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Dear Sirs:

I am a ham radio operator. I have a Technician class licence. My call sign is KE5EBC.

I have a disability called A.D.D. (Attention Deficit Disorder). I went to college at the University of the Ozarks in Clarksville, Arkansas. I went to school there because they have special program at the Jones Learning Center which helps people with learning disabilities (A.D.D. , Dyslexia, etc.) earn a degree. They take all your tests which you get extra time to take. The tests also are read to you. They also help you with writing papers, and they provide tutors for all classes and someone takes notes for every class. The notes were a big help to me, because when I went to class I may have taken two full pages of notes, but my note taker had three or four pages. I either did not hear everything which is very possible or I did not remember all of it to write it down.

I have taken the NO Code techniann test and passed it, and I have also taken the general written test in Nov. of 2005 and passed it barely, but I passed it.

I have a problem with the Morse Code test. I can not think fast enough to think what letter it is and write it down. I bought the ARRL CD's and downloaded the G4FON site for Morse Code but again I can not think fast enough to think what letter it is and write it down.

I was a instructor in the military for 16 years, and I enjoyed doing it. Being a ham radio operator and helping others is just one way that I can put something back into my community. My goal in ham radio is to earn an extra class license and get my VE licence so I can help with classes and testing in our club in Russellville, Arkansas. Morse Code has halted my progress to achieving my goal. I will never use Morse code and have never had an interest in it. I really hate the idea that Morse Code is detouring me from achieving my goal.

Is there anything that can be done about this?

Sincerely yours,



Steve Felkner

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