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Patriot of the Month

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David L. Kelley

United States Air Force

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David Kelley enlisted in the United States Air Force in May 1954, completing basic training in San Antonio, TX and additional training in Rantoul, IL. After completing training he was assigned to Elmendorf Air Force Base, AK where his duty was to repair B-29 bombers.

David shared a memory of being assigned to Larson AFB, WA, after his duty at Elmendorf, AFB. He and two friends decided to drive to the base down the Alcan Highway. They were the last vehicle allowed through before the highway was closed for weather. Their food, which was in the back of their truck, froze so they chewed gum for three days. Once they arrived at Larson AFB, housing was scarce so they lived in very small quarters in a converted motel, having to move the table out of the kitchen in order to cook.

In civilian life, David was a sheet metal worker with Local #2 in Kansas City for 40 years. He was a member of the Kiwanis, serving as a Key Club counselor and Lt. Governor in Division 3 and 11. He served on the Read Apartment Board, Liberty and Tambo Apartments Board, American Legion Honor Corp., and Open Door Board. He and his wife Pat have two living children, eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. They are members of their local First United Methodist Church

Osage Daughters are very proud to honor and recognize David L. Kelley as Patriot of the Month for his patriotism and dedication service to our great nation.

