

Austin Jefferson, of Bethel, Oklahoma, was 2022 November's Veteran of the Month.

Jefferson joined the United States Army in 1977 and achieved the rank of Sergeant E-5 Specialist. He was stationed at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina for basic training and basic electrical schooling; at Huntsville, Alabama for AIT for Tow and Dragon wire guided missile systems, where he tested missile systems to ensure proper functionality; and then at Ft. Riley, Kansas as part of the 701st Maintenance Battalion Golf Company where he oversaw five maintenance trucks to maintain the TOW and Dragon wire guided missile systems.

He joined the Army Reserves in 1980 in Antlers, Oklahoma where he was given the rank of Sergeant and was a lithographer.