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The mission of The ROCKS, Inc. is to strengthen the Officer and Senior Civilian Corps by serving as a world class organization that provides and promotes mentorship, coaching, scholarship, networking, leader diversity and professional development to leverage outreach opportunities and maximize talent across the U.S. Armed Forces.

STRATEGIC VISION:

To be the premier mentoring, professional development, and networking organization to strengthen the U.S. Armed Forces Officer and Senior Civilian Corps (GS12 and above).

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Chairman's Message



I hope this message finds everyone well and enjoying some time off. Summer sets the stage for that so I hope everyone is taking advantage of it.

I am sure everyone is aware that the Army is once again looking to reduce its end strength in 2018. The prospects of these reductions aren't new. We as an organization must be prepared to provide sage advice on how to best position our members to successfully navigate the challenges of career progression, reduction in force, and/or transitioning out of the Army.

On a more positive note we are pleased to congratulate 6 brand new one stars. They are Col(P)s Mike Russell (ROCKS Board Member), Xavier Brunson, Antonio Fletcher, Charles Hamilton, Kevin Vereen, and Donna Martin. A hearty well done to each of these superstars. We expect great things from each. I am confident each will reach down to ensure there is someone to fill their shoes.

We unfortunately have sad news to report, one of our founders MG(R) Oliver Dillard has died. MG(R) Dillard was a proud graduate of Tuskegee Institute. He began his military career as an enlisted soldier. He subsequently completed OCS and was commissioned an Infantry Officer. He served in the Korean War where he earned a Silver Star. He subsequently served in Vietnam and Germany. General Dillard achieved a number of firsts: the first African American to graduate from the National War College and the first to serve as the Army's Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence. General Dillard was married to Helen Stephens and is survived by four children. We offer our condolences to the Dillard Family. This founding ROCK helped set the standard which we live by today.

We recently had the privilege of presenting the second Honorary ROCK of the Year award to GEN David Perkins, USA. The Hampton Roads ROCKS Chapter stepped up and executed a flawless event. I salute MG(R) Frank Batts and members of the chapter for a job exceptionally well done.

The leadership of the Army's Museum are going through the final planning stages of turning a concept into reality. LTG(R) Larry Jordan is leading an African American advisory committee to assist in ensuring African Americans are properly recognized. Several members of The ROCKS, Inc. are represented on that committee. The committee received a briefing and visited the warehouse where the artifacts are to be displayed are stored. We were struck by the lack of artifacts representing our lineage. We are subsequently reaching out to individuals and organizations that would be willing to donate or place in loan, artifacts that reflect African Americans many contributions the Army.

Most know that Soldiers from one of our Army's era, the Vietnam era, has been woefully under recognized. To rectify that, the Country is pausing to recognize those who served during that era. That Recognition was rendered in the Capitol on the 8th of July by Members of Congress and the Defense Department. A number of ROCKS were present for the event. The ROCKS, Inc. is a commemorative partner in this effort. Major kudos goes to Col(R) McClenney for her efforts in making sure the event and our involvement has been successful.

The last item I want to spend a moment on is fundraising. Organizations like ours operate best when there is an adequate flow of resources. Seeking donations is a way to satisfy that need but the success of that process is dependent upon the generosity of the donor base. We have been very fortunate that our base has been most generous. However as we grow as an organization the demand for resources grow accordingly. So to meet this growing trend we are looking at different approaches to satisfy our collective needs. A few such programs have been put in place but they need your participation to make them effective. They include the Organo Gold Coffee & Tea program and the StayFaster Hotel Reservation program where we market these products/ services with a percent of the revenue generated going to the local ROCKS chapter and or the National Board financial accounts. For more information on each of these programs go to the ROCKS web site (www.rocksync.org). I am calling upon each of our chapters and members to renew your efforts in marketing these projects. One new initiative that is in the planning stages is a golf tournament we plan to conduct this fall.

I close by thanking ROCKS everywhere for what you do daily. We are the MENTORING PROFESSIONALS. You do make a difference in every life you touch.

Lastly, please keep our SOLDIERS who are in harm's way in your prayers

Remember.....Concern, Dedication, Professionalism

BG Earl Simms, USA (Ret.)
Chairman

SAVE THE DATE



The National Board of the ROCKS, Inc.
1st Annual Golf Tournament
Friday, October 23, 2015
Westfields Golf Club, Clifton, VA
More details to follow...

TOP STORIES

ROCKS Charter Member MG(Ret) Oliver Dillard Passes The 2015 Summer ROCKET is Dedicated in his Honor

By: COL (Ret) Dorene Hurt



The ROCKS Inc., will forever be indebted to our Charter members who had the vision and foresight to establish the ROCKS Inc. For over 40 years, the ROCKS have been committed to strengthening the US Army officer corps. Much has changed since our humble beginnings following the tragic loss of our namesake BG Roscoe "ROCK" Cartwright and his wife in a tragic plane crash. It is imperative that ROCKS know, understand and appreciate the sacrifices that were made by those who laid the foundation of our organization which makes what we continue to do even more relevant, especially strengthening an officer corps and our senior civilians as a uniquely diverse and continually learning entity, that is comprised of less than 1% of the US population. Think about that for a moment. You are part of a truly unique group of selfless servants to our nation. A group that sacrifices itself so that the rest of our country's citizens can do what they choose daily. If you add to your critical thinking, the REAL sacrifices that those in the era of our Founding Members had to endure, then you may be able to appreciate how everyone in uniform is benefiting from their commitment and efforts. Our motto speaks volumes: **CONCERN, DEDICATION, PROFESSIONALISM!**

One such Warrior was ROCKS Charter Member MG(Ret) Oliver Dillard. Oliver Williams Dillard, Sr. was born September 28, 1926, retired as a United States Army major general. He was the fifth black officer in the U.S. Army to attain flag rank. He was a member of the Military Intelligence Hall of Fame and Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame, at

Fort Huachuca, Arizona and Fort Benning, Georgia respectively.

General Dillard became the first black graduate of the National War College in 1965. He also served as the first black general officer in the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, the last J2 (senior Intelligence officer) for the U.S. Military Assistance Command – Vietnam, the first U.S. Army Forces Command Deputy Chief of Staff, Intelligence, and the first black Deputy Chief of Staff, Intelligence for the U.S. Army Europe. Dillard retired from the U.S. Army in 1980, after a career spanning 34 years.

Early life

Born in Margaret, Alabama, Dillard was the son of Josiephine Dillard (née Williams) and Stonewall Jackson Dillard. His father was a graduate of Tuskegee Institute and a school teacher. In 1942, Oliver graduated Valedictorian from Fairfield Industrial High School in Fairfield, Alabama, and received a scholarship to Tuskegee Institute. One of Tuskegee's top students, he was elected to the Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society. He was a Tuskegee Institute Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) student for two years and student instructor for one year. Dillard received the Outstanding ROTC Student Award for 1943 and 1944. He was also their American Legion Honor Medal award winner.

Education

Dillard postponed his academic studies after being drafted in 1945. Following attendance at the United States Army Command and General Staff College (class of 1957/1958), he completed his Bachelor of Science degree at the University of Omaha, now the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He also attended George Washington University, where he received a Master of Science in International Affairs in 1965. Dillard completed the National War College at Fort Lesley J. McNair, District of Columbia that year.

Military career

Dillard began Basic Training at Fort McClellan, Alabama near the end of World War II, in June 1945. US Army troop transports afterwards delivered Dillard and his group of Black replacements to Bremerhaven en route to Weissenburg in Bayern, Germany, and an assignment to 349th Field Artillery Group. Dillard was selected to serve as company clerk upon his arrival on January 1, 1946. He worked his way through the ranks and was rewarded, attaining Technical Sergeant.

Commissioned officer

Dillard successfully completed the OCS selection process and was approved for attendance at the Infantry OCS at Fort Benning in January 1947. He received a commission as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry after graduating from Infantry OCS in July 1947.

Second Lieutenant Dillard was the Honor Graduate of his Infantry Officers Basic Course. Subsequently, he was assigned to the 365th Infantry Regiment at Fort Dix, New Jersey, where he held numerous assignments as a lieutenant ending as a Battalion S3. In June 1950, he joined the 3rd Battalion, 24th

Infantry, 25th Infantry Division stationed at Camp Gifu, Gifu, Japan.

Korean War

Lieutenant Dillard deployed with the 24th Infantry Regiment to the Republic of Korea as part of the response to North Korean aggression. Upon landing at Pusan, Dillard and the 25th Infantry Division were initially positioned some one hundred miles north of Pusan and given the mission of blocking and delaying advancing North Korean forces moving down the Naktong River valley from the northwest.

On July 21, 1950, Lieutenant Dillard's platoon was the lead element as the 3rd Battalion, 24th Infantry — supported by other elements of the 24th Regimental Combat Team — conducted the first major offensive mission by the 25th Infantry Division with its recapture of the vital road junction town of Yecheon driving out the North Korean defenders, and repulsing a North Korean attempts to retake the town.

It was considered by the Congress and the United States Department of Defense as the first sizable American ground victory of the war. A thorough accounting of Dillard's exploits are described in Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Bradley Biggs' October 2003 Military Review article, "The 'Deuce-Four' in Korea." A veteran of the 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion (United States), Colonel Biggs described General Dillard as "a superb officer" and commended him for his use of surprise and speed during the battle of Yecheon.

Following recovery in Japan from wounds received on August 6, 1950, Dillard received his first Military Intelligence assignment as a Battalion S2.

While Dillard was assigned as the Battalion S2 for 3rd Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment (United States), he was awarded the Silver Star for his actions near Masan, Republic of Korea from September 14–15, 1950. While setting the defense of the battalion with his Battalion Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Melvin Blair, Dillard responded to enemy action occurring in Company L's area. He and a small group reinforced the company defense location and fought with heroic effectiveness. His assistant division commander, Brigadier General Joseph S. Bradley — a distinguished war hero from World War II and Korea — awarded the Silver Star to Captain Dillard.

Following his year in combat and participation in five campaigns, Captain Dillard returned to the United States and attended the Infantry Officers Advanced Course where he graduated 6th in his class. In 1952 to 1954, he served as Assistant Professor of Military Science at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in Greensboro, North Carolina. Dillard imparted his recent Korea experience and his experiences as an ROTC cadet at Tuskegee Institute to his North Carolina A&T cadets, including Charles Bussey, who became a major general and served as chief of Army public affairs from 1984 to 1987.

Post Korean War

In 1954, Captain Dillard was assigned to 4th Infantry Division (United States) in Gelnhausen, Federal Republic of Germany, where he commanded Company C, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment (United States). After observing then Captain Dillard for several months, the Regimental Commander — Colonel (later Major General) Kenneth W. Collins — moved him to the position of Regimental Communications Officer, a position of importance to a Cold War infantry unit. When the 4th Infantry Division was inactivated, General Dillard became the Chief, Map Reading Committee at the Seventh Army Noncommissioned Officers Academy in Munich, Germany.

Following his Germany assignment, Major Dillard graduated from the Army Command and General Staff College (CGSC), where he was one of only three Black officers in his class, in 1958. He graduated in the top third of his class. After CGSC, he completed his bachelor's degree at the University of Omaha under the Army's Bootstrap Program, which leveraged his earlier studies at Tuskegee Institute.

Major Dillard was subsequently assigned to the G3 Section, Headquarters First United States Army at Fort Jay, New York, and served as Operations and Plans Officer and subsequently as Exercise G3 for Exercises IROQUOIS HATCHET and MOHAWK ARROW. He departed First United States Army in December 1960 and was assigned to the U.S. Military Mission to Liberia, Monrovia, Liberia, initially as deputy Chief of Mission and later as the Operations Officer.

He received unprecedented access to the Armed Forces of Liberia operations and intelligence planning process. Dillard became a valued coach and mentor to Liberian officers and assisted them in integrating advanced staff techniques and processes into their planning. He also helped prepare a Liberian company, designated the Reinforced Security Company, for assistance to the United Nations Operation in the Congo.

Vietnam War

After a number of years since his first Intelligence assignment in Korea, Lieutenant Colonel Dillard was assigned to Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence (ACSI), Department of the Army in 1963. He used his recent experiences in Korea, Germany and Africa to adeptly lead the Foreign Intelligence Assistance Section, Special Warfare and Foreign Assistance Branch, with an additional duty as Chief of Europe, Africa, and Middle East Section.

In 1965, Dillard graduated from the National War College; the first Black officer to do so. Subsequently, he was assigned to the Special Studies Directorate, US Army Combat Developments Command's Institute of Special Studies at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, where he served as Operations and Training Staff Officer, Special Studies Division, and later as Chief of Analysis/ Coordination Branch, Study Division 3. In 1967, Colonel Dillard was assigned to command a battalion of the 5th Combat Support Training Brigade at Fort Dix, and later he commanded the Brigade for a year.

Following attendance at the Foreign Service Institute's Vietnam Training Center in 1969, Colonel Dillard reported for duty at US Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (MAC-V) as a Province Senior Advisor (PSA) for Kon Tum Province. While assigned as the PSA for Advisory Team 41, Military Region II, his success was documented in the Washington Post as the example for how to build a close relationship with the Province Chief, Nguyen Hop Doan, and his civilian deputy, Ken Lyvers, a United States Agency for International Development employee. Together, they grew the Provincial and Popular Forces to defend the Province and organized the villages and hamlets — Vietnamese and Montagnard — to feed and defend themselves.

In 1971, after two years of exemplary service in the PSA Program, General Dillard returned to the Office of ACSI, the Army Staff, where he served as the Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence—the first Black officer in this position. From this position, he pushed hard to: (1) move the Army Intelligence Center to Fort Huachuca, Arizona; his testimony before Congress was compelling; (2) further develop the MI branch; (3) get tactical MI Battalions in the Divisions; and (4) field the Guardrail aerial platform. Secretary of the Army Robert F. Froehle pinned on Dillard's star—promoting him to Brigadier General, and making him the fifth Black general in Army history and arguably its first Black Intelligence general officer—at a Pentagon ceremony, which was covered by The Afro-American newspaper.

Vietnam Senior Staff Officer

At the behest of General Frederick C. Weyand, General Dillard returned to MAC-V headquarters in Saigon for duty as Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, Civil Operations and Rural Development Support (CORDS). In this position, he worked with General Weyand and Ambassador William Colby on CORDS plans and operations throughout Vietnam. Following the signing of the Paris Peace Accords and as American and third country forces began withdrawing from Vietnam, General Dillard was assigned as MAC-V's last Director of Intelligence, and departed on March 29, 1973 when MAC-V disbanded.

Post Vietnam War

As part of Operation STEADFAST, General Dillard, now a Senior Intelligence Officer, served as the first Deputy Chief of Staff, Intelligence (DCSINT) for the new United States Army Forces Command (FORSCOM) at Fort McPherson, Georgia. He and his staff addressed four major problems with intelligence organizations: (1) inadequate analytical capability; (2) lack of collection assets at the lower levels; (3) inadequacy of secure communications support; and (4) the "unwanted guests" mentality since the intelligence units were attached, not organic.

In 1974, Major General Robert Leahy Fair selected General Dillard to be his Assistant Division Commander for Maneuver, 2nd Armored Division at Fort Hood, Texas. Having had recent Intelligence assignments, General Dillard worked diligently for operations-intelligence integration as the 2nd Armored

Division prepared for its return of forces to Germany (Exercise Reforger) mission, and their annual Reforger exercise supporting the Army's operational plans.

From 1975 to 1978, Major General Dillard served as the DSCINT, United States Army Europe (USAREUR) and Seventh Army in Heidelberg, Germany, where Army Intelligence played a significant role in the defense of Europe. His use of United States Army Security Agency (ASA), and its successor United States Army Intelligence and Security Command (INSCOM), assets ensured a multi-disciplinary approach to understanding and countering Soviet forces at the height of the Cold War.

As his final assignment, Major General Dillard served as the Commanding General, United States Army Readiness Region II at Fort Dix, New Jersey until 1980 when he retired. He used his knowledge of combat arms and the Intelligence battlefield operating system to assess and train Reserve Component units assigned to First United States Army.

General Dillard was married to the former Helen Stephens of Margaret, Alabama. They had four children. General Dillard passed of natural causes on June 16, 2015, at the age of 88.

More Information about MG Dillard can be found at: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oliver_W._Dillard

ARLINGTON INTERNMENT SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 30, 2015. DETAILS WILL BE EMAILED TO THE MEMBERSHIP UPON RECEIPT.

Vietnam Vets 50th Year Commemoration at the Capitol



MG (Ret) Reginald Clemmons, COL(Ret) Tommy Osborne, LTG(Ret) Arthur Gregg, and LTG(Ret) Julius Becton

On Wednesday, July 8, 2015, at 3:00 P.M. in Emancipation Hall of the United States Capitol Visitor Center, members of the U.S. Congress, including House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH), Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY), Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid (D-NV), and House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), and invited guests including members of the ROCKS, Inc., assembled to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War. Approximately 24 ROCKS members and/or spouses were in attendance at this honorable/historic event.

Additional Information:

2015 marks the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War, where more than 58,000 Americans were killed in action, and more than 153,000 were wounded. All told, 658 U.S. prisoners of war returned home alive from Southeast Asia, and as of 2014, 1,638 are still unaccounted for. There are roughly 7.4 million living Vietnam-era veterans.

The ROCKS, Inc. are Commemorative Partners in support of the U.S. Vietnam War Commemoration (since June 2014).



COL(Ret) Tommy Osborne, COL(Ret) Lucretia McClenney, LTG(Ret) Arthur Gregg, LTG(Ret) Julius Becton and COL(Ret) Dr. Porcher Taylor

AFRICOM Hosts Partnership Forum

*By Klutts, Christopher C. SSG
United States Africa Command*

Stuttgart, Germany, June 12, 2015

Showcases and forums where vendors display the latest military technology are not a new concept. In the past, U.S. Africa Command held an event annually to consolidate solicitation visits by private companies.

This year, AFRICOM's public-private partnership branch wanted to turn the event into a venue for problem solving and launched the first three-day USAFRICOM Partnership Forum.

"We used to refer to this day as industry day, but we felt like we could expand it and make it more collaborative. I'm thankful that all of you were a part of that effort," Gen. David Rodriguez, AFRICOM commander, said to participants. "We felt it's important to take steps to understand how we can better work with nonfederal entities to achieve mutually beneficial goals."



General David M. Rodriguez (center), AFRICOM Commander with attendees of AFRICOM's Public-Private Partnership event

For the first two days, representatives from the command, academia, private businesses and nongovernment organizations discussed how nonfederal entities may be able to contribute to the command's strategic objectives.

Lt. Col. Robert Farmer, chief of the public-private partnership branch, said his team broke down the discussions into 10 topics:

- ❖ *Maritime Security*
- ❖ *Public Private Partnership in Operations: A Perspective from Liberia*
- ❖ *Operational Energy*
- ❖ *IT Infrastructure: Expanding and Improving Capacity*
- ❖ *Partner Against Illicit Activities*
- ❖ *Women, Peace, and Security*
- ❖ *African Medical Security*
- ❖ *Combating Food Insecurity*
- ❖ *Corporate Social Responsibility*
- ❖ *Civil-Military Operations Cultural Property Protection*

"The topics themselves are about partnership for everybody who has to work in Africa. We can't do it alone," Farmer said. The forum was nearly no-cost to the government with most costs borne by the event planning company with which USAFRICOM partnered.

"There's a lot of people out there that talk about a whole of government approach. I just have to tell you that we have to be bigger than that. It's really a whole of nation approach, and that's where you fit in," Rodriguez said during the showcase. Additionally, this event brought in a total of 841 registered attendees and 87 companies exhibiting their capabilities.

The showcase had countless personnel walking in to see the various displays and demonstrations. This event will be an annual event featuring this format of presenting areas of concern, small group breakout sessions with the speakers, and a showcase of potential solutions.

Visit <http://www.africom.mil/newsroom/video/25449/africom-hosts-partnership-forum> to view the article online.

Hampton Roads Host Honorary ROCK of the Year (HROY) Luncheon

By COL (Ret) Julius Coats



CPT Yasheba Robinson, from Left, GEN Perkins, MAJ Byron Matthews, and CPT Alesha Garvey

On 23 June 2015, The Hampton Roads Chapter of the ROCKS hosted the National Board of The ROCKS, Inc. sponsored luncheon to honor General David Perkins, Commanding General, United States Army Training and Doctrine Command, as a 2015 Honorary ROCK of the Year (HROY). Accompanying General Perkins was his wife Ginger. Other distinguished attendees included: BG (Ret) Earl Sims, Chairman, National Board of the ROCKS, Inc., MG (Ret) Franks Batts, President, Hampton Roads Chapter of the ROCKS, MG (Ret) Wallace Arnold, Senior Advisor to the Hampton Roads Chapter of the ROCKS, BG (Ret) Larry Gillespie, member of the Washington, DC Chapter of the ROCKS, and MAJ Byron Matthew, President of the Central Virginia Chapter of the ROCKS. There were approximately 60 in attendance, to include out-of-town guest COL (Ret) Lucretia McClenney, Vice President, for Finance, National Board of the Rocks, Inc; Ms. Sharene Cook, Director of Administration National Board of the Rocks; and CPT Yasheba Robinson and CPT Alesha Garvey, from the Central Virginia Chapter.

The HROY award recognizes distinguished senior leaders who have made significant and sustained contributions to the United States Armed Forces, the United States Military Officer Corps and the ROCKS, Inc. The HROY award was established in 2001 and GEN Perkins is the twenty second (22) senior leader to receive the award.

After receiving the award, GEN Perkins spoke for about twenty (20) minutes on the value and importance of mentoring within the United States Army. He emphasized that mentoring is one of the bedrocks for developing current and future leaders of the United States Army, the premier land force of the world. He acknowledged and highlighted the mission, vision and goals of the ROCKS to promote officer-ship, and mentorship from the time of pre-commissioning (Cadets) to post transitioning (retirees) from the military service; promote good citizenship; community service and professional networking.



BG (Ret) Sims Presents the HROY Award to GEN Perkins, TRADOC Commander

He also commended the ROCKS for providing scholarship assistance to students pursuing a commission as a military officer by enrolling in the Senior Reserve Officer training Program at Colleges and Universities. GEN Perkins emphasized that mentoring is an investment in the Army. He indicated

that he was impressed with and supports the ROCKS contribution in this area. He recognized ROCKS members who are retired and continuing to support the Army. He indicated that the retiree's involvement in mentoring is a re-investment in the Army's leadership development of Officers. GEN Perkins concluded by indicating how humble he was to receive the HROY Award and thanked the ROCKS for what they do for the United States Army.

Notes from the Mentorship Corner

By Austin D. Bell III, VP, Mentorship,

Chapters/Interest Groups Quarterly Reports.



During the April 2015 Virtual Training Conference and the June National Board and Chapters/Interest Groups teleconference, we discussed the requirement that Chapters/Interest Groups begin reporting the status/progress of your respective mentorship programs as part of your quarterly reports to the National Board. Firmly establishing the ROCKS, Inc.

Mentorship Program across our Chapters/Interest Groups is one of the top priorities of the National Board for 2015. Therefore, it's imperative that Chapters/Interest Groups keep the National Board abreast of your progress. The following essential elements of information are required to be included in your quarterly reports:

- *Identify the name of your mentorship program POC*
- *Report out on all mentorship-related activities that occurred during the quarter*
- *Report out on all new mentor-mentee relationships established during the quarter*
- *Report out on the total number of mentor-mentee relationships in effect at quarter's end*
- *Report out on the challenges encountered in implementing the mentorship program and best practices initiated to overcome those challenges*

Mentorship Program Flexibility.

The National Board understands that some Chapters/Interest Groups may experience challenges in fully implementing all aspects of the mentorship program as written. Therefore, the VP, Mentorship stands ready to work with Chapter/Interest Group Presidents and your respective mentorship POCs to overcome those challenges. This includes waiving certain aspects of the program that is proving to be an impediment for you to move forward with implementation. However, please note this will be done on a case-by-case basis and only by request. As long as the Chapter/Interest Group is striving to meet the intent of establishing as many mentor-mentee relationships per its officer/DA Civilian constituent populations, then the National Board is committed to working through any challenges/impediments you may be encountering. Please refer all questions and queries pertaining to the ROCKS, Inc. Mentorship Program to the VP, Mentorship.

doing what we can each day to promote and represent the organization in a commendable way. As a component of membership development, I offer the following, unofficial, food for thought for what could constitute a model ROCKS member.

For simplicity purposes, I contend a ROCKS member embodies three basic traits. Those traits are *concern*, *compassion* and *commitment* and are (or should be) equally vested in all members of our esteemed organization. The first trait, *concern*, reflects a sincere interest in the state of our profession and its future trajectory. This attentiveness focuses in on the institution of the Army and the souls who propel it forward it. We humbly accept the role of stewards of this respectable establishment as well as the responsibility to sustain honorable traditions and to establish new ones; all for the good of the institution.

The subsequent characteristic of *compassion* reflects a sincere interest in the professional and personal well-being of those affiliated with the Army, i.e., Soldiers, Civilians, retirees, spouses and families. Compassion is demonstrated through the development of productive, effective and enduring relationships that facilitate individuals' growth to their full potential. In other words, a ROCKS member is one who can be counted on to help set others up for success over the long haul of a professional career.

The final quality, *commitment*, accounts for a member's selfless devotion to the organization's vision, mission & values and to the members as well. This dogged allegiance enables us to pursue the right things and to do things right when it comes to any ROCKS-related endeavor.

This triad of *concern*, *compassion* and *commitment* exists within all of us and is evidenced by the things we have done and continue to do in the name of the ROCKS.

When we look at one another (and when others look at us) we (they) should see a professional who embodies these 3C's when it comes to mentoring and handling the affairs of the organization in a business-like manner. Subsequently, I offer them to you as intangible motivators to use when encouraging yourself, and your fellow members, to stay on the path of building a dynamic officer corps- for our Army and for our Nation.

The future is (y)ours, let's leverage the 3Cs and make the most of it!

Be the Standard!

Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success – Henry Ford

News from (Y)our Membership Development Team

By COL Eric P. Flowers, USA



What do folks see when they look at a ROCKS member? Or, more importantly, what should they see? The latter question is most relevant to us because the answer is within our purview to shape, if we so desire. It is in our best interests if we stoke this desire and give serious thought to what it means to be a member of ROCKS and whether or not we- collectively and individually- are

Fort Bliss Sustainment Brigade Reflags and Cases Colors for Deployment

By MAJ Derwin Bradley



MG Stephen M. Twitty, Commanding General, 1st Armored Division and Fort Bliss places the IAD patch on COL James Jennings, Commander, 1st Armored Division Sustainment Brigade (formerly 15th Sustainment Brigade) at the unit's Reflagging Ceremony on May 7, 2015

On May 7, 2015 a new chapter began for the sustainment brigade located at Fort Bliss, Texas. The 15th Sustainment Brigade, led by COL James Jennings and CSM Pamela K. Williams, conducted a Reflagging Ceremony at which the unit's designation changed to the 1st Armored Division Sustainment Brigade. The brigade's call sign also changed from "Wagonmaster" to "Muleskinner." MG Stephen M. Twitty, Commanding General, 1st Armored Division and Fort Bliss hosted this historic event.

The reflagging supports the Chief of Staff of the Army directive to attach sustainment brigades to each division headquarters. This includes wearing of the parent division shoulder sleeve insignia by all attached and subordinate sustainment units. The intent is to "maximize unit cohesion and mission command effectiveness with inherent impacts on organizational training, unit readiness, and leader development."



MG Stephen M. Twitty, COL James Jennings, and CSM Pamela K. Williams uncase the 1st Armored Division Sustainment Brigade colors at the unit's Reflagging Ceremony on May 7, 2015

In his remarks, COL Jennings said "the Wagonmasters and now Muleskinners are part of the 1st Armored Division

regardless of the patch we are wearing, and the division's priorities are our priorities. Inwardly, all of the Soldiers in the brigade feel that way but today is special because there is no longer a distinction between us and the rest of the team based on our unit patch. Now, both inwardly and outwardly we are all Iron Soldiers!"

At the conclusion of the Reflagging Ceremony, the 1st Armored Division Sustainment Brigade cased its colors for deployment in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel.



MG Stephen M. Twitty, COL James Jennings, and CSM Pamela K. Williams case the 1st Armored Division Sustainment Brigade colors for the unit's deployment in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel

Brigadier General James Simpson was promoted to Major General on July 15, 2015 in the Pentagon's Hall of Heroes.



From left, daughter Alexis; his wife, Zelda, who is also a Lander alumna; and daughter, Devin. (Photo courtesy Greenwood Photography, Woodbridge, Va.)

U.S. Army veteran James Simpson, a Clinton native and Lander University graduate, seated, poses with his wife and two daughters for a formal portrait marking his promotion to brigadier general in November 2012. BG Simpson was promoted to Major General on July 15, 2015.

ROCKS Member Assumes Command of the 17th Field Artillery Brigade

By MG Byron Bagby USA, Retired



From right to left, COL Andrew C. Gainey, COL Madalyn Sophie (Kelly) Gainey, and their daughters Princess, Chanele and Brooke, and MG (Ret) Byron S. Bagby.

Colonel Andrew C. Gainey was commissioned in May 1992 as a Field Artillery Officer at the University of South Carolina. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Management, a Master of Science degree in Occupational Education from Kansas State University, and a Master of Strategic Studies from the Marine Corps War College. COL Gainey's military education includes the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course, Field Artillery Officer Advanced Course, Combined Arms and Staff Service School, Command and General Staff Officers Course, and the Marine Corps War College.

COL Gainey's initial assignment was with the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) at Bamberg, Germany where he served as a Platoon Fire Direction Officer, Company Fire Support Officer and Executive Officer with 3rd Battalion, 1st Field Artillery Regiment. In 1996, he was assigned to the 18th Field Artillery Brigade, Fort Bragg, NC. He served as the Battalion Adjutant before taking command of Bravo Battery, 3rd Battalion, 321st Field Artillery Regiment. In 1998, COL Gainey was assigned to the Total Army Personnel Command (PERSCOM) in Alexandria, VA, where he served as the Field Artillery Branch Captain's Assignment's Officer and Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General of PERSCOM. In 2002, COL Gainey joined the 82nd Airborne Division Artillery, Fort Bragg, NC, where he served as the Division Assistant Fire Support Coordinator. He immediately deployed with the division headquarters to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. In 2004, COL Gainey was assigned to the 1st Armored Division Headquarters, Wiesbaden, Germany. While there he served as the Division Assistant Fire Support Coordinator, and then subsequently deployed to Ramadi, Iraq in 2006 as the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery Regiment S3.

Following his deployment to Iraq in 2007, COL Gainey was assigned as the Major's and Lieutenant Colonel's assignments

officer at the Army Human Resources Command (AHRC), Alexandria, VA. In 2010, COL Gainey commanded the 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment and deployed to Baghdad, Iraq. Following Battalion Command, he served as a Military Assistant in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. COL Gainey graduated from the Marine Corps War College on 3 June 2015 and relocated to Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA to assume command of the 17th Field Artillery Brigade. COL Gainey is married to the former Madalyn Sophie Kelly of Burke, VA. They have three children - Brooke, age 19; Princess, age 9; and Chanele, age 7.

ROCKS ON THE MOVE

Hamilton Gets Frocked, Takes Command of DLA Troop Support

By COL(R) Dorene Hurt



In a packed DLA Auditorium at Fort Belvoir, Va. on July 10, 2015, 2014 Rock of the Year COL (P) Charles Hamilton was frocked as a Brigadier General in the US Army by LTG Gus Perna, Army G4. The MC for the ceremony was Bobby Burke awardee Major Natasha Clarke. COL(P) Hamilton was the Executive Officer to the Army G4. The following Monday, July 13, 2015 Brigadier General Hamilton took command of DLA Troop Support in Philadelphia, Pa. The standing room only crowd included many Rocks, general and flag officers, civilians, friends and family.

Brig. Gen. Charles. R. Hamilton assumed command of Defense Logistics Agency Troop Support on July 13, 2015. Under his leadership, DLA Troop Support annually provides \$13 billion worth of food, clothing and textiles, construction and engineering equipment, pharmaceuticals, medical supplies and equipment, as well as industrial hardware items for

America's warfighters and other valued customers worldwide. To accomplish the mission, Brig. Gen. Hamilton oversees a global workforce of approximately 2,900 civilian and military personnel.

Hailing from Houston, Texas, Brig. Gen. Hamilton enlisted in the U.S. Army. Upon completion of basic and individual training, he was assigned to Fort Hood, TX. In Feb. 1988, he graduated from Officer Candidate School (OCS) as the Distinguished Military Graduate and was commissioned a 2nd Lt. in the Quartermaster Corps.

After graduation from the Quartermaster Basic Course, he was assigned as a Platoon Leader in the 240th Quartermaster Battalion, and later selected as aide-de-camp to the Commanding General, Troop Support Command. Following his assignment as aide-de-camp, he attended the Quartermaster Advanced Course. Subsequent assignments include: Company Commander, 305th Quartermaster Company, Korea; Recorder DA Secretariat, HRC; CPT's Assignment Officer, HRC; Joint Intern/J4 Pentagon; Logistics Staff Officer, G-4 Pentagon; Chief of Supply and Services, 101st CSG, Fort Campbell, KY; Support Operations Officer and Executive Officer, 561st Corps Support Battalion, Fort Campbell, KY; Transformation Action Officer, G-3 Pentagon; XO to the Vice Director, DLA, Fort Belvoir, VA, Commander DLA-Fwd Bagram, Afghanistan; Battalion Commander, 498th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, Korea, Office of the Chief of Staff as the Logistics Colonels Assignment Officer, Chief of Staff, USFOR-A South/Southwest, Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, Commander, 101st Sustainment Brigade, Fort Campbell, KY, deployed his Brigade to Afghanistan "Task Force Lifeline" and was most recently assigned as the Executive Officer to the Army Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4.

Brig. Gen. Hamilton's education includes a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Virginia State University, Masters in Public Administration from Central Michigan University and a second Masters in Military Studies from Marine Corps University. His military education includes Senior Service College as a 2012 OSD Corporate Fellow, the Marine Command and Staff and the Joint Forces Staff Colleges, the Quartermaster Officer Basic and Advanced Course, and the Combined Arms and Services Staff School. He has completed Airborne, Air Assault and Rigger School.

Brig. Gen. Hamilton's awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (2nd Awd), Defense Meritorious Service Medal (3rd Awd), Meritorious Service Medal (9 OLC), Joint Service Commendation Medal (2nd Awd), Army Commendation Medal (2 OLC), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (5 OLC), Good Conduct Medal (2 Awds) and OEF Campaign Awards. He has also been awarded the Army, Joint Staff Badges and the Combat Action Badge.

Well known as the consummate leader and mentor of many, Brigadier General Hamilton has played a vital role in mentoring and developing countless ROCKS. Whether he was

on an assignment in CONUS or one of his multiple combat tours, his steadfast commitment to guiding, developing and inspiring officers never wavered and is legendary. The ROCKS are enormously proud of Brigadier General Hamilton and wish his wife LTC (R) Regina Hamilton and their 4 children: Crissy, Charles Jr., Reggie and Celine best wishes and encouragement as they begin an exciting chapter in their lives!

COL(P) Michel Russell Becomes Chief of Transportation

By COL Dorene Hurt



MG Stephen Lyons, CASCOC Commander, passes the Unit Colors to COL(P) MICHEL RUSSELL during the 4 June ceremony at Fort Lee, Va. where COL Russell became the Army's Chief of Transportation.

COL Michel Russell, selected for Brigadier General, becomes Chief of Transportation(COT) on June 4, 2015 at Fort Lee, Va. With a standing room only crowd in attendance, COL (P) Michel Russell assumed his duties as COT. A dedicated and loyal ROCK, COL Russell is uniquely equipped for his new assignment.

COL(P) Russell joined the United States Army Reserves in 1983 as an enlisted field artilleryman. In 1987 he graduated from John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant from Fordham University ROTC as a distinguished military graduate. His first duty assignment was 1-1 ADA in Germany where he served in battery-level leadership positions.

In 1991, COL(P) Russell transferred to the Ordnance Corps. After graduation from the Ordnance Officer Advanced Course, he served as the battalion S1, company commander, and support operations officer for the Task Force XXI Test Team in the 2d Armored Division, the 4th Infantry Division, and the Operational Test and Evaluation Command (OPTEC), respectively.

COL(P) Russell has held several key developmental, broadening, and command assignments including aide-de-camp to the Commanding General of the Industrial Operations

Command at Rock Island Arsenal, IL; an intern in the Office of the Secretary of Defense; HQDA G4 logistics officer, and readiness branch chief in V Corps G4, Germany. He served as the support operations officer and executive officer in the 47th Forward Support Battalion, 2BCT, 1AD during Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) I and returned as the battalion commander to the same unit during OIF VIII.

Following battalion command, he served as the war reserve subject matter expert on the Joint Staff J4, as the SRC 90/91 organizational integrator in HQDA G3/5/7 and as the brigade commander for the 401st Army Field Support Brigade in Bagram, Afghanistan during OEF XI-XII. He is currently serving as the Chief of Transportation and Commandant of the U.S. Army's Transportation School since June 2015.

COL(P) Russell is a graduate of the Combined Arms Services Staff School, the Marine Corps Staff College, and the Industrial College of the Army Forces. COL(P) Russell has received numerous awards and decorations for his achievements in both combat and peacetime operations. He is awarded the Parachutist Badge, the Army Staff Badge, the Office of the Secretary of Defense Staff Badge, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Badge and the Combat Action Badge. He currently holds three masters degrees, is Lean Six Sigma Green Belt certified, and is designated by the International Society of Logistics (SOLE) as a Demonstrated Master Logistician.



PROMOTION CEREMONY INVITATION

General Dennis L. Via
Commanding General

United States Army Materiel Command
requests the pleasure of your company
at the Promotion of Colonel Michel M. Russell, Sr. to
Brigadier General
on Tuesday, the fourth of August
at half past one o'clock in the afternoon Wylie Hall
US Army Transportation School
711 B. Avenue, Fort Lee, VA
Reception to follow
R.s.v.p. by 29 July 2015
POC: denita.caffery@us.army.mil
(804) 765-1568

Joint Staff Action Officer of the Month Recognition for Bobby Burke Award Recipient, MAJ Natasha Clarke, USA, Recognized as the Joint Staff Action Officer of the Month

By COL (Ret) Dorene Hurt

Special congratulations are extended to 2014 Bobby Burke Award Recipient Major Clarke.



Maj Gen Lee Levy, The J4 Vice-Director presented MAJ Clarke with an Impact Joint Service Achievement Medal.

The 18th Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, GEN Martin Dempsey recognized MAJ Clarke as the January 2015 Action Officer of the Month for the J4 Staff.

LtGen Robert Ruark, USMC, Director of Logistics also recognized MAJ Clarke as Action Officer of the Month for January 2015. Maj Gen Lee Levy, USAF, The J4 Vice-Director presented MAJ Clarke with an Impact Joint Service Achievement Medal.

The awards were given because of her extraordinarily skillful planning and coordination of the 2015 Service 4 trip to USPACOM. In addition, she masterfully handled 57 POV Congressionals in a timely and accurate manner. The recognition included an Impact award of the Joint Service Achievement Medal.



The 18th Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff-GEN Martin Dempsey recognized MAJ Clarke as the January 2015 Action Officer of the Month for the J4 Staff.



LiGen Robert Ruark, Director of Logistics also recognized MAJ Clarke as Action Officer of the Month for January 2015.



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CHAPTER UPDATES

BG Richard B. Dix Conducts Officer Professional Development on the Professional Book

By 2LT Nateisha A. Grant



CPT Timothy Peters, Screaming Eagle Rocks President presenting BG Dix with a token of appreciation.

Photo by 2LT Nateisha A. Grant

On June 9, 2015 the Screaming Eagle Rocks Chapter located at Fort Campbell, KY conducted an Officer Professional Development (OPD) session with Brigadier General Richard B. Dix. BG Dix is currently serving as the Commanding General of Defense Logistics Agency Distribution. BG Dix started off the session during the luncheon where he took time to converse with leaders in attendance. As he continued into the OPD session he started with a question and answer session. When asked about balancing military and family life, BG Dix spoke fondly of his wife being the pillar that supported him in every assignment that he had, even the ones that required huge sacrifices. He also emphasized that he would not be where he was today without the support of his family.

As BG Dix delved deeper into the session, it was clear that he came to deliver an important message regarding preparedness and the professional book. BG Dix captivated the officers, especially the junior officers in attendance as he spoke about the importance of having a professional book. According to BG Dix having a well-put together professional book will catapult your career to the next level. It shows that you are serious about your career. BG Dix placed special emphasis on the OER strength chart. He stated that the OER Strength Chart is designed to determine the strength of the OERs in your professional book. It is designed to keep you on track, allow an in progress assessment and provide a competitive snapshot of your file in today's army, especially with recent downsizing via Officer Separation Boards (OSB). He also focused on the five-year plan and stressed the importance of ensuring that the

information contained in your Officer Record Brief (ORB) was correct.

By the end of the OPD, it was clear that the message was well received by the audience as the room filled with chatter about creating a professional book or adding to an existing professional book. Regardless of where one stood on the spectrum, it was clear that BG Dix left a lasting impression on leaders in attendance at the Screaming Eagle Rocks.



*CPT Washington and CPT Sanford with BG Dix at the end of the OPD.
Photo by 2LT Nateisha A. Grant*

MG Charles Rogers Chapter at Carlisle Barracks: The US Army War College Academic Year 2014-2015 in Retrospect

By COL (Ret) Charles D. Allen

ROCKS members continued to make a difference in contributing to the education and development of our nation's military and civilian leaders. COL Rick Harney joined Carlisle Barracks as the Director of the Army Heritage and Education Center (AHEC). Colonel Robert Mundell served as Chairman, Department of Command, Leadership, and Management. As a senior administrator, Colonel Randall Cheeseborough serves as Deputy Dean of the School of Strategic Landpower on the US Army War College (USAWC) leadership staff. This was a year of continuity for Carlisle ROCKS with Dr. Jim Gordon, the Professor of Military Studies as the course director of Theater Strategy and Campaigning block of The US Army War College core curriculum and Prof Chuck Allen as the Professor of Leadership and Cultural Studies for the Resident Education Program.

Both Jim and Chuck were recipients of the Col. John J. Madigan Awards for writing excellence for their published professional articles. Colonel Sylvester Brown retired from the

Department of Distance Education (DDE) as the Director of the Second Resident Course and Colonel Randy White is transitioning from the Peacekeeping and Stability Institute (PKSOI) to teach in the Resident Education Program. Arriving in May, Chaplain (COL) Gerald Dubose is the Carlisle Barracks Deputy Installation Chaplain.

Student members of the ROCKS were selected to participate in prestigious programs during the course of the US Army War College year: COL Gavin Lawrence was in the Advanced Strategic Arts Program (ASAP); LTC Lawrence "Hank" Henry and Ms. Charisse Adamson were in the National Security Policy Program; COL Jason Halloren, Mr. Ivory Taylor, COL George Turner, and CDR Amahl Williams were in the Advanced Defense Management (ADM) program; and COL Karen Briggman was in the inaugural Carlisle Scholars Program. In addition, Colonel Chuck Worshim and COL Carlton Smith were members of The Eisenhower Series College Program (established in 1969 as a War College academic outreach program). Formerly called the Current Affairs Program, it encourages dialogue on national security and other public policy issues between students of the Army's senior educational institution and the public at colleges and universities throughout the United States.



Carlisle Barrack Black History Panel: L-R: Professor Chuck Allen, LTC "Hank" Henry, COL Felicia Brokaw, COL Randy White

Memorial Day Commemorations

As the Nation paused to recognize fallen service members, the MG Charles Rogers ROCKS chapter had the honor to participate in Memorial Day Services in Carlisle Pennsylvania. LTC Bidemi Olaniyi-Leyimu delivered the keynote comments at the Union Cemetery's annual Memorial Day Observance Program. Amongst a crowd of city officials and community residents, she encouraged residents to promote the day of recognition for the commitment and sacrifice of fallen service members, like those black Civil War veterans and U.S. Colored Troops interred in the Union Cemetery.

US Army War College Graduation and Achievements
Members of the MG Charles Rogers ROCKS Chapter were among the more than 380 senior U.S. and international military officers and civilian leaders recognized during the US Army War College graduation ceremony for their academic achievements and professional excellence.

Gen. Raymond T. Odierno, Army Chief of Staff served as the keynote speaker and asked graduates of the Army War College Class of 2015 to, “provide the leadership needed in critical positions across the joint, inter-organizational and multinational environment... You are those leaders, and I know that you’re ready for the challenge.” Clearly, our ROCKS members have embraced this challenge and will create opportunities for the leaders of the future. MG Charles Rogers Chapter ROCKS are ready to meet the expectations put forth by General Odierno.



*Memorial Day 2015, Carlisle Borough Union Cemetery:
COL (ret) Chuck Allen, LTC Bidemi Olaniyi-Leyimu*



*US Army War College Graduation Academic Year 2015
Carlisle Barracks, PA*

‘Emboldening Leadership, Embracing the Community, And the Way Forward’

by 1LT Marcus J. Carey

Stationed here at the National Training Center (NTC) at Fort Irwin, California, the post’s role in the Army’s mission challenges all it’s citizens to balance their military obligations and their contributions to the surrounding communities. As Soldiers, spouses, and civilians continue to influence these roles and seek for constructive outlets, the High Desert Chapter ROCKS’ Chapter continues to arise as a prominent kernel for the developing leader, community relations, and individual empowerment that spreads to the farthest military constituents.



During his visit to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, MG Price attended a ROCKS Inc. High Desert Chapter Forum to provide his views on the 21st Century Leader

Since the High Desert ROCKS’ Chapter reactivated in October 2013, as well as under the tutelage of COL Richard ‘Flip’ Wilson, the chapter has held several discussion forums over the past year. With the purpose of generating active membership, several forums have been held that focus on the opportunities afforded to military leaders and their subordinates through the benefits of effective mentorship. Taking on the challenge presented by MG Leslie Smith to be the nexus of mentorship at Fort Irwin, the chapter has held forums with several prominent leaders including Major General Stephen M. Twitty, Major General LeWarren V. Patterson, Major General Barrye L. Price, and Honorary Rock, LTG Patricia D. Horoho, the Surgeon General of the Army.



High Desert Chapter receiving Military & Civilian Spouse Club grant.

With emphasis placed on the 21st Century Leader; how to not only survive but excel in a shrinking Army; and what is next for the emerging leader, these key speakers shared their experiences with eager and aspiring trailblazers. The overall intentions were to encourage and enlighten the Fort Irwin leadership and community and ultimately garner support of ROCK’s efforts to strengthen the officer corps. The ROCKS High Desert members strive to be a motivated and highly competent team of military leaders and managers. The chapter is open to all officers and civilians GS12 and above. They actively cultivate a network of diverse and focused leaders who can provide sound guidance, critical thinking and decisive actions to accomplish any mission.

There has also been a keen, constructive interest in involving the High Desert Chapter with local community initiative organizations that focus on involving the community in activities accessible for growth in all aspects for all members of the growing military family. The High Desert Chapter will once again be playing a pivotal role in “Operation Kids Camp” by sending a group of service members’ children to a military themed camp that focuses on kids having fun, making friends, and learning life skills. Also, through a progressive affiliation with Colonel Jonathan P. Braga, future initiatives consist of establishing regional ROTC programs at the Middle and High School level as well as neighboring Colleges and Universities with the prospect of an accompanying scholarship sponsorship. Affiliations such as these are helping the chapter realize its vision to provide community outreach to help youth learn topics such as socialization, mentorship, and professional development.

The Fort Irwin High Desert Chapter continues to contribute to the primary mission of the ROCKS’. A mission with the objective to establish and continually provide the mentorship and the professional development of officers, warrants, and senior civilians. The challenge presented to both the Army senior and junior leaders, as well as the assimilation into Fort Irwin’s community, has thus far proven advantageous in the chapters’ goals. Through the continuous efforts of its’ members, the Fort Irwin High Desert ROCKS’ Chapter will continue to develop a team of members committed to the fundamental goals of effective and sustained mentorship and professional development. The mentor and the mentee can both benefit from this important relationship.



Members of Fort Irwin ROCKS Inc. High Desert Chapter and NTC Army Officers, Senior Enlisted, and Warrant at a chapter sponsored forum.

Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful. -- Albert Schweitzer

CVC ROCKS ACTIVITIES

*By MAJ Byron C. Matthews, President
Central Virginia Chapter ROCKS, Inc.*



Central Virginia ROCKS President MAJ Byron Matthews (m.l.) and Leadership Outreach Chairperson Yasheba Robinson (m.r.) take photo opportunity with DC Chapter President COL(R) Conrado Morgan (r) and National ROCKS Chairman BG Earl Sims (l). The DC ROCKS Chapter sponsored Golf Scramble on 09 June 2015.



On 26 February 2015 Central Virginia ROCKS President MAJ Byron Matthews (l) and Vice President Lillian Berry (r) support Fort Lee Black History program with honored guest ROCKS Charter member COL(R) Porcher L. Taylor, Jr. Ph.D.



Central Virginia ROCKS President MAJ Byron Matthews supports Virginia State University R.O.T.C. Ball on 04 April 2015. The Central Virginia Chapter ROCKS have partnered with Virginia State University Trojans to develop, shape, and build our future Army officers.



Central Virginia ROCKS Leadership Outreach Chairperson CPT Yasheba Robinson was selected as the Guest Speaker for the 2015 Virginia State University R.O.T.C. Commencement Ceremony commissioning over 25 officers on 01 May 2015. GEN Dennis Via, Army Materiel Commander and CPT Yasheba Robinson are both Virginia State University Alumni.

Career Day at Denbigh High School

By MAJ (Ret) Hubert Becton

The Hampton Roads Chapter of the Rocks Sponsored Career Day at Denbigh High School in Newport News, Virginia, on February 5, 2015. The Chapter partnered with the Denbigh High School Junior ROTC Program. The school has 168 Cadets. The Cadets served as escorts for the speakers. The day ran from 7:30am until noon. The Principal, Anthony Vladu, and MAJ (Ret) Hubert Becton (Rocks member and coordinator) gave a brief introduction to the speakers, and the speaker were offered light refreshments before they got started engaging the students. There were 42 speakers, including numerous Rocks members; Soldiers from nearby Ft. Eustis in fields such as Military Police, JAG Corps, Aviation, Engineer, Signal Corps, and Field Artillery; DA Civilian and Professional from McDonald Army Health Center, Ft. Eustis; and the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Hampton, Va. Other professionals from the surrounding community such as Physical Therapy, Nurses, Pharmacist, Dental, and Resource Management; and employees from Food Lion, McDonalds, Wal-Mart, Wells Fargo, and several others. There were 550 Students who participated.

The format for the event was a classroom setting with thirty minutes talk, and 15 minutes for questions and answers. The speakers concentrated on educational requirements for their profession, leadership, salary, and why they choose their specialty. Air Force, and Army Recruiters participated. Food Lion, Wal-Mart, and McDonalds offered summer jobs. They offered reading material, and demonstrations. Wells Fargo offered Introduction to Finance. One speaker was a former graduate of Denbigh High, class of 2006. She shared her

experience as a Medical Assistant. CPT Taylor and 1SGT Smith were in charge of the Cadets and the Cadets were a great asset.

The Hampton Roads Chapter of the Rocks sponsored Career Day was well received. It was also fitting that this was done during Black History Month. The Principal asked if we would consider making this an annual event. Collectively it was recognized that many students had not decided what to do with their future, and career Day certainly gave them ideas, hopes, and dreams to think about. The Hampton Roads Chapter of the Rocks believes in giving back and helping the Youth make positive choices for their future.



COL (Ret) Karen Evans-Miller Speaks to Students at the Denbigh High School Career Day



LTC Wanda Horton shares her experience with the Students of Denbigh High School

Hampton Roads Chapter Present Cadet Scholarship Awards

By MAJ Terrance Montgomery and
LTC (Ret) Toney C. Mooney

The Hampton Roads Chapter of the Rocks, Inc. conducted its annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony on June 2, 2015. This successful event resulted in four High School Junior ROTC Cadets being awarded \$1000.00 scholarships each to assist towards their educational goal. A fifth scholarship award was presented at one of the Cadets' High School, as they could not attend the ceremony. Receiving Scholarship Awards were:

Cadet Adam Crum from Denbigh High School in Newport News, Va; Cadet Nichelle Farokhpour from Indian River High School in Chesapeake Va.; Cadet Keyaria Jones from Woodrow Wilson High School in Portsmouth, Va.; and Cadet Corey Taylor from Deep Creek High School in Chesapeake, Va.; Cadet Xavier Hendon from Landstown High School in Virginia Beach, Va., received his award on June 12, 2015, at the Landstown Senior Awards Day.



Cadet Keyaria Jones, from left, Cadet Adam Crum; Cadet Corey Taylor; and Cadet Nichelle Farokhpour

All recipients will go on to enroll in a Senior ROTC program at a colleges or university of their choice with various intended degree majors. The success of these talented students will enable the next generation of military and community leaders to ensure our democratic society remains the force of freedom.

The Ceremony was held at the Newport News, Va. Police Department's mid-town percent conference room. This location, according to MAJ (Ret) Hubert Becton, organizer for the ceremony, was a convenient location for the Cadets, many of whom were from Southside Virginia.



LTC Wanda Horton presents Cadet Xavier Hendon his Scholarship Award

The HRC's Scholarship selection and award process started just after the New Year. Forty applications were mailed to the various high schools in the Greater Hampton Roads area that have JROTC programs. An accompanying letter explains the criteria for applying for the scholarship. Of significant importance is that the student must be a senior in the JROTC program, and must enter the Senior ROTC program at a

college or university the coming school year. According to the Chapter's Scholarship Committee Chairman, COL (Ret) David Glover, twelve applications were received. Of the twelve applications, an evaluation was made and five students were awarded \$1000 scholarships each.

In the congratulatory letter that went out to the Cadets notifying them of their selection, MG (Ret) Frank Batts, Chapter President said, "The scholarship packet you submitted indicates your potential for success in future endeavors." MG Batts also encouraged the cadets to "Embrace each new challenge, remembering that challenges provide opportunities to excel."

The Guest Speaker for the Scholarship Award Ceremony was CPT Wayne E. Griffin Jr., Commander of B Company, 1st Battalion, 210th Aviation Regiment, 128th Aviation Brigade, US Army TRADOC. The title of his presentation was "Mediocrity Just Won't Do".

Members of the Hampton Roads Chapter Scholarship Committee included COL (Ret) Glover (Chairman), MAJ (Ret) Hubert Becton. COL (Ret) Angela Fortune; LTC Wanda Horton; LTC (Ret) Toney C. Mooney; MAJ Terrance Montgomery; and COL Mary Woodard.



MG (Ret) Batts present a HRC Pen-Set to CPT Griffin as a Token of Appreciation

LTG Robert S. Ferrell Visits Korea Chapter

By 1LT Herman Lockhart, II

SEOUL, South Korea| The Morning Calm Chapter of the Rocks Inc. proudly hosted LTG Robert S. Ferrell on May 9, 2015, during a professional developmental forum led by the distinguished three-star. LTG Ferrell, Army G6, took time out of his busy schedule during a stop on the Korean peninsula to deliver words of wisdom to a receptive audience. The 42 attendees were comprised of senior Army leaders, ranging in rank from senior enlisted to Colonel, and Department of the

Army Civilians. Members of the audience found themselves to be the direct recipients of coaching and advice that LTG Ferrel provided, based on his personal and professional experiences.



LTG Robert S. Ferrel snaps a "selfie" in front of attendees.

One lasting takeaway, which was elaborated upon by LTG Ferrel, was the value of The Rocks Inc. for every leader. LTG Ferrel commented, "Only in an organization, such as this, can any leader become extremely accustomed to engaging and interacting with seniors while gaining access to a priceless network of mentorship."

Profile from Warrant Officers' History: Chief Warrant Officer Five (Ret)

Rowmell R. Hughes

By CW4 Farrell J. Chiles, USA, Ret.



Rowmell Hughes was born on May 7, 1948 in Bishopville, Lee County, South Carolina. Her parents were the late Booker T. and Luevenia Allen Roary. The daughter of a sharecropper, Rowmell remembers getting up early every morning at 4:00 A.M. to journey to the fields to pick cotton or tobacco. From that early experience, she learned what hard work is and the values of responsibility and accountability.

Chief Warrant Officer Five Rowmell R. Hughes enlisted in the Women's Army Corps in 1970 and upon completion of her active duty commitment, joined the Army Reserve. In 1989, she completed the Warrant Officer Candidate School at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin and the Warrant Officer Tactical/Technical Certification Course at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. She was then appointed a Warrant Officer One in the Adjutant General Corps. Her initial assignment as a personnel warrant was with the 319th Transportation Brigade in Oakland, California and she later transferred to the 2nd Medical Brigade as a Personnel Management Officer.

In 1993, she became the Supervisory Staff Administrator in the 2nd Medical Brigade. In this dual status civilian capacity, she represented the Commanding General and was responsible for the daily operations of an organization that encompassed seven western states (CA, NV, AZ, MT, CO, UT and Washington). The brigade was comprised of 6,000 soldiers. The position was the highest civilian position in the brigade and Ms. Hughes was the highest ranking African American civilian within the 63d Regional Readiness Command. In October 2002, she received the United States Army's Citation Award for Exceptional Service. The award was presented to Ms. Hughes by the Army Vice Chief of Staff.

Chief Warrant Officer Five Hughes served as a staff officer on various short tours for major Army exercises in CONUS and in Japan, Korea, and Okinawa. In 2004, she was cross-leveled



The Morning Calm Chapter of The ROCKS Inc., proudly congratulates MAJ Tamisha R. Norris and 1LT Herman C. Lockhart, II for being selected for the 2015 Bobby Burke Award and the 2015 Chairmans Award, respectively.

and deployed with the 376th Personnel Service Battalion, from Long Beach, California, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in Tikrit, Iraq. While there, she served as the Detachment II Human Resources Technician/Executive Officer at the Forward Operating Base (FOB) in Speicher. During the tour, she and her staff had the responsibility to provide personnel services to the 5,000 Soldiers assigned to five geographical dispersed FOBs in Northern Iraq.

In September 2008, Chief Warrant Officer Hughes was assigned to the G-1 Section, 70th Regional Readiness Command, Fort Lawton, Seattle, Washington. She is a graduate of the Adjutant General Warrant Officer Advance Course, and the Warrant Officer Staff and Senior Courses.

Chief Warrant Officer Five Hughes' military awards include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Commendation Medal with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with hour glass and "M" Device, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, and the Overseas Service Ribbon. She is authorized to wear the Superior Service Medal for outstanding service as a civilian. In 2004, Chief Warrant Officer Five Hughes was selected by the California Department of the Reserve Officers Association for the Outstanding Warrant Officer of the Year Award.

In July 2009, Chief Warrant Officer Five Hughes retired from the military with 38 years of service. A resident of Vallejo, California, she is the mother of Romi Weathersby and the grandmother of Nevaeh and Quincy.

Recipient of Grace' Recounts True All-American Success Story

Donald L. Scott's new book chronicles African-American's life journey, from Jim Crow to Vietnam War to Obama era
HENDERSON, Nev. (PRWEB) May 30, 2015

Author [Donald L. Scott](#) says that his new book is as "American as apple pie with an African-American flavor," as it recounts how he lived through segregation, fought in the [Vietnam War](#) and eventually became a "[Recipient of Grace](#)" (published by Xlibris) with the coming of the Obama era. The Ferguson and Baltimore riots show that the issue of racial harmony continues to be a divisive one in America, thus Scott highlights the legacy of the [civil rights](#) movement and previous generations' struggle for the equality and justice, a proud heritage that those of the present can claim as their own in their own pursuit of happiness and success.

Scott's experience spans from the days of Jim Crow in the 1930s to the election of President Barack Obama in the early

21st century. He begins his story as a poor black youth in the border state of Missouri and concludes his incredible journey in Washington, D.C. as the Chief Operating Officer, Library of Congress. In between, his journey as a soldier in the US Army is richly told and includes the undercurrent of racial tensions in Vietnam and throughout his efforts to remain competitive for schooling and promotions in his 30 year Army career. What appears to be the end of a successful career as a Brigadier General is the beginning of a Cinderella-like post-military adventure. His surprise appointment by Maynard Jackson as the Chief of Staff for the Atlanta City government, his selection and appointment by President Bill Clinton as the founding director of AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps and rigorous pursuit by a national search team that won his appointment as the Deputy Librarian help explain the reasons behind the title, "Recipient of Grace."

"The book is about faith, hard work, civil rights and Gods' grace. It is also about America's promise to provide equal opportunity to all and champions who deliver on her promise. My story is an American success story," Scott says. With it, he shares an heirloom to future generations, inspiring readers, even when they continue to [face challenges](#), motivating them to fight inequality just as the champions of old did during their day. He shows that responsible parents, caring teachers and enforcement of equal and civil rights comprise the ladder of success in America.

"Recipient of Grace" is about the universal emotions of challenge, disappointment, success, tragedy and accomplishment. Scott's insights from those experiences may help readers through their moments of hardship.

"Recipient of Grace"

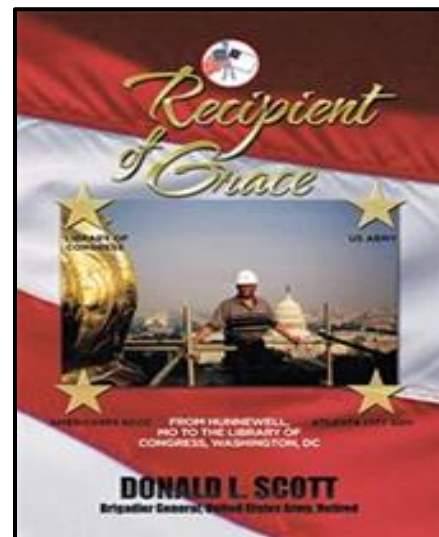
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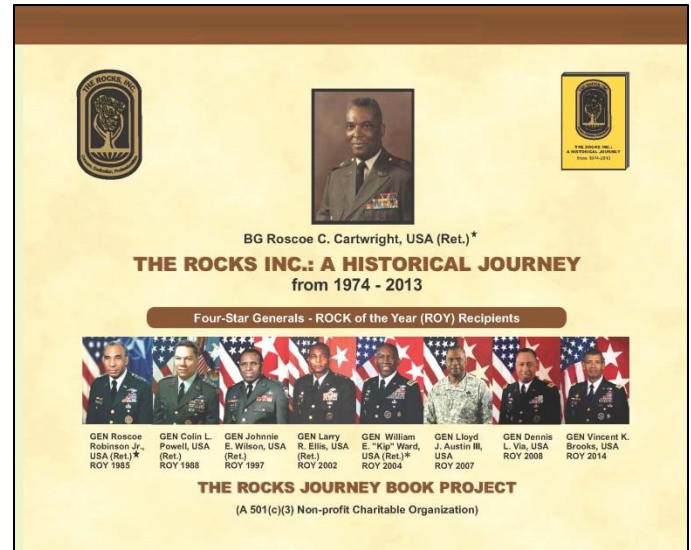
Long term ROCKS Supporter, Col Terrence Adams, USAF was promoted to Col effective June 1, 2015.

On July 27, 2015, Col Adams assumed Colonel level command of the 375th Communication Group at Scott Air Force Base.

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To All ROCKS Chapter Presidents and ROCKS Members Your Support is Needed for The ROCKS Journey Book Project

We are in a “full court press” based upon the suggestion made by BG Von Richardson's request, made at the 2014 ROCKS Forum, that all (1,200) ROCK members pledge and contribute to making the Journey Book a success. The National Board accepted BG Richardson's recommendation and personalized emails and letters have gone out to all ROCK members and we ask that the below notice will be placed on all ROCKS website.

We need **your personal pledge and direct support** to help to get **all ROCK members** to pledge and make their payments in order to get the ROCKS Journey book published. The pledge can be made and paid in a one-time payment or by making a payment of \$10.00 per month for 12 consecutive months. One time payments can be made by check or credit card and partial payments, for your convenience, may be made by credit card. I and several other ROCK members have made their pledge and payment in a one-time payment of \$120.00. Now we need your direct help to get all ROCK members to do the same.

For those Rocks members that have made their Journey Book Project pledge and made their payment, thanks and please encourage other ROCK members to pledge. All chapters will benefit as the proceeds from the sales of the books will kept by the chapters to be used for their approved programs. We are a IRS 501(c) 3 non-profit charitable organization and your contribution to this project is tax deductible. Thanks.

The School of Command Preparation -- at Fort Leavenworth, KS that conducts the Pre-Command Course for officers slated for Battalion and Brigade Command positions -- will in the very near future advertise (through USAJOBS) two Title 10 faculty positions for former Brigade Commanders. If anyone knows of any Former Brigade Commanders who may be interested in this opportunity to help develop leaders and command teams, please share this information with them. These positions will be advertised in USAJOBS very soon. This is the only information available now for this unique job opportunity reforestation. It is suggested that anyone who is interested AND meets the FBC standards, monitor USAJOBS for the formal advertisement.

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Commanding General
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June 29, 2015

Brigadier General Earl M. Simms, U.S. Army Retired
Chairman
The National Board of the ROCKS, Inc.
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Dear General Simms: *Sir,*

I appreciate your honoring me with the 2015 Honorary ROCK of the Year award at the recent Hampton Roads ROCK Chapter Luncheon here at Fort Eustis, Virginia. Thanks also for allowing me to share my thoughts on mentorship with those in attendance.

Your organization is to be commended for the extraordinary role you play in providing mentorship and professional and leadership development to our Officer Corps. As I continue to serve, I shall do my best to represent the ROCKS organization according to the standards this award represents.

Again, thank you. This award is certainly an honor.

Sincerely,

David G. Perkins
General, U.S. Army

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June 4, 2015

**THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF COLLEGIATE SCHOLARS WELCOMES
DR. RICKY C. GODBOLT AS A NEW MEMBER**

Dr. Ricky C. Godbolt of Belcamp, Maryland has accepted membership in The National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS).

"NSCS is more than just a symbol of academic achievement. Membership gives students access to a number of amazing benefits including career and networking resources, scholarships, travel, and service projects," says Stephen E. Loflin, NSCS Founder & Chief Executive Officer.

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For more information about The National Society of Collegiate Scholars, please call 202.265.9000, visit NSCS' website nscs.org, or contact Dr. Ricky C. Godbolt:

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