

46+ Year Group | Treasurer | Richard Tapio, '67 | Rich attended Boys Town from 1964 to 1967. He joined the US Navy and served on Cruisers, Destroyers and LST's 1968 thru 1972. He is a Vietnam Combat Veteran. After Active Duty he switched from the fleet to the Seabees (reserves) as a Builder (BU) and retired from the Navy Reserves in 1995 as a BUCS. Rich then became a social worker and director for the Indian and Chicano Health Clinic in 1973 and a member of Labors Local 1140, Omaha, running the CETA program keeping intercity at-risk youth in school and preparing them for employment in the construction trades. In 1975 he went to work for the U.S. Department of Labor (OSHA) in Omaha Nebraska. Rich spent 34 years working around the country and the world, leading the department on several high-profile operations earning numerous awards and served as Chief Policy Advisor to the Assistant Secretary of Labor in Washington D.C. as a Senior Executive. He is an alumnus of the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. Rich retired in 2009 from the U.S. Government and currently operates his own company serving the needs of the upstream and downstream segments of the oil and gas production industry in the areas of Risk Management. In addition, he teaches safety and health classes for Texas A&M engineering extension services. Rich has been married to Carol (Dougherty) Tapio (South High 1967) for over 52 years. They have 3 sons and 5 grandchildren and currently live in McHenry, IL. He is active in his local VFW Post 4600 (Life Member) and served as an election judge for McHenry Country for the last 10 years. Rich is an enrolled member of the Oglala Lakota Tribe, Pine Ridge South Dakota and an ordained minister. He is Lifetime Member of the BTNAA. Rich's term will expire in 2029. [Email](#)