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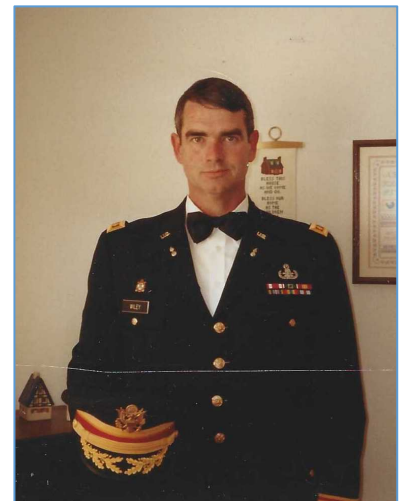
Robert Thornton Wiley

United States Army

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U.S. Army Major (Retired) Robert T. Wiley entered the service in 1971, after spending two years in the newly organized ROTC program at Central Missouri College. He went on to spend 20 years on active duty, finally retiring in 1991.



His duty stations included:

- Aberdeen Proving Grounds, MD – Ordnance Officer Basic Training
- Fort McClellan, AL & Indian Head, MD – Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) School
- Fort Dix, NJ – 60th Ordnance Detachment EOD & 542d Control Det. EOD
- Camp Howard, Korea – 7th Ord Det EOD
- Indian Head, MD – EOD Refresher
- White Sands Missile Range, NM – Improved Hawk Missile Battery Commander and Test Officer
- Redstone Arsenal, AL – EOD Test & Evaluation Officer
- Aberdeen Proving Grounds, MD & Redstone Arsenal, AL – Ord Officer's Advanced Course
- Defense Language Institute, Monterey, CA – Greek Language School
- Athens Greece – 558th Artillery Group – Special Weapons Officer
- Redstone Arsenal, AL – Hazardous Devices Director
- Presidio of San Francisco, CA – 548th EOD Control Center Commander
- Heilbronn & Schwabish Hall Germany – 101st Ordnance Btn, MATO
- Redstone Arsenal, AL & Fort Huachuca, AZ – Test Officer for Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Systems
 - o And then retired with 20 years of service.

A good portion of his time in service was spent in Explosive Ordnance Disposal related positions – “The Bomb Squad” as well as in Research and Development. He was frequently sent “TDY” from his duty station to work sites and training all over the world.

He has been awarded: Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal w/Bronze Service Star. Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, and Master EOD Badge.

The most interesting thing he did during those 20 years was perhaps U.S. Secret Service support, provided security for VIPs in many places including New York City and Japan.

He related his best piece of advice: “Don’t Screw Up”. (Absolutely vital when dealing with explosive devices including nuclear weapons).

After retirement he became a Test Officer Contractor, testing Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, then he retired to Sedalia, MO where he farmed, worked for an insurance company, and had a small water & air filtration business, Wiley Works. Then in 1998 he un-retired and went to work for Environmental Chemical Company (ECC) in San Francisco, CA and Denver, CO in the Unexploded Ordnance Division, serving as a Quality Control Manager until 2007, when he finally retired to Sedalia, MO where he still enjoys going to the farm.

Robert is a member of the Masonic Lodge 242 - 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, Sons of the American Revolution Martin Warren Chapter, Broadway Presbyterian Church Elder and Choir Member, 40 & 8 Veterans Organization, and NWHS Scholarship Committee.

Robert has been married to the most beautiful, wonderful, best wife in the world for 52 years. They have two lovely daughters and two great sons-in-law. They have six amazing grandchildren, two of whom have served or are serving in the military.

Osage Chapter Daughters are proud to recognize Robert Thornton Wiley as Patriot of the Month and extends gratitude and thanks for his service and commitment to our country.