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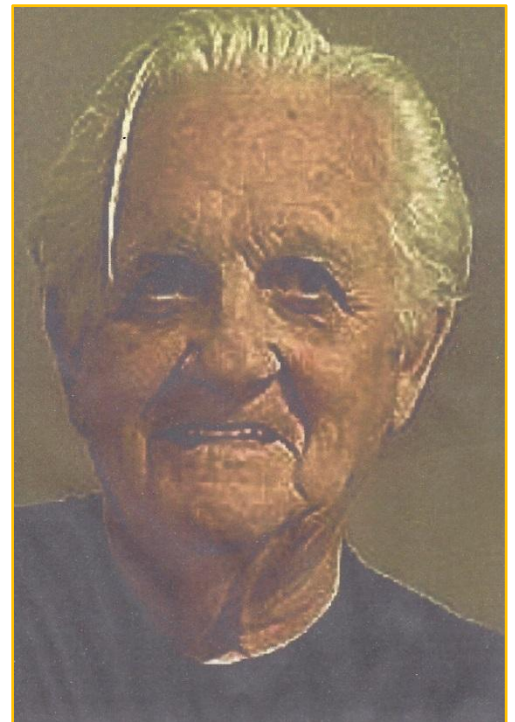
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James “Jim” Martin

United States Army

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James “Jim” Martin graduated high school in Missouri, in 1955. In June, 1960, he was drafted into the United States Army. He was assigned to the 30<sup>th</sup> Artillery Battery and trained at Fort Lewis, Washington, specifically on a 155 Howitzer. The Howitzer shot 100 pound, six inch diameter shells. Jim became a spotter for the monthly live-round practices. He told his superiors that their trainees would be killed if the positions the Howitzers were shooting from weren’t changed. As a result of the ensuing investigation, the Army changed their practices so as to not put anyone in harms way during training. Lasers are now used during practice.

After discharge at Fort Lewis, Washington, in 1962, from active service, Jim continued in the Active Reserve for two years. Only once during that time was he called up for a two week training exercise.

Jim married Sylvia, “Tibby” in 1962. They raised a family of two sons and two daughters. They now have six grandchildren.

Jim became an over the road truck driver and drove 4,000,000 miles with no accidents. He retired in 2001, after 38 years on the road. During that time he worked for only two companies.

In 2001, Jim and Tibby, his wife, moved closer to their son and daughter-in-law in order to help out with their grandsons. One of their grandsons was born four months premature and has cerebral palsy. Weekly Jim drives one of the grandsons to a program that works with the individual needs of gifted students that is designed to identify academically gifted students.

Jim's hobby is painting. His family enjoys the many beautiful paintings he has done for them. He is also interested in sports cars and used to attend NSASCAR races. Both Jim and Tibby are very active in their church. Other volunteer activities for Jim include past work at the Food Pantry and setting flags at the Baptist Home for Veterans Day.

Rachel Donelson Daughters are very proud to honor and recognize James "Jim" Martin as Patriot of the Month for his dedication, patriotism and service to our great nation.