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Wounded warrior shares his lessons learned battling the civilian-military divide

The State of Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Inductee Class of 2019 U.S. Army veteran [Al Burzynski](#)

(ODVS, 2020) has dedicated the majority of living by the immortal words of President John F. Kennedy who said during his [inaugural address](#) in 1961, “My fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country” (n.d.).

Like many warriors who answered America’s call to duty, Burzynski followed in the footsteps of his father who enlisted in the U.S. Army a day after the attack on [Pearl Harbor](#) (Department of Interior, 2017) and saw combat during World War II and the Korean War.

He proudly served as a light infantryman with the U.S. Army’s elite 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division until a life-changing injury during a field training exercise changed the course of his life physically and emotionally forever.

Burzynski's transition back to civilian life after his military service was not straightforward, and this is when he was exposed to one of the greatest challenges facing the veterans of America and their families today called the [civilian-military divide](#) (Burke, 2017).

This resilient warrior’s 30-year journey has been a blessing and a curse. The curse is Burzynski had to deal with what he describes as the thank you for your service and go figure it out on your own notion. Some of Burzynski's [obstacles](#) included access to essential military veteran support services, as well as health and educational benefits (RAND CORP).

With his professional experience as an Army and Veterans Affairs Public Affairs Officer, a volunteer military-veteran advocate and his ongoing pursuit of continuing education, Burzynski is building a bridge between America’s warriors in need and supporting organizations by sharing with them his lessons learned.

Burzynski's webinar explores the culture of warriors, analyzes some of the reasons why civil-military divides exist and aim to bring people together to work towards a common vision – taking care of each other because at the end of the day we are all Americans (Carden, 2010).

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“Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country.”

Who, what, when where why, and how