

Ricardo D. Garcia was elected Town Commissioner of Shalimar on March, 2013 for a four-year term. He has been Shalimar Roads & Grounds Commissioner, Finance and Administration Commissioner, Police Commissioner, and Mayor Pro-Tem during past terms (since 2002). He ran unopposed for his present term and is currently our Roads and Grounds Commissioner and Mayor Pro-Tem.



Ricardo (Rick) was born in Rio de Janeiro, Brasil, and grew up there until his family moved to Santa Barbara, California, in 1965, where he attended and finished high school. He still has most of his family in Brasil and tries to visit them whenever possible. He is presently very retired from the United States Air Force, where he served for over 30 years in the Civil Engineering electrical career field, attaining the rank of Chief Master Sergeant. Rick is a Lifetime Member of the Hurlburt Field Chief's Group. He is also a member of the Shalimar Elementary School's School Advisory Council (SAC).

He retired in 1997 from the 823rd RED HORSE Squadron, at Hurlburt Field. Following his US Air Force retirement, Rick stayed mainly at home until 2002, when he got a contract with DynCorp International and did a two-year tour in Ecuador, South America, as a Site Manager, supporting multi-service counterdrug ops at a FOL site. After that, he went on to work for CH2M HILL as a Contract Manager, overseeing hurricane recovery work at Hurlburt Field, and managing construction on a variety of construction projects at the several US military and US government facilities in the United States and overseas. He left his position at CH2M HILL in August 2012.

Rick and his wife, Lou, have been in the area since the mid-1980s and they spend most of their free time with their 4 kids and 12 grandkids. They have been married for over 35 years and live on Avalon Lane.