



"VET'S VISITS ON TV" INC.

"ON-LINE" QUARTERLY NEWS

TO VETERAN'S ORGANIZATIONS AND C.V.S.O.'S IN 22 STATES

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Established April 1997

April began our 13th Year of Service!!

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EDITORIAL: Who would have THUNK it! By Jerry Barnhart, CEO

Twelve YEARS of monthly half-hour shows, 156 programs produced/mailed, over 300 remote features taped about active, reserve, veteran military, our families and organizations. WOW!!

THIS REALLY DID HAPPEN!!

March 1997: I shared a program format with Rochester's CHARTER Cable director who responded, "Let's try an audition."

March: Tim Burton, CVSO, agreed to be co-host and share a 5-minute report. Several Legion vets and auxiliary ladies agreed to be interviewed about programs. We taped an all-studio show, added open and close and made 1st copies for Austin/Albert Lea and Winona, MN (all CHARTER) with Rochester; a total of 12 communities served.

April: Tim and I each loaned \$150 for a VHS camcorder so I could tape features for which I wrote an introduction. These followed the standard "Patriotic Open" and "Dates in History."

May: began adding more MN "play cities" (now at 290 in MN)

May 8: we wrote the MN Secretary of State to file for Incorporation as a non-profit. We received a Certificate with Charter under 117A, #IQ-630 and listed our first Board of Directors. In Nov 7, 1997 the Incorporation was complete.

Nov 24: Filed with IRS for Advance Ruling. Hold Incorporation.

June '98: "classified as a public charity; currently we are still under sections 501.c3 (Information/Education).

July: wrote the first "ON-LINE" (then monthly) newsletter. Karen at CVSO office did final typing (until '2008) and oversaw printing, addressing, and mailing to ALL posts and CVSOs. We also began attending MN District and Department conventions to tape the state and national Legion officers. In '98, we added the VFW and '08 DAV Officers and national programs of ALL were featured.

August: The first donations were received from Winona Am. Legion Post 90, Owatonna AL Post 77; Byron AL Post 119 and Hastings AL Post 37.

November 24, 1998: We began adding Iowa and Wisconsin "play cities." ALL used VHS cassettes except Des Moines, IA which used LARGE ¾ inch wide. We continued to do remote features, and timing shows at the Barnhart home; Charter studio taped and edited; then I made up to 50 copies to package and mail.

2001: Charter closed their studio and University Media Center began studio taping/editing, with Jerry still doing HOME copies.

APRIL FEATURES (Prog. #157)

- ✪ Patriotic Open; Dates in History
- ✪ County Veteran Service Officer Report
- ✪ Interviews with Legion National Commander & State Commander
- ✪ CVS Officers Share What They Do

MAY FEATURES (Prog. #158) (Armed Forces/Memorial Day)

- ✪ Patriotic Open; Dates in History
- ✪ Regional VA Office serves ALL States. A Manager is interviewed; also a Commissioner for a State VA
- ✪ County Veteran Service Officer Report
- ✪ Remembering Memorial Day: a Quiet Visit to Arlington National Cemetery including Coliseum facing and Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns; Inside the Coliseum: a solo, "God Bless America"; The Women's Memorial and Korean War Memorial
- ✪ NEW Cannon Camcorder is introduced thanks to donators (pg 2)
- ✪ We honor & encourage our Native Americans to catch this Feature: "American Veterans" VA Upgrading service to these Comrades

JUNE FEATURES (Prog. #159)

- ✪ Patriotic Open; Dates in History
- ✪ Flag Day is honored by Elks Lodge #1071, Rochester, MN Patriotic Music & Flag History at Soldier's Field Memorial
- ✪ "Beyond the Yellow Ribbon" Event & Interviews

2002: Endorsements came from MN VA Commissioner; plus MN American Legion, Grand du MN 40 & 8; Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans and American Veterans. We hope others ask for our Endorsement form.

2004: Board now meeting 3 times annually.

2008: Board secretary, Shannon, begins "ON-LINE" final copy to print/collate at CVSO.

"Vets Visits" HISTORY continued in the JULY "ON-LINE"....

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IF WE DON'T DO IT.....WHO WILL??

DO YOU KNOW PERSONS WHO HAVE ENJOYED "Vets Visits on TV"?

As we continue our 13th YEAR, we'd love to hear from YOU with ANY comments you could share. If your vets/families care to sign on also...GREAT!!

Mail to "Vets Visits on TV"
3706 15th Ave NW, Rochester, MN 55901

QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR 501.c.3 STATUS??

Please do write or phone me (reverse charge) at the letter heading number on page one. I'll be most willing to clear up ANY concerns.

In EACH quarterly issue (reverse of the address page) is our IRS ORIGINAL copy of approval of "Vets Visits" under the 501.c.3 (information/education purpose for operation). This allows us to receive YOUR lawful purpose expenditures.

IF YOUR ORGANIZATION IS NON-MINNESOTA, your state may NOT allow gaming funds to be sent to us. (Your Gambling Control Board will confirm this.) STILL, GENERAL FUNDS MAY ALWAYS BE USED AT YOUR DISCRETION.

I, Jerry Barnhart, am a member of the Screening Committee of one of the four veteran's groups to which I belong. I KNOW the WIDE variety of education and charitable groups "begging" EACH month from ALL over MN.

We often agree to a gift based on HOW the charity SERVES VETERANS and their families. So, if you BELIEVE that "Vets Visits" DOES what we say we do and with no waste (OR big salaries) then please consider a gift. Our bank balance is SELDOM hits \$8000. ANY contribution is highly cherished. ❖

When your CEO has ANY questions PLEASE contact me!

HOW DO YOU REMIND YOUR VETS ABOUT "Vets Visits"?

1. For your NEWSLETTER: "Vets Visits on TV" is on Cable ___ (copy from the enclosed Poster). See a wide variety of informative features and interviews including a Patriotic Open, Dates in History and CVS Officer Report.

"CHECK our WEBSITE with many 'pages' of info including the current "ON-LINE", complete 22-state Network with LOCAL listings and many months of our half-hour "PAST SHOWS" from which to click YOUR selection. And of course the CURRENT "Vets Visits" is there 24/7 (and on YouTube.com but with commercials)."



2. You can always COPY any number of this "ON-LINE" to share at your monthly meetings.

3. DON'T forget your auxiliaries PLEASE! Share at least ONE "ON-LINE" for them to copy for meetings.

4. Under "Good of the Order" introduce "Vets Visits." (At the four Vet's groups I attend, I share a brief

review of the month's features and channel and schedule.)

5. Many smaller newspapers take "Announcements." (My city is 3rd largest in MN and each Monday prints the monthly features I submit.)

REMEMBER IT'S FOR ALL VETS SO LET'S GET THE WORD OUT!

OUR THANKS TO THESE ORGANIZATIONS

for donations received:

- 11/11/09 – American Legion Post 12, Hibbing, MN (Gen Funds)
 - 2/1 – VFW Post 1226, Bismarck, ND (Gen Funds)
 - 4/10 – VFW Post 1215, Rochester, MN
 - 4/10 – American Legion Post 92, Rochester, MN
 - Jan-Apr - Best Buy Rochester, MN (ongoing gift for DVDs and folders for 165 "play cities"; ~\$100/month)
- The NEW Cannon Camcorder & DVD Copier were purchased with designated funds from:
- 10/28/09 – MN "Tee It Up For the Troops"
 - 4/1 - Rochester, MN based Sloan Foundation
- (Vet's Visits general funds also helped cover this purchase.)

"Vets Visits on TV" held first 2010 Tri-Annual BOARD MEETING on February 1st.

Highlights include:

1. Elections were held and all board members were reinstated. One was removed for non-attendance. (We are looking for a replacement...)
2. The Board approved the purchase (using dedicated funds) of the new user-friendly camcorder which will help "Vet's Visits" continue to make the transition to new future technology.
3. Discussion continues on finding an understudy for Jerry.

Members of the Board designated **Mon, June 21st from 6:30-8:00 pm** at the **American Legion Post 92, Rochester, MN** as the next required meeting. ❖

"Vets Visits" TWENTY-TWO STATE NETWORK

The 22nd State was ADDED to the Network April 7th. I trust you'll agree with MANY public cable access directors that "Vets Visits" is a one-of-a-kind service.

Added in March was Gillette, WY and in April Summersville, WV serving a country-wide system. I look forward to getting addresses of ALL vets organizations so they may receive this "ON-LINE" news.

The complete Network listing is found on our website along with MANY other features which our Webmaster, Dale, and I UPDATE every other month. The "PAST PLAYS" feature, as some know, has not been updated for some time but Dale is now able to ADD many missing and current shows.

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