

# FHS WALL OF HONOR 2005

## Richard L. Lawson – Class of 1947

### Education

- Graduated Fairfield High School 1947
- Graduate of Parsons College - Iowa 1951; Air Command and Staff College - Alabama 1964; George Washington University - Washington, D.C., M.P.A 1964; National War College - Washington, D.C., 1969;
- Received honorary Doctorates of Political Science and Laws by Centenary College - Louisiana 1978, and Boston University 1980.

### A distinguished military career:

Over 7,000 hours flying time

73 combat missions during Vietnam War

Enlisted as Private Army National Guard through First Sergeant 133<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Regiment, Medical Company, ended military career as Deputy Commander-in-Chief, Europe

Military Assistant to President in the White House – 1973-75

Director of Plans, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, DC – 1975-77

Commander 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force, Barksdale Air Base, Louisiana 1977-78

Director of Plans and Policy, Organization of Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington, DC – 1978-80

U.S. Representative to Military Committee of NATO – 1980-81

Chief of Staff, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers, Europe - Mons, Belgium – 1981-83

Deputy Commander-in-Chief of US European Command – Stuttgart, Germany – 1983-86

Retired Four-Star General of the Air Force – December 1986

### Organization and Offices

- Past president and chief executive office of National Mining Association – 14 years
- Served as President of American Coal Foundation, Board of Directors of National Energy Foundation, US Energy Association, and Chairman of World Mining Congress
- Member of Washington Institute of Foreign Affairs and World Energy Council
- Vice Chairman of International Committee on Coal Research and of the Atlantic Council

### Awards and Decorations:

Defense Distinguished Service Medal

Distinguished Service Medal 1OLC

Legion of Merit 1OLC

Soldier's Medal

Air Medal with 1OLC

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal 3OLC

Army Commendation Medal

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award Ribbon 2OLC

Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon 4OLC

Presidential Unit Citation Emblem 1OLC

Bronze Star Medal

National Defense Service Medal 1SS

Vietnam Service Medal 3SS

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross w/Palm

Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal