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## Patriot of the Month

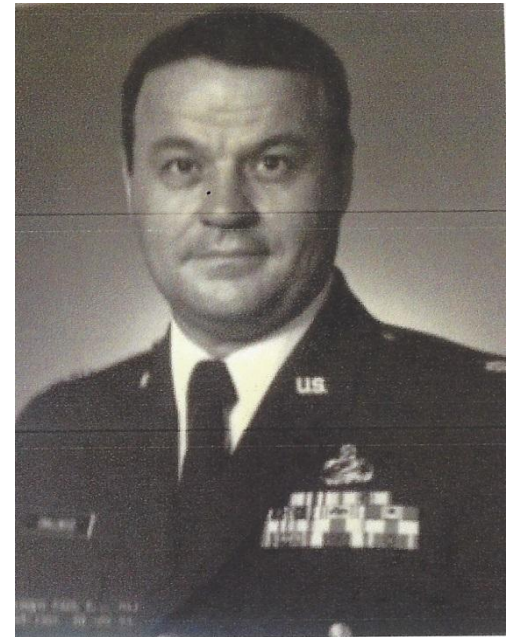
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## Paul E. L. Smallwood

### United States Air Force

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Paul Smallwood embodies the motto, "duty, honor, country". He served his country honorably and faithfully for 25 years in the United States Air Force retiring at the rank of Major.

During that time, he married his wife, Cathy, and together they raised their three children. They traveled around the globe assigned to diverse locations like Turkey for one year and Germany for five years. Paul also served in Thailand during the Vietnam conflict.

While on active duty, Paul earned the following awards and citations: United States Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, United States Air Force Commendation Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, National Defense Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation Medal, United States Air Force Marksmanship Medal, Short Tour Ribbon, Long Tour Ribbon, United States Air Force Good Conduct Medal, United States Longevity Service Award, United States Air Force Training Ribbon, and the United States Air Force Overseas and Service Ribbon.

Wherever Paul was serving, he always tried to give something back to the local community. While in Germany, he worked as a leader in the Royal Ambassadors Boys Club. While in Turkey, he taught English as a Second Language with the Turkish-American Association.

Paul and his family also served in assignments across the United States where he continued to give back to the local community. In Mountain Home, Idaho, he worked as a volunteer in a vacation bible school program. In Boston, Massachusetts, he worked as a volunteer with an inner city homeless mission working to provide food, shelter, and job training to the less fortunate. Also while in Boston, he served on the planning committee for the United States Air Force Thunderbirds aerial demonstration team's performance. This was open to the public and saw thousands in attendance. While serving in North Carolina, he was a volunteer with the local library system and also taught in an English as a Second Language program for immigrant families moving into the area. In Raleigh, North Carolina, he served for 17 years on the planning committee of the Saint Patrick's

Day Parade. The parade event brought upwards of 45,000 in attendance each year to watch the parade and participate in the family oriented activities associated with the parade.

Paul worked as a volunteer with his local Veterans Administration Hospital, escorting sick veterans to their appointments, often pushing them in a wheelchair. He also served as a volunteer with a church sponsored clothing shop and food bank which provides support to the homeless families in his area. Paul is also a member of his local American Legion Post.

Kansas City Daughters are proud and honored to recognize Paul Smallwood as Patriot of the Month for his patriotism and service to our great nation.