



Robert Ammann

In October 1956 I made a momentous decision to enlist in the Army. It is a decision that I have never regretted. My Army experience instilled in me valuable lessons in leadership, respect, duty, & love of country.

I was sent to Ford Ord, CA. Immediately I was sent to Fort Carson, CO where I completed basic training. In January 1957, I was assigned to Artillery & Guided Missile School. Two months later I sailed from New York to Germany. I was assigned to Field Artillery where I worked on a 280mm Atomic Cannon Battalion in Baumholder, Germany. Later I was reassigned to the Field Artillery Observation Battalion in Karlsruhe, Germany. By this time, I had obtained several promotions & attained Specialist Fifth Class.

I returned to the United States on the USS Darby. I had returned to school, securing a job with the Workers Compensation Insurance Rating Bureau. I spent 15 years there. Upon leaving, I was hired by Fremont Insurance, eventually becoming the Home Office Manager until my early retirement in 2002.

In 1962 I met & married my wife, Iris. We had two boys, Steve and Ken. We were happily married for 25 years. Sadly, she died in 1988. She would never know her grandchildren by Steve & his wife Renee, Alex, Lynette, & Jordan. Ken married Monica. In 1990 I married Kerry. I became the stepfather to her daughter, Genevieve. Genevieve would later marry Coleman & my other two grandchildren were born, Madeline & Luke.

I enjoyed many activities upon retirement. I traveled, carried out home improvement projects, & attended sporting events.

I also became a highly active volunteer in Tustin. I participated in the Tustin American Legion & served as Commander for 9 of my 18 years. I was active in the Tustin Historical Society & the Tustin Community Foundation. In 2013 I was honored as Tustin's Man of the Year.

