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Patriot of the Month



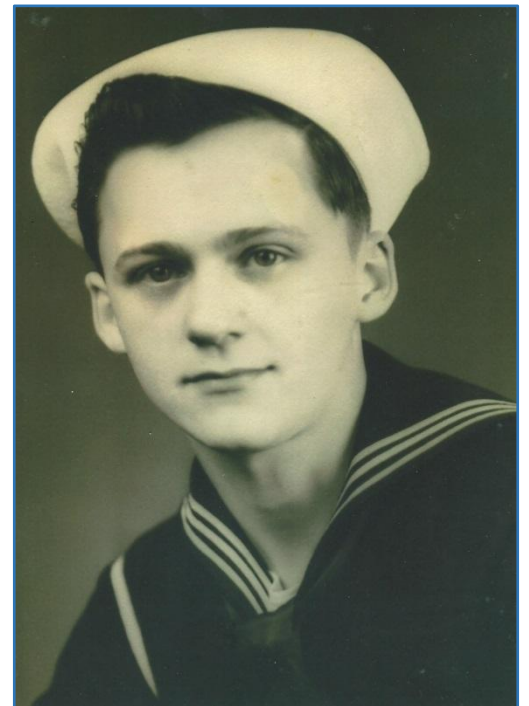
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**LaVern "Vern" William
Ballard**

United States Navy

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LaVern was born at home. He weighed only two pounds at birth. His twin sister weighed two and one-half pounds. The doctor did not expect them to live, but his parents were hopeful. They prayed and asked God to let their children live and pledged to dedicate them to the Lord. They both lived!

LaVern "Vern" entered the United States Navy in May, 1945, in Missouri. He was stationed at the discharge center on Mare Island. He taught Navy World War II veterans how to properly get discharged.

Vern was awarded the Good Conduct Medal and the World War II Medal. He was discharged in August, 1946, from Naval Station Great Lakes, Illinois.

Vern became a bi-vocational pastor. As a minister, he served in Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia and various areas of the United States.

Vern's second vocation was working as a civil service employee with the Air Force Military Airlift Command as the Civilian Training Personnel Officer. He retired from that position after 28 years. His greatest honor serving in that capacity was to personally receive a citation of award from President John F. Kennedy.

Sarah Lewis Boone Daughters are proud and honored to recognize LaVern "Vern" William Ballard as Patriot of the Month for his dedicated patriotic service to our great nation.