

An Officer & Gentleman At All Times

Lt. Col. (Ret.) Melvin Therome Ingram

1958 – 2011



Son, Brother & Activist¹
Late 1960's, Civil Rights Meeting
Elk's Club, Milledgeville, GA



Leader & Friend² BHS Class, 1976-2011
Pres: M. Ingram, VP: J. Ross,
Sec: Q. Hurt, Tres: M. Balkum,
Chaplin: G. Hammett



Father, Mentor & Example¹
Marcus T., Melvin T., J. Maurice
Flagg Chapel Baptist Church
Milledgeville, GA



Officer & History Maker³
Only 2nd USMC Lt Col
to make grade of
Combat Engineer



Negotiator & Peacemaker⁴
L-R: Ethiopia Pres. who says
Lt. Col. Ingram averted a
Civil War Horn of Africa
26 JAN 2007 - 9 Feb 2008

Lt. Col. (Ret.) Melvin Therome Ingram was born prematurely on October 12, 1958 to the union of Willie Rufus Ingram and Julia Mae Butts in Milledgeville, GA.¹ Being feed a special preemie² cocktail of growth hormones through a nose dropper made him bigger, brighter and more humble than his classmates. He was always in the top of his class from 1st – 12th grades. He always credited Mrs. Annie B. Monroe for his academic success. He attended Baldwin High School (72-76) and was on active *Legend* Yearbook Staff, Beta Club and *AFRO-TECH* (*Association of Friends Requesting Opportunities to Teach, Educate, Counsel and Help Students*) and on the football team. He graduated from Savannah State University with a Bachelors of Science in Chemistry, 1980. Among his many duty stations were: Platoon Commander to Vieques, PR where he served as training officer S-3A; and in November 1984, he reported to 9th Engineer Support Battalion, Okinawa, Japan, where he assumed command of Company A. Lt. Col. Ingram completed the U.S. Army Advanced Engineer Officer Course in Ft. Belvoir, Va.; in Southeast Asia, during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, he served as the Battalion Adjutant. Other service included: Project Officer/Operation Officer in Operations Branch in Marine Corps University, Virginia; Recruiting Support Officer, Nashville, Tenn., Project Officer, Mine-Counter Warfare, Office of Naval research, Arlington, Va.; and Senior Watch Officer on a set of mobilization order in support of the Global War on Terrorism at the Logistics readiness Reporting Center. His last assignment was Country Coordination Element, Officer in Charge, Combined Joint Task Force- Horn of Africa, at the U.S. Embassy, Addia Ababa, Ethiopia. He was presently employed by Jorge Scientific Corporation in Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan. **Associations:** National Naval Officers Assoc. – President. (2006)⁶ **History Maker:** Only 2ND USMC Lt. Col. Combat Engineer in History.³ Only Milledgeville Veteran to serve in (6) wars on (4) continents. ³ Averted a Civil War Horn of Africa.⁴ **Awards:** Defense Meritorious Service Medal (2009)⁴; GA Distinguished Citizen Award (posthumously, 2011) Melvin was mentor, father and friend to every young man who cross his path. That may be his longest lasting legacy. Pending the Ingram Family's leadership we hope to rename the Milledgeville's downtown Federal Building.⁵ **Citations:** 1-Ingram Family Oral History (2010 JAN); 2-*Legend*. Baldwin High School Yearbook (1976), Milledgeville, GA; 3-Gen. W. Gaskin Oral History (22 MAY 2011); 4-*Defense Meritorious Service Citation*, Hunt, Richard, Secretary of the Navy (2009); 5- Ingram Resume, Retirement Speech, Family Oral History, *Union Recorder* Obituary (28 MAY 2011). 6-Tidewater NNOA.org, *Highlights of our 2006 Veterans Day Visit*, Page 10.