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| Passing of MGySgt Dick Polk

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| **Joe Hillis wrote:** |

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**G. Richard (Dick) Polk, age 80, passed away in his home in Austin, Texas on November 8, 2021, with his family by his side. Dick was born on January 6, 1941 in Austin, Texas.**

He was a graduate of Austin High School and went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts from The University of Texas. After graduation, he moved to New York where he became a parole officer for the State of New York where he worked until his retirement in 2001.

Dick joined the United States Marine Corps Reserve in 1963 achieving the rank of Master Gunnery Sergeant. He retired from the USMC-R in 1992. He participated in international competitive police combat and private firearm competitions throughout his life.

He loved Texas BBQ and travel and leaves behind dear friends in near and far off places.

A private graveside service with military honors rendered by the USMC will be held on November 20, 2021.

It is with a great deal of sadness that the Old Timers Club be notified of the recent passing of one of its long-time member and supporter, George Richard (to us Dick) Polk. In addition to the above, the following was sent to me from:

Rich DeSimone: "Dick went to school for theater. He wanted to be a B'way backstage manager. NY's theaters are mostly father son backstage, so that was closed to him. He changed to Parole Officer and did his 30 and retired back to Texas...he shot with the squadron and 1st Marine Reserve District team...also shot a lot in law enforcement matches...in retirement he kept busy participating in Glock pistol matches...as far as I know he never married or had children...I second Tom Simmons' suggestion to make a donation to a gun rights organization..."

Personally, I remember him telling me how he would display one of his shooting trophies (for Colt .45 pistol) on his desk. He made sure all of his parolees saw it when they had to come in for their check ins. He wanted them to know that it was not a good idea for him to come looking for them! Dick was the Intelligence Chief for the squadron and did a good job in his MOS -- articulate and very Marine like.

As of late Dick was experiencing some severe health issues. But now he is at rest and he will be missed.

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Joe



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| **Bob Beavis:** |

 | Thu, Nov 18, 11:47 AM (1 day ago) |  |  |
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Joe, Dick was a great help to me when I was C O of VMA-131. Very professional, likeable and always a Marine. GBH. SF, bob