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VETERAN VOICES OF PITTSBURGH LAUNCHES NONPROFIT PODCAST NETWORK

PITTSBURGH, PA – The Veteran Voices of Pittsburgh Oral History Initiative has launched a new nonprofit project to produce podcasts for local nonprofit and community-oriented organizations.

The Social Voice Podcast Network (TSVPN) provides technical production and promotional assistance to organizations wanting to promote and share their mission through content-driven audio programs known as podcasts.

Podcasts are a popular form of Internet-based, digital media typically in the form of episodic audio shows that can be subscribed to, downloaded, and listened to on home computers and mobile devices such as smartphones or electronic tablets.

“We are very excited to bring podcasting to Pittsburgh-regional organizations with educational, historical, and charitable missions,” said Kevin Farkas, executive producer of TSVPN and director of Veteran Voices of Pittsburgh. “With our production assistance—on-location recording, direction, editing, and publishing—organizations can now share their interests and activities with the public and the world through Internet broadcasting. Our project is aimed toward groups with little or no experience with podcasting, such as local historical societies, libraries, veterans’ groups, and other civic organizations.”

In April 2016, TSVPN premiered *Alle-Kiski Chronicle*, its inaugural podcast for the Allegheny-Kiski Valley Historical Society and Heritage Museum in Tarentum, Pennsylvania. In this episode, AKVHS curator Jamie Stoner interviews Pittsburgh author Bruna Riccobon about her latest book, *Memoirs of a Refugee Girl*—a compelling story of a girl in Italy during WWII and her years spent in refugee camps before immigrating to America and struggling to adjust to a new culture.

Veteran Voices of Pittsburgh has been producing podcasts since 2013, such as its monthly *Veteran Voices: The Podcast*—featuring conversations about local veterans’ stories and storytellers. Another show it produces is *The Veterans Breakfast Club Podcast*, which captures live recordings of storytelling events by the esteemed Pittsburgh-based nonprofit of the same name.

To request more information about TSVPN and its podcast productions for local nonprofit and community-oriented organizations, contact Veteran Voices of Pittsburgh.

The Veteran Voices of Pittsburgh Oral History Initiative is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to capture, preserve, and share the voices, images, and experiences of veterans with a Western Pennsylvania connection. Since 2012, VVoP and its partner nonprofit, the Veterans Breakfast Club, have collaboratively preserved over 800 stories of local veterans. 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.

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