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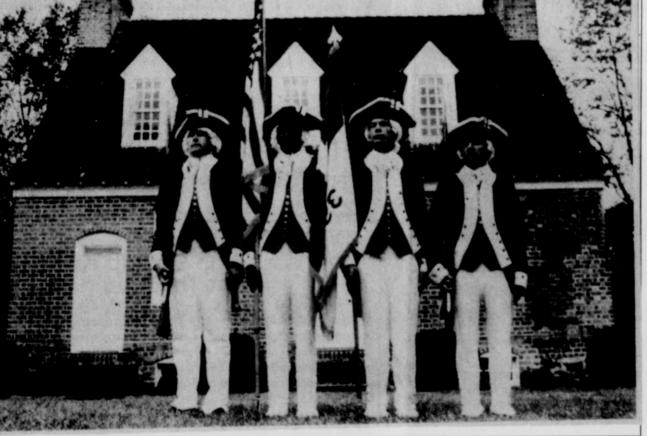
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## Army honors black volunteers in Revolutionary War

BY PROFESSOR MCKINLEY BURT fro

Once again the nation has put on that annual display of acknowledgement, patriotism, honor and personal grief; Monday was Memorial Day, honoring U.S. military personnel who have died in service to their country. This year the occasion was influenced by two factors of special significance; The controversies surrounding DES-ERT STORM, and the belated honors to veterans of VIETNAM.

And once again many African Americans have been confronted with issues of race and economics stemming

from their disadvantaged situation in this republic-contrasted with their two centuries of a devoted and unflagging patriotism and commitment to the nation's defense. The problem of attaining a proper mindset is compounded by the discriminatory job market which 'forces' a large number of our youth into the military; Others of us, unprotesting, fall into that great category, "Patient Patriots" (Eugene Observer, 2/20/91). All in all, there is much more to an examination of "Blacks In The Military" than a simple reiteration of 'black dues' and the heroic and glorious deeds that support such equitable

n treatment.

It has been my experience that most African Americans have made a rather rational appraisal of the world in which they live, and that their traumatic experiences in this land has shaped a realistic approach to man and his institutions. Few, if any of us believe or indulge the rhetoric and polemics of foreign 'ways of life and politics that avow superior opportunity and social empathy. All of the world's nations and institutions and idols would seem to have "feet of clay"; And for those of us who do not read to well, there are the omnipotent C-SPAN *Continued on Page 12* 



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Les Femmes has chosen 22 high school seniors, to be presented in their 40th Annual Debutante and Cavalier Ball, "A Touch Of Elegance."

Dedicated to improving the lives of African-American youth, while preparing them for life after high school is one goal of Les Femmes. The Portland based organization of women has developed a strict code of ethics and rigorous curriculum for the young people to follow.

To reward the participants for following the ethics code and curriculum, each senior who demonstrates academic



Christy Green

success and service to the community will be honored in the formal ball on Sunday, June 23 at 8 pm in the Grand Ballroom of the Oregon Convention Center.

Each week through June, Les Femmes and the Portland Observer will feature three young people who were chosen as 1991 debutantes and cavaliers. This week meet Christy Marie Green, Eric DeShawn Jenkins and Serena Renee Pilot.

Green, the daughter of Edmond Green and Dr. Brenda Green, is a senior at Parkrose Senior High School. At Parkrose, Green was selected as homecoming princess, a two year varsity cheerleader and track team member. Chosen as Student of the Month in January, Green is an honor student and traveled to England to participate in the Westminster Abbeys New Year's Day parade. Green attends Mt. Olivet Baptist Church and is an associate member of Maranatha Church. This fall she will enter Hampton University and major in architecture.

Jenkins, the son of Doyle and Cynthia Johnson, is a senior at Benson High School. At Benson Jenkins Continued on page 12

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