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Patriot of the Month

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Richard Iloff United States Army

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Richard Iloff enlisted in the United States Army in 1967 in California. He received basic training and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Benning, Georgia with a Military Occupational Specialty in Infantry. He left for Cambodia in Southeast Asia in November 1967. He returned to the United States in February 1969 and was discharged at Fort Benning, Georgia. He returned to California and became a police officer.

Richard entered the Army Reserve in July 1977. He was assigned to Fort McClellan, Alabama where he trained to become a Military Policeman. He became a drill sergeant after he was assigned to the Presidio of San Francisco, where he remained until 1980. At this time, he went back into the active Army. He was sent to Fort Benning, Georgia where he trained to become a paratrooper and was assigned to the Bravo Rangers Company on Sand Hill. There, he helped train the Rangers and new Lieutenants. In September 1981, he was assigned to the 1/509th Airborne infantry in Italy training with German and Spanish soldiers and jumping into Germany and Spain. In 1984, they retired their colors and the 4/325th Airborne took over.

In December 1984, Richard was medevacked out of Europe to Walter Reed Army Hospital with a back injury. After six months, he was discharged from Walter Reed Army Hospital and was transferred to Fort Knox, Kentucky, then to the United States Disciplinary Barracks, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, as a Military Policeman. In June 1991, he was discharged as a Staff Sergeant.

Richard's medals and awards include: Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Ribbon #2, National Defense Ribbon, Drill Sergeant Patch, Expert Rifle and Pistol Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, 3 Presidential Citations, Army Service Ribbon, Vietnam Service Military Ribbon, and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Military Ribbon.

After Richard moved around and worked various jobs, he eventually moved to Missouri. He is now retired and married to Salzitsa. Richard has seven children, ten grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. He attends the First Assembly of God Church.

Armstrong Daughters are proud and honored to recognize Richard Iloff as Patriot of the Month for his patriotism and service to our great nation.