

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Ronald H. Brewington

PERSON

Brewington, Ron, 1946-

Alternative Names: Ronald H. Brewington;

Life Dates: November 2, 1946-

Place of Birth: New York, New York, USA

Residence: Los Angeles, CA

Occupations: Broadcast Executive

Biographical Note

Broadcast executive Ronald H. Brewington was born with his twin brother, Rudolph, on November 2, 1946 in Harlem, New York. Tradition has it that his mother, Mosetta Smalls of Charleston, South Carolina was a descendent of Reconstruction era congressman, Robert Smalls. Brewington attended PS5, St. Charles Borromeo and St. Thomas, the Apostle schools. He studied aviation mechanics at Aviation High School, and joined the United States Navy after graduating in 1964. Brewington earned a certificate in Journalism from UCLA in 1985; a B.A. in Broadcast journalism from California State University, Long Beach and a Masters of Arts degree from Harrington University.

Brewington, attracted to broadcasting, started at KEYS-AM in Corpus Christi, TX. He worked at KEXX-FM and KRIS-TV, and then became Director of Navy Broadcasting Service Detachments in Adak, Alaska and Diego Garcia, British Indian Ocean Territory. This was followed by KKFX-AM in Seattle, WA. He then moved to the USS New Jersey (BB-62), then to KLON-FM, Long Beach, CA. From there, Brewington worked at KGFJ-AM and KJLH-FM in Los Angeles, CA. He served for seventeen years. Starting at KRIS-TV in Corpus Christi, Texas, Brewington worked as an anchor/reporter at KKFX-AM in Seattle; KLON-FM, Long Beach; KGFJ-FM and KJLH-FM in Los Angeles. He served for seventeen years as the Los Angeles bureau chief for American Urban Radio Networks, covering the Democratic National Conventions in 1980 and 2000, the 1984 Summer Olympics, the Rodney King trial and the subsequent rebellion and both O.J. Simpson trials. Brewington covered entertainment events like the Academy Awards, Grammy Awards, Soul Train Music Awards, American Music Awards, Emmy Awards, Billboard Music Awards, Golden Globe Awards, NAACP Image Awards, Screen Actors Guild Awards, BET Awards and others. Currently a news/entertainment stringer for Associated Press Radio Network

and Los Angeles correspondent to U.K. based Chatbusters News Service.

Brewington was the producer of the nationally syndicated three hour tributes to the late Marvin Gaye: Marvin Gaye: Pride and Joy and the sequel, Marvin Gaye: Prince of Motown. He produced Labor Day Soul Jam, King: A Celebration of the Man and His Dream, Back to the Roots: A Soul Music Celebration, A Man Named King, Merry Soul Christmas and Street Scene. He also writes, produces and hosts the two-hour R&B Superstars Series. Brewington is the voice of the NAACP Image Awards, Heroes and Legends Awards, Hollywood Black Film Festival and Black Talent News Awards. He has been the prime mover in the campaign to include African American stars to the Hollywood Walk of Fame and to get a commemorative postage stamp for Marvin Gaye. Brewington is known for giving silver dollars to community heroes.

Brewington was inducted into the Broadcasters Hall of Fame in Akron, Ohio on November 4, 2007 along with his twin brother and broadcasting colleague, Rudolph Brewington.

Ronald H. Brewington was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on April 28, 2005.

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[from ? to ?]

Northern Virginia Community College [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Associate

St. Charles Borromeo School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

United States Navy [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1964 to ?]