



## RockVets Newsletter

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### Jerry's Editorial: No One Returns From War...



#### **Editorial from Jerry Donnellan 2016:**

No one returns from war. Many feel they have. But there's a piece missing. That piece is the soul, which seems never to make it all the way back.

There are times when you catch a glimpse of your old self, only to have it vanish like smoke. Combat, for all its horrors, is a place where you have never felt more alive — more alive than you've ever been or will be. Maybe it's the nearness of death.

The friendships made there will never be seen again. These people who went with you to peer into hell, who would die for you, as you would have for them.

No wonder you didn't fit back into this world, where people fight for parking spots at the mall. For you have lived in a better place — a world where wealth, prestige and status don't matter, but character does.

We all have lost people. They are forever 19, frozen in time. You have seen your granddaughter walk, seen spring come again and again for nearly half a century. They never will, so it's no wonder we have guilt.

We were all wounded. We all have scars. Some of these scars are not physical. These are the ones that can kill. The visible scars can be stitched. The others continue to bleed.