## Ken Timblin, Sr.

As a child, I was always fascinated watching my grandfather work in his shop. He was a very creative man who always thought outside the box. From creating a new tool for his business to coming up with a new way of doing things, he was always changing how things could be done.

I remember watching him join two pieces of metal together simply by using a 'stick' or 'fire'. Later, as I got older, I learned he was welding with a stick welder or oxy acetylene torch. What he was doing, and what I currently do, still fascinate me.

As a husband, I have been blessed with a wife who is extremely supportive of my creative and eccentric personality. She has the ability to keep me grounded and focused when I'm chasing squirrels. She is my muse and my lightening rod that always brings me back from my head in the clouds.

As a father, I am blessed to have an amazing cerebral palsy warrior who constantly shows me that anything is possible with the right support structure in place. He makes me want to be better in all aspects of my life. As I make and build things for him, I am also teaching him that all goals can be achieved.

Currently, I am employed as a machinist for our men and women serving in the military. I have spoken with many active and retired military seeking an outlet for their PTSD and with others who have always wanted to create with their hands. They want to create something they can be proud of, something they can relieve the stress of service through. I routinely offer advice on materials or ideas that may inspire them to create.

As I continue my journey through the world of art, I strive for my creations to inspire others. I hope my artwork can influence others to bring their dreams and ideas to existence using whichever art medium they desire.