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Brig Gen(ret) John M. Motley, Jr.

Brigadier General (ret) John “Coach” Motley is a life-long resident of Richland County in central South Carolina. He graduated from Lower Richland High School in 1969 where he was a 3-sport letterman and served as President of the Student Body his senior year. He went on to graduate from the University of South Carolina in 1973 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Health and Physical Education and he also holds a Master’s degree in Science (Management) from Southern Wesleyan University. He coached and taught full time in both the public and private school systems in South Carolina from 1974 to 1981. Since leaving the teaching profession, he has served for over thirty years as a volunteer coach at various high schools in the Midlands of South Carolina. He has been a head football, basketball, golf, softball and volleyball coach at the high school level.

Coach Motley joined the South Carolina Air National Guard (SCANG) in 1970 and served as an enlisted member until receiving his commission in 1978. Coach served full-time in the SCANG for 27 years where he held multiple leadership positions. He retired from military service in June 2009 with his 39-year career culminating in the position of Assistant Adjutant General for Air, South Carolina Air National Guard, located at McEntire Joint National Guard Base Eastover, S.C.

Coach Motley is currently serving as the Director of STARBASE Swamp Fox, a DoD-sponsored STEM (science, technology, engineering, & math) education program for local 5th grade students at McEntire Joint National Guard Base. He has been privileged in helping the program grow from less than 300 students to over 1,100 students annually, with over 20 schools participating from 8 different school districts. The Swamp Fox staff of Lt Col(ret) Jim “Lightning” Hiott, SMSgt (ret) Lola “Sugarr” Banks, Ms. Beth “Boo” Barkley, MSgts(ret) Buddy “Gamecock” McDaniel and Stan “Stats” Seabrook, and Ms. Linda “Mad Scientist” Willing have been together for many years and they have aided immeasurably to the program’s success.

Coach Motley also volunteers each year and serves as the Assistant Director of the nationally recognized annual Chick Fil A Holiday Classic Basketball Tournament held at Richland Northeast High School in Columbia, SC. He is married to Martha (40+ years !) and is the proud father of daughters Shannon and Kim, son-in-law Dwayne, and an even prouder “DayDay” to grandchildren Bryson (12), Colton (7), and Gracyn (3).



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