

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH (Abbreviated - as of April 23, 2012)

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Larry was born the first of five children on a farm in Adams, NE, on November 1, 1940, to Clarence and Ethel (nee Remmenga) Holman. During WWII, his father served as a paratrooper in the Battle of the Bulge; his uncle "Butch" served in the Marine Corps in the Pacific; his uncle "Bud" served as an Army Air Corps pilot flying missions from Great Britain to Germany. His brother Rex served in the Marine Corps in the 1970's. His brother Dennis served in the Nebraska National Guard.

Larry married Setsuko Umekawa on December 5, 1960, while stationed at the Naval Hospital, Yokosuka, Japan. His daughter, Lori Akiko Holman, was born on March 6, 1966, in Vallejo, CA, while Larry was stationed at the Naval Shipyard there. His daughter, Yuko Donna Holman, was born on April 14, 1968, in Ube City, Yamaguchi-ken, Japan, while Larry was in Vietnam with Seabee Team 0511. Larry and Setsuko were divorced in August, 1978.

Larry married Debbie Joan Berkowitz on December 8, 1980 (Debbie has worked for nearly 30 years for the Department of Defense in Procurement). His son, Andrew Joseph Holman, was born November 27, 1981, in the Naval Hospital, Whidbey Island, Oak Harbor, WA, the duty station from which Larry retired from the Navy. His youngest daughter, Jodi Michelle Holman, was born August 31, 1983, in Jeanes Hospital in Philadelphia, PA. His youngest son, Matthew Jacob Holman, was born January 9, 1988, in Nazareth Hospital in Philadelphia, PA.

Shortly after graduating from Lincoln High School, Lincoln, NE (where he was on the Wrestling and Football teams) in 1958, Larry joined the Navy as an enlisted Hospitalman Recruit. Larry progressed through the ranks from E-1 to E-7 (Chief Petty Officer), from 1958 to 1971, when he was commissioned as an Ensign (O-1) in the Health Care Administration of the Medical Service Corps of the U.S. Navy. Larry progressed through the ranks from O-1 to O-4, from 1971 to 1982, when he retired from the Navy as a Lieutenant Commander. Larry considers the highlight of his career the time he spent from 1966 through 1968 with Mobile Construction Battalion (MCB) FIVE and Seabee Team 0511 in Danang, RVN; Bao Trai, Hau Nghia Province, RVN (Republic of Vietnam); and Go Dau Ha, Tay Ninh Province, RVN.

While still on active duty, Larry earned an AA degree in 1971 from Palomar Community College, San Marcos, CA. Then in 1974, he earned a BS degree in Health Care Administration from George Washington University in Washington, DC. After retirement from the Navy, Larry earned an MBA in 1989 and an MS in 1990, both from LaSalle University in Philadelphia, PA. By 1999, Larry had earned enough credits from Community College of Philadelphia to be awarded a second AA degree then.

During his military career, Larry earned the following decorations and awards: Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal (with 4 campaign stars), Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation, Vietnam Service Medal with Bronze Star, National Defense Service Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Unit Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Award (with three stars), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and various letters of commendation and appreciation.

After retirement from the Navy in 1982, Larry worked for various employers in the Philadelphia area, including, but not limited to, Jeanes Hospital, Temple University Health System, and Temple University, where Larry was the Assistant Director of Purchasing upon his retirement in 2006.

Since retirement, Larry served briefly on the Veterans Advisory Council at Southeast Veterans Center in Spring City, PA, and one three-year appointment (2008-2011) at Hollidaysburg Veteran Home in Hollidaysburg, PA, where he was elected as its Vice President in 2009. These were appointments by the Governor.

Larry served continuously as a delegate or alternate delegate to the PA War Veterans Council (WVC) from 2007 through 2012. In September, 2008, Larry was elected as the President, PA WVC, for term to expire in September, 2009.

Larry was elected as Commander, Department of Pennsylvania, Jewish War Veterans, for the term June, 2008, to June, 2009, during which time he served on the PA State Veterans Commission (SVC).

On May 14, 2009, Larry was elected as a member of the Board of Director, Philadelphia Veterans Comfort House, and has continued to serve since.

On January 5, 2010, Larry became a veterans representative member of the Stakeholder Committee for MH RRTPs (Mental Health Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Programs) at VAMC (Veterans Affairs Medical Center) Coatesville, PA.

On January 10, 2010, Larry was appointed to be President of National Association for Uniformed Services (NAUS) PA CD01 Chapter.

On April 5, 2010, Larry was elected to Board of Directors of Liberty Bell Chapter 266, VVA.

On April 23, 2010, Larry was appointed by Vietnam Veterans of America as VAVS Deputy Representative at the VAMC Philadelphia.

On June 6, 2010 – Elected as Executive Vice President, Pennsylvania State Council (PASC), Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA). Then on June 12, 2011, Larry became President of PASC, VVA, due to resignation of then President, Jeffrey White, to serve the balance of the term to end in June of 2012, during which time he served on the PA SVC and represented VVA as a delegate at the PA WVC and at PA CARES.

More recent Decorations and Awards:

From B'nai B'rith Adelphi Lodge #1980, a plaque for dedicated service as Community Service Chairman, 1983-1984.

From Philadelphia County Council of JWV, the PFC Emanuel Rosenberg Award of Merit and Distinction (Man of the Year 2003-2004).

From the Department of Pennsylvania of JWV at its annual convention in June 2007, the Man of the Year Award for 2006-2007.

From the Chapel of Four Chaplains on Armed Forces Day, May 17, 2008, at Staff/Sgt Theodore Feldman AMVETS Memorial Post 77 in Mantua, NJ, The Legion of Honor Award.

From the Pennsylvania Adjutant General at the meeting of the PA State Veterans Commission on September 3, 2009, the Pennsylvania Commendation Medal, with citation dated May 13, 2009.

From Commander Frank Mills, Department of Pennsylvania, VFW, the VFW Eagle Award, at the VFW Dept of PA Mid-winter Conference in Gettysburg on January 22, 2010.

Selected Veterans Activities/Memberships:

AAONHC (American Association of Navy Hospital Corpsmen)

American Legion, Corp. John Loudenslager Post 366. Elected to a position in 2011.

American Military Society (life)

AMRA (American Military Retirees Association) (life) Chapter 09

AMSUS (Association of Military Surgeons of the US) (life)

AMVETS (American Veterans) (life) Frankford Memorial Post 100. Elected to a position in 2010 and 2011.

ANU (Army Navy Union) (life)

ASMC (American Society of Military Comptrollers)

CEC (Civil Engineer Corps)/Seabee Historical Foundation

FRA (Fleet Reserve Association), Branch 001

ICPOA (International Chief Petty Officers Association) (life)

JWV (Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A.) (life) (Past Commander and current newsletter editor of Lt. Charles Freedman Post 706;

Past Commander and Vietnam Chairman of Department of PA; Past National Vice Chairman for Vietnam; Past National Vice Chairman for Information Technology)

MCL (Marine Corps League), P. W. Milano Det.

MOAA (Military Officers Association of America) (life) Willow Grove Chapter

MOWW (Military Order of the World Wars) Philadelphia Chapter

NAMC (National Association of Medics and Corpsmen)

NAUS (National Association of Uniformed Services) (life), President, PA CD-01 Chapter, 2010-?

NCOA (Non-Commissioned Officers Association)

NCUSA (Navy Club of the USA) Ship #258

NLUS (Navy League of the United States) (life) Southeast PA Chapter

NMAJMH (National Museum of American Jewish Military History) (life)

NRA (Naval Reserve Association)

NSVA (Navy Seabee Veterans of America) (life)

Philadelphia Vietnam Veterans Memorial Society (life)

USDR (Uniformed Services Disabled Retirees)

USNCSA (U. S. Navy Cruiser Sailors Association) (life)

VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) (life) Bridesburg Lawton Post 2

VNES (Vietnam Era Seabees)

VVA (Vietnam Veterans of America) (life) Liberty Bell Chapter 266

VVnW (Veterans of the Vietnam War) Post PA-61

Selected Civic/community Activities/Memberships:

FOPP (Friends of Pennypack Park) (life)

Remmenga Society (life)

Temple Beth Ami, 9201 Old Bustleton Ave., Philadelphia, PA (former congregant)

Temple University Hospital Auxiliary

Jeanes Hospital Auxiliary (life)