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Patriot of the Month

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## Edward J. Keil

### United States Army

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Edward J. Keil was born in January 1931 in St. Louis Missouri. He enrolled in college in Chemical Engineering at the Missouri School of Mines. After completing 3.5 years of college, Ed volunteered for the draft. He served in the US Army infantry from July 1953 until July 1955. Basic training was completed at Fort Riley Kansas. He served most of his Army career at Fort Benning in Georgia where he became a Communications Battalion Level instructor, teaching both foreign and domestic officers necessary communication skills.

While at Fort Benning, Ed married his wife Nancy, and the first of six children was born.

Ed earned the Sharpshooter Rifle Badge. He was able to shoot the bullseye of a target at 500 yards.

After his discharge as a Corporal, Ed completed school on the GI bill and began his life-long career at McDonald Douglas as an Engineer working on the F4 Phantom, F15 Eagle and the F18.

Ed has served on numerous commissions and boards during his lifetime including the Old Town Commission, Landmark Commission and Old St. Ferdinand Shrine. He was also active in the Boy Scouts of America when his five sons were young.

Ed enjoys genealogy and vintage cars, owning both a 1957 Corvette and a 1972 El Camino.

The best piece of advice he received in the Army was "Don't volunteer for anything and don't ask any questions".

Reverend John Clark Daughters are proud of Edward J. Keil and are honored to recognize him as Patriot of the Month for his dedicated patriotic service to his community and our great nation.

