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Ruth Coder Fitzgerald

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Dear Ruth,

AS you can tell by my address, I AM AN inmate - incarcerated in the Oregon State Penitentiary. What the address doesn't show is that I AM A Vietnam Veteran whose crime of incarceration is largely attributable to PTSD. Through PTSD group therapy here inside these prison walls - I for the first time in 30 years understand what has happened to me, my fellow Vets, our families and Country.

Since my PTSD (group-healing) process began a few years ago I have become deeply involved in not only my own healing, but my families, our communities, and - for me - other Vets who still can't see what I AM now able to do.

In my work here, I have networked myself to several Veteran groups and organizations throughout the country in the effort to bring education and healing to us all. I AM now working on my 2nd edition of our Oregon State Council - VVA - Newsletter of which I AM the new editor. Yes, it's difficult to do from here, but

My wife Sheila has been Paramount in my efforts. She is the regular 'unlucky' recipient of my horrible handwriting which she interprets and the types to disk and E-Mail's on to our STATE VVA President Mr. Rocky Gothard in Eugene Or.

I've just finished reading an article about you and your efforts to place a plaque on behalf of all the UNSUNG casualties of Vietnam at the Wall in D.C.

Your story and your efforts have touched me deeply as I reflect on 30 years of personal loss, divorce, death, PTSD, substance abuse and my orphaned children. Reading your story and knowing your heart and that people like you are there does help me to go on and dig-in deeper in my resolve to help others like US. Thanks.

I read your story in the Virginia Vietnam Veteran paper. As I've said, "though incarcerated" I am the editor of our Oregon State Council VVA Newspaper.

I would like to help you by printing/writing a story about you + your organizations efforts for our Jan '2000 edition. Can you please send me ALL-or-Whatever info. you have put together on your group and give a brief update on where your efforts stand now and what is expected-hoped-planned for further developments.

Again, Thank You for remembering John and all the rest of us - his brothers. Be Well!

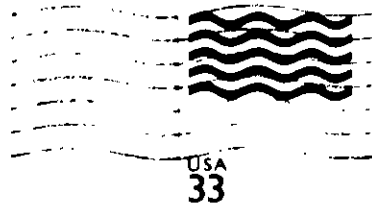
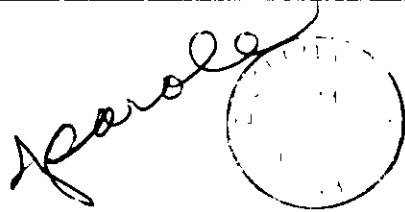
P.S.
Please stay in touch.
I'll send you my wife's E-Mail address in my next communication.

May God Bless You
Always

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