



Signalman Striker Insignia

Roy Henry Price
Seaman 1/C U.S. Navy
2 February 1945 – 3 July 1946

Roy was born on 3 February 1927 in Dade County, Miami, Florida, where he attended grade school. In 1937 he moved to Allentown, Pennsylvania, where he attended public schools and graduated from Allentown High School in 1945 while still a senior – a practice followed during World War II for young men wishing to enlist in the Armed Forces. He enlisted in the Navy on 2 February 1945 and was sent to Sampson, New York, for boot camp training. Twelve weeks later he was assigned to Signalman's Training School at Bainbridge, Maryland. Upon completion of training in November 1945, Roy was sent to Alameda Naval Air Station in California for deployment to the Far East. There he boarded the aircraft carrier escort *USS Shamrock Bay* (CVE-84) bound for Pearl Harbor, Hawaii and where he boarded the *USS Fanshaw Bay* (CVE-70) bound for Yokosuka, Japan. After arrival in Japan, in December Roy was assigned as a Signalman/Radio/Radar Operator aboard Landing Ship Medium (LSM-282), a ship with the mission of supporting amphibious landings by providing close-in fire support using her battery of rocket launchers. During the time



USS Shamrock Bay (CVE-84)



USS Fanshaw Bay (CVE-70)



LSM-282



USS Butner (AP-113)

Roy was aboard LSM-282, she was engaged in transporting soldiers, marines, and heavy equipment between various Japanese ports including Yokohama, Nagoya, Tateyama, and Kobe during post-World War II occupation and demobilization operations. When LSM-282's demobilization mission was completed, Roy and crew sailed for Shanghai, China, where the ship was decommissioned and turned over to the Republic of China on 3 June 1946. Roy departed Shanghai for California on 12 June 1946 aboard the *USS General Henry W. Butner* (AP-113), arriving there on 24 June 1946. Roy then boarded a troop train back to Bainbridge where he received an honorable discharge as Seaman 1/C on 3 July 1946. Roy returned to live in Allentown while he continued his education. He completed a course in industrial engineering with the Industrial Management Institute of Philadelphia in 1948 and joined the engineering department of Air Products, Inc., in Allentown. Several years later he graduated to the Government Projects Department and was assigned a field office in Orlando, Florida, that served the government's missile and space programs. In 1970, Roy joined the Fuller Company in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and became Advertising Manager for the company involved in the cement and minerals processing industries. Roy retired from Fuller in 1985 and moved to Macungie, Pennsylvania, in October 2004. He became a member of the Lower Lehigh Lions Club and the Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Roy married **Elinore Kay Gottshall** (10 August 1931 – 11 December 1984). His parents were **Roy Henry Price** (1900 – 1932) and **Helen Lydia App** (26 January 1900 – 25 June 1992).