

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Lt. Gen. Willie Williams

PERSON

Williams, Willie J., 1951-

Alternative Names: Lt. Gen. Willie Williams;

Life Dates: September 27, 1951-

Place of Birth: Livingston, Alabama, USA

Residence: New Market, AL

Work: New Market, AL

Occupations: Lieutenant General

Biographical Note

U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Willie Williams was commissioned into the U.S. Marine Corps in May of 1974 after graduating with his B.A. degree in business administration from Stillman College in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Williams also received his M.A. degree in business administration from National University in San Diego, California in 1992 and his M.A. degree in strategic resources management from from the

Industrial College of the Armed Forces in 1994. He is also a graduate of the Armed Forces Staff College and the Amphibious Warfare School.

Williams began his career with the 11th Marine Artillery Regiment, serving first as a battalion supply officer and then as the regimental supply officer. In October 1977, Williams was assigned to the 3rd Force Service Support Group based in Iwakuni, Japan. After serving in Iwakuni, Williams returned to the U.S. for duty at the Marine Barracks at North Island, San Diego, California. While there, Williams served as the detachment supply officer and barracks executive officer. In June 1982, he reported to Quantico, Virginia for duty as platoon commander in the Officer Candidate School. In 1988, Williams deployed as the logistics officer with the Contingency Marine Air Ground Task Force 3-88 during its Persian Gulf Deployment. He was assigned to joint duty with the Department of Defense Inspector General's Office in January 1990. Williams was appointed as commander of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit Service Support Group from 1994 to 1996. In June 1997, Williams departed for duty in Okinawa, Japan with the 1st Force Service Support Group. Initially, Williams was assigned as the assistant chief of staff; but, in 1998, he was promoted to commanding officer of the Brigade Service Support Group. He returned to Okinawa, Japan in 2000 as the commanding general of the Marine Corps Base at Camp Smedley D. Butler, and then as the commanding general of the 3rd Force Service Support Group. From 2003 to 2005, Williams served as the assistant deputy commandant of Installations and Logistics at the U.S. Marine Corps Headquarters. In 2011, Williams became the director of the Marine Corps staff at Marine Corps Headquarters, making him third in the chain of command for the entire Marine Corps, behind only the commandant and the assistant commandant.

Williams military honors include the Legion of Merit with a gold star, the Defense Meritorious Service

Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Department of Defense Service Badge. Williams received an Honorary Doctorate of Law from Stillman College, and an Honorary Doctorate of Philosophy from Albany State University.

Lt. Gen. Willie Williams was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on February 11, 2013.

Related Entries

Moundville Public High School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Stillman College [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

B.A.

National University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

M.A.

Industrial College of the Armed Forces [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

M.A.

United States Marine Corps [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 200310 to 200506]

Commander, Logistics Command

United States Marine Corps [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1977 to 1983]

Director, Marine Corps Staff

United States Marine Corps [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 200106 to 200310]

Commander, Logistics Group

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated [MEMBEROF]

[from 1971 to ?]

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