

PAUL MATTHEWS LECTURE SERIES
FEBRUARY 18, 2020

AGENDA

12:00 pm

Prairie View A&M University
Willie A. Tempton Memorial Student Center

Video

History of Buffalo Soldiers National Museum

Posting of Colors

9th & 10th Horse Cavalry Association Greater Houston Chapter

National Anthem

Music Department
Ricky L. Owens, Jr.

12:30 pm

Welcome

Dr. Musa Olaka
John B. Coleman Library Director

Honoring PVAMU Battalion Commander

Prairie View A&M University ROTC

Introduction

Elizabeth Jean Brumfield

Harriet Tubman, Narrative Re-enactment

Melissa Waddy Thibodeaux
Buffalo Soldiers National Museum Resident Actor

Closing Comments

Captain Paul Matthews

Exhibit Presentation

John B. Coleman Library Lobby
Memorial Student Center Lobby

Special Thanks and Acknowledgments

John B. Coleman Library Special Events Committee
Trooper Steven Tatum, Buffalo Soldiers National Museum
Prairie View A&M University, Office of Development
Prairie View A&M University, Army ROTC
Prairie View A&M University, Navy ROTC
Prairie View A&M University, Music Department

Honoring Prairie View AROTC First Female Battalion Commander (1978—1979)

Shaune Tubbs Gross, Major (Retired), United States Army, Signal Corps



Shaune Tubbs, the second child of three born to Elmer and Lubertha Tubbs, was raised in the Third Ward area of Houston, Texas. Her siblings are Reginald Tubbs and Phyllis Tubbs Allen. She attended G. B. M. Turner Elementary, James D. Ryan Junior High, and graduated from Jack Yates Senior High in 1975. Shaune earned a 4-year Army Reserve Officers Training Corps (AROTC) scholarship.

Shaune matriculated at Prairie View A & M University where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. Shaune earned the privilege to serve as the Prairie View AROTC first female battalion commander for the school year September 1978 through May 1979. Upon graduation with honors, she was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Signal Corps. Shaune married a fellow service member, Michael Gross in 1980.

Shaune was promoted to the field grade rank of Major on November 1, 1991. MAJ Gross retired in 1999 after twenty years, one month, twenty-five days of selfless,

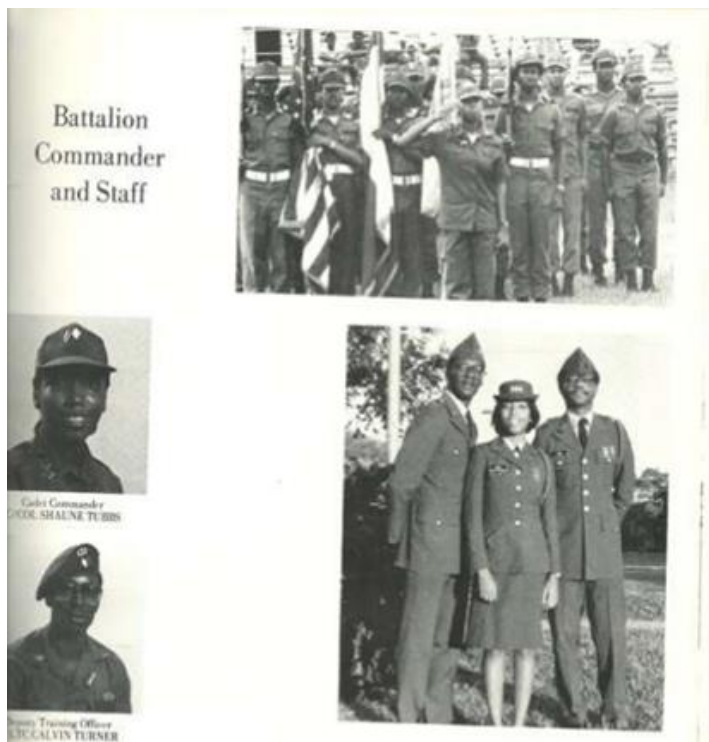
dedicated service. Her duty assignments include 304th Signal Battalion in the Republic of Korea; 503rd Military Police Battalion and 426th Signal Battalion at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; 1st Signal School Brigade at Fort Gordon, Georgia; 7th Signal Brigade at Mannheim, Germany; Defense Information Systems Agency at Arlington, Virginia; and 5th United States Army at Fort

Sam Houston, Texas.

Her military education include the Signal Officer Basic Course 1979,

Communications Electronics Staff Officer Course 1981, the Electronic Warfare Officer Course 1981, the Signal Officer Advanced Course 1984, the Combined Arms and Services Staff School 1986, Systems Automation Course 1989, the Command and General Staff College 1992 and the Inspector General Course 1994. Her military awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (2nd Award), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (3rd Award), Joint Service Achievement Medal (2nd Award), Army Achievement Medal (3rd Award), National Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, and Overseas Service Ribbon (2nd Award).

Shaune has earned a Master of Arts in Public Administration from Troy State University, a State of Texas Educator Certification in Mathematics, Grades 1 - 8 and a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership from University of Texas at San Antonio and a State of Texas Educator Certification for Principal, Early



Childhood - Grade 12. Shaune is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, a Silver Life Member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and a Life Member of the Prairie View A & M University National Alumni Association. Shaune and Michael have a son, Allen G. Gross, II.