

# DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS REGIMENT



**SPECIALIST 5  
RICHARD D. HOSIER**  
*U.S. Army, Posthumous*

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Specialist 5 Richard D. Hosier was assigned to the 7th Psychological Operations Battalion, 4th Psychological Operations Group, in II Corps Tactical Zone in Vietnam between October 1967 and April 1969.

During that time, his Psychological Operations (PSYOP) detachment provided direct combat support for ground and aerial operations against the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Army forces.

Hosier's passion for the PSYOP mission was contagious. He was able to establish continuous support for battalion objectives and encouraged a commitment to learn the local dialect and culture. This allowed his detachment the ability to build trust and camaraderie with allied forces, a core attribute of the PSYOP Regiment.

When two members of the 7th PSYOP Battalion's team were killed, Hosier immediately went forward to assist the depleted tactical PSYOP team. Hosier kept the mission functioning until the battalion could provide additional PSYOP assets.

Hosier's operational success as a detachment sergeant in Vietnam is demonstrated by several awards and decorations.

His military decorations include the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Aircraft Crewman's Badge, Parachute Badge, Army Commendation Medal with "V" device, Air Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal with "60" device, Good Conduct Medal, and National Defense Service Medal.

Hosier returned to civilian life in April 1969. He completed his college education and focused on a career in Logistics Management. He retired to a career in logistics consulting, and fully retired in 2017.

Hosier's passion for the PSYOP mission continued as a civilian, earning him the respect from all levels of PSYOP leadership.

For several years, Hosier served as a liaison to the Wilmington, North Carolina, area's homeless veterans support network. He was extensively involved in supporting the training of new PSYOP Soldiers at Fort Bragg (now Fort Liberty).

Hosier's commitment to the PSYOP community was demonstrated through his regular engagements with 4th and 8th PSYOP Groups (Airborne). He participated in activities and events to support PSYOP Soldiers, families, and mission success.

In 2015, Hosier accepted the appointment as the Psychological Operations Veterans Association interim Vice President of Finance and Membership. He was confirmed in this role in 2016.