

Letter from the Publisher



May was a month of celebration around here. Of course there was Memorial Day, of special significance to our readers, much more than a day without mail delivery or banking services! I hope you had a chance to view or participate in one of the many services here in Brevard County. Even with the daily news reporting of military events, it is all too easy to forget the individual sacrifices by this and previous generations of military personnel. When you see someone in military uniform or just wearing an old service reminder, please stop and take the time to thank them.

Did you have the opportunity to visit the Vietnam Memorial moving wall while it was at Wickham Park? Even though I had seen it many times before, it always stirs up many personal emotions. It is a reminder for us that freedom is not free, and that means we must sometimes fight and sacrifice to preserve our precious freedom. While wandering around the area, visiting the many memorials and displays, you will see our veterans, some walking, some in wheelchairs, some joking, some somber, all holding their heads high.

But let's look ahead to June. One of my favorite days is June 18th this year, Father's Day of course. Is there a Grandfather's Day? Seriously, let's not forget the important place that our fathers have in our lives, the unique combination of nurture and guidance. Consider extending your time and appreciation to those men not fortunate enough to have family with them.

One of our favorite service organizations, Helping Seniors of Brevard is now having a car raffle as a major fundraiser. This year it is a classic 1951 Ford Victoria, donated by AJ Hiers, of Boniface-Hiers Family of Dealerships. See the flyer on page 2 of the Helping Seniors Newsletter in the center of this month's issue. See you next month.

John



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