

Mayor Dick Rynearson

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Term(s): 04-01-17 to 03-31-21

Position: Council Member

Term(s): 04-01-09 to 03-31-13; 04-01-13 to 03-31-17

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Dick Rynearson has lived in Fort Walton Beach since 1981. A native of Ohio, he graduated from Kent State University in 1967 with a Bachelor's Degree in Aerospace Technology.

Dick served 11 years in the United States Air Force as a pilot and missile test engineer. He served a tour in Vietnam as a C-7A aircraft commander/instructor pilot, and two tours on Guam as a B-52G aircraft commander flying missions over Southeast Asia. His combat service resulted in being awarded the Air Medal with seven oakleaf clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Silver Star.

In 1978 Dick joined Hughes Aircraft Company/Raytheon as a missile systems test engineer. He also worked in new business development before being promoted to site manager of the company's Eglin AFB based air-to-air missile test team.

Dick earned a Master's Degree in Business from Troy University in 1995. He retired from Raytheon in 2005.

Dick's wife, Janey, is the owner of PS Gifts in Fort Walton Beach. They have 4 children and 11 grandchildren, and are members of the Trinity Methodist Church.

Board & Committee Appointments:

Okaloosa County League of Cities

Okaloosa County Public Transit Board

Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (This group appointed him to the Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization)

West Florida Regional Planning Council

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