



Citation

Whereas, James Bench is a resident of Crowder, Oklahoma and a proud member of the Choctaw Nation. He served in the United States Navy from 1957 to 1961, where he achieved the rank of Seaman.

Whereas, Seaman Bench was served in Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand and Philippines. Seaman Bench was stationed on the USS Reaper, which was a mine sweeper ship, and then on the USS Pledge where he remained until his discharge in 1961.

Whereas, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma holds our Veterans in the highest esteem and appreciates the sacrifices and contributions they have made to preserve our freedoms and the way of life we hold dear.

Whereas, the Councilmen of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma takes great pride in honoring James Bench as "Veteran of the Month".

Now, therefore, pursuant to the motion of

Chief Gary Batton

The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma extends to

James Bench

Sincere commendations and directs that this citation be presented.

Chief Gary Batton

Assistant Chief Jack Austin Jr.

District 12 Councilman James Frazier