

Interview with John Hicks

Mr. Howard: Ready, Mr. Hicks? [Why don't you start off by introducing yourself to me again. First and last name.

Mr. Hicks: Okay, John Hicks. H I C K S.

Mr. Howard: And tell me about your interest in this project for Post Five.

Mr. Hicks: It is to try to revamp the post. We are very aggressive post. We have a lot of medals.

The main thing is for the post to help veterans.

Mr. Howard: And remind me how long you've been a member of this post?

Mr. Hicks: I've been at this post about three decades.

Mr. Howard: How many?

Mr. Hicks: 30 years.

Mr. Howard: 30? So you've seen a lot come and go at this post.

Mr. Hicks: Yes, I have.

Mr. Howard: Since this project was started with the students, what have you learned about the post that maybe you didn't know before?

Mr. Hicks: I learned a lot of history about the post. That [inaudible 00:03:12], there used to be a post ... the certain issues, when the people's

I learned that. And there's some things about the post that I didn't know. How different commanders had passed commands of the post. We used to have a club of scouts. This and all other kind of things.

Mr. Howard: Through this project, what do you hope the community learns about Post 5?

Mr. Hicks: I hope the community learns about it and the community will start participating, coming to it. Maybe some veterans out here hear about the post and we can recruit some.

Most of the veterans here are Korean veterans, Vietnam veterans. We'd like to get some newer veterans in. Those are mostly older veterans, like the Vietnam and Korean veterans, are dying out. Cause so many are dying every day. We need to survive, so we need some new ones in here.

Mr. Howard: Have you seen any progress towards that since...?

Mr. Hicks: I've seen progress since the [American] university's been helping us out. Real progress. But we've still got a long way to go.

Mr. Howard: What types of progress or steps have you seen?

Mr. Hicks: Well, I've seen some of the older veterans that's been interested in what we were doing. First of all, they didn't understand what it was about, and they kind of backed off, but now they know what's going on they plug in easier. And see the progress that was being done to get the information out to the public.

Mr. Howard: Great. Is there anything that I haven't asked that you want to tell me about? The project or the post?

Mr. Hicks: The [Post] used to have, it used to have what's called a prayer breakfast. On Saturday, veterans come in, and I'd like to try to get that going again, get the prayer breakfast in for veterans.

Mr. Howard: And so, do you think that the awareness that you're trying to raise with the American [University] students will help achieve that goal?

Mr. Hicks: Yes, I do. Very much so.

Mr. Howard: Great. All right, thank you for your time.

Mr. Hicks: Thank you.

Mr. Howard: Thanks, Mr. Hicks.



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