



BAGGAGE

“When companies consider hiring someone, they may be worried that the person they are interviewing is carrying baggage.

The answer to that question is probably yes. But having baggage is not a good reason to not hire someone. We all carry baggage of one kind or another.

As many of my friends did in the 60s, I too came home from Vietnam with my share of baggage. A hearing loss, a traumatic brain injury and agent orange poisoning. However, I learned from my experiences, and I no longer think of what happened to me as baggage. What was once baggage is now my backpack. Not something burdensome and heavy that I begrudgingly carry, it is now something valuable and precious that teaches and inspires me every day.

Helen Keller once said, “The road of life has many curves, but a curve is not a dead end unless you choose to fail to make the turn.”

Turn your baggage into your backpack and help others do so as well. They are your greatest journey is ahead of you.

Lesson taught; lesson learned.”

Dr. Richard Pimentel