

# THE COURAGE TO STAND ON PRINCIPLE



I realized that even if the reasons for going to war were politically sound, **the loss of human life, the loss of innocent blood, renders every war immoral and unjustifiable.**

## Camilo

# THE STRENGTH OF CONVICTION



## TO REFUSE

Everyone seems to forget it is also our duty-not a right but **a duty- to disobey an order that is unlawful.**

To those who say I should be serving my country I say **what I am doing is a vital service to Country.**

## Pablo

I feel the Vietnam war only came to an end on the backs of military men who stood up for their principles loudly and sparked the fire of change in this country, **so**



**I Do Not want to be silent about this; I want it to echo and hopefully be a part of what ends the ongoing crime in Iraq.**



### Why I took a stand...

Because you can incarcerate beings, but you cannot imprison feelings.  
Because you can instill fear, but you cannot make principle disappear.

Because a human being is worth more than an oil reserve, because it's the people and not the country I serve.  
Because waving the bright colors of my flag will not blind me, because when you brandish the stars and bars you remind me, that those who know and would rather see it calm, are those who painted our stripes red with the blood of Vietnam.

Because Democracy is all about a voice, because Peace will always be my choice, because a wrench can always stop the mechanism,

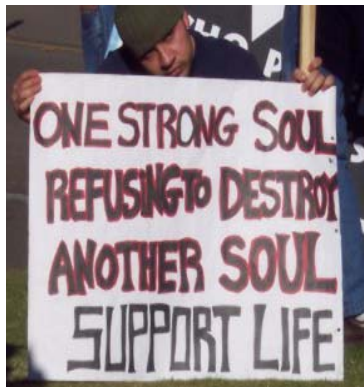
When the sounds of battle are gone, the sounds

Came to give me the clarity to see **the line between military duty and moral obligation.**

My feelings against the war dictated that I could no longer be a part of it. Acting upon my principles became incompatible with my role in the military and **by putting my weapon down I chose to reassert myself as a human being.**

Thank you for allowing me to share the **voice** that still echoes in the depths of my **conscience.**

It is in those depths that **I remain a free man.**



and because I won't trade Humanity for Patriotism.