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Patriot of the Month

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Walahn Kilgore United States Army

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Walahn Kilgore graduated in 1952 from Huntsville, Missouri High School and tried to enlist in the United States Navy in St. Louis, Missouri, but failed his physical. He returned to Moberly and began working for the Ford Motor Company, Claycomo, Missouri. In 1954 he began employment with the Wabash Railroad and was working there when he was drafted into the Army in December 1956.

Walahn received 18 weeks of training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. He was then assigned to Ft. Lee, Virginia until December 1957 when he was ordered to the 84th Transportation Company in Heidelberg, Germany which was headquarters for the United States Army in Europe. While in Germany, Walahn was promoted to Specialist. Later he was assigned to a unit where he was an Honor Guard for Russian General Zuckov, who was paying a courtesy call on General Hode, Commander of the United States Army Forces in Europe.

After his service in Germany, he was discharged in December 1958. He immediately went into the active Army Reserve for two years. He then spent two years in the inactive Army Reserve. He received the Good Conduct Medal and the Rifle Marksman Medal.

After returning home, Walahn resumed work for the Wabash Railroad and retired in 1994 from the Norfolk & Southern Railroad.

Walahn and Bonnie Kirk Turner were married in January 1979 and there were not any children born to this marriage. However, Walahn does have two sons who reside in Missouri. He also has three step-daughters and eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

He is a member of the Jefferson Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge and Ararat Shrine.

Daughters of the Armstrong Chapter extend their gratitude and thanks to Walahn Kilgore for his service and commitment to our great nation.