

James ([00:00](#)):

There'll be lots of complaining about snow and cold and rain today, but let me tell you what, there's a guy on the phone that can help us put all that in perspective. Hi, it's James re this is Y 1 0 5 FM's early morning show with me, the man we're about to talk to he's a gift. It's mark Linquist. If you were last year's chamber meeting, he he was the speaker. He's just fantastic. I've known him since he was in high school, through the amazing Kiwanis organization called key club. And he is on his way to Poland to help in the border effort getting refugees across. So good morning, Michael Linquist

Mark ([00:32](#)):

How are you,

James ([00:33](#)):

Man? I am, I am well yourself.

Mark ([00:36](#)):

I am well as well.

James ([00:38](#)):

So what's, what's the story well with, with what's you're in the Washington post today.

Mark ([00:42](#)):

Yeah, yeah. You know, I mean, I think like anybody else you're watching what's happening on the other side of the planet and it it's it's, it's, it's alarming to say the least, you know, so I just, just like, we always do. Right. You know, we're trying to do good. We're trying to help people, trying to figure out ways to do that. And the call for this territorial defense is, is, you know, something that we just haven't seen in our lifetime. And so I've just been asking myself, what could I do? What's the most I could do. And I think going over there is it, so I'm on my way.

James ([01:11](#)):

Is this something you think came because you're a veteran or do you think it's something that came because you were just raised by two great parents and little Ortonville, Minnesota,

Mark ([01:20](#)):

It's gotta be the combo. Right. You know, where did, where did I, I learned my servant heart, you know, where did I learn to volunteer and give back and contribute to the lives of others? And why, why was I interested in the key club that you know, where we met? Right. It's cause mom and dad instilled that in, in me. And a lot of families in Ortonville and a lot of families in small towns do that. Right?

James ([01:42](#)):

Absolutely.

Mark ([01:43](#)):

Now in a small town, you band together, when, when the flood waters rise, do you show up at the airport to do sandbags and nobody's asking for a paycheck, right, right. You, you do it because you're a

part of a community that, and that's what you do. And then of course, through institutions like Kiwanis and ke club and AmeriCorps and the air force, you learn, boy, if you live your life, you know based on your opportunities to serve life is pretty rich.

James ([02:08](#)):

What exactly are you gonna do?

Mark ([02:11](#)):

Oh I'm gonna link up with a bunch of veterans over there that are already working at the border and inside of Poland. There's a, you know, huge humanitarian mission where, where they're crossing the border. Like they're, they're still taking five to 10 hours to cross the border. Right. I just heard from a, from an army veteran, a British army veteran who I'm connected with there. And unfortunately two nights ago people had had frozen to death at the border, cuz it was seven below Celia. Oh

James ([02:39](#)):

Geez.

Mark ([02:39](#)):

You know, just conducting a basic humanitarian mission at the border. And that's what I'll join. If and when I can assemble a, a team to go try to extract some of these folks out of towns that can't, you know, maybe they can't get out on the rail. For some reason there are teams doing that, then I I'm, I'm gonna join them as soon as possible as well.

James ([02:59](#)):

Well, we've heard of people, the veterans in the us that are going over to to join in the fight. Is that part of the plan?

Mark ([03:05](#)):

Yeah. I, I, I submitted my application to the territorial defense. They're saying that you need combat experience to be accepted because they don't want you to be a liability and they, you know, have to train you. Right. so who

James ([03:14](#)):

Knows? So, and I, I also understand you have a you have a do, do you have a GoFundMe you're working on?

Mark ([03:21](#)):

Yes. And you know, so there's all kinds of questions with that. Of course, GoFundMe is rightfully vetting all the Ukrainian fundraisers, cuz they need to make sure that they're not funding war fighters.

James ([03:30](#)):

Right, right, right.

Mark ([03:33](#)):

And so for now that's, that's paused while it's being reviewed and vetted. And so I have to get them some more information about, you know, just documenting where the money's going and, and how that will flow. Understandable.

James ([03:44](#)):

All righty. Absolutely. It is Y 1 0 5 FM's early morning show. My name is James Rey. His name is mark Linquist. So before you go, because we're expecting snow today, I gotta ask you to talk about that, that time he met Jimmy Carter.

Mark ([03:56](#)):

Oh no, not Jimmy Carter.

James ([03:58](#)):

I thought you met Jimmy Carter

Mark ([03:59](#)):

And Clinton a couple times in Obama. And so

James ([04:02](#)):

You and he Sue and Obama probably sang a little bit of Al green together. Thanks.

Speaker 3 ([04:07](#)):

Stay again.

Mark ([04:09](#)):

We shared, we shared a few stories about Hawaii. It was all good. It was fun times.

James ([04:13](#)):

Yeah. Yeah. You in Hawaii sending back beautiful pictures during our storms. That's great.

Mark ([04:19](#)):

That was, that was the best my life James.

James ([04:21](#)):

Oh, of course it was you're in paradise, not one dice, but you were in a paradise.

Mark ([04:26](#)):

I would wait till the coldest day in the Midwest. Yep. And then I would go down to Y Kiki and I'd take a selfie.

James ([04:33](#)):

It was, it was beautiful. It really was. Mark. Have a fantastic day. I hope your journey goes well and please keep in touch. Okay.

Mark ([04:40](#)):

Yeah. Yeah. I love it. I love

James ([04:42](#)):

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