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SALUTE TO VETERANS



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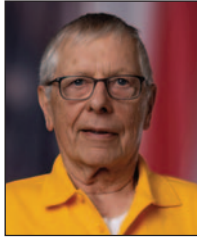
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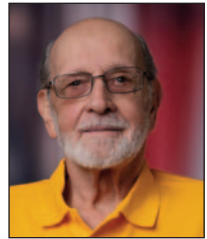
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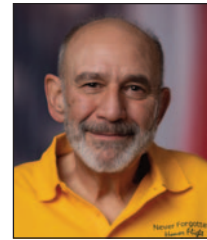
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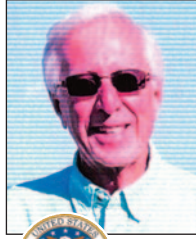
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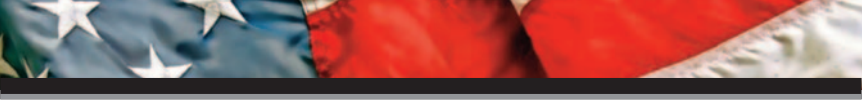
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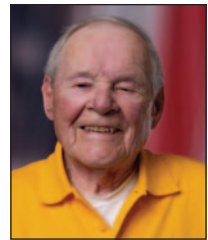
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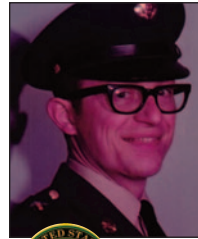
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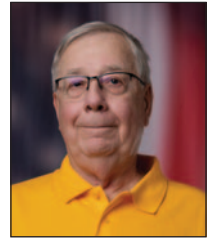
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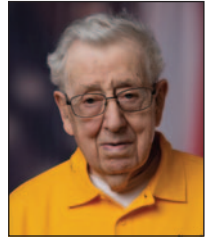
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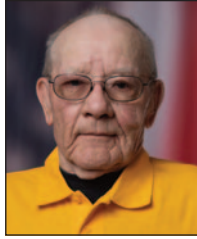
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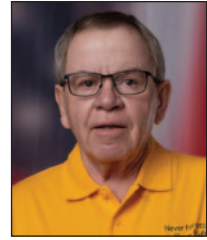
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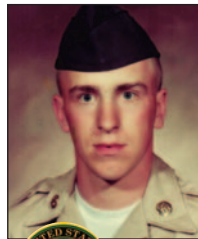
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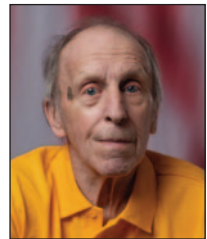
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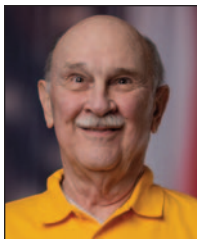
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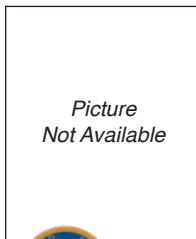
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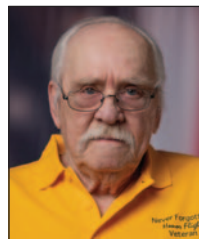
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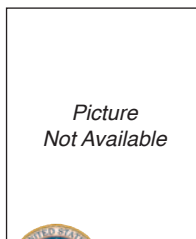
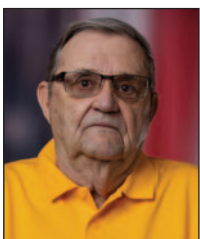
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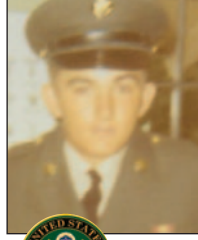
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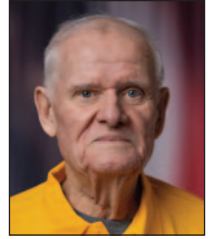
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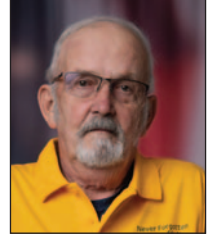
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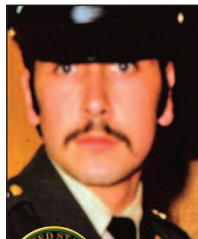
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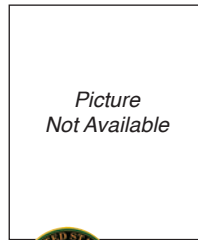
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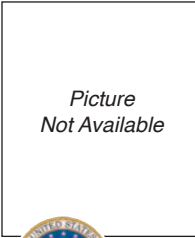
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Navy, Vietnam Era, Irma



Marci Zemke
Air Force, Vietnam Era, Wausau



Dan Zernia
Navy, Vietnam Era, Eagle River



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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