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**Bill:** The Vietnam Veteran that we see today is still the largest demographic in the VA. Still the largest demographic and it just amazes me where these guys have been but they've either been working and/or in the bottle or doing drugs or doing something else. But, it's amazing that they literally, virtually say the same thing that I said when I came back, "Well, I didn't think anybody cared; I didn't think anybody understood."

I had a guy come in a couple weeks ago that was married six times and I said, "When did you decide to give up?" and he says, "Well, you know, I just needed some companionship." He lived in a rural area and no combat Veterans around and he thought that he was all alone and for the most part he was. I felt that way, I mean, as I told you earlier, I lived in the middle of a corn field and so all I had to do was reach out.



