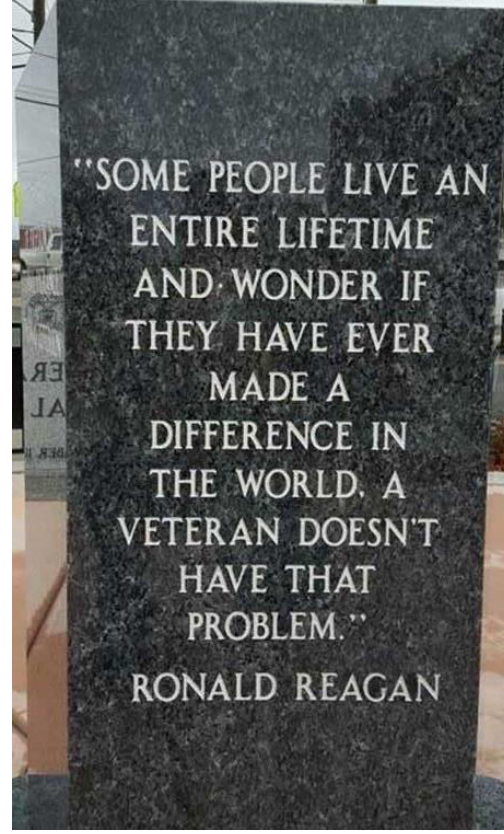


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WWII veteran who survived COVID-19 publishes memoir
PORTLAND, Ore. — It should surprise no one that COVID-19 lost in a fight with Bill Kelly.

"We are patriots," said Kelly, a 96-year-old World War II veteran. "We do not give up. We fight, fight, fight!"

This past year, Kelly's family made preserving his legacy a priority. With her father's sharp memory and years of notes, Nelson wrote Kelly's memoir, [*The Adventures of Seabee Bill Reflections of a Navy Seabee in the South Pacific*](#). The family is planning to donate a portion of the sales to the Pacific War Museum in Guam.

"It's just inspiring to read and it's encouraging," said Nelson. "If that can help anyone or bring a smile to anyone's face, that's the worth it right there."

The book touches on the Great Depression and Kelly's service with the 53rd Naval Construction Battalion. It also shares how he cared for his family and inevitably survived COVID-19.

"I think the Lord gives us so much to do and He looked at me and said, 'Kelly, do it, do it, do it until you do it right!'"

If he does have unfinished business, Kelly said it might include motivating younger generations in his own special way.

"They're like great, big boilers," said Kelly. "They've got so much potential but their pilot light is out! You can't get them going. They say we're the Greatest Generation. Well I say they can be the Greatest Generation because what they're coming up against is going to be tough."

[WWII vet, COVID survivor, wrote a memoir about his perseverance | kgw.com](#)



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Robert T.	De Phillip	VIETNAM
Robert N.	Erbeck	VIETNAM
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Richard A.	Gray, II	VIETNAM
Francis N.	Guyette	WW II
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Larry Lee Beckett (Lampasas, Texas)

Family and friends can [send flowers](#) and/or light a candle as a loving gesture for their loved one. Leave a sympathy message to the family in the guestbook on this memorial page of Larry Lee Beckett to show support.



Larry Lee Beckett, 78, passed away on Friday, August 6, 2021, at Advent Health Central Texas in Killeen.

[Larry Lee Beckett Obituary \(1943 - 2021\) | Lampasas, Texas \(echovita.com\)](#)

Reynold Sefton Jr.



October 9, 1938 - September 21, 2021.

He entered the military after graduation and served for 37 years with 15 years as enlisted in the Seabees and 22 years as a commissioned officer in the Navy Civil Engineering Corps. He completed his college education while on active duty.

CDR Sefton was a former Commanding Officer at the Naval Construction Center (NCTC) in Gulfport, MS. In addition to NCTC, he served at the following duty stations: Parris Island Marine Corps Station, Parris Island, SC; Naval

Operating Base, Norfolk, VA; Naval Security Base, Northwest, VA; NMCB-53, NMCB-58 and 21st UCR, Davisville, Rhode Island; Bureau of Personnel (BUPERS) and the Naval Recruit Exhibit Center in Washington, D.C.; Naval Air Station Keflavik, Iceland; NMCB-74, 20th NCR, Naval Home, and NCBC, Gulfport, MS; ACB-1 Coronado, CA; Naval Ordnance Station Indian Head, MD; Naval Air Station Pensacola, FL; Public Works Center, San Diego CA; and SPAWAR San Diego, CA. He completed two tours of duty in Vietnam and had volunteered for a third tour when the war ended.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/sunherald/name/reynold-sefton-obituary?pid=200221178>



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