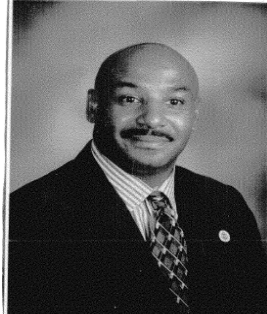


Leon R Frank

ICL Class X Leader



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Biographical Summary

I am originally from Harlem, New York. In 1986, Fayetteville became my hometown by way of military service; I currently reside in the Well's Place community with my wife Debra Frank. My interests include reading (especially historical nonfiction and fiction genres), traveling, collecting art (buffalo soldiers), and participating in physical fitness activities. I obtained my early, middle, and high school education from the parochial school system of New York and graduated from Rice High School in Manhattan, New York in 1975. I matriculated and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History from Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte North Carolina in 1979 and continued my pursuit of education at Golden Gate University, San Francisco, California graduating with a Master's Degree of Public Administration in Administrative Organization and Management in 1991. In 1999, I obtained an additional degree, Master of Arts Degree in Education from Fayetteville State University. I am a licensed North Carolina Middle Grades teacher in the areas of History and Language Arts. As a youth, I was a member of the New York City Mission Society Cadet Corps, formerly known as the Minisink Cadets of New York City. This organization afforded me the opportunity to serve as a mentor for youth and was instrumental in the development of the leadership skills I have thoroughly enjoyed utilizing throughout my life. Soldiering was my first love and passion. I entered the military by way of initial entry service in the United States Marine Corps in 1978, in 1981 I transferred over to the United States Army; I have had the wonderful opportunity to serve our country all over the world with most fond memories of service in the 82nd Airborne Division (The All American Division). I am a retired United States Army Officer with over thirty years of service to our country. Civic involvement, service, and leadership are additional passions of mine and have led to the attainment of great fulfillment as I have been given the honor of providing leadership and service through participation in varied service related organizations over the years to include the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated. As a Life-member of the fraternity, my 30 plus years have included service at the national level as the Second-Vice Grand Basileus (Second Vice- National President) and National Achievement Week & Essay Contest Chairman, Regionally service as Second Vice District Representative Sixth District Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. representing North and South Carolina, locally, served as the first Basileus (President) of Tau Gamma Gamma Chapter, Fort Bragg, North Carolina and Basileus of the Beta Chi Chapter, in Fayetteville, North Carolina. I currently serve as the President and Chief Operating Officer of a newly formed grassroots organization incorporated under the name of the Wilbert E. Burgie Cadet Corps (September 21, 2011). This organization was established with the support and assistance of my late Mother, Ms. Ora B. Frank. The first cadet unit involved youth from her community in the Bronx, New York and was named in her honor. I am presently establishing the organizational framework and designing the blueprint for this organization that I envision serving in communities as a life-line for youth: developing, shaping, and molding our future leaders through mentoring and leadership development. I enthusiastically look forward to learning and growing through my participation in the leadership institute and serving my hometown community in a meaningful way.

Ronnie Willet Jr.

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Ronnie E Willet, Jr. arrived in Cumberland County in 1991, after having been reassigned from the 2nd Armored Division-Forward (Hell on Wheels) to the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg. Upon the completion of his military service, Ronnie began his career within the public safety services of Cumberland County. Captain Willet currently serves the City of Fayetteville as the Public Fire Educator for the Fayetteville Fire/Emergency Management Department. Ronnie has been a member of the City for fifteen years, with over twenty years of public service dedicated to Cumberland County.

Ronnie teaches emergency medical services and fire protection technology for Fayetteville Technical Community College and Bladen Community College. He also serves as an American Heart Association Instructor teaching CPR and first aid within the community.

Ronnie is a graduate of Fayetteville State University, where he received his bachelor's degree in fire science management and Fayetteville Technical Community College, where he received his associate's degree in fire protection technology. He is currently seeking a Master's degree in Public Administration at American Military University. He is currently a member of Golden Key International Honour Society and the West Virginia Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu Honor Society.

His civic and professional involvement has included:

- Member, Cumberland County Rescue Squad (1994-2000)
- Volunteer Lieutenant of Bethany Fire Department (1994-1998)
- Volunteer Training Officer of Stedman Fire Department (2010-2012)
- Vice-Chairman for Fayetteville Firefighter Relief Fund (2008-2010)
- Member North Carolina Association of Rescue and E.M.S. (1994- present)
- Member of North Carolina State Firemen's Association (1994- present)
- Member of the Fayetteville Fire Department Safety Committee -(2013- present)
- Delegate-At-Large for North Carolina Fire & Life Safety Educator's Commission- (2013-present)
- 2013 Candidate for Commissioner for the Town of Godwin, NC. -(2013-present)

Ronnie currently resides in the Town of Godwin, where he enjoys spending time with family, his Doberman Darley and his motorcycle.