



## **Richard Lyons**

On June 16, 1949, I was born in Edgecombe County to Susie and Henry Lyons. I entered the Edgecombe County Public School System in 1955 attending Coker Elementary School in Leggett, North Carolina. In 1964, I graduated from the eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) grade at Princeville Elementary School. From 1964-1968, I attended W. A. Pattillo High School.

Prior to graduation in 1968, I left high school to pursue a career in the United States Marine Corps. I returned home after a two year enlistment and serving one year in Vietnam to obtain my high school diploma. However, upon my return, I learned W. A. Pattillo High School had been closed. So, I attended Tarboro Senior High School and graduated in 1971.

After graduating from high school, I relocated to Washington DC. For the next five years, I worked in the heating and refrigeration industry. From 1976 to 1979, I was employed by the Federal Protective Service in Washington, DC. Later I decided to join the Prince George's County Police Department where I worked for twenty (20) years until my retirement in 1999.

Since 2012 until present, I am the Northeast Regional Director of the W. A. Pattillo High School Alumni Association, Inc. Also I serve as a proud member of the Logistics team. Currently, I reside in Prince George's County, Maryland. I enjoy traveling and spending time with my family and friends, especially my grandchildren.