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David Richardson

Army National Guard

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Lt. Col. David Richardson volunteered for the Army National Guard in Kennett, Missouri, in October 1981. During his time in the National Guard, he was mobilized three times. The first time he was platoon leader for the First Platoon, 101st Military Police Company of the 101st Air Assault Operation Golden Eagle in 1986. His second mobilization came in 1987 where he was Officer in Command at Brownsville, Texas during Operation Guardian. His third mobilization came when he served as Military Police Duty Officer in Fort Hood, TX in 1988.

Due to his willingness to step up and help out on missions, in March of 1990 Lt. Col Richardson took an active-duty position in the US Army as Assistant Professor of Military Science, an ROTC assignment at Western Illinois University at McComb, IL. He was quickly promoted to the level of Captain. In 1992 he was assigned to the Pentagon where he remained for three years. Then he spent three years in Arlington, Virginia, with the Environmental Program of the Army. In 1998 he was reassigned back to the Pentagon for a second tour of duty with the deputy chief of staff for operations. He stayed there until December of 2001. He was on duty in the Pentagon when the plane flew into it on 9/11/2001.

After he left the Pentagon in 2001, he was assigned to manage the Headquarters budget for the Army office building in Crystal City, VA. He worked in a 15-story structure where he could look out on the Pentagon. He was promoted to Lt. Colonel in the spring of 2002. In the summer of 2005, he was assigned to Norad/Northcom in Colorado Springs, CO at Pearson Air Force Base. Here he was in charge of programming and budgeting the domestic capabilities across the US – chemical, biological, assets for security of the US – in support of National Guard units across the United States.

In 2008 through 2009, David was mobilized to the state of Missouri National Guard to deploy to Kosovo with the 33rd Infantry out of Kansas City. The Army let him respond to this assignment. He ended up in Sarajevo as NATO Chief J4 – responsible for fuel, food, vehicles, computers, and warehouses with supplies. David felt this was his most interesting assignment because he was able to work with team members from other countries who spoke other languages and had different customs

and world views. It was rewarding to make so much progress in spite of all the differences. After Sarajevo, he went back to Northcom in Colorado Springs and was honorably discharged in 2011.

Lt. Col. Richardson received over twenty-three military awards and ribbons. He is most honored to have received the Soldier's medal "for heroism above and beyond the call of duty." This is only given to soldiers who have risked their life to save fellow soldiers. David received this for his valiant acts during 9/11.

David Richardson is currently a member of the local chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, a local National Rifle Association, and the local Republican Party which he could not participate in while he was in the service.

David has six children ranging in ages from fifteen years to thirty years. He has three girls and three boys.

The advice that stands out in Lt. Col. Richardson's training came from his platoon sergeant before his Officer Candidate School. The sergeant said, "Don't quit; keep going. You are just as good as any of those other guys."

Gayoso Chapter Daughters are proud to honor and recognize David Richardson as Patriot of the Month for his patriotism and dedicated service to our great nation.