

## Positive Portrayals of Justice-Involved Veterans

VJP Specialists and others may find it useful to share resources where Justice-Involved Veterans are portrayed in a positive light, countering prevailing stereotypes. Below are three resources offering diverse positive portrayals of Veterans and Justice-Involved Veterans specifically, with relatable, encouraging content that may be useful for Veterans, their loved ones, and staff in a variety of position (VA and otherwise) to view.

### 1. **MAKE THE CONNECTION** [www.MaketheConnection.net](http://www.MaketheConnection.net)

Make the Connection is an engagement campaign by the VA featuring short video interviews of Veterans and their families discussing their experiences, challenges, and recovery.

Click [here](#) for the general video collection. Under “Advanced Options,” select “Financial & Legal Issues” to access 100+ positive and encouraging videos, many of justice-involved Veterans.

Here are direct links to six examples:

[After Legal Challenges, They Found Support](#)

[I Did it, and You Can Do it Too](#)

[It’s All About Being Able to Reach Out](#)

[A Better Life](#)

[The Veterans Treatment Court Turned Things Around](#)

[Second Chances](#)

### 2. VANGUARD



The VA Vanguard is an employee newsletter that started in 1958.

Several editions contain helpful, positive pieces on Justice-Involved Veterans:

[Spring 2022](#), Pg. 13: Finding His Calling Helping Incarcerated Veterans

[Summer 2013](#), Pg. 8: Liberty House

[Spring 2013](#), Pg. 31: Fitzgeralds and Puppies Behind Bars

[Fall 2012](#), Pg. 5: Video Encourages Incarcerated Veterans to Seek VA Help

[Winter 2012](#), Pg. 34: Legal Stand Down Helps Utah Veterans in Court

### 3. **ABOUTFACE** [www.ptsd.va.gov/apps/aboutface/](http://www.ptsd.va.gov/apps/aboutface/)

AboutFace is a library of short video interviews and profiles of Veterans, Family Members, and Clinicians focused on recovery and PTSD. While one can search on numerous filters (click on “Watch” and then choose “Search all Videos”) it is unfortunately not indexed to search on justice-involvement or related key words. Nonetheless, it is a great resource for hopeful portrayals of Veterans with PTSD and its treatment.