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"They were afraid that we were going to go Rambo on them," Stillwell said.

Several months after they submitted a proposal to KAVE, war in the Persian Gulf seemed imminent. Suddenly, the time seemed right for the type of show they were proposing.

"There was a sense of veterans being in the news every day," Kamp said. "KAVE called us and said it's a good time to go ahead with the show. The Persian Gulf was the door that allowed us to get through the fence."

Despite the remote time slot, the Vet Show is doing well. Since coming on the air in April, it has attracted a small but devoted audience.

"it would be good to have a more viable time slot," Kamp said. "And it's difficult to do music,

news and interviews all within a one-hour show. I see the show eventually running for a couple of hours. That would allow us to bring people in for interviews."

In addition to the the Vet Show, Kamp has been busy teaching a course at the University. His America in Vietnam class focuses on society's perception of the combat soldier and the changes that the soldier undergoes during combat.

"Society creates soldiers that don't exist," Kamp said. "It's hard for people to see a veteran with a beard. He doesn't fit their image of the combatant. The class really deals with the mythological vet versus the real vet."

Kamp has taught the class each summer for the past five years. The thought of teaching on a more continuous basis does not appeal to him.

"It's an intense issue for me," Kamp said. "I really get deep into myself when I teach it. I couldn't teach it more than once a year or I would become jaded."







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