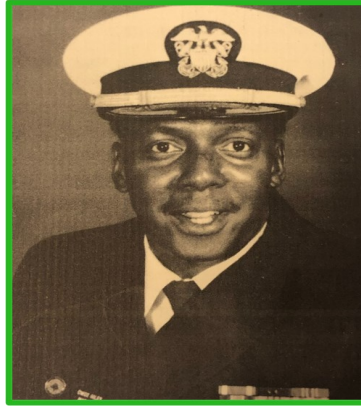


Distinguished Graduate



Chief Warrant Officer 4 (Retired) Willie Clayton Giles
United States Navy
Posthumous Award

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Willie Clayton Giles, son of the late Willie Theodore Giles and Gladys Giles Williams, was born and reared in Tarboro, North Carolina. He attended W. A. Pattillo High School, graduating in 1965.

After graduation from High School, Willie enrolled in Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, North Carolina for just for a short time. Upon leaving Fayetteville State, Willie returned to Tarboro and became gainfully employed. He managed and operated the Transit System under the auspices of United Manor Courts, worked as a Security Guard at Carolina Telephone Company's tower and its Rocky Mount's building, and was a licensed Insurance Agent with Winston Mutual Insurance Agency.

In April 1967, he enlisted in the United States Navy. After completion of his basic training in Great Lakes, Illinois, Willie was assigned to the USS Valley Forge (LPH-8), Long Beach, Ca. His subsequent enlisted tours included: USS Midway (CVA-41), San Francisco, Ca., USS Edenton (AFTS-1) and USS Moinester (FF-1097), Norfolk, Va., INACTSHIPMAINTFAC, Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Va., Navy Supply Center, Norfolk, Va. After a litany of enlisted training Willie Giles completed Warrant Office School. Warrant Officers serve as technical specialist who impart knowledge and perform skills of a specific occupational field at a supervisory and management level. In the Navy this specific segment of officer rank carried the aura of being a "good old boy" country club order and only select persons were let in with almost the total exclusion of African American. CWO4 Willie C. Giles navigated this difficult career rising to the highest Warrant Officer Rank, CWO4, serving as a Senior Level technical and tactical expert.

His tours of duty as an Officer included: Navy Supply Corps School, Athens, Va., USS NASSAU (LHA-4), Norfolk, Va., Naval Air Station Supply Dept., Norfolk, Va., and the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN-69). In January 1991, he reported to the Board of Inspections and Survey as a Supply Inspector.

Chief Warrant Officer Giles received several Awards and Decorations: Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Four Meritorious Unit Commendation Awards, Battle 'E', three Good Conduct Medals, two National Defense Service Medals, Vietnam Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, four Sea Service Awards, and four Vietnam Campaign Medals.

Willie enrolled in and graduated from City University, Los Angeles, CA. during his career in the Navy.

At a young age, Willie joined St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church, Tarboro, North Carolina. After Virginia Beach, Va. became his permanent residence, he became a member of St. Mark R. Z. U. A. Church of Norfolk, Va., where he served as Chairman of the Children's Church.

He was also a member of the Keystone Lodge #22 Ancient Free Accepted Scottish Rites Masons of Newport News, Va., and also served as the President of the former Tidewater Chapter of the W. A. Pattillo High School Alumni Association.

Willie was married to Joanna White of Rocky Mount, N. C. and the father of Ritchie L. and Willie C. Jr. Willie passed September 24, 1994.