

*This Week at VA*

*Episode # 25*

Kevin Jamison – Marine Veteran, Veterans Community Project

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**[00:00:01] PSA:**

**Man 1:** I served in Vietnam.

**Man 2:** I served in World War II.

**Woman:** I served in Afghanistan.

**Man 1:** And VA serves us all.

**Man 2:** No matter when you served.

**Woman 1:** No matter if you saw combat or not.

**Man 3:** There are benefits for Veterans of every generation.

**Woman 2:** See what VA can do for you.

**Man 4:** To learn what benefits you may be eligible for, visit [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov). That's [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov) [link to the VA website].

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**[00:00:39] OPENING MONOLOGUE:**

**Timothy Lawson (TL):** Hello, everyone. You're listening to *This Week at VA*. I am your host, Timothy Lawson. This is Episode 25. Nice little benchmark episode for us. We really appreciate everybody – uh, helping the – the podcast to grow. It's – it's been a fun program to do and – uh, it's almost hard to believe that we're already 25 epi – episodes into it. Seems like

everybody enjoyed the interview I did with Bill Rausch. Got a great – uh, amount of feedback on that. A lot of positive responses and – uh, you know, if you haven't listened to it, I think – uh, it's – it's possibly the best conversation that we've had – uh, here on the podcast. Just in its balance of fun, seriousness, and f – and being informative and – and Bill was a lot of fun. I'm really grateful he took the time to do that. Um, as I'm sure most of you know, yesterday marked the hundredth anniversary of the United States entry into World War I, April 6<sup>th</sup>. I was fortunate enough to – uh, to visit the National World War I Museum and Memorial in Kansas City when they were having a commemoration there. Uh, and I took a handful of photos – photos that we featured on our Facebook account – uh, as well as Instagram. You can check those out – uh, @deptvetaffairs on Instagram [Link to the VA's Instagram page: <https://www.instagram.com/deptvetaffairs/?hl=en>], Facebook.com/veteransaffairs [Link to the VA's Facebook page: [Facebook.com/VeteransAffairs](https://www.facebook.com/VeteransAffairs)]. It was an – it was an honor to – uh, to be able to attend that event. Today's interview is going to be – uh, slightly different. Normally, I go through – uh, a handful of routine questions with a Veteran – uh, about their service, why they joined, why they got out – um, their experience when they got out, and then we dive a little deeper into who they are – um, as a professional, as a personal – uh, you know, their personal life, but – uh, this – today's interview's actually going to be audio that I pulled from a video interview that I did – uh, with a couple Veterans – uh, in Kansas City that actually worked for the Veterans' community project out there. It's a really cool organization. Their claim to fame in this area, the reason why they get so much support is they are building a tiny house community in Kansas City for homeless Veterans. They're – they're attacking Veteran homelessness – um, by providing a lot of – trying to provide a lot of resources for home – for homeless Veterans, but mainly this – uh, this tiny house, what they're calling Veterans Village. Uh, it's a plot of land, bunch of – uh, tiny houses. I got to see one of them and it's amazing. It takes – it costs them fifteen thousand dollars to – uh, to build one of the – these and it houses a Veteran while they transition into homelessness. It's – it's really cool and – um, we will have a short video on blog post – uh, on their initiative next week sometime but I wanted to share these interviews in their entirety because they shared – share a lot of great insight and – and share – uh, sort of their inspirations behind everything and I wanted to be able to share that. So – so – uh, I spoke with Keven Jamison, who's the Chief Operations Officer – uh, and Bryan Meyer, the Chief Legal Officer. You'll hear them in that order – uh, about their efforts to – to attack Veteran homelessness in the Kansas City area. Kevin's the one, if you see – saw the podcast graphic, he's the face – uh, on that one. I – um, and then I

like – I also got a few minutes with Bryan as well, so I wanted to feature that as well. So – uh, I've recorded – I've rerecorded my questions for them, for the sake of – of clarity and enunciation, so – uh, I hope you enjoy.

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## **[00:04:05] INTERVIEW:**

**Kevin Jamison (KJ):** I'm Kevin Jamison. I'm a 20-year Marine Corps Veteran and I'm the Chief Operations Officer and Co-Founder of Veterans Community Project, the organization building tiny homes for homeless Veterans.

**TL:** So, tell me what exactly is the mission of the Veterans Community Project?

**KJ:** Well, the – the mission of Veterans Community Project is very simple. We are on a mission to end homelessness in Kansas City and we're on a mission to serve Veterans – uh, and never say no to a Veteran. That is one of our pillars of service. Um, never say no to a Veteran in need. We were tired of working with Veterans in different organizations that were – seemed to find – look for reasons to say no, instead of ways that they could help the Veteran. And there were things like grant restrictions – uh, budget restrictions that were keeping organizations from helping Veterans the way that they needed to be helped. You know, they – there needed to be more latitude with – uh, some of the spending that, you know, we understand why the rules and limits were there, but the fact is, is common sense would dictate if, you know, I can pay \$400 for somebody's back rent, why can't I pay that \$15 service fee? We actually had a Veteran that was gonna to be – uh, homeless over a \$13 service fee that wasn't going to be paid by any organization.

**TL:** So, tell us a little bit about the Veterans Village, the tiny home community.

**KJ:** So, we're gonna build a village of 50 tiny houses in Kansas City. And the concept is to take Veterans from the streets and put them right in the tiny home. If they're presenting with a mental health or addiction crisis, they get stabilized first. But the goal is to put them in the home and then assess what is causing their homelessness. What are the symptoms that causes their homelessness? So, our assessment period is not going to be an hour or two like most programs are during their intakes. Our

assessment period is going to be about two weeks. And we're gonna observe how their living. And – and we're not going to try to be a, you know, try to intrude into their lives too much. But during that timeframe we're also going to be doing all sorts of psychological assessments and things like that to determine what truly are the Veteran needs that they're presenting and getting to know the Veteran. We want to – um, form – uh, what would probably be considered inappropriate social bonds – uh, between a client and a person serving them. We don't want them to be called a client and a person serving. We want them to be called family. We will not use the term client. They're a Veteran. And they are going to be called Mr. so-and-so or Mrs. so-and-so. And that's our goal. Um, as we work through their issues relating to their homelessness, we're talking legal, mental health, social – um, physical, anything related to their homelessness we're going to attack. And then what we're going to do is, we're not attacking it ourselves, we're just providing the space for the community to come and give back to the Veterans. So, instead of hiring a bunch of psychotherapists, I invite therapists to volunteer their time, volunteer an hour a week. And all I need – we have a motto when we're going out and doing this, is “we can't find one person to serve all 50, we'll find 50 to serve one person”. And – uh, we'll – you know, we're gonna limit it to about 50 Veterans in the village, unless we have a dual Veteran family. We're gonna have five family units that are gonna be ADA accessible, that are 300 square foot. Um, and the tiny house, what it does is it allows us to take them from the streets where they're controlling their environment and then putting them back in a place that's safe that they can control their environment that they're socializing in and make them feel secure. The problem that, you know, we saw is that we'd take Veterans from the streets and put them in a homeless shelter while they were transitioning toward a home and they wouldn't last very long in the homeless shelters because of all the issues in the homeless shelters. You could have six guys to a room. You have guys with unchecked mental health issues. Sometimes some guys, you know, unchecked addiction issues and its overall some shelters are good, some aren't. And, you know, for a lot of Veterans when they're used to being free and then you put them in a shelter where they feel like they're almost in an institution. And sometimes they're treated like children or criminals. It's kind of hard for them. And I can understand why. My – my thought process as I was going through and working was, if I was homeless, would I stay here? And my answer was no. If I was homeless would I do this? No. And so when I – when I deal with my clients and I work with Veterans – um, my whole thought process is I'm not sending them anywhere I wouldn't go for help. And I'm not – that – that's what we wanted to do. We wanted to give them a place we would stay in.

And I personally think that's what it would take to get some of these guys that have been on the streets for over 20 years, to get them off the streets and we're actually having that success. We've got several Veterans, we're out on the streets talking to them who are very interested and have already expressed their – their want to come in off the streets. And one of the top homeless Vets in the city has been on the streets since the mid-nineties. He wants to come and live with us. He wants to build houses. He's already built – he built the house that we're doing the interview in right now. So, we've got homeless Veterans that come and volunteer. We have an open dialogue with them. They're not homeless Vets to us. Those – those are our brothers and sisters. And to us they're being left behind, and we're – we don't want to leave them behind.

**TL:** Why do you believe this project is so important to your city and your community?

**KJ:** I think this project is important to the city of Kansas City because of quite simply, this is our community. And these are our brothers and sisters suffering in our community. And for us, the importance is we're gonna get them off the streets. We're gonna get the ones that are out there that have been asking for help or that have felt that nobody cared. This is the extent that cares. We are privately funded. We are funded through various organizations, businesses – um, Veteran organizations who donate money to us and we've got 10 houses on our property. And we're gonna build 50. And that's a signal to the Veterans, people care about you. We want you to come back home. We want you to be a part of society and you know, we love you. And that's the – that's the thing we want them to understand is we love them.

**TL:** How does this project resonate with you?

**KJ:** [Laughter] This project and mission resonates with me quite simply because when I started working with homeless Veterans, I was on the streets and I was seeing Veterans suffering. I – I held Veterans that laid down on the streets and were crying on the sidewalk to give up. You know, that were wanting to end it. They just were like, "I can't take this anymore". I saw Veterans suffering, living on their own. I worked with an Afghanistan Veteran who I could never get to come in and had probably the worst case of PTSD I ever saw and I could never get him to come in off the streets because I couldn't get him to get I – sit with me to get his paperwork. When if I could have just handed him a key, who knows what I could have done with that kid? And then he just

disappeared. And so, for me it's reaching out to these Veterans and making a difference in their lives. And not just a little difference. Not just a temporary difference. Not just a home, but a fundamental change in their life and concept and thinking. And my thing that I've learned while working with the homeless or working with people that have lived on the streets, almost all of them when they recover, they wanna give back. And so, what I wanna do is I wanna change their lives and then help them change other lives. And I wanna start something that's bigger than me. I wanna start something that is important but I think the thing about it was, the reason why it resonated the most was quite simply, you know, losing friends – uh, fellow marines in combat and then coming home and starting to lose them on the streets. That didn't sit well with me. Especially in my hometown. And the thing about it was, you see a problem and you always think, you know, somebody should do something. Well, we got, I guess for lack of a better term, we got pissed off enough that we did something. And that's what it took. It took us watching enough people suffer and saying no to too many Veterans to – we wanted to change the way that they were looked at. We wanna change the way they're served. We wanna change the way that they're thought about and most importantly, we wanna change their lives.

**TL:** Tell me about – uh, where you're getting a lot of your resources and support?

**KJ:** So, a lot of the hard work of this has been – uh, what I call a grassroots effort, for lack of a better term it's galvanized in a community around a – a problem. And it starts with awareness. One, spreading awareness of the problem. I don't stand in front of organizations and tell my story. I tell their story. I tell the story of the Veterans that I worked with and I couldn't help and why we started this. And what that led was to community involvement. So, I don't ever stand – we don't stand in front of organizations and ask for money. That's just not what we do. We – we present who we are. We present the problem. And then we present ways to get involved. We're a non-profit so of course we try to raise money, but the thing about it is we have businesses that donate services to us. We have businesses that donate wood. We have businesses that donate electrical, donate plumbing services. We have unions that donate labor. We have – we have kids donating art to the building. We have – uh, home-ec classes that are creating cook books, that not only list the recipes, nutritional value, how to cook with pictures, but they're also creating ways like, they're showing how to store the food which is something a lot of homeless haven't had to do in

a long time, so it may be a skill that's attrited. But – um, the city council rallied around us. They helped us push our plans through. They guided us through, and we bought the land for \$500. They had an \$80,000 offer on the land or some \$40,000 offer on it, something like that and they gave it to us for \$500. I mean, just to have people stand up and believe in you and support you. And when I have donors that come up to me and say, "I'm proud of what you guys are doing" that's the most important thing. I – I need to be doing right by them because they're the community. They're the people that are supporting us. Um, the thing, I think the coolest thing is the homeless Vets rallying around us, too. Coming out and volunteering. They come out and – uh, support us – um, because they know who we are, and they know what we are trying to do. Um just, [laughter] the Girls Scout troops and Boy Scout troops and the – the schools that have fundraisers for us, the – the ladies that come out, you know, the little old ladies that come out and visit and leave a \$50 check, that's humbling. I mean, that's just – that's the power of what we're doing. But the, you know, when we set out, we set out to bring the community together to attack the problem of homelessness among Veterans and we're doing that. And we're kind of trying to kind of be a beacon to show others the way. This – you can do this in your community. If we can do it, anybody can do it. Cause Kansas City's a very diverse city. It's got a very, you know, it's a very, you know – it's – it's got a lot of different people. It's got a lot of different political affiliations. And you know what, were common ground for them. And we bring people together. It's funny, I could have somebody in an Obama shirt right next to somebody in a Trump shirt, working side by side cause they care about homeless Veterans. And I think homelessness is an apolitical issue. Politics doesn't matter with homelessness. And you know, neither does religion... cause it doesn't discriminate. Homelessness doesn't discriminate. And I think it's great that all these groups and all schools, churches, they all – they – Rotary clubs, Lion clubs, VFWs, Legions, the DAV, they've all stepped up to help us. It's been amazing. It's just – uh, it's just through standing in front of them every night and bringing the house out to them. And when they have fundraisers we show up and – uh, it's – it's truly awesome.

**TL:** So, when do you start housing Veterans? And what exactly will the Veterans be receiving?

**KJ:** So, we'll start housing Veterans, we're predicting sometime in early to late fall. Um, we cracked ground for – to put our sewers and utilities and things like that in. And we bought the land, we didn't know it had – did not have those. Um, but those start going in May 1<sup>st</sup>, we should be

done by July some time frame. Then were gonna move the houses over and we should be ready to start housing Veterans in August/September time frame. Um, and what that's gonna look like is, you know, the – the services are that come – align when the Veteran comes in the home. Everything in that home is theirs immediately. So, they're gonna get the fridge. They're gonna get the stove. They're gonna have clothes there for their size because we'll have already known the Veteran that's gonna go in the home. They're gonna have pots, pans, dishes, food stocked in the refrigerator, towels. Everything that they would need to live is going to be in there. And were just gonna put them in there and say, "live". And were gonna watch them closely and assess, you know, things that are coming along. The houses, we can build for them for under \$15,000, so if a Veteran kicks a hole in the wall I don't care about the hole in the wall. I can fix that. What I care about is, what caused that behavior? What was behind that? Let's get to the heart of the problem cause that hole in the wall is what's gonna make that guy homeless again, or girl. And – and that's the issues that we need to address with them. And so, we start with a home. We give them everything. They're gonna have access to medical, dental. They're going to be – uh, given chores within the community. They're gonna have therapeutic gardens. There's going to be groups like War Horses for Vets that does equine therapy, Warriors ascent which does climbing therapy. And I'm saying these for lack of a better term – uh, healing water services who does fly fishing. Where they make their own rods and make their own lures and go, you know, fishing. Then we've got therapeutic gardens that are gonna be on the property. And then we're gonna have, you know, we're going to have – uh, PTSD yoga classes – um, cooking classes, sewing classes, apparently. [Laughter] There's a bunch of quilting ladies that wanna come and do quilts here. And then they've got the access to legal services. They've got the access to – um, transportation because we've got – um, bus passes. Veterans can ride the busses for free in Kansas City now. And beyond that, as they work and they transition and they – they – we start resolving their problems and they make progress toward moving out, everything in that house (I said it was theirs when they move in), they can take it with them when they move out. They need a fridge in their new place? They can take it with them. They need a stove? They can take it with them. But the coolest thing is, is if they've got a job and we changed that, and they need transportation, we're partnering with an organization called Cars for Heroes and they're going to provide a car for the Veteran when they move out so they can stay on their feet and keep going. We're partnering with Habitat for Humanity and a couple other organizations to rebuild and remodel homes so that we can move them into a permanent housing solution. We're not moving them into slum



apartments. We're gonna move these guys into homes that restore their dignity. Homes that maintain their dignity. And we're going to move them into the – there and we're going to have them set up to where they're budgeted and they're able to take care of it on their own. And that, that is what I call the transition – the successful transition and then we're never gonna leave the Veteran. He's gonna be welcome back into the village anytime he wants. He or she. I say he a lot, I apologize. Um, but the Veteran can come back to the village anytime they want. And they can be a part of us. Anything we do, they're invited to. Uh, we want them to come back and mentor people. And I think that's the key is providing that social support beyond when they just stay with us. We don't want them to ever to feel excluded. We want them to pe – feel a part of what we're actually creating, which is a family.

**TL:** Finally, tell me – tell me the – your capabilities in building these homes. Like how you can do that, year-round.

**KJ:** So, we've opened a Veteran outreach center – uh, last week. We worked for – we bought the building on February – well, actually we, pretty much March 1<sup>st</sup>. We opened it on March 30<sup>th</sup>. And we totally renovated and gutted the insides ourselves. We worked probably over 100-hour weeks for about three weeks straight – um, and we did that to save money, but we knew nobody would move as fast as us. And then the thing that that building allowed us to do is open our doors to start serving Veterans immediately. But the cool thing is, is we're starting a business that's building tiny houses, green houses and sheds – uh, from the ground up, for-profit. And we've already got one home on order, and it – the building that we bought used to be an auto parts store, Car Quest. And it had a garage attached to it that used to service the city busses, so one of the garage doors is 16 feet high. So now we can construct tiny houses inside out of elements, year-round. And we're gonna need that because when we get the first ten done, that will be sometime around October 1<sup>st</sup>, we're gonna start building again. We're gonna want to build through the winter because Kansas City's winter this year was kind of mild and we had several, even in the month of December, we had several – um, 80-90-degree days. Um, we broke a record this year for hottest state, that we could've been out there putting more houses down and working. So, what we wanna do is assemble the pieces of the houses here and then take them out onto the pad and then assemble the entire home and – uh, so we can build year-round. And then there's a possibility that we may be going into business, building tiny furniture – [laughter] I say tiny furniture -

furniture for tiny homes – um, for-profit, as well. And we'll be employing the hardest to employ homeless Vets because we'll be able to take time and work with them and give them repetitive tasks that should be pretty simple and easy to manage.

**Bryan Meyer (BM):** My name's Bryan Meyer. I'm a Marine Corps Veteran. I'm the Chief Legal Officer and Co-Founder at Veterans Community Project.

**TL:** Why – why were you inspired to be a part of this project?

**BM:** One, because to me it's very innovative. It's – it's a new approach to an old issue and a continuing issue. But more so than anything is just how it came about. It – just this idea that a group of Vets, myself included, saw other Veterans out there hurting and decided to not wait for somebody else to do anything about it and to take care of that ourselves in the best way that we could. I'd – I'd – I'd say that's – that's the most inspiring thing. Uh, well, that's what got me inspired and what continues to inspire me is the reaction from the community. I say it all the time, we're just a conduit for other people to give back to Veterans. You know, we work hard, and we work a lot, but the community does the heavy lifting.

**TL:** How has your military experience – uh, played into your work here?

**BM:** Every single day here. And we got a good mix of guys. We all know that we're going to get the job done and sometimes, you know, we all have different skillsets and we're lucky in that. You know, I – I – I refer to Chris as kind of the hammer. You know, he's gonna – he's gonna punch through the wall. I might wanna try to take apart the wall. Uh, Kevin's the type of guy who will – who will lovingly climb over it sneakily, but we all work together to get the job done and it's always about the mission and getting there and doing what we have to do to reach our goals. And there's no, we don't compromise on it. We do whatever it takes and that's meant 20-hour days and 7 days a week to get to this point sometimes, but we do it.

**TL:** How does this mission fulfill you?

**BM:** That was really an unintended consequence. It fulfills me from one side of just working with other military guys again. I think I forgot how much I missed that. I spent eight years in college around academics and I get to get back with these guys and it just kind of reignited a fire in me that I think I had forgot about a little bit. So, it's personally satisfying in that

way. It's professionally satisfying in the way that, you know, we're doing something, kind of, creative here and more so than anything the Veterans we serve, you know, there's nothing more satisfying than that. Helping out a – a fellow, you know, brother or sister in arms. It's – it's great, you know. Come walking through the door and we're able to help them, it's – uh, I can't – [background voice "it's mission focused"] it's 100% mission focused. We are 100% committed to keeping the Veterans needs first. Not our programmatic needs, not any structural needs, not any numbers needs. It's about, are we assisting the Veteran in the way that they deserve to be assisted? Are we helping them in a way that we would want ourselves helped? And we take it very personally with every single one of them.

**TL:** Tell me a little bit more about the – the response you're getting from your community.

**BM:** The response from the community has been overwhelming. I mean, absolutely overwhelming. I don't think that we anticipated what that response would be like. We are just inundated with people wanting to volunteer, assist. When you think about it, how many ways are there for the community at large to really give back to Veterans? You know the DAV, the VFW, but what we try to do is we try to say look, if you have a skillset, if you have something you wanna do and you wanna bring that to a Veteran, let us be that conduit. You wanna come in and teach a cooking class? We got some guys that need it. You wanna come in and teach financial management? We got guys who need that, too. Let us facilitate that for you. And we almost can't keep up with it.

**TL:** And in the end I suppose there's – there's hope that these Veterans will – will pay it forward.

**BM:** We hope so. I – I believe it, you know. We have guys that were gonna move into our village, that are currently homele – I mean these are currently street homeless guys coming out and working with us to build houses and investing themselves in it. And it's – it's one of our tenets is, you know, even when we get guys into the village. Community service, giving back is going to be part of it. They're gonna realize that those houses aren't there because of anything that – that we did necessarily, it was because the community came out in droves to support them. And it – there will be kind of that give back aspect. I don't think that we're gonna have to ask the guys to do that very hard. It'll come naturally I'm sure.

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## **[00:26:22] PSA:**

- Man 1:** Getting out of the military, I was missing this comradery.
- Man 2:** It's frustrating, when you try and talk to people and they don't understand.
- Woman 1:** I would be talking but I wasn't there with them. You just feel so alone.
- Man 3:** I still had the anger, I still had the addictions, but we didn't talk about that.
- Woman 2:** Came to a point where I was like, okay, I really need to talk to somebody about this.
- Man 4:** Family more or less encouraged me, you know, go to the VA. You're a Veteran, see what they can do to help you.
- Woman 1:** When you have family, friends. When you have the facilities like the VA and the Vet center, it gives me, it gives others encouragement to keep moving forward.
- Man 2:** It's okay to go get help, it's okay to talk to people because it takes true strength to ask for help.
- Man 1:** Talking with – with other Veterans was the best method for learning the road map to success.
- Man 5:** Hear Veterans' real stories of strength and recovery at [maketheconnection.net](http://maketheconnection.net) [link to the Make the Connection website].

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## **[00:27:24] CLOSING MONOLOGUE:**

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As always, we want to remind everybody the – the resources are at – or how to discover the resources that VA offers – uh, in support of – uh, of homeless Veterans and if you have access to the internet, [va.gov/homeless](http://va.gov/homeless) [link to the VA's homeless webpage] is sort of the main hub that can connect you to – um, all of the – uh, the initiatives and the resources and – uh, the – the outreach tools, etcetera – uh, that you can find in support of VA's address of Veteran homelessness. Uh, and of course, always want to spotlight the – the phone number, 1-877-424-3838. Uh, that's how you can access VA services for homeless and at-risk Veterans. It's a – it's a very important phone number. It's one that I would hope, ask that anybody who knows – uh, a Veterans that is at-risk for homelessness – uh, that you call that number – uh, or provide that Veteran with that number and – and even stand there with them while they're making that phone call. Um, so to ma – ensure that they're getting the resources they need to – uh, to avert the – uh, homelessness. Today's Veteran of the Day is Major Lewis. He came from a military family and decided to enlist in the Navy in 1990. Unfortunately, he was injured in a motorcycle accident after – uh, 10 years of service in the military – uh, but now he is involved in adaptive sports and has recently been involved in our – in our winter sports clinic. So, we wanna thank Major for his service and – and we're excited that – uh, that he's getting involved in adaptive sports and – uh, celebrates that part of his life. To read his full writeup and to learn how to nominate your own Veteran of the Day, visit [blogs.va.gov](http://blogs.va.gov) [link to the VA's blog webpage]. That's it for the milestone Episode 25. I hope you enjoyed the unorthodox format for today's interview and got as much out of it as I did when I conducted the interview. If you have any questions you'd like to have addressed on the show, please tweet them to us using #VApodcast or email us [newmedia@va.gov](mailto:newmedia@va.gov). Be sure to follow us on Facebook at [facebook.com/veteransaffairs](https://facebook.com/veteransaffairs) [link to the VA's Facebook page] for more from our community and if you'd like to get in touch with the guys at the Veteran Community Project, if you just Google Veterans Community Project or Veterans Village Kansas City – uh, you'll find their website. It's also linked in the blog post for this podcast. I'm Timothy Lawson, signing off.

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