

HONORARY PALLBEARERS
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 Fla Jax Club of Jacksonville
 National Alumni Association
 Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
 Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS
 Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated,
 Theta Phi Chapter

FLOWER ATTENDANTS
 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated,
 Gamma Rho Omega Chapter
 Jacksonville Chapter of The Moles
 The Links, Incorporated, Bold City Chapter

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of Lieutenant Colonel Robert Eugene Porter wishes to acknowledge, with deepest appreciation, the many expressions of love, sympathy, and gestures of kindness shown to us following our loss. We offer our heartfelt thanks to the many families, friends, and neighbors who have rendered emotional and practical support at this most difficult time. To those who have traveled long distances and to those who have sent floral tributes, cards, and messages of condolence, we are truly grateful.

INTERMENT
 Monday, September 7, 2020
 9:30AM
 Jacksonville National Cemetery

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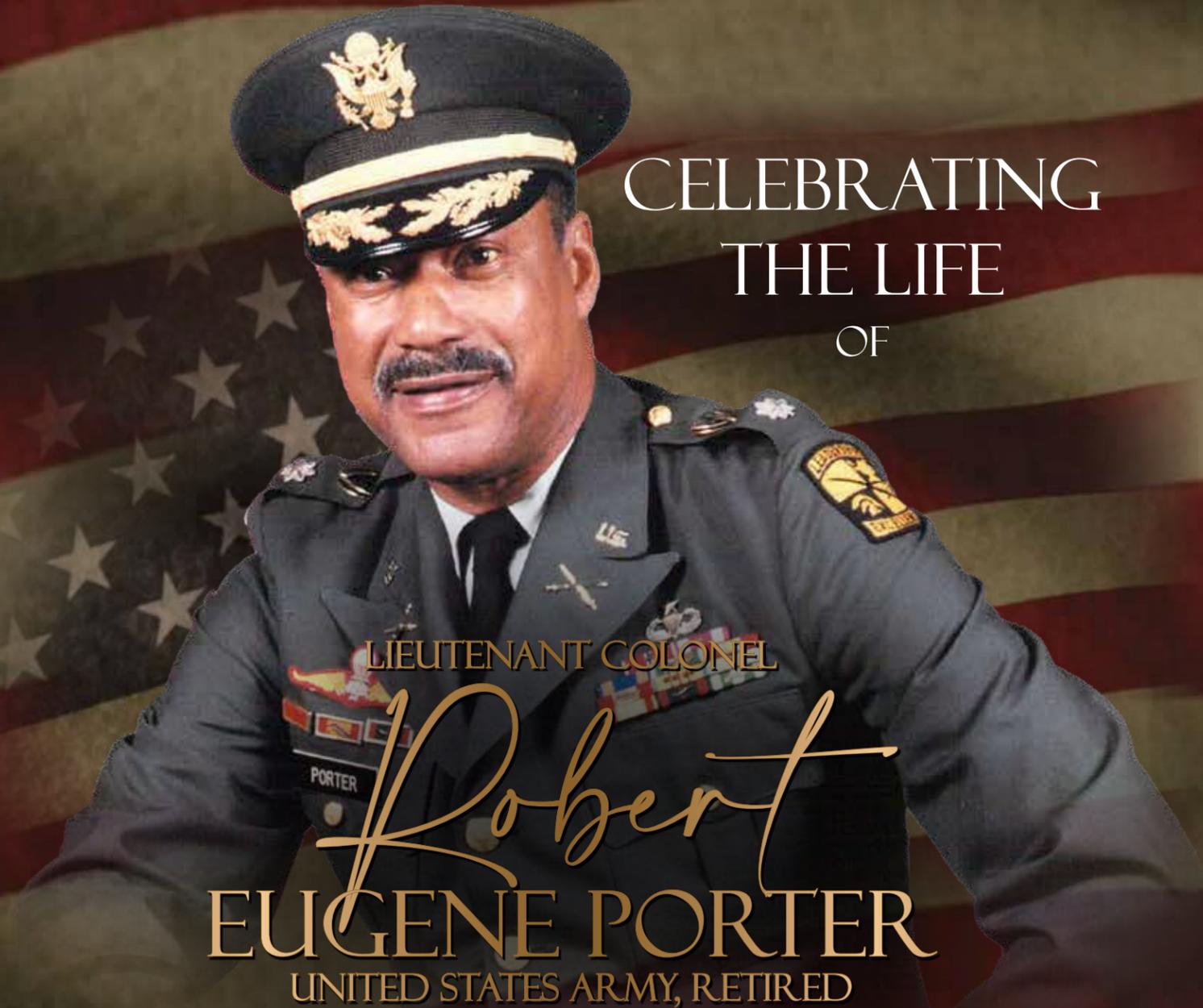
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*God didn't promise days without pain,
 laughter without sorrow, sun without rain,
 but He did promise strength for the day,
 comfort for the tears, and light for the way.*



**CELEBRATING
 THE LIFE
 OF**

LIEUTENANT COLONEL
Robert
EUGENE PORTER
 UNITED STATES ARMY, RETIRED

SUNRISE
 November 7, 1931

SUNSET
 August 27, 2020

THE BETHEL CHURCH
 215 Bethel Baptist Street
 Jacksonville, Florida 32202

*The Bishop Rudolph McKissick, Jr., Senior Pastor
 The Bishop Rudolph McKissick, Sr., Pastor Emeritus*

*Mount Olive Africian Methodist Episcopal Church
 841 Franklin Street
 Jacksonville, Florida 32206*

The Reverend James Cleare, Pastor
 Friday Morning, September 4, 2020
 Eleven O'Clock

THE LIFE OF A LEGEND

LIEUTENANT COLONEL

Robert
EUGENE PORTER
UNITED STATES ARMY, RETIRED

Lieutenant Colonel Robert Eugene Porter was born in Chicago, Illinois, on November 7, 1931, to Harry E. and Daisy L. Porter. He graduated third in his class from DuSable High School, where he was a member of the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) and the high school band.

After high school, Lieutenant Colonel Porter attended Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University in Tallahassee, Florida, where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Sociology. His extra-curricular activities included the French horn and attaining the position of Rank Sergeant in the world-renowned Marching 100 Band, as well as Section Leader in Symphonic Band. He also continued his military training by serving as a Cadet Officer in the Senior Reserve Officers Training Corps (SROTC) Program.

After his matriculation at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, Lieutenant Colonel Porter was commissioned as Second Lieutenant in the United States Army. At this point, his impressive active duty career spanning from 1954-1975 began. He received numerous medals and decorations, including two bronze stars.

As a Second Lieutenant, Porter served as Executive Officer and Commander of an Artillery Battery in the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Upon his promotion to First Lieutenant, Porter served his first overseas assignment as Battery Commander with the 11th Airborne Division in Augsburg, Germany. Later, the Division was designated the 24th Infantry Division. His unit was awarded the honor of firing the 21-gun salute for both Hawaii and Alaska when each joined the United States as the 49th and 50th states. With pride and dignity, Lieutenant Colonel Porter celebrated this achievement as the high point of his tour, second only to being promoted to the rank of Captain.

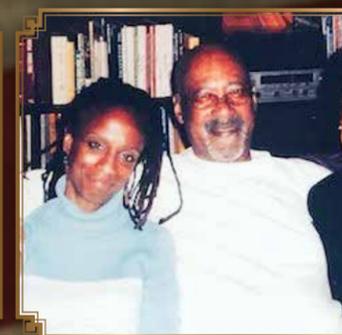
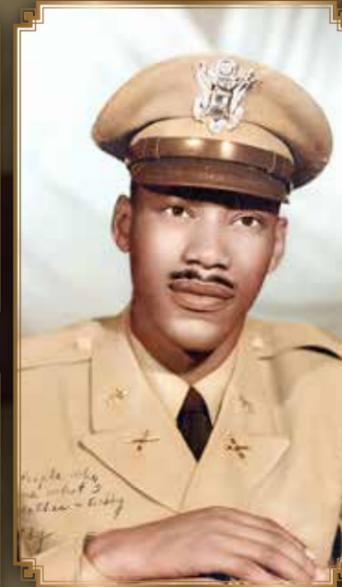
From the position of Captain, Lieutenant Colonel Porter received progressively responsible positions and rankings commensurate with his experience and leadership. During his more than two decades of service, he served at Fort Gordon in Georgia, Monterey in California, Thailand, Japan, South Vietnam, North Carolina, Alabama, and Pennsylvania. He distinguished himself at every point of service and achieved further rankings as Major and Lieutenant Colonel.

UPON RETIREMENT FROM ACTIVE DUTY

Lieutenant Colonel Porter served as the Senior Army Instructor, Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) Program at William Marion Raines Senior High School, Jacksonville, Florida, 1975-1998. During his tenure, the Cadet Battalion became a well-trained, highly motivated unit. At the Annual Training and Evaluation Inspections, the Cadet Battalion achieved the highest rating as an "Honor Unit with Distinction" fifteen times. The Battalion also received the second highest rating of "Honor Unit" four times.

Lieutenant Colonel Porter created and coached special units, which included male and female Drill teams, Color Guard Units, and Rifle teams. These teams performed at school activities and events throughout Jacksonville. These

LOVING MEMORIES



THE ORDER OF SERVICE

The Reverend Dr. Marvin C. Zanders, II, Presiding
Pastor, Saint Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church

THE PROCESSION.....“Amazing Grace”Organist
THE HYMN.....“Blessed Assurance” Congregation
THE PASTORAL GREETINGS Bishop Rudolph McKissick, Jr.
Pastor, The Bethel Church
THE LIFE OF A LEGEND Video
THE PRAYER..... The Reverend John Peoples
Pastor, New Saint Mark Baptist Church

THE SCRIPTURE:
Old Testament (Psalm 23) The Reverend Dr. Helen Jackson
Pastor, Prince Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church
New Testament (I Corinthians 15: 51-58)..... The Reverend Dr. Robert L. Mitchell
Presiding Elder, African Methodist Episcopal Church, Retired

THE SELECTION.....“How Great Thou Art” Congregation
THE RESOLUTION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT..... Dr. Brenda R. Simmons-Hutchins
Saint Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church

THE REFLECTIONS:
Mr. M. Kelvin Woodall, Sr.
Florida State Representative Florida State Organization Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated

Dr. Cyclyn R. Smith-Mobley
President, Kingdom Truth University

Mr. Ronnie King
President
100 Black Men of Jacksonville

Mr. Edgar Mathis, Sr.
Gamma Beta Boulé
Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity Incorporated

Mr. Charles Lewis
Chief of Staff
National Alumni Association
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University

The Reverend James Cleare
Pastor, Mount Olive African Methodist Episcopal Church

THE SOLO.....“We Shall Behold Him” Mr. Jerome Kyles

THE EULOGY The Reverend Dr. Marvin C. Zanders, II
Chaplain, Florida State Organization, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated

THE SOLO.....“Total Praise” Mr. Jerome Kyles

THE RECESSIONAL.....“My Eyes Have Seen The Glory”Organist

units and teams successfully competed in drill matches in Florida, Alabama, and Georgia.

Under Lieutenant Colonel Porter’s leadership, an effective JROTC Parents Club was established. The club met monthly, conducted events, and participated in activities to assist in the travel, food, and lodging expenses for JROTC team trips. The parents served as chaperones and provided additional support as needed to partner with Lieutenant Colonel Porter in the development of wholesome and productive young men and women.

Lieutenant Colonel Porter left a lasting monument to his service as he supervised the planning and construction of the JROTC Building on the campus of William Marion Raines High School. The building houses the drill area, rifle range, supply room, classrooms, library/study area, and an office space. The building was dedicated to Lieutenant Colonel Robert E. Porter, retired on October 17, 2015.

ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Life Member of the National Alumni, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
Life Member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., at the State, District, and the International Levels
The 100 Black Men of Jacksonville Chapter, 100 Black Men of America
FlaJax Club of Jacksonville
Life Member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
Life Member of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW)
Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated
The Community Advisory Committee, U.S. Army Recruiting Command Battalion

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE (ELECTED)

FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY

President, JRE Lee Jacksonville Alumni Chapter of the National Alumni Association, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
President, State of Florida Alumni Organization of the National Alumni Association, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
President, Southeast Region of the National Alumni Association, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
Vice President, National Alumni Association, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University. In this capacity, he planned and organized eight National Association Meetings.
Parliamentarian, National Alumni Association, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
Sergeant at Arms, National Alumni Association, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University

OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.

Basileus, Rho Pi Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated
District Marshal, Seventh District Meeting 1985 and 2005, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated
Conference Marshal, National Leadership Conference, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, incorporated

100 BLACK MEN

President, 100 Black Men of Jacksonville Chapter of the 100 Black men of America

FLAJAX CLUB

President, FlaJax Club of Jacksonville

HONORS

FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY

Inducted into the College of Arts and Sciences Gallery of Distinction, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (Plaque)

Distinguished Alumni Award, National Alumni Association, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (Plaque)

Inducted into the North Florida HBCU Alumni Hall of Fame, 2010 (Plaque)

The Florida Region Professional Award, National Alumni Association, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (Plaque)

Outstanding Alumni of the Quasiquicentennial, 125th Anniversary of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University 2012 (Plaque)

OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INCORPORATED

Service Recognition Florida Statewide Organization, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated for 22 years as Talent Hunt Chairman, 2012 (Plaque)

Omega Citizen of the Year at Local, State, and District Levels, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated (Plaques)

Omega Man of the Year at the Local (six times), State (two times), District, and International Levels of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated (Plaques)

EDUCATION PROFESSION

Distinguished Educator in America, Who's Who Among Teachers in America (Plaque)

AWARDS

Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University

Outstanding Service Award for Service as Chief Constitution Officer, National Alumni Association, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University

Director's Award for Outstanding Service and Support, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University

National President's Award, National Alumni Association, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University

Life Membership Award, National Alumni Association, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University

President's Distinguished Service Award for Contributions to Education, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University

President's Award for Outstanding Service, Southeast Region, National Alumni Association, Florida Agricultural Mechanical University

Outstanding Service Award, National Alumni Association, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University

Bold City Classic Distinguished Service Award for Service as Coordinator of the Bold City Classics I-IV Activities, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University

President's Award for Consistent Outstanding Service to the Executive Board, National Alumni Association, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University

President's Award for Distinguished Service as President, JRE Lee Jacksonville Chapter, National Alumni Association, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University

OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INCORPORATED

Appreciation Award, Theta Phi Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated (1994-2005, 2007)

Outstanding Service to the Community and Chapter, Theta Phi Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated

Outstanding Work and Contribution to the Talent Hunt, Rho Pi Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated 1978, 79, 80, 81

Outstanding Years as Talent Hunt Chairman Service Award, Florida Statewide Organization, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated

District Marshal Award, Seventh District, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated

100 BLACK MEN

Recognition and Appreciation for Outstanding Service Award, 100 Black Men of Jacksonville Chapter

WILLIAM MARION RAINES HIGH SCHOOL

Outstanding Service Award, Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC)

Parents' Club, Williams Marion Raines Senior High School

Principal's Outstanding Service and Appreciation Award, Williams Marion Raines Senior High School

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Service and Commitment Award, American Cancer Society, 2008

Service to Youth Award, YWCA Century Club, 1989, 1990, and 1991

Outstanding Service Award, First Coast Panhellenic Council

Numerous other awards and recognitions were bestowed upon Lieutenant Colonel Robert Porter for a life of service, well-lived.

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

Lieutenant Colonel Porter served our God as a faithful member of Mount Olive African Methodist Episcopal Church under the current pastorate of the Reverend James Cleare. Lieutenant Colonel Porter's church affiliations included former leadership as Pro Tem of the Board of Stewards and a member of the Sons of Allen.

Lieutenant Colonel Robert Eugene Porter went home to be with Lord on Thursday, August 27, 2020, and was predeceased by his father, Mr. Henry E. Porter; and mother, Mrs. Daisy Hill Porter.

Lieutenant Colonel Porter leaves memories to be cherished by his loving and devoted wife, Dr. Josephine Hall Fiveash Porter; daughter, Mrs. Lorraine (Michael) Hartmann of Belgium, Wisconsin; grandson, Mr. Justin (Savannah) Crawford of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; granddaughter, Ms. Ashley Fox of St Paul, Minnesota; great-grandchildren, Ms. Jamie Crawford, Ms. Winter Crawford, Larenz Euford, Justin Crawford II all of Wisconsin, and Austin Crawford, and London Crawford both residing in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; great-great-granddaughter, Ka'yanni Brooks of Milwaukee; sister-in-law, Mrs. Helen Hall Norman; devoted niece and nephew, Dr. Cynthia Hall and Mr. Maurice (Sonya) Waye; and a host of loving, supportive, devoted, caring relatives, organizational brothers, and friends.

**"I HAVE FOUGHT A GOOD FIGHT, I HAVE FINISHED MY COURSE,
I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH." ~ II TIMOTHY 4:7**