



ONE DETERMINED VETERAN WITH A VISION AND A PLAN CAN CHANGE LIVES ... MAYBE EVEN **SAVE** LIVES

THIS IS THE STORY OF THE **MAN** AND HIS DREAM

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**Meet Joe Havens. He is a man who will tell you that he's just a "Regular Joe," but that humble reply doesn't even scratch the surface of who this man is; what he has accomplished, or what he STILL plans to accomplish.**

**If a "regular Joe" would acquire a 45-acre parcel of land and start to build a temporary residential neighborhood for veterans in need of financial and emotional assistance, then Joe Havens IS indeed a "regular Joe."**



**Joe Havens is trying to make a difference with something that is a BIG problem. Making a small difference will require a BIG effort. It will require a LOT of cooperation. It will require a LOT of FAITH ... Faith in people ... Faith in self ... And faith in GOD.**

**Joe Havens believes that he is a man doing something that God put into his heart to accomplish, and with that personal conviction in completing a task that he believes to be ordained, there is no stopping him.**



**There's no time to lose. Joe is simultaneously building the Eagles Haven Ranch while searching for those veterans most in need from around the country. He MUST get the residential cabins completed before the veterans begin to arrive, or they will have nowhere to live. This is the story of that race to save lives.**

## THE PROBLEM

April 2019, the U.S. had a homelessness population of over 630,000 with 67,000 being veterans of the armed forces. Joe Havens believes this to be a low estimate and finds it both unacceptable and unforgiveable. Veterans become homeless for a number of reasons. Many of these veterans suffer from PTSD, an anxiety disorder that often occurs after extreme emotional trauma involving threat or injury.

Causes for homelessness include:

- **Disabilities** – Physical injury or mental illness
- **Substance Abuse** – Drug abuse or alcoholism
- **Family breakdown**
- **Joblessness and poverty**
- The number of homeless female veterans is on the rise: in 2006, there were 150 homeless female veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars; in 2011, there were 1,700. That same year, 18% of homeless veterans assisted by the VA were women. Comparison studies conducted by HUD show that **female veterans are two to three times more likely to be homeless than any other group in the US adult population.**
- Veterans between **the ages of 18 and 30 are twice as likely as adults in the general population to be homeless**, and the risk of homelessness increases significantly among young veterans who are poor.
- **Roughly 56% of all homeless veterans are African-American or Hispanic**, despite only accounting for 12.8% and 15.4% of the U.S. population respectively.
- About **53% of individual homeless veterans have disabilities**, compared with 41% of homeless non-veteran individuals.
- **Half suffer from mental illness**; two-thirds suffer from substance abuse problems; and many from dual diagnosis (which is defined as a person struggling with both mental illness and a substance abuse problem).
- **Homeless veterans tend to experience homelessness longer than their non-veteran peers**: Veterans spend an average of nearly six years homeless, compared to four years reported among non-veterans.



According to a study in 2014, veterans are more likely than non-veterans to be homeless; 9.7% of the general population are veterans, but 12.3% of the homeless population are veterans. The risk factors that are most common among this population are substance abuse disorders and poor mental health, followed by low income and other income-related issues, a lack of support from family and friends, or a weak social network.

Joe Haven aims to provide shelter, as well as support from a network of friends who can relate to the experiences of a veteran

that will re-build a strong social network of support. Joe is building his own army ... An army that provides tangible, as well as emotional support.

## SUPPORT

Eagles Haven will provide support in the following areas:

1. Cabin Residency
2. Healthcare (both on-site as well as transportation to VA facilities)
3. Occupational Placement Assistance
4. Suicide Prevention Counseling
5. PTSD Counseling
6. Support Animal Companionship



## THE SERIES

**NOBODY LEFT BEHIND** is a race against time. It is envisioned as an 8-part television series that will comprise the first season. Later on in this presentation, the episodic breakdowns will be provided, but keep in mind that this is a reality show, and the build-out of the property and search for candidate residential veterans will face challenges and setbacks that could never be forecast. These setbacks and challenges will only allow for greater victories along the way, and build a better story, along with the build of the property.

Joe will have to hurry to get a cabin built in time to be ready for the arrival of the first selected veteran. If a residence is not ready when the veteran arrives, that veteran is simply a relocated homeless person. Joe can't let this happen. As Joe works to coordinate the endless tasks at the Eagles Haven Ranch, the Veteran Search Team is out locating the first homeless veteran to be offered the chance to come to the sanctuary.

## THE MAN



The series revolves around the man that is building his dream; Joe Havens. Joe is a married man. He and his wife reside in Spokane, Washington. Joe is a proud veteran of the Vietnam War, and a devout Christian. Joe is not a rich man in monetary terms, but in regard to goodwill, he is as wealthy as the wealthiest of men. He's not too proud to ask for help, but he's not a man to wait for help before committing himself to action.

# THE PROPERTY

Joe Havens is defeating a BIG problem, and to do it, he needs a BIG place. He has already acquired and has begun to develop a spectacular and sprawling 45-acre piece of land in Washington State.



# THE PEOPLE

## Project Leader – Joe Havens



Joe Havens is a proud veteran of the Vietnam War. He is a husband, father and grandfather. He successfully served as CEO and General Manager of White Buffalo Trucking for fifteen years, managing 65 vehicles and 105 employees. Joe acquired the Eagles Haven 45-acre property with the vision of creating a place of refuge and healing for fellow veterans. Joe has already constructed a main log cabin-style building to serve as the operation center for the entire build.



**Eagles Haven Office Manager** – Gail Havens? Can we talk her into this for TV?



**Construction Coordinator/Foreman** – Andy

## Veteran Search Team Lead – TBD

Search Team Member 1

Search Team Member 2



**Eagles Haven Farm Operation Coordinators** – Tom and Lee Worswick

**OCCASIONAL APPEARANCES BY:**



**Eagles Haven Lead Psychologist/Counselor – David Baird, Pamela Stoddard**



**Eagles Haven Lead Physician – Thomas Heston, MD**



**Eagles Haven Service Dog Trainer – Taunya and Chuck Oversby**



**Eagles Haven Accountant – Nate Riggan, CPA**



# EPISODES

## PILOT EPISODE - “If He Builds It ... They Will Come”



The juggling act begins. Joe Havens will have to plan, coordinate and begin to build the cabin residences that will house the veterans who will be offered the opportunity to move to the Eagles Haven Ranch. At the same time, the search begins for the first veteran who will be offered the chance to move into the cabin and enjoy all of the services Eagles Haven will offer. It is a massive undertaking with a lot of moving parts, but Joe is determined to meet his deadline.

## Episode Two – “Big Problems”



The problems the Eagles Haven team experiences as they begin to layout the groundwork for the property seem daunting, but when the research team discovers the problems facing veterans, many of whom are on the streets, the problems at the ranch don't seem so impossible. The lead counselor is brought in to discuss the unimaginable amount of suicides committed each year by U.S. veterans. This gives the team a shot-in-the-arm, to get things moving so they can start to bring the vets to the property.

### Episode Three – “A Tough Call”



A discussion regarding the use of drugs among many homeless vets is brought-up. The team isn't convinced that they will be equipped to handle someone who is addicted to drugs, but Joe arranges to have the lead physician come t the property to talk about the challenges they will face if they decide to tackle this challenge as well. Joe refuses to exclude someone simply because they have more challenging issues than anyone else.

### Episode Four – “We Gotta Go”



The veteran search team is compiling a list of potential homeless veterans to invites to the property, but the list quickly becomes so big, that narrowing it down from simply an online search is recognized as unfair, if not entirely impossible. They call a meeting with Joe Havens. Joe makes the decision to create a response team to go and try to observe the candidates at minimum, and possibly even meet with these veterans face-to-face. It's a hunt to locate the vets they have identified, not knowing if their search will be successful.

## Episode Five – “Time’s Running Out”



The search team has located a couple of the veterans they were searching for, but have kept their distance and made no personal contact. They report back to Joe with their findings, but Joe is having issues of his own to deal with in terms of the build falling behind schedule due to various unpredictable setbacks inherent to any huge undertaking such as this. The search team relays the urgency they feel in regard to getting certain veterans they have found off the streets, thinking that their time is running out.

## Episode Six – “A Tough Choice”



Joe is struggling with the realization that he needs to bring the first veteran to the facility, but in his heart, he wants to bring everyone the search team has located, which are many. He reiterates to the team that they don't leave anyone behind, but the team emphasizes that they need to do this one-at-a-time, so that they can control and coordinate the moving process with the veterans, some of whom are under medical and/or psychological care.

## Episode Seven – “He’s The One”



The Search Team with the coordination of Joe and the team back home makes their decision and a veteran is selected to become the first resident at Eagles Haven. Joe gives the go-ahead to approach the man and make an offer to move to Washington.

**Potential Episode Seven Alternate Plot** – a FEMALE veteran becomes the one they decide will be approached and given the offer to move.

## Season Finale – “The Arrival”



The chosen veteran is escorted to the property that will become a temporary home and place to heal by the Search Team. They arrive on the property and the veteran’s reaction is seen. The veteran is shown their new cabin home, as well as being introduced to the team of support personnel available to them, so that they can get back on their feet. For Joe Havens, this is only the beginning ... There is no time to waste. The search for the next resident veteran in need begins immediately.

## SERIES PRODUCTION

**Ken Dalton**

Supervising Producer



**Joe Skorpen**

Writer/Producer



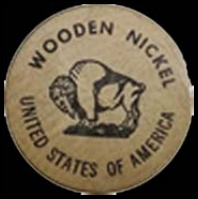
Dustin Hoffman and Joe Skorpen "Confidence" © Lionsgate

**Kiran Gonsalves (DGA)**

Coordinating Producer



## BUDGET



The production budget to complete the entire first season (8 Episodes) is estimated to be \$1,750,000.00. Note that because of the 501(c)(3) status, any financiers interested in participating in the project can deduct 100% of their contribution from federal taxes.

## SCHEDULE

The build of Eagles Haven is something that will be ongoing, beyond the story told in the first season. The Season One objective is to establish a cabin residence with utilities, and the full support staff to assist the veteran selected with any services they may require.



**Development:** The development period is critical in regard to scheduling the activities of the facility build, with the search and arrival of the first veteran to come to the property. The team of producers will prep the necessary elements that will comprise the finalized production schedule.



**Pre-Production:** The pre-production phase of the project is most critical, as it is time where planning will take place before a film crew arrives. We estimate the pre-production period to be six weeks.



**Principal Photography:** We will require an "A" Crew at the Eagle Haven property, but a three-person ENG crew with the search team when they depart. The crew will be a camera operator, a sound engineer and a producer, who will communicate with the director back at the property to ensure story continuity. We plan to shoot the entire season in eight weeks.

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