



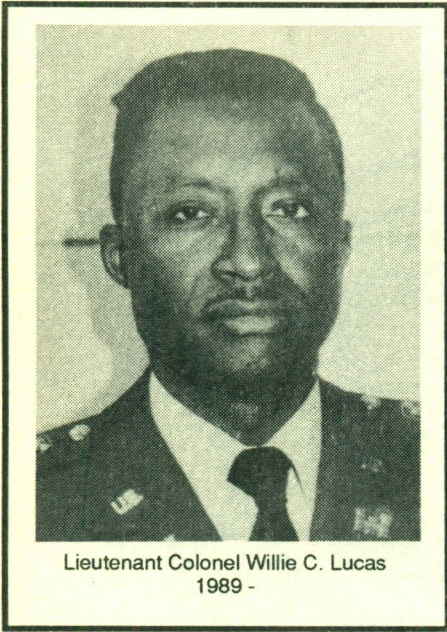
CENTENNIAL

HOMECOMING CONVOCATION
AND
RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS

Hall of Fame Ceremony

Friday, October 12, 1990
1:00 PM

AUDITORIUM OF HARRISON H. FERRELL BUILDING
WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE
INSTITUTE, WEST VIRGINIA



Lieutenant Colonel Willie C. Lucas
1989 -

Welcome

Greetings! and welcome to the tenth ROTC Hall of Fame Ceremony. Nineteen hundred ninety marks the beginning of the Centennial Celebration for West Virginia State College and we are proud to be a part of this celebration.

The Military Science Department has evolved into a strong, vibrant program for the College. During the first century we have established a proud tradition of producing outstanding ROTC graduates, eleven of whom have attained the rank of General officers in the United States Army. West Virginia State College has been the leader in the past and continues to lead historically Black colleges in the production of General officers for the United States Army. We salute West Virginia State College for its first one hundred years and the significant contribution it has made to our armed forces.

Our challenge of the next century will be to enhance our current standards by attracting quality students who will one day be candidates for the ROTC Hall of Fame. As West Virginia State College enters its second century of excellence it is incumbent upon us to ensure that this uniquely successful partnership with the College and the Army ROTC continues and is strengthened.

Willie C. Lucas, Lieutenant Colonel, EN
Professor of Military Science



Charles Calvin Rogers
1925-1990

This program is dedicated to the memory of
an illustrious graduate, Major General
(Retired) Charles Calvin Rogers—1925-1990.

A Short History of ROTC

at

West Virginia State College

West Virginia State College was founded in 1891 as one of sixty Land Grant Colleges in the United States. As provided in section four of the Morrill Act, military training was a requirement. With this authorization, in addition to agriculture and mechanical arts, Military Tactics was taught as a part of the curriculum. The ROTC Department of West Virginia State College began shortly after with the establishment of a military corps in 1899.

While provisions for military training were not specifically included in the language of the West Virginia State Legislative Act establishing West Virginia Colored Institute, training was conducted during the school's first year of existence.

This tacit agreement marked the first organized military activity at present day West Virginia State College (WVSC). Military training continued at the college with the exception of temporary suspension during the years of 1907-1916 and 1920-1942.

Much of the credit for the establishment of the present ROTC program goes to Mr. Daniel P. Lincoln, a former registrar, and Professor Daniel L. Ferguson, (both deceased) for whom the ROTC building was named. Their success in conducting military training on a voluntary basis early in World War II laid the ground work for the War Department's recognition of the college's desire to continue with the ROTC program.

In 1942 the first professor of Military Science, Lieutenant Colonel Payton Winlock established a Senior ROTC Unit at the College. Providing instruction in Field Artillery, this Unit was the only one of its kind in the country approved by the War Department for a Negro College. Artillery, as a subject, was taught until 1956 when the department was redesignated as a General Military Science Program. This meant that cadets could receive General Military Instruction with emphasis on fundamentals common to all branches of the Army, and that graduates could be commissioned in any of its eighteen branches.

The Military Science Department acquired an elective status in 1970 and ceased to be a mandatory program for which all male students were required to enroll. The military science program at West Virginia State College continues to be a vibrant component to the curriculum of the College having commissioned over 764 Lieutenants since 1942.

PROGRAM

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

PRELUDE—Colors and Configurations *Lennie Niehaus*
WVSC Wind Ensemble
David Williams, Conductor

POSTING OF COLORS ROTC Color Guard
James Fink, Commander, Class of 1992

NATIONAL ANTHEM—

INVOCATION Rodney Johnson
Second Lieutenant, Class of 1990

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS Willie C. Lucas
Lieutenant Colonel, Professor of Military Science

PRESENTATION OF INDUCTEES AND RESPONSE—

James W. Monroe, Brigadier General, Class of 1968
presented by Randy Ross, Cadet Lieutenant Colonel

Jack E. Yeager, Brigadier General, Class of 1965
presented by Annette Woods, Cadet Major

Acie McGhee Jr., Lieutenant Colonel (Ret), Class of 1954
presented by Fred White, Cadet Major

Ronald M. McLeod, Lieutenant Colonel (Ret), Class of 1961
presented by Gregory Richards, Cadet Captain

George S. Roberts, Colonel (Ret), Class of 1937
presented by Charles Cole, Cadet Captain

MUSICAL SELECTION—Irish Tune from County Dairy *Percy Grainger*
WVSC Wind Ensemble

RECOGNITION OF HONORED GUESTS Willie C. Lucas

GREETINGS Randall T. Gray
Commander, 3rd Brigade, 2nd Region, Cadet Command

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

ALMA MATER—

Phillip Washington, Baritone
WVSC Wind Ensemble

James W. Monroe

Brigadier General

Brigadier General James W. Monroe was born in Laurinburg, North Carolina. He attended West Virginia State College where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. There he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the ordnance corps as a distinguished military graduate of the Army ROTC program

After completing the ordnance basic course and various technical courses, Brigadier General Monroe served his two-year RA detail in the Armor Branch. As an Armored Cavalry Platoon Leader and Troop Executive Officer, he earned his spurs with the 2nd Squadron, 9th Cavalry, 24th Infantry Division while serving on boarder patrol in the Federal Republic of Germany (FRG).

Brigadier General Monroe has commanded the 621st General Supply Company, FRG; Commanded the 61st Maintenance Company (DS), Korea; Served as the Executive Officer, 709th Maintenance Battalion, 9th Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Washington; commanded the 9th Infantry Division Material Management Center, 9th ID, Fort Lewis; and served as the Executive Officer, 9th Infantry Division Support Command. Brigadier General Monroe Commanded the 71st Maintenance Battalion, Nurenburg, Germany from 1982 to 1985. He commanded the 24th Infantry Division (MECH) Surpport Command (DISCOM), at Fort Stewart, Georgia, a command of over 2,600 soldiers, from August 1987 to July 1989. Brigadier General Monroe is currently the Deputy Chief of Staff Logistics/G4 of Third U.S. Army/Arcent at Fort McPherson, Georgia.

Other assignments include, the Defense Language School as an Arabic student; Ordnance advisor of the Saudi Arabian Chief of Ordnance; Graduate Student at the University of Cincinnati where he received a Masters of Arts Degree in Political Science with a concentration in Middle Eastern studies; Assistant Professor of of Analysis in the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff of Intelligence, Department of the Army, the Pentagon.

Brigadier General Monroe is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College as well as the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. At the Industrial College, a joint senior service war college in Washington, D.C., he also served as a military faculty member teaching National, Theater and Joint/Combined Logistics.

Brigadier General Monroe and his wife, Charlyne, have a daughter, Donya, and a son, Bryan.

Jack E. Yeager

Brigadier General

Brigadier General Jack Yeager was born in Fairview, West Virginia on 21 August 1937. He graduated from West Virginia State College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science and Sociology in 1965.

General Yeager began his military service in 1955 as an enlisted National Guardsman. In 1963 he graduated from the West Virginia Officer Candidate School and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Armor branch. After completing the Officer Basic Course, Brigadier General Yeager was assigned as a Forward Observer of Headquarters, Headquarters Battery, 1st Howitzer Battalion, 201st Artillery. His follow on assignment was as a Platoon Leader and Executive Officer of Troop B, 1st Reconnaissance Squadron, 150th Armored Cavalry in Dunbar, West Virginia. General Yeager has served in various staff positions at the squadron level. In 1979 he became the Commandant, School Division, Headquarters, Headquarters Detachment, West Virginia Army National Guard. He next fulfilled the position of Chief, Selective Service Section, WV State Area Command. Brigadier General Yeager assumed his current position in January 1989 as the Assistant Adjutant General/Deputy Commander West Virginia Army National Guard.

General Yeager's numerous awards and decorations include: Meritorious Service Medal with first Oak Leaf Cluster; Selective Service Exceptional Service Award with Silver Medal; Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters; Humanitarian Service Medal with one Bronze star; Armed Forces Reserve Medal with two Ten-Year Devices; and the Army Service Ribbon.

General Yeager is currently a Professor of Education Administration, West Virginia College of Graduate Studies. He and his wife, Barbara, have one son and four daughters.

Acie McGhee Jr.
Lieutenant Colonel (Retired)

Lieutenant Colonel Acie McGhee, Jr. received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from West Virginia State College in 1954. He was commissioned in 1953 in the Field Artillery and reported to active duty after graduation.

Lieutenant Colonel McGhee, Jr. has served in extensive assignments in the Air Defense Artillery. His experience includes: 90mm gun Platoon Leader, Twin 40 (duster) Platoon Leader, and Headquarters Battery Commander. He has also held various staff positions at the battalion, division and corps levels. He served as a Battalion Executive Officer, and Operations Officer; Corps Artillery Inspector General; Corps Artillery Communications Officer and his final assignment was Chief, Race Relations/Equal Opportunity (corps).

Lieutenant Colonel (retired) Acie McGhee is married to Louise M. McGhee, a 1955 graduate of West Virginia State College. They have two sons, one daughter and four grandchildren.

Ronald M. McLeod

Lieutenant Colonel (Retired)

Lieutenant Colonel Ronald M. McLeod received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Zoology from West Virginia State College in 1961. After graduation he entered active duty as a second lieutenant in the Infantry.

Lieutenant Colonel McLeod has served in extensive assignments as an infantryman. His initial tour of duty was as a rifle platoon leader in "C" Company, 34st Infantry Battle Group in the Republic of Korea. He was then assigned as an executive officer, Headquarters Company, and Company Commander, Service Company, special troops regiment, Fort Meade, Maryland. His next assignment was in the Federal Republic of Germany as the Deputy Director of Personnel and Community Activities, Bremerhaven. In 1966, Lieutenant Colonel McLeod was assigned as the Operations Officer, 704th Maintenance Battalion, 4th Infantry, Pleiku, Vietnam. After Vietnam, he became an instructor at the U.S. Army Transportation School. He served a second tour in Vietnam as a District Senior Advisor, DUC TU District. Other assignments include Chief of Plans and Operation Division, Fort Dix, New Jersey; Battalion Executive Officer; Chief, Systems Analysis Branch; senior protective officer for new protective mask, improved tow vehicle, explosive foxhole digger and combat boots; Chief, Equipment Test Division, U.S. Army Infantry Board; Chief, Readiness Team, Pentagon; Senior Research and Development Coordinator, Directorate Development Engineering and Acquisition, Headquarters Army Materiel Command; Chief, Test and Evaluation, Engineer School; and Research and Development Coordinator in the Automation Division, Directorate Development Engineering, Headquarters, Army Materiel Command.

Lieutenant Colonel McLeod's many military awards include the Bronze Star Medal with V Device; Meritorious Service Medal with first oak leaf cluster; Army commendation with first oak leaf cluster; Joint Service Commendation Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal; Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross w/palm; Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Bronze Star; Vietnam Honor Medal First Class; Parachute, Ranger Tab, Army Staff Badge and Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Lieutenant Colonel McLeod married Lydia Alvarado of Charleston, West Virginia. She is also a West Virginia State Alumnus. They have two sons, Craig and Kirk and two Daughters, Alicia and Julie.

George S. Roberts

Colonel (Retired)

Colonel (Retired) George S. Roberts received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Arts from West Virginia State College in 1937. He entered the Civil Aeronautics Training Program at West Virginia State College. In 1941 Colonel Roberts entered military service as the first African American aviation cadet. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant pilot on 7 March 1942 at Tuskegee Air Field, Alabama, and served as flight instructor in advanced flight training school.

Colonel Roberts has served in extensive assignments in aviation. In June 1942, he was the first Commander of the 99th Fighter Squadron. He entered combat in North Africa in May 1943 as the Deputy Commander of the 332nd Fighter Group. He was later promoted to Commander. Colonel Roberts ended World War II with more than 100 missions against the enemy in Africa, Europe and the Middle East. Following the war, Colonel Roberts became the senior Air Corps ROTC instructor at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. He later became the Dean of the School of Military Science. After his tour at Tuskegee, Colonel Roberts reported to Langley Air Base as the first African American to command a racially mixed unit in the Air Force. In 1952, he graduated from the U. S. Army Command and General Staff College. During that year, he was promoted to the rank of Colonel. After Fort Leavenworth, Colonel Roberts reported to Korea and commanded the 51st Air Base Group. He reported to Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois in January 1954 as Commander of the Maintenance and Supply Group and simultaneously served as Base Director of Materiel. His next assignment sent him to Okinawa to the 313th Air Division as Director of Materiel. In 1963 Colonel Roberts reported to the Air Force Logistics Command at Graffis Air Force Base, Rome, New York. There, he was responsible for all ground radar in the Air Force. This included ballistics missile early warning system, the Continental U.S. flight radars and the radars controlling the Berlin air corridors. During Vietnam, he served a tour as Deputy for Logistics for fighters in Vietnam, U.S. Air Force space missiles and overall logistics for the Pacific ocean area.

Colonel Roberts retired from McClellan Air Force Base in 1968. His decorations included the Air Force commendation medal with four oak leaf clusters, and two presidential unit citations.

Colonel Roberts married Edith McMillian, a 1941 graduate of West Virginia State College. Colonel Roberts died in 1984. He is survived by his wife, Edith, one son, three daughters, two granddaughters and two grandsons.

Former Professors of Military Science



Lieutenant Colonel Payton Winlock
1942-1944



Lieutenant Colonel Benote H. Lee
1944-1946



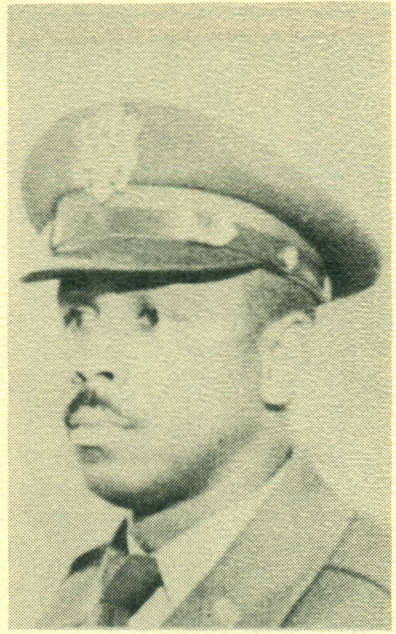
Lieutenant Colonel Leon Lavoie
1946-1948



Lieutenant Colonel Charles H. Wesner
1948-1951



Lieutenant Colonel Orion Page
1951-1954



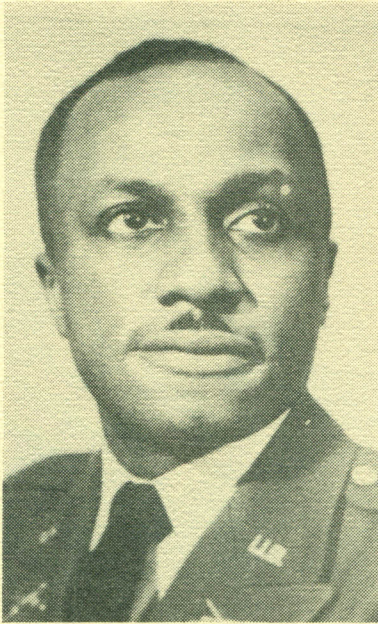
Major Robbin Washington
1954-1956



Lieutenant Colonel John Woodruff
1956-1958



Lieutenant Colonel Howard Bartholomew
1958-1959



Lieutenant Colonel Howard Hinkson
1959-1964



Lieutenant Colonel Joseph C. Hill
1964-1967



Lieutenant Colonel Marvin E. Billups
1967-1971



Lieutenant Colonel Louis J. Weil
1971-1973



Colonel Lawrence M. Sevdý
1973-1974



Lieutenant Colonel Stanley Goldsmith
1974-1976



Lieutenant Colonel Edward Robertson
1976-1979



Lieutenant Colonel Charles T. Ledbetter
1979-1983



Lieutenant Colonel Douglas W. Richmond
1983-1984



Lieutenant Colonel Quewanncoii C. Stephens
1984-1989

ROTC Hall of Fame

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

1980

Major General (Ret) Edward Greer
Major General (Ret) Charles C. Robers
Major General (Ret) Harvey D. Williams
Brigadier General (Ret) Dallas C. Brown

1981

Colonel (Ret) Frank C. Bacon
Colonel (Ret) George E. Peters, Jr.
Colonel (Ret) Robert L. Peters
Colonel (Ret) Vincent E. Reed

1982

Colonel (Ret) Grover A. DuBose
Colonel (Ret) James M. Garrison, Jr.
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Nelson R. Bickley

1983

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

1984

Brigadier General Joseph E. Turner (USAR)
Colonel 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 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 Herman H. Jones
Colonel James W. Vallandingham
Colonel (Ret) James W. Reed

1988

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) C. Milton Kates
Colonel (Ret) Alphonso W. Nabors
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Bernice McGheee
Colonel Edwin A. Wilkerson

1989

Colonel Kenneth D. Gray
Colonel William P. Greene, Jr.
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Stephen S. Whisiker
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) John L. Whitehead

Alma Mater

Ernest Wade '30

Martha Spencer '31

There is a place we love so dear—
It's 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.

The Star-Spangled Banner

Francis Scott Key

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?