

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Ronald S. Coleman

PERSON

Coleman, Ronald , 1948-

Alternative Names: Coleman, Ronald , 1948-;

Life Dates: August 27, 1948-

Place of Birth: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Residence: Dumfries, VA (from ? to ?)

Occupations: U.S. Marine Corps Lieutenant General

Biographical Note

U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Ronald S. Coleman was born in 1950. Following his graduation from Cheyney State University in 1973, Coleman was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in December 1974. Coleman graduated from the USMC Basic School in 1975, the Marine Corps Command and Staff College in 1987, and the Marine Corps Amphibious Warfare School in 1982, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in 1995.

Coleman enlisted in the U.S. Navy in April 1968, but was discharged upon his return from Danang in the Republic of Vietnam in June 1970. In 1982, Coleman was then transferred to Marine Corps headquarters in the Officer Assignment Branch and served as administrative assistant to the director of the Personnel Management Division. Coleman was assigned as an instructor at the Amphibious Warfare School for one year. In June 1991, Coleman reported to the Marine Corps headquarters and served as the logistics project officer in the installations and logistics branch. In 1996, he reported to the Pentagon where he served in the Logistics Directorate as the deputy division chief in the Logistic Readiness Center. In April 1999, he deployed to the Balkan Region and served with Joint Task Force Shining Hope. Coleman was deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as commanding general of the Marine Air and Ground Task Force in June 2003. He deployed again in 2004 as the commanding general of the Combined Joint Task Force Haiti in support of Operation Secure Democracy.

On September 29, 2006, Coleman was assigned as the deputy commandant for manpower and reserve affairs and appointed to the rank of Lieutenant General. His military honors include Navy Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with five service stars, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and the Gold Medal of French Defense. Coleman also wears the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

Identification Badge and the Office of the Secretary of Defense Identification Badge

Lt. Gen Ronald S. Coleman was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on February 16, 2013.

Related Entries

Hill, May E. [GRANDCHILDOf]
Maternal Grandmother

Coleman, Charles [SIBLINGOf]
Brother

Coleman, Gregory []
Uncle (P)

Coleman, Harold [GRANDCHILDOf]
Maternal Grandfather

Standford, Nellie [GRANDCHILDOf]
Great-grandmother (P)

Coleman, Charles [SIBLINGOf]
Brother

Coleman, Dennis [SIBLINGOf]
Brother

Coleman, Arnold [SIBLINGOf]
Brother

Coleman, Cassey [SIBLINGOf]
Sister

Coleman, Doreen [SIBLINGOf]
Sister

Coleman, Christine [SIBLINGOf]
Sister

Coleman, Robin [SIBLINGOf]
Sister

(Hill) Coleman, Barbara Gretchen [CHILDOf]
Mother

Coleman, Charles Frederick [CHILDOf]
Father

Darby-Colwyn Senior High School [STUDENTOf]
[from ? to 1968]

United States Marine Corps Basic School [STUDENTOf]
[from ? to 1974]

Cheyney State University [STUDENTOf]
[from ? to 1974]

Amphibious Warfare School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to 1982]

Marine Corps Command and Staff College [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to 1988]

United States Marine Corps [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1974 to ?]

United States Navy [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1968 to 1970]

[MEMBEROF]

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