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# **SALUTE TO VETERANS**



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**THANK YOU FOR SERVING OUR COUNTRY  
AND PROTECTING OUR FREEDOMS!**



*To Those  
Who Have Kept Us Safe*

*We tend to take for granted  
Those things in life that we rely upon  
But don't often see.*

*We don't see through the same eyes  
Of those who serve or dedicate their lives  
To keeping us safe.*

*We don't know the same fears or pains,  
The dangers they face or the crosses they bear.*

*We live our lives in a detached awareness,  
A vague oblivion, knowing they are there,  
Somewhere, doing something.*

*To those who serve  
We honor you and thank you.*

*Forgive our ignorance to those challenges you face,  
To the dangers that we could not endure.*

*Thank you for the sacrifices you & your family have made  
So that we might have the time & freedom with our own.*

*Know that the blood you have shed,  
The long goodbyes and the unseen tears  
Are not forgotten nor diminished  
As we honor your dedication to keeping us safe.*

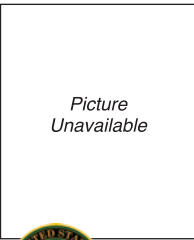
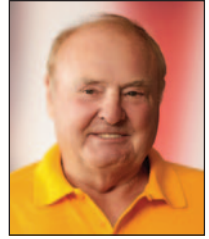
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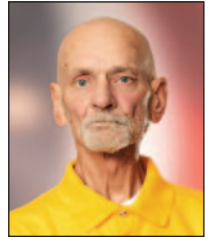
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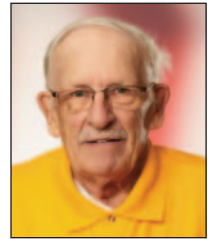
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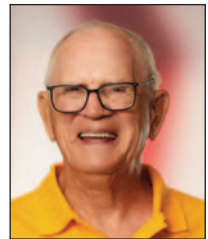
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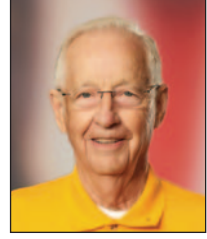
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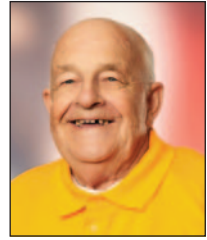
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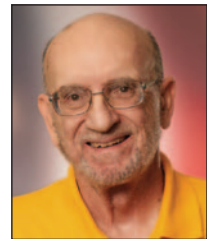
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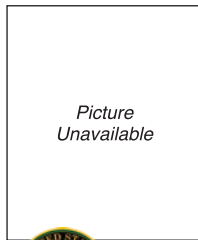
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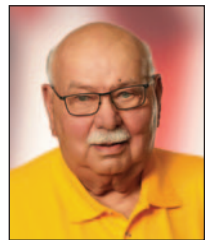
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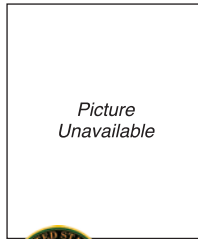
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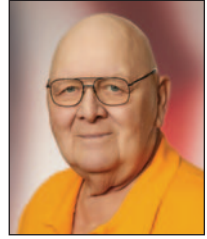
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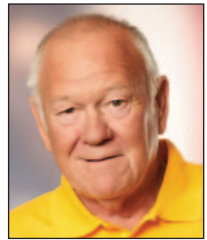
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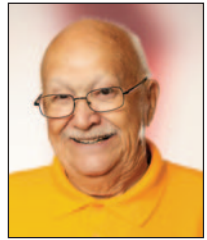
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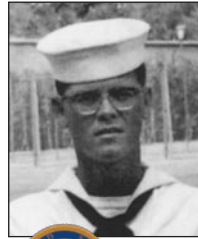
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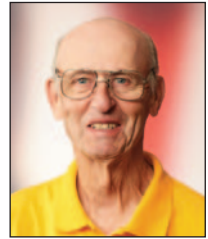
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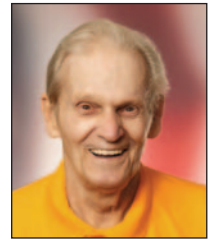
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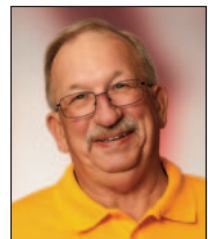
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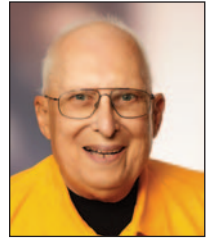
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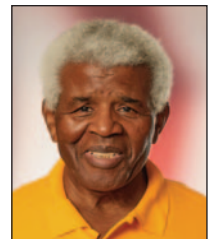
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*"Bravery is being  
the only one who knows  
you're afraid"*

by Kelly Strong

*I watched the flag pass by one day.  
It fluttered in the breeze.  
A young Marine saluted it,  
and then he stood at ease.  
I looked at him in uniform  
So young, so tall, so proud,  
He'd stand out in any crowd.  
I thought how many men like him  
Had fallen through the years.  
How many died on foreign soil?  
How many mothers' tears?  
How many pilots' planes shot down?  
How many died at sea?  
How many foxholes were soldiers' graves?  
No, freedom isn't free.*

*I heard the sounds of TAPS one night,  
When everything was still  
I listened to the bugler play  
And felt a sudden chill.  
I wondered just how many times  
That TAPS had meant "Amen,"  
When a flag had draped a coffin  
Of a brother or a friend.  
I thought of all the children  
Of the mothers and the wives,  
Of fathers, sons and husbands  
With interrupted lives.  
I thought about a graveyard  
At the bottom of the sea  
Of unmarked graves in Arlington.  
No, freedom isn't free.*



*"Heroism doesn't always happen in a burst of glory.  
Sometimes small triumphs and large hearts change  
the course of history." - Mary Roach*

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