

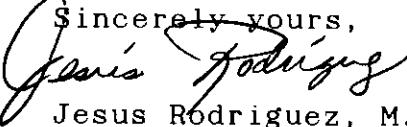
April 9, 1996

Mr. Daniel Pope
Co. E (LRP) & Co. C (RNG) Assoc. Inc.

Dear Mr. Pope:

I regret to inform you of my decision to resign from the duty of Secretary due to unforeseen and unexpected priorities. This is not to say however, that I will not be a member of the organization. I am really motivated by the goals of the organization and I want to remain an active member. Nevertheless, as of now it is impossible for me to perform the duties as Secretary. Although I will not be performing this duty, I am still open to help in any way I can. As you already know, I am pursuing a doctorate degree which means a lot to me and my family. Pursuing a doctorate degree is not as easy as it sounds, and eventually it will take away plenty of my time to comply with the responsibilities as Secretary. Sometimes I have lost plenty of things for being too honest but I still prefer to be honest with you and the organization, and tell you that this is the primary obstacle and the reason why I cannot perform such duty for the organization. I believe that the organization is headed for a great success and that eventually in the long run it will be for the benefit of our Vietnam veteran members, and other veteran generations to come. I honestly admire your effort. I have been following the news documentaries on Timothy McVeigh ("the Oklahoma bomber") very closely. It is very pathetic to see how such a great soldier became forgotten by the system. Although I disagree with his vengeful acts I must say that the system had a lot of responsibility for this terrorist act committed by a person out of pure frustration with the establishment. Organizations such as the one you preside over are necessary to provide emotional support and other types of aids to veterans who are forgotten by the system after they have performed their mandated duties with the highest devotion and loyalty to their country. There are many Timothys out there walking the streets as time-bombs. Unless they receive the necessary help and recognition they deserve, our society will suffer and many innocent people will pay the undeserved consequences as it was the case in the Oklahoma bombing.

This is why I support your organization a 100%. This week I will sit down and fill out my application. I have not forgotten about it. It is just the lack of time I have to do my paper work. I even work on Sundays to make ends meet. I do not want you to get the impression that I am an irresponsible person. Contrary to the aforementioned, I have too many responsibilities and I must slow down a little. I will enclose a donation to help the organization pay some of the telephone bills. I apologize for not writing any sooner. Please try to understand my position. Well, enough of my apologizing rhetoric! By the way, my computer is not upgraded yet because I have to take it to the repair-shop. I am waiting on this academic semester to be over because I need to type up my term papers. Even though I have a problem with the C:> drive I am still able to use the external drives with more simple word processing programs. I want to know how far I can upgrade mine. If it does not serve my purposes then I will opt to purchase a new one with the intel chip and with plenty of memory. I am also looking forward to get my own fax machine. So hold on. I will let you know as soon as I do this. Perhaps during the summer I will have my computer running as it use to. You would be most welcomed to download any backup data you may want to save in my computer for future retrieval in the event you have a crash in yours. Well Daniel, this is all for now; take care. I wish you and the organization the greatest success. Better days will come.

Sincerely yours,

Jesus Rodriguez, M.S. Ed.