

W. L. AM C. RICHAAR

Born Oct 13, 1939 in Buffalo, N.Y. , Col Richar was the son of Mendell and Virginia Lyman Richar.

He was a 1957 graduate of Forrest High School in Tionesta and joined the U.S. Army that same year. Col Richar received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA., and was a 1981 graduate of the Command and General Staff College.

Col Richar attended Artillery OCS at Fort Sill, Okla., and was commissioned in ~~1966~~ ^{AUG} 1966 as a second lieutenant. His many positions in the military included Branch Chief and Support Branch, Fort Sill Gunnery Dept; Tactics instructor at Fort Sill; and 1969-1970 operations officer of a Sergeant Missile Battalion and a Field Artillery Battery Commander with the 4th Infantry Division in Vietnam.

After leaving active duty in 1971, Col Richar began his career with the Pennsylvania Army National Guard in the 1st Battalion , 229th Field Artillery in New Castle, PA. In the battalion he was First Support Officer, Brigade Fire Support Officer, BN Executive Officer and commander from 1981-1986. He then was transferred to HQ, 28th Division Artillery in Hershey, where he served as Division Artillery S-3, Deputy Fire Support Coordinator, Executive Officer and finally the commander. Col Richar retired from the Pennsylvania Army National Guard attaining the rank of Brigadier General (PA).

Col Richar's military awards and decorations include: Bronze Star with V device; Meritorious Service Medal; Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters; Two Purple Hearts; Good Conduct Medal; Vietnam Service Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Medal; Pennsylvania Service Medal; Pennsylvania 20 Year Service Medal; Major General Thomas R. White Jr.; and the General Thomas J. Stewart Medal.