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## CEMCO MOURNS THE PASSING OF RICHARD POLIQUIN-PRESIDENT EMERITUS

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The CEMCO family is deeply saddened to announce the recent loss of President Emeritus and industry beacon Richard Poliquin. Rich was surrounded by family when he passed peacefully on Thursday June 27<sup>th</sup>.

Richard Poliquin was born to Peter and Elizabeth Poliquin in 1930 and was raised in North Dakota before coming to Southern California to join his brother Raymond (1921-2005) in 1939. Rich (as he was commonly known) served in the US Navy in the Korean War as a Mechanics Chief of a carrier-based Corsair fighter/bomber crew in the Pacific. Upon completing his service, he was honorably discharged and returned to the States. He learned the lathing trade and in 1954 with his brother Ray, started the Western Cornerite Co. Later in 1960 Rich became Vice President and General Manager as the company renamed itself Western Metal Lath Co. He served together there with his brother Ray the President, for over 25 years.

In 1980 Rich followed his brother Ray as the two Poliquin Brothers purchased California Expanded Metal Products Co. where he served as President, and President Emeritus for over 35 years. Rich's vast knowledge of manufacturing, production, and building product technology led to many of the industry's most popular products including the recently introduced Safety-Edge<sup>®</sup> Technology. For over 60 years Rich has shared his expertise with the construction industry and many of us continue to benefit from his leadership, ingenuity and integrity. He will be forever missed.

If you would like more information about this topic, please contact Steve Farkas at 800-775-2362 or email at sfarkas@cemcosteel.com.

### **About CEMCO<sup>®</sup>**

California Expanded Metal Products Co. (CEMCO<sup>®</sup>) is the premier manufacturer of cold-formed steel framing and metal-lath products in the United States. Its steel-framing product segments include FAS<sup>™</sup> head-of-wall products, ProX Header<sup>®</sup>, Pro X RO-Rough Opening framing system, Sure-Span<sup>®</sup> steel framing floor joist system, Sure-Board<sup>®</sup> for shear-wall panels, Viper-X<sup>®</sup> and ViperStud<sup>®</sup> interior stud framing systems, metal lath and water-management products along with its SFIA Code Certified steel framing products. Founded in 1974, CEMCO is the leader in quality, service, and product development, and offers one of the broadest product lines available in cold-formed steel framing used for both the commercial and residential construction markets.