









Lt. Colonel Carroll Leroy LIGON^[1, 2]

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Birth	1931	Heath Springs, South Carolina 
Gender	Male	
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HIST	<p>News - Obituaries Thursday, Sep. 24, 2009 Lt. Col. Carroll L. Ligon</p> <p>WINNSBORO — Lt. Col. Carroll L. Ligon, USAF (Ret.), left this earth September 21st, 2009, in Palmetto Health Richland Hospital in Columbia, SC. An American hero, Col. Ligon was the recipient of the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Air Medal with eleven Oak Leaf Clusters, Two Bronze Stars for valor in combat, the Distinguished Flying Cross exceptional heroism and bravery, the Armed Forces Medal, and two National Defense Service Medals. As a young pilot, his program — "An American Way of Life" — set the pattern for all Air Force Foreign Training and was formally recognized by the U.S. State Department.</p> <p>Col. Ligon is survived by his widow, Dorcas Gunter Anderson of Winnsboro, SC. Col. Ligon is also survived by two sons from his 1953 marriage to Patricia — "Patsy" — Blair of Blair, SC: Andrew Russell Ligon of Huntington Beach, CA, and Michael Blair Ligon of Raleigh, NC, and their wives, Chre G. Ligon and Dianne T. Rodwell. He is also survived by stepsons, Donald J. Anderson of Winnsboro, and B. Scott Anderson of Hopkins, and their wives, Carol H. Anderson and Mary H. Anderson. Col. Ligon is remembered by brothers-in-law, Andrew Franklin Blair, Lawrence W. Blair, Edward Lindsay Gunter, T. Luther Gunter and Dr. D. Moody Gunter, and nephews, Carroll Bell and Kendall Bell. Col. Ligon is survived by 5 step-grandchildren and 3 step-great-grandchildren.</p> <p>Carroll Leroy Ligon was born in Heath Springs, SC, in 1931, to John Russell Ligon and Elizabeth Gordon Ligon. He was predeceased by his sister, Carrie Russell Bell and brother, John Gordon Ligon. Carroll's father was the chief mechanic for the Rocky Creek Hydro Station on the Catawba River in South Carolina for over thirty years.</p> <p>A tactical fighter pilot, Col. Ligon served in Europe, North Africa and Vietnam. Col. Ligon received his wings and commission at Foster Field, Victoria, TX, in March, 1953, followed by combat crew training. He was chief of Officer Training for 5 years at Craig AFB, a pilot training base near Selma, AL. Carroll trained pilots from 23 countries, including Iran, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Libya. As chief of Wing Current Operations in Vietnam (Phan Rang), Col. Ligon controlled the combat schedules and missions for 3 fighter squadrons, Chuck Yeager's B-57 squadrons, and the Royal Australian No. 2 Squadron. In addition to his analytic and managerial duties, Col. Ligon personally flew 201 fighter jet missions over Vietnam.</p> <p>Col. Ligon received a technical degree in engineering from Clemson University, a B.S. in military science at the University of Maryland, and an M.B.A. from George Washington University. He also attended the Air War College and numerous foreign service, technical and survival schools, including months living in the jungles of the Philippines. Col. Ligon completed his Air Force career as acting chief of U.S. Readiness Command Current Operations in Tampa, FL, serving as one of 3 acting chiefs of the Crisis Management Team, allocating resources of the Army and Air Force during conflicts such as wars in the Middle East and during humane efforts such as responses to monsoons in Bangladesh.</p> <p>After his retirement from the Air Force, Carroll and Patsy returned to Blair, SC, in 1974 and together played a prominent role in Western Fairfield civic life for over 30 years. Patsy Ligon passed in 1997. Col. Ligon worked at the V.C. Summer Station for 19 years, managing computer and document systems during the nuclear plant's multi-phased construction and as an administrator for the director of Nuclear Services after the full plant became</p>	

operational in 1986.
 Col. Ligon married Dorcas G. Anderson in 1999. He was a member of Salem Presbyterian Church at Salem Crossroads, SC, The First Church of the Nazarene in Winnsboro, the Edward Culbreath American Legion Post #16, and the Quiet Birdmen. He was a member of the Air Force Association and The Order of Daedalians, a fraternity of military pilots. Carroll Ligon also served as chairman of the Fairfield County Memorial Hospital Board and was a Clemson Orange donor.
 Services will be held at The First Church of the Nazarene in Winnsboro at 1 p.m. Saturday, September 26, 2009, conducted by Pastors Rick Grimes and Richard Hodges. An open-air military ceremony will follow at nearby Salem Presbyterian Church at Salem Crossroads, SC. The family will receive friends from 6 - 8 p.m. Friday at Pope Funeral Home in Winnsboro.
 Memorials may be made to The First Church of The Nazarene, 650 9th Street, Winnsboro, SC 29180 or to Salem Presbyterian Church (PCA), 276 Hwy 215 N, Blair SC 29015.
 Pope Funeral Home is serving the Ligon family.
 «Obituary posted: September 24, 2009» [2]

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Died	21 Sep 2009	Palmetto Health Richland Hospital, Columbia, Richland County, South Carolina
Buried	26 Sep 2009	First Church of the Nazarene in Winnsboro/Salem Presbyterian Church at Salem Crossroads, South Carolina [2]
		Pope Funeral Home
Person ID	I241307	Singleton and Related Families
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Father	John Russell LIGON , d. Bef 21 Sep 2009	
Mother	Elizabeth GORDON , d. Bef 21 Sep 2009	
Family ID	F162880	Group Sheet

Family 1	Patricia "Patsy" BLAIR , d. 1997	
Married	1953 [2]	
Family ID	F166734	Group Sheet

Family 2	Dorcas GUNTER	
Married	1999 [2]	
Family ID	F162884	Group Sheet

Sources	[S12124] Carrie L. Bell.	
	[S12950] Lt. Col. Carroll L. Ligon.	

CLL was in charge of a Military Airlift Command communications facility at Scott AFB. His commanders were frustrating him with their obtuseness, they couldn't understand the difference between a keyword search and a password. CLL complained about the physical

plant. It burned down as he was preparing to leave for the Air War College in Alabama. CLL refused to lie about what happened and his commanders were reprimanded. CLL completed his training at the War College and was sent to MacDill AFB in Tampa, Florida. He held a SAC shift commander position for three years. He controlled the US relief efforts in Bangladesh after their flooding disaster in 1973. (See: George Harrison, Concert for Bangladesh.) A shift commander slot was a Brigadier General position. Lt. Col. CLLigon was passed over for promotion 3 times. His immediate commander informed him that he had been blacklisted and would never be promoted. CLL resigned his commission the following week, two years before he was due to retire. Pelham, please feel free to add this to your documentation.

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Andy has given me until January to wrap things up. I've made a connection over the past year with an archeologist who works for the Feds and does site inspections before projects for NA artifacts, etc., Jim Collis. Jim wants to get the collection to the <http://nmai.si.edu/>

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I would welcome any suggestions about the logistics of getting this collection boxed up. Bill Hendrix & John Collins have background on a lot of the works and I think Jim Collis would help with the overall inventory or put me/us in touch with some one who could help. I'm open to having FHM do a show. Would help you write a grant. And I need a place to store the stuff before DC. You won't hurt my feelings if you say no to any of this, I cannot second guess your load or the implications/appropriateness for your work.

Thanks, Pelham, for recording my dad's obituary. It's just the tip of the iceberg. I'm putting it out there now about the blacklisting, I'm pretty sure my relatives don't like it one bit. But they don't really matter anymore, I'm not going to let them own his memory or carelessly discard it. My brother acts like he could care less about dad's papers. He was way more interested in the coin collection.

Jim's mother was commandant of the <https://abcnews.go.com/International/story?id=81917&page=1>

The Mafia tried to recruit both her and my dad. (I thought DT was Mafia marked from day one) So Collis and I have a lot in common. We are all connected somehow.

Andy's appraisal on the pottery has mysteriously gone from 2k to 8k, but I'm willing to pay that to preserve the collection and my mother's memory. I imagine it's actually worth more.

Thanks, Pelham.

Controversial 'School of the Americas' Closes

A U.S. army facility critics have labeled a school for dictators, torturers and assassins is being closed today. The "School of the Americas," in Fort Benning, Ga., which has for 54 years operated as a training facility for Latin American military personnel, will shut its doors after facing...

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