



HOMECOMING CONVOCATION  
AND  
RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS  
**Hall of Fame Ceremony**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1987  
11:10 a.m.

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

# 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, mechanical arts, etc., Military Tactics was taught. The ROTC Department of West Virginia State College, as we now know it today, 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 in 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, a Senior ROTC Unit was established at West Virginia State 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 has, traditionally been an integral part of the College's existence since its founding.

# PROGRAM

Harry V. Scott, Presiding  
Vice President, Academic Affairs

PRELUDE—Symphonic Suite: Intrada . . . . . *Clifton Williams*  
West Virginia State College Wind Ensemble  
David Williams, Conductor

NATIONAL ANTHEM—

INVOCATION . . . . . Kevin L. Hairston  
Second Lieutenant, West Virginia State College, Class of 1987

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS . . . . . Quewanncoii C. Stephens  
Lieutenant Colonel, Professor of Military Science

PRESENTATION OF INDUCTEES AND RESPONSE—

Colonel Vandy L. Miller (Retired), Class of 1954  
presented by Cadet/MAJ Robert P. Louie

Colonel Herman H. Jones, Class of 1964  
presented by Cadet/CPT Jamie D. Walker

Colonel James W. Vallandingham, Class of 1959  
presented by Cadet/CPT Tammy G. Toliver

Colonel James W. Reed (Retired), Class of 1954  
presented by Cadet/LTC Edward E. Dickerson, IV

MUSICAL SELECTION—Hands Across the Sea . . . . . *John Philip Sousa*  
West Virginia State College Wind Ensemble

RECOGNITION OF ROTC GRADUATES AND HALL OF FAMERS AND  
SPECIAL PRESENTATION . . . . . Quewanncoii C. Stephens

RECOGNITION OF INVITED GUEST . . . . . Andrew Aheart  
Chair, Division of Natural Science and Mathematics

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

ALMA MATER—

# VANDY L. MILLER

## COLONEL, RETIRED

COLONEL VANDY L. MILLER IS A NATIVE OF BLUEFIELD, WEST VIRGINIA. HE ATTENDED PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN GARY AND BLUEFIELD, WEST VIRGINIA. UPON GRADUATION, HE ATTENDED WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE. COLONEL MILLER WAS A FOUR-YEAR LETTERMAN IN FOOTBALL, CO-CAPTAIN OF THE TEAM AND WAS HONORED BY BEING NAMED TO THE JACKIE ROBINSON ALL AMERICAN TEAM IN 1953. HE WAS INDUCTED IN THE WVSC SPORTS HALL OF FAME IN 1986.

COLONEL MILLER TOOK ON JOBS OF INCREASING RESPONSIBILITY DURING HIS TWENTY-FOUR YEARS OF ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE. AS CHIEF HEALTH PHYSICIST AT WALTER REED MEDICAL CENTER, HE REORGANIZED THE HEALTH PHYSICS OFFICE TO SUPPORT WALTER REED ARMY INSTITUTE OF RESEARCH, ARMED FORCES INSTITUTE OF PATHOLOGY, WALTER REED GENERAL HOSPITAL, AND THE BIO-MEDICAL LABORATORY, FORT DETRICK, MARYLAND. AS EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, U. S. ARMY NUCLEAR MEDICAL RESEARCH DETACHMENT EUROPE, HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR EVALUATING THE NUCLEAR DEFENSE POSTURE OF ARMY UNITS IN THE EUROPEAN THEATRE.

COLONEL MILLER'S MILITARY TRAINING INCLUDES THE ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT OFFICER'S BASIC AND ADVANCE COURSES, COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE AND SEVERAL POST GRADUATE COURSES IN RADIATION PROTECTION AND NUCLEAR MEDICAL SCIENCE. HIS MILITARY HONORS INCLUDE THE LEGION OF MERIT, MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL, ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL WITH TWO OAK LEAF CLUSTERS AND THE NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL.

COLONEL MILLER IS A STRONG SUPPORTER OF WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE. HE IS THE MOST RECENT PRESIDENT OF WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE NATIONAL 'W' CLUB ASSOCIATION. HE IS VERY ACTIVE IN THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN ALUMNI CHAPTER OF WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE AND A LIFE MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

COLONEL MILLER IS CURRENTLY EMPLOYED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AS A MEMBER OF THE SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE WITH THE UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION.

HE AND HIS WIFE, SYLVIA, LIVE IN SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND AND THEY HAVE THREE CHILDREN, KERWIN, KARAN, AND KARMEN AND ONE GRANDDAUGHTER, MARKIA.

# HERMAN H. JONES

## COLONEL

COLONEL JONES ENTERED THE UNITED STATES ARMY ON AUGUST 11, 1964 FOLLOWING COMMISSIONING FROM THE WVSC ROTC PROGRAM. AFTER SERVING TWO YEARS IN THE INFANTRY BRANCH, COLONEL JONES EMBARKED ON A DISTINGUISHED CAREER IN THE ORDNANCE CORPS SPECIALIZING IN NUCLEAR WEAPONS MANAGEMENT AND LOGISTICS. CAREER PROGRESSION FOLLOWED A VARIETY OF COMMAND AND STAFF ASSIGNMENTS WITH TOURS OF DUTY IN VIETNAM, KOREA, WEST GERMANY AND THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES.

DURING THE MID-1980'S, COLONEL JONES PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS MODERNIZATION PROGRAM IN WESTERN EUROPE. AS THE PRINCIPAL STAFF OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACCOUNTABILITY, INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT, DEPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT OF ALL TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND GUIDED MISSILES ASSIGNED TO U.S. ARMY FORCES AND NATO. COLONEL JONES WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN COORDINATING THE PLANNING EFFORT AND CONDUCTING THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE CONTROVERSIAL PERSHING II MEDIUM RANGE MISSILE SYSTEM TO EUROPE. HIS DEMONSTRATED KNOWLEDGE AND PERFORMANCE LED TO HIS SELECTION BY THE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE TO BE A MEMBER OF A SIX MEMBER PANEL THAT PROMULGATED OPERATIONAL SAFETY RULES AND GRANTED NUCLEAR SAFETY CERTIFICATION TO THE USS OHIO, THE NATION'S FIRST TRIDENT SUBMARINE, AS WELL AS MANY OTHER MAJOR NAVY STRATEGIC WEAPON SYSTEMS.

COLONEL JONES IS CURRENTLY SERVING AS COMMANDER, U.S. ARMY MATERIEL COMMAND SURETY FIELD ACTIVITY IN DOVER, NEW JERSEY. IN THIS CAPACITY, HE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSESSING POLICY COMPLIANCE AND OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY OF THE ARMY'S NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND LETHAL CHEMICAL MUNITIONS STORAGE DEPOTS; CHEMICAL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND TEST LABORATORIES; AND, NUCLEAR REACTOR FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES.

COLONEL JONES' MILITARY HONORS INCLUDE THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, THE DEFENSE MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL, THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL WITH TWO OAK LEAF CLUSTERS, AND THE ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL.

COLONEL JONES IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER BARBARA JEAN FRANCIS, ALSO A WVSC GRADUATE. HE AND HIS WIFE, BARBARA, ARE THE PARENTS OF TWO SONS AND ONE DAUGHTER.

# JAMES W. VALLANDINGHAM

## COLONEL

JAMES W. VALLANDINGHAM IS A NATIVE OF HINTON WEST VIRGINIA. HE GRADUATED FROM HINTON HIGH SCHOOL. HE HAS A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN ECONOMICS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON, A MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN EDUCATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AND A MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH. HE HAS GRADUATED FROM THE BASIC AND ADVANCED (MSC) COURSES, THE U.S. ARMY ADJUTANT GENERAL SCHOOL PERSONNEL COURSE, THE UNITED STATES ARMY INTELLIGENCE SCHOOL IMAGERY INTERPRETATION COURSE, THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AIR GROUND OPERATIONS COURSE, THE UNITED STATES ARMY COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE AND THE INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE OF THE ARMED FORCES.

HIS ASSIGNMENTS INCLUDE PLATOON SERGEANT THIRD INFANTRY DIVISION, OPERATIONS SERGEANT RANGER SCHOOL, BATTALION MEDICAL OFFICER 19TH COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION, CHIEF IMAGERY INTERPRETATION BRANCH G-2 HEADQUARTERS 7TH UNITED STATES ARMY, COMPANY COMMANDER AND BATTALION S-3 52D MEDICAL BATTALION, S-3 30TH MEDICAL GROUP FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.

OTHER ASSIGNMENTS INCLUDE PERSONNEL PROCUREMENT OFFICER, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK, S-3 AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER 4TH MEDICAL BATTALION, 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, CHIEF PERSONNEL DIVISION, SURGEON'S OFFICE, HEADQUARTERS FIRST UNITED STATES ARMY, SURVEYOR AND CHIEF MANPOWER SURVEY TEAM, HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES ARMY HEALTH SERVICES COMMAND, CHIEF OFFICER PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT DIVISION, HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES ARMY HEALTH SERVICES COMMAND, CHIEF PERSONNEL DIVISION, HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL COMMAND, KOREA, CHIEF ENLISTED PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT DIVISION, HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES ARMY HEALTH SERVICES COMMAND AND MOST RECENTLY EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND CHIEF MEDICAL OPERATIONS, HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES ARMY TRAINING AND DOCTRINE COMMAND.

HIS AWARDS INCLUDE THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL, BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH FOUR OAK LEAF CLUSTERS, MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL WITH TWO OAK LEAF CLUSTERS, AIR MEDAL, ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL WITH TWO OAK LEAF CLUSTERS, ARMY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL, GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL, THE COMBAT MEDICAL BADGE, AND OTHER AWARDS AND DECORATIONS.

COLONEL VALLANDINGHAM IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER CHRISTIANA RICHMOND. THEY HAVE ONE MARRIED DAUGHTER, CINDY PIERCE, WHO TEACHES SCHOOL IN HOUSTON, TEXAS.

# JAMES W. REED

## COLONEL

COLONEL JAMES W. REED, A DISTINGUISHED MILITARY GRADUATE OF WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE ARMY ROTC IN 1954, IS A NATIVE OF SAINT PETERSBURG, FLORIDA.

WHILE ON ACTIVE DUTY, COLONEL REED ATTENDED THE FIELD ARTILLERY OFFICER'S BASIC COURSE, FORT SILL, OKLAHOMA, GUIDED MISSILE STAFF OFFICER'S COURSE, FORT BLISS, TEXAS, MEDICAL OFFICER'S BASIC COURSE, FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS, AND RESIDENCY, INTERNAL MEDICINE, MADIGAN ARMY MEDICAL CENTER, TACOMA, WASHINGTON, HE OBTAINED HIS DOCTORATE DEGREE IN MEDICAL EDUCATION AT HOWARD UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF MEDICINE, WASHINGTON, D.C., AND CONDUCTED POST DOCTORATE RESEARCH IN ENDOCRINOLOGY AND METABOLISM AT UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

COLONEL REED'S CAREER HAS SPANNED SEVERAL YEARS IN WHICH HE HAS OCCUPIED HIGH-LEVEL POSITIONS IN THE UNITED STATES AND OVERSEAS. HIS ASSIGNMENTS TOOK HIM TO SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, LANDSTUHL, WEST GERMANY, AND AUGUSTA, GEORGIA. HIS MILITARY HONORS INCLUDE THE LEGION OF MERIT, MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL, AND THE SURGEON GENERAL'S AWARD IN INTERNAL MEDICINE. IN 1975, HE WAS SELECTED AS THE MILITARY FEDERAL EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AT MADIGAN ARMY MEDICAL CENTER, TACOMA, WASHINGTON. COLONEL REED IS A MEMBER OF FELLOW AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS, THE AMERICAN ENDOCRINE SOCIETY, THE AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION, THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HYPERTENSION, AND THE SOCIETY OF TEACHERS OF FAMILY MEDICINE.

COLONEL REED IS CURRENTLY PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE AND CHAIRMAN, DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE, MOREHOUSE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, ATLANTA, GEORGIA. HE AND HIS WIFE EDNA ARE THE PARENTS OF TWO SONS AND TWO DAUGHTERS, DAVID, ROBERT, MARY AND KATHRINE.

# ROTC HALL OF FAME

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

## 1980

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

## 1981

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

## 1982

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

## 1983

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

## 1984

Colonel Charles E. Stokes, Jr.  
Colonel Joseph E. Turner (USAR)  
Lieutenant Colonel Richard V. White (Ret.)  
Lieutenant Colonel Howard L. Wilson (Ret.)

## 1985

Brigadier General Walter F. Johnson, III  
Colonel Thomas E. Carter, M.D.  
Lieutenant Colonel Thomas D. Carter, Jr. (Ret.)  
Lieutenant Colonel James L. Hill (Ret.)

## 1986

Colonel Paul H. Easley, Sr. (Ret.)  
Colonel Roscoe A. Swann, Jr.  
Lieutenant Colonel John E. Baker, (Ret.)  
Major James W. Hawkins, Jr. (Ret.)

# 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. Sevdy	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 Quewanncoi C. Stephens	1984-



# ALMA MATER

## Of West Virginia State College

ERNEST WADE '30

MARTHA SPENCER '31

1. There is a place we love so dear Its name we'll ever praise and re-vere 'Tis West Vir-gin-ia

REFRAIN

State we love Just one more step from there is heav'n a - bove. West Vir- gin - ia's

praise we'll sing Lift our voic-es 'til heav-ens ring As we gal - ly march a-long We'll

sing a song for Al-ma Mater How we love her pride of all our loy-al hearts From her we will

nev-er part Thoughts of thee will nev'er be few Al-ma Ma-ter 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