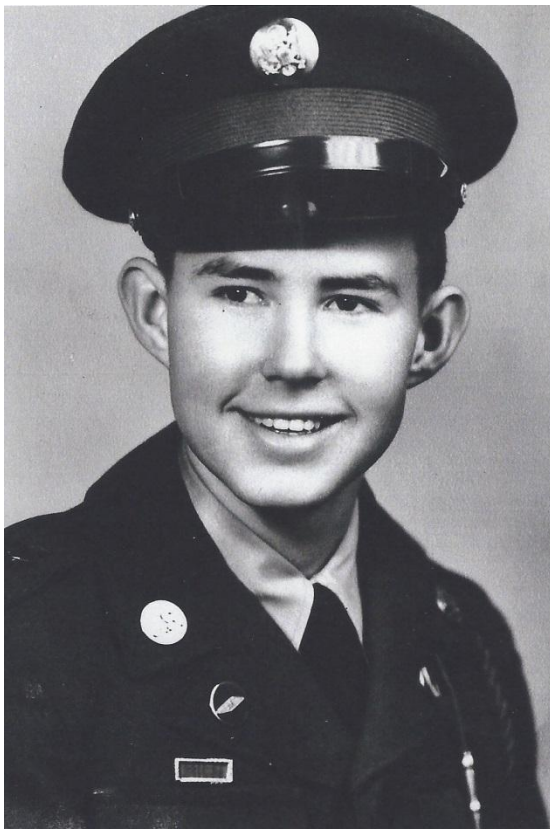


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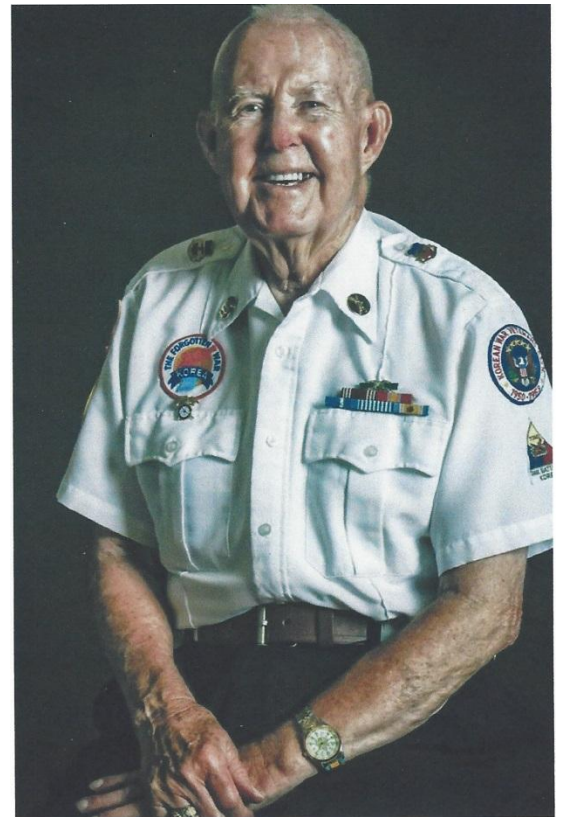
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## Robert "Bob" R. Jones

### United States Army

Robert "Bob" R. Jones enlisted for two years in the United States Army in September 1948, in Rochester, Minnesota

His basic training was completed at Fort Sill, Lawton, Oklahoma. Bob then transferred to the 73rd Heavy Tank Battalion at Fort Benning, Georgia. While on leave in August 1950 he received a telegram to return to Fort Benning immediately. Upon his return, Bob found tanks being loaded onto railroad cars and the commotion associated with a full deployment. His enlistment which was near the end of the two years was immediately extended. His battalion boarded a train for the cross

county trip to Camp Stoneman, near San Francisco, California. Next they were placed on a ship for a 14 day trip to Pusan, Korea.

During his 13 months in Korea, Bob fought in the Inchon Invasion, Pusan Perimeter, Battle of the Bowling Alley, Triangle Hill, and the Chosin Reservoir. His tank battalion helped to hold off the North Korean and Chinese Armies as the 7th Infantry Division and the 1st Marine Division made their exit from the Chosin Reservoir. The Americans were outnumbered 10 to 1. This battle was the most intense and memorable of his wartime experience. Bob received the Korean Service Medal with five Bronze Stars for his service in Korea.

Upon return to Fort Lewis, Washington, he was discharged and he returned to his home. He met JoAnne there and married her in Los Angeles, California, where they lived for seven years. Moving back to his home area, Bob worked for Franklin Manufacturing for ten years and Medtronic for five years. Looking to pursue new opportunities Bob moved his family to Missouri finding work with the Bonzer Company who made altimeters for small planes. Bob and JoAnne were blessed with three sons and grandchildren. Upon retirement, Bob and JoAnne moved to a farm in southwest Missouri. They also enjoyed traveling by RV. After a few years they moved back to the big city. JoAnne passed in 2001.

Bob is a member of his local chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association, and the National Korean War Veterans Association, and he writes articles for the Korean War Veterans Magazine. Bob is a lifetime member of the American Legion, past President and longtime member of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Tankers Association, and a Diplomat of the Harry S. Truman Library Institute.

Blue Springs Daughters are proud and honored to nominate Robert R. Jones as Patriot of the Month for his dedicated patriotism and service to our great nation.