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Patriot of the Month

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Alan R. Turley

United States Army

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Alan enlisted in the United States Army in June, 1967, at the height of the Vietnam War. After training, he was assigned to Delta Company, 5th Calvary, First Calvary Division (Airmobile) as an infantry rifleman. He was deployed to Vietnam in May, 1968. While embroiled in this far away, dangerous conflict, his son was born in September, 1968. He continued to serve in Vietnam for six months in continuous combat.

In November, 1968, Alan was in a firefight with the North Vietnamese along the Cambodian border when he was wounded. Fragments from an artillery shell struck him. He momentarily passed out and was unable to walk. A United States serviceman from another unit carried him off the battlefield, and out of the line of fire. After a M.A.S.H. unit took the shrapnel out of his left arm, he was sent to Fort Sam Houston, Texas. After permanent nerve damage and surgery, he was unable to serve. In August, 1970, while at Fort Sam Houston, he was discharged with the rank of Sergeant. He was home for Christmas that year.

Alan earned a Purple Heart, an Army Commendation Medal, an Air Medal, a Combat Infantry Badge, a Vietnam Service Medal, and a Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Alan and his wife have two children and two grandchildren. He returned to civilian life and worked as an insurance underwriter, specializing in commercial and professional liability. He is a member of the Disabled American Veterans, Gideons International, and active in his church.

Alan and his wife truly sacrificed for our country. He put his personal life on hold and his life on the line, while his wife endured the stress and uncertainty at home.

St. Louis-Jefferson Daughters very proudly honor and recognize Alan R. Turley as Patriot of the Month and extend to him their deepest appreciation and gratitude for his very dedicated, patriotic service to our great nation.