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Welcome everybody.

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I'm Ogden City Mayor, Ben Nadolski

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And this is the Ogden Way podcast place where we talk about our good stories by telling the stories of ordinary people.

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And today we have got a man of Ogden, a man of America.

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I saved that for you.

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I always think of Max Stitzer as a man of America, because he's done so much for the United States

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of America, for the country, and for the world.

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But when you break it down, you're an Ogden boy, right?

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Born and raised. Yes, sir.

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Hagens proud of you.

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Big time. And I think more people need to know about you.

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And not because I know.

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I know, you're not the kind of guy that brags.

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You're a humble man, but you've done a lot for the for the U.S.

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and for the world. And you've made Ogden proud.

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Are you willing to brag a little bit about yourself, or at least share a little bit about yourself both ways?

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I, you know, I feel called to tell my story, and it's not because it's about the great things Max or did,

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but the things I was enabled and allowed to do,

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mostly because of the foundation of my life.

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And everything I've achieved is is Ogden is in Ogden.

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My parents were both civil servants.

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My dad worked at Defense Depot Ogden his whole career, and my mom worked for IRS for for a time.

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My grandpa.

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My my mom's dad was a World War two enlisted flier, flew over the China Burma India Theater

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and lived in in Ogden after he came home from the war
and retired as a depot employee mechanic at Hill Air Force Base.

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And everything that I grew up doing was centered around this great town
its natural resources, its culture, its institutions.

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There was never a time when I wasn't going to go to Weber State
University.

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My earliest recollection in life as a, as a three year old was the 100th
anniversary, the centennial of the driving of the Golden Spike,

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which not technically in Utah,
but Utah was the the center of gravity of the the railroad industry.

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And that happened, you know, in in our community here.

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Seeing that the two, two engines fired up
driving a golden spike with everybody in their 1869 costumes.

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When I was three years. Yeah. Not technically in Ogden but in Utah.

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And you know, I was born in the old Saint Benedict's Hospital,
which are condos now. Yep.

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Which is where my wife was living
when we started dating. Yeah. Quality place. I,

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graduated from high school.

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Product of Ogden City schools. Yep.

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Graduated from Weber State.

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Before I set off on on the longer part of my Air Force journey.

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Living all over the world and moving every couple of years on average
until we landed back here two.

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Years ago, culminating. And now retired.

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But at the end of your career as general general Max Spitzer?

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Yeah, the the Air Force for some reason, saw fit to

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I started as an E-1 and Airman Basic with a high school diploma.

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And, I got to do everything in between.

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And, served two tours at the Pentagon, including my last assignment
the last four years before we retired and came back home.

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And so I saw that most hands on tactical stuff
and literally I was the janitor, because that's the first thing

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the military teaches you how to do.

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Right.

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And, and ended up in the Swiss C-suite with global responsibility in supply chain, major weapons system sustainment policy and doctrine,

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at Headquarters Air Force on the Air Staff and the Joint Chiefs of Staff

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was a deputy for logistics there. So amazing.

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And and the reason I think that story is important is, again, Max didn't do all these things.

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People saw value in me and potential in me that I didn't see in myself.

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And they were teachers here in to

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coaches,

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leaders in the military, peers and people who outranked me, who pushed me along and pulled me along and gave me opportunities

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to do stuff.

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And in the end, that culminated in somebody having done all those things and being prepared to do the things I did.

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And, and that's that's what communities do for people. That's right.

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The next generation of leaders, the next generation of Americans

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who produce the next generation of leaders and the next generation of Americans.

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And that's your first duty as a leader is to produce more. That's correct.

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And I know you're your humble servant, and I know that you took a lot of self ownership and empowerment of your own.

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You took accountability for yourself along the way, too.

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You had to take advantage of those opportunities and the amount of support that you had from people all around you. Right.

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They can't do it for you.

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They can support you along the way. But you did a lot of the work yourself, right?

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And you always will go further when you have help around us.

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And that's really at the heart of the way. It's not about,

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it's not about politics done about partizanship.

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It's about people, and it's about us.

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It's about you, me and everybody
and or trying to create an environment here for people to succeed.

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An environment where people have access to opportunities,

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and we need them to have that ownership and self-empowerment
to take advantage of those opportunities.

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And when they do, they're going to have a community
that's got their back right.

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That's the work that we do.

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It's the work you're doing.

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We'll talk about here shortly. For homeless veterans.

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That's what Ogden does right?

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Is the template for opportunity. Yeah.

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And as I get to work with, you know, people and organizations
around here, Ogden Weaver Tech, right?

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Oh, yeah. People, the opportunity to grow and develop
and do the most important work in our nation.

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You know, so many times

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as a general, they're very prestigious and get opportunities to speak,
and people want to hear from you.

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And so I made sure to relate stories again,
not about all the amazing things

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I got to do, but the perspective that gives you a serving at that level.

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And and I would, I would, I would talk about those, those very things.

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Right. Providing that kind of opportunity for people.

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And I'd say, you know, it's amazing to serve at the Pentagon.
You're at the highest level.

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You get to see the things Americans are doing all over the world matter
every single day around the clock, 24 seven, three, 65.

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They put the uniform on and they're serving their families,
their communities, and this nation as a whole.

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And yet, as impressive
as that is with all the hearts was at weapons systems, none of the work

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they do is more important than what goes on in classrooms
and in city offices, right?

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Universities and in industry at the local level,
because those are the foundation, our our defense department

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and military is wholly dependent on private industry to build the things
and support them and innovate and get the technology in the hands.

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To me, it seems like a codependence

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we can't do this kind of work in the classrooms and neighborhoods
of our communities without the overarching protection and the freedom.

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That's right, that our warfighters
and our that our military and service provide for us.

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Yet at the same time, we couldn't have that kind of weapon system. And,

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you know, the the caliber of soldiers

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that we have and airmen and women without the schools in the communities
developing, just like you came up through Ogden.

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Right? It's a mutual dependance.

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And that's what that's what communities built in mutual
dependance and reliance and our own fulfillment and goodness.

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And I, you know, as, as I got the opportunity to lead
and then subsequently command, airmen in our United States Air Force,

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I recognized and knew and believed they're the treasure of this nation,

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sons and daughters of American families
who took an oath right in this, this nation and everything it stood for.

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And we've we've grown up and lived in a time where the military
was pretty popular and it was popular and, you know, it still is.

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Thankfully,

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for people to see you in uniform and thank you for your service.

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You can't escape that.

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Not that you'd want to.

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And my airmen would come to me and say, you know, they're all humble.

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Part say, I never know. What to say, to be. Thanked.

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And I would tell them, say what I say. You're welcome. You're worth it.

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Because only 1% of us get the opportunity to wear the uniform in this country and join the military.

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And that means the other 99% do all the things that we swore to defend.

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And so in the oath, it doesn't explicitly say it, but it's implied that we're defending not just the Constitution,

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but our natural resources, our institutions, our cities, our towns, our schools, our culture, the things that we like to do.

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And being a citizen in this great republic is a team sport, and we should be grateful that it only takes 1% of us

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because of our economic system and because of our technological and military might, the 1% of us can cover.

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And then amazing. For all the rest of us. And we make sure that we're superior in every way.

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So that fight is an away game so the enemy doesn't come on our soil. Unbelievable.

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You know,

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you make me think of something, Max, that we weren't planning on talking about this, but indulge me, if you would, in my job.

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I'm here at, like, a smaller scale, community level.

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You were working at the Pentagon, at the international, obviously, the at the headquarters of National Leadership and World Leadership.

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Yeah.

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You worked for a lot of different administrations, left and right.

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You went through transitions.

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Yesterday I had an experience when we were

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dedicating the fieldhouse at the Marshall White Center to Officer Nate Day.

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And I walked up to the podium to say my words and my hands were shaking.

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I was so nervous because I was staring back at my officers.

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There were so many of them, and they a lot of them knew officer like day personally and served with him and were there.

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And I was like, I can't believe this.

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I cannot take this lightly.

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And I got so in my head
I was getting nervous. And I don't get nervous usually. Right.

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But I had this moment of like realization
of the significance of my responsibility and stewardship of what?

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Of what I've inherited, but also what we're building
and what we are responsible for stewarding.

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And that's such a small scale
compared to what you were working at, right?

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But it's also a more personal scale because I know the names
of the officers, almost every one of them that were in the room.

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Did you ever get a sense that, like

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when you're dealing with that level of significance, just the

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how inherently small politics seems

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compared to the significance of the human capital and the people?

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Yeah. You know,

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did you get.

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It's unfortunate the the way things have.

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I don't want to say progressed
because it's not it's not really progress.

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But but the state that we find ourselves in here
politically and the divisiveness and at the my,

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my observation and experiences,
it's wholly manufactured, wholly is the great thing.

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You know, we we will always Revere the greatest generation,
the folks who fought and won World War II.

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And. Should defeated global fascism.

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And gave us that everything that we've lived on and,
and depended on in our lifetime for sure.

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And I don't want a draft to come back.

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But that was a thing in World War one, World
War two and up until the end of the Vietnam War, here.

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And the really good byproduct of that was
people were drafted from all over.

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So you take a kid from a farm and a kid from inner city,

and a kid from one state, a kid from another state,

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and you know, different colors of pigmentation and skin
and background and religions and everything.

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And you hear the wisdom and the time tested, proven things

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that we do in the military to train people, throw them all together,
put them through basic training and make them the same.

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Make it, make each of them an integral part of the unit, recognizing

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none are better or worse than the others,
no more important or anything like that.

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Regardless of your background, you're Americans
and you're going to fight and win this war for us.

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And, the military has always been a famously steadfastly
apolitical and nonpartizan and unfortunately in, in recent years,

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the respect that was given the military,
even within the halls of the Pentagon

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has it's, it's thinned
significantly and politics has crept in where it didn't exist before.

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And people have felt empowered and enabled to kind of demonstrate
and fly the flag of their particular personal politics.

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And it is not a good thing for our military,
and it's not a good thing for our nation. And,

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I, you know, I like some of the,
the local offices and the political races that are held there.

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You serve your community,
and it's not even a Partizan political office, right? Yeah.

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But even that's starting to change.

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I mean, it's it's been changing for a while,
and it's one of the biggest challenges I have in this job is

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we see when you go home at night,

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turn on your TV or flip through your phone
and look through the headlines.

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You're reading about national politics for the most part.

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If you're interested in the goings on in the world,
you're just looking at national headlines.

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There's all kinds of media biases
and spins this and that. And the other.

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And it just and I, my fellow mayors say this around the state,

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nobody can reach out to the president or Congress
or or whatever the administration,

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but they can reach their city council members
and their mayors. That's right.

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And that's by design.

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But we're not Washington DC either, right?

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That's right. We're Ogden, USA, and we're damn proud of that.

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But if we keep trying to collect garbage and run a golf course
and things like that with a partizan bent and with, with,

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with with politics as our priority,

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it we're not going to build our best and strongest community,
and we're losing sight of that as a country.

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Certainly in this community,
it's just keeps getting poured into us all the time.

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And I'm spending more and more of my time pedaling Partizan politics.

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It's driving me crazy

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because the more time we spend, the more energy we invest in that,
the less we're investing in our people, in our community.

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Right?

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And so anyway, I think about that when you're in,
when you talk about your mission and the in the Pentagon,

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what an important mission that has to go on no matter what.

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Right.

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And I view the work of, of our city the same way our.

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You know, when when an incident occurs here,
you know, a fire that threatens houses.

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Nobody cares what political party or how, you know,
firefighters voted for right handers or the owner of that house.

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The community comes out and supports them.

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Because just like in the military,
the most, most important label you wear, it says United States, correct?

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United States Army says us first.

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And it's like in sports.

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Or you playing for the name
on the front of the jersey. Or the one on the back. Yeah.

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And and that's, that's absolutely the case here locally.

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And so,

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again, that, that kind of manufactured rage and divisiveness

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and everything really evaporates here at the local level
because people are actually neighbors and citizens.

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And the most important things that happen in
this country are foundational to families and neighborhoods, right?

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Yeah.

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And everything above that level is kind of bloated infrastructure
that, you know, maybe we could do with a lot less of

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and a little more of regular small town. Grit like we enjoy here.

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That's why I'm looking at your shirt, the Major Brant Taylor Foundation,
that's a partnership that I've treasured since I started as mayor.

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For all of those reasons.

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When we fly that flag over Washington Boulevard,
that is a huge citywide reminder

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of who we actually are
and what we share in common, and the and the mission that we all share,

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no matter the role we play.

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We should all be participating in a mission
in the betterment of our of America.

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And whether you're left or right, up or down, I don't care.

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We're all here.

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We're all American.

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We're all working toward a better future, you know?

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And that's why. That's why I wear a flag on my belt every day.

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That's why I partnered with the foundation to fly
flag over our city for pioneer days.

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And what a beautiful scene that was. Oh, my gosh.

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Can you just feel the difference in our town?

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Yeah. When? As soon as that goes up. That's. It's like a separate sun.

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Isn't it? Yeah.

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It's like it replaces the sun.

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You forget about the sun and its significance,

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and you just think about the significance of the flag
and I see a lot of change in people's spirit around it.

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I love that it's my favorite time of year for that reason.

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It is it's it's one of the greatest honors I've ever been given.

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And and I've only been on the board of the Major
Brant Taylor Foundation for the couple years since I moved back here.

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And retired at home.

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But but the the story in the mission is very personal to me.

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I was at the Pentagon at the time when Brant Taylor was killed,
and I didn't know Jenny before,

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and I reached out to her to express my condolences
and to let her and her family know that his his loss and passing was

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was a national tragedy,
not just the North Orange County or even just for their family.

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You know, that they shoulder the brunt of the sacrifice
that was made. Oh, yeah.

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His sacrifice of his life
and their sacrifice of no longer having a father and a husband.

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And so when we moved back here, Jenny moved with all due haste,
to bring me onto the board of directors of that organization.

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And, you know, it's it's important to recognize
and remember and teach history.

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And so the priorities of Major
Brant Taylor Foundation are to train, honor and engage.

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And in all of that centers around patriotism
and the value and, and vital role of cities and communities.

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And you can't lose the fact that he was serving as an elected mayor.

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It is his community, right?

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He was a member of the Utah National Guard
and was deployed on his on his fifth deployment

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when he was when he was unfortunately killed in service.

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And that's that's noteworthy.

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A lot of people may or may not know and recognize.

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He was the first U.S.

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elected official killed in action in the military since the Civil War.

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It's it's not it's not that common

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for for somebody to serve in that way with so many facets in their life.

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Taylor was right. Absolutely. All American.

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In in every single way.

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As a mayor, as a citizen, as a as a father, as a husband.

00:18:44:25 - 00:18:46:23
In, in every single thing he did.

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And as they built the organization and as I've been able to become
part of it, the story goes back to his high school graduation. Yep.

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At Arizona, where he was the the senior class president.

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And the education we do in schools at the public school level, mostly

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in high schools, centers around the five principles
that he espoused in his graduation speech.

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So that guy was was raised
right in a great American family and a great community.

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And, and carried that through.

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So he had an amazing foundation.

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All those same conditions exist in this city
and in every city, like, like Ogden.

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And so it's so important to teach that.

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And recognize it and then to continue to replicate it, because there's
a Brett Taylor in every graduating class, in every school.

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Right.

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And everywhere else in this country,
and all the things that he got to do by getting himself

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educated in universities, in the state and serving in a town, in this this county here, that opportunity exists for everybody.

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And somebody is going to do those things, and we want it to be the right person.

00:19:53:07 - 00:20:01:04

And we want to have a population that continues to value and model exactly what it represents. Yep.

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It's all about service, right?

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It's amazing. If you watch the his high school speech,

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how far ahead he was in his wisdom for his age.

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I I'm glad I didn't have to compete with him right.

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And his and his speech was brief.

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He he knew the the attention span of people back then.

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And he's like, I'm going to make it. I'm going to make it short, but I'm going to make it matter.

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And those principles endure.

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I know.

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97. High school kid.

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Yeah, right.

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So I graduated two years prior from a high school nearby in Arizona as well. And,

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to think back over where I was at back then, nowhere near the caliber.

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Not even close.

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Right. I'm glad you got here from Arizona.

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I am too. I'm too.

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I came from a great place, but I love where I landed. I'm so lucky.

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I was so blessed to be here in Ogden. We're blessed to have you. In your family. Appreciate it. Man.

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Keeping that reputation up. That's right.

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I'm trying. And I appreciate trying to. So with all of the,

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with everything that you've learned

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and gained through your career, through your life,
through your upbringing here in Ogden.

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What do you do with that now?

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You're retired from military service formally, right?

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Then you're looking to. It's. Which is funny.

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You're like, it's time to give back.

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You've been giving back your entire life, entire career,
and now you want to give back.

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That's like I was given

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an opportunity. Yeah. Career.

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And now it's time to get back in for that.

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Certainly, I worked hard.

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That's not an easy career for decades. Yeah. In the military.

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That's. That's 220 year careers. I could retire twice.

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I was just so dumb. I only did it once,

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but I knew where to come back to.

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So, you know, overall, probably briefly,

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to just to summarize,

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my mission in the military as a leader is to put the capabilities
we need in the hands of warfighters.

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And whether you're at the lowest tactical level
and you're given a mission

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and the equipment to do that, you make sure your warfighters,
the airmen, soldiers, sailors, Marines, Coast Guardsmen,

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and Space Force guardians, whatever service you're responsible
for, have to have

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the stuff and the training
and the leadership to go do their job on behalf of this nation.

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As I, you know, grew through the ranks and was given more
responsibility, more authority for budgets, larger orders.

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Yeah.

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Portfolios and everything.

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That baseline never changed.

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But the things we need in the hands of warfighters
so they can fight and win wars.

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And as I retired
and then had the opportunity to decide what my path forward would be,

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you could probably nobody would criticize you
for just retiring and tending your garden

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and mow your lawn and playing with your grandbabies,
and I hardly wanted to do that very thing.

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I was tired and I worked hard, and,
and it's a grind to to live and serve and work in Washington, DC.

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The best tours were seven years is, you know, kind of exceptional
and not normal as well.

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But I couldn't I would felt like a fraud if I hadn't done more.

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For all the faith
that was given to me, all the all the confidence people expressed in me

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and gave me the opportunity to be that person who walked across
that stage and retired, and I knew I still had gas in the tank.

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You know, I know I'm almost 60.

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I feel like I'm almost 40.

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And I hope I continue to feel that way,
at least physically and mentally, you know?

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And so I still had gas in the tank,
and I recognized I could still have the same mission.

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But the capabilities we need in the hands of warfighters is Utah
ecosystem here in aerospace defense, keep tech

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manufacturing, higher education, all all the institutions
that kind of contribute to the national security

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and the defense industrial base of this nation exist here in some form.

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And I could still work now from the outside with a different uniform on
and perform that same mission

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and help the services and the Department of Defense
and also hopefully greatly benefit this community

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because all of those things represent economies, jobs, quality of life.

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All the things that come with that.

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And, and so sometimes when I should take a step back now, over the past couple of years,

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I think I can be more effective than I ever was in uniform.

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You know, they give you a rank and a title and, and at some points, you know, when you get the seniors, I was everybody has to listen to you.

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Right? The general is always right. It's always wise. And the jokes are always funny.

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And with that,

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with that behind you, people only recognize your character and your abilities and your motivation and

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and so with with that and with the, the great people in this community, in this ecosystem, I can leverage all that.

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They give me a lot of deference and respect, and they want the general to help with their organization.

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But, I recognize that's not me they're looking for help with.

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It's what I can do with what I've been given.

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And so that's that's my mission now.

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And every organization I'm part of, whether it's a nonprofit like the Major Brant Taylor Foundation

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for teaching and serving in different roles at Weber State University, all contribute to national security.

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And if I can connect those dots, I'll always say yes to those. Opportunities where I'm glad you do

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say, how did you say it again, putting their capabilities in the hands of the nation's warfighters.

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That's that's a good way of summing it up for your background, but it's not too much different

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for describing leadership in almost any other setting.

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It's to try and give our workforce, to give our,

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our people here at the city, to give our people in our community the things that they need access to the tools they need in order

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to succeed.

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That's the that's the job of leaders to empower and to support and to give what they need in order to succeed.

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Their success is ours.

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Ours is theirs, right.

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And so but that's how you say it in your line of work.

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But it's no it's really no different. So if anybody is listening here and you're not in the military background,

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we're still people.

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It's still leadership. It's the same principles.

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You know, look, look at how we recruit in military.

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What, what what are on the ads and the posters on the hardware. Because that's sexy, right?

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People want to fly in F-35, Air Force Base or operate a tanker or, you know.

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A weapon or I don't think I don't think we want that.

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I don't I don't think that's good. Yeah, yeah, I'll take it.

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So so that's why I joined.

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But you quickly recognize if you should make that transition and the conditioning and realization should happen

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no matter what your technical specialty is, you in the people business.

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Oh, yeah.

00:26:45:13 - 00:26:48:15
You're in the people business. There's, there's nothing to your job.

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But being in the people business and good citizens of this, this community and it's all about exactly that, given the resources,

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the structure, the policy that benefits them, the benefits, the economy, their quality of life, and their ability to to pursue life, liberty

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and the pursuit of happiness. Exactly.

00:27:05:02 - 00:27:09:04
Guaranteed rights.
And by our creator, guaranteed by our Constitution. Yep.

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That's why I got to share a stage with you in it.

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Ben Lomond High School on behalf of the Major Brant Taylor Foundation

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teaching leadership principles to our youth,
we had student body leadership from every school in the district.

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There did me right.

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And we were we were all asked to to share a portion of the message from Brant Taylor's high school speech.

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And then I shared kind of the summary. Right.

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That was a that's the kind of work that the Foundation does that a lot of people don't see,

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that doesn't you don't see that in the flags flying over Washington Boulevard or over Coldwater Canyon?

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But you see that in the kids that we have in our community. Right?

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That's the goal of building the next generation of leaders for our city.

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That then so they become a board member on the Major Brant Taylor Foundation, or the chairman one day, or their own.

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Or the general or the mayor. Right. Remember I asked, how many here want to run for mayor one day?

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Quite a few kids in their number of which I'd coached in sports, actually.

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It was fun to see.

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That was a fun day.

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That's the kind of rewarding work we get to do, So as we look to our future here in Ogden

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and we look at our proximity to Hill Air Force Base, we look at the significance of the mission of Hill Air Force Base in the world.

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Theater.

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Tell us a little bit about the opportunities we have in Ogden.

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Given that proximity and the mission and the support that we as a community provide for the the mission on base.

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You know, there Hill Air Force bases is vital to the defense of this nation.

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And, their 51 mission partners at Hill Air Force Base, they're not all Air Force.

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They're they're not all, you know, warfighting units.

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There are a lot of enablers and things like that. And certainly a lot of the community that's on the air, contractors.

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So they're civilians who work and live in the community and do work that supports

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national defense.

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And all the programs that are run at Hill
Air Force Base, Hill Air Force Base and the Pentagon

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also have about 26,000 people that go in and out the gates
and the doors to that installation every single day.

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And a lot of them live in in Park City.

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And it's no mistake in, I think, 1940 when when they came and found
the location for that base and made it the military installation

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that they named it the Ogden Your Material area, though
it's not in the corporate limits of Ogden City.

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That's the major town that most influence on, on how that organization
has progressed through history is the city of Arden.

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Right.

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And, and so when you when you talk to people throughout the Air Force
and you're talking about the depots,

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one of three of which is here at the Air Force
base used, you refer to that as Ogden.

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Right.

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F-16s, F-35s, F-22s
eighteens, C-130s and intercontinental ballistic missiles.

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Depot maintenance and repair and overhaul happens at all.

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Right.

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People know and understand the vital role of Ogden City in that base,
and it will always be the case.

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This will always be the center of gravity with Weber State University
here.

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With Ogden Weaver Tech.

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And then a lot of the other supporting and enabling industry here.

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The Barton Airport, Ogden Hinckley airport. Right. Yeah.

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To have a second airfield nearby if we needed a national emergency
and you know, for other,

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other ways that that benefits and there's a significant number
of defense industry on the premises of an airport, it's a great.

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Good going to be more to. Contiguous to to I-15.

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And the other manufacturing that happens here.

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And so that that presence is continued to grow, recognizing Ogden as a place where people want to live

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so they can work in those places nearby.

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The quality of life is here.

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The recreation, the culture, the arts, the natural resources and beauty.

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Yeah, everything that we get to enjoy here,

00:30:57:06 - 00:31:02;03

we we moved every two years on average until our 15th move brought us back.

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Wow. Back to my hometown two years ago.

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And every every town says we give our military installation the best support.

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And this community's different and better.

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They can say that because they don't understand and they haven't all been here and seen them.

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But I can tell you objectively, the truth is there's something different

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and better and special about this community that doesn't exist in other places.

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And and it's because the culture and the foundation that exists here in this city that has existed since it was founded, the pioneer spirit.

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Oh, yeah. First settlers here,

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the people you know, when you grow up and live here, names you see on the buildings

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that Weaver state and around this town, these Eccles, Stewart's. Lindquist. Right.

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Yep. On and on and on. One. And it's important to recognize their story.

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If you're in the military, you might not know or recognize any of those foundational names from Ogden.

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If you're in the military, you know, John Moses Browning. Oh, yeah. You better.

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He did. Yeah.

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He represented.

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And so, you know, in the military, we name buildings and facilities after people.

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And I would always challenge my airmen say, hey, you work in, you know,

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just just say, for example, you work inside
John Hall, do you know Captain Nanci John story and say, no, no.

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So you walk through those doors every day.

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Why don't you learn who he is
and why we saw fit to name a building after him?

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I would issue the same challenge
for people in this community who were the Eccles?

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Who were the brownies?

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What did they do for us and what are they continuing to do?

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I mean, literally through centuries. There we a.

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There from from back in the 1800s to now, in this day and age,
our baseball field is name linguist.

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Find out what that family has represented. Right? Community.

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And then consign yourself to preserving their legacy

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for the institutions
that they built, preserving them and building on them as a citizen.

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Of their titans of industry and manufacturing, you know, banking and
finance, world finance titans of innovation came right out of the city.

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Scowcroft. Right. Yeah, right.

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Air Force Lieutenant General,

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if a worldwide no name for his role in national security
and in politics, the good kind of politics.

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There you go.

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That's the that's what we don't often give ourselves credit for.

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But I want to go back to the point that that you made earlier that
that when you think about Hill Air Force Base, you think about Ogden,

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and there's some separation spatially between Ogden

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and the base and there's other cities and communities nearby,
but we're still all Ogden to a degree.

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Even if you live in Clearfield, you're Clearfield City resident.

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You you fly that flag for Clearfield proudly, I'm sure, I hope.

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And yet you still have an association, an attachment to Ogden.

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And I want Ogden to have that same affinity and attachment to Clearfield and, and and that's why I've put a lot of energy

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into building relations and, and having a close amount of collaboration, coordination with neighboring mayors.

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Because when people look at us, they don't just look at Ogden City and our boundaries.

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We are relying on the well-being and the prospering of the neighboring communities, and they're relying on us for the same.

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We have a lot of resources that they need, and there are times of need like when there's a fire on the hillside.

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We provide a lot of the first responder resources to help support North Ogden.

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Right. And a pleasant view. And so

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at the same time,

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they provide a lot of homes and families and workforce, right, that come into our downtown,

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you know, restaurants that come in and house all of our employers develop workforce.

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I mean, we're all more reliant on each other than we give ourselves credit for.

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And as we're looking at our economic strategy, and I just had a meeting this morning with my top leadership team

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talking about an economic strategy that we're putting together that's rooted in what are the things that we're missing.

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But what are the opportunities are right there?

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What are we poised for and prepared to take advantage of?

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Defense and aerospace is the most obvious industry, right?

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We're already going after it big time.

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We got to double down on that. Right.

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But we've got to think about ourselves more about the bigger,

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economic area,

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the metropolitan statistical area and the role that we play as a city and the downtown that we play for northern Utah.

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Right. We are northern Utah's downtown.

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There isn't another one like ours.

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And everybody's counting on us to thrive,
and we're counting on them in order for us to thrive.

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And we've got to have a more macroeconomic outlook than than just us.

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Right. And those other cities are really good.

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And all all the same events and venues and things we go to.

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Mark Sheppard from Clearfield. Is absolutely,
absolutely from Clinton City.

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Yeah.

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And all the other mayors and everything.
But but but you have one up on that.

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Ogden's the county seat. Right?

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I know they're count on us. Right.

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For sure.

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But, you know, again, the military just,
you know, just like sports teams and everything, you have a rivalry.

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And if you have the same mission and you're working on the same military
base, it's a rivalry with among and across the units and everything.

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But you're on the same team. Exactly right.

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We get the same patch and the same color uniform and everything that.

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Yeah, absolutely the case here.
They recognize we're completely interdependent,

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in in all the right ways.

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And every, every person, every organization
and even cities are lopsided in some ways and have strengths in others.

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And you bring them together

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and, you know, and you and you pick and choose and cultivate
the best parts of everything to make the whole community right.

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Exactly how things are around here, exactly how that happens.

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And it's a tribute to the leadership of you and the other mayors
and everybody who contributes to to.

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Running and leading.

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So the Milken Institute recently recognized Ogden as the number two,

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economic area for in terms of economics of our size,
the metropolitan statistical areas of our size.

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Salt Lake City was up there.

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I think they were number two
or 1 or 2 as well in their in their size of, metropolitan areas. But,

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you know, that's something that we brag about.

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And it's not just Ogden's doing.

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Ogden is a part of that,
but it's it was all the communities around us, too, right?

00:37:26;27 - 00:37:29;04
And people were there's always critics.

00:37:29;04 - 00:37:31;19
Oh, you're you're taking credit for things you didn't do.

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And it's like, I'm not saying I did all this.

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I'm saying we did it,
and it's my responsibility to brag about it for everybody, right?

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And to make sure that I give credit to everybody when we do,
because that's what Hill Air Force Base is relying

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on, is that we have a vibrant network of communities
and mayors and councils, right.

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Supporting the mission on the base, doing all the work off base
for the the whole ecosystem of contractors, their families, right.

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And the workforce that they need.

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That's the mission that they rely on and that we play for them.

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It's it's important, right?

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It's important for our future, but it's important for our nation.
And whatever's important for our nation is important for world peace.

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That's just the fact.

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And so I've this job has given me a much better
understanding of the role

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that we play in the mission of our military,
and that's something that we should all be really proud of.

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And we should unabashedly brag about and and support and be cheerleaders for, right?

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National security.

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I've said before, it's a team sport,
and national security is economic security and vice versa.

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And that starts at the basic community level.

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It starts with the families, with good paying jobs, with an education,
the opportunity to to achieve and contribute

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right to grow those communities,
to make them more viable and better able to contribute.

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If we if we struggle economically,
we're in a struggle to defend ourselves because we're trying

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to take care of more fundamental basic needs, and we're losing sight
of the things that we need to do to defend ourselves.

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Right.

00:39:06:05 - 00:39:11:15
And it is our our military might is also a reflection of our economic
might and power and strength and resolve.

00:39:11:26 - 00:39:12:25
Right.

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The arsenal of democracy.

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There you go.

00:39:15:09 - 00:39:18:10
Right here in this town, the contribution to the national defense.

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Well, I we appreciate everything you've done to contribute to that.

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You are, like I said at the beginning,
you're a man of America, but you're a man of origin.

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You're not in, boy, a man of art and a man of America.
You've made us so proud, Max.

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There's no place more American, right?

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It's I that's why I call it Ogden USA.

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I was just telling somebody this morning. I was in a podcast interview.

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They were interviewing me, and I just said, Ogden USA is a absolute
representation of of the United States of America.

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This is this is hometown USA.

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I was so blessed to live here. Right.

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So before we go, I you gave me this.

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We talked a little bit about this mission before, before we started.

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But it's the, Homeless Veterans Fellowship.

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And you guys are working on a project in Ogden, right.

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So I, I, I, I'm not a part of that organization, but but acquainted with John Graff, who's the administrator of that that great organization.

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And it's a nonprofit.

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They have they have home facilities for homeless veterans and take care of them in, in many ways to help them gain self-sufficiency.

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If that's possible.

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But we we owe a debt to those

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who put on the uniform and swore an oath to defend this nation and and the care we have for them

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and the opportunities we give them when they serve in uniform doesn't always extend after the uniform comes off for for various reasons.

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Sometimes it's an unfortunate choice.

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And, sometimes the circumstances beyond their control.

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But they're in our community.

They came from our community, or they made their way to our community.

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And to the extent we have the opportunity, the infrastructure, to to help them, we should do that.

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And so as I, you know, met and got to know John and visited their facilities, I said that's

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that's an organization and a mission that I certainly want to help and to shed light on here in this community.

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And so we're we're working to put together an open house to enlighten the community to, to their mission and the needs that they have.

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Because I know, I know this town, I know this community.

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When they recognize the need and the opportunity to help, they will make that work better and fulfill all the needs they have.

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It's just a matter of, you know, shedding some light on the situation they have and the needs they have.

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And whether it's construction companies who will help renovate their facilities, provide food, clothing,

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bedding, employment opportunities, housing opportunities
for those that they can't, houses on premises there

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to get veterans back on their on their feet
and to become as functional as they have the capability to do that.

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That organization is central to that.

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And we're very fortunate to have been there
and have people who care to that degree.

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John is a United States Army veteran, West Point graduate.

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He's done some great work for our nation.
And that didn't stop when he took the uniform off.

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And we're blessed that he saw fit to settle here
and that he saw fit to become part of that organization.

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And so I would, we've talked about it.

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You know, I invite your support,
and I know you will and will will use all of our influence to help

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them take care of our veterans.

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And we'll connect our resources
here at the city with the resources are preparing there.

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And and what people don't realize is
just how much work we do here in this city to support, homeless veterans

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and anybody that's homeless in our county, in our in in our state,
we host the, oh, my shelter,

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we have the Saint Anne's shelter.

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We have shelters for, military, for youth, for,

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abuse those who have suffered through abuse.

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And we continue to do more.

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And as we do that, we are always pushing and championing
for every other city around us to do more to

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because we can't do we can't be the only one who does the lifting,
and we get criticized when we don't do everything.

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If there's something that comes up and we don't do it,
we get criticized for not doing that.

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And it's like we're doing our part and more,
and we need everybody else to do the lifting with us, right?

00:43:16;29 - 00:43:20;07
And we're going to continue to do more and continue to do our part.

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Case in point, right.

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Where you stand. Yes, we. Can we can give visibility to the more people.

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Yeah, but these are the kinds of missions that more cities
and more people needed to support, because we can't do it by ourselves.

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We're going to continue to do as much as we can and support and the
things that that are important, and we need everybody doing it with us.

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And if you're not, we're not doing enough.

00:43:42:02 - 00:43:46:27
Right. The mission never ends.
So I appreciate the work that you're doing for the nation.

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How proud you make us as a community.

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I really appreciate how much you've influenced me. And,

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enlightened me into the

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the caliber of people that we have here

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just by embodying in yourself. Max, you are,

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you are the kind of man that that Ogden creates.

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And you make us so proud of who we are
and the kind of people we create and develop here.

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Right.

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And thank you for coming back to serve again.

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I call that the servant cycle, where you when you give,
then the world gets back to you and you're like, whoa, that

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that gave me a little bit of a lift and a boost.

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And then I got more to give.

00:44:23:15 - 00:44:25:14
And then the world gives you more.

00:44:25:14 - 00:44:29:16
Do you see how I'm sitting up? That's right. That's how you lift right?

00:44:29:16 - 00:44:30:28
That's how you lift others.

00:44:30:28 - 00:44:35:23
You give, you serve them and then they serve you back.
And we all live together. That's the ideal way.

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I'll run out of time on this planet before I run out of ways
that I can give back for everything I've been given.

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Absolutely.

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But I'll go out fighting. I love that mentality.

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So we end every episode with a call to action.

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I just want to make the call to action to look into the Homeless Veterans fellowship, to look into the project on the 23rd, Adams,

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to find out ways that you can

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participate and help support the mission of America by supporting the men and women who served America.

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That's a great call to action, a great way to end our episode.

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So much more

you and I could have talked about. And we'll talk about it again.

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But thank you for your service to our nation.

Thank you for your service to organ USA.

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You're welcome. You're worth it.

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I thank you.

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That is a that is a powerful response.

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So there you have it.

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Ogden City Mayor Bennett Wolski sitting down here with our friend and, hero Max Spitzer.

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This is another episode of the Ogden Way.

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Until next time, get out there, get active, get involved and and serve, serve others.

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Serve them selflessly. That is the most selfish thing that you can do because they will serve you back.

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God bless you. Ogden, USA.

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I talk about all the at home for

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today.

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We got a lot of all.

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I always think of must.

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Have so much for the country.

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We broke it down.

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That's right. Yes, sir. Yes, sir.

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Proud of you. Yeah. Big time.

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And I think more people need to know about you.

02:01:12:08 - 02:01:14:20
And not because I know.

02:01:14:20 - 02:01:16:29
I know, you're not the kind of guy to brag.

02:01:16:29 - 02:01:20:27
You're a humble man, but you've done a lot for the for the U.S.

02:01:20:27 - 02:01:24:26
and for the world, and,

02:01:24:26 - 02:01:26:13
Are you on. It?

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You know, it goes both ways.

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I, you know, I feel called to to tell my story.

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And it's not because it's about the great things
Mac stats are did, but the things I was enabled and allowed to do,

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mostly because of the foundation of my life.

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And everything I've achieved is is Ogden is in Ogden.

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My parents were both civil servants.

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My dad worked at Defense Depot Ogden his whole career.

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My mom worked for IRS for for a time.

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My grandpa.

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My my mom's dad was a World War two enlisted flier.

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Flew over the China Burma India Theater and lived in in Ogden
after he came home from the war and retired as a depot

02:02:03:24 - 02:02:06:13
employee, mechanic at Hill Air Force Base.

02:02:06:13 - 02:02:13:04
And everything that I grew up doing was centered around this great town
its natural resources, its culture, its institutions.

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There was never a time
when I wasn't going to go to Weber State University.

02:02:18:09 - 02:02:25:13
My earliest recollection in life as a, as a three year
old was the 100th anniversary, the centennial

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of the driving of the Golden spike, which not technically in Utah,
but Utah was the the center of gravity of the the railroad industry.

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And that happened, you know, in in our community here.

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And I remember seeing that the two two engines fired up, driving a golden spike with everybody in their 1869 costumes.

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When I was three years old in 1969.

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So, you know, I was born in the old Saint Benedict's Hospital, which are condos now.

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My wife was living with me.

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Oh, is that right? Yeah. So quality place, obviously.

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Graduated from Bedlam in high school, product of Ogden City schools, and ultimately graduated from Weber State.

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Before I set off on on the longer part of my Air Force journey,

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living all over the world and moving every couple of years on average until we landed back here two years ago.

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And now retired.

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But yeah.

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So yeah, so I was yeah, the the Air Force for some reason saw fit to promote me to general.

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So I started as an E-1 and airman Basic with a high school diploma.

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And I got to do everything in between.

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And, served two tours at the Pentagon, including my last assignment the last four years before we retired and came back home.

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And so I saw the most hands on tactical stuff.

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I mean, literally, I was the janitor because that's the first thing the military teaches you how to do.

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Right?

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And, and ended up in the Swiss C-suite with global responsibility in supply chain, major weapon system sustainment policy and doctrine,

02:03:55:08 - 02:04:01:28

at that headquarters, Air Force on the Air Staff and the Joint Chiefs of Staff as a as a deputy for logistics there.

02:04:01:28 - 02:04:03:19

So amazing.

02:04:03:19 - 02:04:08:28

And and the reason I think that story is important is, again, Max didn't do all these things.

02:04:08:28 - 02:04:12:19

People saw value in me and potential in me that I didn't see in myself.

02:04;12;19 - 02:04;16;02

And they were teachers here in Ogden. Coaches,

02:04;17;06 - 02:04;18;01

leaders in

02:04;18;01 - 02:04;25;03

the military, peers and people who outranked me, who pushed me along and pulled me along and gave me opportunities to do stuff.

02:04;25;03 - 02:04;31;20

And in the end, that culminated in somebody having done all those things and being prepared to do the things I did.

02:04;32;05 - 02:04;35;18

And, and that's that's what communities do for people.

02:04;35;18 - 02:04;39;03

They produce the next generation of leaders, the next generation of Americans

02:04;39;03 - 02:04;42;25

who produce the next generation of leaders and the next generation of Americans.

02:04;42;25 - 02:04;46;07

And that's your first duty as a leader is to produce more leaders.

02:04;46;07 - 02:04;55;24

And I know you're I'm your humble servant, and I know that you took a lot of self ownership and empowerment of your own.

02:04;56;10 - 02:04;58;26

You took accountability for yourself along the way, too.

02:04;58;26 - 02:05;03;19

You had to take advantage of those opportunities and the and the amount of support. Yeah, I'm sure. Right.

02:05;03;19 - 02:05;04;17

They can't do it for you.

02:05;04;17 - 02:05;09;00

Sure, they can support you along the way, but you did a lot of the work yourself, right?

02:05;09;00 - 02:05;12;22

And you always will go further when you have help around us.

02:05;12;22 - 02:05;16;05

And that's really at the heart of the way. That's right.

02:05;17;20 - 02:05;19;12

It's not about politics done by Partizanship.

02:05;19;12 - 02:05;23;09

It's about people and it's about us. It's about you, me and everybody.

02:05;23;09 - 02:05;28;19

And we're trying to create an environment here for people to succeed in an environment where people have access to opportunities,

02:05;29;05 - 02:05;34;14

and we need them to have that ownership and self-empowerment to take advantage of those opportunities.

02:05;34;15 - 02:05;38;22

And when they do, they're going to have a community that's got their back. That's right.

02:05;38;22 - 02:05;39;26

That's the work that we do.

02:05;39;26 - 02:05;41;23

It's the work you're doing. Want to talk about your story?

02:05;41;23 - 02:05;45;11

That's right. Yeah.

02:05:45:11 - 02:05:45:28

That's what I did.

02:05:45:28 - 02:05:50:02

Does Ogden Ogden is the template for opportunity.

02:05:50:02 - 02:05:55:28

And as I get to work with,
you know, people and organizations around here, Ogden Weber Tech, right,

02:05:56:01 - 02:06:01:12

about giving people the opportunity to grow and develop
and do the most important work in our nation.

02:06:01:21 - 02:06:08:22

You know, so many times as a general, you're very prestigious
and get opportunities to speak and people want to hear from you.

02:06:09:06 - 02:06:14:21

And so I made sure to relate stories again,
not about all the amazing things I got to do,

02:06:15:06 - 02:06:18:00

but the perspective that gives you a serving at that level.

02:06:19:13 - 02:06:23:10

And and I would, I would, I would talk about those, those very things.

02:06:23:10 - 02:06:23:17

Right.

02:06:23:17 - 02:06:26:21

Providing that kind of opportunity for people.

02:06:26:21 - 02:06:30:10

And I'd say, you know, it's amazing to serve at the Pentagon.
You're at the highest level.

02:06:30:10 - 02:06:38:05

You get to see the things Americans are doing all over the world
that matter every single day around the clock, 24, seven, 30, 65.

02:06:38:05 - 02:06:43:25

They put the uniform on and they're serving their families,
their communities, and this nation as a whole.

02:06:43:25 - 02:06:50:09

And yet, as impressive as that is with all of our exquisite weapons
systems, none of the work they do is more important

02:06:50:09 - 02:06:57:17

than what goes on in classrooms and in city offices and in universities
and in industry at the local level,

02:06:58:01 - 02:07:03:09

because those are the foundation, our our defense department,
our military is wholly dependent

02:07:03:09 - 02:07:09:03

on private industry to build the things and support them and innovate
and get the technology we need in the hands of warfighters.

02:07:09:10 - 02:07:13:13

To me,
it seems like a codependency. Yeah, we can't do this kind of work.

02:07:13:13 - 02:07:19:07

And in the classrooms and neighborhoods of our communities
without the overarching protection and the freedom.

02:07:19:09 - 02:07:20:19

That's right. Right.

02:07:20:19 - 02:07:23:18

Our warfighters are our military and service.

02:07:23;18 - 02:07:23;26

That's.

02:07:23;26 - 02:07:25;06

Right for us.

02:07:25;06 - 02:07:29;18

Yet at the same time, we couldn't have that kind of weapon system. And,

02:07:30;22 - 02:07:32;13

you know,

02:07:32;13 - 02:07:38;16

the caliber of soldiers that we have and airmen and women without the schools in the communities developing just like you.

02:07:38;24 - 02:07:41;25

That's right. Yeah. The the. Pendants.

02:07:41;25 - 02:07:47;00

And that's what that's what community built in mutual dependance and reliance and our own fulfillment and goodness.

02:07:47;00 - 02:07:48;00

That's right.

02:07:48;00 - 02:07:54;18

And I you know, as, as I got the opportunity to lead and then subsequently command, airmen in our United States Air Force,

02:07:55;14 - 02:07:58;23

I recognized and knew and believed

02:07:58;23 - 02:08:03;23

they're the treasure of this nation, sons and daughters of American families who took an oath and swore

02:08:03;23 - 02:08:07;02

to defend this, this nation and everything it stood for.

02:08:07;02 - 02:08:14;24

And we've we've grown up and lived in a time where the military was pretty popular and it was popular and, you know, and still is, thankfully

02:08:16;00 - 02:08:18;21

for people to see you in uniform and thank you for your service.

02:08:18;21 - 02:08:22;00

You can't escape that. Not that you'd want to.

02:08:22;00 - 02:08:26;17

And my airmen would come to me and say, you know, they're all humble to for the most part.

02:08:26;17 - 02:08:28;07

And I'd say, I never know what to say.

02:08:28;07 - 02:08:32;28

I didn't join to be thanked. And I would tell them, say what I say, you're welcome.

02:08:32;28 - 02:08:34;07

You're worth it.

02:08:34;07 - 02:08:40;27

Because only 1% of us get the opportunity to wear the uniform in this country and join the military.

02:08:41;11 - 02:08:46;10

And that means the other 99% do all of the things that we swore to defend.

02:08:46;10 - 02:08:52;10

And so in the oath, it doesn't explicitly say it, but it's implied that we're defending not just the Constitution,

02:08:52;25 - 02:08:59;08

but our natural resources, our institutions, our cities, our towns, our schools, our culture, the things that we like to do.

02:08:59:08 - 02:09:05:01

And being a citizen in this great republic is a team sport,
and we should be grateful

02:09:05:01 - 02:09:11:00

that it only takes 1% of us because of our economic system
and because of our technological and military might.

02:09:11:17 - 02:09:18:20

The 1% of us can cover the defense for all the rest of us,
and we make sure that we're superior in every way.

02:09:18:20 - 02:09:23:29

So that fight is an away game,
so the enemy doesn't come on our soil and bring the fight here.

02:09:24:16 - 02:09:29:07

You know, you make me think of something, Max, that we weren't
planning on talking about this, but indulge me if you would,

02:09:30:09 - 02:09:35:12

in my job, I'm here at, like, a smaller scale, community level.

02:09:35:12 - 02:09:37:28

You were working at the Pentagon on the international.

02:09:37:28 - 02:09:43:07

Obviously,
the at the headquarters of National Leadership, world leadership.

02:09:44:17 - 02:09:45:05

Yeah.

02:09:45:05 - 02:09:48:19

You worked for a lot of different administrations left and right.

02:09:48:19 - 02:09:52:29

You went through transitions.

02:09:52:29 - 02:09:57:09

Yesterday I had an experience when we were dedicating field House.

02:09:57:09 - 02:09:59:29

Yeah. To officer name I day.

02:09:59:29 - 02:10:02:23

And I walked up to the podium to say my words and my hands were shaking.

02:10:02:23 - 02:10:06:06

I was so nervous because I was staring back at my officers.

02:10:06:06 - 02:10:08:10

There were so many. Yeah,

02:10:08:10 - 02:10:10:12

a lot of them. New officer.

02:10:10:12 - 02:10:13:12

Yeah. And served with him and were there.

02:10:13:12 - 02:10:15:09

And I was like, I can't believe this.

02:10:15:09 - 02:10:17:12

I cannot take this lightly. Right.

02:10:17:12 - 02:10:20:19

And I got so in my head
I was getting nervous. And I don't get nervous usually.

02:10:20:19 - 02:10:21:11

Right. Yeah.

02:10:21:11 - 02:10:21:24

But I had this.

02:10:21:24 - 02:10:27:23

Moment of like realization of the significance of my responsibility and stewardship of what?

02;10;28;18 - 02;10;32;11

Of what I've inherited, but also what we're building and what we are responsible for stewarding.

02;10;33;10 - 02;10;36;01

And that's such a small scale compared to what you were working at.

02;10;36;01 - 02;10;36;17

Right.

02;10;36;17 - 02;10;40;10

But it's also a more personal scale because I know the names of. That's right.

02;10;40;10 - 02;10;43;21

Almost everyone that were in the room.

02;10;43;21 - 02;10;46;04

Did you ever get a sense that, like

02;10;46;04 - 02;10;49;16

when you're dealing with that level of significance, just the

02;10;49;16 - 02;10;54;00

how inherently small politics seems?

02;10;54;00 - 02;10;55;02

Yeah, yeah.

02;10;55;02 - 02;10;59;01

The significance of the human capital and the people.

02;10;59;01 - 02;11;01;04

Yes, absolutely.

02;11;01;04 - 02;11;07;06

And it's, it's it's unfortunate the, the way things have I don't want to say progressed because it's not right.

02;11;07;07 - 02;11;08;28

It's not really progress.

02;11;08;28 - 02;11;15;05

But but the state that we find ourselves in here politically and the divisiveness and my,

02;11;15;05 - 02;11;21;28

my observation and experiences, it's wholly manufactured because the great thing, you know, we

02;11;22;17 - 02;11;31;17

we will always Revere the greatest generation, the folks who fought and won World War Two and defeated global fascism and gave us that.

02;11;31;17 - 02;11;36;19

Everything that we've lived on and depended on in our lifetime, for sure.

02;11;36;19 - 02;11;44;18

And I don't want a draft to come back, but that was a thing in World War One, World War Two, and up until the end of the Vietnam War here.

02;11;45;21 - 02;11;51;05

And the really good byproduct of that was people were drafted from all over.

02;11;51;05 - 02;11;56;27

So you take a kid from a farm and a kid from inner city, and a kid from one state and a kid from another state,

02;11;56;27 - 02;12;05;18

and you know, different colors of pigmentation and skin and background and religions and everything and the wisdom and the time tested,

02;12;06;01 - 02;12;11;22

proven things that we do in the military to train people,
throw them all together, put them through basic training

02;12;11;22 - 02;12;17;15
and make them the same make each of them
an integral part of a unit, recognizing none are better or worse

02;12;17;15 - 02;12;20;14
than than the others, no more important or anything like that.

02;12;20;14 - 02;12;25;06
Regardless of your background, you're Americans
and you're going to fight and win this war for us.

02;12;25;06 - 02;12;31;18
And, the military has always been famously,
steadfastly apolitical and nonpartisan.

02;12;32;04 - 02;12;37;28
And unfortunately, in in recent years,
the respect that was given the military,

02;12;37;28 - 02;12;43;18
even within the halls of the Pentagon,
has it's it's thinned significantly.

02;12;43;18 - 02;12;46;28
And politics has crept in where it didn't exist before.

02;12;46;28 - 02;12;54;02
And people have felt empowered and enabled to kind of demonstrate
and fly the flag of their particular personal politics.

02;12;54;14 - 02;12;59;00
And it is not a good thing for our military,
and it's not a good thing for our nation.

02;12;59;00 - 02;13;08;10
And, I, you know, I like some of the, the local offices
and the political races that are held that you serve your community.

02;13;08;19 - 02;13;12;00
And it's not even a Partizan political office. Right.

02;13;12;00 - 02;13;13;15
But even that's starting to change.

02;13;13;15 - 02;13;16;29
Yeah, yeah. It's been changing for a while.

02;13;16;29 - 02;13;19;12
And it's one of the biggest challenges I have in this job is

02;13;20;25 - 02;13;24;09
we see when you go home at night,

02;13;24;09 - 02;13;27;19
turn on your TV or flip through your phone and look for the headlines.

02;13;27;19 - 02;13;30;01
You're reading about national politics for the most part.

02;13;30;01 - 02;13;34;22
If you're interested in the goings on in the world,
you're just looking at national headlines.

02;13;34;22 - 02;13;39;12
There's all kinds of media biases
and spins this and that. And the other.

02;13;39;12 - 02;13;44;22
And it just and I, my fellow mayors say this throughout the state,

02;13;45;20 - 02;13;50;28
nobody can reach out to the president or Congress
or or whatever the administration,

02;13;51;18 - 02;13;53;23

but they can reach their city council members. And.

02;13;53;23 - 02;13;56;12
That's right. And that's by design.

02;13;56;12 - 02;13;58;26
But we're not Washington DC either. Right?

02;13;58;26 - 02;14;02;14
That's right. We're all going USA. We're damn proud of that.

02;14;02;14 - 02;14;11;05
But if we keep trying to collect garbage and run a golf course and things like that, Partizan bent and with with

02;14;12;05 - 02;14;14;00
with with politics as our priority,

02;14;14;00 - 02;14;19;19
it we're not going to build our best and strongest community and we're losing sight of that as a country.

02;14;20;03 - 02;14;23;22
Certainly in this community, it's just keeps getting

02;14;23;22 - 02;14;27;29
poured into us all the time. Yeah.
And I'm spending more and more of my time battling Partizan politics.

02;14;27;29 - 02;14;33;12
It's driving me crazy because the more time we spend more energy, the less we're investing in our people, in our community.

02;14;34;00 - 02;14;35;09
Right.

02;14;35;09 - 02;14;41;12
And so anyway I think about that when you're in when you talk about your mission and in the Pentagon,

02;14;42;25 - 02;14;46;11
what an important mission that has to go on no matter what.

02;14;46;11 - 02;14;48;06
That's right. Right.

02;14;48;06 - 02;14;52;17
And I view the work of, of our city the same way. Yeah.

02;14;52;17 - 02;14;57;26
You know when, when an incident occurs here, you know, a fire that threatens houses,

02;14;58;07 - 02;15;04;26
nobody cares what political party or how the firefighters voted the first first responders or the owner of that house.

02;15;04;26 - 02;15;07;09
The community comes out and supports them

02;15;07;09 - 02;15;14;08
because just like in the military, the most, most important label you where it says United States Air Force, United States Army.

02;15;14;08 - 02;15;15;25
It says us first.

02;15;15;25 - 02;15;20;14
And it's like in in sports, are you playing for the name on the front of the jersey or the back?

02;15;20;14 - 02;15;21;14
Right.

02;15;21;14 - 02;15;26;26
And, and that's, that's absolutely the, the case here locally.

02;15;26;26 - 02;15;35;26

And so, again,
that that kind of manufactured rage and divisiveness and everything,

02;15;35;26 - 02;15;41;09
it really evaporates here at the local level
because people are actually neighbors and citizens.

02;15;41;24 - 02;15;47;03
And the most important things that happen in
this country are foundational to families and neighborhoods and towns.

02;15;47;22 - 02;15;52;19
And everything above that level is kind of bloated infrastructure
that, you know,

02;15;52;19 - 02;15;59;11
maybe we could do with a lot less of
and a little more of regular small town living like we enjoy here.

02;15;59;21 - 02;16;02;29
That's why I'm looking at your shirt, a major Brett Taylor. Yeah.

02;16;02;29 - 02;16;05;14
That's a partnership that I've treasured since I started as mayor.

02;16;06;16 - 02;16;08;21
For all those reasons.

02;16;08;21 - 02;16;13;28
When we fly that flag over Washington Boulevard,
that is a huge citywide reminder

02;16;13;28 - 02;16;19;20
of who we actually are
and what we share in common and the and the mission that we all share.

02;16;20;22 - 02;16;25;15
No matter what role we play, we should all be participating in a mission
in the betterment of our of America.

02;16;25;15 - 02;16;29;27
And whether you're left or right, up or down, I don't care.

02;16;29;27 - 02;16;31;22
We're all here. We're all American.

02;16;31;22 - 02;16;35;19
We're all a better future, you know? Yeah. That's why.

02;16;35;19 - 02;16;39;06
That's why I wear a flag on my bill every day.

02;16;39;06 - 02;16;44;15
That's why I partnered with the foundation
to fly a flag over our city for pioneer days.

02;16;44;23 - 02;16;48;12
And what a beautiful scene that was to for those those couple weeks.

02;16;48;12 - 02;16;53;14
Can you just feel the difference?
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. It's that goes up.

02;16;53;14 - 02;16;57;06
It's like a separate sun shining on our town. Yeah.

02;16;57;06 - 02;17;00;19
It's like it replaces the sun.
You forget about the sun and it's significant. Yeah.

02;17;00;19 - 02;17;02;01
And you just think about the significance of

02;17;03;14 - 02;17;07;10
I see a lot of change in people's spirit.

02;17;07;10 - 02;17;10;16
I love that. Yeah. Favorite time of year. Yeah.

02;17;10;16 - 02;17;13;29

It is, it's one of the greatest honors I've ever been given.

02;17;13;29 - 02;17;20;20

And I've only been on the board of the Major
Brant Taylor Foundation for the couple years since I moved back here.

02;17;20;20 - 02;17;22;12

And retired at home.

02;17;22;12 - 02;17;26;18

But but the story and the mission are very personal to me.

02;17;26;18 - 02;17;32;13

I was at the Pentagon at the time when Brant Taylor was killed,
and I didn't know Jenny before,

02;17;32;27 - 02;17;41;21

and I reached out to her to express my condolences
and to let her and her family know that his loss and passing was

02;17;42;04 - 02;17;48;08

was a national tragedy, not just a North Ogden
or an Ogden or a Weber County, or even just for their family.

02;17;48;08 - 02;17;52;10

Now they shoulder the brunt of the sacrifice that was made.

02;17;52;10 - 02;17;57;26

His sacrifice of his life
and their sacrifice of no longer having a father and a husband.

02;17;58;14 - 02;18;05;25

And so when we moved back here, Jenny moved with all due haste,
to bring me onto the board of directors of that organization.

02;18;06;18 - 02;18;13;17

And, you know, it's important to recognize
and remember and teach history.

02;18;13;17 - 02;18;19;23

And so the priorities of major
Brant Taylor Foundation are to train, honor and engage.

02;18;20;20 - 02;18;27;29

And in all of that centers around patriotism
and the value and, and vital role of cities and communities.

02;18;27;29 - 02;18;36;04

And you can't lose the fact that he was serving as an elected
mayor of his community while he was a member of the Utah

02;18;36;04 - 02;18;43;16

National Guard, and was deployed on his fifth deployment
when he was unfortunately killed in service.

02;18;43;29 - 02;18;48;07

And that's noteworthy.
A lot of people may not know and recognize.

02;18;48;07 - 02;18;49;25

He was the first U.S.

02;18;49;25 - 02;18;53;17

elected official killed in action in the military since the Civil War.

02;18;55;21 - 02;18;59;07

It's not that common

02;18;59;07 - 02;19;04;14

for somebody to serve in that way
with so many facets in their life.

02;19;04;14 - 02;19;10;02

Brant Taylor was absolutely All-American,
in every single way as a mayor,

02:19:10:02 - 02:19:15:11

as a citizen, as a as a father, as a husband,
in every single thing he did.

02:19:15:13 - 02:19:21:05

And as they've built the organization
and as I've been able to become part of it, the story goes back

02:19:21:05 - 02:19:26:29

to his high school graduation in Chandler, Arizona, where he was the
the senior class president.

02:19:27:06 - 02:19:33:09

And the education we do in schools at the public school level, mostly

02:19:33:09 - 02:19:38:28

in high schools, centers around the five principles
that he espoused in his graduation speech.

02:19:39:11 - 02:19:46:16

So that guy was was raised right in a great American family
and a great community, and, and carried that through.

02:19:46:16 - 02:19:49:01

So he had an amazing foundation.

02:19:49:01 - 02:19:54:29

All those same conditions exist in this city
and in every city, like, like Ogden.

02:19:54:29 - 02:19:57:03

And so it's so important to teach that.

02:19:57:03 - 02:20:04:04

And recognize it and then to continue to replicate it, because there's
a Brett Taylor in every graduating class, in every school

02:20:04:14 - 02:20:10:13

in this town and everywhere else in this country,
and all the things he got to do by getting himself

02:20:10:13 - 02:20:18:09

educated in universities, in the state and serving in a town, in this
this county here, that opportunity exists for everybody.

02:20:18:09 - 02:20:21:25

And somebody is going to do those things,
and we want it to be the right person.

02:20:21:25 - 02:20:29:14

And, we want to have a population that continues to value and model
exactly what Brant Taylor represented.

02:20:29:14 - 02:20:32:17

Yeah, it's all about service. Yeah. Right.

02:20:32:17 - 02:20:35:12

It's amazing. If you watch the his high school speech,

02:20:36:19 - 02:20:40:24

how far ahead he was in his wisdom for his.

02:20:40:24 - 02:20:45:28

Oh my gosh
I, I'm glad I didn't have to compete with him when I was in high school.

02:20:45:28 - 02:20:48:05

And his speech was great. Yeah.

02:20:48:05 - 02:20:50:14

He knew that the attention span.

02:20:50:14 - 02:20:53:12

Yeah. Back then. And he's like, I'm going to make it.

02:20:53:12 - 02:20:56:06

I'm going to make it sure if I'm going to make it matter.

02:20:56:06 - 02:21:00:17

And it matters because we're still talking about it I know 1997.

02:21:00:17 - 02:21:04:05

Yeah. Right. So I graduated two years prior.

02:21:04:05 - 02:21:06:14

High school nearby as well.

02:21:06:14 - 02:21:10:24

And to think back up to where I was at. Back then.

02:21:10:24 - 02:21:14:10

No nowhere near no no sir. No sir.

02:21:14:10 - 02:21:16:01

Well I'm glad you got here from Arizona.

02:21:16:01 - 02:21:20:04

As fast as fast as you could. So.

02:21:20:04 - 02:21:22:24

I came from a great place but I love. Yeah.

02:21:22:24 - 02:21:24:13

I'm so lucky. Yeah. To be here.

02:21:24:13 - 02:21:24:21

Yeah.

02:21:24:21 - 02:21:30:05

We're, we're blessed to have you and your family and, to keep in that we were state reputation up free state

02:21:30:15 - 02:21:35:14

personal to me and I appreciate that. So so with all of the,

02:21:37:09 - 02:21:38:18

with everything that you've learned

02:21:38:18 - 02:21:43:27

and gained through your career, through your life, through your upbringing here in Ogden.

02:21:44:04 - 02:21:46:04

What do you do with that new.

02:21:46:04 - 02:21:48:02

You're retired from military service.

02:21:48:02 - 02:21:50:15

Where,

02:21:50:15 - 02:21:52:04

Then you're looking to it's. Which is funny.

02:21:52:04 - 02:21:57:03

You're like, it's time to give back.

You've been giving back your tired life. Yeah.

02:21:57:03 - 02:21:58:29

And now you want to give back? Yeah.

02:21:58:29 - 02:22:02:29

I feel like I was given things and opportunities my whole career.

02:22:02:29 - 02:22:06:04

And now it's time to give back in for that.

02:22:06:04 - 02:22:07:16

Certainly, I worked hard.

02:22:07:16 - 02:22:08:17

That's not an easy career.

02:22:08:17 - 02:22:13:01

And for decades in the military, that's that's 220 year careers.

02:22:13:01 - 02:22:16:13

I could retire twice. I was so dumb. I only did it once.

02:22:16:13 - 02:22:19:06

But I knew where to come back to.

02:22:19:06 - 02:22:22:01

So, you know, overall, probably briefly

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to, to

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to summarize, my mission in the military as a leader is to put the capabilities we need in the hands of warfighters.

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And whether you're at the lowest tactical level and you're given a mission and the equipment to do that,

02:22:34:21 - 02:22:41:16

you make sure your warfighters, the airmen, soldiers, sailors, Marines, Coast Guardsmen, and Space Force guardians, whatever service

02:22:41:16 - 02:22:48:07

you're responsible for, have have the stuff and the training and the leadership to go do their job on behalf of this nation.

02:22:49:13 - 02:22:54:01

As as I, you know, grew through the ranks and was given more responsibility, more authority

02:22:54:01 - 02:23:00:08

for budgets, larger organizations and portfolios and everything, that baseline never changed.

02:23:01:15 - 02:23:05:14

Put the things we need in the hands of warfighters so they can fight and win wars.

02:23:05:14 - 02:23:11:15

And as I retired and had the opportunity to decide what my path forward would be,

02:23:12:05 - 02:23:19:11

you could probably nobody would criticize you for just retiring in tending your garden and mow your lawn and playing with your grandbabies.

02:23:19:29 - 02:23:23:01

And part of me wanted to do that very thing.

02:23:23:01 - 02:23:29:15

I was tired and I worked hard and, and it's a grind to to live and serve and work in Washington, DC

02:23:29:20 - 02:23:36:25

and two tours worth seven years is, you know, kind of exceptional and not normal as well. But

02:23:37:28 - 02:23:41:24

I couldn't I would have felt like a fraud if I hadn't done more.

02:23:41:24 - 02:23:48:14

For all the faith that was given to me, all the all the confidence people expressed in me and gave me the opportunity

02:23:48:14 - 02:23:53:23

to be that person who walked across that stage and retired, and I knew I still had gas in the tank.

02:23:54:05 - 02:23:56:29

You know, I know I'm almost 60.

02:23:56:29 - 02:23:59:13

I feel like I'm almost 40.

02:23:59:13 - 02:24:03:24

And I hope I continue to feel that way,

at least physically and mentally, you know?

02:24:03:24 - 02:24:09:13

And so I still had gas in the tank,
and I recognized I could still have the same mission,

02:24:09:28 - 02:24:16:24

put the capabilities we need in the hands of warfighters
in this Utah ecosystem here in aerospace, defense, deep tech,

02:24:17:16 - 02:24:23:27

manufacturing, higher education, all in all,
the institutions that kind of contribute to the national security

02:24:24:11 - 02:24:29:19

and the defense industrial base of this nation exist here in some form.

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And I could still work now from the outside with a different uniform
on, and perform that same mission

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and help the services and the Department of Defense
and also hopefully greatly benefit this community,

02:24:41:06 - 02:24:47:12

because all of those things represent economies, jobs,
quality of life, culture, all the things that come with that.

02:24:48:02 - 02:24:56:24

And, and so sometimes when I take a step back now over the past couple
of years, I think I can be more effective than I ever was in uniform.

02:24:57:08 - 02:25:03:17

You know, they give you a rank and a title and, and at some points,
you know, when you get to seniors, I was everybody has to listen to you.

02:25:03:17 - 02:25:08:02

Right. The generals always right. And it's always wise
and their jokes are always funny.

02:25:08:02 - 02:25:14:27

And with that, with that behind you, people
only recognize your character and your abilities and your motivation

02:25:15:15 - 02:25:23:01

and and so with, with that and with the great people in this community,
in this ecosystem, I can leverage all that.

02:25:23:01 - 02:25:28:00

They give me a lot of difference and respect,
and they want the general to help with their organization.

02:25:28:00 - 02:25:32:08

But, I recognize that's not me they're looking for help with.

02:25:32:08 - 02:25:34:24

It's what I can do with what I've been given.

02:25:34:24 - 02:25:37:01

And so that's that's my mission now.

02:25:37:01 - 02:25:42:25

And every organization I'm part of,
whether it's a nonprofit like the Major Brant Taylor Foundation or,

02:25:42:25 - 02:25:49:01

you know, teaching and serving in different roles
that we were state University all contribute to national security.

02:25:49:01 - 02:25:52:25

And if I can connect those dots,
I'll always say yes to those opportunities.

02:25:54:01 - 02:25:55:09

Yeah.

02:25:55:09 - 02:25:57:21

That say, how did you see it again, putting the capabilities in the.

02:25:57:21 - 02:26:00:21
Hands of warfighters. Yeah,

02:26:00:21 - 02:26:03:20
that's that's a good way of summing up for your background.

02:26:03:20 - 02:26:08:00
But it's not too much different for describing leadership
in almost any other setting.

02:26:08:00 - 02:26:12:05
It's right to try and give our workforce, to give our,

02:26:12:05 - 02:26:17:22
our people here in the city, to give our people in our community
the things that they need access to the tools they need in order

02:26:17:22 - 02:26:18:21
to succeed.

02:26:18:21 - 02:26:24:21
That's the that's the job of leaders to empower and to support
and to give what they need in order to succeed.

02:26:24:21 - 02:26:28:01
Their successes are 100% theirs, right? Yeah.

02:26:28:01 - 02:26:30:13
And so but that's how you say it in.

02:26:30:13 - 02:26:32:29
Yeah. We're jointly different.

02:26:32:29 - 02:26:35:20
So if anybody is listening
you're in you're not in the military background.

02:26:37:00 - 02:26:37:22
We're still people.

02:26:37:22 - 02:26:38:26
Yeah.

02:26:38:26 - 02:26:42:01
And and you know look look at how we recruit in the military.

02:26:42:01 - 02:26:46:25
What what what are on the ads and the posters. All the hardware.
Because that's sexy, right?

02:26:46:25 - 02:26:54:14
People want to fly an F-35 at Hill Air Force Base or operate
a tanker or, you know, a weapon or small arms or technology.

02:26:56:01 - 02:26:57:03
We want on that.

02:26:57:03 - 02:27:01:06
Yeah, but how about how about a football? Yeah.

02:27:01:06 - 02:27:03:27
So so that's why I joined.

02:27:03:27 - 02:27:09:07
But you quickly recognize
if you should make that transition and the conditioning and realization

02:27:09:07 - 02:27:15:04
should happen, that no matter what your technical specialty
is, you're in the people business, you're in the people business.

02:27:15:04 - 02:27:17:05
There's there's nothing to your job.

02:27:17:05 - 02:27:21:26
But being in the people business

and the people are the citizens of this, this community.

02:27:21;26 - 02:27:23;15
And it's all about exactly that.

02:27:23;15 - 02:27:29;09
Given the resources, the structure, the policy that benefits them,
that benefits the economy, their quality of life,

02:27:29;09 - 02:27:32;24
and their ability to pursue life, liberty
and the pursuit of happiness. Right.

02:27:32;24 - 02:27:37;24
All those guaranteed rights endowed by our creator
and guaranteed by our Constitution.

02:27:37;24 - 02:27:39;13
That's why I got to share a stage with you. And

02:27:40;12 - 02:27:41;08
yeah.

02:27:41;08 - 02:27:43;21
On behalf of the Major Brant Taylor Foundation

02:27:43;21 - 02:27:50;08
teaching leadership principles to our youth,
we had student body leadership from every school district.

02:27:50;29 - 02:27:51;26
That's right.

02:27:51;26 - 02:27:56;15
And we were
we were all asked to to share a portion of the message from right.

02:27:56;15 - 02:28:01;07
Taylor's high school speech.
And then I shared kind of the summary. That's right.

02:28:01;07 - 02:28:07;08
That was a, that's the kind of work that the Foundation does that a lot
of people don't see that doesn't you don't see that in the flag flying.

02:28:07;18 - 02:28:10;09
That's right over Coldwater Canyon.

02:28:10;09 - 02:28:14;09
But you see that in the kids that we have our community. Right?

02:28:14;09 - 02:28:18;12
That's the the building, the next generation. Yeah.
And you cultivate that then.

02:28:18;12 - 02:28:24;00
So they become a board member on the Major
Brant Taylor Foundation or the chairman one day, or their own nonprofit.

02:28:24;16 - 02:28:25;21
That's right. Yeah, right.

02:28:25;21 - 02:28:29;29
That's right. I asked
how many here. What a run for mayor. Yeah, quite a few kids. Yeah.

02:28:29;29 - 02:28:31;15
Number of which I'd coach. Yeah,

02:28:32;18 - 02:28:33;06
yeah, yeah, it's.

02:28:33;06 - 02:28:37;11
Fun to see. That was a fun day. Yeah. That's the kind of rewarding work
we get to do. That's right.

02:28:37;11 - 02:28:42;04
So as we look to our future here in Ogden

and we look at our proximity to Hill Air Force Base,

02:28:42:04 - 02:28:46:02

we look at the significance of the mission of Hill Air Force Base in the world.

02:28:46:02 - 02:28:48:14

Theater.

02:28:48:14 - 02:28:52:05

Tell us a little bit about the opportunities we have in Ogden,

02:28:52:05 - 02:28:55:12

given that proximity and the support that we as a community.

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Yeah, sure.

02:28:57:01 - 02:29:02:06

You know, their Hill Air Force Base is vital to the defense of this nation.

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And, there are 51 mission partners at Hill Air Force Base.

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They're not all Air Force.

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They're they're not all, you know, warfighting units.

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There are a lot of enablers and things like that. And certainly a lot of the community that's on the air, contractors.

02:29:16:24 - 02:29:20:28

So they're civilians who work and live in the community and do work that supports

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national defense.

02:29:22:26 - 02:29:28:04

And all the programs that are run at Hill Air Force Base, Hill Air Force Base and the Pentagon

02:29:28:14 - 02:29:35:03

both have about 26,000 people that go in and out the gates and the doors of that installation every single day.

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And a lot of them live in in Ogden City.

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And it's no mistake in, I think, 1940 when when they came and found that the location for that base and made it the military installation

02:29:48:15 - 02:29:54:29

that they named it the Ogden Air Materiel Area, though it's not in the corporate limits of Ogden City.

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That's the major town.

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And the most influence on on how that organization has progressed through history is the city of Ogden.

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And, and so when when you talk to people throughout the Air Force and you're talking about the depots,

02:30:08:19 - 02:30:14:05

one of three of which is here at Hill Air Force Base, you refer to that as Ogden, right?

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F-16s, F-35s, F-22s eighteens, C-130s and intercontinental ballistic

missiles, depot maintenance, repair and overhaul happens at Ogden.

02:30:24;13 - 02:30:25;02
Right?

02:30:25;02 - 02:30:33;00
People know and understand the vital role of Ogden City in that base, and it will always be the case.

02:30:33;24 - 02:30:37;17
This will always be the center of gravity with Weber State University here

02:30:37;17 - 02:30:42;22
with Ogden Weber Tech and a lot of the other supporting and enabling industry here.

02:30:42;22 - 02:30:49;24
The Ogden Airport, Ogden Hinckley airport, right, is vital to have a second airfield nearby.

02:30:50;07 - 02:30:55;07
If we needed a national emergency and, you know, for other, other ways that that benefits.

02:30:55;07 - 02:31:00;15
And there's a significant number of defense industry on the premises of Ogden Airport.

02:31:00;15 - 02:31:07;16
It's a great facility, a great location contiguous to to I-15, and the other manufacturing that happens here.

02:31:07;16 - 02:31:10;01
And so that that presence has continued to grow.

02:31:10;01 - 02:31:16;06
Recognizing Ogden is a place where people want to live so they can work in those places nearby.

02:31:16;18 - 02:31:24;13
The quality of life is here the recreation, the culture, the arts, the natural resources and beauty and everything that we get to enjoy here.

02:31:25;26 - 02:31:30;27
We we moved every two years on average until our 15th move brought us back.

02:31:30;27 - 02:31:33;29
Back here, back to my hometown, two years ago.

02:31:33;29 - 02:31:38;08
And every every town says we give our military installation the best support.

02:31:38;08 - 02:31:41;17
And this community's different and better.

02:31:41;17 - 02:31:45;16
They can say that because they don't understand and they haven't all been here and seen this.

02:31:45;16 - 02:31:50;25
But but I can tell you objectively, the truth is there's something different

02:31:50;27 - 02:31:56;03
and better and special about this community that doesn't exist in other places.

02:31:56;03 - 02:32:01;14
And and it's because the culture and the foundation that exists here

02:32:01;18 - 02:32:09;14
in this city that has existed since it was founded, the pioneer spirit from the first settlers here, the people,

02:32:09;14 - 02:32:17;05

you know, when you grow up and live here, names you see on the buildings that Weaver state and around this town, Des Eccles, Stewart's.

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Lindquist. Right on and on and on. One.

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And it's important to recognize their story.

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If you're in the military, you might not know or recognize any of those foundational names from Ogden.

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But if you're in the military, you know, John Moses Browning and what what he did and what what he represented.

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And so, you know, in the military, we name buildings and facilities after people.

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And I would always challenge my airmen say, hey, you work in, you know, just just say, for example, you work inside John Hall.

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Do you know Captain Landside John Story and say, no. And I say, you walk through those doors every day.

02:32:54:02 - 02:32:58:29

Why don't you learn who he is and why we saw fit to name a building after him?

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I would issue the same challenge for people in this community who were the Eccles?

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Who were the linguists, who were the Brownings? What did they do for us and what are they continuing to do?

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I mean, literally through centuries now,

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you know, from, from back in the 1800s to now, in this day and age, our baseball field is name Lindquist.

02:33:18:22 - 02:33:23:01

Find out what that family has represented and done for this community.

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And then consign yourself to preserving their legacy

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for the institutions that they built, preserving them and building on them as a citizen of this community.

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Of industry and manufacturing and banking and finance. Yeah. Finance.

02:33:38:01 - 02:33:39:11

Titans of innovation.

02:33:39:11 - 02:33:40:29

Yeah. Right out of the city.

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Brant Scowcroft. Right. National security advisor, retired Air Force Lieutenant general,

02:33:47:01 - 02:33:51:06

a worldwide no name for his role in national security and in politics.

02:33:51:06 - 02:33:55:18

The good kind of politics.

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That's the that's what we don't often give ourselves credit for.

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But I want to go back to the point that you made earlier that that when you think about Air Force Base, you think about Ogden, and there's

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some separation between Ogden and the base, and there's other cities and communities nearby, but we're still all Ogden to a degree.

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Yeah.

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Even if you live in Clearfield, you're Clearfield City resident.

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You you fly that flag?

02:34:17;11 - 02:34:19;29

Yeah, probably. I'm sure, I hope.

02:34:19;29 - 02:34:23;19

And yet you still have an association and attachment to Ogden.

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And I want ardent to have that same affinity and attachment to Clearfield and, and and that's why

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I've put a lot of energy into building relations and, and having a close and, and a collaboration coordination with neighboring mayors.

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Because when people look at us, they don't just look at Ogden City and our boundaries.

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We are relying on the well-being and the prosperity of the neighboring communities, and they're relying on us for the same.

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We have a lot of resources that they need in their times of need, like when there's a fire on the hillside.

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We provide a lot of the first responder resources to help support North Ogden.

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Right. And a pleasant view. And so

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at the same time,

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they provide a lot of homes for families and workforce, right, that come into our downtown.

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Right in our restaurants that come in and house all of our employers to workforce.

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I mean, we are all more reliant on each other than we give ourselves for.

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And as we're looking at our economic strategy and I just had a meeting this morning with my top leadership team

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talking about an economic strategy that we're putting together.

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It's rooted in what are the things that we're missing. But what are the opportunities are right there?

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What are we poised for
and prepared to take advantage of defense and aerospace

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industry? Right. We're already going after a big time.

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We've got to double down on that. Right.

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But we've got to think about ourselves more about the bigger,

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economic area,

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metropolitan statistical area and the role that we play as a city
and the downtown that we play for Northern Utah.

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Right. We are. Northern Utah is downtown. That's right.

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There isn't another one like ours.

02:35:58;19 - 02:35:59;10

That's right.

02:35:59;10 - 02:36:04;13

And everybody's counting on us to thrive,
and we're counting on them in order for us to thrive.

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And we've got to have a more macroeconomic outlook and the just us.

02:36:08;19 - 02:36:12;05

Yeah, those in those other cities are really good.

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And all all the same events and venues and things.

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We go to Mark Sheppard from Clearfield

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is there and Brandon Stanger from, from from Clinton
is there, you know, and, and all the other mayors and everything.

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But but but you have one up on them.

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Ogden's the county seat for Weber County.

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So it's the super city and yeah, for sure.

02:36:32;24 - 02:36:39;06

But, you know, again, in the military just,
you know, just like sports teams and everything, you have a rivalry.

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And if you have the same mission
and you're working on the same military base,

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you still have a rivalry with among and across units and everything,
but you're on the same team.

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Exactly.

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You know,
you get the same patch and the same color uniform and everything.

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And that is absolutely the case here.

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They recognize we're completely interdependent,
in, in all the right ways and every,

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every person, every organization
and even cities are lopsided in some ways and have strengths in others.

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And you bring them together

02:37:09:27 - 02:37:15:10

and, you know, and you and you pick and choose and you cultivate
the best parts of everything to make the total community.

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And that's exactly how things are around here, exactly how that happens.

02:37:18:24 - 02:37:26:01

And it's a tribute to the leadership of you and the other mayors and
everybody who contributes to to running and leading those communities.

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So the Milken Institute recently recognized Ogden as the number two,

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economic area for.

02:37:32:29 - 02:37:33:16

Right.

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In terms of economics of our size,
the metropolitan statistical areas of our size.

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Salt Lake City was up there.

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I think they remember 2 or 2 as well in their,
their size of their, metropolitan areas. But,

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you know, that's something that we brag about.

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And it's not just Ogden's doing. Ogden's a part of that.

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But it's

it was all the communities around us, too, right? And people were.

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There's always critics.

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Oh, you're you're taking credit for things you didn't do. It's like,
yeah.

02:38:01:14 - 02:38:03:22

And I did all this and said, we did it.

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And it's my responsibility to brag about it for everybody. Yeah, right.

02:38:07:13 - 02:38:10:16

And to make sure that I give credit to everybody when we do,

02:38:10:16 - 02:38:17:07

because that's what Hill Air Force Base is relying on, is that
we have a vibrant network of communities and mayors and councils, right.

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Supporting the mission on the base,

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doing all of the work off base
for the the whole ecosystem of contractors, their families.

02:38:26:26 - 02:38:29:07
Right, right. Workforce that they need.

02:38:29:07 - 02:38:34:16
That's the mission they rely on and that we play for them.

02:38:35:01 - 02:38:37:05
It's it's important right.

02:38:37:05 - 02:38:42:06
It's important for our future, but it's important for our nation
and whatever support for our nation is important for world peace.

02:38:42:06 - 02:38:43:17
Yeah. It's just the fact.

02:38:43:17 - 02:38:51:18
And so I've this job has given me a much better
understanding of the role that we play in the mission of our military.

02:38:51:18 - 02:38:52:07
Yeah.

02:38:52:07 - 02:38:54:20
And that's something that we should all be really proud of.

02:38:54:20 - 02:38:59:16
And we should unabashedly brag about and and support and be Julius Baer.

02:38:59:16 - 02:38:59:29
Right.

02:38:59:29 - 02:39:08:11
But national security, I've said it before, it's a team sport,
and national security is economic security and vice versa.

02:39:08:22 - 02:39:11:19
And that starts at the basic community level.

02:39:11:19 - 02:39:17:17
That starts with with families, with good paying jobs,
with an education, the opportunity to to achieve and contribute

02:39:18:01 - 02:39:23:06
and grow those communities, to make them more viable
and better able to contribute.

02:39:23:06 - 02:39:26:15
If we if we struggle economically, we're in a struggle.

02:39:27:14 - 02:39:30:07
Because we're trying to take care of more fundamental.

02:39:30:07 - 02:39:34:24
That's right. And we're losing sight of the things that we need to do
to defend ourselves. Right.

02:39:34:24 - 02:39:40:03
And it is our, our military might is also a reflection of our economic
might and power and strength and resolve.

02:39:40:04 - 02:39:41:19
That's right.

02:39:41:19 - 02:39:43:04
Arsenal of democracy.

02:39:43:04 - 02:39:46:29
And that exists right here in this town,
the contribution to national defense.

02:39:46:29 - 02:39:50:14
Well, we appreciate everything you've done to contribute to that.

02:39:50:14 - 02:39:55:12

You are, like I said at the beginning,
you're a man of America, but you're a man of honor.

02:39:55;12 - 02:40:00:01
But you're a man of God in command of America.
You mean so, so proud, man.

02:40:00:01 - 02:40:00:16
Yeah.

02:40:00:16 - 02:40:05:20
There's no place more American than Ogden, Utah and Weaver County. Yeah.

02:40:05:20 - 02:40:06:05
That's right.

02:40:06:05 - 02:40:09:27
I was just telling somebody
this podcast interview, they were interviewing me,

02:40:10:26 - 02:40:12:16
and I just said,

02:40:12:16 - 02:40:18:03
Ogden USA is a absolute representation
of of the United States of America.

02:40:19:00 - 02:40:22:19
This is this is hometown USA. That's right. Here.

02:40:22:19 - 02:40:24:24
So blessed to live here. That's right. Right.

02:40:24:24 - 02:40:27:12
So before we go, I you gave me this.

02:40:27:12 - 02:40:30:05
We talked. Yeah. About this mission before

02:40:30:05 - 02:40:30:21
we started.

02:40:30:21 - 02:40:34:29
It's the homeless veterans fellowship,
you guys to work on a project and.

02:40:34:29 - 02:40:36:08
That's right.

02:40:36:08 - 02:40:41:03
So I, I, I, I'm not a part of that organization, but but acquainted

02:40:41:03 - 02:40:45:01
with John Graff,
who's the administrator of that that great organization.

02:40:45:01 - 02:40:46:22
And it's a nonprofit.

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They have they have home facilities for homeless veterans and
take care of them in, in many ways to help them gain self-sufficiency.

02:40:54:22 - 02:40:56:09
If that's possible.

02:40:56:09 - 02:41:04:13
But we we owe a debt to those who who put on the uniform
and swore an oath to defend this nation and the care we have for them

02:41:04:13 - 02:41:10:25
and the opportunities we give them when they serve in uniform, doesn't
always extend after the uniform comes off for for various reasons.

02:41:11:07 - 02:41:16:22
Sometimes it's an unfortunate choice and,
sometimes it's circumstances beyond their control.

02:41:16:27 - 02:41:21:14

But they're in our community.

They came from our community, or they made their way to our community.

02:41:21:14 - 02:41:26:28

And to the extent we have the opportunity,
the infrastructure, to to help them, we should do that.

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And so as I, you know, met and got to know
John and visited their facilities, I said that's

02:41:33:22 - 02:41:39:01

that's an organization and a mission that I certainly want to help
and to shed light on here in this community.

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And so we're we're working to put together an open house to enlighten
the community to, to their mission and the needs that they have.

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Because I know, I know this town, I know this community.

02:41:51:28 - 02:41:58:15

When they recognize the need and the opportunity to help, they they will
make that organization better and fulfill all the needs they have.

02:41:58:15 - 02:42:03:26

It's just a matter of, you know, shedding some light on the situation
they have and the needs they have.

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And whether it's construction companies
who will help renovate their facilities, provide food, clothing,

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bedding, employment opportunities, housing opportunities
for those that they can't, houses on premises there

02:42:16:20 - 02:42:22:22

to get veterans back on their on their feet
and to become as functional as they have the capability to do that.

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That organization is central to that.

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And we're very fortunate
to have them there and have people who care to that degree.

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John is a United States Army veteran, West Point graduate.

02:42:32:13 - 02:42:37:06

He's he's done some great work for our nation.
And that didn't stop when he took the uniform off.

02:42:37:06 - 02:42:42:21

And we're blessed that he saw fit to settle here
and that he saw fit to become part of that organization.

02:42:42:21 - 02:42:45:18

And so I would, we've we've talked about it.

02:42:45:18 - 02:42:50:29

You know, I invite your support, and I know you will
and will will use all of our influence and visibility

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to help help that organization and their mission
and take care of our veterans.

02:42:54:21 - 02:42:59:16

We owe them. And we'll connect our resources here at the city
with the resources. Yeah.

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And what people don't realize is

just how much work we do here in this city to support,

02:43:04;16 - 02:43:06;02
homeless veterans and anybody

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that's homeless in our county, in our in in our state,
we host the, homeless shelter,

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we have the Saint Anne's shelter.

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We have shelters for military, for youth, for

02:43:21;04 - 02:43:23;27
abused. That's right.

02:43:23;27 - 02:43:25;17
And we continue to do more.

02:43:25;17 - 02:43:30;26
And as we do that, we are always pushing and championing
for every other city around us to do more to.

02:43:30;26 - 02:43:34;13
Yeah. Because we can't do it. We can't be the one who does nothing.

02:43:34;13 - 02:43:36;23
And we get criticized when we don't do everything. Yeah.

02:43:36;23 - 02:43:39;25
If there's something that comes up and we don't do it,
we get criticized for not doing that.

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And it's like we're doing our part. Yeah. And more.

02:43:43;00 - 02:43:44;28
And we need everybody else to do the lifting with us.

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You you lift. You to do more and continue to do our part.

02:43:48;27 - 02:43:49;24
Case in point.

02:43:49;24 - 02:43:50;10
That's right.

02:43:50;10 - 02:43:55;19
You lift where you stand and the more people we can,
we can give visibility to, the more people who can lift.

02:43:55;23 - 02:44:01;18
These are the kinds of missions that more cities
and more people needed to support, because we can't do it by ourselves.

02:44:01;20 - 02:44:06;19
That's right. You need to do as much as we can and support
and the things that that are important.

02:44:06;19 - 02:44:11;12
I mean, everybody doing it with us.
And if you're not, we're not doing enough. That's right. Right.

02:44:11;12 - 02:44:15;18
The mission never ends.
So I appreciate the work that you're doing for the nation.

02:44:15;18 - 02:44:17;25
How proud you make us as a community.

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I really appreciate how much you've influenced me. And,

02:44:21;25 - 02:44:24;24
enlightened me into the

02:44:24:24 - 02:44:28:28

the caliber of people that we have here.

02:44:28:28 - 02:44:32:28

Just by anybody and yourself. Maxwell, you are,

02:44:32:28 - 02:44:35:20

You are the kind of man that creates you.

02:44:35:20 - 02:44:40:09

You make us so proud of who we are,
the kind of people we create to develop here. Right?

02:44:40:09 - 02:44:43:11

I agree. Yeah. Thank you for coming back to serve again.

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I call that the servant cycle. Where you.

02:44:45:04 - 02:44:49:05

That's right. When you give, then the world gets back to you. Yeah.

02:44:49:05 - 02:44:50:27

It gave me a little bit of a lift in the past.

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And then I got more to give.

02:44:52:04 - 02:44:53:22

And then the world gives you more.

02:44:53:22 - 02:44:58:06

That's right. I'm sitting up. That's right. That's how you lift, right?

02:44:58:06 - 02:44:59:03

That's how you lift others.

02:44:59:03 - 02:45:04:11

Who you give, you serve them,
and then they serve you back. And we all live together. Okay.

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I'll run out of time on this planet before I run out of ways
that I can give back for everything I've been given. So.

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But I'll. But I'll go out fighting.

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So we end every episode with a call to action.

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Yeah.

02:45:16:07 - 02:45:20:28

I just want to make the call to action
to look into the Homeless Veterans fellowship.

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Thank you.

02:45:21:29 - 02:45:25:16

Thank you. John Adams. That's right.

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To find out ways that you can participate and help support the mission
of America by supporting the men and women who serve America.

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That's a great call to action, a great way. Thank you for. That.

02:45:35:25 - 02:45:39:22

So much more you and I could have talked about.
And we'll talk about it again. Yes, sir.

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But thank you for your service to our nation.

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Thank you for your service talking to us.

02:45:43;20 - 02:45:47;19

Thank you. You're welcome. You're worth it.

02:45:47;19 - 02:45:48;03

Thank you.

02:45:48;03 - 02:45:52;11

That is a that is a powerful. Yeah. So there you have it.

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Ogden City mayor.

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Sit down here with our friend and, hero Max Stitzer.

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This is another episode of the Ogden Way. Until next time.

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Get out there, get active,
get involved and and serve. Serve others serving selflessly.

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That is the most selfless thing that you can do
because they will serve you back. God bless you Ogden USA