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Patriot of the Month
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Jack Valentine

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Jack Valentine attended Moberly High School and was drafted into the Army in January, 1946, during the last semester of his senior year. He received basic training at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Arkansas. He was placed in the infantry and sent to Korea in June, 1946. The trip to Korea, which took about twenty-one days, was quite rough. The accommodations were very crowded, with about 4,000 soldiers and about three-fourths of them became seasick, as there was a terrible storm, and they had to stay below deck for three days. After arriving in Korea, he was made a Supply Sergeant and stationed near Inchon for fourteen months.

Jack's military service time was during the rebuilding phase of Europe and Japan, but was still considered WWII. He left Korea to return to the United States in May, 1947, arrived in Oakland, California, then took a troop train to Ft. Sheridan, Illinois, to receive his discharge after sixteen months of military service. The awards Jack earned were the Good Conduct Medal and the World War II Victory Medal.

Upon returning home, Jack was married to Mary K. Bishop in May, 1947. He received his GED and worked a variety of jobs including eight years at the Moberly Post Office, where he sorted and delivered mail. He took several insurance courses and became a Registered Representative to sell insurance. Jack worked for Carr Insurance Agency about five years before starting his own agency in 1963. He remained there until 1994 when he sold the agency, although he still continues to work one day a week.

Jack and his wife Mary have three children: Mark, Betsy Wheeler, and Ann Smith, six grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. Jack is a member of the Trinity Methodist Church where he was financial secretary. He was mayor for five years, and served on the City Council of his community for twelve years.

The members of the Armstrong Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution wish to extend our gratitude and thanks to Jack Valentine for his service to our great country.