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Mr. Gene D. Simes
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National Headquarters
1700 Waterford Road
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Dear Mr. Simes:

I support 100% your efforts to ensure that our veterans and retirees receive the support stated or implied by our government whenever our forces were committed in combat.

As a veteran of WWII, Korea, and Vietnam, we did our duty as was expected, without regard to any of the consequences of our involvement. It was assumed that our government would provide whatever was required to those who served.

Subsequent to my retirement, after almost 40 years of being a soldier, I experienced reassurance of our government's commitment to its word. In the almost six years as the Director of both the Office of US Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) in the Agency for International Development and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), I was never denied funds to provide the necessary assistance to folks in need, be they US citizens or foreigners. Additionally, our government provided to the family of the 9/11 attack millions of dollars. I find it unconscionable that our government will not support its citizen soldiers who made our continued existence possible.

Please use the above remarks in any way appropriate to the cause.

Sincerely,

Julius W Becton Jr
Lieutenant General, USA-Ret
Former Director OFDA
Former Director FEMA
Former President PVAMU
Former CEO/Superintendent