



Col. Kenneth Feaster (right) and Citadel president Maj. Gen. John Grinalds stand at attention during parade.

Citadel parade honors Col. Kenenth Feaster

U.S. Air Force Col. Kenneth V. Feaster, formerly of Fairfield County, and a graduate of The Citadel, was recently invited back to his alma mater for a parade in his honor.

Feaster was recognized as the first African-American graduate of The Citadel to attain the rank of colonel in the U.S. armed forces.

A graduate of McCrorey-Liston High School in Blair, Feaster was a dean's list student at The Citadel where he earned a bachelor of arts degree in history in 1975. He later received master's degrees from Pepperdine University (1977) and the University of Oklahoma (1986).

Feaster was the first African-American scholarship baseball player recruited at The Citadel, where he was a career .300 hitter, and was selected All-Southern Conference three times. He also held the school's career base-stealing record, and helped to lead the Bulldogs to the Sou-

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thern Conference championship in 1975.

While in the Air Force, Feaster has served in logistics positions from squadron up to Department of Defense levels, and has earned the Air Force's highest individual award for logistics achievement.

Feaster's military decorations include Defense Superior Service Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with Two Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Air Force Commendation Medal with Three Oak Leaf Clusters.

He is currently assigned to Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland as Deputy Director, Logistics for the Air National Guard.

Feaster and his wife, the former Marshall Pearson of Winnsboro, have four children.

