



**Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Patriot of the Month
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Forest R. Smith

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Forest Smith graduated from Lincoln High School in Moberly, Missouri, in 1948, and attended Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri, for one year. He enlisted in the United States Army on December 13, 1949, at Kansas City, Missouri. Forest served three years in the Army. Two of those years were overseas in Germany, where he played the trumpet in the 33rd Army Band.

The 33rd Army Band was activated June 17, 1949, in Mannheim, Germany, for the purpose of augmenting the European Command (EUCOM) Headquarters 427th Army Band. The 427th and 33rd functioned as one band, until April 1952, when the 427th was assigned to Rhine Military Post, Kaiserslautern, Germany. This caused the 33rd to operate as a single Army Band helping to build morale among the troops.

Forest was discharged as a Private First Class in January 1953, and received the Army Occupation Medal. He returned home and went to work for the Missouri Power and Light Company, where he continued to work for the next forty years, retiring in 1993.

Forest is a lifetime member of the VFW, the American Legion, Masons, Eastern Star-Silone Chapter, member of the 8 & 40 Club, and the AME Methodist Church. He plays taps for

the VFW and American Legion. His hobby is restoring old vehicles and driving them in many parades.

The members of the Armstrong Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution wish to extend their gratitude and thanks to Forest R. Smith for his service to our great country.