



U. S. ARMY RESERVE/NATIONAL GUARD 1978-1990. Captain, Infantry/Chemical Corps. Served as rifle company executive officer, chemical officer, aide-de-camp for a Brigadier General and commander of a Support Group headquarters company. Individual Ready Reserves assignments included R.O.T.C. Advanced Camp evaluator, Staff assignments with 29th Infantry Regiment and The Infantry School.

UNITED STATES ARMY, Ft. Knox, Kentucky, 1976-1978.

Second Lieutenant, Infantry Served as a Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer with the 4/54<sup>th</sup> Infantry

### **AWARDS AND HONORS**

Phi Alpha Theta, 2007 — Rho Theta Chapter, University of South Alabama, President, 2007

Phi Delta Kappa, 1986 — Carolina Chapter, University of North Carolina

Society of Scabbard and Blade, 1974 — Company C-17, U. of South Alabama, Captain, 1975

Distinguished Military Graduate, R.O.T.C., 1975

Robert L. Brunhouse Award — Outstanding USA History Graduate Student, 2007

Rod Hickman Service Award — USA History Department, 2007, 2009

Department of the Army Certificate of Appreciation for Patriotic Service, 2004

### **MEMBERSHIPS**

Alabama Association of Historians 2007-present

Society for Military History 2006-present

Company of Military Historians 2002-present

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

University of South Alabama National Alumni Association, Board of Directors, 2005-present

USA R.O.T.C. Alumni Regiment, Charter President, 2004

Kiwanis Club of West Mobile - 1985-present, President, 1989-1991

Joe Jefferson Players - Board of Directors, 1992-1995, Treasurer, 1993-1995

Mobile Theatre Guild - Board of Directors, 2008-present, Box Office Chairman, 2008-09

Widowed Persons Service - Board of Directors, 1993-2006, President, 2000

Boy Scouts of America – Adult Volunteer, 1991-present

Cubmaster Award of Merit, St. George's Award

Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award, West Fellow, William D. Boyce Award

National Association of Masonic Scouters, Charter President, 2007-present

National Community Relationships Committee, 2006-present

Order of the Arrow, Brotherhood, Secretary Advisor, 2001-2003

Appalachian Trail Trek Leader, 6 years (240 miles total)

Shooting Sports Director (Rifle, Shotgun, Muzzleloading, Archery, Range Safety)

National Jamboree Staff - Action Center A - Air Rifle, 2001, 2005, 2010

Venturing Crew Advisor, District Commissioner, Assistant Scoutmaster

Mobile City: Mayor's Transition Committee – Homeland Security, 2005

Mobile County Land Commission (appointed by Probate Judge), 2001-present

Mobile County Republican Executive Committee, At-Large Place 2 member, 2001

Port City Diving, Board of Directors, 2000-2006

Sons of the American Revolution, General Galvez Chapter, 2008-present

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Vestry, 1993-95, Clerk, 1994-95, Lay Reader, 2000-present

Alabama Grand Lodge, Free & Accepted Masons

Masonic Education & Public Relations Committee, Chairman, 1998-2005, 2007-2008

Submarine Hunley/George E. Dixon Funeral Committee, 2003-2004

(Served as Master of funeral on April 7, 2004 in Charleston SC)

Square and Compasses Foundation Board of Directors, 1998-2002, Vice-Chairman, 2002

Mobile Masonic Lodge No. 40, 1973 - Treasurer, 2006-present, Secretary 1985-88  
Past Master (Avondale Lodge) 1980-82, (J. H. McCormick) 1996-97  
Mobile Scottish Rite Bodies, Inspector General, Honorary (33rd Degree)  
Mobile York Rite Bodies, Knight Templar  
DeMolay International: Legion of Honour, 2001, Chevalier, 1999, Cross of Honour, 1998  
National Sojourners and Heroes of '76 Albert J. Youndt Chapter, President, 2006-2008

Masonic Research Societies/Lodges Philalethes Society (Gulf Coast Chapter President), Scottish Rite Research Society, Research Lodges of: Texas (full member, Senior Warden), Southern California, Missouri, South Carolina, Confederate Military, Civil War (VA)

Articles published in Scottish Rite Journal, Philalethes, Knight Templar, Royal Arch Mason, Alabama Freemason, Texas Lodge of Research Transactions, South Carolina Masonic Research Society Transactions

Masonic presentations include over thirty invited speeches, workshops and papers.

### **PERSONAL**

Age 57; Height 5' 8"; Weight 175 lbs.; Health Excellent.  
Born August 8, 1952, Mobile, Alabama

Married to Maryella Desak Sirmon, M.D.  
Two sons: William Desak Sirmon, John Nathan Sirmon

### **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

Sirmon, W. E. Camp Life at Fort Morgan: Off Duty Hours of a Regiment in Training. Paper presented at the meeting of the Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, Livingston, AL, February, 2009.

Sirmon, W. E., Crossing Jordan. Paper presented at the meeting of the South Carolina Masonic Research Society, Mt. Pleasant, SC, June 14, 2008.

Sirmon, W. E. The Knights Templar and the Just War Tradition. Paper presented at the meeting of the Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, Birmingham, AL, February, 2008.

Sirmon, W. E. Masonic Archives of the Gulf South. Paper presented at the meeting of the Gulf South History and Humanities Conference, Mobile, AL, October, 2007.

Sirmon, W. E. "The Tuskegee Airmen: when Heroes become Sacred Cows." Invited Speaker STARS, Mobile, AL May, 2007

Sirmon, W. E. Digging for Dollars: Early Dredging Operations in the Lower Mobile Bay. Paper presented at the meeting of the Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, Troy, AL, March, 2007.

Sirmon, W. E. Fraternity and the American Civil War: Freemasons Before, During and After Battle. Paper presented at the meeting of the Ohio Valley History Conference, Johnson City, TN, October, 2006.

Sirmon, W. E., South Alabama Involvement in the Texas War of Independence. Paper presented at the meeting of the Texas Lodge of Research, College Station, TX, September 20, 2003.

Sirmon, W. E., Masonic Medals and Insignia. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Company of Military Historians, Mobile, AL, April 26, 2002.

Sirmon, W. E. An Analysis of High School Science Enrollment. Paper presented at the meeting of the Area Convention, National Science Teachers Association, Tulsa, OK, October, 1989.

Sirmon, W. E. Kites, Kids and Science. Paper presented at the meeting of the Area Convention, National Science Teachers Association, Tulsa, OK, October, 1989.

Sirmon, W. E. Science In-Service in Southwest Alabama. Paper accepted for presentation at the meeting of the Ninth Annual Rural and Small Schools Conference, Manhattan, KS, October, 1987.

Sirmon, W. E. Computers and Reading. Paper presented at the meeting of the Alabama Reading Association, Mobile, AL, October, 1986.

Sirmon, W. E. Factors in Physics Enrollment. Paper presented at the meeting of the North Carolina Science Teachers Association, Raleigh, NC, November, 1985.

Sirmon, W. E. Physics Enrollment - Correlation with 9th Grade Scores. Paper accepted for presentation at the meeting of the Area Convention, National Science Teachers Association, Charlotte, NC, November, 1984.

Sirmon, W. E. Teaching Weather. Paper presented at the meeting of the North Carolina Science Teachers Association, Winston-Salem, NC, November, 1983.

Sirmon, W. E. Observations of Student Development. Paper presented at the meeting of the Alabama Academy of Science, Florence, AL, March, 1979.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Invited Speaker, "Raphael Semmes, The Judge That Never Was," Mobile Exchange Club, July, 2008

Invited Speaker, University of South Alabama Odyssey 2008

Fraternity and the American Civil War, May, 2008

Knights Templar and Just War, May, 2008

Infernal Machines, May, 2008

Invited Speaker, "The Tuskegee Airmen: when Heroes become Sacred Cows." STARS May, 2007

Member, Cancer Education Committee, University of South Alabama Medical Center, 1985-1988.

Member, UNC-CH School of Education Research Training Committee, 1984-1985.

Member, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Visiting Committee for:

Azalea Middle School, Mobile, AL. March, 1986

Morningside Elementary School, Mobile, AL. May, 1985.

Judge, DECA - 1995

Judge, Regional Computer Science Fair - 1996, 1995

Judge, Mobile County Invent America - 1991

Judge, District Social Studies Fair - 1990, 1989.

Judge, Mobile County Science Fair, Earth/Space Science, 1996

Chemistry, 1996

Middle School & High School Physical Science, 1997, 2001, 2006

SARIC Inservice Workshop Leader (39 programs)