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at *THE STROM THURMOND INSTITUTE*

## **FALL HONORS CONVOCATION**

**Speaker:** *Thomas L. Sherlock*

**Topic:** *"Arlington National Cemetery:  
A Shrine to America's Heroes"*

**Date:** *Wednesday, October 15, 2003*

**Time:** *5:00 PM*

**Place:** *Self Auditorium, Strom Thurmond Institute  
Clemson University*

**Sponsors:** *Honors College  
Strom Thurmond Institute*

Thomas L. Sherlock, employed at Arlington National Cemetery since 1976, became only the second Historian in the cemetery's history in September 1976; he was appointed as the cemetery's first Senior Historian in 1984. His duties there include keeping the history of the cemetery, but he also is responsible for protocol, public affairs, and security coordination with U.S. and foreign governments. Mr. Sherlock has assisted with over 500 visits by foreign heads of state and over 50 visits by the President of the United States. He was responsible for both the interment and disinterment of the Unknown American Serviceman from Vietnam, funeral services for the Challenger and Columbia Astronauts, and the planning and dedication of the memorial commemorating the 9/11 attack on the Pentagon. More recently, he has been in charge of the public affairs and military protocol for the funerals of the casualties of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

