



# **MOSS CREEK MARINES OPERATION HELPING HEROES**



**ADOPTED HERO NO. 21  
GySgt. RICHARD FRANKLIN  
WITH CUMBERLAND**



## **GySgt Richard Franklin, USMC (ret.)**

Resides in: Newport, NC  
Age: 50  
Program placement:  
Certification: MED-PSY  
Bump Class: February 2017  
Seminar/ITT: February 2017  
**Black vest: 5/13/17**

Richard is retired from the USMC and is a Senior Pastor with his church. He was assigned as a Marine Special Agent investigating crimes against children, sex crimes, abduction and other horrific crimes. He also had repeated exposure to suicides and suicide investigations. He is constantly on high alert, zones out and experiences hyper vigilance in public arenas. He is diagnosed with PTS and strives to be a better man, father, grandfather and pastor. He wants to get out more and do more in his community.

CUMBERLAND entered Richard's life in February 2017. CUMBERLAND will help Richard by "anchoring" and/or "visit" when he is anxious. He will also help Richard with behavior/nightmare interruption and alerting when someone is coming up behind his back.

Marine Special Agent, Working Dog Handler, Military Police  
1986 – 2006 Retired

Awards & Commendations:  
Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal (6)  
Navy and Marine Achievement Medal  
Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal  
Joint Service Commendation Medal  
National Defense Service Medal (2)

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
Certificate of Appreciation  
Letter of Appreciation (3)  
Meritorious Medal  
Certificate of Commendation (Individual)  
Rifle Marksman Badge  
Pistol Sharpshooter Badge