

# MISSOURI STATE SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

*Proudly Honors*



**ROBERT M. WILLIAMS**  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
PRIVATE (E-1)  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
STAFF SERGEANT (E-6)  
AUGUST 4, 1950 – APRIL 17, 1964



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**PURPLE HEART PATRIOT  
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*Cindy Williams Honoring her Grandfather's Service and Sacrifice  
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My father passed away in 2000, so I was unable to interview him, but I remember him talking about his Purple Heart and Bronze Star medals as well as other awards. He was so proud of his service in the Korean War. Before he passed away, he put together a book for each of his children that detailed the battles he was involved in during the Korean War including a personal note detailing his Korean War involvement.

During the Korean War, he was in the U.S. Army Heavy Mortar Company, 23<sup>rd</sup> Regimental Combat Team, 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division. Shortly after arriving in Korea, he was a radio operator for a Forward Observer, later a Forward Observer, and then into

Fire Direction Control. He was in Korea from August 4, 1950 to June 22, 1951.

Robert was wounded in action on February 12, 1951, during the Battle of Chipyeong-ni. The 23<sup>rd</sup> Regimental Combat Team provided defense of Chipyeong-ni February 13–14, 1951. February 12, 1951, was quiet except for a successful raid west of Chipyeong-ni by a French Battalion. Lieutenant General Matthew B. Ridgway decided Chipyeong-Ni was the place to make a stand against the Chinese Communists. After days of heavy fighting with casualties,

the U.S. Army troops were successful in their defense. Robert was awarded a Purple Heart Medal for his actions during this battle.



*Robert M. Williams (Right) with his father Harold Williams (left).*



*Air Force soldiers being greeted by General Curtis LeMay at the Strategic Air Command Bombing and Navigation Reconnaissance Competition; dated 1956. Robert is the tallest soldier in white.*