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Patriot of the Month

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George Turley

United States Navy

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George Bingham Turley has lived most of his life in Arrow Rock, MO. He is proud of the fact, and justly so, that his ancestors gave the land for the historic village of Arrow Rock established in 1829.

George served in the U.S. Navy from August 1969 to August 1973. He enlisted at Sedalia, MO. He received his training at Great Lakes Naval Training Center.

When asked about the best advice George received, he recalled the advice he received from his brother-in-law, "Do not come to Vietnam." George did go to Vietnam. He was a Gunner Mate on the USS Worden DLG-18, a missile frigate.

The USS Worden was stationed in Yokosuka, Japan and worked the Gulf of Tonkin providing air and carrier support. While in Hai Phong Harbor protecting the ships that were mining the harbor, the USS Worden was hit by a rocket. Its damage was substantial.

When asked what was an interesting experience you had? George said, "One of the most interesting things I witnessed occurred while positioned in the Gulf of Tonkin. The USS Worden hosted the earliest negotiation meeting for ending the war." Diplomats from all the warring entities came on board. This honor was given to the USS Worden in recognition for the rocket damage we received in Hai Phong Harbor."

George received the National Defense Service Medal; Vietnam Service Medal with 1 Bronze Star; RVN Campaign Medal with Device; and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal [Korea].

George returned to civilian life in August 1973 working 15 years for the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad, followed by 17 years with Quinn Concrete, Marshall, MO. He retired in 2005 having suffered a leg injury.

George is a member of the American Legion, VFW, and Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association. George has three sons and enjoys a peaceful life in his ancestral village, Arrow Rock.

Arrow Rock's daughters are proud of George Bingham Turley, Gunners Mate U.S. Navy and honored to recognize him as Patriot of the Month for his dedicated patriotic service to his community and our great nation.

