

2026-04-23 - Club Grubbery Mike Rude

Graham Hood: [00:00:00] Hi everyone and welcome back to Club Grubby. It's club grubby time again. Johnny looking good with the red duster behind you there mate.

John Larter: Yes, mate. Uh, very, uh, very timely given, uh, Anzac days approaching and, uh, our special guest today.

Graham Hood: Indeed it is. And, uh, we have with us today a very special guest all the way from Canada.

Graham Hood: As you can see, it looks very Canadian in the background. It looks, uh, outside. Looks a little bit cold there, Mike Ru. And you're in a beautiful log cabin.

Mike Rude: Yes. Uh, yes I am. We still got about, uh, probably about four feet of snow in the woods.

Graham Hood: Wow.

Mike Rude: So we've, we've been going out collecting maple syrup.

John Larter: Wow.

Graham Hood: Sounds good. You can send some of [00:01:00] that over to us.

Mike Rude: Yeah, yeah. I'll, uh, I'll have to do that.

Graham Hood: Okay. Yeah. It's really, really timely that we have Mike on with us today, everyone, because, uh. You'll be seeing this over the Anzac Day weekend and, uh, we've just been explaining to, uh, former Special forces guy, I guess, uh, Canadian Paratrooper, uh, retired sergeant, uh, Mike Rude, um, about the importance of Anzac Day here in Australia and New Zealand.

Graham Hood: And also given the, uh, the, the, the stuff going on around, uh, Ben Robert Smith, our Victoria Cross recipient, um, has definitely got the nation talking and, um. We want to discuss, uh, these issues and other issues

pertaining to the way our veterans are treated. Uh, many of us in in Australia are very unhappy at the way our veterans are treated.

Graham Hood: I know that in the US it's the same there. And Mike, you have a, a podcast, uh, which we wanna talk about as well. And, um, tell us about your podcast and your tour at the [00:02:00] moment.

Mike Rude: So, uh, my podcast started up about two years ago. That was mainly talking about a drug that we were forced to take in the military called Quinn.

Mike Rude: And when I, when I took it, we took it as part of a drug trial in, when I went to Smalley in 19 92, 93 with, uh, I was with the Canadian Airborne Regiment and, uh, two Commando. So we were, uh, at that time we were the special forces in Canada. And uh, yeah, so. From that drug, I, I started a podcast. So my first episode is actually with the, with the doctor Remington Nevin, a US military doctor that kind of discovered all the, all the problems with that drug.

Mike Rude: And then even to tie it in with you guys, is that in Australia, you guys took a, a different derivative and it [00:03:00] was called, um, Quin. That was supposed to be their new malaria medication, but they're all, you know, it's a, it's a pretty deep story on, uh, on the, uh, on quinine, which is the, the main ingredient of, of all those drugs, of quine, of quine, of, uh, chloroquine, hydroxychloroquine even, right?

Graham Hood: Mm-hmm.

Mike Rude: They all have quinine, which is. What causes all the neurological problems? So in, in my first episode, the doctor kind of takes, takes us on a walk back to World War I and the drug, or, sorry, world War ii and Arine was a drug they used in the South Pacific. So those, uh, and really the, the nature of those drugs were probably, they were looking for those side effects.

Mike Rude: [00:04:00] That they got because every time they stopped, say, Arine, to go to Chloroquine, they still put the main ingredient of quinine in the next drug. So it gave the same neurological, uh, side effects and they kept doing it. And then they did it with Meflin. So, you know, the doctor would say those were the side effects they were looking for.

Graham Hood: Let's unpack that a little bit, uh, a little bit further down the track because, um, you know, we're, we're told the side effects of that drug are,

are suicide. That's one of the main side effects. Suicidal tendencies. Yeah. I, I've just gotta laugh for a second, uh, because I just had a kangaroo bound past the window that I'm looking out of.

Graham Hood: My dog outside started barking, and the minute my dog started barking, your service dog jumped up at the window behind you. He's looking out the window. It's like, it's like they're both barking at the same thing. So, um, yeah. [00:05:00] Beautiful, beautiful stuff.

Mike Rude: Yeah.

Graham Hood: So before

Mike Rude: we, she's gonna retire, Mya, this is the one that's gonna retire my service dog.

Graham Hood: Okay.

Mike Rude: Yeah.

Graham Hood: Okay. Beautiful. Beautiful.

Mike Rude: So I'm in the, I'm in the process of, of kind of, uh, of getting her to retire my other dog.

Graham Hood: Okay. What's her name?

Mike Rude: Uh, this one is Phoenix.

Graham Hood: Phoenix. Risen outta the As Rising. Yeah. Phoenix Rising. Now, Mike, um, you know, looking a bit at your background, you, you, uh, you had a, you had a, a pretty poor upbringing, not, not poor in the sense of, you know, your mother not doing the right thing and all that.

Graham Hood: I know you grew up in a single parent family and things were pretty tight. Uh, and, and, you know, understanding the fact that you had a real heart to serve was demonstrated by the fact that you did everything you could to support your family. Um, and, and I note that, uh, your heart to serve has [00:06:00] transferred right the way through your life.

Graham Hood: So your whole life has been about serving your community and serving your country. Yeah. Given that you've devoted so much of your life to that purpose, how do you feel now? Uh, living in the environment that is Canada, which is very similar to Australia. We're seeing a lot of crazy stuff happening with government over here and all that sort of stuff.

Graham Hood: And we watched with interest the Canadian truckers, uh, convoy, uh, and we had a very similar one at the same time called the Convoy of Canberra, which attracted hundreds of thousands of people. Um, tell me how you feel now as a veteran who's looking out for the interests of other veterans. How do you feel now about the way.

Graham Hood: Governments in particular, commonwealth governments, um, Britain, Australia, Canada, New Zealand. How, how they treat their soldiers and how they, they treat their veterans.

Mike Rude: Well, I think a good example would be to say that e all those [00:07:00] countries are fighting their veterans who, uh, who took Meflin or who have, uh, you know, um, so currently in Canada we have a lawsuit against the federal government for making us take Meflin.

Mike Rude: So there's, you know, maybe somewhere around 3,500 litigants on it. But in the, in the whole of it, probably 30 or 40,000 people took Quin within the Canadian forces. Right? So you, you know, you, you, and then the Irish, or fighting the British lost their lawsuit, but the government recognized to say, no, we have a stake in this.

Mike Rude: They're, they're working something out with their military there. But I mean, say Australia with Quinn. I'm trying to remember the, uh, the veteran's name. Stewart, uh, I'm not sure, maybe Stewart McCarthy. [00:08:00] Uh, there's a veteran down there, uh, who's fighting on the Methin front, if you would, on the Quin. So, yeah, I.

Mike Rude: You know, none of our commonwealth countries seem to care that, uh, you're willing to go lay down your life for your country. And, and, and what kind of thanks do they give you? They give you, uh, they make you fight in court for them forcing you to take a drug you didn't wanna take. Right. Or, um, 'cause it had a lot of side effects, Quinn and people had, uh, even to say.

Mike Rude: People that went to Somalia in 1993, hallucinated on that drug and then fast forward 15 years and go to go to Afghanistan. And soldiers are still hallucinating on the drug. And I didn't even [00:09:00] realize you could

hallucinate on it, you know? And at one point I didn't think I had problems until I. You know, kinda looked back at everything and went, okay, that's not the case.

Mike Rude: Right. Um, they're, you know, they fight everything in court to give us a fair thing, say in Canada, they took away, uh, I don't know, probably say two and a half billion dollars from the Veterans Affairs to then send that money to the Ukraine. Right. Hmm. They took money out of the Veterans Affairs coffers to send to another country.

Mike Rude: Right. Um, and then why, why do they think people wanna serve? Right. Why would they think that I would wanna serve my country if I'm watching how they're not even looking after the people that have so

Graham Hood: Exactly. [00:10:00]

Mike Rude: You know, other than, you know, I. Although with maybe more knowledge, but I mean, I don't, I don't regret anything I've done because what we've done is made us who we are today.

Graham Hood: Yeah.

Mike Rude: So, you know, um, I don't regret my service or doing anything, but I'll tell you right now, there's not a, there's, there's no damn chance on this earth that I would fight for my country. Again, none. Right? Not, not for the current country that I live in. Right. So

Graham Hood: unbelievable. Yeah.

Mike Rude: What does that say?

Mike Rude: Right.

Graham Hood: So it must, what, what are recruiting numbers like in Canada at the moment? Because the whole world's on a, seems to be on a war footing. Um, I know in Australia we're, we're struggling to get people to join our military.

Mike Rude: Yeah. Um, that's been the same boat for Canada, but yet they got some just in the news today or yesterday, saying [00:11:00] that they've.

Mike Rude: Had the best recruiting numbers they've had, they've enrolled in the last year, they enrolled 7,000 into our military. But, uh, you know, I don't know what, what, what, what our military even stands at, because I'm pretty sure every unit is like half, half, you know, half the size that it should be. They've given away all our weapons and sent them all to the Ukraine.

Mike Rude: Right. You know, they're saying that there's, they don't have this anymore. They don't have that anymore. We don't have air defense stuff like that, that it all went to the Ukraine. Right. So I don't know how they can, you know, so they just said 7,000, but like you said, who wants to join? Who wants to, who wants to serve this crazy country?

Mike Rude: Right. And then watching Ireland send troops [00:12:00] in to dismantle their, uh, their, uh, fuel protest, right?

John Larter: Mm-hmm.

Mike Rude: Yeah,

John Larter: Mike, um, I mean, it's interesting that the, the Quin iron or quinine, whatever you want to call it, I mean, that's, that's a, uh, a, uh, substance that's quite often found in, uh, you know, soft drinks, even like, uh, tonic water.

Mike Rude: Yeah. Yeah. No, that's, and that's the thing.

John Larter: I mean, so this is a bit like the fluoride debate, isn't it? You know, it's, uh, when does this stuff become the responsibility of, of the employer, uh, to, to essentially order that? That you have it, whether, whether you're a police officer or a, uh, you know, a serving defense person or, or even a, a doctor paramedic, a pilot doesn't matter.

John Larter: I mean, when, what gives these people the, the rights to, to, to basically, uh, take a, uh, a subset of issues that may, may [00:13:00] cause a problem and then, uh, combat it with something that's gonna cause bigger problems.

Mike Rude: Yeah. Not sure what the, uh, what the idea was, you know, just to say on the drug he thinks, or we think that the, the drug was designed to, you know, make the better soldier, right?

Mike Rude: You, uh, hypersensitivity, uh, uh, uh, you know, not able to sleep at night, right? Uh, insomnia. Everything like that. Um, paranoia, things like

that. So apparently, like even the first Battle of Guac Canal was a shit show with the Marines on Arine and, uh, you know, people firing off probably blue on blue, things like that, right?

Graham Hood: Mm-hmm.

Mike Rude: And, uh, you know, that's the, uh. That was [00:14:00] the drug and then they just kept putting it in the next drug. Right. So, and like you pointed out, tonic water has quinine in it. And so what they used to, so the British, when they would, uh, go to India and stuff like that, they were drinking tonic water, gin and tonic, right?

Graham Hood: Yeah.

Mike Rude: So the tonic water had the quinine in it, thinking partly their, uh. Antimalarial, right. So by drinking gin and tonic, you know, was it, uh, staving off some of the malaria perhaps, but, but I think even if you look, uh, I don't know too much about how the drug works. I haven't studied that much, but they say that it doesn't even work the place it's supposed to work on, uh, for malaria.

Mike Rude: Right. So then how is it for that? Then maybe that whole drug, because [00:15:00] from the time you were little, you were taught thou shalt not kill, thou shalt not steal. Right? You were given all your rules to follow and you know, so to kill another person is, is what we were against. You know, what we were raised against and now the military wants you to go out and kill, so let's give 'em a little extra.

Mike Rude: Nudge and give 'em a, a drug that helps with that.

Graham Hood: Do you feel like a lab rat, uh, you know, in that the government has used you as an experiment and, and your colleagues as well?

Mike Rude: Yeah, very much. Um, say so in, in 2019 when, um, when they launched the lawsuit. They also, uh, CTV News W five did a special on, on us on Quinn.

Mike Rude: So they had, uh, I was in it, a guy named Richard Schumann. [00:16:00] And then, uh, general Romeo Delaer, uh, the most kind of famous Canadian for PTSD type deal. So he, he was against Quinn as well. He's on the lawsuit and, uh. But on that episode, it's called Guinea Pig Soldiers. Right. So that's, uh, the name of that one.

Mike Rude: And that's what it was, right? We were Guinea pigs with the drug, I think, I think Somalia in, in 92 when we, we deployed there in December of 92. The year before that, we were supposed to go to the Western Sahara and Guard a berm or something, and that was canceled like just after we. Finished going on our like demarcation leave.

Mike Rude: So we were supposed to come back to work and then go overseas. We came back, they canceled it, and then, you know, three months later, Somalia was [00:17:00] on the, on the target. And that's where we ended up going. And you know, we went there as part of a humanitarian mission, right? So they sent all the special forces of the world.

Mike Rude: Somalia, right? You had, uh, you had Italian, full gory, the Italian paratroopers, you had German Fal Jager. That was the first time they went outside of Germany since World War ii.

Graham Hood: Yeah.

Mike Rude: Um, you had Belgian paratroopers, you had, um, well you had 10th Mountain Division. You had, uh, special American Special Forces were actually.

Mike Rude: Team of them were, were with two Commando in, uh, in Bella, Duane. So I wasn't actually attached to two Commando then I was working as a, uh, in a direct fire support platoon, uh, in the [00:18:00] machine gun platoon for the, for the regiment type deal. But so they sent all these special forces for a humanitarian mission.

Mike Rude: Right. And if you, if you watch, so all that, all the stuff that happened in Somalia then led up to them having their Blackhawk down and their mogadishu mile where they fought for whatever it was, 13, 17, 20 hours, um, in the city of Mogadishu. And if you watch, there's a, a Netflix three part special on it.

Mike Rude: Mm-hmm. If you watch it, they're talking about, you know, even the smallies are like, I thought they were here to help us, but they're killing us. Right?

John Larter: Yeah.

Mike Rude: All of these things. And I think, uh, that in itself, in Somalia was a huge, uh, was like a, an experiment with, with drugs to see how we would

[00:19:00] react and, and work with, uh, work with others or how, how we would work on the drug.

Mike Rude: So even for instance, there was other countries that cut the heads off of Somalis and put 'em on sticks outside their camp with a sign saying, if you, if you come in, if you break into a camp, this'll be you. Right? There was people, there was Somalis buried to their neck in the sand, in front of their camps to say, don't come here.

Mike Rude: Right. So. There was a lot of, you know, say even, even in all of it there, say one of the countries, they had over 300 kills and were there on a humanitarian mission. Why, why are you tracking that? Right. Um, when our, when Canadians got their first kill, right? [00:20:00] Our CO when they went into the, the, you know, the, uh.

Mike Rude: The coalition headquarters, he received a standing ovation. Right. So, and they, and they had a board that kept a kill count of how many each country had killed. So

Graham Hood: that's really timely mentioning, it's timely. You're mentioning that because, um, I, I've got some sources. Fairly tied in, in, in the system that are telling me that the Australian SAS in Afghanistan were given a mission to, um, to increase the kill count, uh, in Afghanistan.

Graham Hood: And the Australian SAS had a very high kill count, much higher than the US did at the time. And that, that, when, that, when that, uh, order was given, apparently I'm hearing and I would like someone to come on and tell me, uh, that I'm [00:21:00] wrong. I'm hearing that John Howard, our prime Minister at the time and defense minister Brendan Nelson, uh, did a deal with the Americans that our special forces would have an increased kill count to justify their mission.

Graham Hood: I'm, I'm not too sure why they, why they would do that, but anyhow, uh, as a result of that, now we have this situation with Ben Robert Smith. And, um, oh yeah. And, and that whole thing. Now, what it, what it, what I'm, what I'm hearing is this, that the International Court of Justice in the Hague, were going to call on the Australian government to come and face charges of war crimes.

Graham Hood: As a result of what happened in Afghanistan, and because that would've meant that certain high ranking politicians would've had to take the witness box, the way to circumvent that was to conduct a war, a war crimes

investigation here within Australia. And if they did that, then the, the, uh, the Hague would [00:22:00] drop any, uh, any further pursuance of those charges because the Australian government was dealing with it.

Graham Hood: And I have a strong suspicion, call me cynical. I have a strong suspicion that what's happening with our special forces here in Australia, those guys are all being thrown under the bus. I think that that is to protect our former governor General. I believe it's to protect, uh, Brendan Nelson, the former defense minister, and also former Prime Minister John Howard.

Graham Hood: I think the dirty things that were done in Afghanistan, pal into insignificance to the dirty things that are done within government and the high ranking officers of the defense forces.

Mike Rude: Yeah. Yeah. You know, they, uh, they celebrate your, they're war heroes. When you come, they, they gotta have pictures with you.

Mike Rude: They gotta do all that, but as soon as you're away, then it's like they're not there to help you. And then now they're, they're the ones that issued all the things, and now they're trying to point the, [00:23:00] the fingers at the soldiers that are doing the work for them that are being told. Right. By your government.

Mike Rude: This is, you know, that's a legal order, right? And then they go do it, and then you're gonna turn around and, and call them a war criminal, you're gonna do this kinda shit, right? Like, pardon the language on that one, but

Graham Hood: No,

Mike Rude: that's right. It's in, it's in insanity.

John Larter: I, I mean, does it seem outrageous? Uh, you know, here we're talking about, uh, military, uh, people being given drugs that were known to have side effects, uh, that included, uh, neurological issues, schizophrenia, um, hallucinations, uh, uh, obviously acting outside of your, your, your mind.

John Larter: Um,

Mike Rude: yeah. Yeah.

John Larter: And they've got guns.

Mike Rude: Yeah, but let's say when you're on those drugs, say when you're on meth liquin, [00:24:00] they say you should not operate heavy equipment, machine or machinery while you're on it. But driving across the desert in a an 11 ton vehicle armored vehicle doesn't qualify, right? So at, depending on the speed you're driving, you could kill somebody, right?

Mike Rude: So you, you know, you doing 80, they're probably dead 20. Maybe not right? But every single soldier carries a rifle.

John Larter: Mm.

Mike Rude: If it, you pull that trigger one time, and it can be a hun that the, the bullet, the, uh, the rifle is a hundred percent deadly, right? So, um, and your operating equipment when, uh, people have, are having hallucinations.

Mike Rude: Um, you know. Paranoia. So you get paranoia from the drug. But if you're in a war zone, are you gonna question [00:25:00] your paranoia? You're not right? But if now, if you're sitting on a beach in, uh, in, uh, you know, in The Bahamas and sipping outta my tie, you're not gonna be worried thinking, oh, I gotta, I gotta watch out those people over there.

Mike Rude: I think they want to kill me. Right. So it's easier, easier to separate it, but for a soldier going into a war zone, everybody's trying to kill you. So I'm not being paranoid. I'm just, you

John Larter: know, I think the other thing is too, Mike, uh, you know, what you just highlighted then is, um, is very succinct because, I mean, you know, laying on a beach, uh, drinking a mi thai is completely different to being in the battlefield where you're fatigued.

John Larter: Uh, you know, you might be hungry. Uh, you've been away for, uh, three months and haven't seen your family. Uh, and you start dropping all those things in, uh, to the [00:26:00] mix on top of this drug. Um, yeah, you know, this, this Ben Roberts Smith stuff, uh, you know, should be, should be examined. Uh, at the higher level from what these, what these, uh, what these people have done in, in higher places, sending these people there under these circumstances, that that's what should be reviewed.

John Larter: Not Ben Robert Smith.

Graham Hood: Yeah,

Mike Rude: exactly. And, and the, and the fact that orders were issued to increase the kill count. Mm-hmm. Now, how do you. Can, can you come up with one saying reason why you would need to increase the kill count? Right? Because the person that you're, you're identifying to kill or not kill, right?

Mike Rude: If you're just saying increase the kill count, then you're not really saying, is it, you know, is it within my, uh, rules of engagement, my ROE does my ROE say that I can engage 'em [00:27:00] right? So if they're saying just increase the kill count, you know, what really are they saying then?

Graham Hood: Right. There's another, there's another really standout elephant in the room in all of this, Mike, as we talk.

Graham Hood: Um, the fact is that most modern wars since World War ii, uh, Korea, maybe, um, every other war since then, you guys have been pitted against combatants who are dressed in civilian clothes. You don't, there are no uniforms. You're not fighting against someone with a different colored uniform than you. These are people who look like peasants, who dress like, um, like everyday civilians walking the street.

Graham Hood: They employ children to detonate explosive devices. You, yeah. And, and on top of that, on top of being put in an environment where you don't know who your enemy is, you're also given a drug to heighten your awareness and make you want to kill more. Yeah. And then, and then when, when, when events happen, like we've seen [00:28:00] happen in Afghanistan with Ben Robert Smith to then give him the highest award, the highest military honor in the Commonwealth.

Mike Rude: Yeah.

Graham Hood: Yeah. And then wanna strip it away from him and lock him up for life. I mean, come on. The filth is at the top. Johnny Lauder, the filth is at the top of our government and defense forces. They do dirty backroom deals that our soldiers aren't made aware of. They send them into a battle zone where they dunno who their enemy is.

Graham Hood: They drug them up so they can cope with it, and they give them orders to kill people. And what, what happens? This is exactly what happens. I mean, it's a setup. Yeah. The whole thing is a setup.

John Larter: This is like doping the horse to win the, uh, to win the Melbourne Cup, and then when the horse wins and you're exposed, you kill the horse.

Graham Hood: Yeah, that's, that's exactly, that's exactly it. Now Mike, you, you were on, you were on these drugs. Did, did you, did you have a, um, did you have any, uh, experiences, [00:29:00] any, uh, any neurological experiences as a result of being on the drug? Did you see crazy things happen?

Mike Rude: I didn't, I don't, uh, you know, I questioned the, you know, possible hallucinations because I can, I still do.

Mike Rude: Can it happen after you've been off the drug or is it just when you're on the drug? You know, but, um, you know, I like to see the doctor again to ask about that because, you know, a few questions on that. But, um, you know, I, I just don't, uh. They put us on the day, put us on the drug. Tell us we have to take it.

Mike Rude: When I took it in small you that you'd have to show it on your hand. Right? See it? Yep. Take it. Yep. You got it. Okay. Right. They forced you to take it whether you had a side effect or not. Like some, some people I know one guy was sent home, wasn't even there a week [00:30:00] and got sent home from Somalia 'cause it messed him up the drug.

Mike Rude: Right. Um, you look in 2003 in the u in the US in, uh, Fort Benning, Georgia, or, or no, sorry. It was Fort Bragg. I believe they had four, four wives were murdered in a six week period on the base. Um. One. You know, one guy was a Navy Seal, one was Delta force. It was all the special forces at the time, and one of the guys was even, uh, in Iraq and said, listen, I have to go home and save my marriage.

Mike Rude: You have to send me back so I can save the marriage. He went home, killed his wife and killed himself right out, out of that, out of that six week period that they had the four wives murdered. Then the base was like, what the hell just happened? They launched a bit of an investigation and everybody kept [00:31:00] saying, uh, check into meth, Laquinn, check into meth.

Mike Rude: Laquinn of the, of the four of 'em. I know I'm pos, I know for sure that three of 'em took it from reading and I think in the end, all four of 'em ended up taking their lives. Right. But that's what stopped the US Special Forces from taking the drug. Again, so they stopped it in probably about 2005, but their regular troops were still taking it, taking it.

Mike Rude: And in 2012, now I'm probably gonna mess the name up again, but a, um, it was a staff Sergeant Bales, I think killed 16 Afghan civilians. He

walked outta the camp with his helmet on. T-shirts, shorts, and a pistol, and went into town and killed 19 civilians and then came back and was bombing up and wanted to go back out and kill some more, and was telling everybody to [00:32:00] join him or telling another guy to join him.

Mike Rude: And then he got arrested and it was a big, it was a big show trial, right? They flew Afghans in probably the same, uh, in your, uh, case with Ben Roberts. Uh, flying like these Afghan civilians to the us taking them to Disneyland, doing all this stuff and having them do a trial on this Staff Sergeant Bales or, uh, screwing up the rank.

Mike Rude: But anyways, he, uh, right, that's what it was a big show and everything, and in the end it was probably due to the drug. Due to all that. Right. Of which they knew what the side effects were, probably. Right.

Graham Hood: Well, something was wrong for him to go out with shorts and a t-shirt and a helmet.

Mike Rude: Yeah. Yeah. So he had a complete break.

Mike Rude: And that [00:33:00] saying the, the murders of the wives, one of the guys after he killed his wife was incoherent, was and was going door to door. Whether he is looking for help or whatever, but nobody understood what he was going on about 'cause he was in a state of psychosis or something, which is caused by the drug.

Mike Rude: So,

Graham Hood: man, amen. It's really telling me that we're doing this interview with you now, given what's going on with Ben Robert Smith.

Mike Rude: Yeah. And, and it's, and it's a, it, it's a travesty what they're doing. To have given him the, the highest award right in the country for his, for his bravery, for his valor, and then turn around and call him a war criminal and then try to send him to jail for life.

Mike Rude: Right? Like, you know what, what is wrong? And then they, then they expect that [00:34:00] another guy's gonna come off the street, join the military, and give the same heart that Ben Roberts gave.

Graham Hood: Mm-hmm. Yeah.

Mike Rude: Right. They'll, they'll never get it again.

Graham Hood: It's not only Ben Roberts, uh, Mike, it's the other men in his unit, some of whom are, are now been in a, put in a position to testify against him.

Graham Hood: I mean, you know, those, those guys are in a, in a terrible position as well. It just seems like, and we, we've seen it with the whole COVID, uh, mandate system that came out with the vaccines, the mandatory vaccination process that went on, people losing their jobs. Um, and, and the side effects unknown. All these kinds of things happening, and everybody is, people at the top are protecting their ass.

Graham Hood: It's all an as covering exercise. It's no different. It's the same except it's a civilian population, not a military population. The, the same ethos permeates through the entire culture of the world that we live in now. And that's, that's why, that's why there are [00:35:00] so many people rising up all over the world.

Graham Hood: People are standing up and saying, enough's enough. If I want, if I want to, if I am happy to take the risk to die of COVID Ovid 19 or some other crazy invention of medical science, uh, I want to take that risk and I'm not prepared to take the risk of taking a vaccine that has unknown side effects, then

Mike Rude: yeah,

Graham Hood: that's my right to do that.

Graham Hood: We have, we have, we have, uh, the abortion laws going through the roof where, where full term abortions are now possible. We've got assisted dying and Canada is one of the. One of the Yeah, yeah. One of the biggest leaders, I mean

John Larter: Yeah.

Graham Hood: We're, we're, you can, you can go, you've got the Canadian government offering people who have terminally ill or disabled members of their family offering them free assisted dying.

Mike Rude: Yeah.

Graham Hood: You've got the abortion laws the way they are and all of this, and we, we then, then we've also got this madness around. [00:36:00] Forcing people to take drugs. When are people gonna stand up and say, we're not gonna play this game anymore? Yeah. And why is it Canada? Why is it Australia? Why is it New Zealand?

Graham Hood: Why is it these three Commonwealth countries, Canada, New Zealand, Australia. Mike would've been the three countries, anyone of those three, anyone in the world would choose to go to if the shit hit the fan.

Mike Rude: Yeah. Three of the five eyes,

Graham Hood: right? Three of the five eyes.

Mike Rude: How does that make sense?

Graham Hood: Mm-hmm. Well, in this world, it actually does make sense.

Graham Hood: Now we're starting to see it.

John Larter: I think the other thing that we probably need to review now in the whole bigger space of this is, uh, we know that, uh, suicides amongst, uh, defense force members are, are, are higher, uh, o on average, uh, than, uh, than other areas. Now obviously you can associate, uh, some of that with the work, uh, that is done, uh, but.[00:37:00]

John Larter: We must now look surely at, at the, uh, the interference of these drugs on, on, on the mental state of, uh, these men and women that are taking their own lives.

Mike Rude: Yeah. Yeah. So say for Mefflin, they say somewhat, it takes away your inhibitions, right? So that, that can be to do crime or do other stuff too. Say, screw it, who cares?

Mike Rude: But it's also to say every, every time, say for myself. When I'm experiencing a bit of a challenge or I'm having a hard time, I just think, screw it. I should just take my life. Right. Why? Why? Why am I, why bother, man. Right. It's just, it, it's, it becomes like a go-to, well, you know, I didn't get paid today.

Mike Rude: Maybe I'll take my life. Yeah. But maybe I'm getting paid tomorrow. Right. But it, it, it's, uh, it's a quick, uh. It's a quick answer, right.

The suicidal ideation. So [00:38:00] like I, I tell my psychologist, basically that thought is in my head every day, right? Every day. Sometime in the day I might say, you know what, I wish I wasn't here anymore.

Mike Rude: I don't wanna be here anymore. Right? And it's, it's not to say, you know, I don't know that. It's always right and it's not, and that's not a case for PTSD. Right. Things like that. It's, it's more, it's related to the drug. Right. In, in my complete opinion. Right.

Graham Hood: And it's a, it's a valid, it's a valid, valid opinion.

Graham Hood: Mike, given uh, your experiences and your service, I mean. To be, um, to be Canadian airborne is something to be really proud of. It used to be, uh, yeah. And I know, I know, I'm sure despite everything that's going on with the comradery and the guys that you, you, you fought with being a veteran of the [00:39:00] Canadian Airborne is something that you're still proud of.

Graham Hood: I mean, you guys go back the history of the Canadian Airborne back in World War II, around D-Day, and that you guys really copped it over there. Um,

Mike Rude: yeah. And that, yeah.

Graham Hood: So you, you know, you must still be very proud of your service and as you should, but man, oh man, we need to, we really need to question those people who get guys like you to put it all on the line for, for causes that are, that are absolutely crazy.

Graham Hood: I mean, all those guys who died, Johnny a Gallipoli, the Anzacs who died, Gallipoli and Canadians were there too, and the Brits, all those men and women who died in those battles. Most of them went there because they thought they were fighting for their freedom. They had no idea that they were fighting for some globalist cause.

John Larter: Mm-hmm.

Graham Hood: Mm-hmm. Had they known, they wouldn't have gone, they wouldn't have gone through it. They'd have just told 'em all to go and plant their shit. Excuse my French.

Mike Rude: Yep.

John Larter: What did they take with them other than an Anzac biscuit? Maybe a couple of [00:40:00] bandages and, uh, and, and, and maybe some, uh, you know, other bits and pieces.

John Larter: I mean, you, you look at what goes on today, uh, for a dispatch to a, to a humanitarian role, as Mike's just said. You know, you, you're being dosed to the eyeballs on, on God knows what. Uh, yeah. I mean, half these people are lining up, wouldn't even know what they're getting, let alone being informed about what it is.

John Larter: I mean, are you given vitamin C or vitamin D as a matter of interest? Uh, Mike.

Mike Rude: Yeah. I mean, they wouldn't, uh, do that even, but I mean,

John Larter: yeah, of course they wouldn't do that. You know, and then we, you, you, you've told us about, uh, humanitarian missions where, where they're putting heads on, on, uh, on sticks outside camps. I mean, I mean, it's just. It's just outrageous. What's, what's gone on.

John Larter: Uh, and then, uh, you know, it's like the oxygen gets taken outta the air. [00:41:00] So all this other stuff, uh, just, uh, goes away in the background. I mean, this is what's gone on with COVID. There just seems to be distraction after distraction, um, some nonsense event that just takes the media's interest for a week.

John Larter: Uh, as soon as you feel as though you're getting a bit of traction on things and things are starting to improve. Plow and you think, yep, the damn wall's about to break on this. Bang, something happens. Uh, and, and then the medias just gravitates to that. Um, and this Ben Roberts Smith thing is another example of that.

John Larter: Uh, they are just, uh, and, and the, and rightly I think we're seeing it now in, uh, in, in, in the political, uh, um, the, the political people in Australia that that really. Haven't given a damn about politics up till now, but I, I, I think people are waking up in Australia as to what these grubs in government are up to.

John Larter: Uh, and hence why, uh, you know, we're seeing the rise of, uh, people [00:42:00] like, uh, Pauline Hansen and the One Nation party, um, in, in Australia, because they, they want politicians, they're gonna back in. People like Ben, Robert Smith.

Mike Rude: Yeah.

Graham Hood: The world's changing rapidly, Mike, um, in that, in that ever changing world, what are your plans for the future?

Graham Hood: Where are you taking, um, the root awakening? What, what do you want to achieve?

Mike Rude: Uh, I just, you know, we still have a court, uh, court case, I believe, still going on, right? For the Quinn that was started in 2019. So that's, or it's in the dying stages because we're slowly changing our country to another country.

Mike Rude: Right. But, um, you know, just so alls I do, right, because partly because I just wanna pay it forward. I want to, uh, be a [00:43:00] positive, um, do positive things. Help people do, do what's right, do good things, and a way to see what, what they're doing right. Um, because no matter what's going on, whether it's a COVID mandate or a whatever, they're veterans are gonna be out there suffering no matter what.

Mike Rude: So they're gonna need help no matter what. So, uh, go out and do that until, until I feel called again and, and. You know, so I, I, my most recent one was out to the Universal Ostrich farm where they called 300 Healthy Birds, right? Mm-hmm. And that was, uh, complete nonsense going on there as well, right? So I spent, uh, two months there going up and down a mountain taking pictures of the birds and, um, to say, Hey, the numbers are going down, right?

Mike Rude: [00:44:00] So. Um, you know, currently I was trying to get ready to go and support a, uh, a motorcycle ride for Vietnam veterans called the Run for the Wall, which leaves, uh, Los Ontario, California, or LA on the 13th of May, and then arrives in Washington DC on the 24th for the, uh, Memorial Day weekend for their big, uh, Memorial Day.

Mike Rude: Then, you know, they'll have a parade. So my truck will go down and support, pull up, pull any broken down bikes, my friend drives for me, and then I ride my motorcycle with Sidecar and I have my service dog with me. And I'll have another dog with me for the moment if I can, you know, get my act together to be able to get down there.

Mike Rude: But. Yeah, so that's somewhat of my plan, but it's to continue to drive back and forth. I drive [00:45:00] from, um, Newfoundland to Vancouver Island, say 10,000 kilometers from one one island to the next, and, uh, go to

different veterans events across the country. And, uh, I'll continue to do that until, uh, you know, who knows until, uh, you know,

Graham Hood: until your government steps up to try and, and do, uh, what you are doing for veterans, which is never gonna happen, hell's gonna freeze over before that happens.

Graham Hood: So you're gonna have a very busy time ahead of you.

Mike Rude: Yeah, very.

Graham Hood: Yeah.

Mike Rude: And really appreciate this time with you guys. Thank you very much. Okay.

Graham Hood: Yeah, we, we do too. And we want to keep in touch with you, uh, Mike and, uh. We might, you got anything further you wanna say, John, before we close with the prayer?

John Larter: Yeah, just one last thing, Mike.

John Larter: Uh, I, if, if, uh, if Ben Robert Smith is out [00:46:00] there listening, um, to this podcast, uh, we've got our Anzac Day, uh, coming up on, uh, on Saturday, uh, which is, uh, uh, a very solemn day in, in Australia, remembering the, uh, the veterans, uh, what would, what would your message be to Ben Robert Smith? Uh, to the veterans and to the wider community of Australia about, uh, about what's gone on.

John Larter: Uh, you've served in a similar capacity to Ben, Robert Smith. You know what, what's, what, what would you say as a fellow, uh, uh, um, soldier and, uh, and commonwealth, uh, uh, compatriot?

Mike Rude: Um, well, being a, a, uh, a brother in arms. To say my life for you airborne. Right? We're, we're with you. We're behind you.

Graham Hood: Yeah.

Mike Rude: You know, um, for all he is gone through for everything he's done, he was a hero before.

Mike Rude: He's still a hero. And, uh, you know what, [00:47:00] the, the governments that we serve are, uh, don't, don't, uh, recognize people for what they really are and, and how they are. They're, they're, it's a travesty what they're doing to him and to any veterans that they're right. They ask you to go die for them, right? And then, and then throw you under the bus.

Mike Rude: Or they say, you know, even to say the government say here in Canada, or, you know, says you can't drink a beer until you're 19 because it's not good for you, but you can go join the, the reserves. Go fight for your country at 17 and die for your country. So, so, right. Where's the, where's the, none of it makes sense, right, but

Graham Hood: makes sense.

Mike Rude: So all my fellow veterans, right. Anything you need, just ask. Right? [00:48:00] Give a call. My phone number's on my page. Right. And uh, and that's the way it is. We have to, we have to. More than, more than anything. Now we, we need to, uh, stand with each other and support each other and help us through what's, what's coming, I think.

Mike Rude: Right.

Graham Hood: You

Mike Rude: stand,

Graham Hood: I stand. You fall. Life fall.

Mike Rude: Yep. Yep. We're one, one team, one family. We need to come together and say enough's enough. Right.

Graham Hood: Well,

Mike Rude: you know, in the, in the western world, this is the, the direction that they're going right with us. And why is it? Why is it, right?

Graham Hood: Mm-hmm.

Mike Rude: So,

Graham Hood: well, let's

Mike Rude: close over if you ever get a chance.

Mike Rude: Yeah.

Graham Hood: Sorry Matt.

Mike Rude: If you ever get a chance, shake his hand for me. Yeah. I'd love to tell him thank for what he's done. Right.

Graham Hood: Let's place that out with a prayer. [00:49:00] Yeah. Dear Lord, father in heaven, we thank you for the opportunity to talk across oceans to a brave man who's still in the fight. Lord, it's a different kind of fight.

Graham Hood: Now, he doesn't go on with a 50 cal or a 30 cal. He goes on with a heart to serve others. Those who've been through the fight with him and those who continue to fight for justice in their own way because they served, they served and they were decimated, not by their enemy. By their government. We pray Lord for uh, Ben Robert Smith.

Graham Hood: We pray for the other soldiers in his unit and in our militaries on both sides of the Pacific, that they understand. We understand that what they're going through at the moment is not right. It's not fair. It's not fair on those, no matter what side of the argument they find themselves on, that they're in this argument at all, at all is completely unfair.

Graham Hood: So, Lord, we just pray for our nations. We pray for its people who serve and we pray that you'll guide and lead us with wisdom, courage, and compassion through the fog of war that lays ahead of us [00:50:00] with everything that's going on. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Graham Hood: Johnny Laie, you've often been hurt to say,

John Larter: you just couldn't make this stuff up.

Graham Hood: You couldn't make this stuff up. Mike, you're the real deal. Is your mom still alive?

Mike Rude: Um, my, my aunt. So I was adopted at, uh, 10 months old. Yeah. So those, those parents have passed, but I found my birth parents and I, they're still alive, so I, uh, I see them here and there.

Graham Hood: Oh, great stuff.

Mike Rude: And quick share buddy Charlie, he, he's, he's down in Australia, is with you. He served, he's a veteran. Um, I never ever get a chance much to talk to him, but, uh. Big shout out to Charlie, man. So love you brother.

Graham Hood: Yeah, that means we love you too Charlie. Good on you. Yeah, Mike, we're gonna stay in touch with you buddy because what you're doing is valuable and, [00:51:00] and we need a dose of what you are doing in Canada, out here in Australia.

Graham Hood: So thank you so much for your time, buddy.

Mike Rude: Yeah. And you need anything, just call.

Graham Hood: God bless you Sarge. You're a man of uh, alright. God bless you. Okay everyone, thanks for joining us. Don't forget Australia, what you did yesterday got you to today. Stay calm, stay compassionate, stay alert and educate yourselves.

Graham Hood: God bless you, and we'll see you next time on Club Gruy. Bye for now.

Thank.