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Proudly "Spotlights" our November 2011  
Patriot of the Month



**Charles Coureton**

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Charles Coureton attended Huntsville High School. He enlisted in the United States Navy on September 3, 1952. He received basic training at San Francisco, California. From there he was transferred to Korea on the ship, *USS Manatee*. As the Korean War began on June 25, 1950 and the Armistice was not signed until July 27, 1953, Charles saw action while in Korea. He was in Korea for one year and two days. Upon his return to San Francisco, he was discharged on September 30, 1954.

Charles received the following medals and awards:

- Korean Service Medal w/2 stars
- United Nations Medal
- National Defense Medal

After discharged from the Navy, Charles worked at Sears and Roebuck in Kansas City, Missouri. Later, he returned to Huntsville where he went to work as a telegraph operator for the Wabash Railroad. In 1962, he transferred to the railroad Bridge & Builder gang, where he served as a foreman. He worked thirty-one years for the railroad before retiring from

Norfolk & Southern Railroad in 1987.

Charles married Beverly Hicks on December 1, 1957 and they had five children. They have twelve grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Charles is a member of the First Baptist Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion. He especially enjoys spending time with his grandchildren. He also enjoys woodworking, television, fishing, and reading.

Charles wife, Beverly, daughter, Darla Penton, granddaughter, Chandra Brown, and sister-in-law Bobbi Smith are all members of the Armstrong Chapter.