

## VETERANS QUALITY OF LIFE ACCESS NETWORK INC. NEWS

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## Cover Created by Shontal Hogan Hear her words

Our soldiers give us so much....

Why can't we take care of them when they come home? VQLAN makes sure they can get off the streets and get the help they need.

This has been embedded in my memory for all the men and women who fight for and serve our country. I just want to thank you.

There are organizations that will help our soldiers when they come home.

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

THIS ISSUE IS ABOUT VQLAN
TO UPDATE YOU ON WHAT THE ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN
DOING FOR ALL VETERANS.



www.vqlan.org

### ATTENTION ALL VETERANS

AS OF FEBRUARY 26, 2014 ALL
VETERANS WILL BE HELPED BY VQLAN
ONCE AGAIN AT NO CHARGE

WE HAVE ELIMINATED THE PRICE LIST
ALL OUR SERVICES ARE
THE SAME

YOU MAY GIVE A DONATION

IF YOU WISH



## VETERANS QUALITY OF LIFE ACCESS NETWORK, INC SERVICES

#### **FOR CLAIMS (V.A. PURPOSES)**

- 1. Initial application for benefits (Form 526)
- 2. Support of claims (Form 4138) Compensation & Pension
- 3. How to write up "secondary conditions"
- 4. Upgrade of Discharge
- 5. Clothing allowance
- 6. Duty to assist letters
- 7. Department forms (V.A.)
- 8. Death benefits
- 9. Get military records
- 10. Senior citizen benefits
- 11. Agent Orange
- 12. Correction of military records
- 13. Appeals
- 14. Camp Lejeune drinking waters (forms)
- 15. Claims that have been turned down before
- 16. Hardship waivers
- 17. All follow-ups



#### **REFERRAL SERVICES**

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- I. Housing
- 2. Jobs
- 3. School
- 4. Government, city, state and V.A. hospital services
- 5. Drugs and rehabilitation services
- 6. Homeless
- 7. Social Security Claims
- 8. Free food

- 9. Free clothing
- 10.Up-to-date apartment listings
- 11. How to get free computers
- 12. Training programs
- 13. Homes V.A. Talk to the right people
- 14. Lawyers

General meetings, resourcing and networking are free.

Veterans Quality of Life information is free.

For services rendered we ask for a donation.



Jay F. Johnson

Veterans Quality Of Life Access Network Inc.

VQLAN Representative at VQLAN Headquarters

Harlem N.Y.C. at (3) different locations

Member of Veterans Quality Of Life Access Network. Inc. Outreach Specialist

To every thing there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heaven. Ecc:3-I



Age: 68 years old

Children 3 - 6 grand children ad 2 great grand children

U.S. Army - SP/4 - Supply Specialist / Small Arms Expert - 1965 - 1971 - Honorable Discharge

Republic of South Vietnam - Jan 1967/Jan 1968

Service awards National Defense and Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon w/Device (1960), Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross w/Palm Unit Citation, One (1) hash mark, two (2) overseas bars and expert Rifleman Badge (M-14)

#### **AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES**

Received from: Church, Fraternal, Veteran and Community Organization

- 1. Master Mason of The Year, Trinity Lodge # 28 AF and AM 1980
- 2. Honored as an Unsung Hero, by Consolidated Edison Company (Volunteer Service, with the New York Special Olympics 1996
- 3. For going above and beyond the call of duty, by Veteran Quality of Life Access Network, Inc. (over 1,000 + hour of volunteer Service) 2004 to present.
- 4. A Life Time Membership for 20 years of continuous and dedicated service to Trinity Lodge #28 AF and AM 1996
- 5. Forty (40) years of continued and devoted service to the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Bronx, New York (1976 to Present)

For more details see website: www.valan.org

VQLAN has given me a new purpose in life. Helping my fellow brothers, Veterans and non-Veterans to have a better quality of life, is very gratifying. VQLAN and President Barry G. Campbell has given me the opportunity and privilege to represent the Organization, helping Veterans at the City, State and Federal level. Some of the examples are speaking at the City Council hearings, Taskforce communities, Veterans' panel, Cable TV, travels to Washington, D.C., to visit the Secretary of the Department. of Veterans Affairs, visiting New York Public Schools and much more.

It is my belief and desire that VQLAN will become (if not already) the premier Veterans' organization in the world. In short VQLAN is who I am. VQLAN is what I do. Veterans Quality of Life is as much a part of me as I am a part of Veterans Quality of Life.

#### <u>A VETERAN FOREVER.</u>



David Wilson

Member

VQLAN Office helper U.S. Army 1970 to 1973

Senior Citizen and Volunteer

The work I do at Veterans Quality of Life gives me a joy that is indescribable. Watching the look on Veterans and non Veterans faces when they come into the office and then watching their energy when they leave is like a light bulb turning on when you have been in the dark for so long.



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Donald Hogan

Veterans Quality of Life Network, Inc. (VQLAN) Representative Website Designer, Member, Creator VQLAN Data Base for Members and Office Assistant Since 2009

Age 62 Married 19 years Children 3



#### **Brief History**

Graduated High School Enlisted United States Air Force

USAF C-130 Aircraft Crew Chief E-4 Sgt. 1970 - 1974 Honorable Discharge: Thailand 1971 - 1972 1973 - 1974 Stationed in Udorn FTAFB and Uborn RTAFB where I Crew AC—130: Gunships Command and Control Capture Unit.

Service Awards: Vietnam Service Medal, National Defense Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign, Air force Good Conduct Medal.

Through my military training I became an auto mechanic and later trained and became the Master Parts Manager of a Toyota dealer where I retired in 2008. Volunteering at the VQLAN office has given me a sense of accomplishment just by being able to help people. Veterans and their families are in need of all kinds of help which VQLAN provides. How do they do it? 'Resources and networking.' No one is turned away and you don't have to be a veteran to receive help.

#### **Awards and Achievements**

Outstanding Parts Manager 4 times (Toyota), VQLAN award for website design and going above beyond the call.

# VQLAN WILL BE ON VACATION ALL OF AUGUST 2014 APPOINTMENTS START ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2014 DUE TO DEMAND CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT



Anthony J. Williams - age 60 and married - one son: U.S. Air Force Veteran - Passenger and House Hold Goods Specialist 1973 - 1978. Customs Inspector - 1976 to 1978: Duty Station - McGuire A.F.B., N.J., Misawa Air Base Japan - Honorable Discharge

Work Experience: U.S. Customs, United States Postal Service and New York Throughway Authority

Life Time Member of VQLAN and two other Veteran Service Organization - Duties at VQLAN Editor of Newsletter,

Photographer and Video Productions - Have done some claims work for Veterans.

Volunteer at the Committee on Elders Senior Center 1999 - Present. - Rain Bailey Senior Center - 2000 to 2004 Artist In Residence and Photographer for the African American Arts Cultural Center. Received numerous awards for art and creative writing. Exhibited at Vice President Al Gore's Residence 2000 representing New York State. Exhibited at the Ken-

nedy Center for the Performing Arts, California, Fordham University, Bronx Community College etc.

After hearing about Mr. Campbell, positive and negative, I decided to sit in his office and witness the work he did. I told Mr. Campbell that I took photographs. He stated that I can work for the organization where my skills were needed. Since I enjoy creating, I began writing the newsletter, recording and photographing the meetings. Current Chairman of the Manhattan Veterans Advocacy Council at the Manhattan VA Hospital. Volunteer at the Learning Center (Library) at the same hospital. Received two State Senator Certificates of Merit 2013 and 2014 for the work I do on the Council. Received several writing awards from the Hospitalized Veterans Writing project. I also help veterans everywhere I travel.

#### A SPECIAL THANKS

## DEVELOPMENT OUTREACH, INC.



Mr. Ismael Shamsid-Dean, President

Mr. Eric Shamsid-Dean, Controller

Mr. Rashid Ahmad, Secretary

Mr. Sye Dean, Project Manager

Mrs. Sherwyn Mercer, Office Manager

Thank you for giving Veterans Quality of Life an opportunity to develop our plans for the future. It was a real God send, because hundreds of veterans would not have been helped. (See our spread sheet in this issue.) This merger was meant to be for the people, all the people. Mr. Ismael Shamsid-Dean and his staff are the greatest in understanding what problems we face just to help our fellow veterans. VQLAN is almost ready to go full - throttle. So look out world. No more red tape.



Controller



Office Manager



President



Project Manager



Secretary

VQLAN will always be grateful! Working together to bridge the gap. We merged so that VQLAN can provide better housing for Veterans and their families!

#### ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT

Veterans Quality of Life Access Network, Inc. is under the auspices of its President and Founder, Mr. Barry G. Campbell as a not for profit 501©(3) Corporation. Mr. Campbell is involved in every aspect of the company (running of the office, obtaining resources for the general meetings, publisher of VQLAN newsletter, and the website - just to name a few).

#### **Board Members:**

#### Mr. Robert Mirra - Vice-President - Veteran

Mr. Mirra has a strong military background. Through his connections with other military organization and his involvement with them, he helps bridge the gap to make sure all veterans are informed properly. This is in addition to his dutie as V.P. (VQLAN member since 2012).

#### Ms. Halycon Isaac - Advisor to President

Ms. Isaac is a business oriented individual. She is the owner/partner in Perfect Technology which focuses on assisting individuals facing foreclosures. In addition, she is an owner/partner in Perfect Trader where she is in charge of activating monitoring and troubleshooting a data base system for clients at the New York Stock Exchange.

In addition to the above she promotes at our general meetings energy medicine (alterative medicine). This allows our veterans to be informed to other ways of better health besides using conventional medicines. VQLAN encourages this because so many of our veterans are being over medicated. (VQLAN member since 2011)

#### Ms. Yvonne Curry - Entertainment Coordinator

Ms. Curry's expertise is in entertainment. All future benefit functions for VQLAN will be under Ms. Curry's direction. Ms. Curry is a teaching artist and faculty member of the Third Street School Settlement and the Harlem School of the Arts. She has also served as Culture Attaché` for the American Embassy in Caracas, Venezuela. Her husband is a vetera and member of VQLAN. (VQLAN member since 2009)

#### Mr. Richard Ramos Real Estate Agent - Veteran

Mr. Ramos' expertise is in real estate. He is an Estate Broker, Private Consulting Analyst and a Branch Manager for the Republic Capital Trust Corp., in New York. Mr. Ramos will assist us in ascertaining permanent housing and help us obtain sites for future development of VQLAN (this includes regional offices). (VQLAN member since 2012)

#### Mrs. Patricia Campbell - Executive Secretary and Administrative Assistant

Mrs. Campbell is highly skilled in all aspects of office work. This includes but is not limited to typing, short hand, maintaining filling systems, and being computer literate. She also has been the proof reader for all VQLAN newsletters.

Mrs. Campbell has been with VQLAN since its inception. (VQLAN member since 1999).

## GUIDE FOR VQLAN REPRESENTATIVES



CREATED BY BARRY G. CAMPBELL FOUNDER/PRESIDENT - VQLAN MARCH 2014

## VETERANS QUALITY OF LIFE ACCESS NETWORK INCORPORATED

This is a guide for all VQLAN representatives on how it should be done.

VQLAN's mission is to improve the quality of life for hopeless and otherwise desperate American veterans by providing access solutions (including benefit processing) to help them obtain the housing, health, legal, financial, education, employment and intensive counseling as needed now.

This guide was created by Founder/President Barry G. Campbell and his methodology is proven to help in the most effective and efficient manner yet. He calls it 'Direct Contact.'

This program is needed across America. There are so many misinformed veterans. Veterans are dying and have been dying for 50 years from not knowing. This will do it. (proven) For introduction go to <a href="https://www.vqlan.org">www.vqlan.org</a>



## REPORT ON INTAKE SHEETS FOR VETERANS QUALITY OF LIFE ACCESS NETWORK, INC. FROM MAY 2013 THROUGH MAY 2014

VQLAN started in Development Outreach Inc., in May 2013 two days a week - 4 hours a day - Wednesdays and Thursdays

#### I. COMPENSATION AND CLAIMS

- a. In-service injuries
- b. Pensions war-time veterans
- c. Increases in disabilities
- d. Duty to Assist letters follow-ups

#### 2. Resources and Networking

- a. Financial Hardships
- b. Healthcare
- c. Employment Assistance
- d. Education

- e. Housing
- f. Homelessness
- g. Legal services
- h. JAG lawyers
- I. SSI & SSD lawyers

#### 3. UPGRADES OF DISCHARGES

- A. How to do
  - b. Processing
  - c. Do the paperwork

## REPORT FROM MAY 2013 THROUGH May 2014

# TWO DAYS A WEEK FOUR HOURS A DAY IN-TAKE SHEETS

COMPENSATION CLAIMS: 407 Processed Claims

**RESOURCES & NETWORKING: 163** 

**UP-GRADE OF DISCHARGES: 37** 

TOTAL: 607 Veterans Processed



## **VETERANS PROCESSED PER MONTH**

### 2013

May	35
June	33
July	34
August	39
September	51
October	68
November	36
December	39

### 2014

January	36
February	51
March	55
April	63
May	67

Total 607 Veterans processed

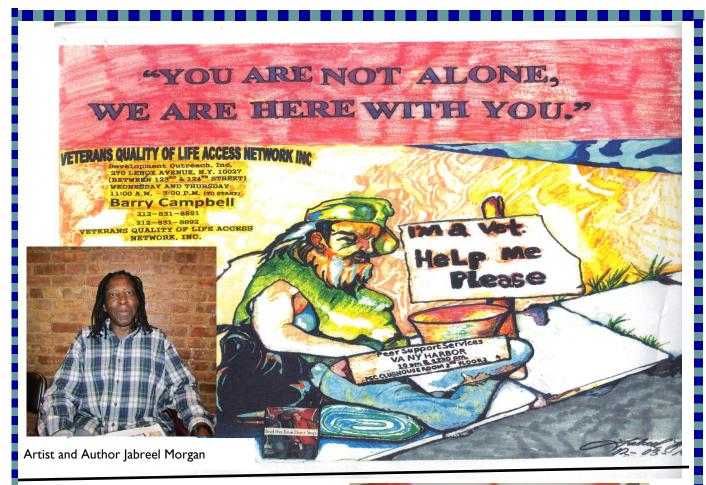
Percentage: Compensation: 68%

Resources & Networking 27%

<u>Upgrades</u> 6%

Reported by: President and Founder 6/1/14

(All statistics can be verified upon request)



Jabreel Morgan was born and raised in Cleveland Ohio. His art and writing are divinely inspired and document the legacy of a proud people. He has performed for Cleveland and New York City libraries and has won poetry contests. Jabreel is currently writing a kids book.

And the Beat Don't Stop offers a searing portrait of life in the city of hope and of forward movement and redemption in verse - powerful poetry that will touch your very soul. Author Jabreel Morgan inspires us to do whatever great or positive things we want to do. There is inherent beauty in language and each poem in the collection has its own beat and vibration. From the raw emotion of, "Love Your Son Chris" to the inspiring achievement remembered in "We Still Wear the Crown," Morgan's word has power, they are words that can inspire transformations of the soul and spirit.

Morgan feels that his words are God given. The spoken word has a deep tradition of knowledge passed down from generation to generation-history remembered in song, stories and poetry. This collection inspires readers to fulfill their dreams and desires and learn to appreciate life and the people who surround us, including those spirits who have passed on and upon whose shoulders we now stand.



#### **BARRY CAMPBELL**

By Jameel Morgan

In 1860 a black slave hid in the late night shadows Because he was brave Klansmen rode in sheets of white

And they always came in the dark of night They had come to hang this black slave

And watch his body swing in the sky

This man whose mother named him Barry

And like all slaves had taught him to be wary

Of white men and their awful deeds

White men loved to hear slaves plead,

But Barry insisted he was a man

Even if it meant being hung by the Klu Klux Klan

Barry's dreams and desires were the deliverance

Of slavers from slavery's fire

Today more than a century has passed And I met a man named Barry Campbell

#### (in the book)

Who still refuses to wear the mask Stand up he proclaimed to the veterans You are men, that is a choice I heard him speaking one day in his loud voice "Help any man black or white People in sheets still ride in the night Help anyone for we are brothers This is the time to honor your father and mother" "Stand proud" I heard him say It's a blessing to be born in this day" He helped me as he helped all the others He helped us as if we were brothers And I will never forget that day And that you heed his words is what I the poet pray



Veterans Quality of Life Access Network, Inc., website has as many as 33,000 site visits. The website is a great source of information about veterans' benefits. It also gives information on employment opportunities, training and much more. Keeping our veterans informed is our main purpose. Changes are made daily and information is kept up.-to-date. Veterans need to know what services are available to them and what benefits they are entitled to. One thing the site stresses is Vets need to *Read* to stay informed. In addition to the above support groups, family services are also available through the site. VQLAN want veterans to know that the help they are seeking can be found here with us, either at our office (which is by appointment only) or at our website. www.vqlan.org



#### PHOENIX SPORTS, Inc.

Dear Decision Maker;

Imagine your being a Title/Primary Sponsor, for a momentous, spectacular two-fold event. A forum and fund raiser for war veterans, and an entertaining boxing event, entitled "The American Quest Invitational Tournament.

"History is simply a piece of paper covered with print, the main thing is still to make history, not to write it".

Otto Von Bismarck

Phoenix Sports Management Inc., and Veterans Quality Of Life Access Network, will make history honoring the linage of one of the greatest sports in modern American History ------ The Sweet Science of Boxing.

<u>The Prelude</u>: In boxing one punch can knockout an opponent and leave-him/her on the canvas. We need to throw a punch for the Veterans past and present, to be properly given the benefits and assistance they rightfully deserve, after their service and sacrifices to God and Country.

Please join us and the community of boxing in a tribute to the "Late Smoking Joe Frazier" and "Muhammad Ali" two of the greatest athletes and personalities of the past fifty (50) years ------ to whom this tournament is dedicated.

<u>The Intermittent</u>: Our intent is to elevate a sport that empowers, while teaching physical fitness and building self esteem. We also intend to broaden our community outreach initiatives, by partnering with various "Non Profit Organizations" who are doing exemplary work, in an effort to build strong, safe and healthy communities.

Your organization reflects a tradition of elegance, excellence and aristocracy. Phoenix Sports Management Inc., and Veterans Quality Of Life Access Network, invites you to strongly consider an exclusive sponsorship engagement, for this once in a lifetime endeavor ......

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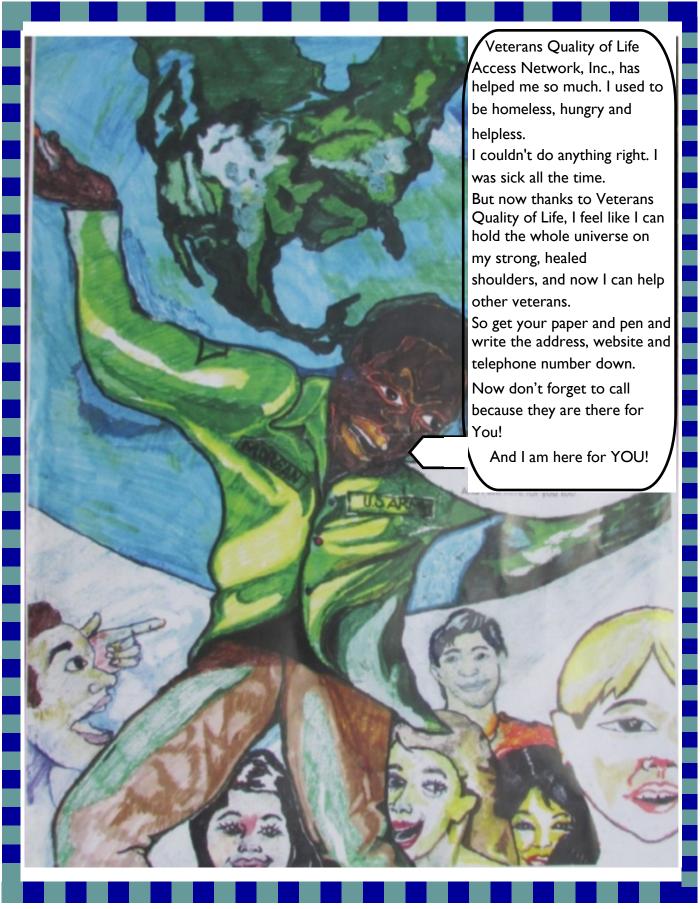
## **VQLANALERT!**

#### TO THE VETERANS OF AMERICA:

VQLAN IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION. IN ORDER FOR VQLAN TO CONTINUE TO BE SUCCESSFUL BY HELPING ALL VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP BY SENDING US A DONATION

FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT WERE HELPED BY VQLAN, NOW IS THE TIME FOR YOU TO HELP VQLAN

ALL DONATIONS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO: VQLAN, P.O. BOX 20829 NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10025



#### Barry G. Campbell

**President/Founder** 

Veterans Quality Of Life Access Network, Inc.

Divide your bread with the hungry, bring the homeless into the house. When you see the naked cover him and do not divert eyes from your own flesh. Isaiah 58:7







Age: 61 years

Married: 36 years

Children: 3

U.S. Army 1973 - 1979 - Honorable Discharge

Veterans Administration 1983 - 2011

Veterans Quality Of Life - Founder President 1999 - Present

#### Accolades (Awards)

- Three (3) Purple Heart Citations (1995, 1996, 1999)
- 2. Inducted into Sterling Who's Who in New York - 1994
- 3. Proclamation U.S. House of Representatives 1995
- 4. Life time Inspiration and Humanitarian Award 2001
- 5. Newspaper Article Daily Challenger "Hero for the Ages" 2003 (In the Library of Congress)
- 6. Newspaper Article Daily News (City Beat) "Helps the Forgotten Ones" - 2007
- 7. Humanitarian Award (Keep the Dream Alive) 2008
- 8. Certificate Borough President Hon. Marty Markowitz for Extraordinary Community Service 2008
- 9. Proclamation Honorable Andrew J. Lanza (Senator in Staten Island, N.Y.) 2011
- 10. Citation for "Going Above and Beyond" Councilmember Honorable Deborah Rose
- 11. Special Congressional Recognition Award for Outstanding and Invaluable Service to the Community Honorable Michael Griman (Congressman) - 2011

#### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

VQLAN has been in the Veterans Day Parade for 12 straight years.

VQLAN's website has been global since 2007

Creator of VQLAN Newsletter (22 editions)

Gospel Show - 2003

Creator of VQLAN's Library (an information bank for veterans - 2006 - present)

I have given over 120 General Meetings to the public with resourcing and networking.

Art Show in Brooklyn 2011 (For more details, please visit website at www.vqlan.org)

## BRIDGING THE GAP

## FOR THE AMERICAN VETERANS



VETERANS QUALITY OF LIFE ACCESS NETWORK, INC.

### **BUSINESS PLAN**

(for details go to www.vqlan.org)

LEADING BY EXAMPLE

Serving the Veteran Community Since 1999



June 24, 2014

Mr. Barry G. Campbell % Development Outreach, Inc. 270 Lenox Avenue New York. NY 10027

#### Dear Mr. Campbell:

Professional Empowerment in Action (PEIA) is honored that you have accepted our invitation to be an honoree at its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "Unsung Heroes, Awards Gala". This year, the event will be held on October 18, 2014 at the Eastwood Manor, 7PM-I2 AM.

As you may be aware, (PEIA) is a tax exempt, not for profit, professional development organization, dedicated to the empowerment and support of individuals and families that are under served in our communities. The proceeds from this event will be used to support these efforts.

Within the next few weeks, a committee member will contact you in order to obtain a brief profile and photograph, which will appear in the Awards Gala Souvenir Journal; also, please let us know of friends, relatives and associates, who should be invited to the event.

Please feel free to contact me at (914-667-5792) if you have any questions or concerns. My colleagues and I are looking forward to presenting you with this well-deserved award of appreciation for your many years of service to the community.

Sincerely,

Betty Medina,
Secretary

peia

C/O William Hodson Senior Center
1320 Webster Ave,
Bronx, NY 10456 whodson@verizon.net

Contact: Jay F. Johnson 718-466-9696

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Founder/President

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#### FROM THE DESK OF BARRY G. CAMPBELL

Information is Powerful. Our goal is.....

Helping veterans fill out the correct forms for help and responding in the answers they need. An old question that has to be answered. "How can a veteran who sacrificed so much for our country be left with nothing but the shirt on his or her back?" How can some of them have no home and live day to day from a bag on the street? This scenario is not make believe.

Meanwhile, without their benefits, most of them going through the Department of Veteran Affairs, (VA) processing system will find out it will take about 11 months to deliver any benefits they may be expecting. This has been happening to our veterans for years. We cannot walk the streets without seeing our veterans homeless, with no transportation, no savings and living on the streets. It breaks my heart to see this in our country. Let me explain why your gift is urgently needed.

The life of our veterans (heroes) has none of the dignity that is due our soldiers that lie on the street, with intense physical and mental pain and no help. While we are working to get these veterans off the street, into clean and safe housing, we need your help. What we do not have and sorely need are the funds required to service these veterans. It's bad enough to lose your life's savings, but can you imagine also giving up all hopes and dreams of a better future for their children.

We want to honor the heroes who are here and returning from wars with painful injuries that they will carry the rest of their lives. They have a long road to recovery ahead - and they need to know that we stand behind them every step of the way.

After learning more about our veterans, I hope you decide to take advantage of this rare opportunity to take part from the very beginning because a great deal of work remains before we can say our country is whole again. That is why I am turning to you today. Please help us show these true American heroes how much you and I appreciate their service to our country. Your donation will go right to work for struggling veterans, brave service members and their families for whatever assistance they need most now. We keep simple dreams alive.

Please include the most generous donation you can afford.

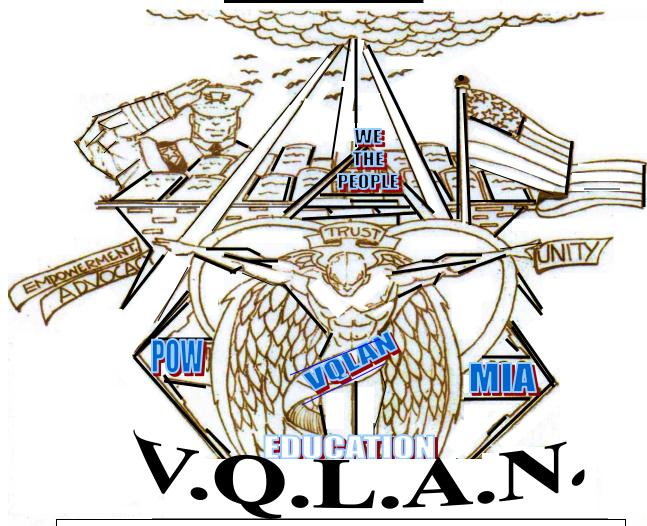
All donations are tax deductible.



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BY ITSELF



MANY ARE CALLED FEW ARE CHOSEN



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