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Patriot of the Month



**Creed Baker**

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When Creed Newton Baker was seventeen years old living on a farm in Overbrook, Kansas, our government started drafting young men his age. He did not want to serve in the United States Army so he asked his parents to go with him so he could join the United States Navy. He was told that if he could gain some weight, they would accept him. Needless to say, Creed ate a lot in order to meet the physical.

When Creed met the weight requirement, he was sent to Kansas City to enlist with about one hundred other boys. On September 11, 1945, he was sworn in. He was sent by train (the Super Chief) to basic training in San Diego, California. After basic training, he returned home for about a week.

On his return to California, Creed was sent to Treasure Island. There he boarded a troop ship and

set sail for Japan. For around seven days, Creed was seasick and after fourteen days, the ship landed in Tokyo, Japan. The crew was given liberty and then set sail for Inchon, Korea.

Eight sailors, including Creed, transferred to the *USS Tortuga 26*. He was assigned to the deck force for a short time before being assigned as a Yeoman striker. Since Creed played the trumpet, he was assigned as bugle boy. He woke the guys, put them to bed, sent them to eat, and did colors. After a lengthy tour in the South Pacific, Creed returned to San Diego, California. He was then transferred to Norman, Oklahoma where he was placed in the Reserves.

Upon returning to Overbrook, Creed joined the Navy again and was sent to Olathe Naval Air Station where he finished his Navy service and joined the Reserves. He was discharged on August 16, 1951.

Creed's medals include:

- World War II Victory Medal
- American Campaign Medal
- Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal
- Korean Freedom Medal

While at the Olathe Air Base, Creed met a young lady who was working at the United Service Organizations in Kansas City. Creed and Sarah were married and have been together almost sixty years. They have three sons and nine grandchildren. One of Creed's sons followed in his Dad's footsteps by serving in the Navy. He is a Chief Petty Officer on the *USS Roosevelt* with twenty-two years of service.

When Creed left the Navy, he went to work for Skelly Oil Company and remained for forty years. He is a member of the Disabled American Veterans, Korean War Veterans, and the American Legion. Creed also attends the Veterans Administration Volunteer Services meetings as a Korean War Veterans representative.