

Tom January Veteran of the Month January 2020

Albert Tom Jr. of Sobol, Okla., was honored by being named January's Veteran of the Month.

Tom served in the United States Army as a Specialist, Grade 4 from September 14, 1965 to January 7, 1972.

Spec 4 Tom served in Vietnam and Germany earning the Bronze Star with V Device, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, two Overseas Bars, National Defense Service Medal and Expert Pistol and Rifle Badge.

Tom said while in the military, an armored personnel carrier he was on became under attack. He managed to charge the enemy, overrunning them. He then dismounted and started to carry ammunition to the other armored carriers.

His basic training was at Fort Polk, LA and AIT was at Fort Knox, KY. He was sent to Vietnam in 1966. He also spent time in Germany and Fort Riley, KS before his discharge in 1972.

Tom worked for the Choctaw Nation for five years, and also worked at the local sawmill and for the Forestry Department and did road construction. He likes to stay busy doing odd jobs during the summer.

Fellowship at the Choctaw Nation Community Center is important to Tom. He enjoys visiting with friends and goes on the Senior trips the Center sponsors.