



Merlyn F. Sudbeck

Merlyn (Bud) F. Sudbeck served in the USAF from May 1951 – 1955. He was born in Croften, Nebraska and entered service from Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Bud was trained and assigned to the 6610 Air Bombardment Group, HQ Aviation Engineering Force. During the Korean War he served under General Omar Bradley flying C-47 transport aircraft supporting Staff Judge Advocate functions in the European sector. He also served at Naval Air Station Argentia, McAndrew Air Force Base, Placentia Newfoundland where he supported wartime naval operations and Judge Advocate functions. He was appointed honorary Seaman for his support and role aboard the USS Fulton AS11.

In 1955, Bud separated from the Air Force and began his civilian career and met Jean, his lifelong wife of 60 years.

Bud joined the American Legion (AL) in 1995, and in 2012 he became Commander of the American Legion Post 327. As AL Commander he established the Navy Sea Cadet Volunteer Program providing cadets with service time, volunteer hours, and training opportunities for military career advancement. He also established many fundraising projects that still support local veterans in the Orange County area.

