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SALUTE TO VETERANS



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

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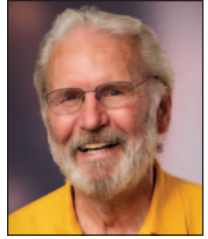
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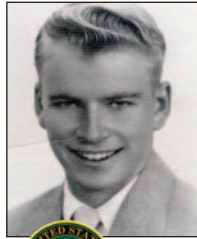
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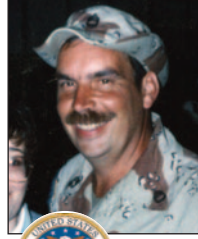
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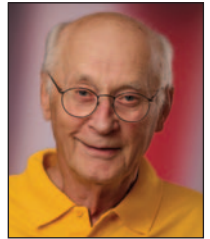
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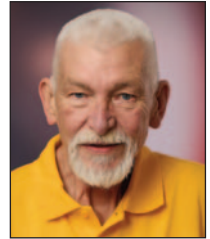
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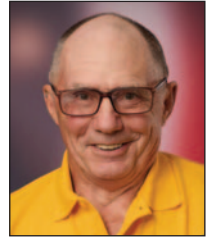
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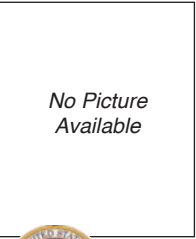
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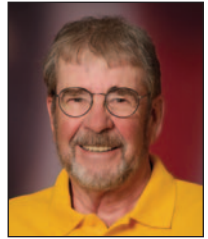
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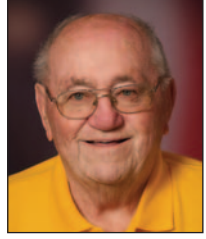
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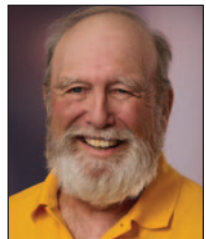
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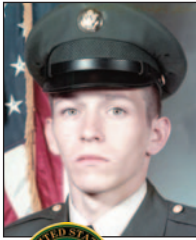
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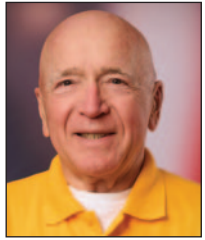
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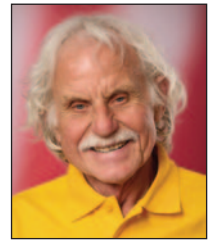
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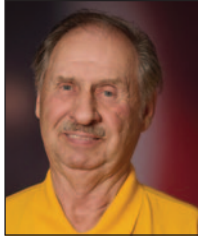
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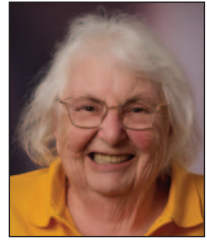
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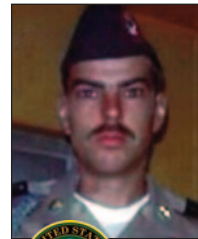
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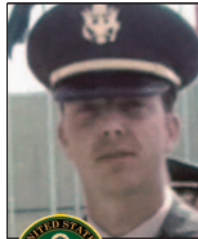
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Freedom Is Not Free

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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