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"Sharing the Cost of War," by Travis Jochimsen was an interesting story. I have several family members that served in Vietnam and like Uncle Fuzz they never talked about it. I think that most soldiers from the Vietnam era were that way. When the narrator told about the moment that he shared with his uncle I believe that it probably helped him to be able to talk about it with someone that had also experienced it.

"My First Mission," by Ryan Callahan really struck home. He went on his first mission and it was a grueling one. His unit met the enemy on the battlefield and came out victorious. It is always nice to hear about real life stories where the good guys win. I can relate to the author when he started talking about how his experiences have taught him to appreciate the small things. He was definitely right when he said "that it could always be worse." (Pg. 89)

"A Life of Change," by Matt Fortun told about another part of the military that people just don't think of. Even I never even thought about who made the maps that we used. But more than that I was interested in reading about his friends becoming estranged from him over the years that he served. It is easy to think that the world is standing still while you are gone but it isn't. Everything keeps on moving and people continue on with their lives. It isn't easy to stay associated with people that you no longer have anything in common with. People's lives always are always changing and if you aren't going in the same direction then there is a good chance that you will only remain friends in the past.

"Not Everyone Who Comes Home is Home," by Tyler Pozolinski is a story that most veterans are all too familiar with. It is a story about the part of someone that never makes it home. The story is about the pain that comes with being a soldier during times of war. Every person that serves in a war is

forever changed by it and always brings some of it home with them. Most of the time everything is calm on the outside but the war still rages on the inside.

"In Sickness and in Health," by Kyle Nowak was a kind of sad story. Soldiers do get sick being in the filthy conditions that are everyday in third world countries but I don't ever remember it being as serious as it was for this soldier. He was treated poorly by his unit, which does happen a lot, and I hope that he got the care after he got out that he deserves. A lot of veterans get screwed over just because the government simply doesn't want to pay for their healthcare. I think that it is pretty sad that these people give up everything in service to their country and are simply just cast aside.

When it is all said and done every soldier sacrifices for their country. Some are honored and welcomed as heroes and some are just forgotten. These stories need to be told so that the truth gets out and veterans can get the help that they need.