Ollie and Vernie’s bond has endured through 60 years of marriage and military service in two wars. They still never go to bed angry. So when Ollie was diagnosed with memory problems that can progress to Alzheimer’s disease, they resolved to meet the challenge together.

Doctors recommended physical and mental activity to support brain health — so 81-year-old Ollie now plays on three softball teams. The couple fill their social calendar with friends and charity fundraisers.

They also fight back by helping others at risk of dementia. Participating in a multiyear study at the UC Davis Alzheimer’s Center, the couple is helping leading researchers investigate the aging brain to find improved methods of diagnosis and treatment.

To learn more about Ollie and Vernie’s determination and the region’s only Alzheimer’s research center designated by the National Institute on Aging, visit alzheimer.ucdavis.edu

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