

Congressional Gold Medal for Richard W. K. Lum



Dickson Lum received the Congressional Gold Medal for his Dad from MGen Lee, Deputy Commander of the Defense Information Systems Agency at the National Ceremony in Arlington, Virginia.

Richard Wah Kit Lum, President of Kung Sheong Doo from 1997-1999, was a classmate of Senator Daniel Inouye at McKinley High School, and he was always fondly greeted by the late Senator when my visiting DC.

Following high school, Richard enlisted in the Army to help fight in the War in Europe. While enroute to Europe, his orders were changed and he was sent to service as a water desalination operator in Saipan and other neighboring Pacific islands.

With the GI Bill, he attended the University of Hawaii, participating in the Army ROTC and receiving a BS in Civil Engineering. He was then commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army Corps of Engineers. In 1949 he accepted an invitation to transfer to the Air Force. This was one of the best decisions of his life after marrying his sweetheart **Mabel**.

Richard continued as a reservist and served as a civil engineer in the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He retired from the US Air Force Reserve in 1979 at the rank of Colonel having proudly served his country for over 30 years. His distinguished service included being selected as the Pacific Air Forces Reservist of the Year in 1977.

Richard was a member of the Community Church for many years and a member of the choir. Member **Debbie Brede** is his daughter.



Lt. Lum



Mabel & Richard



Col. Lum

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