

Commodore Davy Franklyn Rolle, RBDF (ret), B. Eng. (Hons.)

Born in 1955 on the Island of New Providence, Commodore Davy F. Rolle was educated at Our Lady of the Holy Souls, Roman Catholic Primary School, St. Augustine's College (Class of 1971), C. R. Walker Technical College, Nassau, and the Willesden College of Technology, London, England.

Commodore Rolle joined the Royal Bahamas Defence Force in March 1979 as a full-career Officer. He attended Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, Devon, England, where he successfully completed the one-year International Midshipman's Course.

He holds the distinction of becoming the first Bahamian to serve as a Divisional Sub Lieutenant (Blake Division) and Senior Midshipman onboard a Royal Navy Training Ship (HMS INTREPID), whilst at the College.

Commissioned as a Sub Lieutenant in June 1981, Commodore Rolle has served in virtually every executive appointment of the Royal Bahamas Defence Force (RBDF), ranging from Navigating Officer of a patrol craft to Commanding Officer of HMBS Coral Harbour.

He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering, with honours, from the Royal Naval Engineering College, Manadon, Plymouth, Devon, England in 1986, and in 1993 he graduated with Distinction, from the United States Naval War College Staff Course, Newport, Rhode Island, USA. In April 1996, he successfully completed studies in Management, Economics and Politics at the Master's Degree level at the University of Manchester, Manchester, England.

Commodore Rolle was appointed Commander Defence Force (CDF) on 31st May 1997 and served on numerous committees of national and regional import.

He served as a member of St. Augustine's College Board of Directors and PTA President of St. Thomas More Catholic Primary School.

In recognition of his exemplary service, Commodore Rolle was awarded the Bahamas Silver Jubilee Award for Outstanding Contribution to National Development (Law Enforcement) on 10 July 1998. Other awards include the RBDF's Distinguish Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Long Service Medal, and Commissioning Medal.

Commodore Rolle, after almost 29 years of active service, served as Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti and, also as the first Bahamian Managing Director and CEO of the Bahamas Maritime Authority (BMA) in London, England (2010-2018). He was also the Chairman of the Bahamas National Maritime Policy Steering Committee from 2012-2015.

Retiring after forty years as a civil servant, his life revolves around his wife Stephanie, their two daughters, Dorea and Dr. Davone, SAC Classes 1999 & 2006, and granddaughter, Daria, SAC Class of 2021, several fraternal organizations, and the communities of Steventon, Harts, and Roker's Point, Exuma. They are active parishioners of St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral.

A former avid sportsman and basketball aficionado, the Commodore enjoys genealogy, electronics, music, and YouTubing. However, he still hopes for the formation of disciplined youth groups in all the country's secondary schools.