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Becton Inducted Into National Defense University National Hall of Fame

(Washington, DC) – Lieutenant General Julius W. Becton, Jr., USA (Ret.), was inducted into the National Defense University (NDU) National Hall of Fame today.

The National Hall of Fame is the most prestigious honor given by the University that acknowledges accomplishments of American alumni whose exceptional record of service and achievement merits special recognition.

In presenting the award, NDU President Vice Admiral Ann E. Rondeau, USN, said that Lt. Gen. Becton, “is not only a superb leader, but also an inspirational mentor to thousands of men and women from all over the United States.”

Accepting the honor, Lt. Gen. Becton referenced his recent activity as Vice Chairman of the DoD Military Leadership Diversity Commission. He said that as a matter of national security, the nation “must be positioned to leverage the talents of our best, brightest, and most qualified.”

Lt. Gen. Becton is a 1970 graduate of the University’s National War College. He earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Mathematics from Prairie View A&M College, a Masters Degree in Economics from the University of Maryland, and is a graduate of the US Army Command and General Staff College and the Armed Forces Staff College.

He also received honorary doctorate degrees from Huston-Tillotson College, Muhlenberg College, Prairie View A&M University, The Citadel and Dickinson College.

He retired from the U.S. Army in 1983, after nearly 40 years of service. However, his public service career was far from over. From 1984 to 1985, he served as the Director of the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance in the United States Agency for International Development. He then served as the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency from 1985 to 1989 under President Ronald Reagan. In his mid-60s, Lt. Gen. Becton began a new career, that of education administrator. From 1989 to 1994, he was the fifth president of Prairie View A&M University, his alma mater.

The National Defense University is the nation’s premier center for joint professional military education. The university is an accredited graduate-level institution that provides an educational and research environment to prepare future leaders of the armed forces and civilian agencies for high-level policy, command, and staff responsibilities.

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