

## Larry D. Woodson

### Background

Raised on a livestock, dairy, and small grain farm in Kingman, Kansas.

### Education

Six years at the Cleveland two-room grade school.

Two years at the Kingman Junior High School.

Attended and graduated from Kingman Rural High School in Kingman, KS.

B.S. in Agriculture Education from Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS.

### Work Experience

Houseboy- Delta Delta Delta Sorority, Kansas State University.

Maintenance Grounds - Kansas State University

Bar Tender - Kites, Manhattan Kansas

Worked eleven (11) years in the Royal Kingdom of Laos.

Volunteer with International Voluntary Services at the teacher training school in Luang Prabang.

Associate Chief of Party for the I.V.S. Volunteers assigned to rural teacher training schools, French Lycees, and the German Technical School in Laos.

Assistant Chief of Party for the I.V.S. - Sisavangvong University in Vientiane , Laos

Refugee Education Advisor with the United States Agency for International Development.

Agricultural Advisor for the Xieng Khouang Development Program, (American Embassy).

Returned to the farm for six months following evacuation from Laos in 1975.

Appointed as Assistant Director of the Kansas MPI Program, State of Kansas - 1975.

Appointed Director of the Kansas MPI Program in 1978.

Appointed as Director of the Inspections Program in 1984.

Dairy Regulatory Official - Farm Inspections and Soft Serve Ice Cream Inspections

### Training

Meat & Poultry Inspection Training - 1976 - Topeka, Salina, Iola.

Teaching English as a Second Language - 1969 - Singapore.

Teaching Agricultural and Vocational Education -1968 Zollikofen, Switzerland

Dairy Inspection Training, Nashville, TN - 2002

### Leadership

Kansas Council for Food Safety

Kansas Council for Food Safety Steering Committee

Kansas Association of Sanitarians - Scholarship Committee Chairman

USAHA Committee on Public Health & Environmental Quality - Vice Chair and Chair

USAHA Committee on Food Animal Hygiene

Kansas State University Osage County Ambassador

Osage County Leadership Program

Elk Township Treasure  
Water District #5 Board Member  
Osage County Commissioner – 4-year term

### Activities

President of Overbrook Rotary  
Member of Breakfast Optimists  
Membership in Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, Arab Shrine, Shrine Directors Staff  
YMCA Basketball and Flag Football coordinator  
High School Football Official, Basketball Official, Softball Umpire, Topeka, Kansas.  
Tennis Coordinator, Canyon R.V. Park, Gold Canyon, Arizona

### Awards

Secretary of Agricultural Award for Innovation and Efficiency  
Letters of Commendation from Director, USAID Mission to Laos  
Former FFA State Farmer Award  
Former 4-H Who's Who Award.  
Various 4-H and FFA Awards.

Lao, Hmong, and American Memorial - Honor - Sheboygan, WI  
"Tears across the Mekong" by Marc Yablonka, 2016, Photos, Chapter 23  
"Hog's Exit" by Gayle L. Morrison, Photos, and page 28  
"The 1945-1975 War in Laos", by Geu Vang, Former COL, Royal Lao Army

### Family

Married to Dee Ann Davenport Smith - Employed by BNSF Railroad in Topeka  
Assistant Secretary  
Assistant Treasurer of Santa Fe Pacific Foundation  
Secretary III  
Two step children  
Scott - Graduate of the University of Texas - San Antonio. Basketball Team  
Manager of LKQ Auto Parts Company in Topeka, Kansas  
Rod - Apprentice Electrician - currently working in Iowa, electrical grid.

### Miscellaneous

Served on the Lao American Association Board in Laos.  
Flying lessons in Laos - 40 + hours, no license.  
Paul Harris Award from Rotary  
**National President for the National State Meat & Food Inspection Directors- Two Year Term**  
Joint Assistant Notification Officer for Americans in Laos.

High School 50th Reunion Chairman, 2008  
International Voluntary Services Reunion Committee - Kansas City.  
Played softball, tennis, volleyball, and basketball in Laos and in Kansas

Emergency Preparedness Representative - KDA - Wolf Creek Exercises  
KDA Representative for State Emergency Exercise - Salina, Kansas

Materials, artifacts, documents donated to Texas Tech University - Vietnam Archives  
Served on the Board of Directors for the Kansas Chemical Association  
President Seaman High School Athletic Booster Club

Treasurer of Single Adult Sunday Class - First Baptist Church - Topeka, Kansas  
Produced an Annual Newsletter - Khao Lao for some 400+ "Old Lao Hands". 38 Years!  
Drafted materials for legislative hearings, regulation proposals and law amendments.  
Liaison for Annual State-Wide Board of Agriculture Meetings in Topeka, Kansas.  
Member of the Tennis Committee to solicit funds for two new tennis courts in Overbrook  
Recognized for three new bridges constructed in Osage County - Plaque Attached

Donations to Park Pavilion and New Overbrook Library in Overbrook  
Red Cross Blood Donor - Six Gallon Member  
Continues to oversee the family farm ( 880 acres/320 irrigated ) in Kingman, Kansas  
Former Trustee for Lawrence & Steve Woodson Trust  
World Travel with cruises to Alaska, Hawaii, Mediterranean, and Viking River Cruise.

Travel from Kansas to Laos with stops between.  
Travel to Bangkok for reunion of the Assembly of Expatriates - SEA Thailand  
Various letters and invitations from associations, organizations, etc.  
Sponsored a Lao/Hmong Family from Laos - Yang Yee Family  
Assisted two Lao individuals with visas to the United States.

Met with Lao Ambassador in the United States, and Development Team from Laos  
Met with U.S. Ambassador to Laos- Patricia Haslach in Vientiane following Bangkok Reunion  
Attended a Pilippino Reunion in Chicago - Operation Brotherhood Group - Laos  
President - Topeka Ski Club - Two Years  
Trip Captain to Colorado for Topeka Ski Club  
Member & Scholarship Chairman of the Kansas Association of Sanitarians.

Member of State Meat & Inspection Directors Committee - USDA/FSIS, Washington D.C.  
Member of Overbrook Pride - Overbrook, Kansas  
Attended two National Annual Meetings of Secretaries of Agriculture - Mississippi & Oregon  
Awarded Overbrook " Yard of the Month" - Twice  
Hosted Overbrook Christmas Home Tour - Fund Raising

Supporters of Overbrook Library Foundation & Overbrook Community Chest  
Supporter and donor for Osage County Livestock Building - 2015  
Served on the Veterans Committee Memorial Project in Osage City with my wife.  
Elected with wife as Precinct Representatives #1208, Shawnee County 2016.

Represented the Kansas Department of Agriculture at the Annual Meetings of the following organizations: Kansas Livestock Association, Kansas Meat Inspectors Association, Kansas Egg Association, Kansas Seed Dealers Association, Kansas Chemical & Fertilizer Association, Kansas Dairy Association, Kansas Petroleum Association, Kansas Retail Grocery Association, Kansas

Weights & Measures Association, Kansas Aerial Spraying Association, American Association of Meat Purveyors, Kansas State Fair Association, and Kansas State University Agricultural related events.

Letter of commendation from Schlickau Herfords, Lois Schlickau Board of Agriculture Member.  
Letter of acknowledge and appreciation from the Kansas Secretary of Agriculture - Adrian J. Polansky and USDA/FSA Chairman for Kansas.

Letter of Appreciation from Governor of Kansas, Kathleen Sebelius "for 29 years of service to the residents of our great state."