MILITARY VETERANS in Journalism

NOVEMBER IS...

- NATIONAL GRATITUDE MONTH
- NATIONAL CAREER DEVELOPMENT MONTH
- MILITARY FAMILY MONTH

many thanks

For the support...
For helping veterans get hired in newsrooms...
For being a part of our family...
For participating in our #MVJ2021 Convention...

Greetings and happy first week of November!

This is a BIG month for us as a veteran service organization and to express our gratitude for your support. With enthusiasm, commitment, eagerness to learn, collecting feedback from our members' in what they needed, fundraising, grants, and teamwork, we've set the bar high for more exciting opportunities to come. This a month to be grateful for every achievement- as an individual and with a team. We started out with no real structure in how we operated, taking on a learn-as-we-go approach, no compensation for our volunteers, and no well-known reputation. It took time, effort, and sacrifices to commit to something we believed in and to make a positive impact.

With holidays like the Marine Corps birthday (Oorah!), Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving, I emphasize 3 lessons I've learned throughout the military and in journalism:

1) Adapt and Overcome

2) Servant Leadership

3) Recognize the Value and Impact of Ongoing Service

No matter the reason on why veterans chose to serve, they answered the call, and that's what our team did to help our community. The military and journalism presents unique physical and mental challenges that veterans push through. We are taught to push past our comfort zones, look out for the people around you, and work under pressure. With compassion, empathy, and

eagerness to learn new things, I'm able to apply all of these lessons through MVJ and in my role as a TV News Producer.

Last month, I represented MVJ at the 2021 Women Veterans Unconference in Las Vegas, NV. Since day 1, MVJ has supported me towards my professional goals. I was trusted in carrying out the mission to do more outreach among women veterans, veterans of color, and military spouses. Within the conference, I felt confident while spreading awareness about our nonprofit, and was excited to be networking with so many other women who served in the military. These women are leaders with a sense of obligation in several areas such as education, storytelling through podcasts and business. I left the event inspired and thankful for the opportunity.

To all veterans of all branches: Thank you for your sacrifice, your bravery, and the example you set for us all. For the military spouses and families, thank you for your support. It is a pleasure to be volunteering on the MVJ team. Have a wonderful Veterans Day/holiday season in advance!

Respectfully,
Babee Garcia
Director of Digital Strategy and Content

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MVJ Executive Director: The Success of Our First Convention is Our Unity

MVJ Executive Director Zack Baddorf writes a personal “thank you” letter for the community. This includes partners, members, volunteers, educational institutions, & many others, for supporting our mission and recent #MVJ2021 Convention.

Take a Closer Look

#MVJ2021 Convention Highlights

CNN’s Jake Tapper kicks off inaugural #MVJ2021 convention

Check out this blog written by Allie Delury that features CNN anchor and Washington correspondent Jake Tapper. He was our Keynote Speaker for the convention and currently serves on MVJ's Advisory Board. Notable speakers on our keynote panel include Priya Sridhar and Paul Szoldra who serve on MVJ's Board of Directors, Global Investigations Editor for the Associated Press and Marine Corps veteran Ron Nixon, MVJ Advisory Board member Lasharah Bunting, and CNN's Brianna Keilar.

Read more here

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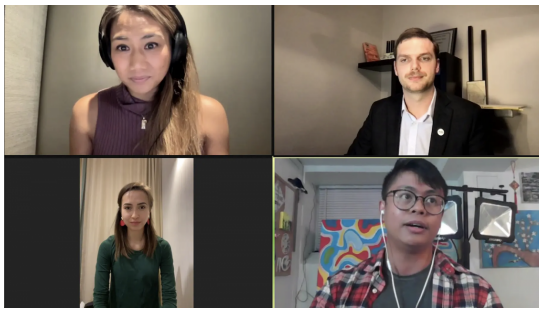
AWARD RECIPIENTS



#MVJ2021's veteran showcase shares career-changing advice

Seasoned journalists provided career advice for the next generation of military storytellers during the first night of Military Veterans in Journalism's inaugural convention on Oct. 21.

CUNY's Jeff Jarvis shares insights into the new models of journalism

Military Veterans in Journalism continued its virtual convention Friday with a second day of panelists. Sharing insights into the new models of journalism was Jeff Jarvis, a CUNY Craig Newmark Graduate School of Journalism professor.

Written by Maximillian Boudreaux

Written by Kayleigh Casto

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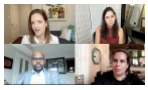


Nonprofit newsrooms put focus on mission, impact at #MVJ2021

Google demos free new digital journalism resources at #MVJ2021

American University professor teaches investigative skills at #MVJ2021

New Episode of Sword and Pen

In our newest episode of our Sword and Pen podcast, guest Mike Haynie

discusses the new National Veterans Resource Center at Syracuse University on Nov. 2, which happens to be the center’s grand opening. Click on the image above to check it out!

CBS Audio Podcast Series- Eyes on Veterans

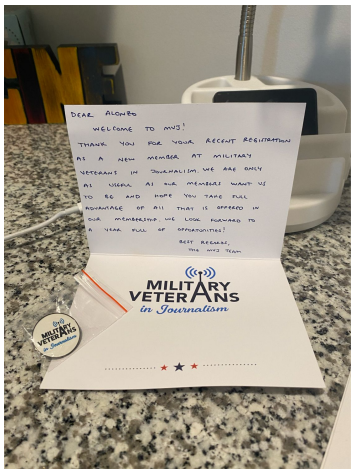
Each week, Navy veteran and Journalist Phil Briggs looks at life from the military veteran's perspective. From topics like treating PTSD, TBIs with marijuana and psychedelics to pushing Congress to pass better laws. Plus, we hear dramatic stories from combat vets, discover job openings, and meet celebrity actors, athletes, and musicians. Click above to listen!

Announcements

Craig Newmark Fellowship for Military Veterans – School of Journalism

Two military veterans will be awarded nine-month fellowships in nonprofit newsrooms after graduating with master's degrees in journalism from the City University of New York (CUNY), thanks to a grant awarded by Craig Newmark Philanthropies.

Read More Here



Email Us If You Didn't Receive an MVJ Pin

We show our appreciation to each and every new member with a MVJ pin. If you have not yet received one, please let us know ASAP in an email to **info@mvj.network.** Our team will take care of it. Thanks for your patience!

Congratulations to MVJ and NABJ member Caron LeNoir! She is part of the inaugural class of the NABJ Entrepreneur Academy. She is the founder of the CARONISMedia Group, and served in the U.S. Army & Navy. Read more about the academy **here**.

Senior Editor of Coffee or Die and Marine Corps veteran Ethan Rocke captured moments within the first gender-integrated training company at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. Here's part 1 of their documentary. Part 2 is **here**.

Our friends at the The War Horse News received the prestigious Edward R. Murrow Award for Investigative Reporting on Oct. 27. The award-winning story is "Gag Order: How Marine Corps Culture Silenced a Victim of Sexual Assault."

(From left: Managing Editor Kelly Kennedy, Founder Thomas J. Brennan, Fact-Checker Ben Kalin, and Director of Operations Samantha Daniels. War Horse Photo)

Fundraising

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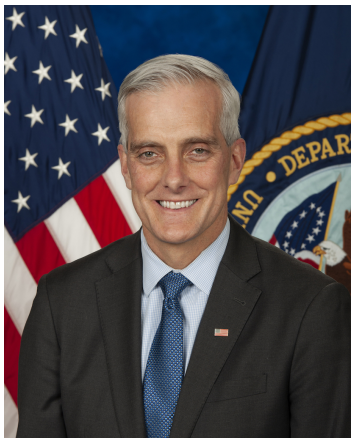
Let's Reach Our Goal!

Each year, our team fundraises on Veterans Day and #GivingTuesday (Nov. 30). We would love to pay our staff, fund more regular freelance gigs for our blog contributors, and expand operations. So we created a Facebook Fundraiser on our public page. Our goal is to reach $5,000 by the end of the month. Can you help us get there and spread the word?

Make Your Donation Here

Virtual Events

The National Press Club will host the inaugural *Run For Austin Virtual 5K* on Saturday, November 13, 2021 to raise awareness and public support for journalist and Marine Corps veteran Austin Tice, who has been unjustly detained in Syria since 2012. You can participate by clicking on the image above.



NPC Headliners Luncheon: Secretary of Veterans Affairs Denis McDonough

Veterans Affairs Secretary Denis McDonough will speak at a National Press Club in-person Headliners Luncheon on Tuesday, Nov. 9. McDonough will give a progress report on the state of America's veterans in the lead up to Veterans Day on Nov. 11 and the 100th anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery.

Tickets cost $25 for National Press Club members and $45 for all other non-member tickets. For all ticketing-related questions, please email reservations@press.org.

RSVP Here

Free Meals, Restaurant Deals and Discounts

Where to Eat and Shop on Veterans Day

The following is a list of Veterans Day discounts at restaurants for 2021. Visit often as the list is now being updated as new discounts come in. Click on the image above for more details.

Job Openings

TASK & PURPOSE

Breaking News Reporter

Task & Purpose, a leading destination for military news and veteran culture, is seeking a Breaking News Reporter to join its expert team of journalists. They're looking for someone who can scan for critically important headlines and act quickly to cover them for the audience of active-duty military and former service member readers. Click on the icon above for more information.

STARS AND STRIPES

Reporter/Photographer

Stars & Stripes is hiring in DC. Take a look at the duties within the position and requirements by clicking on the logo above.

Paid Freelance Opportunity

The North Carolina National Guard Association is looking to hire an early-career journalist to fill their freelance reporter position. He/she would write original content for their monthly Magazine "Tarheel Guardsman." These stories would be about units, events, policy updates, and individuals relevant to the magazine's brand. Deadline to apply is Dec. 17.

- Applicants must submit a resume, cover letter, and 2 work samples
- This position will be mostly remote, except when conducting interviews and covering events
- Compensation would be $300-$400 per article if approved
- Travel costs will be covered if necessary

Assignments would be designated by/submitted to Executive Director Larry Coleman. For any MVJ members interested in this opportunity, you can send an email to **babee@mvj.network.**

Studio Operator, WarnerMedia

Producer - Erin Burnett Out Front, CNN

Producer 1 - Fareed Zakaria GPS, CNN

Writer/Producer, HLN Weekend Express

Writer/Producer, CNN Newsroom with Pamela Brown

Got resources to share in MVJ's newsletter? Send them over! We will ensure they get in the next issue.
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