

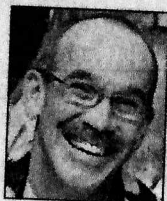
## HOLYOKE

# Former councilor honored with human relations award

The Greater Holyoke Council for Human Understanding's Human Relations Award is presented in recognition of personal involvement, dedication and contributions to the community, inspiring leadership, zeal, sense of humor, heartfelt concern for every individual regardless of sex, race, creed, ethnic origin or gender identity and faithful adherence to the principles that make this a better place for all to live, work and learn.

The award is an accurate description of this year's recipient; Peter R. Tallman, a veteran of the Army and the Air National Guard, a retired postal worker and 20-year member of the City Council, says Gina Nelson, vice president of the council.

Tallman will be honored on June 19 at the council's annual awards banquet at the Summit



PETER TALLMAN

View Banquet and Meeting House on Route 5. The event will also see the council's annual citizenship awards and scholarships will be presented to recent graduates Tahliaennie Bonilla, of the Dean campus of Holyoke High School, Serena Dennis, of Holyoke High School, and Jacey Rondeau, of South Hadley High School.

A life-long resident of the city of Holyoke, Tallman graduated from Holyoke Catholic High School in 1975 and Holyoke Community College in 1987 with a degree in business administration. An Army veteran, he later served from 1990 through 2013 as a member of the logistics squadron at

the Air Guard's 104th Fighter Wing in Westfield.

He worked for 38 years as a letter carrier with the U.S. Postal Service and was a city councilor at-large for 20 years.

While in the U.S. Postal Service, Tallman was an Employee Assistance Program representative for the Western Massachusetts and Vermont districts. He was a union treasurer and representative for the combined federal campaign.

Tallman is a member of the Holyoke Lodge of Elks, American Legion Post 325, the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Our Lady of the Cross Church. He has been a blood donor with the American Red Cross since the age of 17 and for the past 14 years has donated 320 units of platelets.

He is the youngest of 10 children of David E. and Anne

## IF YOU GO

**Event:** Greater Holyoke Human Relations Awards banquet

**When:** June 19, 5:15 p.m.

**Where:** Summit View Banquet & Meeting House, 555 Northampton St.

**Cost:** \$55

**For tickets:** Must be purchased in advance; mail check made out to Council for Human Understanding, to P.O. Box 4987, Holyoke, MA 01040; email, Gina Nelson, crnsholyoke@gmail.com

O'Leary Tallman and married to Nereida Garcia Tallman. They are the parents of daughters Rosa Feldman and Jessica Bernard and grandfather to Brandon, Julia, Joshua, Jane and George.

Tickets for the event are \$55 and must be purchased in advance. Music will be provided by acoustic guitarist and composer Tony Silva.

The event begins at 5:15 p.m. with a social hour with dinner at 6:30 and a program to follow at 7:15.