



HOMECOMING  
CONVOCATION

RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS  
HALL OF FAME CEREMONY

AND  
ENDOWMENT LUNCHEON

OCTOBER 14, 1994

Harrison H. Ferrell Hall

P.A. Williams Auditorium



# HISTORICAL SKETCH OF WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE

The second Morrill Act of 1890 was intended to make available to black citizens training in agriculture and mechanical arts. Like other states that maintained segregated educational systems, West Virginia responded on March 17, 1891 by enacting legislation to create a special land-grant institution for blacks. To this end 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. In 1915 the name was changed to the West Virginia Collegiate Institute, and its present name was assumed in 1929.

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 that included instruction in mathematics, chemistry, French and English. The first college degrees were awarded in 1919.

Beginning in 1919 the College turned increasingly to the development of a strong academic curriculum with emphasis upon academic excellence. First of America's Negro land-grant colleges to earn accreditation, it has the distinction of having the longest continuing accreditation in the North Central Association of the public four-year institutions in West Virginia.

The 1954 *Brown v the Board of Education* United States Supreme Court decision had an immediate and dramatic impact on West Virginia State College. Within two years, the institution was transformed from a small black college to a racially integrated one. Since that time, program offerings have expanded and new ones developed as the College keeps pace with the demands of students and the needs of the larger community. From a modest beginning with forty students, West Virginia State College has emerged into a multipurpose institution serving a diverse student body which is multiracial and multicultural. From a small tract of land and a building, the college has developed into a multimillion dollar educational complex.

# PROGRAM

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

PRELUDE: "American Celebration" . . . . arr. Robert W. Smith  
The Yellow Jacket Symphonic Band  
Christopher Card, Director

POSTING OF COLORS . . . . . ROTC Color Guard  
Lionel Chatman, Cadet Captain

NATIONAL ANTHEM

INVOCATION . . . . . Gary A. Faucher, Cadet Sergeant

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS . . . . . Herbert E. Lattimore  
Lieutenant Colonel, Professor of Military Science

PRESENTATION OF INDUCTEES AND RESPONSE—

George L. Rich, Jr., MAJ (USAR), Class of '61  
Presented by Jay Smith, Cadet Captain

Terry L. Tucker, COLONEL, Class of '72  
Presented by Charles Thompson, Cadet Battalion Commander

Lazelle E. Free, Sr., LTC (Ret), Class of '61  
Presented by Frederick Hill, Cadet Major

Frankie D. Hoskey, COLONEL, Class of '75  
Presented by Alvin Morton, Cadet Captain

MUSICAL SELECTION: "Navy Hymn" . . . . . arr. Jay Dawson  
The Yellow Jacket Symphonic Band

RECOGNITION OF HONORED GUESTS . . . Herbert E. Lattimore

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

ALMA MATER . . . . . *Spencer-Wade*  
The Yellow Jacket Symphonic Band

POSTLUDE: "Trooper Salute" . . . . . arr. Jay Bocook  
The Yellow Jacket Symphonic Band

# George L. Rich, Jr.

## Major (USAR)

Major George L. Rich, Jr., a native of Washington, D.C., graduated from West Virginia State College with a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Mechanic Arts and as a Distinguished Military graduate with a commission as an Infantry Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army in 1961.

Reporting to active duty in October 1961, Major Rich was assigned to the 22nd Infantry, 4th Infantry Division at Ft. Lewis, Washington after attending the Infantry Officer Basic Course and Executive Officer (XO) in Co. E, 1st Battle Group. This assignment also included thirty days maneuvers in Germany. Leaving Ft. Lewis in 1963, he headed back to Ft. Benning, Georgia for four weeks of Airborne School en route to Ft. Rucker, Alabama for sixteen weeks of Officer Fixed Wing Flight Training. He remained at Ft. Rucker with Co. B, 5th Battalion, 31st Infantry until February 1965, serving as XO and Company Commander (CO). Once again he returned to Ft. Benning for the Advanced Infantry Officers Career Course. Upon completion, he was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile). He deployed to Vietnam where he served with the 2nd Battalion and 2nd Brigade as Liaison Officer (LNO), Assistant S-3 and Civil Affairs Officer (S-5). Returning from Vietnam in August, 1966, he was assigned ROTC duty as an Advanced Course Instructor at the Ohio State University (OSU). In June, 1968, he was assigned to the United States Army Reserve (USAR) Control Group.

However, he remained an active reservist for many years serving as Detachment Commander for an A and B Team, XO, CO and S-3 in the 2nd Special Forces Battalion, 11th Special Forces Group Airborne. During this time, he reentered active duty to complete the Special Forces Officer Course at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina in 1973 and returned to Ft. Bragg again in 1977 to serve a short active duty tour as XO with the 1st Special Forces Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne).

While at OSU, he obtained a Master of Arts (MA) degree in Guidance and Counseling and in Educational Administration. Since then, he has completed all course work and passed general exams toward a Doctor of Philosophy (PHD).

September, 1968, Major Rich began his career in education with middle age youngsters. He taught junior high school industrial arts the first year. The second year he taught as a guidance counselor and continued in counseling at several junior and senior high schools until 1974. In September of 1974, Major Rich became a school administrator and began an assignment as a junior/senior high school assistant principal. Being promoted to principal in 1980, he became a middle school principal until retirement on 24 June 1994.

# Terry L. Tucker

## Colonel

Colonel Terry L. Tucker graduated from West Virginia State College in 1972 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science. As a Distinguished Military graduate, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in Armor. His military education includes the Armor Basic and Advanced Officer Courses, Airborne Course, Ranger School, Logistics Executive Development Course, Command and General Staff College, and The Advanced Operational Studies Fellowship. Additionally, Colonel Tucker holds a Master of Science Degree from the Florida Institute of Technology.

Colonel Tucker has served several tours in the United States, as well as two tours in Germany. He has served in the 1st Infantry Division (FWD), as a Tank Platoon Leader, Support Platoon Leader, and Company Executive Officer in the 3d BN, 63d Armor; in the 2d Brigade, 9th Infantry Division as the Assistant Brigade S3, then Company Commander and Battalion S4 of the 2d BN, 77th Armor; at Fort Bliss as an Instructor and Branch Chief in the Tactics Department, Air Defense Artillery School; in the 2D Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, as the Brigade S4, Brigade S3, and as Executive Officer of the 4th BN, 68th Armor; in Washington, D.C. as the Armor Systems Integrator for the Deputy Armored Division as the Commander of 4th Squadron, 7th U.S. Cavalry during Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm; in the 8th Infantry Division; and the 1st Armored Division as the Commander of 1st Squadron, 1st U.S. Cavalry; and at Fort Leavenworth as the Director of the Advanced Operational Art Studies Fellowship. Colonel Tucker currently commands the 177th Separate Armored Brigade at Fort Irwin, California.

Colonel Tucker's awards and decorations include the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Air Medal, Meritorious Services Medal (with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters), Kuwaiti Liberation Medal, Ranger Tab and Army Staff Identification Badge.

Colonel Tucker is married to the former Patricia Ann Kelley of Dunbar, West Virginia. They have two children, Christopher (18), and Tracey (14).

# Lazelle E. Free, Sr.

## Lieutenant Colonel (Ret)

Lieutenant Colonel Lazelle E. Free, a graduate of West Virginia State College Army ROTC in 1961, was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on January 27, 1940.

Colonel Free's interesting and productive life has successfully spanned three careers. His career in the army was highlighted by a variety of assignments where he was recognized and respected as a dynamic and courageous Combat Arms Officer, an effective teacher, and as an efficient staff officer. As a Combat Arms Officer, he distinguished himself as an Armor Platoon Leader at Fort Knox, Kentucky; a Company Commander and Battalion Operations Officer with the 2nd Armored Division (Mechanized); A Battalion Operations and Training Officer with the 1st Infantry Division; and an Infantry Advisor to Vietnamese Army Combat Forces during two tours in Vietnam. He proved himself to be a very effective teacher and trainer as an Assistant Professor of Military Science in the ROTC Programs at Hampton (Institute) University and at North Carolina A & T State University. He also displayed exceptional skills as a staff officer while serving as the chief of the recruiting branch for northern 5th Army with responsibility for the states of Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, Missouri, Michigan, Indiana, Tennessee and Wisconsin; Chief of Advertising and Information Division for the largest of the ROTC Regions, 1st ROTC Region; and Chief of Plans and Operations Division of the Directorate of Reserve Components at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

His military education includes the Armor School Basic and Advanced Courses, the Defense Information School, and the United States Army Command and General Staff College.

Among his many medals and awards are the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Bronze Star Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Purple Heart, the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, the Vietnamese Service Medal, Vietnamese Campaign Ribbon, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, and Vietnamese Honor Medal.

In addition to receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from West Virginia State College, he earned two Master's degrees. He holds a Master of Arts degree in Public Affairs from Webster College in St. Louis, Missouri and a Master of Science in Education Administration from North Carolina A & T State University.

Since retiring from the service in 1982, Colonel Free has built an outstanding reputation in his second career as the Senior Army Instructor for Junior ROTC at Grimsley Senior High School in Greensboro, North Carolina. In the late 1980s he concurrently began a highly successful third career as owner and CEO of Lacy Free & Sons (transportation) Company, Inc. in Greensboro, North Carolina.

# Frankie D. Hoskey

## Colonel

Colonel Frankie D. Hoskey was born in Keystone, West Virginia on 12 November 1949. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from West Virginia State College in 1972, and graduated from the Ohio State University, College of Law with a Juris Doctor Degree in 1975.

His military education includes completion of the Judge Advocate General's Corps Officer Basic and Advanced Courses at the Judge Advocate General's School in Charlottesville, Virginia. He graduated from the Resident Army Command and General Staff Officer's Course at Fort Leavenworth in 1988.

Colonel Hoskey was commissioned in 1972 through the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps. He was admitted to the practice of law in November 1975 and entered active duty in the Judge Advocate General's Corps in January 1976.

His first assignment was in Baumholder, Germany with the 8th Infantry Division (Mech). During that assignment he served as a Legal Assistance Officer, Defense Counsel and Trial Counsel. In 1979, he was assigned to the Office of the Judge Advocate General as a Legal Assistance Officer.

From January 1981 through July 1983, he was a Commissioner to the Chairman, Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals. In July 1984, he became the Deputy Staff Judge Advocate and Contract Law Advisor for U.S. Army Garrison, Fort McPherson, Georgia. In June 1988, Colonel Hoskey was assigned to the Acquisition Law Assistance Program, Contract Law Division, Office of the Judge Advocate General. During Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, he was attached to Headquarters, U.S. Army Forces Central Command where he served as Chief, Contract Law Division, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate. He returned to the Office of the Judge Advocate General to serve as Chief, Acquisition Law Assistance Program. In February 1992, Colonel Hoskey joined the Headquarters, Defense Logistics Agency, Office of General Counsel, as Associate General Counsel, Contract Management and Military Affairs.

On 5 August 1994, Colonel Hoskey commenced a two-year fellowship at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.

Colonel Hoskey's personal awards include the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster) and the Army Achievement Medal.

Colonel Hoskey's son, Frankie, Jr., is a senior at Howard University.



# ENDOWMENT LUNCHEON

## PROGRAM

BG (Ret) Dallas C. Brown  
Master of Ceremonies

MESS CALL . . . . . 12:30  
PRE LUNCHEON CEREMONY . . . . . BG (Ret) Dallas C. Brown  
INVOCATION . . . . . Cadet/Captain Lionel Chatman  
WELCOMING REMARKS . . . . . BG (Ret) Dallas C. Brown  
THE OCCASION . . . . . LTC Herbert E. Lattimore  
Professor of Military Science

## LUNCH

INTRODUCTION OF HONOREE . . . Cadet/LTC Charles Thompson  
Cadet Battalion Commander  
RESPONSE AND PRESENTATION OF ENDOWMENT GIFT  
MG (Ret) Harvey D. Williams  
First Recipient, The WVSC ROTC Role Model Award  
CLOSING REMARKS . . . . . Dr. Charles T. Ledbetter  
Assistant to the President

ALMA MATER

AFTER-LUNCHEON CEREMONY

BENEDICTION . . . . . Cadet/Sergeant Gary A. Faucher

# 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 Howard 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-

Lieutenant Colonel Herbert E. Lattimore

# 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. Rogers\*  
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  
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 (Honorary)  
Dr. Prince A. Williams (Honorary)\*

## 1983

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

## 1984

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

\*Deceased

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

## 1990

Brigadier General James W. Monroe  
Brigadier General Jack Yeager  
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Acie McGhee, Jr.  
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Ronald M. McLeod  
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) George S. Roberts

## 1991

Colonel Ronald E. Townsend  
Colonel (Ret) Kenneth A. Ingram  
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Henry R. Bellingier  
Commissioner Earl E. Jones

## 1992

Colonel (Ret) James Manning  
Colonel (Ret) John Mackey  
Colonel Donald Townsend  
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Dennis Neighbors  
Dr. John W. Davis (Honorary Posthumously)  
Mr. James Evans (Honorary Posthumously)  
Brigadier General Roscoe Cartwright  
(Honorary, Posthumously)  
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Samuel Kelly  
(Honorary)

## 1993

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

## 1994

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

# 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 rockets' 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?