



Roland Doucet

Roland was born October 20, 1950, to Haywood and Elia Doucet. From an early age Cajun music was a big part of Roland's life. Roland's mother loved to dance so when her boys reached her height, 4' 11", she taught them to dance. It wasn't until he got older that he realized what an asset dancing was.

In 1967 Roland enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. After his release from the military he stayed in California but moved back to South Louisiana after his father died.

In the fall of 1983, impressed by Roland's dancing, he was asked to teach Cajun dancing as a leisure class at Louisiana State University. After 20 years of teaching he developed a successful method of teaching and has passed his talent to thousands of students.

In the summer of 1986 Roland was successful in launching a Cajun music radio program in Gonzales, Louisiana. This led to a permanent move to an FM radio station in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

After hearing about a great organization that was formed in Eunice, Louisiana, The Cajun French Music Association, Roland traveled to Eunice where he met John Richard. Together they took the first steps to forming the Baton Rouge chapter of the CFMA. Roland is a charter member of the Baton Rouge chapter and served as the second president. He organized the first of

many Baton Rouge Extravaganzas and served on the National Board of the CFMA for three years, holding the office of Vice President during his last term.

In Addition to his contributions to promoting Cajun music and culture, Roland is also very involved with veterans of the military. He is a Purple Heart recipient and a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 177 in Baton Rouge.