

LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH AUGUST 1996

AL HOLTZ

The Leisure World Historical Society is pleased to announce the selection of **AL HOLTZ** as Leisure Worlder of the Month for August, 1996. This event is sponsored by the Ross Cortese Commemorative Fund.

Al was born and raised in the Smoky City, Pittsburgh PA, and received his basic education there. Subsequently he attended West Coast University where he developed knowledge and expertise as a Radar/Electronic technician. This background served him well while assigned to the U.S. Army Signal Corps Radar School during military service.

Our honoree utilized his total background during his working career that spanned the 1958 - 1983 time frame. His areas of responsibility included factory sales engineer of electrical/electronic gear, engineering/sales of modular test equipment for use in aircraft, missiles, computers, telephone and traffic control systems. He was European Manager for his firm and spent 12 years on the Continent with his family. On his return to the States, Al was appointed West Coast Manager.

Al has always worked with service veterans since his 1952 service discharge. He has been extremely active in Jewish War Veterans and has held the Commander's Post at the county and state level. His recognition was exemplified by all the "Man of the Year" awards and "Special Commendations" received from local state and national governing bodies. Devoting much of his volunteer time to disabled veterans and disseminating pertinent information to L.W. veterans and members of veterans' groups, Al has been a speaker at many veterans' events.

Lorraine and Al Holtz joined the Leisure World Community in 1985 and became active in its affairs shortly thereafter. Al was Badminton Club President, Table Tennis Club Vice President and kept active in bocce, slipcasting, swimming and was Commander of the Major Gary Grant J.W.V. Post #680. He was also an active participant in a number of L.W. 25th Anniversary Committees.

Al's nuclear family includes daughters Janet, Joni, Jeanne and Jill and son Jim. The extended family is represented by grandchildren Dusty, Joey, Chris, Alex, Aleem, Joshua and Jacob.

Al and Lorraine covered most of mainland U.S.A. and 18 countries in Europe during their working career and they visited an additional 30 countries after retirement. Well traveled is an understatement!!

Al's greatest reward, in his own words, "nothing more rewarding than to help a fellow veteran who is confined to a hospital bed. If it were not for the veterans, who knows what flag we would be saluting today?"