

Capt Lawrence J. Green

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Lawrence (Buppa) James Green passed away on December 29, 2013 surrounded by family. He was 83 years old.

He was born on April 5, 1930 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin to James Green and Vivian (Schmidt) Green. He enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve in 1947, and graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1948. He went on to attend the University of Marquette, graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering in 1952. He later went on to pursue a Master's Degree in City and Regional Planning from Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. Following his graduation, he was commissioned as Ensign, Civil Engineer Corps, United States Navy. Shortly after, he married the love of his life, Joyce Marie Rasmussen, on June 14, 1952, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Oshkosh Wisconsin.

After being commissioned, Larry embarked on a 27-year military career. Throughout his service, he was stationed in Guam, Port Hueneme, Puerto Rico, Antarctica, Washington State, Great Lakes, IL, Washington D.C. Naval Yard, Vietnam, and Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) in El Toro California. Most notable of these assignments was his role as officer in charge of all Seabees during Operation Deep-Freeze on the continent of Antarctica. The overall mission of Operation Deep-Freeze, which consisted of approximately 22 countries around the globe, was scientific. He also served two terms in Vietnam, where he personally contributed to the reconstruction of railroad bridges and military camps. Larry's selfless leadership and outstanding devotion to the country, earned him the Bronze Star among many other accolades including the Navy Unit Commendation, the Silver Star, and the Vietnam Service medal. Larry retired from the Navy in 1973 with the rank of Captain.

Upon retirement from the navy, Larry joined the Architecture and Engineering firm VTN in Irvine, California. He remained there until 1978 when he moved to Longmont, Colorado to begin reconstruction on the Big Thomson Canyon. During this time, he owned his own construction management company, was appointed the first director of Community Development for the city of Longmont, and held the position of President and CEO of the Economic Development Association of Longmont. He also served on Governor Romer's Trade Missions to Japan and other far East Countries. In 1991, Larry formed Larry Green and Associates, a commercial real estate firm. While in real estate he continued to serve on boards, committees, and task forces. He was awarded the very first Brock Memorial Award for outstanding contribution to the business and community. In addition, Larry was very active behind the scenes in local politics. He retired from real estate in 2007 to his home in Mead.

Throughout his life he enjoyed playing tennis, hunting, reading history, and spending time with family, especially his wife Joyce. In his spare time, he received his private pilots license and loved flying his own plane. He also frequently found peace visiting the family cabin in the mountains of Wyoming. Larry was a long time member of the Catholic Church in which he was an active participant in the choir. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He never met a stranger and worked tirelessly to improve the lives of his family and community.

He was preceded in death by loved son-in-law Adolf (Ady) Medina. He is survived by his beloved wife of 61 years, his seven children; his 18 grandchildren; and 9 great grandchildren, with one on the way.





JAPANESE RIFLE GIVEN TO MUSEUM—Lt. (jg) Lawrence J. Green, Civil Engineer Corps, USN, presents a Japanese automatic rifle to Capt. W. C. G. Church, commanding officer of the Construction Battalion Center at Port Hueneme, Calif. The weapon will be placed in the SeaBee Museum at the Center. Before entering the Navy, Lt. Green graduated from Marquette University and was employed as a construction engineer by Peter Rasmussen & Son, Oshkosh. He is the son of James F. Green, 424 S. Park Ave., Oshkosh, and Mrs. Vivian Bloedow of Bay View; and husband of the former Miss Joyce Rasmussen, also of Oshkosh.

Oshkosh Man Is En Route To Antarctic

QUONSET POINT, R.I. (Delayed) — Lt. Lawrence J. Green, CEC, USN, son of James E. Green, 126 W. South Park Ave., Oshkosh, and of Mrs. Vivian Bloedow, Rt. 5, Oshkosh, and husband of the former Miss Joyce M. Rasmussen, 505 Central St., Oshkosh, left the Naval Air Station, Quonset Point, R.I., Oct. 31 aboard an Air Force transport bound for the Antarctic Continent.

He is one of 12 Navy men destined for the Williams Air Facility at McMurdo Sound to spend the forthcoming long winter "night" working with the Antarctic scientists.

During the 14,000 mile trip, rest and refueling stops will be made in California, Hawaii, the Canton Islands and Fiji Islands, before arriving at Christchurch, New Zealand, the jumping off place for flights over the 2,000 miles of water and ice to Antarctica.

Deep Freeze IV will provide support for the final phases of the International Geophysical Year and will continue to support the Antarctic Research Program when it replaces the IGY organization Dec. 31.

Cmdr. Lawrence Green Is Awarded Gallantry Cross

Commander Lawrence J. Green, CEC, USN, son of James F. Green and Mrs. Vivian Bloedow of Oshkosh, chief staff officer of the Thirtieth Naval Construction Regiment, (30NCR), Red Beach, Da Nang, Vietnam, was presented the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Silver Star by Colonel Cang, Army of the Republic of Vietnam I Corps chief of staff. The ceremony took place on Aug. 28 in Da Nang.

The award was presented for Cdr. Green's conduct of operations and projects of 30NCR from Sept. 16, 1968 to Mar. 15, 1969. Besides purely military construction projects, 30NCR made a significant contribution to maintenance and construction of Highway No. 1 from Nam-O to Lang-Co; reconstruction of Freedom, Cooper, Golden Gate bridges and four railroad bridges between Da Nang and Hue; maintenance and construction of numerous roads; establishing and equipping of facilities for An Hoa airfield.

In part, Green's citation reads: "In spite of constant en-

emy attacks, shellings and sabotage against the worksites, Green, with a complete disregard for hardships and personal safety, was frequently present at the worksites to direct, supervise and encourage his men.

"Thanks to Green's concern and enthusiasm, the above projects were completed within a very short period of time, helping a great deal our pacification program and insuring victory over the Communist aggressors."

Three days later, Green was again awarded for his Vietnamese service, this time by his own country.

During a Sunday morning ceremony, Green was presented the Bronze Star medal with Combat "V" by Rear Admiral J. G. Dillon, commander Third Naval Construction Brigade (3NCB). This medal was earned for meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service as chief staff officer, 30NCR, from Sept. 15, 1968, to Sept. 15, 1969.

Green's new duty station is the Naval Facilities En-

gineering Command, Washington D.C.

The commander is married to the former Miss Joyce Marie Rasmussen of Wautoma. They have seven children: Jeffrey 16, Susan 14, James 12, Mark 10, Mary 8, Kathryn 7 and Barbara 6.



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