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**PATRIOT OF THE MONTH  
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**MATTHEW WILSON  
MISSOURI ARMY NATIONAL GUARD  
JULY 14, 1942 – CURRENTLY SERVING  
SERGEANT FIRST CLASS (E-7)**

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Matthew Wilson was born in Aurora, Missouri. He graduated from Aurora High School and immediately enlisted in the Missouri Army National Guard. He attended basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, followed by advanced training in engineering also at Fort Leonard Wood, and logistics in Virginia. Sergeant First Class (SFC) Wilson has served in the Army National Guard for 18 years and is currently serving full-time as the Readiness Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) of the 1241st Transportation Company in Monett. Highlights of Matt's service include one overseas tour in Japan with an infantry unit and a tour in Guatemala with an engineer unit. Matt holds five military skills specialties including combat engineer, infantryman, supply, concrete and asphalt engineer,

and transportation specialist.

Recently SFC Wilson deployed with his unit to the southern border of the United States to provide border security. This deployment lasted 13 months. Highlights of the duty included getting to work with border patrol agents and their command. Another highlight was performing numerous community service projects to develop a strong relationship with local communities. SFC Wilson states that stepping up to lead the unit's demobilization process, normally done by an officer, was personally fulfilling. He brought every unit member home safely.

SFC Wilson's military awards include the Army Commendation Medal, three Army Achievement Medals, four Good Conduct Ribbons, two Army Reserve Component Achievement Medals, three Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Awards, two Overseas Training Ribbons, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with M Device, Expert Rifle Badge, Driver's Badge, two Missouri Commendation Medals,

Missouri Long Service Ribbon 3, Missouri Expeditionary Ribbon, Missouri Governor's Unit Citation, two Missouri State of Emergency Duty Ribbons, and the Global War on Terrorism Ribbon.

Matthew's greatest pride is his wife and four children. He is dedicated to serving his unit as well as his community and is actively working on bringing the two together. Matthew volunteers at the community food pantry, with scouts, and is active in his church, assisting with the youth programs. Matt enjoys camping, fishing, and volunteering. He is truly the epitome of the servant and leader that brings honor to our military members.

