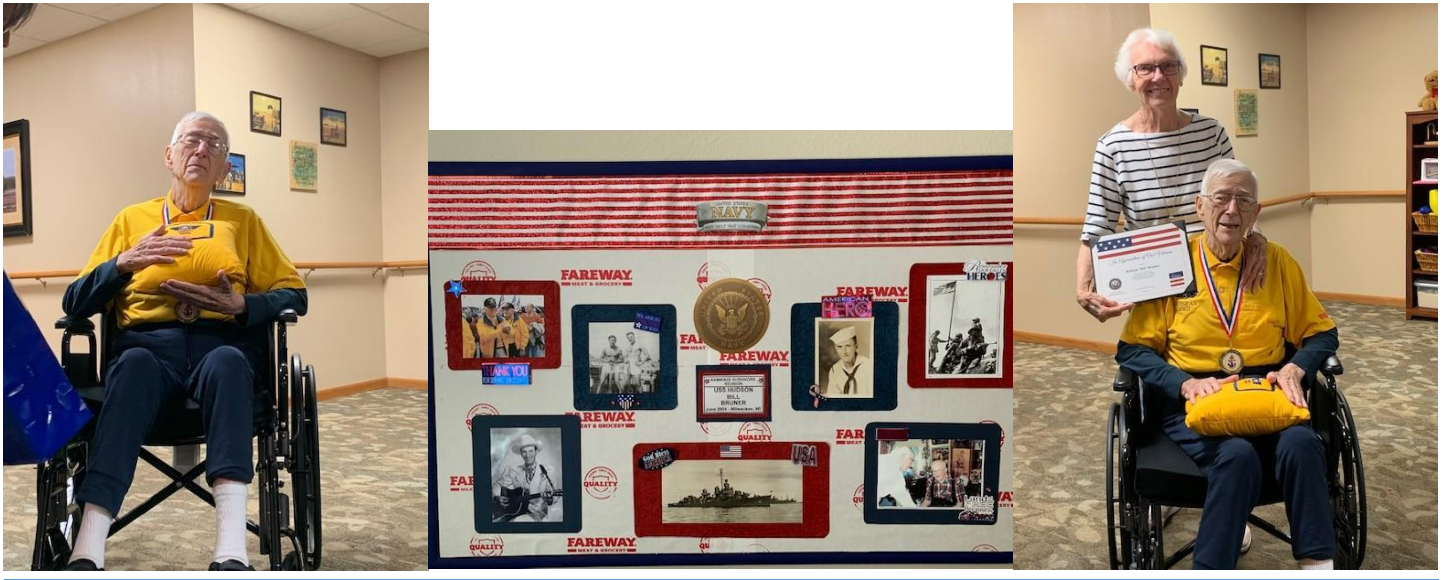


Bill's Best Day



This is Bill. Bill is one of Parker Place's Memory Care Residents and a World War II Navy Veteran. Bill is proud of three things, Dorothy (his wife), his harmonica playing, and his time in the military.

A few years back, Bill was invited to be part of the Honor Flight. During the Honor Flight, Bill received a special yellow jacket that became his prized possession. Bill wore his jacket almost every day. One day about a year ago, Bill had a life-threatening emergency that the paramedics didn't think he would make it out of. He was taken to the hospital and the paramedics had to cut him out of his favorite jacket. The jacket was in total pieces, but Dorothy knew she had to keep it.

On August 29th, Parker Place and Compassus honored Bill for his military service. We filled the room with friends and family. Bill was presented a certificate of appreciation and was pinned with a Veteran pin on his yellow Honor Flight shirt. Bill was very emotional during the ceremony and his emotions made the whole room flood with tears.

Bill thought that was the whole ceremony, however we had one more surprise for him. Bill opened a gift bag, and inside was a pillow made of the remains of his favorite Honor Flight jacket. Bill cried and thanked us so much. Seeing Bill and Dorothy so surprised by the pillow was such an awesome moment for everyone.