

RICHARD DELLER

Personal Life:

Richard was born in Flint Michigan in 1940. Richard's dad moved the family to Harrisville, Michigan and started farming. Richard was number 4 of 7 children. He attended school and graduated from Alcona Community High School in 1959. He was raised on a farm and learned early on the value of hard work and discipline. These were two-character traits that would positively follow Richard for the rest of his life. He joined the Navy Reserve in 1958 in high school and after graduation went to Alpena Community Junior College and was drafted into the US Navy. Richard conducted his training at The Great Lakes Training Center and from there shipped out on the USS Cascade, AD16 as a Court Reporter. Upon completion of his tour of duty, Richard Joined the Detroit Police Department and served as a police officer. Richard left the Detroit PD and joined the Michigan State Troopers, eventually meeting his wife, Christina. The Michigan State Troopers transferred Richard and Christina to Hillsdale County Michigan. They were married in 1964 and began their family. They had three sons, Todd, Aaron (deceased), and Matthew. Richard and Christina have several grandchildren and they love spending time with them when they are able.

Richard moved from the streets and highways as a Law Enforcement Officer to the position as Director of Public Safety before moving to the private sector. Richard and his family lived in Texas, where Richard was employed as a Purchasing Agent, and Human Resource Manager. Richard then finished his career as an entrepreneur owning a construction business,

Richard and Christina moved back to Hillsdale County in 2003 and totally retired. Richard enjoyed using his "retirement time" to give back to the Hillsdale County community, as you will see below.

Military Life:

Richard entered the US Navy reserve at The Great Lakes Training Center and underwent training as a Court Reporter. He served on the USS Cascade, AD16 ship before and during the Vietnam era. Richard was on a Med Cruise and his ship was rerouted to the Cuban Missile Crisis. The Cuban Missile Crisis was over before his ship arrived. Richard remembers life on the USS Cascade with fond memories. Richard loved the responsibilities of the Navy and great memories of the guys he worked with.

Community and Service Organizations:

Post 195 American Legion Paid up for Life Member

Carried the Olympic Torch 1967

Director of National Board Kairos Ministries 1984 – 1989

Jefferson Township Board Trustee 2016 – Present



Elder Lutheran Church	2019 – Present	
Jefferson Township Marijuana Officer	2021 – Present	
President of HOPE Board	2020 – Present	
Sunday School Teacher	Several Years	
Past President of Hillsdale Kiwanis		
Stephen Minister	1990 – Present	
Coached Little League Baseball	1967 – 1982	
Boy Scout Leader	1967 – 1982	
Indian Guide Leader		
Outstanding Citizenship Award from the House of Representatives		March 6, 1972
Member Hillsdale County Draft Board	1973 – 1974	
Member Board of Hillsdale Hospital	1976 – 1982	
Member Hillsdale County Veterans Affairs Board		
Assistant Chaplain Post 195		