

Robert G. Richer,

Mr. Richer retired in November 2005 from the Central Intelligence Agency as the Associate Deputy Director for Operations (ADDO). As the ADDO, Mr. Richer was responsible for leading the Clandestine Services' worldwide collection and operational efforts with specific focus on national security priorities and threats. He brought to that position more than twenty years service focused on national collection and operational priorities, the Middle East and the war against terrorism. During his years of service he developed unique relationships with key foreign officials and leaders; particularly in the Middle East and South Asia.

Prior to his assignment as the ADDO in 2004, Mr. Richer was the Chief of the Near East and South Asia Division, responsible for Clandestine Service Operations throughout the Middle East and South Asia. In that leadership role, Mr. Richer directed the Clandestine Service's roles in the prosecution of the war in Iraq, reinforced critical relationships with foreign governments and intelligence services on issues of national importance throughout the Middle East and South Asia, and participated in national security policy deliberations.

Throughout his service with the CIA, Mr. Richer developed close and productive relationships with his United States military counterparts; particularly in the area of Special Operations, the Central Command and the overall war against terrorism. His close ties to the U.S. military were built upon his military service. Mr. Richer enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1972. He was commissioned in 1978 from the enlisted ranks after participation in the Marine Corps Enlisted Commissioning Education Program (MECEP) and served on active duty until October 1983. During his commissioned service he served as a rifle platoon commander, battalion adjutant, Weapons Company Commander and as a recruit series commander. He was recalled to active service in 1991 for Operation Desert Storm where he served as an intelligence officer. He completed his service with the Marine Corps, while in the reserves, in 1997.

Mr. Richer has been awarded numerous awards and commendations from a number of foreign governments. Additionally during his Agency career, he has received commendations and awards to include the Intelligence Commendation Medal in both 1993 and 1996; the Director's Award in 2004 and in March 2006, Mr. Richer was awarded the Distinguished Career Intelligence Medal.

After retirement from the CIA in November 2005 he joined Blackwater USA as the company's Vice President of Intelligence. In January 2007 he assumed duties as the Chief Executive Officer of Total Intelligence Solutions. In February 2008 he left Total Intel to pursue private interests. Mr. Richer currently consults on Middle East and National Security issues.