Preston Ludlow, Talihina, Oklahoma, is December's Veteran of the Month.

Sgt. Ludlow was born in Osceola, Arkansas, and raised in Honobia, Oklahoma. He attended Haskell Indian Nation University and graduated as an electrician. He joined the U.S. Marine Corps three months after graduation. He served with the First Marine Division Headquarters Company as an electrician, radioman and recon personnel. From Oct. 6, 1966 to May 25, 1970, Ludlow served with two tours of duty in Vietnam. He was awarded the Combat Action Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with Star and Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device.

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