

DANIEL J. BURLING **BIOGRAPHY**

Daniel J. Burling was born January 11, 1947 in Batavia, New York, and following graduation from Ilion High School, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. In 1972 he graduated first in his class from the Riverside School of Aeronautics, receiving the FAA Approved School Graduate Award for Outstanding Academic Performance. He then graduated from Herkimer County Community College and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1980 from the University of Buffalo School of Pharmacy.

He was selected as the 1999 Alumnus of the Year at Herkimer County Community College, and was named a charter member of the Phi Lambda Sigma Beta Omicron Chapter in the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of Buffalo. In 2012 he received the "Pharmacist of the Year" award from the Western New York Pharmacist Association.

As a New York State registered Pharmacist; Dan was President and owner of Burling Drug, Inc. with a store in Attica from 1987-1996 and in Corfu from 1991 until its sale in July 2013. He has also served as an Intern Pharmacist at Buffalo General Hospital and Staff Pharmacist at Genesee Memorial Hospital, and as a Consultant Pharmacist for the Genesee County Nursing Home in Batavia. He also served as a Staff Pharmacist at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Utica, NY. He served as a Pharmacist at Wyoming Rexall Drug in Attica from 1982-1987; and from 2012 to 2022 at Wyoming Rexall Drug in Warsaw. Always interested in furthering practical and clinical knowledge, Dan has participated in Continuing Education at both the University of Buffalo School of Pharmacy, and Roswell Park Cancer Research Hospital.

Dan's service in the United States Marine Corps from 1965-1969, included a tour in Vietnam earning him an honorable discharge as a Sergeant E-5. He then attended the Empire State Military Academy, graduating with honors and a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army Reserve in 1976, serving as a Company Commander and Battalion Adjutant. He was honorably discharged as Captain in 1994. He currently holds the grade of Lt. Colonel in the New York Guard, and is an honorary Major in the Civil Air Patrol, the United States Air Force Auxiliary. Dan Burling earned the Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, and the Naval Unit Citation. He has also received the NYS Medal for Merit and the NYS Service Star. His sincere interest in veterans' issues led to his fundraising and sponsorship for the Vietnam Moving Memorial Wall, which was placed in Batavia in May 1995.

Currently a licensed private pilot and aircraft mechanic, Dan's avid interest in aviation has included serving as Airport Manager at Nellis Airport in Fort Plain in 1972. He is also a licensed Charter Boat Captain and former owner/operator of Medicine Man Charters on Lake Ontario.

Dan served on the Genesee County Legislature from 1993 until he was elected to the New York State Assembly in 1998. While on the County Legislature, his responsibilities included Director of the Genesee County Industrial Development Agency; Director of the Soil and Water Conservation Board; member of the Human Services Committee; and a Governor's appointee to the Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Council. He was also appointed in 2018, as a member of the Board of Visitors for the New York State Home for Veterans and their Dependents at Batavia.

Dan is a past member of the New York Pharmacists' Association, and the National Association of Retail Druggists. He has served his community as a Past President of the Attica Lions Club, a life member of the Beachhead VFW in Alexander, life member of the American Legion Walter Klein Post 532, a life member of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 193, and a Charter Member of the Marine Corps League. Dan previously served as a member of the Genesee County Healthcare Task Force, Tri-Town baseball coach, and is a former member of the Board of Directors of the Pharmacy Association of Western New York. He has been awarded for community service by the Attica Chamber of Commerce, and was also named in Who's Who in the East and Who's Who in Business and Industry. Dan is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Wyoming County Chamber of Commerce and Tourism agency.

Dan Burling finished his Assembly career as the Republican Whip of the Assembly Republican Conference, and was a member of the Assembly Standing Committees on Ways & Means, Rules, Environmental Conservation, Health, Election Law, and Veterans' Affairs. He also served as a member of the Legislative Commission on Rural Resources; the Assembly Aviation Caucus; the Assembly Minority Task Force on Agriculture, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation; and the Armed Forces Legislative Caucus. In 2023, Dan was elected as the Mayor of the Village of Warsaw for a four-year term.

Dan Burling is married to his wife of over fifty-five years Jean and has two children, Mary a nurse and David an engineer. He has two grandchildren, Alyssa-Daniele an elementary school teacher, and Joseph who is US Marine Corps Veteran. He is also a great-grandfather.