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VETERAN VOICES OF PITTSBURGH ORAL HISTORY INITIATIVE GRANTED 501(c)(3) NONPROFIT STATUS

PITTSBURGH, PA – The Veteran Voices of Pittsburgh Oral History Initiative is now officially a public charity with tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code. Contributions donated to the Veteran Voices of Pittsburgh Oral History Initiative are fully tax-deductible as of January 14, 2016. The organization is now eligible to apply for a range of grant and other funding opportunities which will further enable its mission to capture, preserve, and share the voices, images, and experiences of veterans of all eras and branches of service with a Western Pennsylvania connection.

"Obtaining 501(c)(3) status is a major milestone for the Veteran Voices of Pittsburgh Oral History Initiative," remarked executive producer and president Kevin Farkas. "This opens many doors for us to expand activities and to fully realize our goals as a charitable educational organization.

"In doing so, we will continue and enhance our long-standing partnership with the Veterans Breakfast Club, also a Pittsburgh-based nonprofit dedicated to creating communities of listening around veterans and their stories," Mr. Farkas said.

Since 2012, the VVoP-VBC partnership has collaboratively captured and preserved over 800 stories of local veterans of all eras and branches of service. Through its web-based digital archive, the partnership offers over 180 hours of online stories by local veterans gathered from Veterans Breakfast Club storytelling events and oral history recording sessions held at the Heinz History Center, Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall, and nearly fifty other locations throughout Western Pennsylvania.

The Veteran Voices of Pittsburgh Oral History Initiative's Tax Identification Number (EID) is 81-1235607. The IRS letter granting The Veteran Voices of Pittsburgh Oral History Initiative its 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status is available upon request. Donation inquiries can be sent to the organization's website.

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