

February Veteran of the Month

Michael “Mike” Scantlen, Stigler, Oklahoma (District 5), is Veteran of the Month for February.

Scantlen graduated from Stigler High School and attended Connor State College before transferring to Northeastern Oklahoma State College, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in education.

He was drafted into the U.S. Army, attending basic training in El Paso,

Texas. He attended MOS school in Ft. Huachuca, Arizona, to become a clerk. He served in Vietnam for 14 months, achieving the pay grade of E-5. He was in Vietnam during the first Tet Offensive and the second Tet Offensive. After three months, E-5 Scantlen was attached to an education department in Long Binh, where he handled GED testing and taught a basic reading class.

Scantlen returned to Northeastern Oklahoma State College and received his master's degree upon return from the Army. He then began teaching at Hilddale School, where he retired from. After retirement, he drove a bus and did mailroom duties at Muskogee Vo-Tech. He drove a bus for the School for the Blind in Muskogee and served as a house parent. He retired completely in 1990 and moved back to Stigler in 2007 to work on his father's ranch.

The Choctaw Nation 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.

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