



**MAY 2024**  
***Stratford Veterans Museum***  
**VETERAN OF THE MONTH**

# **EDWARD T. DEAN SR.**



Ed Dean, born May 31, 1932 would have been 91 years old this year. Ed spent his formative years in Bridgeport before the Army drafted him in 1952. His service started with basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. It was there that fellow recruit and future Major League Baseball player, Faye Throneberry, convinced Ed to join the camp's baseball team.

Ed was deployed to Okinawa, Japan where he was put in charge of a data processing night shift. Faye Thorneberry went on to play for the Boston Red Sox, Washington Senators and Los Angeles Angels. Ed has many fond memories playing championship baseball with his Army buddies stateside and abroad.

Having reached the rank of Corporal, Ed returned to the United States, where he was in the Army Reserves for another six years. During this time, he continued his data processing career with GE first in Bridgeport. Ed was promoted to a position in New Jersey, where he met his wife Cathy, of 63 years. The next promotion brought Ed and Cathy back to Connecticut. They eventually settled in Stratford to raise their three children, Mary, Edward and Deborah.

Up until Ed's passing on April 7, 2022, he enjoyed spending time cheering on the New York Yankees and Lady Huskies, solving crossword puzzles and keeping up with his five grandchildren