

## Dick Berry

Richard discovered fencing when he was 16 and has continued to be actively involved in contributing to the sport for the last 71 years

He had his best competitive results in the 2 years of 1957 and 1958 when he won five National Championships that included two individual Epee Championships, two Epee Team Championships and a Three Weapon Team Championship.

He has had considerable international experience competing in two World Championships, Rome in 1955 and Philadelphia in 1958. He was also invited to the World Military Championships in Cairo, Egypt in 1956 where he placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. He was then selected to be on the U.S. Olympic Squad the same year. In 1959 he was on the U.S. Epee Team that won first place at the Pan American Games in Chicago.

During his 2 years at Michigan State University, he won two Big Ten championships in both foil and epee; won 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the 1952 NCAA Epee Fencing Championships and was then voted “The Most Outstanding Collegiate Fencer Of the Year”. He was also voted into the Michigan State University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2000.

Richard was a volunteer epee fencing coach at the University of Detroit for 30 years. When he moved to California in 1994, he established a fencing program at the University of California, Davis. He is currently coaching and mentoring students at the Davis Fencing Academy established by Simon Pitfield, one of his fencing students from the University of California, Davis fencing club.