

Colonel James G. Holland Jr.

(Recently, we were contacted by John Holland about his father's Army service. His father, Col. James G Holland Jr., had served at [Camp Croft](#) during World War II. John has furnished us the comments and information in this article.

The Henry Kissinger he discusses is the former United States Secretary of State who also underwent training at [Camp Croft](#).)

My father was a member of the US Army from 1940 to 1967, Col. James G. Holland Jr. One of his stations was at [Camp Croft](#), at the time he was a Captain.

We spent 2 years in Paris while he was assigned to SHAPE, (Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe), then back to Carlisle, Pennsylvania to the Army War College. He retired from the army in 1967 and took a position at the University of South Carolina teaching International Relations. He retired in 1983 on disability and passed away in 1997.

My father was assigned to Harvard in Boston, Massachusetts with Henry Kissinger as a Fellow.

(This article about Col. Holland is taken from the military newspaper of the U.S. Army Third Division, [The Marne Rock](#) of Friday, June 15, 1962.)



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Col J. G. Holland

Presently commanding the 7th Infantry is the unit's 61st commander, Col James G. Holland Jr., a native Alabaman.

Col Holland was commissioned in the infantry on May 11, 1940 upon graduating from the University of Alabama. His first assignment was as a platoon leader with the 11th Infantry.

The following spring he accompanied his unit to Trinidad as a special services officer. He remained in the West Indies until Sept, 1942.

He was next stationed at Camp Croft, S. C., until November of 1943, serving as a company commander and a battalion executive officer with the 37th Infantry Training Bn.

In 1948 he attended Yale University for two years and received his masters degree in international relations. In 1950 he continued his scholastic pursuits at West Point.

From 1954—1955 he attended the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth. Upon completion of this school he was sent to Korea where he acted as senior advisor to the 20th ROK Infantry Division, from 1955 to 1956.

His next assignment took him to Okinawa where he was special assistant to the High Commissioner of the Ryukyu Islands. Late in 1957, Col Holland went to the Army War College.

Among his decorations, Col Holland holds the Crown of Italy, Royal Italien Army; Cross of War Merit; Bronze Star; European and Middle East Medal, and the American Defense Medal with clasp.

James G. Holland

AWARDS BY DATE OF ACTION:

Army Distinguished Service Medal

AWARDED FOR ACTIONS
DURING Cold War

Service: Army

Rank: Colonel

GENERAL ORDERS:

Department of the Army, General Orders No. 3 (January 23, 1968)

CITATION:

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress July 9, 1918, takes pleasure in presenting the Army Distinguished Service Medal to Colonel (Infantry) James G. Holland, Jr. (ASN: 0-24573), United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished services to the Government of the United States, in a duty of great responsibility, during the period from June 1959 to August 1967.



(Above and below are just two of the many medals awarded to Col. Holland during his career.)

James G. Holland

AWARDS BY DATE OF ACTION:

Legion of Merit

AWARDED FOR ACTIONS
DURING Vietnam War

Service: Army

Rank: Colonel

GENERAL ORDERS:

Department of the Army, General Orders No. 46 (October 26, 1967)

CITATION:

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, 20 July 1942, takes pleasure in presenting the Legion of Merit to Colonel (Infantry) James G. Holland, Jr. (ASN: 0-24573), United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services to the Government of the United States from July 1965 to August 1967.





Taken in 1964 after our return from Europe.

Top row, left to right: my brother, Jeff, my father, James G. Holland, Jr, award officer in New York, New York, my brother James G. Holland, III, me (John).

Bottom row, left to right: my brother, Jason Nicolas, my sister, Andrea Jean, my mother, Margaret (Peg), my niece, Blaine Holland, my sister-in-law, Anne Jacob Holland (my brother Jim's wife)

(Family picture furnished by John. The awards officer in the picture had just presented Col. Holland the Army Distinguished Service Medal, shown on page 2.)

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