



Loring (Rich) Richardson



Parade Grand Marshal 2018

Worthington Memorial Day Parade



Master Sargent Loring Richardson, US Army Retired, grew up in Columbus where he attended Whetstone High School and Franklin University.

In 1966 he enlisted in the Army and after a short tour of duty in Germany he headed for Vietnam where he served as a Door Gunner & Crew Chief with the 173rd Assault Helicopter Company. MSG Richardson received multiple awards of the Army's Air Medal, having logged over 500 hours of combat flight time in the central highlands of Vietnam. Along with many other awards and decorations, he also received the Republic of Vietnam's Cross of Gallantry.

MSG Richardson finished his 24 year military career in the US Army Reserves. His assignments included, Detachment NCO, 447th Military Police Company, 83rd Army Reserve Command Safety & Security NCO, Senior NCO Instructor at the 2078 USAR School, Detachment Supervisor of the 327th Public Affairs Detachment and 83rd ARCOM Public Affairs Supervisor.

In 1974, Rich, as he is known by friends and family, founded Richardson & Associates and in 1989 acquired ownership of Central Insurance Agency, Inc. and served as President until retiring in 2012.

Rich joined the American Legion in 1976 and served 6 terms as Commander of Leisure-Blackston American Legion Post 239 and in 2009 he founded Legion Riders Chapter 239. He is also a member of VFW, AMVETS, F&AM, and BPOE.

Rich and Darlene, his wife of 46 years, live in northeast Columbus.