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**David L. Taylor**

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David L. Taylor, the second and youngest son of Doris and Thelma Taylor, was born April 17, 1946 in the home that his great-grandfather Joseph F. King built in Bucklin, Missouri. After graduating in May 1964 from Bucklin High School, David was employed by Hallmark Cards in Kansas City and McGraw-Edison in Macon, Missouri.

On November 28, 1965, David enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served for three years. After basic training in San Diego, California, he was transferred to Camp Pendleton, California, and Camp LeJune, North Carolina for schooling. His military occupation specialty was Field Radio Operator.

David was stationed at Camp LeJune, North Carolina until June 1966 when he asked for a change of duty station to Vietnam. He was assigned to the 3rd Tank, 3rd Marine Division for nineteen months, mostly with "C" Company in support of company communication center.

While in Vietnam he was located in Phu Bai, Dong Ha, Con Thien, and Hue for the 1968 Tet Offensive, all north of Da Nang. In April 1968, David returned to the United States and was stationed with the 5<sup>th</sup> Tank Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, California. Sergeant Taylor was discharged on November 28, 1968 and returned to Missouri.

David's medals and awards include:

- National Defense Service Medal
- Vietnam Service Medal
- Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal
- Presidential Unit Citation
- Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry (Bronze)
- Good Conduct Medal – 1<sup>st</sup> Award

David married his childhood sweetheart Elizabeth Twitchel on April 28, 1968, in Bucklin, Missouri. David and Betty have a son and a daughter and are the proud grandparents of two grandsons and one granddaughter.

In December 1968 David was employed by Berry World Travel for four months. In April 1969, he was employed by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, American Bell, AT&T, and Lucent Technologies (all one company) for thirty-one and a half years, retiring in October 2000. Dave worked mostly in business installation and repair during his telephone career.

David's hobbies include genealogy, square dancing, and boy scouts. David is a Sachem in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Most days now you will find him at his computer searching for the missing links in his family history. David's wife Betty is a member of Prairie Chapter, Lee's Summit, MO.