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Homecoming Convocation

and

Reserve Officer Training Corps
Hall of Fame Ceremony

Friday 13, October 2006

11 a.m.

F. S. Belcher Theatre
John W. Davis Fine Arts Building



Historical Sketch of West Virginia State University ROTC

The second Morrill Act of 1890 made training in agriculture and mechanical arts available to African-American citizens. Section four of the Morrill Act required military training as part of the curriculum. West Virginia responded on March 17, 1891 by enacting legislation to create a special land grant institution for Blacks. Federal funds provided \$3,000 for faculty salaries, and the West Virginia Legislature appropriated \$10,000 to purchase a farm and build a school building upon it. The institution was founded as the West Virginia Colored Institute.

Although not specifically included in the West Virginia Legislative Act, military training was conducted during the school's first year. The ROTC Department opened shortly after the establishment of a military corps in 1899. In 1915, West Virginia Colored Institute was renamed the West Virginia Collegiate Institute. In 1929, the college changed its name to West Virginia State College. In 2004, the college received university status and was renamed West Virginia State University. Military training continued at the college from 1899 until present, with the exception of temporary suspensions from 1907-1916 and 1920-1942.

From its beginnings until 1915, the institution offered the equivalent of a high school education, with a curriculum devoted primarily to agriculture, trades, and teacher education. In 1915, the school was given the authority to award college degrees requiring instruction in Mathematics, Chemistry, French, and English. The first college degrees were awarded in 1919.

Much of the credit for establishing the present Senior ROTC program goes to Mr. Daniel P. Lincoln and Professor Daniel L. Ferguson. Their success in conducting voluntary military training early in World War II kept alive the War Department's recognition of the college's desire to continue the ROTC program.

In 1942, LTC Payton Winlock established a Senior ROTC unit to provide instruction in Field Artillery. Artillery was taught until 1956, when the department was designated a General Military Science Program. Graduates could now be commissioned into any of the Army's eighteen branches of service.

With the 1954 Supreme Court decision, *Brown v. the Board of Education*, West Virginia State College was propelled from a small black college to a racially integrated one. Program offerings expanded, and new ones developed as the college kept pace with the demands of students and the needs of the larger community. In 1970, the Military Science Department acquired elective status and ceased to be a mandatory program for all male students.

2006 Fall Program

LTC Steve D. Thomas, Presiding
Professor of Military Science, WVSU ROTC Yellow Jacket Battalion

PRELUDE: "America the Beautiful" by S.A. Ward/arr. by Ralph Ford
The West Virginia State University Marching Band
Scott Woodard, Director

ARRIVAL OF OFFICIAL PARTY LTC STEVE D. THOMAS

POSTING OF COLORS WVSU ROTC COLOR GUARD

NATIONAL ANTHEM by F. S. Key/arr. by B. Moffitt

INVOCATION CADET EDWARD A. BEARD

WELCOME & INTRODUCTORY REMARKS LTC STEVE D. THOMAS
Lieutenant Colonel
Field Artillery, Professor of Military Science

PRESENTATION OF INDUCTEES AND RESPONDENTS

Clarence "CJ" Jackson, Jr., Lieutenant Colonel (Retired), Class of '59
Presented by Cadet Edgar Velasquez

Willard O. Jasper, Lieutenant Colonel (Retired), Class of '59
Presented by Cadet Dominique Logan

Michael A. White, Lieutenant Colonel (Retired), Class of '77
Presented by Cadet Stephen Wilson

Charles P. McCormick, Lieutenant Colonel, Class of '86
Presented by Cadet Brittany Crowder

MUSICAL SELECTION: Selections from "God Bless America" by I. Berlin/arr. By J. Bocook
The West Virginia State University Marching Band

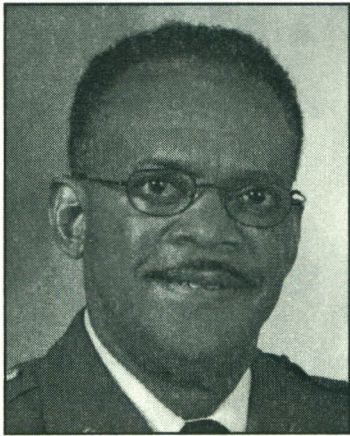
RECOGNITION OF HONORED GUESTS LTC Steve D. Thomas

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

ALMA MATER *Spencer-Wade*

ARMY SONG & RECESSIONAL OF OFFICIAL PARTY

POSTLUDE: "Battle Hymn of the Republic" by J.W. Howe/arr. By F. Cofield
West Virginia State University Marching Band



LTC (Retired) Clarence "C.J." Jackson, Jr.

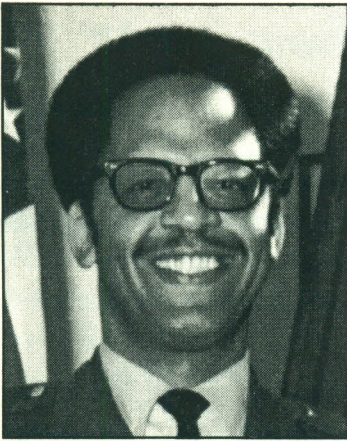
Clarence "C.J." Jackson was born and reared in Fort Lauderdale, Florida and is a graduate of Dillard High School, Class of 1955. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in 1959 from West Virginia State College, with a major in Zoology and minors in Math and Chemistry. C.J. received his Masters Degree in Education Administration and Supervision from Virginia State College, Petersburg, Virginia in 1972.

C.J.'s parents, both deceased, were very active in the community as well as being successful in business. They were active in civic and educational activities as charter members of the Negro Chamber of Commerce and Ladies Auxiliary. All three of their children are college graduates. Now that C.J. is retired, he devotes more time with different organizations in voter education registration that emphasize the value of each individual's vote.

Shortly after receiving his Bachelors degree, C.J. entered the U.S. Army as a 2nd Lieutenant. Some of his active tours of duty included Ft. Irvin, California; Germany; Ft. Knox, Kentucky; Viet Nam; West Virginia State, and Virginia State Colleges. He served two tours of duty in Viet Nam. After active duty, LTC Jackson spent 15 years in the Army Reserve. Some of his assignments were Ft. Stewart, Georgia; the Pentagon; Ft. Knox, Kentucky; West Point Military Academy, and Ft. Bragg, North Carolina.

LTC Jackson is divorced and the father of two children, Brian and Jeanine. During his military career, he was awarded two Bronze Stars and the Air Medal. He holds several other military honors. However, his most-prized award or honor was being selected as "Father of the Year" at the New Mount Olive Baptist Church in 1996. C.J., as he is affectionately called by friends and family, is an ardent member of New Mount Olive Baptist church and is involved in many civic and fraternal organizations that include but are not limited to: Kappa Alpha Psi, Negro Chamber of Congress, Pride of Ft. Lauderdale Lodge, FASA (Florida Association of School Administrators), FASFEP (Florida Association of State and Federal Education Program Administrators), etc. Every year, he and some of his friends sponsor a Networking function, bringing people from around the state together. His retirement party, in large measure, was testimony to the high esteem in which he is held by friends, family, and others involved in community affairs. He has long been an advocate of Parental Involvement and Family Friendly Schools.

C.J. firmly believes "If you have one true friend in life, you are blessed."



LTC (Retired) Willard O. Jasper

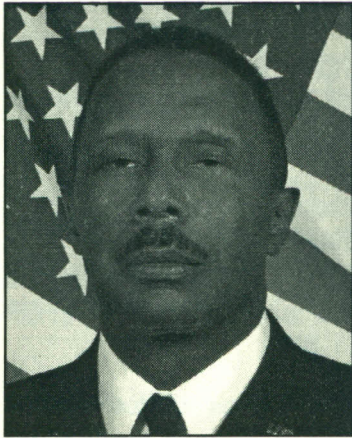
Lieutenant Colonel Willard O. Jasper was born in Brooklyn, West Virginia and graduated from Dubois High School in Mt. Hope, West Virginia. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics from West Virginia State College in 1959. In 1972, he received a Master of Science Degree in Management Information Systems from the American University, Washington, DC.

While at West Virginia State College, he was a member of the Senior Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) and was the first Cadet to receive a commission through the Army Medical Service Corps. He was a member of the football team for three years, a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, and in his senior year, he was the Vice President of the Student Government.

During his military career LTC Jasper was assigned as the Director of Plans and Contractual Support Division for the Tri-Service Medical Information Systems Group within the Department of Defense. He served as the Director of the Management Information Systems Division at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center during the construction of the current facility. LTC Jasper also served as the Chief of the Applications Systems Branch, Office of the Surgeon General, and participated in the Vietnam conflict as an Advisor to the Vietnamese Forces for the operation of a Tactical Medical Field Hospital and a Division Medical Supply Depot.

LTC Jasper retired from military service on March 31, 1980. Since that time, he has worked with the International Business Service as Director of Operations. He is Currently Vice President and Director of Human Resources with DICHROMA, Inc. He is also Chaplain of the Third District, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Some of his community activities include: Deacon at the Alfred Street Baptist Church, Commissioner for the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority, Trustee for the Fairfax County Library Board, President of the Northern Virginia Urban League Guild, founder of Project MANHOOD, which is a group of adults who mentor young boys between the ages of 7 and 17, a member of the Trustee Assembly, a member of the United Way of the National Capital Area, a member of the Executive Committee for Fairfax County United Way, and a member of the Big Brothers of Northern Virginia.



LTC (Retired) Michael A. White

Lieutenant Colonel Michael A. White was born in Charleston, West Virginia and raised in Oak Hill, West Virginia. He graduated from Collins High School, Oak Hill, West Virginia in 1973. He later graduated from West Virginia State College in 1977 and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army in the Air Defense Artillery branch. While at West Virginia State College, he was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

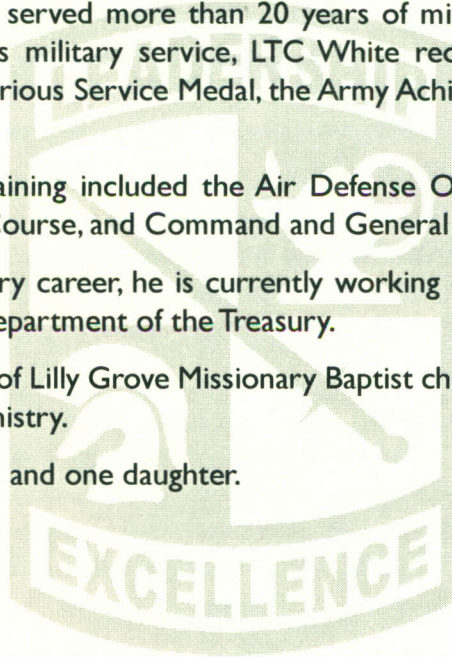
After receiving his Bachelor of Science degree, LTC White served more than 20 years of military service, which included tours in Korea. During his military service, LTC White received numerous medals and awards, including the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Achievement Medal and the Army Commendation Medal.

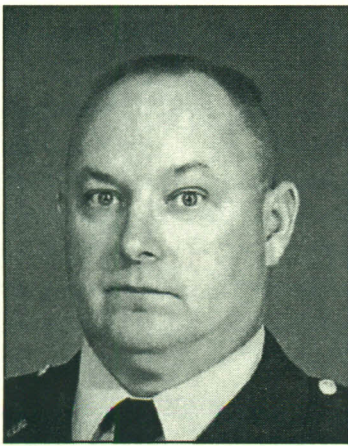
LTC White's military training included the Air Defense Officers Basic Course, the Air Defense Artillery Advance Course, and Command and General Staff College.

Subsequent to his military career, he is currently working on a 25-year career with the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury.

LTC White is a member of Lilly Grove Missionary Baptist church in Houston, Texas, where he is active in the prison ministry.

LTC White has two sons and one daughter.





LTC Charles P. McCormick

LTC Charles P. McCormick entered active military service in June of 1977 as an enlisted soldier. He served four years with the 82nd Airborne Division, rising to the rank of Sergeant. He left active duty in June 1981, and worked construction in south Texas for the next year. Realizing that his true love was with military service, LTC McCormick returned to West Virginia and joined the WVARNG as a light weapons leader in the 19th SFGP (Special Forces Group).

Charles McCormick joined the Cadet Corps at West Virginia State College in the fall of 1982. He graduated from West Virginia State College with a BS degree in Secondary Education. He received a MS degree in Physical Education from North Georgia College and a MA degree in leadership from Marshall University. Charles McCormick was commissioned as an infantry officer in May of 1984 and graduated a distinguished military graduate.

In 1991, LTC McCormick assumed command of 5/6 Infantry and commanded the Delta Dogs until August of 1992. He also became the Military Science 300 Training Officer at North Georgia College in Dahlonega, Georgia. He left active duty in 1995 to pursue a career in secondary education in his home state of West Virginia.

After leaving active duty, LTC McCormick became a teacher at Poca High School, where he still instructs computer classes and teaches science. Since 1995, LTC McCormick has been serving as a member of the 80th Division USAR. He has held multiple positions, which include Commander A Company, 2/320 Infantry and Chemical Battalion; Battalion Executive officer of the 8/80th Quartermaster Battalion; instructor with the Command and General Staff College, and his current assignment as Brigade S3 for 4th Brigade 80th Division.

LTC McCormick was mobilized in May of 2005, during Operation Iraqi Freedom. At that time, he trained and deployed a military training team for an Iraqi Infantry battalion. While in Kuwait, he was injured and returned to the USA, where he underwent treatment.

His military awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (second award), the Army Commendation Medal, (fourth award), the Army Achievement Medal, (fifth award), the Humanitarian Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Air Assault Badge, the Expert Infantryman Badge, the Master Parachute Badge, and the Ranger Tab.

LTC McCormick is the son of Ford and Betty McCormick of St. Albans, West Virginia. He is the youngest brother of LTC Rodney McCormick, who is also a graduate of WVSC. He is married to the former Ruth Ann Erwin, formerly of Hurricane, West Virginia; they have two sons, Riley and Tyree.

Professors of Military Science

1942-1944	Lieutenant Colonel Payton Winlock
1944-1945	Lieutenant Colonel Benote H. Lee
1945-1946	Captain William J. Gray
1946-1948	Lieutenant Colonel Leon Lavoie
1948-1951	Lieutenant Colonel Charles H. Wesner
1951-1954	Lieutenant Colonel Orion Page
1954-1956	Major Robbin Washington
1956-1958	Lieutenant Colonel John Woodruff
1958-1959	Lieutenant Colonel Howard Bartholomew
1959-1963	Lieutenant Colonel Edward D. Hinkson
1963-1967	Lieutenant Colonel Joseph C. Hill
1967-1969	Lieutenant Colonel Marvin E. Billups
1969-1971	Lieutenant Colonel Louis J. Weil
1971-1974	Colonel Lawrence M. Sevdy
1974-1976	Lieutenant Colonel Stanley Goldsmith
1976-1979	Lieutenant Colonel Edward Robertson
1979-1983	Lieutenant Colonel Charles T. Ledbetter
1983-1984	Lieutenant Colonel Douglas W. Richmond
1984-1989	Lieutenant Colonel Qewanncoi C. Stephens
1989-1993	Lieutenant Colonel Willie C. Lucas
1993-1996	Lieutenant Colonel Herbert E. Lattimore
1996-1999	Lieutenant Colonel Raphael P. Deegan
1999-2000	Lieutenant Colonel Robert T. Kleppinger
2000-2003	Lieutenant Colonel John M. Horn, Sr.
2003-2006	Lieutenant Colonel George A. Nelson
2006	Lieutenant Colonel Steve D. Thomas

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

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) C. Milton Kates
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

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.

1986

Colonel (Ret) Roscoe A. Swann, Jr.
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) John E. Baker*
Major (Ret) James W. Hawkins, Jr.

1987

Colonel (Ret) Vandy L. Miller
Colonel (Ret) Herman H. Jones
Colonel (Ret) James W. Vallandingham
Colonel (Ret) James W. Reed

1988

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

1989

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

1990

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

1991

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

1992

Colonel (Ret) James A. Manning
Colonel (Ret) John Mackey
Colonel Donald Townsend
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Dennis Neighbors
Brigadier General Roscoe Cartwright (H*)
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Samuel Kelly (H*)
Dr. John W. Davis (H*)
Mr. James Evans (H*)
Dr. William J. L. Wallace (H*)

1993

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

ROTC Hall of Fame Continued

1994

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

1995

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Keith Sovine
Mr. Herbert Henderson, Esq.
Mr. Edward Scott
Sidney Taylor Brown (H*)
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) James L. Hill

1996

Colonel (Ret) Lew G. Tyree
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Thomas E. Haggins
Jeff Chandler Woods, Esq.
Mr. A. Dayton Carpenter

1997

Brigadier General (Ret) Earl M. Simms
Lieutenant Colonel Carolyn L. Maddox
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Clifford Hill
Mr. Jerry L. Hatcher

1998

Brigadier General 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
LTC Timothy A. Boyles (Posthumous)*

2000

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Howard G. Hicks, Jr.
Colonel (Ret) Cardell S. Hunter
(Ret) Frederick C. Franklin
(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 Clarence "CJ" Jackson
Lieutenant Colonel Willard O. Jasper
Lieutenant Colonel Micahel A. White

*Deceased

ROTC Hall of Fame

Honorary Members

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1982

Dr. William J. L. Wallace*

Dr. Prince A. Williams*

1992

Brigadier General Roscoe Cartwright*

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Samuel Kelly

Dr. John W. Davis*

Mr. James Evans

1995

Mrs. Sidney Taylor Brown

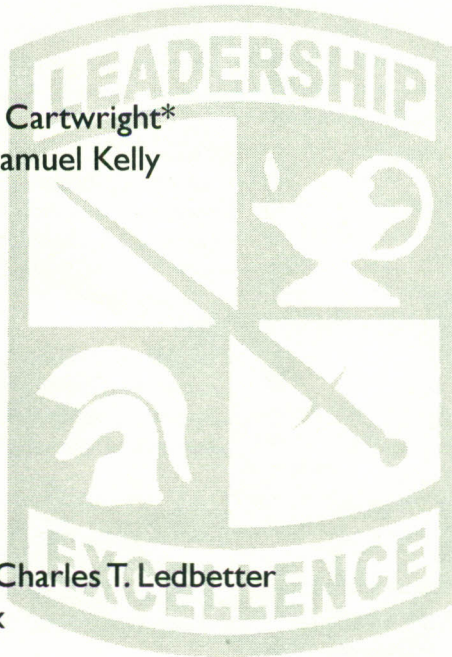
2002

Judge Booker T. Stephens

Judge Herman G. Canady

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Charles T. Ledbetter

Colonel David G. Shaddrix



*Deceased

West Virginia State University Army ROTC

14 Decorated General Officers

Name	Year of Graduation
Major General (Ret) Kenneth D. Gray	1966
Major General (Ret) Edward Greer	1948
Major General (Ret) James W. Monroe.....	1963
Major General (Ret) Charles C. Rogers*	1951
Major General (Ret) Joseph E. Turner	1961
Major General (Ret) Harvey D. Williams.....	1950
Major General Terry L. Tucker.....	1972
Brigadier General (Ret) Frank C. Bacon*	1951
Brigadier General John E. Barnette	1969
Brigadier General (Ret) Dallas C. Brown.....	1954
Brigadier General (Ret) Walter F. Johnson, III	1961
Brigadier General (Ret) Earl M. Simms	1968
Brigadier General (Ret) Robert L. Stephens.....	1962
Brigadier General (Ret) Jack Yeager.....	1965

*Deceased

The Army Song

First to fight for the right, And to build the Nation's might,

And The Army Goes Rolling Along

Proud of all we have done, Fighting till the battle's won,

And the Army Goes Rolling Along.

Then it's Hi! Hi! Hey! The Army's on its way.

Count off the cadence loud and strong

(TWO! THREE!) For where e'er we go, You will always know

That the Army Goes Rolling Along.

The Star-Spangled Banner

O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,

What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming?

Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,

O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming?

And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,

Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.

O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave

O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

Alma Mater

Ernest Wade '30

Martha Spencer '31

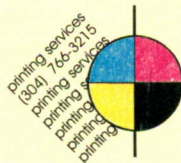
There is a place we love so dear—
Its name we'll ever praise and revere
'Tis West Virginia State we love—
Just one more step from there is Heav'n above.

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.



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