

**EARL JOHNSON, Major, USAF (Ret)**  
**Director, American Independence Foundation**  
**Colonial Virginia**



Mr. Johnson was born in Tampa, FL but was raised in Bridgeport, CT. He graduated from Bassick High School and joined the Air Force in 1966. He served as an Aircraft Fuel Specialist for 14 years while obtaining a Master Instructor rating. Mr. Johnson later was promoted to supervisor of the Air Force Fuels Specialist School. As an enlisted member in the Air Force, he attended college during his off duty time, graduating from Eastern Illinois University in December 1980. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in June 1980 and served as Executive Officer and Administrative Inspector for the Command Inspector General, Squadron Section Commander and finally Operations Officer in the Military Enlistment Personnel Center in Baltimore, Md. In 1990, shortly after returning from Dessert Storm, Mr. Johnson was selected as the Air Force's Administrative Officer of the Year. He retired from the Air Force after 28 years of honorable service.

After his military retirement, Mr. Johnson was employed as an Enforcement Specialist with the Division of Child Support in Newport News, VA. In 1996, he was hired by Social Security as a Claims Representative. He previously served as the Tidewater Area Public Affairs Specialist for the agency. He has been and remains a very active member of his community, participating in many civic activities. He has served as the Veterans of Foreign Wars First District Commander and is past President of the Kiln Creek Kiwanis Club. Mr. Johnson has also served as a counselor for the Hugh O'Brian Youth Organization (HOBY).

He served on the Board of Directors for Safe Haven and Board of Trustees for American Independence Foundation, organizations which support the well-being and education of youth. Mr. Johnson has been recognized by the governor of North Carolina and Commissioner of Social Security Administration as their Volunteer of the Year for his community involvement. He was also the named Air Force Administrator of the Year. Finally, G.I. Jobs magazine acknowledged him for his distinguished military and civilian careers.

His educational accomplishments include a Master's Degree in Public Administration, a Bachelor Degree in Liberal Arts and two Associates Degrees. He has also completed numerous other technical courses. Earl's hobbies include fishing and playing Bid Whist.

Earl Johnson was appointed Director of the American Independence Foundation of Colonial Virginia in January, 2006.

Earl is married to the former Brenda A. Wigfall from Alabama, whom he met while serving in the military in Great Britain. Earl and Brenda have four children, Earl II, Jacqueline, Julian and Stephanie and numerous grandchildren.