

Greetings-

The story featured tells two stories: One of a veteran's academic success through the Journalism Certificate at Madison College and the other about the work of the Volk family and their journey with bringing home their uncle, 1st Lt. Jerome A. Volk, who served with the Wisconsin Air National Guard during the Korean War but did not return home.

Overcoming Impossibility happened after enrolling in college on a whim without the support of the Dept. of Veterans Affairs Vocational Rehabilitation Program. Imagine being denied over 20 times a fully funded college expense experience.

This is the reality disabled veterans face once Montgomery G.I. Bill benefits lapse. Disabled veterans face humiliation and rejection from coworkers once they cannot work due to an increased inflammation.

The inflammation led to needing time off for treatment that resulted in being stigmatized for needing additional help. College was the only hope left after getting ran off the job by members of the United Steel Workers (USW) union, which was discussed during the corporate communication minor pursuit featured in the Outpost 422 archive.

Blogging is a form of therapy and reprieve. Knowing a person's disability provides strength is rewarding and cannot thank those who fund the Wisconsin G.I. Bill through the Wisconsin Dept. of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) enough.

Outpost 422 is a speaking up and speaking out press platform providing blogs for saving lives and revealing journalistic truths to veterans in distress.

The Wisconsin G.I. Bill and the Dept. of Vocational Rehabilitation made overcoming impossibility possible and the Madison College Veterans Integration to Academic Leadership (VITAL) opportunity to attend the University of Wisconsin a reality, which happened Spring semester 2018 thanks to the waiver program at Madison College.

Rejection is the variable standing in the way of veteran success and bullycide is a barrier to success. America also has a veteran bullycide issue by veteran organizations and those who shun them on college campuses.

The journey started out as a UW Platteville mechanical engineering pledge through the UW Liberal Arts Transfer Program. Journalism happened after studying anthropology and realizing journalists have more fun.

By 2019, Outpost 422 launched and began covering Senate Bill 446 at the Wisconsin State Capitol for public comment. The Volk family spoke up about receiving closure, but the bill did not pass.

The bill does not pass because the Committee on Rules at the Wisconsin Capitol will not pick the bill up and bring before the assembly. The bill has unanimous bipartisan support.

The investigation began as a staff reporter for the Clarion.

Over the duration and undergraduate journalism degree pursuit, the project developed into an online interactive convergent media reporting public affairs reporting source for the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater where connections were established with the Defense POW MIA Accounting Agency director.

As an open records investigative and collaborative team building workshop, the "I Will NOT Forget" campaign launched, which covered the story of the bills over the course of three sessions.

The central focus of the bills shares the Volk family advocacy as the centrifugal force behind bringing home Wisconsin MIAs specifically through the UW MIA Project.

Starting in 2019 until now, the Madison College Clarion, where Outpost 422 launched through the 2019 general manager of broadcast position, sent their business director back out on the job to profile the efforts of all parties involved in bringing Senate Bill 8 forward during the 2023-2025 session seeking, for the third time, \$360,000 from the State of Wisconsin to provide the University Wisconsin Missing-in-action Recovery and Identification Project with locating three Wisconsin specific MIAs home. The project can also meet with North Korea to discuss peace talks, which is why the Volk family has renewed hope.

The feature is an hourglass example of playing politics with the POW MIA issue at the Wisconsin Capitol starting with an inverted pyramid style, which takes an open records and legislative turn, then provides a historical overview of the parties involved with the denial of the bill and the legislative process.

The feature is a part of the Outpost 422 "I Will NOT Forget" campaign dedicating individualistically to the cause of publishing the POW MIA issue.

Respectfully Submitted,

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