community. It was Wylie, Sr. Who was the force behind Wylie, Jr., signing up to be a Tuskegee Airman.

With his father's ongoing support and encouragement, Wylie blazed a trail of accomplishments as one of the original, and now highly acknowledged WWII and Civil Rights heroes.

Mr. Selden passed the test for fighter pilot training at the Tuskegee army air field in Tuskegee, AL in 1941. While awaiting an opening at Tuskegee he completed the civilian pilot training at West Virginia State College. It was shortly thereafter that an opening became available for Mr. Wylie Selden at the Tuskegee airfield. He graduated on June 29, 1943 with Class 43F and was assigned to be a test pilot for the 96th service group.

Additionally, he was promoted to 1st Lieutenant. On May 22, 1944 he was assigned to the 99th Fighter Squadron, 33rd Fighter Group – test pilot. Then he test piloted P-40 War Hawks and P-51 Mustangs, later known as the “red tails.” On March 29, 2006, Mr. Selden was among 300 Tuskegee Airmen to receive the Congressional Gold Medal and was recognized as a Documented Original Tuskegee Airman (DOTA) by the House of Representatives.

As a veteran, Mr. Selden continued to make great contributions to his community while serving as an official in the Alumni Affairs Office of Howard University. For many years, Wylie, along with several other original airmen, delivered presentations and participated in Tuskegee Airman, events nationally and internationally. He has numerous awards and letters of appreciation from governmental, private sector and academic organizations sponsoring these events. These expressions of appreciation are not only for his WWII exploits but also for his willingness and skill in sharing the message of the Tuskegee Airmen.

On Friday January 13, 2012, the Honorable President Barack Obama cordially invited Wylie Selden, Jr., to a reception held at the White House. He was among the few surviving Tuskegee Airmen to view the 2012 movie biography, “Red Tails” with the President and Mrs. Obama. At 93 years old this is considered to be one of the greatest acknowledgments any veteran can receive.

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. Vallandigham
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 (Ret) 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. Bellingier
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*)

*Deceased
(H) Honorary

ROTC Hall of Fame

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1993

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

1994

Colonel (Ret) Frankie D. Hoskey *
Major General (Ret) 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
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 (Ret) Carolyn L. Maddox
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Clifford Hill
Captain Jerry L. Hatcher

1998

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

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

*Deceased
(H) Honorary Inductee

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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) Quewanncioi 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
(Posthumous)* (H)

2010

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

2011

Colonel Gary A. Blackhurst

2012

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Donald Cornell
Carter (Posthumous)*

2013

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Barry Brasseur
Colonel (Ret) Harold G. Fisher (H)
Judge Reggie B. Walton (H)



*Deceased
(H) Honorary

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

1982

Dr. William J. L. Wallace*

Dr. Prince A. Williams*

2013

Colonel (Ret) Harold G. Fisher

Judge Reggie B. Walton

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

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.

The Army Song

Verse:

*March along, sing our song, with the Army of the free
Count the brave, count the true, who have fought to victory
We're the Army and proud of our name
We're the Army and proudly proclaim*

Chorus:

*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.*

Refrain:

*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.*



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