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Biographical Sketch

Richard Thomas Dunn was born on August 21, 1918 in Normal, IL, to Richard Francis Dunn and Clara Huxtable. After graduating from University High School in 1936, Dunn enrolled at the University of Illinois. While attending the U of I, Dunn entered into the R.O.T.C. program for undergraduates. Shortly after completing his R.O.T.C. training and graduating in 1940 with a bachelor of arts degree, he was commissioned into the U.S. Army Reserve Corps as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry.

During World War II Dunn spent most of his time as a military training officer in Springfield, IL while assigned to a brief commission in the Philippines. Dunn quickly and successfully rose through the Army ranks during the war years. In 1946, the time he was released from active duty, he had risen to the rank of lieutenant colonel.

After World War II, Dunn enrolled in the University Illinois College of Law and earned his degree in 1947. Upon completion of his law degree, Dunn joined his father's

law firm in Bloomington. In December 1951, he was assigned to active duty for a second time during the Korean War. During his second tour of duty he served as Battalion Commander and Inspector General of the 44th Infantry Division. Dunn was released from active duty in August 1953.

Following the Korean War Dunn was assigned to various military positions, most notably as Commander of Emergency Operations Headquarters in February 1968. During this commission, Dunn commanded the Illinois National Guard units in Chicago during the unrest following the 1968 Democratic National Convention. Dunn's command and conduct of his troops during the Chicago riots of 1968 were highly commended by the media and colleagues.

Dunn formally ended his military career by retiring in 1970. During his distinguished military career, Dunn was awarded with the following: American Defense Service Medal; American Theater Ribbon; Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon; World War II Victory Medal; National Defense Service Medal; the Legion of Merit.

Between tours of active duty in the military Dunn practiced law at his fathers' law firm in Bloomington. Dunn was appointed by Governor Richard B. Ogilvie to serve as a member on the Illinois Judicial Inquiry Board in 1975. Seven years later, Dunn was appointed to the Illinois Supreme Court Committee on Professional Responsibility.

Furthermore, Dunn was highly active in local church organizations in Bloomington and dedicated time to various community service projects and organizations. Dunn has since passed his law practice onto his son, Mark Dunn, and currently resides in Del Mesa Carnal, California.

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Folder 1: Biographical

- 1.1 "General Cites Service During Riots: Praises Illinois Guard for Efficient Action," *Illinois State Register* (Springfield), May 16, 1968.
- 1.2 "Guard's New Chief Called a Good Leader," unidentified newspaper, undated.
- 1.3 "General Dunn Honored at Kiwanis Meeting," *The LeRoy Journal*, November 15, 1984.
- 1.4 "Lawyer's Responsibility to an Orderly Society," *Daily Law Bulletin*, April 28, 1970.
- 1.5 "Dunn Topnotch Soldier," *The Sunday Pantagraph*, June 28, 1970.
- 1.6 "Distinguished Alumnus Award: Richard T. Dunn," Illinois State University Laboratory Schools, www.uhigh.ilstu.edu/alumni/awardwin/2001/richaddunn.html, accessed January 29, 2008.
- 1.7 Email from Mark Dunn to Bill Kemp providing details of Richard Dunn's military service, January 20, 2012.
- 1.8 Funeral Mass program, "Richard T. Dunn," 24 Apr 2019.

Folder 2: Extremist Groups / 1968 Chicago Riots

- 1.1 "Outline of Extremists," unidentified newspaper, undated.

- 1.2 “‘Days of Rage’ Riot Charges Dropped for Illegal Wiretaps,” *Chicago Sun-Times*, January 4, 1974.
- 1.3 “Weatherman Pleads Guilty in ‘Days of Rage’ Attack,” *Chicago Tribune*. September 14, 1977.
- 1.4 “Anatomy of the S.D.S.,” *Chicago Tribune*, May 12, 1969.
- 1.5 “Report on Secret Meeting: Plan to Use Collegians as ‘Detonators’,” *Chicago Tribune*, September 22, 1968.

Folder 3: Illinois State University

- 1.1 “Faith in the System,” *The Pantagraph*, May 16, 1970.
- 1.2 “Students Battle Police, Curfew Lifted,” *The Pantagraph*, May 14, 1970.
- 1.3 “Dunn Asks for Peaceful Dissent,” *The Vidette*, Illinois State University, May 19, 1970.
- 1.4 “Student Applause for a General,” *St. Louis Post-Dispatch Everyday Magazine*, May 16, 1970. (2 copies).
- 1.5 “4,500 Pack ISU Gym for Flag Rally,” *The Pantagraph*, May 15, 1970.
- 1.6 “Guard Commander Talks to Students,” unidentified newspaper, 1970.
- 1.7 “Students applaud General,” *Chicago Tribune*, May 16, 1970.

Folder 4: Chicago Riots

- 1.1 “Illinois Guard Reinforces City Police,” *Chicago Tribune*, April 6, 1968.
- 1.2 “Pantagrapher Sees Riot Area with General Dunn,” *The Pantagraph*, July 18, 1966.
- 1.3 “Dunn Discusses Disorders,” *The Observer*, South Bend, IN, November 14, 1969.
- 1.4 *Crisis in Chicago: 1968. Mayor Richard J. Daley’s Official Report-The Untold Story of the Convention Riots*. Bee-Line Books, Inc. New York, New York. 1968.
- 1.5 Vecchio, Joseph T. “The TOC Passes the Test,” *The National Guardsman*, Washington, D.C., June 1969.
- 1.6 “Officers Say Riots Expose Shortage in Reserve,” *The New York Times*, July 29, 1967.
- 1.7 Wirth, Melissa. “General Clarifies Riot Control, Rights,” *The Argus*, Illinois Wesleyan University, May 22, 1970.
- 1.8 “Guards in Riots to be Armed: Commander Disputes ‘Empty Gun’ Rule,” *Chicago Tribune*, March 25, 1968.
- 1.9 “Richard Dunn Heads State Military Force,” unidentified Newspaper, undated.
- 1.10 Poster: Richard Dunn Speaks on campus about events during the 1968 Chicago Riots.

Folder 5: Military Service

- 1.1 “The Great ‘41 Maneuvers,” *National Guard*, October 1981.
- 1.2 “Daddy’s Gone to War,” *The Pantagraph*, June 1952.
- 1.3 “Dunn Pleased with New Post,” unidentified newspaper, August 1957.
- 1.4 “Colonel Dunn Named to Head 129th,” unidentified newspaper, August 1957.
- 1.5 “Dunn Promoted to Colonel, Gets Infantry Unit,” unidentified newspaper, August 1957.

- 1.6 “Colonel Dunn to Give Armistice Address: Veteran Groups Arrange Program at Courthouse,” unidentified Newspaper, undated.
- 1.7 “Kankakee Guard Wins Top Award,” unidentified newspaper, undated.
- 1.8 “New Commander Inspects Aurora National Guard,” unidentified newspaper, November 1957.
- 1.9 “General Dunn Shares in Big Blast Command,” unidentified newspaper, Undated.
- 1.10 “Dunn Gets General’s Star; 2nd in Command of Guard,” unidentified newspaper, undated.
- 1.11 “Brigadier General Richard Thomas Dunn: Commander, Emergency Operations Headquarters, Illinois Army National Guard,” unidentified magazine, June 1968.
- 1.12 “Major General Leo M. Boyle: The Adjutant General, Illinois National Guard,” unidentified magazine, August 1966.
- 1.13 “Major General Francis Patrick Kane: Commanding General, 33rd Infantry Division, Illinois Army National Guard,” unidentified magazine, August 1966.
- 1.14 “Post-World War II Guard Divisional Force Structure,” unidentified magazine, June 1992.
- 1.15 “Station List: Emergency Operation Headquarters, Illinois Army National Guard,” April 1970.

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- 1.1 General Dunn receives award.
- 1.2 Armed Forces Day, 1968. State Street, Chicago. (2 copies)
- 1.3 General Dunn addresses troops. (2 copies)
- 1.4 Brigadier General Richard T. Dunn

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- 1.1 Letters from Richard T. Dunn to General Bruce Jacobs
- 1.2 “The Pre-WWII Peacetime Mobilization of the Guard,” *National Guard*, Washington D.C., Vol. XXXIV, No. 8, September 1980.

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- 1.1 1963 Field Training, 33d Infantry Division, Camp Ripley, Minnesota, 54 photographs.

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- 1.1 1964 Field Training, 33d Infantry Division, Camp Ripley, Minnesota, 36 photographs.

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- 1.1 1965 Field Training, 33d Infantry Division, Illinois National Guard, Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, 28 photographs.

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- 1.1 1966 Field Training, 33d Infantry Division, Illinois National Guard, Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, 30 photographs.

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- 1.1 1967 Field Training, 33d Infantry Division, Camp Ripley, Minnesota, 30 photographs.

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- 1.1 1969 Field Training, Illinois National Guard, Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, 95 photographs.

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- 1.1 *Report of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders*, The New York Times, Bantam Book, 1968. (annotated by Dunn).
- 1.2 "Roster of Officers, Illinois National Guard, Illinois Naval Militia," January 1948.