

September 9, 2008

Mr. Michael Kelemen
President
West Virginia Cable Telecommunications Association
117 Summers Street
Charleston, West Virginia 25301-2110

Dear Mr. Kelemen:

As veterans who served in WWII and Vietnam, we want to salute you and others in the West Virginia cable industry for your leadership in the "Take a Veteran to School Week" initiative that will take place throughout our state during the week of Veterans Day 2008.

We cannot think of a better way to help young people learn about service to our great Nation, the men and women in our communities who played a valuable role in the military, and West Virginia's rich history in war and peacetime.

It is estimated that we are losing approximately 900 WWII veterans every day nationally. As we lose veterans from any era, we also lose valuable lessons about the price of freedom.

Having served as both State and National VSO Commanders, we know the veterans community well and have long understood the importance of preserving our nation's rich heritage. Please know that we wholeheartedly support your efforts and will encourage veterans to participate to make this initiative a success.

Thank you for making it possible.

Sincerely,

Rich Homan (WWII)
Franklin, WV
Past State & National Commander
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Current Member of the WV
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