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History: In 2007, Turn Around for Veterans emerged as a beacon of hope, founded by the compassionate, former Navy Nurse Nan Bushley and the visionary orthopedic surgeon, and former Navy Officer, Dr. Kenneth Roth. With profound insight into the aftermath of devastating injuries that left servicemen and women grappling with the sense that life, as they once knew it, was over, Nan Bushley and Dr. Roth recognized the profound impact of deep depression.

Their shared belief in the healing power of woodturning led to the inception of TAV. They envisioned a program that would extend beyond the physical realm, offering courageous servicemen and women a pathway to recovery that transcended conventional approaches. In the hands of a lathe, they saw the potential for not just crafting wood but also crafting a renewed sense of purpose and resilience.

Over the years, the TAV program has proven its worth, validated by the feedback from professional medical personnel at sites like the Naval Medical Center (NMC), Wounded Warrior Battalion Camp Pendleton, and the Veterans Affairs Aspire Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program in San Diego. Through dedicated participation in TAV, servicemen and women recovering from military injuries and related stress have found therapeutic benefits that extend far beyond the physical realm.

Administered and staffed by a team of devoted San Diego Woodturners (SDWT) volunteers, many of whom are veterans themselves, the TAV program exemplifies the power of community and shared commitment. Today, the legacy of Turn Around for Veterans stands as a testament to the transformative potential of woodturning, healing not just the wounds of the body but also the spirit. In the hands of those who have served, each turn of the lathe becomes a step towards reclaiming joy, purpose, and a sense of camaraderie.