

**PROFILE OF A TRUSTEE**  
**RICHARD DUNN**



Rick got his B.A. cum laude from University of New Hampshire in 1966 (Distinguished Military Graduate), his J.D. from University of Maryland in 1969, and his LL.M. with Highest Honors from George Washington University in 1976.

From 1970 to 1979 he served as a Judge Advocate in the United States Air Force in the United States and in Turkey. His awards include the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal. He was active in the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard until 1991.

From 1979 to 1980 he was in private practice with the Washington law firm of Sullivan and Beauregard. From 1980 to 1987 he served in several positions at NASA including Counsel to the Space Commercialization Task Force and Deputy Associate General Counsel. In 1987 he was appointed as the first General Counsel of DARPA. He organized the office and provided a full range of legal services for the nation's foremost national security research and development agency. He pioneered innovative techniques to support science and technology projects by championing the enactment of legislation

that authorized DARPA to enter into cooperative relationships with commercial companies or "partnerships" of companies and other organizations. Other pioneering efforts involved obtaining authority to conduct prototype projects outside the normal contracting statutes and special authority to recruit and pay scientists and engineers without regard to Civil Service laws. Awards include the Presidential Rank of Meritorious Executive and the Secretary of Defense Medal for Meritorious Civilian Service.

From 2000 to 2007 he was Visiting Scholar/Senior Fellow at the University of Maryland, in the Department of Logistics, Business and Public Policy, R.H. Smith School of Business. Research was the primary emphasis of this position, but it also included teaching. The research was on the implementation of technology and historical national security studies.

Currently, as an independent consultant, he provides advice and engages in research and analysis on the deployment and implementation of technology in the military and civil sectors through partnering and other innovative means; he conducts research in national security operations, technology and their interactions; and analyzes laws, policies and practices that impact the implementation of technology. Pro bono work includes appointment to several study groups of the National Academy of Science and Defense Science Board.

He has taught graduate and continuing education courses at the University of Maryland. He has provided formal testimony before the House Science Committee of Congress, and has been a speaker at conferences of the National Academy of Sciences, National War College, American Bar Association, and other organizations

Rick has lived near the South River for over 30 years and spent many summers of his youth and early adult years on the Choptank River. In law school he wrote an influential research paper on water resources conflicts in Dorchester County. He now is doing research on World War II and has written several articles and a book on several aspects of the war.