

Hall of Fame

Arthur Tippin



"Success of people is measured in different ways for different people."

Arthur Tippin is a 1964 graduate of Peake High School in Arkadelphia, AR. When Tippin retired from AT&T as a network engineer and moved back to Arkadelphia, he wanted to be part of the solution that represented all the citizens of Clark County. In doing so, he campaigned for and won the seat of Justice of the Peace (JP) District 7. Presently, he and the Arkadelphia Chamber of Commerce are working on getting High Speed Internet in Rural areas of Clark County. Tippin considers it a blessing as well as great learning experience to be part of the diverse and innovative group of justices that serve the citizens in Clark County. In addition to serving as JP he also serves on the Boards of Clark County Historical Society, Clark County Farm Bureau, Trustee at Pleasant Hill A.M.E. Church, and as Vice President of the Buffaloes Foundation, Inc.

Tippin was graduated from high school at the age of 16, attended Henderson State University for a while then volunteered for the U. S. Army at the age of 18. He credits his brother Alvin Luster who told him that if one scores well on the Army aptitude test, one could choose one's military occupational specialty (MOS); Tippin chose Signal Corp. which helped him in the long run to attain the skill set he needed for the job with AT& T. At the age of 19, he trained as a paratrooper then was deployed to Viet Nam. He would have made a career out of his Army service except his adventuresome spirit led him to take a job at Reynolds Aluminum Plant rather than stay at Fort Bragg, NC to reenlist. Tippin rose to the rank of Sergeant, E 5 during his three years of service with the U. S. Army. Tippin graduated with an Associate's Degree in Social Science from Laney College, Oakland, CA in 1974. From 1974 -1977 he attended the University of California, Hayward majoring in Public Administration.

He has always had the tenacity to pursue his interests, and he has always believed in lending a hand to the less fortunate. Perhaps it was in knowing how he had succeeded when given the chance to prove himself. Being one of the youngest in the class at Witherspoon Rural School and Mt. Morriah Rural School would have been a daunting task for many, but Tippin was able to hold his own in those schools as well as hold his own at Peake High School. One of his philanthropic ventures was volunteering to help Youth in the Atlanta area when he worked for AT&T. His organization prepared high school students for employment including mock interviews for jobs. He has numerous plaques of recognition for his contributions to this program.

Art is the son of the late Arlene and Brodie Tippin who resided in the Joan Community. He is married to Marilyn Baptiste Tippin, whose grandmother is Pearl Brown and her mother is Marie Holmes both formerly of Arkadelphia, AR. Art has two daughters who reside in CA, and four grandchildren: two grandsons and two granddaughters.

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