

## Black War Veterans Honored At Ceremony

ARLINGTON, Va.—For the first time on a national level black veterans of all wars will be honored simultaneously in a special salute and wreath laying ceremony, May 5 at Virginia's Arlington National Cemetery.

Organized by the Black Veterans of All Wars, Inc., the salute seeks to give long overdue praise to some of America's most heroic and toughest defenders of freedom.

Black Americans have served with pride and distinction in every major conflict this country has ever seen though their accomplishments have often gone underrecognized.

Few people know that Isaiah Dorman, a black scout and interpreter for the United States Army was the only black to die in General Custer's ill-fated "Last Stand" battle at Little Big Horn on June 23, 1876.

Few may know that the Battle Ship Maine, which sank in the Havana Harbor in February 1898 also contains the remains of 22 black Americans who were serving as able-bodied seamen on the vessel at that time.

Most people are by far more familiar with the adventures of General George Washington or the skills of General Pershing but few know that there were ten black Generals in the Civil War.

Black veterans of the 369th Infantry valiantly assisted

the French 4th Army at the front. The 369th Infantry stayed in the trenches for 191 days, the longest front line service of any American regiment. During that time the regiment, as a unit and 170 of its men and officers were awarded the French Croix de Guerre or the Legion of Honor for gallantry in the action. The Germans called them "Hell Fighters." They called themselves "Black Rattlers."

These are but a few of the little known facts surrounding black participation in defense of America. According to Urie B. Glass, president of Black Veterans of All Wars, the complete history of black U.S. soldiers has yet to be written. "Our history has been lost or displaced, and what we want to do is become an educational arm to show people the achievements of black veterans."

At least 23 states, U.S. territories and France have been contacted by the group, which has asked that the week of April 28 to May 5 be designated Black Veterans Week. Several states have already issued proclamations to that effect. President Reagan has been asked to issue a national proclamation. The veterans have also earned the support of Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and Secretary of the Navy John F. Lehman who will either be in attendance at the May 5th salute or send representatives.



**RECEIVES PROFESSORSHIP**—Wilma Cecelia Peebles has been promoted to associate professor and given permanent tenure at North Carolina State University. Professor Peebles teaches in the social work program in the department of sociology and anthropology. An internationally recognized social worker, she has served on community boards and was a 1980 member of the North Carolina Families Task Force, White House Conference on Families. She has numerous professional publications in the area of family violence and child welfare. A native of Raleigh, she is the daughter of Millard Peebles, Sr., and the late Mary Myatt Peebles.

## J. Fleming Addresses Illiteracy

DURHAM—Dr. Joseph E. Fleming, acting assistant chief librarian at North Carolina Central University, surveys public library programs to combat adult illiteracy in an article in a recent issue of "The Southeastern Librarian," a publication of the Southeastern Library Association.

Fleming's article, "Public Library Adult Literacy Programs in the Southeastern United States," is based on a survey of administrative officers of the state libraries in the southeast. He received responses from North Carolina, Virginia, Alabama, West Virginia, South Carolina, Louisiana, Kentucky, and Georgia.

Most of the states reported efforts to provide reading materials for adults which combine interesting or useful subject matter with easy reading vocabularies. Other states—including North Carolina, Alabama, West Virginia, South Carolina, and Kentucky—reported active literacy training programs centered in public libraries.



**IN CONCERT**—The W.B. Lewis Gospel Choir will present a gospel spring concert Sunday, April 29, at First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church at 4 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

## St. Paul Receives Computers From T.I.

LAWRENCEVILLE, Va.—The Saint Paul's College Department of Business has received \$10,678 worth of Texas Instruments equipment and \$4,200 for a project titled "Training Institute for Minority Business Application" from the International Association for Black Business Educators.

The equipment includes two Texas Instruments computers, one printer and four software packages.

Provision of the TI professional computers is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Small Business Administration, funds from the business community and product contributions from Texas Instruments and the Management Account-

bility Group, headquartered in Athens, Ga.

"TI is proud to participate in an endeavor that combines the ideals of free enterprise with the practical application of microcomputers. We applaud the efforts of IABBE in bringing together the education and business communities in a mutually beneficial project," said Dr. Ralph Oliva, manager of TI's education computer marketing. "If TI can contribute to the success of the small minority business entrepreneur and the infusion of computers into education, we will have strengthened our well-known commitments to education and free enterprise."

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## NCCU Has \$15,000 To Spend On Students

DURHAM—North Carolina Central University will have a total of \$15,000 available for full-tuition undergraduate scholarships and stipends for the 1984-85 academic year under a grant of \$84,000 from the Office of Special Education of the United States Department of Education.

The grant also provides funding for graduate students working toward a master's degree in special education or toward certification in teaching the emotionally handicapped or mentally retarded.

The undergraduate scholarships will go to elementary education majors with a concentration in special education and mental retardation. Stipends will also be available to those students for working as tutors in NCCU's Early Childhood Center for the Handicapped.

The federal grant covers two types of teacher training. The graduate students will work toward certification in the areas of mental retardation or emotional handicaps, and can expect to be employed as special education "resource" teachers. The undergraduate students will be certified in elementary educa-

tion, with an endorsement for special education, and can expect to work as regular classroom teachers in classes which include handicapped children in the "mainstream" process.

Dr. Cecelia Steppe-Jones, director of special education at NCCU, said the \$84,000 grant is for the period from June 1, 1984, through May 31, 1985. It is part of a three-year grant project, and is for the second year of the project.

The Special Education Program at North Carolina Central University has a total enrollment of approximately 80 students. These include full-time and part-time candidates for the master's degree, in-service teachers working toward certification in special education, and undergraduates in education who have chosen special education as a concentration.

The special education program was founded at NCCU by Dr. Octavia B. Knight, who was awarded the University of North Carolina's O. Max Gardner Award for her contributions to the education of the mentally retarded and emotionally handicapped. Dr. Knight was succeeded in 1982 by Dr. Steppe-Jones, who was one of her former students.

## Dr. George Speaks At NCCU During NCAE Conference

DURHAM—Dr. Pamela George, assistant professor of education at North Carolina Central University, spoke at the recent North Carolina Association of Educators Human and Civil Rights Conference on the subject, "Educational Reform and Its Impact on Minorities."

Dr. George also presented to Ms. Coretta Scott King a contribution from the NCCU

chapter of the NCAE for the Martin Luther King, Jr., Center for Nonviolent Social Change.

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