

## **DR. ROBERT W. HINMAN**

March 3, 1939 – June 3, 2022



We announce with deep regret the passing of Dr. **Robert (Bob) W. Hinman, DC, USN (Ret)**.

Dr. Hinman was a native of Franklin Village, Michigan born on May 3, 1939, to Winfield and Kathryn Hinman. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Michigan State University; and was awarded a doctorate in Dental Surgery from the University of Detroit.

Dr. Hinman served on active duty from 1966 through his retirement in 1996. His assignments included Assistant Dental Officer, Naval Training Command Great Lakes, IL and Naval Air Station, Agana, Guam as VW-1 Squadron Dental Officer with regular deployments to Chu Lai Vietnam. He served as the Prosthodontic Department Head, Naval Air Station, Alameda and guided the Dental Department aboard the USS BRYCE CANYON (AD-36) through two deployments

during the final phase of Vietnam.

Following a residency in Prosthodontics in Bethesda, MD, Captain Hinman served as the Prosthodontic Department Head for Naval Dental Clinic Washington, 11<sup>th</sup> Dental Company; 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Air Wing, Iwakuni, Japan and Washington Navy Yard. Following these tours, Hinman directed the Navy Research Program at the National Bureau of Standards before joining the staff at the Naval Dental School, Bethesda as a Prosthodontic Residency mentor.

He then served as the command consultant and OIC of the Naval Station Clinic in San Diego, CA. Hinman spent his remaining years in executive medicine. He served as Executive Officer Naval Dental Command San Diego, California, and then the Commanding Officer, US Naval Dental Center, Naples, Italy, and the U.S. Naval Forces Europe Fleet Dental Officer. He retired in 1996 after serving as the Commanding Officer, Naval Dental Command Pearl Harbor and Dental Officer of the U.S. Naval Forces Pacific Fleet.

Dr. Hinman was a diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics and was a fellow in the American College of Prosthodontists. He was an active member on the American National Standards Committee, MD 156, and represented the United States as a delegate to the International Standards Organization. He published 27 scientific papers and was a coauthor for three books on dental materials and Prosthodontics.

His awards and decorations included the Legion of Merit with star; Meritorious Service Medal with gold star; Navy Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal with bronze star; Vietnam Service Medal with two bronze stars; Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Navy, and Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon with silver star.

Dr Hinman is survived by his daughter Debra Hinman, grandson Nicholas Dempsey Hinman, daughter Wendy Hinman, and son in-law Garth Wilcox.

He passed away peacefully, while surrounded by family on June 3, 2022. His memorial is scheduled for November 27, 2022, in **Honolulu, Hawaii**.