

Outstanding Alumni Nominations

Army War College Foundation

2020

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33 years US Army	Selected into the Morgan State Hall of Fame
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	Chairs the board that selects outstanding cadet performers in addition to helping those needing monetary assistance.
	He has a passion for identifying the numerous needs, challenges and solutions for military families associated with the mission of maintaining Total Army Readiness.
	As a Lifetime member in Morgan State University's ROTC Alumni Association he participates in the association's assistance to the Professor of Military Science (PMS) in the areas of recruitment, training and mentoring.
	Actively involved the implementation of the Room and Board Grant Program to reward ROTC scholarship cadets and assist in recruitment and retention
	One of the founders of the university's Mentorship Program in which cadets are assigned an ROTC alumni mentor. Aligns mentors with every cadet throughout their college tenure.
	Continues to serve as a member of Morgan State University's ROTC Enhancement Team; joining at its inception in 1994 and serving as Chairman since July 2005. The Enhancement Team is the advisory board for the program and consists of 23 former Morgan State ROTC graduates.
	Under his leadership, the Morgan State University ROTC Program has flourished and now serves as a model for colleges and universities throughout our country. Because of General Prather's leadership MSU is poised to commission 21 commissioned officers in calendar year 2020.
	He leads the team of general officers, all Morgan State ROTC graduates, who advise and make recommendations to the university president on the best qualified candidate for the PMS position from nominations submitted by The U.S. Army Cadet Command.
	Lifetime member of the ROCKS supporting the ROTC cadet membership and scholarship programs. The organization is unrelenting in its efforts to ensure those serving in the military have the requisite tools for success.
	Since 1996 Gen Prather has been active in his church. He has served as a Trustee on the Board, Usher Board and the Communication Steward in addition to being a mentor to newly appointed ministers and supporter of the church's Wounded Warrior/Soldier Program.
	He is an active supporter to another mission church in Alexandria, VA with their Rising Hope mission. They provide meals, shelter and other critical needs for the Homeless along the Route 1 corridor of Northern Virginia.

U.S. Army War College Outstanding Alum Award Program

- **Purpose:** This memorandum establishes the award and provides the requirements, policy guidance, and procedures for the recognition of U.S. Army War College graduates as "Outstanding Alum, U.S. Army War College."
- **General:** This program is managed by the Army War College Foundation, Inc. The "Outstanding Alum Award" is established to provide a prestigious and visible means of honoring U.S. Army War College graduates who distinguished themselves through outstanding achievement to their community or country.
- **Eligibility:** To be eligible for designation as "Outstanding Alum, U.S. Army War College," individuals must:
 1. Be listed in the **Directory of U.S. Army War College Graduates** as a "graduate."
 2. Be retired for a minimum of one year from the government service that was the source of attendance at the U.S. Army War College.
 3. Have made significant and lasting contributions through continued service to their community or country since the above mentioned retirement.
- **Nomination and Selection Procedure:**
 1. Any U.S. Army War College Foundation member in good standing may nominate any U.S. Army War College graduate for designation as an "Outstanding Alum, U.S. Army War College." Nominations will be submitted in writing and will contain documentation of the individual's contributions and justification as to why the individual should be so honored. Nominations should be addressed to the Army War College Foundation, and mailed to 122 Forbes Ave., Carlisle, PA 17013-5248. Nominations may also be sent via email to alumni@usawc.org with appropriate attachments.
 2. Nominations will be forwarded to the Alumni Affairs Committee of the Army War College Foundation Board of Trustees in person or via email. The Alumni Affairs Committee will review the nominations and make recommendations to the full Board of Trustees for final action.
- **Notification:**
 1. Individuals approved for designation as "Outstanding Alum, U.S. Army War College" will be notified of their selection by official correspondence from the President of the Board.
 2. The CEO of the Foundation will schedule an appropriate ceremony.
 3. The Foundation will reimburse the recipient for round-trip travel expenses incurred from place of residence to Carlisle or other approved location for receipt of the award. Lodging and meal costs incurred during the travel are not reimbursable. However, meal costs at the award event for the awardee and one guest will be paid by the Foundation.

4. Privileges and Responsibilities: The designation "Outstanding Alum, U.S. Army War College" is primarily honorific and involves no increases in retirement annuity or other remuneration. Recognition of outstanding status includes:

- a. Invitations to special Foundation and Alumni Affairs events.
- b. Featured in a separate article of the *Foundation and Alumni News*.
- c. Notification to local newspapers of the selection for the award.
- d. Name and photo included in the Outstanding Alum digital display in Root Hall at the College.
- e. Presented with a certificate attesting to selection for this honor.
- f. An individual designated as "Outstanding Alum, U.S. Army War College" is authorized to use the title and privileges indefinitely.

5. Revocation: The title and privileges may be revoked upon recommendation of the Board of Trustees and approval of the President of the Board for conduct or actions no longer reflecting the high standards of integrity and ethical conduct appropriate for an outstanding, retired, graduate of the U.S. Army War College.

General Nomination Format (modify as appropriate)

Name of Individual Nominated: Colonel (Ret) Kenneth P. Davis, Ph.D.

Address: 6320 Phyllis Lane, Alexandria, VA 22312-6402

Phone: 703-941-9018

War College Class Year: 1993

Year Retired from Active Military/Federal Service: 1999

Narrative: (Normally 3-4 paragraphs, but not a specified length.)

Nominated by: Michael L. Thompson 
(U.S. Army War College Foundation Life Member)

Address: 408 Hayworth Drive, Simpsonville, SC 29680-7612

Phone: 803-917-9563

() Check here if you want your identity as nominator kept confidential.

Dr. (COL. Ret) Kenneth P. Davis
Outstanding Alum Nominee, U.S. Army War College

I am honored to recommend Dr. (COL. Ret) Kenneth P. Davis of Alexandria, Virginia, as an Outstanding Alum of the U.S. Army War College. Colonel Davis retired from active military service in 1999. Since retirement, he has made significant and lasting contributions to his community and nation.

Nationally, Ken is recognized as one of the leading volunteers within the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) and is a recipient of its highest honor for national service to youth, the Silver Buffalo Award. Since retirement, Ken spends 900 to 1,000 hours annually volunteering for the BSA across the United States. First, since 2005, Dr. Davis has served as a National or Regional Director on the Board of Directors of the Philmont Staff Association, which supports the BSA's largest National High Adventure Base. Since that time according to records, he has traveled to Philmont (in New Mexico) approximately 35 times to provide leadership and guidance in the development and execution of programs and activities that enhance the development of youth and adults alike (e.g. – as a faculty member at the Philmont Training Center, etcetera). Second, since 2001, Dr. Davis has provided senior-level volunteer management at the United States' largest gathering of Scouts from all 50 states, the National Scout Jamboree. For example, at Ft. AP Hill in Virginia, he served as the Vice Chairman of Youth Staff (2001), as the Logistics and Scheduling Chief (2005), and as the Deputy Chairman of OA Events (2010). When the National Scout Jamboree moved to West Virginia, Dr. Davis served as the Chairman of the Logistics Plan Group (2013). Each of these events had approximately 25,000 to 40,000 persons in attendance. His Philmont and National Scout Jamboree contributions alone have impacted hundreds of thousands of youth and adults. In addition to his tireless physical efforts, Dr. Davis is recognized by many as one of the leading scholars/historians of the Boy Scouts of America. He has authored the following three books to support Scouting: *The Brotherhood of Cheerful Service: A History of the Order of the Arrow* (2015), *A History of Wood Badge in the United States* (2018), and *Born at the Confluence – A History of the Philmont Staff Association* (2010). It's important to note that Colonel Davis did not receive any monetary reward for his literary efforts as all proceeds have been donated to support the Boy Scouts of America's national program. Also of significance, Dr. Davis has served as a member of the National Order of the Arrow Committee (the BSA's National Honor Society) since 1974. Locally within the Boy Scouts of America, Ken has served in a multitude of volunteer positions, including as a Pack Committee member (2001-2007), Crew Committee member (2001-2014), Assistant Wood Badge Coordinator (2002-2003), Chairman of the National Capitol Area Council's Meritorious Awards Committee (2003-2006, Committee Member 2006-2019),

Associate Lodge Adviser (2003-2007), member of the Council's International Committee (2003-2020), Chairman of the Young American Awards Selection Committee (2004), Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council Training Committee (2005-2007), Council Executive Board member (2011-2021), Chairman of the Council's Membership Standards Committee (2010-2012), Council Alumni Chairman (2016-2019), District Roundtable Commissioner (2019-2021), and as a Troop Committee member (2019-2021).

Ken's volunteer service outside of Scouting since 1999 has been impressive as well. This tenure includes service as the Director of the Combined Federal Campaign and the U.S. Savings Bond Campaign for the Defense Logistics Agency's National Stockpile Center (1999-2001), as Block Captain at the Bren Mar Park Civic Association in Fairfax County, Virginia (1999-2012), as the Boys' Basketball Team Coach for the Virginia Boys Club (1999-2000), as a Watch DOGS volunteer at Whittier Elementary School in Frederick, Maryland (2016-2017), as a United Services Organization (USO) volunteer at the Reagan National Airport (twice a month from 2011 – Present), as a Blockworker for the March of Dimes Campaign (2001-2006), as a Blockworker for the American Heart Association (1999-2015), as a Blockworker for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (2010-2017), as a Volunteer Instructor for the Presidential Classroom at the Georgetown University Conference Center (2003 and 2006), and as a Trustee for the Bill Hillcourt Trust/Foundation (2007-Present). Additionally, Dr. Davis is a very active member of St. John's United Methodist Church in Springfield, Virginia. There he has served in the following positions since 1999: Chairman of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee (1998-2000), a member of the Nominations Committee (1999-2002), a member of the Trustees Committee (2001-2003), a member (Chairman in 2016 and Vice Chairman in 2015) of the Pastor-Staff Relations Committee (2015-2017), and a key volunteer for the church's Operation Christmas Child of Samaritan's Purse to collect and pack shoe boxes sent to children overseas during Christmas (2002-2018). Finally, at Oglethorpe University near Atlanta, Georgia, Dr. Davis served as a member of the President's Advisory Council (2014-2017) and was awarded the Spirit of Oglethorpe Award by their Alumni Association (2015).

In the essence of time, I have shared merely a small fraction of Colonel Davis' volunteerism since the conclusion of his active military career. His commitment to service has been quite astonishing, especially to our nation's youth. Simply put, Ken Davis immediately comes to mind when you think of "service above self", "duty, honor, country" and "army strong". I cannot imagine a more deserving Outstanding Alum of the U.S. Army War College, and I thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

June 12, 2020

Chairman, Alumni Affairs Committee
The Army War College Foundation
122 Forbes Avenue
Carlisle, PA 17013-5248

Dear Mr./Ms. Chairman

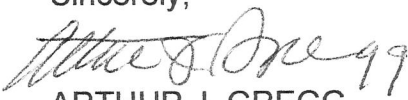
It is my great pleasure to recommend Major General Thomas L. Prather, Jr., USA Retired, for selection as an outstanding Alumnus of the United States Army War College. He is a 1982 graduate of the college, and currently resides at 8314 Silverthorn Road, Fairfax Station, VA 22039-3054, telephone number: 703-690-8291. General Prather retired from the Army in 1995 following a long and distinguished career, and has since been engaged in multiple non-profit activities.

General Prather's military career began in 1962 following graduation from Morgan State University, Baltimore, Maryland. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant, United States Army, and was listed in "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges". During his 33 years of active military service, he distinguished himself in multiple command and staff positions in the United States, Europe and Vietnam. The quality of his service is reflected in his numerous awards, and achieving the rank of Major General.

While General Prather has been active in his community association, his church and the ROCKS, a professional mentoring organization, his passion and time have been devoted to the ROTC program at Morgan State University. I have personal knowledge of his substantial engagement with the University's ROTC Alumni Association and the ROTC Enhancement Team. He has led the Enhancement Team for more than 20 years. The team consists of two dozen officers committed to making the Morgan's ROTC Program one of the best in the Nation. General Prather makes multiple trips each quarter from his home in Fairfax Station, Virginia to the University in Baltimore, MD. In 1993 he was selected into the Morgan State University's ROTC Hall of Fame, and in 2008 he was selected into the United States Ordnance Corps Hall of Fame.

Attached is a summary of General Prather's most significant non-profit activities and a recommendation from Major General Arthur Dean. General Prather's leadership and passion have allowed him to have a major impact on several worthy activities. He has conspicuously represented the best of the College's graduates, and I highly recommend that he be selected as an Army War College Outstanding Alumnus for 2020.

Sincerely,


ARTHUR J. GREGG
LT. GEN., U.S. Army (Ret)

THOMAS L. PRATHER, JR.
Major General, U. S. Army Retired
POST ACTIVE-DUTY Military SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Major General Prather continues to support active and retired military service members and their families as he did during his more than 33 years of active service. He has a passion for identifying the numerous needs, challenges and solutions for military families associated with the mission of maintaining Total Army Readiness. He supports the Army community and the local community at large through his church and community activities and, particularly, the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program at his alma mater, Morgan State University.

General Prather has been and is a staunch supporter of the ROTC Program at Morgan State University. By way of background, the Morgan State ROTC program has a proud tradition of graduating top quality officers for the U. S. Army since 1948. More than 1,415 cadets have commissioned over the life of the program, and eleven (11) have become general officers including two (2) four stars; two (2) three stars; four (4) two stars and three (3) one stars.

In 1989, while still on active duty, General Prather became personally involved with Morgan's ROTC program by joining Morgan State University's ROTC Alumni Association. He was a prominent member of the committee that orchestrated and managed the establishment of the ROTC Alumni Chapter By-Laws and Constitution thereby creating sound business policies and procedures to govern chapter operations. As a Life-Time member, he participates in the association's assistance to The Professor of Military Science (PMS) in the areas of recruitment, training and mentoring. The association, in conjunction with the university's Endowment Committee, assures the availability of \$2,500 per semester, maximum, for the PMS to recognize selected cadets with demonstrated exemplary performances during the period. He chairs the board that reviews the PMS' award recommendations prior to submission and approval by the Endowment Committee. General Prather was one of the founders of the university's Mentorship Program in which cadets are assigned an ROTC alumni mentor. That mentor follows his or her cadet(mentee) throughout the ROTC experience providing advice and assistance as required. The program's success can be measured by the large number of mentors who maintain contact with cadets after commissioning.

In addition to the ROTC Alumni Association, he is a member of Morgan State University's ROTC Enhancement Team; joining at its inception in 1994 and serving as Chairman since July 2005. The Enhancement Team is the advisory board for the program and consists of 23 former Morgan ROTC graduates. The team interfaces with Headquarters, Department of the Army and the U. S. Army Cadet Command on critical issues involving staffing, uniform and equipment shortages and with the university on matters pertaining to academic and program support.

Significant highlights of General Prather's involvement with the ROTC Alumni Association and the Enhancement Team have been: (1) the implementation of a Room and Board Grant Program; (2) ROTC Program recognition by the President and other key university officials; (3) uniforms for all cadets throughout the program and (4) competent ROTC staffing.

He leads the team of general officers, all Morgan State ROTC graduates, who advise and make recommendations to the university president on the best qualified candidate for the PMS position from nominations submitted by The U. S. Army Cadet Command. This PMS selection process ensures that the best qualified officer is selected for the program. The process was implemented for the last two (2) officers assigned to the position and their performances resulted in resounding program successes, to include higher recruitment and sustained enrollment. Prior selections to this process did not consistently produce desired results. ROTC is the institution from which the Army receives the majority of its officers.

General Prather's emphasis on mission accomplishment is vital to ensure the viability of ROTC programs such as that at Morgan State University. He spends numerous hours on the highways between Virginia and Baltimore (Morgan State) to attend meetings, awards, graduation and commissioning ceremonies, and other activities involving the ROTC program.

General Prather is a Life-Time member of The Rocks, a mentoring organization, and supports that organization's members and ROTC cadet mentorship and scholarship programs which enhance the total military experience for all. The organization is unrelenting in its efforts to ensure those serving in the military have the requisite tools for success.

Since 1996, he has been a member of Christ United Methodist Church, Fairfax Station, VA. At Christ Church, he has served in a number of significant positions including the Trustee and Usher Boards and is currently a Communion Steward. He mentors seminary students and provides the basic information necessary to understand leadership in the church's programs. He assists the pastors and congregation as a whole in understanding the importance of the church's Wounded Warrior/Soldier Program to the community. Additionally, he is a faithful supporter of the Rising Hope Mission Church of Alexandria, Virginia. Rising Hope provides meals, shelter and other critical needs for the Homeless along the Route 1 corridor of Northern Virginia.

In his community of over 1400 homes, General Prather attends all meetings in which homeowner concerns are aired and acted upon. These meetings reinforce the high standards outlined by the Homeowner's Association guidelines and assures that the community maintains its standing as one of the most viable homesteads in Northern Virginia. He brings to the community lessons learned from experiences living throughout the world during his 33-year career.



May 29, 2020

Army War College Foundation
122 Forbes Avenue
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Dear Army War College Foundation Alumni Affairs Committee:

I write to strongly support Major General (Retired) Thomas L. Prather, Jr., for designation as U.S. Army War College Outstanding Alumnus, in complement with the formal nomination for General Prather made by LTG (Ret) Arthur Gregg, U.S. Army.

I have known General Prather for more than 50 years. Our relationship began at Morgan State University (MSU), Baltimore, Maryland, our shared alma mater, when I entered the senior ROTC Program. General Prather had recently graduated and was a role model for us cadets. He made a distinct and lasting positive impression on me. Over the decades that followed, both for me, countless other cadets, and U.S. Army officers of every rank, he served as a mentor and role model. He had a spectacular career in uniform and retired from active duty in 1995.

General Prather's post-Army service to the Nation and his alma mater, Morgan State University, from 1995 to 2020, is superb. His enduring dedication to the program and cadets over these 26 years has helped make the ROTC Program at MSU one of the best in the United States. Not only has the MSU ROTC Program survived – it has flourished and now serves as a model for colleges and universities throughout our country. Because of General Prather's leadership MSU is poised to commission 21 commissioned officers in calendar year 2020.

In addition, during General Prather's time with "The ROCKS Inc." a professional organization that embodies "Concern, Dedication, Professionalism", he has provided exceptional leadership, counsel, and mentorship to members across the spectrum of time, service and experience. Also, he is an example in his community influencing numerous young people to excel and achieve their dreams.

General Prather's selection will exemplify the AWC motto of "*Prudens Futuri*". He will be a tremendous ambassador for The U.S. Army, AWC, and the Foundation and an inspiration to countless others seeking to emulate his lifetime of caring and nurturing spirit.

Sincerely,

Arthur T. Dean
Major General, U.S. Army, Retired
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