CREATE WITH PURPOSE:

THE MOVEMENT ELEVATING MILITARY-CONNECTED CREATORS

Plus, Discover How Creativity Is Transforming the Lives of Military Spouses, Service Members & Veterans

CONFERENCE DATES: APRIL 16–18, 2026 | EARLY BIRD ENDS DECEMBER 31, 2025

INTERVIEWS AVAILABLE WITH JAMES VAN PROOYEN AND MARAH LAGO, CO-FOUNDERS OF MILITARY CREATOR CON

ABOUT MILITARY CREATOR CON

Across the military community, creativity is becoming more than expression; it's becoming identity, opportunity, connection, and impact. Military spouses, service members, and veterans are turning lived experiences into storytelling, digital media, entrepreneurship, art, and creative work that resonates far beyond the military world.

Military Creator Con (MCC) exists to support and amplify this powerful movement.

What began as a one-day breakout track at PODFEST, the longest-running conference for Podcasters, quickly revealed something extraordinary. Military-connected creators shared stories they'd never shared before, spouses realized they weren't alone in their creative pursuits, veterans rediscovered their voice, and a powerful, authentic community formed in real time.

The message was clear: MCC needed to be more than a breakout or workshop; it needed to be a standalone experience.

Today, MCC is a multi-day national conference, bringing together creators across podcasting, filmmaking, writing, digital media, entrepreneurship, art, design, and more. The 2026 theme, Create With Purpose, speaks to the heart of the military-connected creative journey: expression, identity, impact, and community.

MCC is proud to feature Christopher Lochhead, #1 Apple Business Podcaster, bestselling author, and one of the world's top category design experts, delivering a keynote intensive designed specifically for veterans, creators, and early-stage entrepreneurs. His session teaches attendees how to stop competing in crowded markets and start creating their own through the discipline of Category Design.

Marah and James will share how MCC empowers creators through education, mentorship, community, access to opportunity, and why military-connected creators are shaping modern storytelling in profound ways.



SUGGESTED INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

- Why is creative expression becoming such a meaningful force within the military community?
- How did MCC evolve from a Podfest breakout track into a national multi-day conference?
- What unique strengths and perspectives do military-connected creators bring to the creator economy?
- How does MCC equip creators navigating transitions, reinvention, and confidence?
- What does the theme Create With Purpose mean for attendees this year?
- How is MCC building a long-term movement, not just an event?
- Where can people go to register or learn more?

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ABOUT JAMES VAN PROOYEN

James Van Prooyen is a 20-year retired U.S. Air Force combat veteran who has dedicated his post-military career to the power of connection. Since retiring in 2015, he has built and cultivated a vast network rooted in his belief in “relational networking”, the idea that authentic, people-first connections create the strongest impact. James is a successful podcaster, a driving force in the Military Veterans Community, and an active leader in the Ragnar Relay running community.



ABOUT MARAH LAGO

Marah Lago is an accomplished entrepreneur, military spouse, and award-winning jewelry designer known for building thriving ventures. She co-founded and led a globally recognized jewelry brand, growing it from the ground up into an eight-figure success in just 11 years, fully bootstrapped. Today, she channels that same drive into Military Creator Con, a conference she co-founded to empower military-connected creatives across media, technology, art, and entrepreneurship. Committed to community, opportunity, and authentic connection, Marah uses her grit and intuition to mentor others, helping them overcome challenges and turn ideas into meaningful impact.

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Join the movement at Military Creator Con 2026, April 16–18. Save $50 off all in-person passes with Early Bird registration through December 31, 2025.

MCC is where ideas turn into impact and where military-connected voices come to create with purpose. Learn more and register: www.militarycreatorcon.com

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