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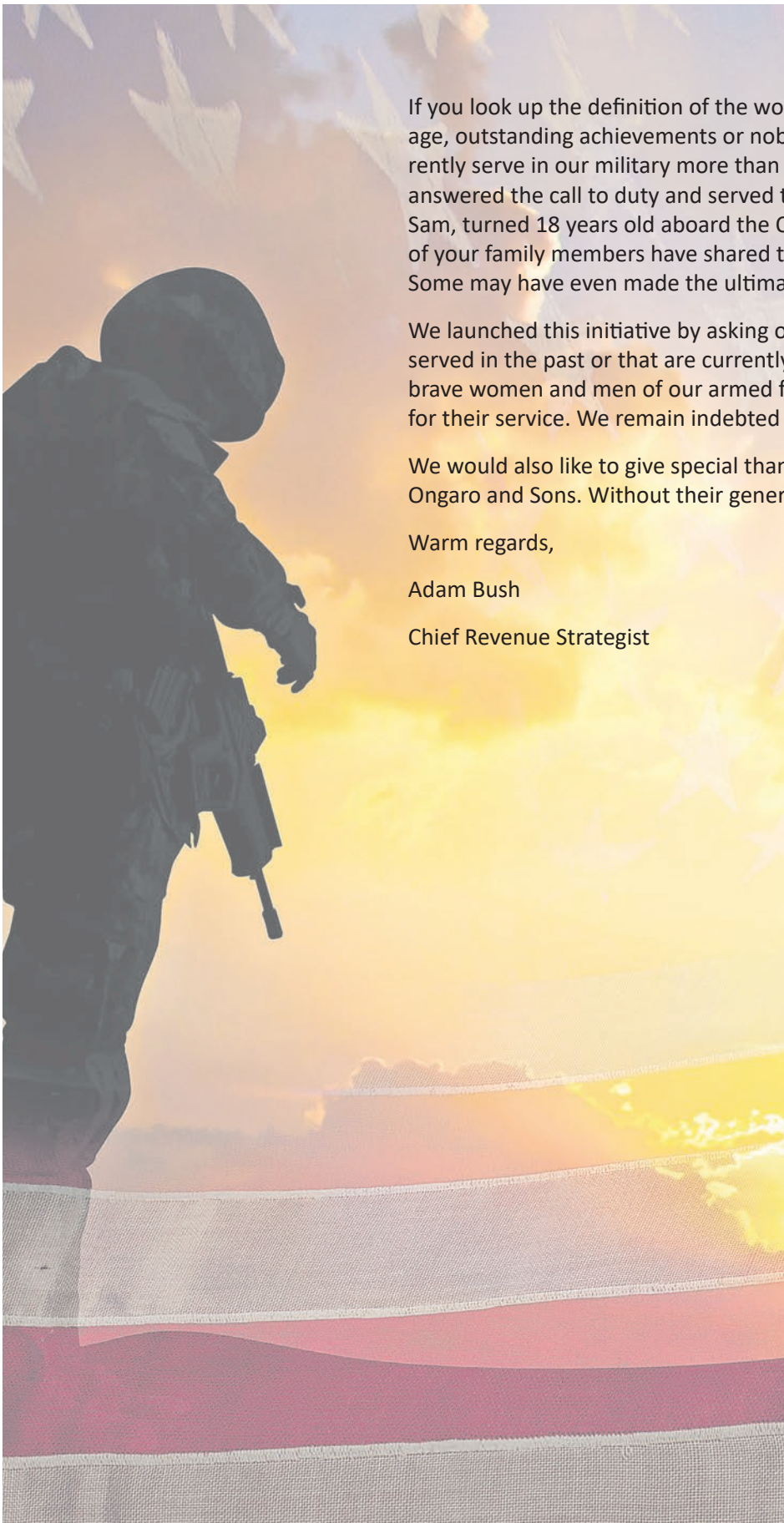
Recognizing our family members, friends, and co-workers who have devoted years of their lives to help protect and serve our country.

Honoring those who have selflessly served

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If you look up the definition of the word “hero” it reads “a person who is admired or idolized for courage, outstanding achievements or noble qualities.” By that measure, our veterans and those that currently serve in our military more than qualify. We all have a grandfather, daughter, cousin, or sister that answered the call to duty and served their country as a member of the U.S. Military. My grandfather, Sam, turned 18 years old aboard the Queen Mary enroute to Germany during WWII. No doubt many of your family members have shared tales of bravery, comradery, and pride from their years of service. Some may have even made the ultimate sacrifice.

We launched this initiative by asking our readers to supply pictures of family members that have either served in the past or that are currently serving in our military. On this Veteran’s Day, we celebrate the brave women and men of our armed forces by publishing their photos as a small way of thanking them for their service. We remain indebted to them and are proud to call them our heroes.

We would also like to give special thanks to our Presenting Partner, Friedman’s Home Improvement, and, Ongaro and Sons. Without their generous ongoing support, this would not be possible.

Warm regards,

Adam Bush

Chief Revenue Strategist



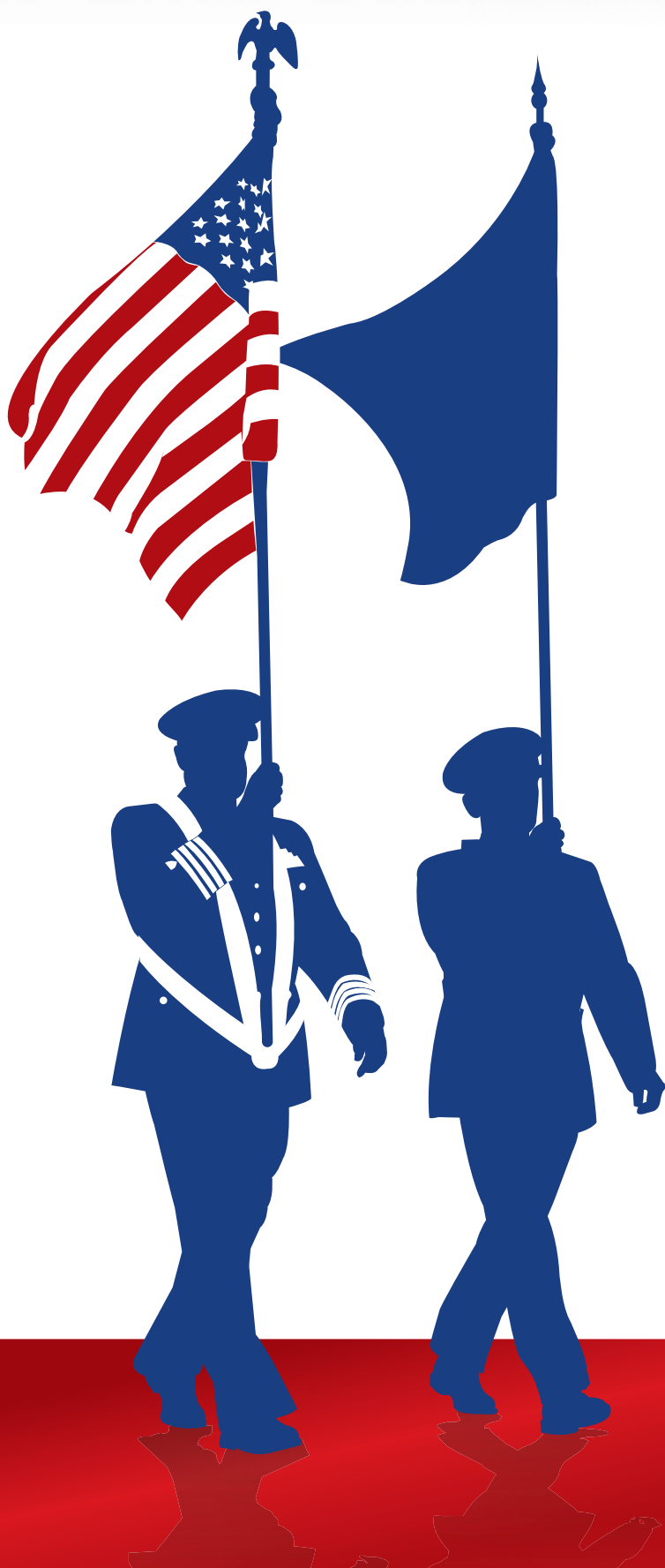
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A SALUTE TO OUR VETERANS

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1st. Lt. Paul L'Esperance
Photo taken at Marine Corps Supply Center, Barstow, CA July 1970 before a parade



Alan Jaroslovsky
OOD of US destroyer, Vietnam, 1972.



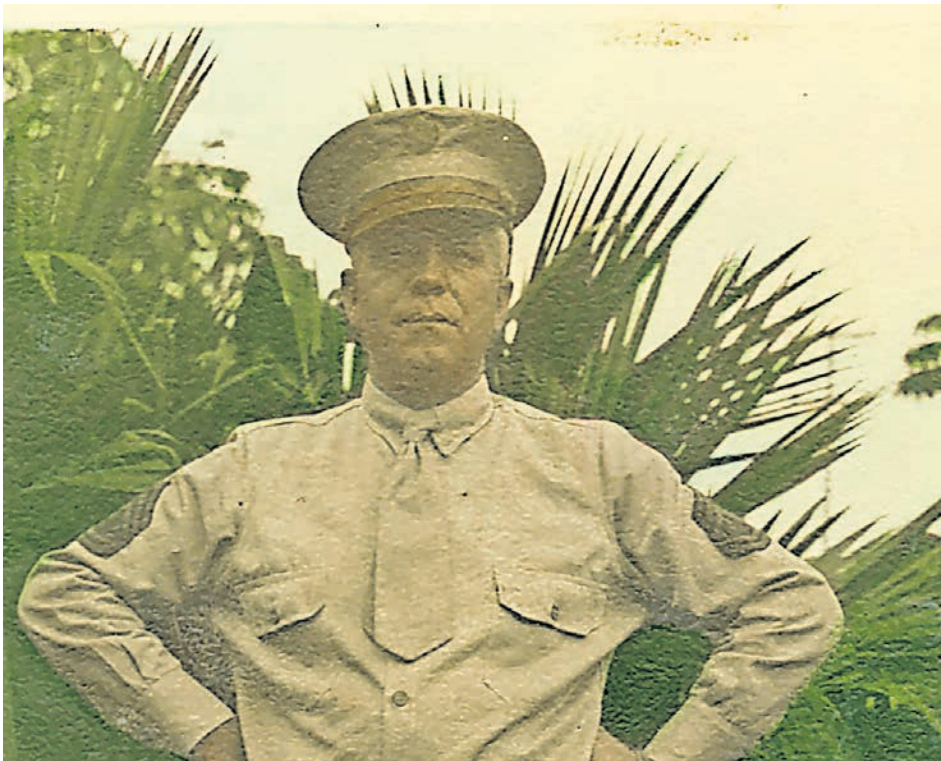
Andrew Crump
Corporal, Army Infantry, with 1st Cav, Fort Hood, Texas



Angelo (Andy) Gomez
Angelo Gomez served in the Navy for 3 years on the USS New Orleans in the South Pacific during WWII. He fought in many important battles, but most memorably, was the Battle of Tassafaronga in November 1942.



Anna Ryba, LT, USN
Change of Charge ceremony, PSD Rota Spain, June 1990



Arthur Wilde
Emigrated from Germany. Served in the US Army Cavalry and crossed the border into Mexico under General Pershing. He was stationed at Fort Hickham, Hawaii on December 7, 1941.



Beverly Biggs Dobbas
United States Marine, Stationed in Goleta California, 1942-44



Bob Ferrand
My Dad was in the Marines in 1955 and is a Marine to this day!



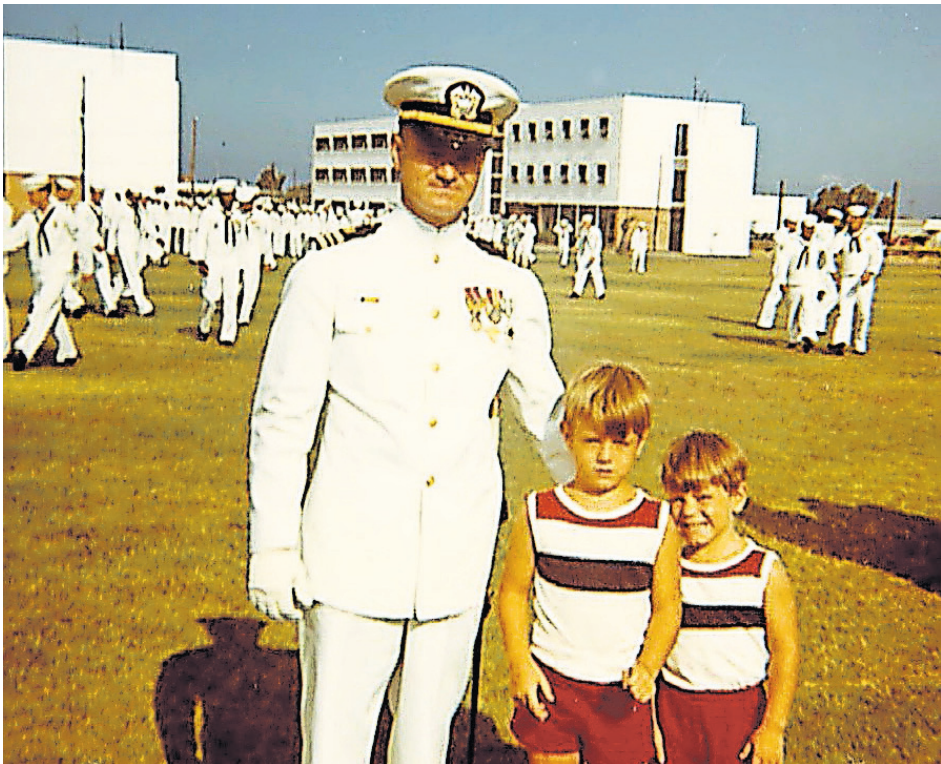
Captain Thomas Stanton
My father in 1967 with an unnamed South Vietnamese soldier.



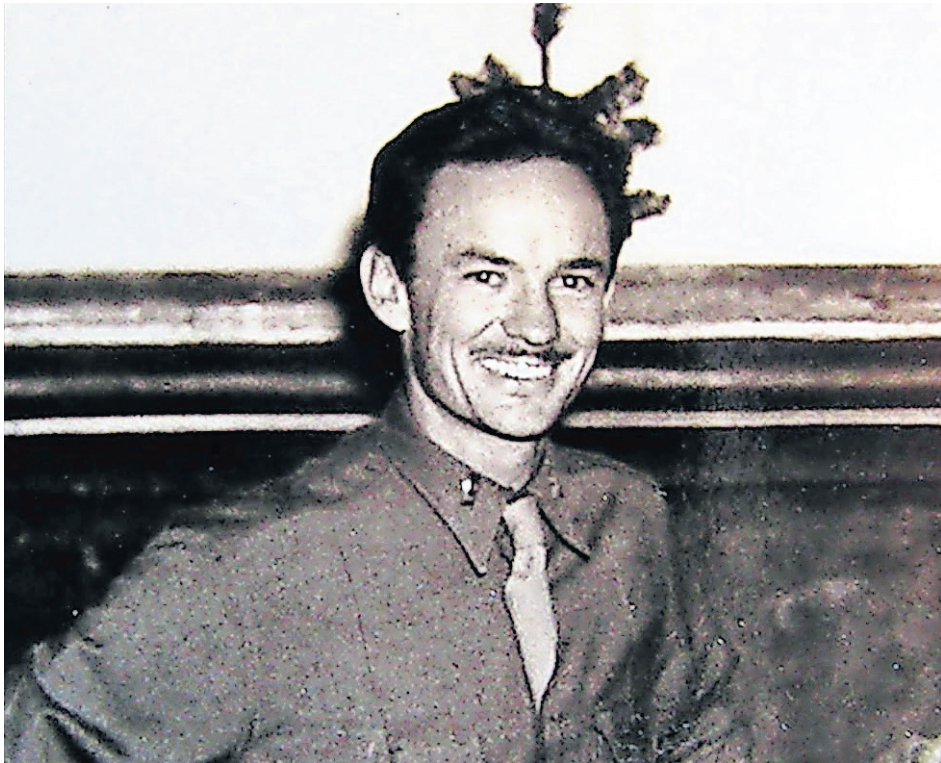
Carl Boger
My adorable grandfather, Carl (aka Buzz or Harvey) Boger served in the Army as a drill sergeant during WWII. This photo was taken in Maryland with my late grandmother Eva.



Carolyn Mack
Air Force 1952



Cdr. Shamus (Jim) O'Hare
Jim and 2 of his 4 sons in Rota, Spain in 1969



Charles Moore
Served in the Army Air Corp. Stationed initially in Ft Sam Houston, San Antonio Texas.
Posted to Foggia, Italy for the second half of WWII.



Charles Peltier
United States Coast Guard
Charles is honoring his friend who was a Vietnam Veteran.



Charles Wilkins, Vic Wilkins, Norman Wilkins, Bill Wilkins
4 brothers serving at the same time in WWII and Korea. Norman landed on Omaha Beach on D Day and was in 5 major battles until the war ended.



Chief Warrant Officer W. Duane Wilson
2012 Retirement day photo after 32 years service U.S. Navy



Col Bernard Aabel
US Army 1941 to 1961
Landed Omaha Beach D Day



CWO Robert Castro and HMT Thomas Castro along with his two Sons, Anthony and Dominic Castro
Three generations of service, I'm the proud Daughter, Sister and Aunt of these four outstanding men.



David Franklin Rickman
My Grandpa served in the Navy during WW I, WW II, and then was back in uniform and worked at the shipyards in San Francisco during the Korean War. He was Navy to the core.



David S Quist
Honolulu, Hawaii hotel room in 1967 on Air Force R&R from Viet Nam. 21 years old and unrecognizable from now. Seems so long ago, yet can still remember as tho yesterday.



Debbie “Edens” Wright (far rt) & Dean Sexton (3rd fr rt)
Sacramento Valley National Cemetery
MIAP (missing in America project)



Denesa Gonzales
My step-mom, Air Force CSMSgt Denesa Gonzales, August 10, 1977 - January 31, 2006.



Donald Thwaites
My father, the short guy, and his crewmates. B17 Melancholy Baby, Alconbury England 1943.



Don Wayne Cornelius
Don enlisted in the Army in 1964 at the age of seventeen. After initially being stationed in Alaska, he volunteered for Vietnam and served two tours of duty and was given an honorable discharge. We’ve been childhood friends for over sixty years.



Dorothy L. (Bancroft) Hammett
 My mother served during WWII with the WASP (Women Airforce Service Pilots). The WASP were finally granted Veteran status in 1977 and awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 2010.



Doug Lightfoot
 Doug served in the U.S. Army 25th Infantry Division, 1954-1956



DR. David G Moore
 While still in High School, Dave enlisted in the Army Air Corps Reserve and began active duty in August of 1943 at the age of 18. He was one of 19,000 troops to sail on the Queen Elizabeth to Scotland, arriving on D-Day.



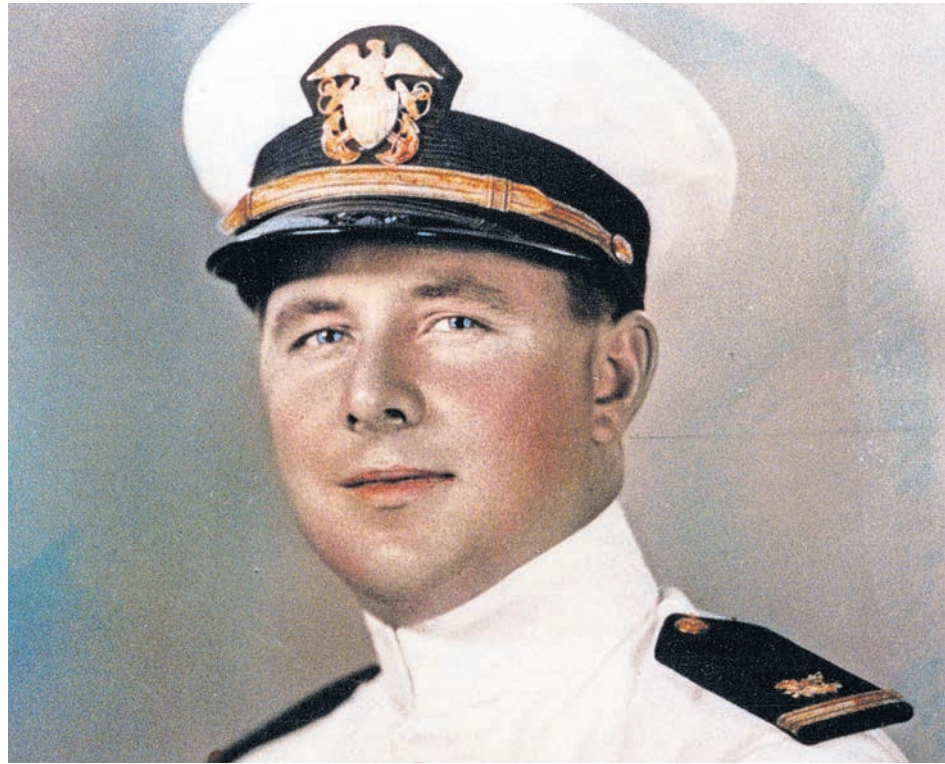
Edward Buckner
 2012 Retirement day photo after 32 years service U.S. Navy



Elda Erickson
 Dental assistant in the Navy.



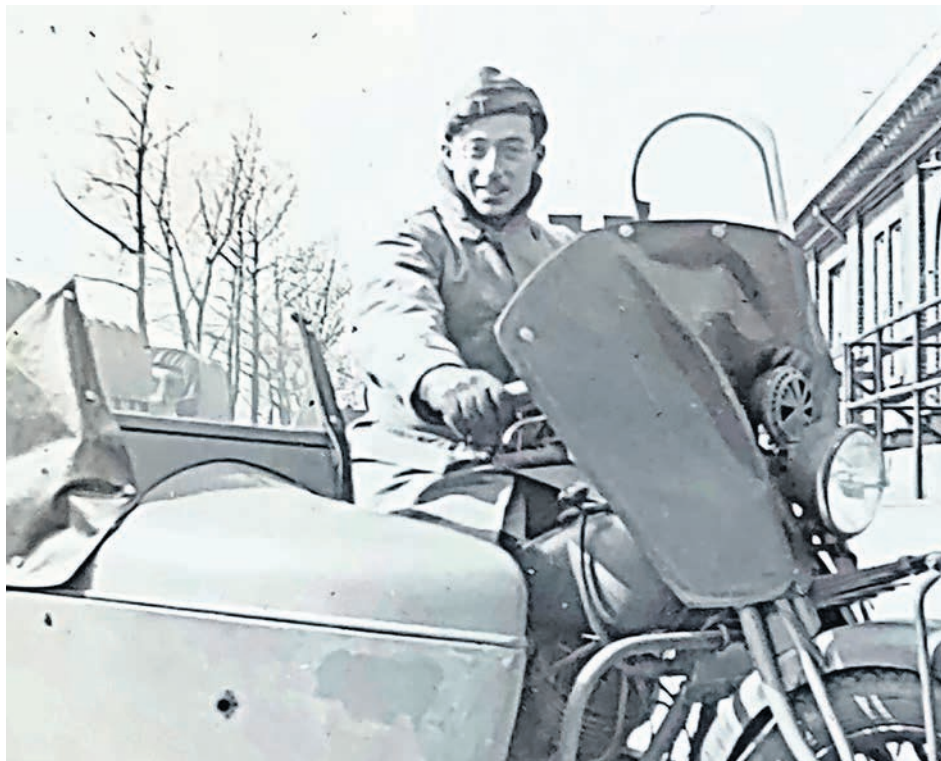
Eloy Gonzales
 Eloy is my step-father. He is a U.S. Air Force veteran who served for 30 years.



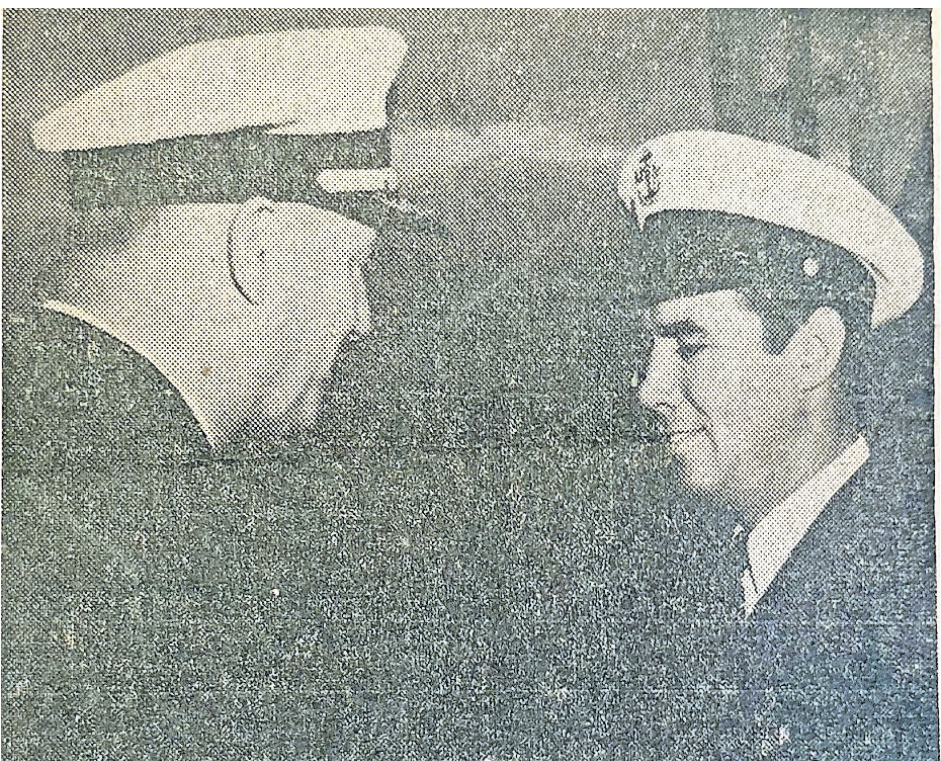
Ensign Douglas Harrison, US Navy (1942)
 My father was the payroll officer for the SS Honolulu, a Brooklyn-class light cruiser that was built in 1937. It was sunk during the Battle of Kula Gulf, central Solomon Islands, on July 13, 1943.



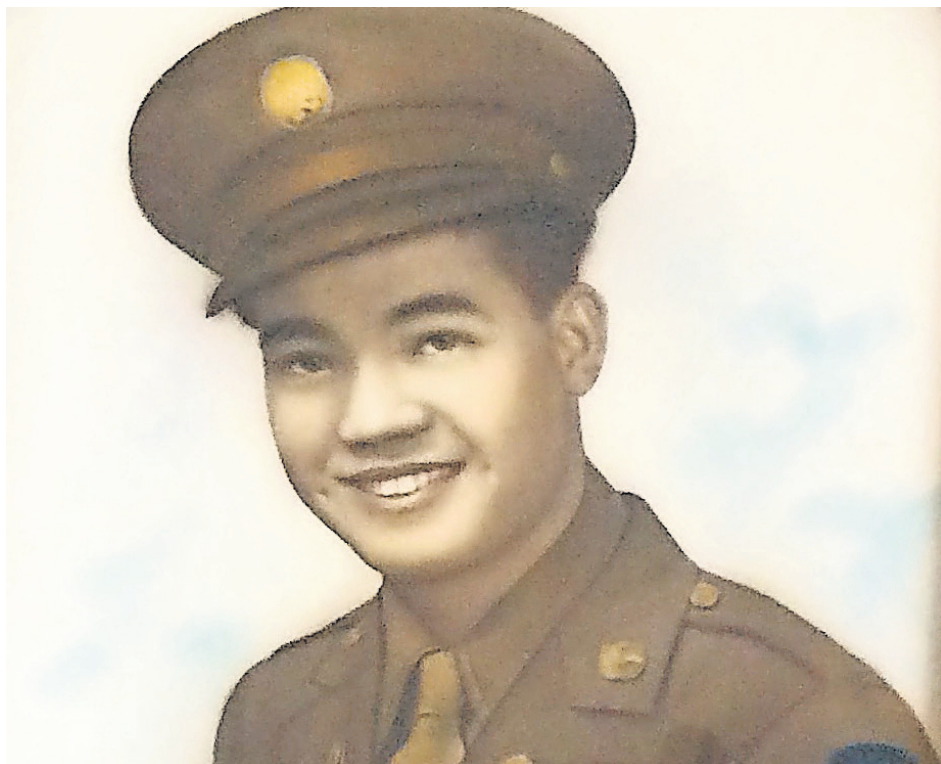
Eugene Frediani
 Dad was a mechanic in the U.S. Army Air Corps (which later became the Air Force). I believe this photo was taken in 1944.



Frank Mancuso
US Army 1940-1945 1st Infantry Division, also known as the Big Red One, was the first division to land on the beaches of Normandy during D-Day.



Frederick A. North
My dad served in the Navy from 1936-1956. Submarines in the Pacific in WW II, destroyer in Korea. One of his submarines, the USS Kingfish, was almost sunk off the coast of Formosa (Taiwan).



Fred On Yin Yee
World War II United States Army Air Corps - Flying Tigers Awarded The Purple Heart and the Congressional Gold Medal



Gary Bayless
1969 China Beach, Danang, in-country one day R&R with surfboard I made from a river-boat repair kit, foam and fiberglass. Left it there after doing my tour of duty, 15 months with the US Navy.



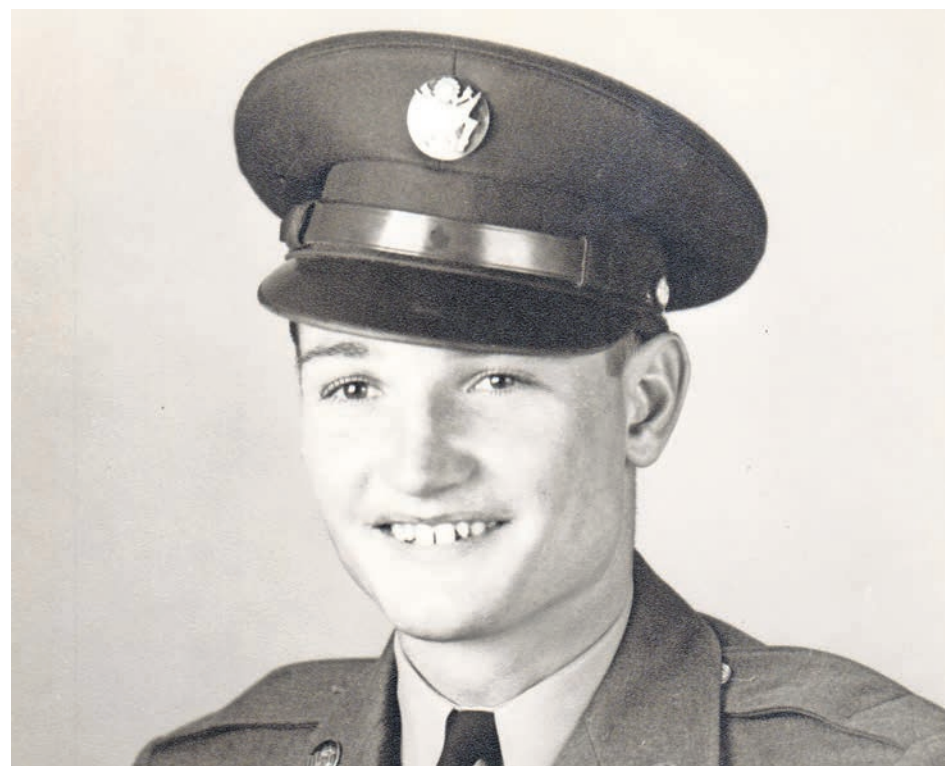
Gary E Cantrall
554th CES Redhorse 66-67 68-69 Phan Rang, DaNang



Gary Loux
Boot camp 1962 San Diego
17 years old



George Ely
Major Ely, USAF Reserve retired. Service years 1967-1973 and 1981-1995. Enjoying retirement cross country skiing at Bear Valley, CA.



George Reeves
My father served during WW II as a tank commander and was wounded in Belgium in January 1945. He was awarded a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star.



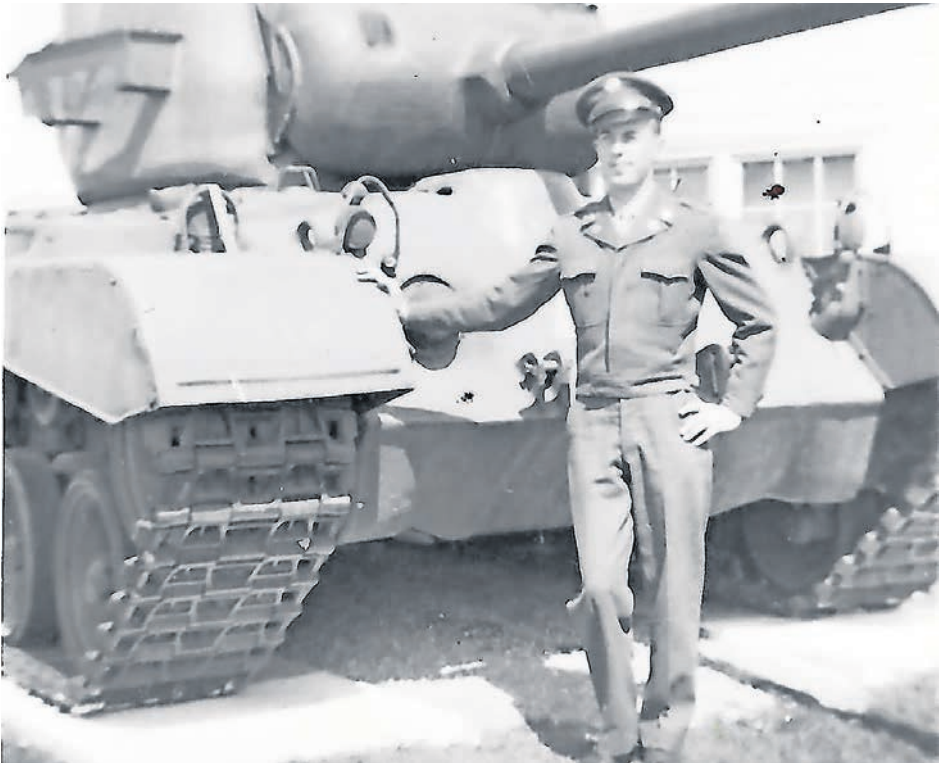
Guy P. Catenacci
PVT 29 CO-20 Engineers, not yet a citizen of USA, volunteered to serve in World War I and served his two years in France returning to Petaluma, California July 6, 1919



Harold J. Pennington
My Dad took great pride in serving his country. He joined the US Marine corp at the age of 17. He was a paratrooper.



Harry Sugiyama
Germany 1945
627th Field Artillery



Herbert "Bob" Harrison
The photo is dated 1949 and that was the year that he enlisted. His official Army service years were 1950-53 during which he was stationed in Germany at Sandhofen Ordnance Automotive Center as a mechanic.



Herbert Morris
Herbert Morris, with his family, upon his retirement from the US Air Force in 1973.
Veteran of Korea and Vietnam. He lived in Petaluma until his death in 2014.



Hiram Banks
This is a postcard-photo of my great uncle Hiram Banks. He was twenty one years old.
He joined the army during WWI and fought in France with his twin brother Jeff.



HMI Leif Vogel
US Navy, 2nd deployment in Iraq 2006



Irv Goldman
My Mom and Dad.
Early 1940's

THANK YOU **VETERANS!**

THIS WEEK WE HONOR ALL VETERANS & OUR VETERAN FOUNDERS



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