ANNOUNCING
VBC @ HOME

We hold our live events on Facebook and Crowdcast. To view or join these events, follow or subscribe at:

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PROGRAMMING INCLUDES:

VBC@HOME LIVE!
LIVESTREAMED STORYTELLING
SHORT VIDEO STORIES AND HISTORY FROM TODD
VBC GAMING
AND MORE!

VETERANS BREAKFAST CLUB
CONNECTING, EDUCATING, HEALING, AND INSPIRING
SPECIAL EDITION NEWSLETTER • SPRING 2020

A WORD FROM OUR DIRECTOR
With our face-to-face live event schedule suspended, we’re holding live virtual events online every Monday night at 7:00pm and every Wednesday afternoon at 1:00pm. We call it VBC@HOME Live! and it’s just like our regular events, except the veterans sharing stories appear on screen from home, and the people asking questions and chatting with each other are also at home, typing comments on their keyboards and also joining us on screen if they choose.

Anyone with internet access can join us. Specific instructions for how to do so are on p. 3. Until we can resume our live in-person events this summer or fall, I’ll look forward to seeing you online!

Todd DePastino
Executive Director

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!
If you know any veterans in need or if you have a suggestion for how we can serve our mission better, let us know! You can reach us at ellie@veteransbreakfastclub.com, 412-623-9029, or at vbcpgh.org

Every Veteran Has A Story. Join us online!
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View our travel and live in-person event schedule at vbcpgh.org

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**UPCOMING VBC@HOME PROGRAMMING**

- Monday, April 6, 7:00pm
- Wednesday, April 8, 1:00pm
- Monday, April 13, 7:00pm
- Wednesday, April 15, 1:00pm
- Monday, April 20, 7:00pm
- Wednesday, April 22, 1:00pm
- Monday, April 27, 7:00pm
- Wednesday, April 29, 1:00pm
- Monday, May 4, 7:00pm
- Wednesday, May 6, 1:00pm
- Monday, May 11, 7:00pm
- Wednesday, May 13, 1:00pm
- Monday, May 18, 7:00pm
- Wednesday, May 20, 1:00pm
- Monday, May 25, 11:00am
- Wednesday, May 27, 1:00pm

**SPECIAL MEMORIAL DAY ONLINE EVENT**

- Wednesday, May 27, 1:00pm

**LINKS TO EVENTS WILL BE EMAILED AND POSTED AT VBCPGH.ORG**

**INTRODUCING VBC GAMING**

Are you a gamer? Do you enjoy connecting with others through video games? The VBC now has a hub where veterans (and non-veterans) who game can interact and connect, no matter what console or platform you play! Find the VBC on Discord @veteransbreakfastclub or visit the “VBC@HOME” tab on vbcpgh.org, and follow the link to our Discord.

A special thank you to Marine Vet and avid gamer James Martin, who has joined forces with the VBC to make VBC Gaming possible!

**TO ALL VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS: WE CAN HELP.**

The VBC now has the software tools to help any group hold remote online video meetings in real time with its members. If you belong to any veterans group or organization and would like to connect by audio-video feed with each other at home through virtual meetings, please contact us at 412-625-9029 or ellie@veteransbreakfastclub.com. We want to help you stay connected. We offer this service free of charge.

This year is the 75th anniversary of 1945, so Todd is also doing weekly video history series featuring our veterans’ stories. Check them out on our Facebook page, YouTube, or our website!
HOW TO WATCH VBC@HOME:
STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

STEP 1. There are two ways to join our VBC@Home LIVE! events. The first is by clicking the “Join by Facebook” button in the emails we send out.

STEP 2. If you have a Facebook account, it will take you right to our Facebook page, and you’ll be able to view the Live event happening in real time.

STEP 3. If you participate on Facebook, you can view the event and comment and interact with other viewers. But you won’t be able to appear on screen or interact with those who are viewing on the Crowdcast side.

STEP 4. The preferred method is to participate through Crowdcast. Just click the orange Crowdcast button in our emails. **FOR MAC USERS, we recommend using Google Chrome rather than Safari when logging on to Crowdcast.

STEP 5. It will take you to our Crowdcast event page. Click the “Let me in!” button to join:

STEP 6. Crowdcast will then ask you for your email address. Type it in and click the little green > to the right or press Enter.

STEP 7. Crowdcast will then tell you that a login link has been sent to your email address. You’ll need to go and check your email (if you want to skip this step next time, add a password).

STEP 8. Check your email for the Crowdcast email with login link. Click the “Confirm and sign in” button link.

STEP 9. Voila! There you are, in the event!

STEP 10. Now you can type comments to the lower right and post them for everyone else to see (be nice). We can also bring you up on screen!

INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEO FOR HOW TO JOIN OUR LIVE EVENTS ON FACEBOOK AND CROWDCAST CAN BE VIEWED ON OUR WEBSITE: VBCPGH.ORG
We know that social distancing and layoffs have introduced new food insecurity for many, including veterans and Guard and Reserve personnel.

If you or someone you know needs food assistance, start by calling 2-1-1 (or text your zip code to: 898-211 or call 1-888-553-5778). You can also connect via pa211sw.org. For other non-life sustaining needs, contact PAServes. And, as always, please feel free to contact us at the VBC, and we can assist you in connecting with the best helping agency.

PAServes offers service members, veterans, and their families access to a class-leading continuum of providers that runs the gamut from superior housing and emergency service providers to employment, recreation and fitness, financial capabilities and more!

Contact PAServes at 1-855-838-7744 or visit pittsburgh.americaserves.org.

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Ensure that you are using computer with a webcam. If you don’t have one, we recommend using an iPhone. We do not recommend using iPads--Crowdcast is still working on bringing full functionality to iPad users.

If you’re a Mac user, use Google Chrome when joining our CrowdCast event. Safari tends to be slow. Another internet browser that works well is Firefox.

If you’re joining us onscreen and are not using headphones, please turn the volume on your computer to about mid level. The video playback at full volume can create a bad echo!

If you’re joining us onscreen and experiencing a slow connection, hover over your screen and click your HD button. This will turn it red and toggle OFF your HD setting, which will make your video and audio work faster.

Joining us on Crowdcast for VBC@HOME Live?

Here are some tips & tricks for better connection!

Visit militarycsp.org or follow MCSP on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @militarycsp.

The VBC is working with the Military Community Support Project to assist military members and families, as well as veterans, with their most pressing needs. Consider supporting MCSP’s social media campaign to raise awareness about these needs and the funds to address them.

DO YOU KNOW A SERVICE WOMAN OR ARE YOU ONE?

Well, if you do, did you ALSO know that PA State’s Ambassador, Kathleen Silvia is the Women’s Memorial Ambassador and NEEDS YOU!

So that your story is not lost, please go to www.womensmemorial.org to register your servicewomen’s story for archiving your service and sacrifice. You can email your very own state Ambassador (for PA that is) at wimsa.amb.pa@gmail.com. Live in another state? No problem - there is at least one Ambassador to connect with across the nation; Kathleen can help you find yours.
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THE VBC’S NEW PODCAST:
TRUTH ABOUT WAR

The Veterans Breakfast Club is all about veterans’ stories. Truth About War takes a deep dive into these stories to explore big questions facing our nation and our future: Should we bring back the draft? Were the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan worth the cost? Does the military handle racial divisions better than the civilian world? We’ll talk with some high-profile veterans as well as some lesser known people who’ve served on the frontlines of history. We’ll also call upon experts in various fields in order find what Truth About War we can uncover.

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