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Honors Patriot of the Month
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Edward H. Friesz

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Edward Friesz graduated from Cairo High School, Cairo, Missouri. One day prior to graduation, Edward heard police sirens. He and other students went to the classroom windows to see law enforcement cars speeding out of town, and later learned they were chasing the gangster Pretty Boy Floyd. This was a lot of excitement for the small town.

Edward was drafted into the Army and entered active service on December 4, 1942. He was sent to Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, and then saw duty in the Pacific Theater of Operations. He was also sent to Europe in November of 1944, where he saw action in the Rhineland and Central Europe. He states the horror of war was much more dramatic than watching those two police cars speeding through town years earlier.

Edward's brother was also in the military and stationed in Europe, but they were in different outfits. They did meet up once while in Europe, but only briefly.

Edward was discharged at Ft Leonard Wood, Missouri, in December, 1945, after spending three years and eight days in the Army. He received the Good Conduct Medal, WWII Victory Medal, two Bronze Stars, the Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon, the European African Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon, two Overseas Service Bars, the American Theater Ribbon, and an Expert Rifle Badge.

Edward returned home and farmed on the family farm. He is a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. He has one niece, Mary Ann Johnson, her husband Roger, two great-nephews, three great-great nieces, and three great-great nephews.

The members of the Armstrong Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution are pleased to honor 92-year old Edward H. Friesz as Patriot of the Month, and extend gratitude and thanks for his service to our country.