



**USS CLEVELAND**  
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**Brigadier General Peter B. Collins, U.S. Marine Corps (Retired)**  
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Brigadier General Collins, USMC (Ret.) is the Chief Executive Officer of the USS Cleveland Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the future USS Cleveland (LCS 31), the fourth ship in U.S. history named for the City of Cleveland.



Raised in Kirtland, Ohio, Brigadier General Collins has had a distinguished career marked by leadership in both military and legal arenas. A 1981 graduate of the University of Mississippi, he earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Memphis School of Law in 1984 and later received an LL.M in International Law from Tulane University. After completing the Naval Justice School, Brigadier General Collins served on active duty for 28 years, holding numerous key assignments both domestically and overseas.

Throughout his career, he provided legal counsel to senior military leaders, including the Secretary of the Navy and the Commandant of the Marine Corps, on complex matters involving military justice, U.S. treaty obligations, domestic law, operational issues and international law. His leadership roles included managing the Navy-Marine Corps Appellate Review Activity, overseeing the Commandant's uniformed legal office and supervising daily operations at a U.S. air station in Japan.

Commissioned in 1981 through the U.S. Marine Corps' Platoon Leaders Class program, Brigadier General Collins began his career after completing The Basic School at Quantico and the Lawyer's Course at the Naval Justice School in Newport, Rhode Island. He initially served as a Defense Counsel, Legal Assistance Officer, and Special Assistant to the U.S. Attorney at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. His subsequent assignments included roles such as Military Justice Officer for the 4th Marine Division, Senior Defense Counsel for the 3D Force Service Support Group in Okinawa, and Assistant Judge Advocate for both U.S. Central Command and U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Atlantic.

He also served as the Station Judge Advocate and Executive Officer of Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan and as Staff Judge Advocate for the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Aircraft Wing and III Marine Expeditionary Force in Okinawa, Japan. Following six years in Japan, he was assigned to Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps as Deputy Staff Judge Advocate to the Commandant. Before retiring in 2011, he was the Assistant Judge Advocate General of the Navy for Military Justice and led the Navy-Marine Corps Appellate Review Activity in Washington, D.C.

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