



AN EVENING WITH

General Colin Powell

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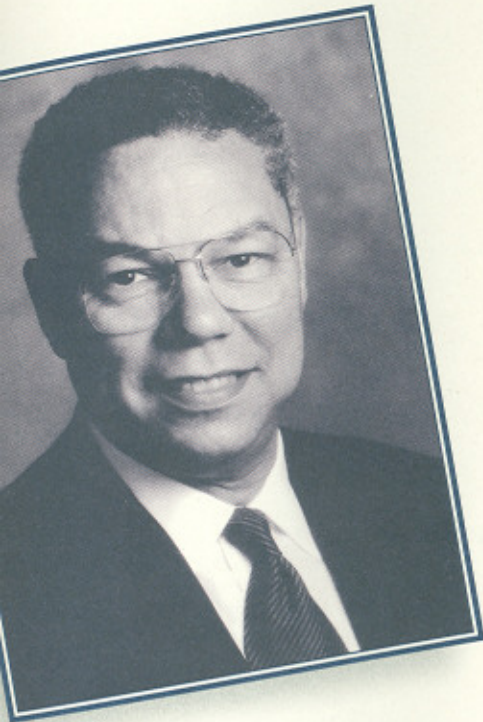
“SAVE PART OF TODAY TO
PREPARE FOR TOMORROW. AND
ALWAYS BE THINKING ABOUT
THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW,
BUT DREAM ABOUT NEXT WEEK.”

GENERAL COLIN POWELL



B I O G R A P H Y O F

General Colin Powell, USA (RET.)



*G*ENERAL COLIN POWELL IS PERHAPS BEST KNOWN AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF DURING THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATION DESERT STORM. BUT HIS LEADERSHIP IN THIS CRITICAL TIME IN U.S. HISTORY IS JUST ONE HIGHLIGHT IN A DISTINGUISHED LIFE AND MILITARY CAREER.

THE SON OF JAMAICAN IMMIGRANTS, COLIN LUTHER POWELL WAS BORN IN NEW YORK CITY ON APRIL 5, 1937, AND WAS RAISED IN THE SOUTH BRONX. HE WAS EDUCATED IN THE NEW YORK CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM, GRADUATING FROM MORRIS HIGH SCHOOL AND ATTENDING THE CITY COLLEGE OF NEW YORK.

IT WAS AT CCNY THAT POWELL GOT HIS FIRST TASTE OF THE MILITARY LIFE, PARTICIPATING IN ROTC. UPON GRADUATION IN JUNE 1958, HE RECEIVED A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN GEOLOGY AND A COMMISSION AS AN ARMY SECOND LIEUTENANT. HE THEN EARNED A MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREE

FROM GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY. AROUND THIS TIME HE ALSO MET ALMA JOHNSON, HIS FUTURE WIFE, ON A BLIND DATE ARRANGED BY HER GRADUATE SCHOOL ROOMMATE.

BETWEEN 1962 AND 1969 GENERAL POWELL SERVED TWO TOURS IN VIETNAM, AND WAS A BATTALION COMMANDER IN KOREA FROM 1973 TO 1974. PRIOR TO BEING NAMED CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, HE SERVED AS COMMANDER IN CHIEF, FORCES COMMAND, HEADQUARTERED AT FORT MCPHERSON, GEORGIA.

IN DECEMBER 1987, PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN NAMED GENERAL POWELL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS. HE SERVED IN THIS POST UNTIL JANUARY 1989, WHEN HE WAS NAMED THE TWELFTH CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

IN HONOR OF HIS MILITARY AND PUBLIC SERVICE, GENERAL POWELL HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS AWARDS AND DECORATIONS, INCLUDING THE DEFENSE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

MEDAL, THE ARMY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL, THE DEFENSE SUPERIOR SERVICE MEDAL, THE LEGION OF MERIT, THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL, THE BRONZE STAR, AND THE PURPLE HEART.

HE HAS ALSO BEEN AWARDED TWO PRESIDENTIAL MEDALS OF FREEDOM, THE PRESIDENT'S CITIZENS MEDAL, THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL, AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL. IN DECEMBER OF 1993, HE RECEIVED AN HONORARY KNIGHTHOOD FROM THE QUEEN OF ENGLAND.

RETIRING FROM THE U.S. ARMY ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1993 HAS GIVEN GENERAL POWELL MORE TIME TO SPEND WITH HIS WIFE ALMA, SON MICHAEL, DAUGHTERS LINDA AND ANNEMARIE AND TWO GRANDSONS. AT THE SAME TIME, HE HAS PUT THE FINISHING TOUCHES ON HIS AUTOBIOGRAPHY AND QUIETLY PERFORMED VOLUNTEER WORK AT A WASHINGTON, D.C. HOMELESS SHELTER. WHENEVER HE HAS A FREE EVENING OR WEEKEND, HE ENJOYS RESTORING VINTAGE VOLVO AUTOMOBILES.