

Randy Houser Short enlisted in the Army National Guard from May 1970 to May of 1976. The first three years were spent at Antlers National Guard and the last three years at Hugo Army Reserves.

“After basic training at Fort Polk, I spent six months in North Carolina. Then I worked in the Motor Pool at Antlers. My time at Hugo was with infantry.”

The best part of his service experience was, “Education on a lot of things. Being in the service taught me a lot,” said Short, who retired as a Spec 4. “I became a better marksman – I qualified ‘Expert’ in the military. The military also taught me how to have patience.”

Civilian careers included work as an industrial mechanic for Brown and Root and LeFlore Daniels, construction companies.

“I feel there ought to be stronger programs for veterans who have been to war. There should be more for them,” said Short, noting that veterans of wars and battles don’t see the same things, or have the same problems, of veterans who do not go to war.