

To:

Potential benefactors of the Veterans Hall of Fame

From:

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Dear Sir/Madam,

The purpose of this letter is to express my complete and enthusiastic support for the Veterans Hall of Fame, Charlotte. I initially contacted Mr. Drafton to discuss a possible working relationship between the Hall and our Nondestructive Examination (NDE) program. Subsequently, Mr. Drafton and Mr. Douglas came to our facility to explore the possibilities and tour our technologies. Once I explained how our industry works and demonstrated our equipment, they agreed that NDE is extremely well suited to veterans and became excited at the possibilities for the vets. Once they explained to me that the Hall would not only provide a showcase for the deserving people who have served, but would provide outreach and services for the people to get the help and respect they deserve, I became excited at the possibilities of getting awareness of our opportunity out to a large group of people who would thrive on it.

NDE is basically industrial inspection methods used to keep the public safe and it requires its practitioners to have integrity, discipline, understand the seriousness of what they are doing, and be able to follow directions. All of these traits are exactly the things taught in the military and already in place in veterans, thus a perfect fit. A lot of veterans have seen NDE (NDI in military speak) when they were in, particularly in the aviation, artillery, or naval applications but they don't know they have the opportunity for training right here in Charlotte.

I know my motives sound self-serving but I have a deep respect and appreciation for our veterans and feel that giving them an option for a career that they will enjoy, have no problem getting a job (our placement rate is approx. 95%), and be able to support their families comfortably is really helping them out.

In that vein I found Mr. Drafton and Mr. Douglas to be of the utmost character who have a sincere desire and purpose to help veterans. It's this purpose that drives me to write this letter. I believe in them and the ability of the Veterans Hall of Fame to help positively change the lives of our deserving veterans and other Charlotte citizens.

If you have any questions, would like to meet, or I can be of service in any way, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,



Randolph Ernst