



REMEMBERING

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Master Sergeant Thomas W. Hancock, known affectionately as Tom/Tommy, passed away at the age of 82, on April 28, 2024. He was born on October 23, 1941, in Washington D.C.

MSG Thomas W. Hancock served as a proud patriot to this country, joining the Army in 1961 and rising throughout the ranks in his 24 year career until his retirement in 1984 as a Master Sergeant. Thomas received several medals and awards throughout his 24 years of service and was a proud Veteran of the Vietnam War. Thomas spent the rest of his years as an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) and Military Order of the Cootie. While he didn't share much of his wartime experiences, the scars were there. And, like so many of our veterans, Tommy's challenges were suffered in silence, with few accessible resources for healing or support.



"My dad (Tommy) was a very social but quiet man who always had a smile on his face and spent the majority of his retired life giving back to his comrades and the VA community. I always remember my dad being involved in many charity events for the VFW and have the fondest memories as a teenager of going with him and dropping off food baskets to people in need during the holidays. His grandchildren and great grandchildren were lucky enough to have fond memories of attending many hosted events of the VFW to include meeting special guests such as the Easter Bunny and Santa Claus. These memories will forever be cherished by us." - Shirley Pack

Thomas is survived by his wife of 60 years Jacoba Hancock, his grown children, Jerry Hancock, Diane Pitcher, and Shirley Pack, as well as many grandchildren. Thomas Hancock dedicated his life to serving his country and providing for his family. His legacy will be felt by family, friends and the community he served.

According to the Department of Defense, we lose 17 veterans to suicide a day (not including other civilians, contractors, and families affected or impacted by challenging mental health conditions). Many of us have seen the devastating impact PTSD can have, no matter what it's been called, or what decade the trauma occurred.

Today, we Thank You for your participation and partnering with the IC4 Charity and the Headstrong Organization in PTSD research, awareness, and treatment to those in need.

*Front Photograph: Thomas' enlisted headshot*

*Back Photograph: Photo of Thomas during Vietnam*