



LONNIE DEMCHUK, C.E.T

BIO

Employer: Lauren Engineers and Constructors, ULC, Calgary, Alberta

Position: Senior Quality Manager

I have been a CWA Member for the last 20 or so years, and the opportunities for provided for education, networking and new welding technology that is available through the CWA is very important to the welding specialist.

I am responsible for the Quality management systems both the ASME and the CWB program that Lauren has in place for Canada. As part of an EPC organization I also provide expertise in the welding area as far as codes and standards go and the review of welding procedures provided by construction contractors for construction activities.

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Q & A

**with Welding Specialist Mark Holder
LONNIE DEMCHUK**

CWB: How long have you been involved in the welding industry?

Lonnie Demchuk: I have been involved in the welding industry since 1980 first as an NDT technician.

CWB: Why did you get involved in the welding industry?

Lonnie Demchuk: It seemed to be interesting to me as I discovered the science behind what we do. I became interested in the development of welding procedures and welder qualification both for ASME and CWB.

CWB: If you could explain one of the most interesting aspects of your career please do?

Lonnie Demchuk: The most interesting part of the welding industry that I find fascinating is the development of welding procedures and the science behind it. When you have to materials to be joined by welding and doing the research for the proper welding consumables, the testing requirements, and finally welding the coupon and recording the variables, and when it finally culminates in the registration of the procedure there is a lot of professional and personal satisfaction and fulfillment.

I take a lot of pride in my involvement in the industry and when I can share if asked my experience and expertise that I have attained. There is so much more to learn even after 36 years of involvement.

CWB: Why did you sign up to the OPS's Welding Specialist Mark?

Lonnie Demchuk: I signed up for the mark to show a level of both professionalism and competence. It is more than just passing an exam but application of the knowledge that one has attained. I believe in this mark of professionalism and I do my utmost to show pride in the accomplishment.


CWB: What value do you see in the Mark?

Lonnie Demchuk: The value of the mark indicates that you have a body of knowledge and ethics that you believe in, and that you practice this because you believe in what the mark means, not just another certification, we are specialists in our chosen field and have a responsibility to conduct ourselves accordingly.

CWB: How do you plan on using the Mark?

Lonnie Demchuk: I plan using the mark in the future on business cards, part of my signature for emails.

CWB: What would you tell others who are not signed up for the Mark?

Lonnie Demchuk: I would tell them sign up for it but only if you can embrace what the mark means and that you believe what it means to be a welding specialist. 

Billy Canning, Public Relations Officer, CWB Group