

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Gen. Lloyd W. Newton

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Newton, Lloyd Warren, 1942-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Gen. Lloyd W. Newton,
Dates:	November 15, 2021
Bulk Dates:	2021
Physical Description:	10 uncompressed MOV digital video files (4:34:38).
Abstract:	United States Air Force (USAF) General Lloyd W. “Fig” Newton (1942 -) was the first African American pilot member of the Thunderbirds, the United States Air Force Air Demonstration Team, and the third African American four-star general in the United States Air Force. Newton was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on November 15, 2021, in Bluffton, South Carolina. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2021_016
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

United States Air Force (USAF) General Lloyd W. “Fig” Newton was born on December 24, 1942, in Ridgeland, South Carolina, to Annie and John Newton. He graduated from Jasper High School in 1961 and received his B.S. degree in aviation education in 1966 from Tennessee State University and his M.A. degree in public administration in 1985 from George Washington University. He also attended the Armed Forces Staff College, the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, and Harvard University.

After serving in the ROTC at Tennessee State, Newton started pilot training at Williams Air Force Base (AFB) in Arizona in 1966. In 1968, he served as a fighter pilot in the Vietnam War. In 1974, Newton was selected as a member of the USAF Thunderbirds. In 1978, he was assigned as an Air Force congressional liaison officer with the U.S. House of Representatives. Starting in 1985, Newton served in several capacities at the USAF headquarters in the Pentagon. He was promoted to brigadier general in 1991. In 1993, Newton served as director of operations at the United States Special Operations Command. He was promoted to major general in 1993 and lieutenant general in 1995. In 1997, he was promoted to general and served as commander of the Air Education and Training Command until his retirement from the USAF in 2000. Throughout his career, Newton served in various positions at Air Force bases across the U.S. and around the world. From 2000 to 2006, Newton served as an executive vice president at Pratt & Whitney. In 2018, Newton became a founding member of Polaris Technical Charter School in Ridgeland, South Carolina. Newton published his autobiography, *Living the Dream: The Story of Lloyd W. Fig Newton*, with B. J. Harvey Hill in 2021.

Newton has served on the boards of the National Museum of the USAF, the National Air and Space Museum, Torchmark Corporation, Goodrich Aerospace Corporation, Sonoco Products Company, the National Business Aviation Association, L3 Technologies, L3 Harris Technologies, National Defense University, Polaris Technical Charter School, and the Air Force Association. He also served on the 2005 Defense Base Realignment and Closure

Commission and on the President's Commission on White House Fellowships under the Obama administration.

Newton has been the recipient of numerous military awards as well as honorary doctorates from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Benedict College, and the University of South Carolina Beaufort - Bluffton Campus. He also is a member of the South Carolina Aviation Hall of Fame, the International Air & Space Hall of Fame, and Tuskegee Airmen Inc., a recipient of the Wright Brothers Memorial Trophy, and was selected as an Eagle by Air Command and Staff College's Gathering of Eagles.

Newton and his wife, Elouise (Morning) Newton, live in Bluffton, South Carolina. They have five children, Lloyd Newton, Jr., Edward Morning, Cheryl Colbert, James Morning, and Lori Newton.

General Lloyd W. "Fig" Newton was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on November 15, 2021.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Gen. Lloyd W. Newton was conducted by Larry Crowe on November 15, 2021, in Bluffton, South Carolina, and was recorded on 10 uncompressed MOV digital video files. United States Air Force (USAF) General Lloyd W. "Fig" Newton (1942 -) was the first African American pilot member of the Thunderbirds, the United States Air Force Air Demonstration Team, and the third African American four-star general in the United States Air Force.

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Related Material

Information about the administrative functions involved in scheduling, researching, and producing the interview, as well as correspondence with the interview subject is stored electronically both on The HistoryMakers® server and in two databases maintained by The HistoryMakers®, though this information is not included in this finding aid.

Controlled Access Terms

This interview collection is indexed under the following controlled access subject terms.

Persons:

Newton, Lloyd Warren, 1942-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews
Newton, Lloyd Warren, 1942---Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

United States Air Force

Occupations:

General

HistoryMakers® Category:

MilitaryMakers

Administrative Information

Custodial History

Interview footage was recorded by The HistoryMakers®. All rights to the interview have been transferred to The HistoryMakers® by the interview subject through a signed interview release form. Signed interview release forms have been deposited with Jenner & Block, LLP, Chicago.

Preferred Citation

The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Gen. Lloyd W. Newton, November 15, 2021. The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection, 1900 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Processing Information

This interview collection was processed and encoded on 5/30/2023 by The HistoryMakers® staff. The finding aid was created adhering to the following standards: DACS, AACR2, and the Oral History Cataloging Manual (Matters 1995).

Other Finding Aid

A Microsoft Access contact database and a FileMaker Pro tracking database, both maintained by The

HistoryMakers®, keep track of the administrative functions involved in scheduling, researching, and producing the interview.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I: Original Interview Footage

Video Oral History Interview with Gen. Lloyd W. Newton, Section A2021_016_001_001, TRT: 1:29:38 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Gen. Lloyd W. Newton, Section A2021_016_001_002, TRT: 2:28:54 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Gen. Lloyd W. Newton, Section A2021_016_001_003, TRT: 3:28:56 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Gen. Lloyd W. Newton, Section A2021_016_001_004, TRT: 4:29:35 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Gen. Lloyd W. Newton, Section A2021_016_001_005, TRT: 5:29:18 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Gen. Lloyd W. Newton, Section A2021_016_001_006, TRT: 6:30:09 ?

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Video Oral History Interview with Gen. Lloyd W. Newton, Section A2021_016_001_010, TRT: 10:11:12 ?