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**Patriot of the Month**

**January 2018**



**Robert J. "Bob" Headrick**

**United States Marine Corps**

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Bob graduated from high school in 1949. After graduation he went to work as a parts salesman at Orscheln Motor and Equipment Company.

Enlisting in the United States Marine Corps Reserve in Kansas City, Missouri, in April, 1951, Bob immediately requested to go on active duty. He was sent to San Diego, California for boot camp with his military occupational specialty being aviation supply. After boot camp, he was transferred to a holding company at El Toro, California, before volunteering to go to the next draft, which was the 17<sup>th</sup> shipment of troops being sent to Korea during the Korean War.

The troops boarded a ship in San Diego and 11 days later they arrived in Yokohama, Japan. Bob was allowed off the ship for four hours to visit with his brother who was stationed in Japan. Leaving Yokohama, they sailed to Kobe, Japan, where the troops disembarked and traveled by train to the United States airfield. From there they were flown to Pusan, Korea. The troops were split up at Pusan with Bob being sent to K18, which was the most northern airfield in South Korea. He remained there for five months before being moved to K6 near Seoul, Korea. While at K6, Bob found out Ted Williams, a major league baseball player was flying jets out of K3, near Pusan. Bob was at K6 for a short time before all reserves were released from active duty and sent to board a troop ship to return to the United States. During the 11 days returning to the United States, the ship cruised by Alcatraz as it came into the San Francisco harbor. The troops then boarded a train to go to San Diego, where they were released from active duty.

Bob was discharged in San Diego, California, in July, 1952, as a Corporal. He returned to his hometown by train. In April, 1955, he was discharged from the United States Marine Corps Reserve.

Bob shared that when returning home by ship from Korea, they were going to sit on deck every day, so they would have a suntan when they got back to San Diego. As it turned out, they did not spend one day on deck as they returned by the Aleutian Islands and it was cold and raining.

Bob received the following medals: Korean Service Medal/w 1 bronze star; National Defense Service Medal; United Nations Ribbon; and Korean War Service Medal, awarded by the Koreans on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Korean War.

Bob and his wife, Marjorie, have two children, three grandchildren, and five great grandchildren, two being twins. Bob worked for the State Highway Patrol as a Commercial Vehicle Inspector for fifteen years. He also had his own business buying and repairing used appliances for 63 years. He attends the Methodist Church and is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

Armstrong Daughters are proud and honored to recognize Robert J. "Bob" Headrick as Patriot of the Month for his patriotic service and dedication to our great nation.