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**Patriot of the Month
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Norval L. Spotts
United States Air Force

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Norval graduated from high school in 1954 and enlisted in the United States Air Force at the age of 18. He received basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, and training at Lowry Air Force Base in Denver, Colorado, as a radar repairman on B-36 airplanes. As he was completing his training on B-36 planes, the B-66 planes were coming out, so he received training as a gunner, known as a weapons system operator. After completing weapons system operator training, he was sent to Shaw Air Force Base near Sumter, South Carolina, for two and one-half years.

Norval was in the 16th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron and the squadron was sent to Incirlik Air Force Base close to Adana, Turkey in 1958 to do reconnaissance over Lebanon. The squadron was in Turkey for three months, and then returned to Shaw Air Force Base. After serving three years and ten months, Norval was discharged with the rank of Airman First Class. After his discharge, he returned to Missouri. He received the Air Force Commendation Medal and the Good Conduct Medal.

After being discharged from the Air Force, Norval's working career consisted of working for a Tool & Die Company, and then the Wabash Railroad, later known as Norfolk & Western Railroad and another name change to Norfolk & Southern Railroad. He retired as a conductor.

Norval married his high school sweetheart, Darlene, and they had three children. They have seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Norval is a member of the his local United Methodist Church, member of the National Association of Retired and Veteran Railway Employees and a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Armstrong Daughters are proud to honor Norval L. Spotts as Patriot of the Month for his patriotism, dedication, and service to our great nation.