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**PATRIOT OF THE MONTH**

**SEPTEMBER 2025**  
**FRANCIS SINDELAR**  
**UNITED STATES ARMY**  
**1981 – 1983**  
**SPECIALIST 4 (E-4)**



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Francis Sindelar, son of a military veteran, carried on his family's tradition of service when he enlisted in the U.S. Army. He completed basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and specialized in electrical and hydraulic systems; technical skills that would later shape his civilian career.

After further training at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland, Francis was stationed in Nuremberg, Germany. His service also took him to Fürth, Gripshover, Kosovo, Serbia, and Bosnia. He served with Bravo Company, 123rd Rear Detachment Armament Battalion, part of the legendary "Old Ironsides" division, holding the rank of Specialist 4 (SP4).

He remembers photographing aircraft flyovers, friends, and working during training, but what stood out most was the beauty of Germany; something he still speaks of fondly. Holiday meals, especially Thanksgiving, brought comfort and a

break from routine. Two turning points during his service had lasting effects: a chaplain gave him his first small New Testament Bible, beginning his personal journey of faith; and after his deployment, he returned home to the woman he loved. They married, started a life together, and remain married to this day.

Frances and his wife raised two children and are now proud grandparents. The technical training he received in the Army laid the groundwork for a successful career in HVAC, a field he continues to work in. Outside of work, Frances is active in his church, enjoys bicycling, and values time with his growing family.

