

## **Al Cornella**

President

Al Cornella Refrigeration Service, Inc.

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### **Business & Professional**

- Past Chairman of the Board of the Rapid City Area Chamber of Commerce
- Past President of the Upper Midwest Refrigeration Service Engineers Society
- Board Member, Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation-Present
- South Dakota Hazardous Waste Committee-1991
- Board Member, Rapid City Economic Development Loan Fund 1994-2002
- Alderman, Rapid City Council, 1997-98.
- Academic Advisory Board, South Dakota School of Mines 1999-2006
- South Dakota Chamber of Commerce and Industry Board 1999-2005
- State Council of the National Federation of Independent Business 1996-2007

### **Military**

- Service in Viet Nam 1966-67
- ND Army National Guard, 1964-65; US Navy, 1965-69
- Honorary Commander of the 44th Missile Wing, 1991-92
- Honorary Commander of the 28th Bomb Wing, 1992-94
- Chairman of Rapid City Military Affairs 1992-1994
- Chairman of the Ellsworth Task Force, 1991-1994
- Williamson Minuteman Award, South Dakota Army National Guard, 1996
- Nominated by the Senate Armed Services Committee and appointed by President William J. Clinton to the 1995 United States Defense Base Closure & Realignment Commission (BRAC) (SES III)
- National Security Forum, Air War College, 1997.
- Department of Defense appointment as the South Dakota State Chair of ESGR 2000-2005
- South Dakota Board of Military Affairs 2003-Present
- Congressional Appointment to the Overseas Basing Commission of the United States, 2003-2005, Served as Chairman (SES IV)
- Civilian Advisory Group, Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, IL 2010-Present

### **Awards**

- George Award, Rapid City Area Chamber of Commerce 1995
- Honorary Ph.D., South Dakota School of Mines & Technology, 1995
- Black Hills Diplomat Corps Award 1996
- NFIB South Dakota Small Business Champion of the Year 2004
- Commissioner's Special Commendation, Fire Department of New York 2002
- South Dakota Hall of Fame 2005
- Office of the Secretary of Defense Medal for Exceptional Public Service 2006

**Memberships:** U.S. Naval Institute, Air Force Association, Viet Nam Veterans of America, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Rotary International

**Personal:** Interests--reading, military issues, and technology. Family--wife, Mariette, three children, and six grandchildren.