

Robert J. Leupold

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Captain, Dental Corps, U.S.Navy, Retired.
Professor Emeritus, Prosthodontics, Dental School, University of
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Robert J. Leupold was born in Brookline, MA. November 28, 1927, to Frances D. and Robert J. Leupold. He graduated Boston English High School in 1942. His pre-Medical education was at Northeastern University where he majored in Biology/Chemistry and graduated in 1945. He entered Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in 1945 at the age of 17 and graduated on a Navy Scholarship with a D.M.D. degree in 1949.

Upon graduation, he married Rosalie T. Fitzpatrick of Cohasset, MA. and was commissioned a LT (j.g.) Dental Corps, USN. LT Leupold immediately reported to the U.S. Naval Hospital, Philadelphia for internship training which was completed in 1950 at the Naval Dental School, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD. His duty stations were: 1950-1951 Naval Training Station, Newport, R.I.; U.S.S. Roanoke, CL145 Norfolk, VA from 1951 to 1953; a short assignment onboard the U.S.S. New Jersey BB 62 while underway in the Mediterranean and Naval Station, Boston, MA. In 1953, Dr. Leupold left the Navy for private practice in Weymouth MA, for four years but retained an active Navy reserve commission.

In 1957, he reactivated to the Navy and reported for duty as a LCDR, DC, USN. to the Submarine Base, New London, CT. This was followed in 1959 with three years with the Marine Corps attached to the Second Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, at Cherry Point, N.C. and deployment to Guantanamo

Bay Cuba in 1962 during the Cuban missile crisis. Later in 1962 he reported to the Naval Dental School, Bethesda, MD for two years of specialty training in Prosthodontics and received a Masters degree in Microbiology from the Georgetown University Graduate School of Medicine. Upon graduation, CDR Leupold was kept on teaching staff at Bethesda from 1964 to 1966 and received Board certification from the American Board of Prosthodontics in 1965. In 1966 he reported to the U.S.S. Grand Canyon, AD 28 at Newport, RI as the Dental Officer. Promoted to Captain in 1968, he went to San Francisco, CA as Director of Navy Prosthodontic residency training on the West coast. In 1970, he was one of the Charter members of the American College of Prosthodontists. After California, he received orders back to Naval Graduate Dental School as Chairman of the Prosthodontic Department and in 1973 he was named Deputy Commanding Officer of the School and NNDC under RADM G.D. Selfridge DC, USN. CAPT Leupold also received an MA in Education from the George Washington University in 1975. CAPT Leupold retired from Bethesda and the Navy in 1975 after 27 years of active duty.

Upon Navy retirement in 1975, Dr. Leupold had been selected for the position of Director of a new Prosthodontic Postgraduate Program at the University of Maryland Dental School. In 1976 he was selected for tenured Professor and Chairman of the Prosthodontic Department. Dr Leupold spent 15 years at Maryland and on retirement in 1990, was honored with the title of Professor Emeritus of Prosthodontics. Married to Rosalie Fitzpatrick in 1949 they celebrated 64 years of marriage in 2013.

Dr. Leupold is survived by his wife, Rosalie T. Leupold of Annapolis, MD; three sons, Robert J. Leupold of Prescott, AZ., Dr. Richard J .Leupold, Captain, Dental Corps, USN, (ret), of Annapolis, and Thomas W. Leupold, of Phoenixville, PA.; Seven grandchildren, Matthew, Kathleen, Peter, Michael, Christopher, Julie and Thomas.

After fully retiring, Dr. Leupold and Mrs. Leupold settled in Annapolis for the summers and spent seven months of each year in Naples, FL. Their travelling took them to every port in the Mediterranean, the Middle East and North Africa, All of Scandinavia, Ireland, Britain, Russia, the Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Japan, China, Indonesia, Australia, Malaysia, Thailand and most South American countries.