



**Full name:** *RONALD LEE ERMEY*

**Born:** 24 March 1944, Emporia, Kansas, USA. 

**Service :** United States Marine Corps 1961 - 1972 

**Rank:** E-7 Honorary Gunnery Sergeant 

**Status:** Retired

As a Golden Globe nominee and Boston Society of Film Critics Award-winner for Best Supporting Actor in director Stanley Kubrick's "[Full Metal Jacket \(1987\)](#)", R. Lee ErmeY is one of the most successful and talented actors working in film and television today.

His numerous roles in feature film include: "[Switchback \(1997\)](#)", starring opposite Dennis Quaid and Danny Glover, "[Seven \(1995\)](#)", "[Leaving Las Vegas \(1995\)](#)", "[Murder In The First \(1995\)](#)", "[Life \(1999\)](#)", "[The Frighteners \(1996\)](#)" and "[Sommersby \(1993\)](#)" as well as his critically acclaimed role opposite Jared Leto in "[Prefontaine \(1997\)](#)". He continues doing numerous voice over roles which span from "The Simpsons" to "[Toy Story \(1995\)](#)" and "[Toy Story 2 \(1999\)](#)".

ErmeY spent eleven years in the Marine Corps, Two of which were spent as being a Drill Instructor at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, India Company 3rd Recruit Training Battalion 1965-67, Arrived in Vietnam in 1968 spending 14 months attached to Marine Wing Support Group 17 and 2 tours in Okinawa. He rose to the rank of Staff Sergeant and was medically retired for injuries received. On May 17, 2002 he received an honorary promotion to Gunnery Sergeant (E-7) by Commandant James L. Jones, becoming the first retiree in the history of the Marines to be promoted. Using G.I. Bill benefits, ErmeY enrolled at the University of Manila in the Philippines, where he studied drama. Francis Ford Coppola was filming "[Apocalypse Now \(1979\)](#)" in the area and cast ErmeY in a featured role. He has since gone on to star or appear in approximately sixty films.

ErmeY is no stranger to prestigious television either. He has starred in numerous telefilms including HBO's "[Weapons Of Mass Distraction \(1997\)](#)", TNT's "[Rough Riders \(1997\)](#)", and TNT's "[You Know My Name \(1999\)](#)", starring Sam Elliot, as well as Showtime's "[The Apartment Complex \(1999\)](#)".

Recently, Lee starred with Elizabeth Pena in the feature "[On the Borderline \(2001\)](#)". Just before that, Lee was in the feature film "[Skipped Parts \(2000\)](#)", with Jennifer Jason Leigh and Drew Barrymore. He also had a recurring role on FOX's critically acclaimed "Action", starring Jay Mohr and Illeana Douglas.

Watch Lee each week on his NEW show, LOCK N' LOAD on History. Lee most recently starred in "[The Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning \(2006\)](#)". Lee has appeared opposite Jeff Bridges in "[Scenes of The Crime \(2001\)](#)", Harvey Keitel in "[Taking Sides \(2001\)](#)" and Crispin Glover in "[Willard \(2003\)](#)".