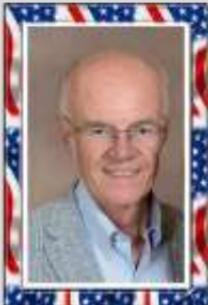


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**Veteran of the Month Prayer Card**

**April 2023**

**James Boehm**



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Jim grew up in Decatur, IL. He worked for Caterpillar and had just graduated from a four-year machinist program when he decided to join the Army, Illinois National Guard at age 23. He attended basic training in Fort Knox, KY and was sent to Fort Gordon, GA for Advanced Communications Training. He served six years in the Illinois National Guard and reached the rank of SPEC 4.

After the military, he again worked for Caterpillar, in manufacturing, in Decatur, IL. Within a year he was promoted to management in worldwide parts and service sales and moved to Peoria, IL, where he met Vicki. His job has taken him to every continent except Antarctica.

Jim has a passion for helping adults with disabilities. He served on the board of Community Workshop and Training Center for disabled adults for over 30 years, including 10 years as President. He also served in various churches in Illinois, Denver, CO, Geneva, Switzerland, and Coventry, England.

Jim and Vicki moved to Palm Coast in 2015 from Illinois. Jim has served as the Head Elder at Shepherd of the Coast and currently serves as an Elder. They have been blessed with three children and two grandchildren and will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary in May 2023.