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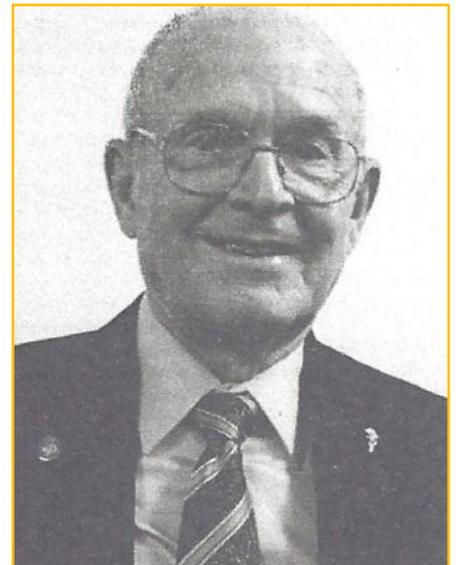
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Dr. Thomas G. Loafmann, Sr.

United States Army

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Thomas was born in New Mexico, and grew up in Oklahoma. He attended Oklahoma State University where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture and his Doctor of Veterinarian Medicine.

He was drafted into the Medical Draft as a Veterinarian, entering the United States Army as a First Lieutenant. He reported to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, in July, 1966, for Officer Basic Training. He was then transferred to school at the United States Army Food Inspection School in Illinois. While there, he was promoted to Captain.

Thomas' first assignment was Fort Campbell, Kentucky, but, he was stationed in Nashville, Tennessee, for nine months. Thomas became the Commanding Officer of the Veterinary Corps at Fort Campbell until he was discharged in July, 1968. When he arrived at Fort Campbell, the 101st Airborne Division was being prepared to go to Vietnam. Later, he watched as the 101st was airlifted from Fort Campbell. Thomas was discharged from Fort Campbell in July, 1968, as a Captain in the Veterinary Corps.

Thomas practiced equine veterinarian medicine for 54 years, owning an equine medical and surgical clinic, specializing in dentistry. He has been going on missions as a Veterinarian for several years. He has travelled on three missions to American Indian Reservations, going to the Navaho Indian Reservation and the Cheyenne Indian Reservation. He has also travelled on two missions to Bolivia, South America, and three missions to Mongolia.

Thomas has mentored 93 pre-veterinary volunteers, 43 veterinary student externs, and 37 graduate interns. He was President of his class while attending Oklahoma State Veterinarian School. Serving as class representative, he works on obtaining funds for the "Class of 1963," an Endowment

established by his class. This endowment brings speakers in for the veterinary students and faculty on important subjects dealing with human and veterinarian medicine. He is an author and has published a book on equine hospital planning and construction. He has taught at his local Community College on equine science and health.

In 2016, Thomas was recognized as a Distinguished Alumni of the Oklahoma State University College of Veterinary Medicine. He is a member of the American Association of Equine Practitioners where he served as Chairman of the Hospital Planning Committee and a member of the Missouri Veterinary Medical Association where he served as Chairman of the Equine Committee. Since 1963, he has been a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association.

Thomas has served on the Pond-Grover Long Range Planning Committee. He has served as Elder and on his church board for over 20 years and taught Sunday School for over 35 years.

Thomas and his wife, Fredda-Lois, have been married over 53 years. They have a son, a daughter, and four grandchildren.

St. Louis-Jefferson Daughters are very proud to honor and recognize Dr. Thomas G. Loafmann, Sr. as Patriot of the Month for his dedicated service to his community and his dedicated patriotic service to our great nation.