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Patriot of the Month



Nancy Taylor

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Nancy Taylor entered the service while living in Texas. Her husband had decided to leave the military and with a separation pending she felt she needed a career to help supplement child support. The diminutive young woman who was raised in West Virginia made it just at the wire for her height and just under the wire for her age.

Nancy knew she would be able to withstand the rigors of military service having been married to a serviceman. Through her benefits, she would ensure her sons would not lack for medical care and other necessities. Nancy's sister stepped up to the plate and helped her with her children when she was not available.

Nancy entered the United States Army at the age of thirty-five. She trained as a telecommunications clerk and was transferred to Germany. Her unit was deactivated and she was sent to food service school. Nancy served in Korea, Germany, and Saudi Arabia. Stateside, she was stationed at Ft. Lee, Virginia, Ft. Riley, Kansas, and Ft. Campbell, Kentucky.

While Nancy was stationed at Ft. Campbell, she met Leonard Taylor, who was a career soldier. Both being single, they married and continued on with careers in the military. Leonard entered the service earlier than

Nancy and had less time before his retirement, so he became the househusband while she completed twenty years of service.

Nancy is a can do or can make do person. Cooking both in mess halls and in the field, she knew how to make do if an ingredient was missing from supplies. She always tried to prepare meals as attractive as possible for her fellow troops. We have all heard the old saying, “the Army moves on its belly.”

Nancy’s medals, ribbons, and badges include:

- Meritorious Service Medal
- Army Commendation Medal w/5 bronze oak leaves
- Army Achievement Medal w/7 bronze oak leaves
- Good Conduct Medal w/6 bronze knots
- National Defense
- Southwest Asia Service Medal
- Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
- 3 Overseas Service Ribbons
- Saudi Liberation Medal
- Kuwait Liberation Medal
- Drivers Badge
- Mechanics Badge
- Non Commissioned Officers Development Ribbon

Nancy has two sons and one granddaughter. She is a member of the Grove Baptist Church and is a member of the local booster club.