Florida Justice R. Fred Lewis Inducted into ROTC Hall of Fame

TALLAHASSEE – The U.S. Army Cadet Command has chosen Florida Justice R. Fred Lewis for induction into the 2016 inaugural class of the U.S. Army ROTC National Hall of Fame.

“Hall of Fame induction is awarded to alumni whose character and distinguished service epitomize the qualities Army ROTC embodies,” U.S. Army Major General Peggy Coombs, commander of the U.S. Army Cadet Command, wrote Lewis. “As your achievements exemplify ‘Leadership Excellence,’ you deserve this recognition.”

A native of Beckley, West Virginia, Lewis was appointed to the Florida Supreme Court in late 1998. As Florida chief justice from July 2006 through June 2008, he founded Justice Teaching, a nationally recognized organization that has more than 4,000 volunteer lawyers and judges placed with and active in Florida public schools.

He earned his bachelor’s degree from Florida Southern College, which he attended on scholarship, and his law degree from the University of Miami Law School.

Following his law school graduation, Lewis attended and graduated from the United States Army A.G. School after acting as Commander of the Corps of cadets for the University of Miami ROTC program. He graduated as its top student, receiving the Order of World Wars Superior Achievement Honor.

The Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) marks its 100 anniversary this year.

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