

Chairman Richard Peterson Bio

Chairman Richard Peterson was born and raised on the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Reservation in Northern Wisconsin in 1964 into a commercial fishing family. After graduating from high school in 1982, he joined the U.S. Army where he served overseas in West Germany as a Combat Engineer and also with the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, KY.

After leaving the Army, he moved to California where he graduated from college with a degree in Business and worked with Garrett Aviation/GE Aircraft Engines for 20 years.

He left Garrett in 2008 to work for Space Exploration Technologies (SpaceX).

In 2011, he moved back to Red Cliff where he worked in Tribal Operations and at the Red Cliff Community Health Center until his election as Red Cliff Tribal Chairman in 2017.