

# **“I’m that Veteran”**

**I’M THAT VETERAN YOU ASKED TO JOIN YOUR ORGANIZATION.**

**I’M THE VETERAN WHO PAID MY DUES TO JOIN.**

**I’M THE VETERAN WHO STOOD UP IN FRONT OF YOU AND LA SOCIETE.**

**I’M THE VETERAN WHO CAME TO YOUR PROMENADE AND NO PAID ANY ATTENTION TO ME.**

**I’M THE VETERAN WHO TRIED SEVERAL TIMES TO BE A FRIEND; BUT, YOU ALL HAD YOUR OWN BUDDIES TO SIT NEXT TO AND TALK TO.**

**I’M THE VETERAN WHO SHOWED UP SEVERAL TIMES; BUT, NO ONE SPOKE TO ME.**

**I’M THE VETERAN WHO WAS LEFT OUT WHEN I VOLUNTEERED TO HELP ON PROJECTS AND RECRUITMENT ACTIVITIES.**

**I’M THE VETERAN WHO MISSED THE PROMENADE A FEW MONTHS IN A ROW BECAUSE I WAS SICK; BUT, NO ONE ASKED WHERE I HAD BEEN. I GUESS IT DIDN’T MATTER WHETHER I WAS THERE OR NOT.**

**I’M THE VETERAN WHO DECIDED TO STAY HOME AND WATCH TV, AND THE NEXT PROMENADE NO ONE ASKED ME WHERE I HAD BEEN.**

**I’M A VETERAN!**

**I HOLD A RESPONSIBLE JOB, I PAY MY TAXES, I PROVIDE FOR MY FAMILY,**

**I’M ACTIVE IN MY COMMUNITY, AND I LOVE OUR COUNTRY!**

**ALL REASONS YOU ASKED ME TO JOIN LA SOCIETE.**

**IT AMAZES ME THAT THE MEMBERSHIP AND THE LEADERS OF THIS ORGANIZATION WONDER WHY WE ARE LOSING MEMBERS.**

**IT AMUSES ME TO THINK THAT THEY SPEND SO MUCH TIME LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS WHEN I WAS HERE ALL THE TIME.**

**ALL THEY NEEDED TO DO WAS MAKE ME FEEL NEEDED, WANTED, AND WELCOMED.**

**YOU KNOW WHO ELSE I AM?**

**“I’m that Veteran who never came back!”**