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1st African American Secretary of State

Colin Luther Powell is an American statesman, a retired four-star General in the United States Army and under the Republican administration of George W Bush the first African American Secretary of State from 2001 to 2005. Powell was born in Harlem as the son of Jamaican immigrants.

During his military career, Powell also served President Ronald Reagan as National Security Advisor (1987–1989), as Commander of the U.S. Army Command (1989) and served President George H.W. Bush as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (1989–1993), holding the latter position during the Persian Gulf War.

Powell is the recipient of numerous U.S. and foreign military awards and decorations. Powell's civilian awards include two Presidential Medals of Freedom, the President's Citizens Medal, the Congressional Gold Medal, the Secretary of State Distinguished Service Medal, and the Secretary of Energy Distinguished Service Medal. Several schools and other institutions have been named in his honor and he holds honorary degrees from universities and colleges across the country.

Colin Powell is married to the former Alma Vivian Johnson of Birmingham, Alabama. The Powell family includes son Michael (ex-chairman of the Federal Communications Commission); daughters Linda and Anne; daughter-in-law Jane; and grandsons Jeffrey and Bryan. (Source: Wikipedia)