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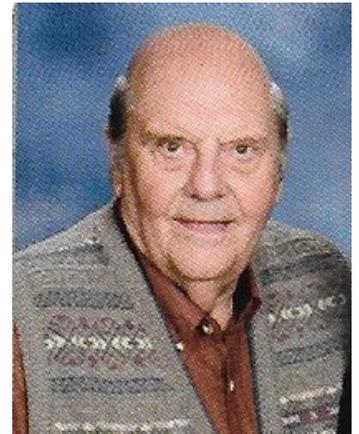
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## Billy Gene Neff United States Army

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SGT Billy Gene Neff was born November 3, 1931. In July of 1952 he was drafted into the US Army to serve in the Korean War. He was in the US Army until 1960. He started his service in Benton County, Missouri, was then sent to Fort Bliss, Texas and then to Japan for wheel training. He was sent to Pusan, Korea as a tank mechanic on the front lines of the war.



Mr. Neff is a true hero and his awards prove it. Bill earned the Korean Defense Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Korean Medal with two Bronze Stars, the National Defense Medal, and the Commendation Medal with pendant.

His most memorable experience was when one of the tanks in his group was shot and three of his buddies died in that tank. Bill went into the tank to let another soldier pull the injured tank to another location so those three bodies could be taken care of and taken off the tank. He was covered in blood of one of the men he was trying to rescue. He came home and was discharged in Fort Carson, CO on July 1, 1960.

Bill worked for a natural gas company for 50 years. He belongs to the First United Methodist Church in Sedalia, MO, as well as the Forty and Eight veteran's organization, VFW, American Legion, and he has volunteered for years at the Missouri State Fair. He is an officer for the Forty and Eight organization. His advice to all of us is take care of our country, honor the flag at all times, and be good to everyone.

He is the husband of Shirley and the father of two sons and two stepchildren. They live in Warsaw, Missouri, MO.

Osage Daughters are proud of Bill Neff and are honored to recognize him as Patriot of the Month for his dedicated patriotic service to his community and our great nation.