



“VET’S VISITS ON TV” INC.

"ON-LINE" QUARTERLY NEWS

TO VETERAN’S ORGANIZATIONS AND C.V.S.O.’S IN 20 STATES

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Our 12th Year of Service!!

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Editorial:

Serving Vets in 20 States...Can "Vets Visits" afford it?

Veterans in ALL 50 states served their country. My personal feelings? As long as this non-profit receives the funding from its supporters, WHY NOT send this information/education series so ALL vets can benefit.

The "Vet’s Visits" Board and I are pleased program directors of cable PEG (Public-Education-Government) access channels are anxious to schedule this series. I DO note that some LOCAL policies prohibit NON-locally produced shows (like "Vet’s Visits") from being played.

Several of our "play cities" have switched from cable company operated to city operated and could not, for technical reasons, play it for several months. When I later sent an audition DVD to the new programmer it was welcomed. "Thank you for your show. We look forward to playing it." City policy then required a local "signer" and filing a "compliance form" BUT the show was back.

We do want to continue to SHARE and to expand the series in SERVICE TO VETERANS, AND THEIR FAMILIES AND ORGANIZATIONS. Directors on BOTH coasts have checked our website and request the series. WHY??? Because FEW, if ANY veteran volunteers are committed to long-term production for vets in THEIR state or city.

Occasionally CVSO Reports do apply or refer to Minnesota only but MOST are valuable to ALL VETS. Many feature remote interviews I do at National, State and Local posts/chapter programs that DO justice to our organizations and serve veterans.

As CEO of "Vet’s Visits" for almost 13 years, I constantly work at keeping expenses DOWN for this non-profit Corporation. The Annual Profit and Loss will soon be filed by our Financial Secretary with the Attorney General’s Office of MN. I am held accountable for ALL funds spent and received.

Yes, in '08-'09 we had a couple "lean" months; but only because I had NOT made the required donation requests. I AM GRATEFUL to ALL the veteran's organizations who take our ENCLOSED 501c3 to their Boards knowing gifts WILL be used appropriately. YES, we can afford to keep sharing – and need to.



JANUARY FEATURES (Prog. #154)

- ✦ Patriotic Open
- ✦ Dates in History
- ✦ County Veteran Service Officer Report
- ✦ A Governor honors an out-going VFW Dept Commander, and interviews
- ✦ A Local Vet’s Fundraiser for state-wide “TEE IT UP FOR THE TROOPS” is shared

FEBRUARY FEATURES (Prog. #155)

- ✦ Patriotic Open
- ✦ Dates in History
- ✦ County Veteran Service Officer Report
- ✦ Theme: Caring for Vets - VA System of Hospital/Homes with Dedication interviews at an Out-Patient Clinic
- ✦ Learn how a Vietnam Veteran sees the need/needs mental health, became a counselor, Part I

MARCH FEATURES (Prog. #156)

THE SEARCH IS ON! I am looking for someone to mentor for my REPLACEMENT as CEO and/or Producer. Do you have suggestions? Call 507-282-5704. ❖

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IF WE DON’T DO IT.....WHO WILL??

Veteran Service/Post Chapter State OFFICERS

DO YOU BELIEVE "Vet's Visits" has information YOUR members and OTHER vets you serve should know about?

DOES "Vet's Visits" share positive concerns, means of caring, helping your organization grow and START new programs to reach out?

Are there Patriotic opening features and others that inspire the spirit of comradeship...and purpose for belonging?

FOR THESE REASONS...AND MORE please DON'T assume your members watch "Vet's Visits" each month. We really DEPEND on you to INFORM others of THEIR program.

Please DO USE THESE means to INFORM:

1. *Make copies* of this "On-Line" to give at meetings, take home.
2. *Make copies* for your information table/bulletin board.
3. *Ask members* to USE the above feature schedule to share verbally with the SCHEDULE/Channel on the Network page.
4. *PRINT THE INCLUDED REMINDER TO WATCH* in YOUR Newsletter.

TRI-ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

Was held Tuesday, January 26, 2010 in Rochester, MN and designated by the October Board of Directors as the first required meeting for 2010.

"Vet's Visits on TV" Board Members:

Jerry Barnhart - CEO/Founder/Network/Program/Producer
Rich Daly - Funding/Fundraising
Guy Hamernik - Studio Engineer/YouTube Liaison
Roy Kruger - Distribution/Promotion
Shannon Larsen - Treasurer/Secretary/"On-Line" Editor
Brad Lindsay/Neil Doyle - County Veteran Service Officers
Jerry Perry - Legal Council
Dale Skauge - Webmaster

WHAT'S NEW???

"UPLOAD & DOWNLOAD"

A NEW TECHNOLOGY will eventually allow some of our "play cities" to download EACH month's "Vet's Visits on TV" from a special electronic system. Last summer I received an email from one of our New Jersey "play cities." Then in December a Wisconsin programmer said they had the capability. He added, "You could eliminate a couple thousand dollars spent in postage...each year." TRUE!!

THIS WILL BE A LABOR SAVER ALSO!
Roy Kruger, a Board Member, prints over 75 labels each month. He joins me

at my home to pack the VHS and DVDs I copied from the master tape...THEY are then hauled to the Post Office for \$120 or more in postage. So a general DOWNLOAD of the show will be a great relief!

HOWEVER...our fantastic engineer, Guy Hamernik, at Rochester Community Technical College tells me he does not yet have the capabilities to UPLOAD (put the show) into the system.

WHEN THIS DOES HAPPEN:

1. The "On-Line" will report it.
2. Many other potential "play cities" will **DISCOVER** "Vet's Visits."

3. The new "play cities" will **SCHEDULE IT FOR THEIR CABLE VIEWERS AND DOWNLOAD** the new show each month.

SO, THIS IS THE NEXT STEP in expanding this 'one-of-a-kind' veterans information series...The last move was two years ago when Guy began to 'stream' or upload, the show to YouTube. Our webmaster, and Board member, Dale Skauge, downloads EACH available show to our "PAST PLAYS" page where ALL who don't have cable CAN VIEW on "www.vetsvisitsontv.org." ❖

OUR THANKS

TO THESE ORGANIZATIONS & BUSINESSES

for donations received: (NONE for Oct - Nov - Dec)

NONE from any VETERANS organizations. Our continued appreciation to BEST BUY for the monthly donation of DVDs for copies to over 165 "play cities" in our Network.

WOULD YOUR ORGANIZATION consider a one-time OR on-going gift to "Vet's Visits on TV"? In Minnesota, the State Gaming Control Board does rate our Corporation at "A-1" of some 21 eligible types of opportunities to receive gaming proceeds.

In other states PLEASE FIRST CONSULT your Gaming Board to learn if proceeds can be given OUTSIDE your state. IF NOT, a gift from the GENERAL OPERATING FUND can always be shared with "Vet's Visits."

ALWAYS refer to our IRS National eligibility as a 501c3 (information-education) status.

DOES YOUR vet's group first require our REQUEST of a donation to your Screening Committee? As CEO, I will gladly mail to the named person/address our request and (if you specify the amount), I will so request. (See Page 1 headings for phone/mail.)

**THANK YOU FOR SHARING THE ABOVE IN
SUPPORT OF "Vet's Visits on TV"**

REMINDER TO WATCH "VETS VISITS ON TV"

**Ch ____ (copy from poster)
See www.vetsvisitsontv.org**

*When your CEO has ANY questions regarding the above,
PLEASE do contact me at the letter heading, page 1.*

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MAIL RECEIVER:

Please share with

1. Commanders & ALL Auxiliary Leaders
2. Newsletter Editor
3. Service Officer Staff
4. Bulletin Board (Poster)
5. Executive Board – Screening Committee

1st Quarter “On-Line” Contents:

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- Pg5 Our IRS 501(c)(3) Letter – Please FILE!

FEEL FREE TO MAKE ANY NUMBER OF COPIES

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