



Richard Henry Buss
Captain U.S. Marine Corps
4 June 1958 – 20 April 1966



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21 April 1966 – 1 January 1987



Richard was born at home in East Texas, Pennsylvania, on 31 January 1936. He attended grade school successively in Pottstown, East Texas, and Vera Cruz, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Emmaus High School in 1953, and then attended Pennsylvania State University for one year, majoring in engineering. While at Penn State he received an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, from which he graduated in 1958, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering and a commission as 2nd Lieutenant U.S. Marine Corps. Richard was a career officer in the Naval Service, first in the Marine Corps (1958–1966) and then in the Navy (1966–1986). He retired from active service as a Navy Captain on 1 January 1987. Richard was a veteran of the Vietnam War, serving in the Da Nang area during 1965 and 1966 as a Combat Engineer in I Corps with the 3rd Shore Party Battalion, 3rd Marine Division as a Company Commander, and on the III Marine Expeditionary Force staff. In 1965, shortly after the Gulf of Tonkin incident, while stationed in Okinawa, his unit combat loaded at Buckner Bay, Okinawa on

the amphibious ship *USS Tortuga (LSD-26)*, sailed for Vietnam, and landed at Red Beach just north of Da Nang. Richard was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal with combat “V” for his service in Vietnam. In addition to the Navy Commendation Medal, his personal awards include two Meritorious Service Medals. While in the Marine Corps, besides Vietnam, Richard was stationed at Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Virginia; Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; Camp Garcia, Puerto Rico; Torii Station, Okinawa; Fort Belvoir, Virginia; and Camp Hague, Okinawa. While in the Navy, he served as a Cryptologist and Intelligence Officer and was stationed in Washington, DC; Sidi Yahia, Morocco; Chesapeake, Virginia; Fort Meade, Maryland; and the Pentagon. While on active duty, Richard attended various schools including the Army Language School (1961) where he learned to speak Chinese-Mandarin; the Naval Postgraduate School, where he earned a Master of Science degree in Computer Systems Management in 1972, George Washington University, where he was awarded a Master of Arts degree in Higher Education and Human Development in 1980; and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Washington, DC (1981). Besides Chinese, Richard also learned to speak German growing up as a boy in the Pennsylvania “Dutch” environment of East Texas, followed by formal education in German in high school and college. His interests include travel, tennis, guitar, and genealogy. After Richard retired from the Navy he settled in Annapolis, Maryland, and worked there for 12 years as a software development project manager until 1998, when he retired. He also taught evening classes in German, Business Administration, and Computer Science for the University of Maryland. Richard married **Marjorie Alice Argo** (born 23 Dec 1935). His parents are **Betty Jane Ibach** (born 12 Mar 1919) and **Henry Joseph Buss** (25 Aug 1915 – 8 Feb 1996). Henry served in the Army Air Corps during World War II.



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