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Patriot of the Month



Kenneth Tucker

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Kenneth Tucker was born in Blue Jacket, Oklahoma March 28, 1922. When young, the family moved to Diamond, Missouri, where he later graduated from high school.

Kenneth entered the United States Army on March 10, 1943, at Fort Warren, Wyoming. He served as a Communication Chief in the Signal Corps during World War II in the Philippines and the South Pacific. He was discharged at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas on February 22, 1946. Later he entered the Korean Conflict as a Staff Sergeant with the NATO troops. He served from October 10, 1950 until December 4, 1951.

Kenneth received four Battle Stars and a Presidential Citation. During his service years and through his private military organizations, he had the honor of meeting six United States Presidents: Harry Truman, Dwight Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, and Jimmy Carter.

In civilian life, Kenneth was a Pet Milk plant manager. He is a member of the Methodist Church, active in the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion, and has served as an officer in many civic organizations.

Kenneth is an Honorary Life Member of the George Washington Carver Association where he served on the board for twenty-five years. He married Mary Jewel Smith October 12, 1941. They have two sons, two grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.