



CSM John H. "Jack" Holman

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CSM John H. "Jack" Holman faded away on March 5, 2013, at the young age of 62. Jack is survived by his wife of 40 years, Diana, son Jarrod and wife Trina, daughter Lauren, and three perfect grandchildren, Madeline, Gabriel and Averie. His sister, Toni Collins and husband Jeffrey, and brother Evan and wife Gennie, still live close to the Philadelphia area where Jack was born. Jack remained very close to his parents-in-law, Vera and DJ, and brother-in-law and wife, Roy and Lisa.

CSM Holman was a Soldier. He entered active duty on December 31, 1969, as a medical specialist and went to Vietnam three months later where he served with three combat units and combat support units in the 1st Cavalry Division. He earned a Bronze Star, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Combat Medics Badge and Combat Infantryman Badge. He had numerous stateside assignments and was stationed in Germany and Belgium. He was also deployed in support of Operation Desert Shield/Storm. He was one of a few medics that were also a tank commander. CSM Holman served as the Command Sergeant Major of Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital from 1993-2000. His duties were expanded to include Senior Medical NCO Observer/Controller of Echelons Above Division, Operations Group.

CSM Holman loved training Soldiers. His legacy is the numerous young men and women that he influenced and molded: Cody, Rader, Speedy, Bidez, Santiago, Torretti, Early, Tuna, Crosby, Martone, Talbert, and so many others. Lieutenants and Captains will remember him going through their combat gear piece-by-piece, explaining each item and welcoming his encouragement before they deployed. He also loved his BJACH civilians. There were few nights that Jack did not stop by the ER or the wards to check and make sure that everyone was doing okay or stop by the clinics during the day to "torment" the nurses with his crazy humor. He had a special place in this heart for the folks on the cleaning teams and the dining facility.

There will be no service. The family has instead chosen to have a simple ceremony at their home as Jack was not a man for pomp and circumstance. Arrangements are under the direction of



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Labby Memorial Funeral Home of Leesville. In lieu of flowers take a Soldier to lunch or put gas in a Soldier's car. Pay it forward and Jack will be proud.



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EC

Earleshaye Cooper posted:

CSM Holman was my first 'Pac Supervisor/CSM' and he was awesome. He taught me what he knew about PAC and when it was time for me to get married he called my now husband and I into his office to brief my husband! Loved this guy! I've prayed for him through the years and I pray he rests in peace.

August 15 at 7:00 PM

MG

Mick Good posted:

Heard from my old NCOIC SFC Kendrick, my first memory of CSM was that he had selected me to be a part of his color guard upon me arriving to Fort Polk - BJACH in Aug of 1998. I had failed my initial PT test and some people were confused as to why i remained as part of such a honorable group, and upon being questioned by an unnamed person, while we were at practice for the 1998 Holiday Ball, CSM loudly burst out an emphatic "stand down 1st sgt" and that was the end of that. Then there was the time that although he had went fully into retirement, upon being asked CSM put on his dress greens and came to my E4 promotion ceremony to pin me, which touched me deeply. Im extremely sad that he went to be with GOD at such an early age, but glad that he is at peace and ease. God Speed Sargent Major

March 26 at 7:00 PM

KC

Kristy Donahue-Cormier posted:

Diana, Jarrod and Lauren - I am so sorry to hear of Jack's passing. He will be missed. They don't make them like him anymore. I was so lucky to have served with him (and Diana) for 6 years while stationed at BJACH. Yes I was one of the LTs that grew into a CPT while under Jack's watch and guidance. Team Holman's example of selfless service became a compass to me through my time in the service and even today (15 years later) as I continue to serve as a full time military spouse and mother. I have am so grateful to have crossed paths with Jack and Diana and even more grateful to call them friends. Hugs to the Holman Family

March 25 at 7:00 PM



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KC

Kristy Donahue-Cormier posted:

One funny/fond memory of Jack to share. My first child was born at BJACH while I was company commander and of course while Jack was CSM. When I went into labor with Nick - Jack thought it would be great to announce this over the intercom at BJACH (this was before email). He proceeded to announce my status over the intercom several more times until Nick was born. I thought he was crazy at the time but afterwards I knew it was his way of "sharing". Mind you that this was Thanksgiving Day and both he and Diana were at hospital awaiting Nick's arrival. Giving up part of their own family time to support me and my husband.

March 25 at 7:00 PM

JC

Jim Cole posted:

I just received word, and I'm deeply saddened. There have been a handful of people in my life who have been my true mentors and sources of real inspiration. CSM Holman was one of them -- an exemplary soldier, leader, teacher, and overall great guy. I am a better person because of Jack. I am grateful for all that he did for so many of us.

March 24 at 7:00 PM

PS

Pam Simmons posted:

I am so sorry for your families loss. You will be in my prayers. Love ya.

March 10 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

God Bless you sir and your family!

March 7 at 7:00 PM

DA

David & Annette posted:

Our love and prayers are with you and your family.

March 7 at 7:00 PM



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CG

Christopher Gilliam posted:

Heard about from Troy Bidez, and Judy Russell. My deepest condolences and prayers to the family during this time. CSM Holman was the hardest most respectable CSM I ever served under and yes as the flag team leader and holder of the American flag after countless hours of practice and rehearsal we switched the flags by accident on the change of ceremony day - after impressing him enough to receive his coin following an NCO board - I am sure that if it had been anyone else who switched the flags they would have beat him where he is at now - lol. I have many memories and hope that this shed some more laughter in admiration of someone who influenced me enough to be the NCO of the year for BJACH - Thanks CSM Holman - Jack I will see you soon on high ground!!!

March 7 at 7:00 PM

LB

Louisa Blankenship posted:

I'm so sorry to hear of Jacks passing, he loved to tease,it was always funny and made me laugh at BJACH, My heart goes out to you and your family Diana.

March 7 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I knew CSM Holman while I worked at BJAH. I will always remember his spirit and words of wisdom when I was dealing with military matters of soldiers who worked under me. May God grant peace and comfort to the family during these coming days.Rev. Kenneth E. Ronaghan, Monroe, LAContact Me

March 6 at 7:00 PM

LM

Lawrence Marquez posted:

Diana and family. Heard about your loss from Donna Chapman. You and yours are in my thoughts and prayers. I have good memories of CSM. Always, COL Lawrence and Beverly Marquez

March 6 at 7:00 PM



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