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Patriot of the Month

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Ernest "Smitty" Smith

United States Air Force National Guard

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Ernest "Smitty" Smith was born in Montgomery City, Missouri in 1936.

He graduated from University of Missouri in 1958 with a degree in Education. A friend of Smitty's was in great need of a teacher in the Montgomery City School District and urged him to take the position, which he did. He taught History and a Health class.

At this time, he also signed up for the Air Force National Guard at Lambert Field in St. Louis in the fall of 1958. He took his basic training at Lackland Air Force base in Texas.

In 1961 the Berlin Wall went up and President Kennedy called Smitty's 131st Squadron to active duty. They were sent to Tou-Rosicier near Nancy, France, where Smitty was part of the Tactical Wing. For a part of his time overseas, he was sent to Wheelus Air Force Base in Libya. He was discharged from the National Guard in 1963 with the rank of Airman First Class.

Smitty continued teaching in Bolling Green, Wellsville, Troy, and was principal in the St. Charles District. Besides teaching he also coached basketball and baseball.

After his teaching career, he was the manager of the Western Auto store in Slater, MO for 11 years.

Ernest "Smitty" Smith is now retired and resides in Arrow Rock, MO with his wife Judy Mason Smith. They have two daughters.

Arrow Rock daughters are proud of Airman First Class Ernest Smith and honored to recognize him as Patriot of the Month for his dedicated patriotic service to his community and our great nation.

