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Born into the Roaring 20s, Gene Kerrick has experienced ten decades of America into the 21st Century. As a young man during the Great Depression, he lived with the diversity of agrarian America in the farmlands of Half Moon Bay, south of San Francisco. College at UC Berkeley offered more preparation for his adult life.

Then World War 2 changed America while Gene continued to grow. Serving his country in Naval intelligence, Gene was in the thick of things at Iwo Jima and Okinawa. He learned of the heinous effect of war in the South Pacific and the war crime trials in Guam and Tokyo.

When the Korean Conflict evolved, he once again volunteered, and was assigned duty at the Pentagon. Later, Lieutenant Kerrick's continuing education and teaching became a lifelong commitment.

One of the Greatest Generation, Gene has followed his passion as a patriot, teacher, husband, father, Sunday School teacher, genealogist, historian and community volunteer.