



Born "cross the river" (Manchester, Arkansas on November 20, 1949, by a midwife, Jesse P. Newborn has the distinction of paying only a few dollars to receive his college education by utilizing every available resource that was available in the late sixties (60s) and seventies (70s) which allowed him to receive his education debt free. The son of Paul and Sophie Newborn, he was raised in the Dalark, Manchester, and the Arkadelphia communities. He was educated at AM&N College (now the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff) where he graduated in three and a half years by going to school one summer. After graduating, he attended the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, School of Social Work and completed the two-year social work program in eighteen months. At the age of 22, he received a direct commission in Army Social Work and entered the Army on July 9, 1972. At that time, he was the youngest social worker to receive a direct commission as a First Lieutenant. When he was selected to full Colonel, he was also the youngest social worker to obtain that rank. Newborn served 27 years and 7 months in the Army and retired on February 1, 2000. Since leaving the Army, Colonel (Ret) Newborn established a counseling and consulting services in San Antonio, Texas.

He received military decorations/awards: Legion Of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (4th Award), Army Commendation Medal (3rd Award), Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal (2nd Award), Army Service Ribbon, Order Of Military Medical Merit, Fisher House Foundation Angel Award, Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program Lifetime Achievement Award, and Vice President Gore's Hammer Award.

Newborn received numerous community involvement awards: Board of Directors and Past President of The Bexar Kiwanis Club, Former Board Member and Past Vice Chairperson of Roy Mass Youth Alternatives and the establishment of the Thomas Cleaver Scholarship Fund. Recipient of the Kiwanis Distinguished President Award, Texas-Oklahoma Kiwanis Foundation C.T. Bush Award and Kiwanis Hixson Award. He also holds several credentials: Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Board Certified Diplomate in Social Work, Board Certified Diplomate in the American Psychotherapy Association, and Certified Behavioral Therapist with Domestic Violence Counselor endorsement, NOVA (National Organization of Victim Assistance) Certification and Red Cross Disaster Mental Health Certification.

He is married to the former Patsy Richardson, a college professor, of Rison, Arkansas. His family includes daughter Kerri, a high school principal, son-in-law Nathan, senior level network architect, and granddaughter Parker.

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