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Remembering Cliff Reeder















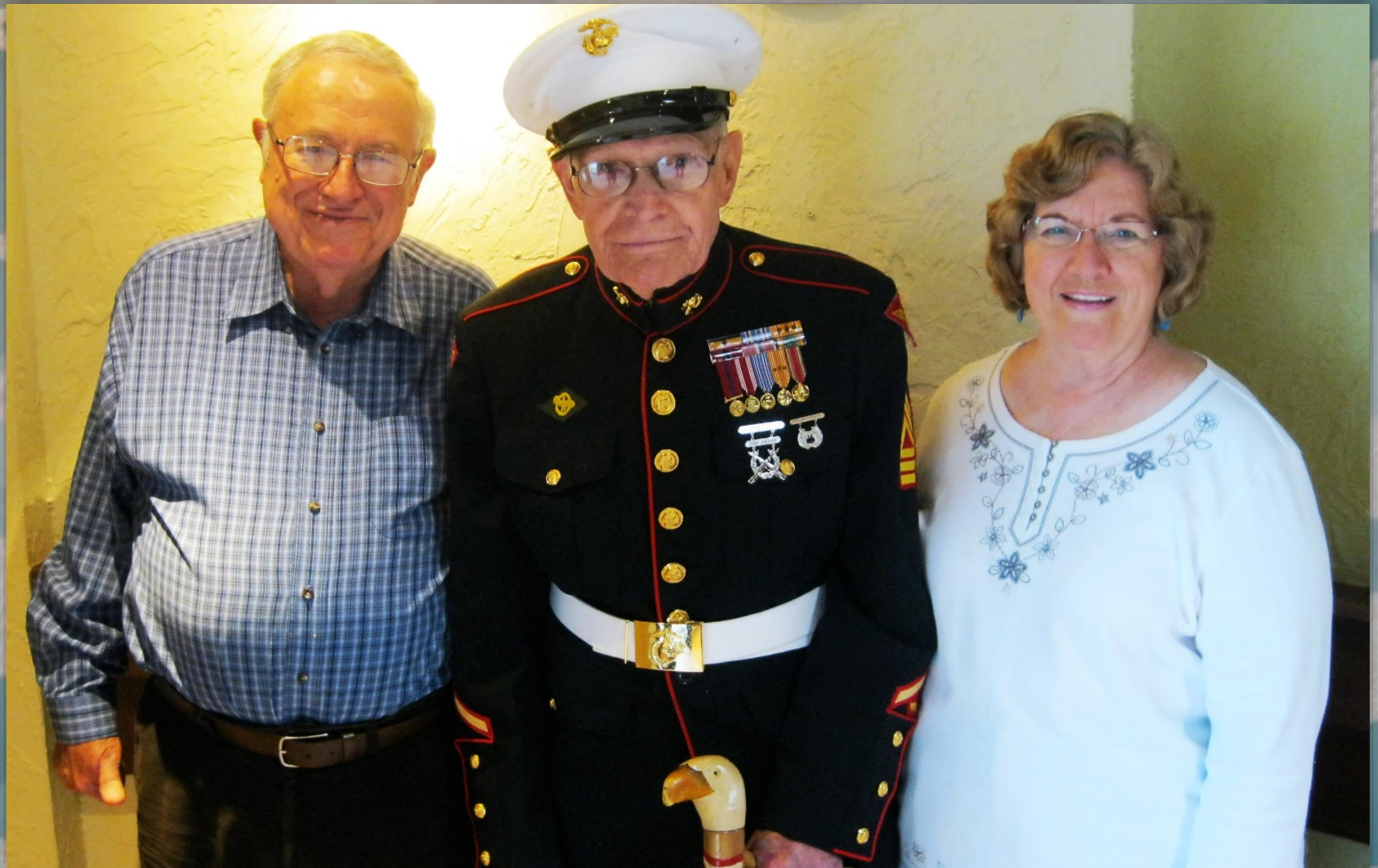




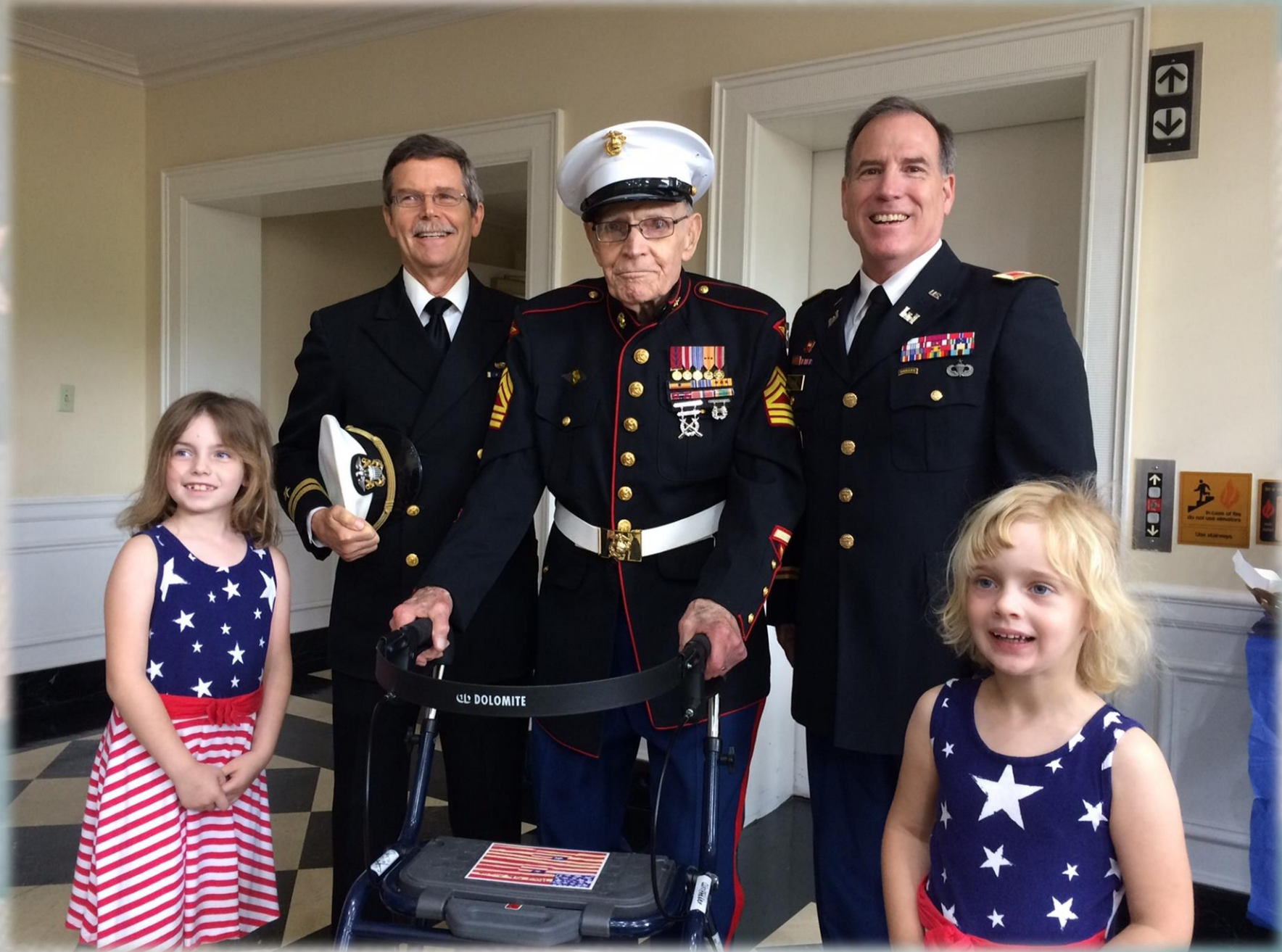












An Ode to Cliff Reeder

**A carver of birds and turtles and sticks
Of hound dogs and shoes and even St. Nicks.**

**Of flowers and lures and long wooden chains
And scrimshaw and buckles and unusual canes.**

**A spinner of stories, a joke or tall tale
To amuse all his buddies or make them go pale.**

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**Or show off raccoon bones or cane from a steer
Or tell how to pee cure the skin from a deer.**

**He'd show us how to make a corn-cane fiddle
And taught us to use a Geehaw Whammy Diddle.**

**He'd reminisce about childhood and his Kansas sod home
Where he and his brothers learned to survive on their own.**

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**Then days in Marine boot camp and South Pacific duty
On islands like Apamama, Kwajelain and Funafuti.**

**Cliff loved his country and his lovely wife Jane
And military proclamations have honored his name.**

**With over 40 Wounded Warriors receiving a carved cane
That he'd meticulously personalized with no two the same.**

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**Sunday school classes were gifted his crosses yearly
And the Masons cherished his wooden gavels dearly.**

**High annual bass fishing trip to remote Georgian Bay
Yielding over a hundred catch and release in a single day.**

**All these stories he's told us many times with his love
He's now sharing with friends and the Good Lord above.**



**“I have fought the good fight,
I have finished the race,
I have kept the faith.”**

2 Timothy 4:7

**Until we meet again,
dear friend.**