



Distinguished Graduate

W. A. Pattillo High
School Class of 1966

Mr. Turner Henry Taylor, III

Former Sergeant E5, U. S. Army

Turner Henry Taylor III was born February 23, 1948 in Tarboro, NC to Turner H., Jr. and Helen W. Taylor. He is the oldest of 6 children. Turner has been married to Dolores Hopkins Taylor for 54 Years. They have 2 adult children: Twon Q. Taylor- Dukes and Turneshia A. Taylor. 3 grandchildren: Jaylen Tyme Taylor-Dukes, Messiah L. Taylor & Journee N. Taylor-Sherrod.

Turner graduated from the W. A. Pattillo High School in 1966. After graduation, on November 21, 1967 he was drafted in the United States Army. Ultimately, he was deployed to the Republic of Vietnam. While the fortunes of war are not attractive, there is a distinction between the war and the warrior. The warrior takes an oath of service and performs his or her duties in a manner acceptable to them and God.

The Bronze Star Medal is the fourth-highest ranking award that a service member can receive in the U.S.

military. It is awarded for merit, achievement and valor. When awarded for valor, it is adorned by a distinctive “V” attachment that indicates that this individual, in the midst of a hostile combat environment and without regards for personal safety, displayed heroic action, extraordinary bravery and courage to save the life or lives of comrades and to accomplish a mission. The Bronze Star Medal for valor was awarded to Turner Henry Taylor, III in the Republic of Vietnam War for his courageous action during a hostile engagement. The receipt of such an award of this magnitude and this level reflects great credit on him as an individual, his alma mater W. A. Pattillo High School and him as a graduate of the school who has given service at the highest level of this nation.

Since Turner’s release from the military and his return to civilian life, he has worked and lived productively as a citizen in the town of Tarboro, county of Edgecombe, North Carolina. He worked at Black & Decker for 23 Years as a Group Leader and Set-Up Operator. He has deported himself as a person of the community who values working and volunteering in service to that community.

Turner Henry Taylor, III is thus inducted into the Distinguished Graduate Chapter of the W. A. Pattillo High School National Alumni Association.