



## Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army

MISSOURI (SOUTH)



## RICHARD C. MORRIS

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Mr. Morris is the Director of Operations for Fort Wood Hotels by Ehrhardt Properties that owns and operates five hotels in Saint Robert, Missouri and is the Managing Partner of Liberty Management Group that owns and operates three multi-family gated communities in Rolla, Saint Robert and Springfield, Missouri. Rick currently serves as the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) 5th Region President and is the Chairman of the Committee of Fifty (A longstanding military affairs committee).

### EDUCATION

Mr. Morris earned a Bachelor of Arts from Columbia College, Columbia, MO in 2003 and is a 2009 Graduate of Emory Executive Education, Global Leadership Institute, Emory University. Rick also earned the title Certified Hotel Administrator (CHA).

### MILITARY SERVICE

Mr. Morris served our Nation for 23 years, retiring at the rank of Command Sergeant Major. He served in a myriad of positions of increasing responsibility in peacetime and war to include a Combat tour in Afghanistan, where he was the Command Sergeant Major for Task Force Peacekeeper. Rick built a solid reputation as an innovative, passionate, and dynamic leader who could build teams of excellence. He was recognized as one of the very best in all his assignments.

### MEMBERSHIPS AND OTHER AFFILIATIONS

MILITARY: Sergeant Morales Club, Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, Life Member of Association of the United States Army (AUSA), Military Police Regimental Association (MPRA), 101st Airborne Division Association, Veteran's of Foreign Wars (VFW).

CIVIC: Rotary Club International (Paul Harris Fellow)

### AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Morris has earned numerous military awards and decorations to include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Combat Action Badge, the Meritorious Service Medal (7th Award), the US Army Recruiting Badge (Gold) with 3 Sapphire Stars, Airborne and Air Assault wings and numerous other awards and decorations. Mr. Morris was awarded the prestigious Sergeant Major of the Army Bainbridge award for his lifelong dedication to the Army and the NCO Corps in 2014 and was named the Fort Leonard Wood Retiree of the Year in 2016 and in 2018, he was selected as the Waynesville/St Robert Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year, MP Order of the Marechausee (Gold), MP Distinguished Member of the Regiment.

### ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT

January 2024

