Veterans’ Stories: Hear Them Now

The Veterans Breakfast Club is a 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to sharing veterans’ stories. There are no membership dues or requirements, and **you don’t have to be a veteran to attend**. Last year, over 1,200 different people attended at least one of our 32 storytelling breakfasts and trips. Our events have been featured in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* and the *Tribune-Review*, as well as on KDKA-TV and WTAE-TV News. If you haven’t attended, give us a try!

The VBC grew tremendously last year after attaining 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charitable non-profit status. We now have a dedicated Board of Directors and a paid part-time executive director (Todd). We were also able to hire a talented and energetic intern for the spring. Katy Bowers is a junior at Duquesne University, and she will be assisting us at some of our breakfasts and behind the scenes.

You'll notice some changes this spring. We work hard to keep the breakfast prices as low as possible, but we finally had to raise the cost of the breakfasts in the South Hills and Penn Hills. To keep our costs low, we moved our South Hills location to Salvatore’s Banquets (see directions on p. 2). As always, if you or a friend would like to attend but can’t afford it, let us know, and your breakfast will be paid for out of our Veterans Breakfast Fund.

If you have questions or would like more information, please call Todd at 412-623-9029. We look forward to another great year of stories!

**Todd**
Todd DePastino

**Dan**
Dan Cavanaugh

**RSVP FOR EACH BREAKFAST**
412-623-9029

Every Breakfast Begins at 8:30 a.m.

**JOIN US**!

Full breakfast is $9-$12
Mark your Calendars

**June 16:** A Celebration of Veterans at Soldiers & Sailors (see back page for more information).

**July 11:** Free veterans breakfast at Mars VFW (331 Mars Valencia Rd. Mars, PA 16046), 8:30-11am. More information will be sent in our June newsletter.

**Feb. 18, March 10, May 19, June 16:** The Heinz History Center invites all VBC members to special flag folding ceremonies on these dates. All vets and one guest admitted free. For more info, call Brady Smith at the History Center at 412-454-6459.

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**We’ve Moved! South Hills NEW Location**

Directions to Salvatore’s Banquets – our new South Hills Location!
For more detailed directions visit SalvatoresBanquets.com

**From the West**
- Follow Parkway West towards downtown Pittsburgh
- Exit at the UNIONTOWN EXIT – 51 SOUTH.
- Stay straight on 51 S (you will go thru 3 traffic lights)
- Follow 51 South for 4 miles
- At the 15th traffic light & the intersection with BROWNSVILLE ROAD, turn RIGHT onto Brownsville Road
- Follow Brownsville Road until the 1st traffic light
- At the first traffic light, turn LEFT – continuing on Brownsville Road
- Take the first RIGHT onto CURRY ROAD
- Follow straight thru 2 stop signs, go past Whitehall Elementary School on right, thru the short tunnel and Salvatore’s will be in the shopping center on your left

**From Within South Hills**
- Take 51 to the intersection with BROWNSVILLE ROAD
- Turn onto Brownsville Road heading towards Baptist Road and Caste Village.
- Follow Brownsville Road until the 1st traffic light
- At the first traffic light, turn LEFT – continuing on Brownsville Road
- Take the first RIGHT onto CURRY ROAD
- Follow straight thru 2 stop signs, go past Whitehall Elementary School on right, thru the short tunnel and Salvatore’s will be in the shopping center on your left

**From Route 19**
- (Heading North)
- Turn right onto Connor Rd [1.2 mi]
- Turn left onto Library Rd [1.3 mi]
- Turn right onto Grove Rd [1.1 mi]
- Slight left onto Baptist Rd
- Take the 3rd right onto Brownsville Rd [0.2 mi]
- Turn right onto Curry Rd
- Destination will be on the left

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FLIGHT 93 MEMORIAL & CHAPEL
Thursday, April 19
9:00am – 4:00pm
$89 price includes motorcoach, continental breakfast, and buffet lunch at the Oakhurst Tea Room in Somerset.
To reserve a seat or for more info, call Chris Crompton at 412-881-4100

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Thank You!
It costs almost $25,000 a year in administrative expenses to run the VBC. To meet these costs, we sent out a request for donations in December. Over 160 people responded by sending over $6,000. We’d like to recognize your generosity below.

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“History is built one story at a time.”
In Case You Missed It...
On Tuesday, December 6, 2011, the Veterans Breakfast Club commemorated the 70th anniversary of Pearl Harbor by visiting “Stars & Stripes: an American Story” at the Heinz History Center. The exhibition runs through June.

“For these veterans of World War II, the passage of time has greyed their hair, slowed their gaits and faded their memories. Yet they could clearly remember where they were and what they were doing when they heard about the attack on Pearl Harbor.”
-Kaitlynn Riely, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, December 7, 2011

L-R: Paul Collier, Walt Patton, Herm Rosner, George Herwig, Ila Cole
The mission of the Veterans Breakfast Club is to provide all veterans the opportunity to share their stories of service with each other and the public. We do this mainly through storytelling programs that promote education and active listening while building connections between military and civilian America.

We believe that telling and listening to stories can nourish us and help build a more compassionate nation. Veterans’ stories--whether they be entertaining, inspirational, instructive, commemorative, or healing--remind us that history is built one story at a time.

Mark your Calendars for:

A CELEBRATION OF VETERANS

Soldiers and Sailors Hall, Saturday, June 16, 9:30am-2:00pm
$20 price includes transportation to Soldiers & Sailors, brunch, program, and self-tour of museum.

RSVP by June 10 to 412-623-9029