

Perhaps it is money! Perhaps lack of belief in self! Maybe no place to clean up for work! Maybe they have nothing tangible on their resume! Or maybe they just need to find someone who cares! Whatever it is - we're committed to helping Homeless, Disabled, Visually Impaired and at risk Vets!

VSN is an IRS approved 501(c)(3) "Public Charity" organization

Objectives - The objectives of this organization are: *To provide skills to veterans with an emphasis on our target market - homeless, disabled and special needs veterans.

* To offer training leading to professional certifications from the Global Foodservice Institute, National Restaurant Association and Prometric, which helps their resume to pass the computerized screening process, and the HR screener, so they can get in front of decision makers and demonstrate their skills. *To aid and encourage the interest, education and advancement of homeless, disabled and special needs veterans in the food service and hospitality industry. *To strengthen organizations that help veterans find fulfilling and sustaining roles in society and with their families.

*To provide funding for on-the-job training for veterans. *To provide funding for professional talking books and Braille books for veterans.

SUPPORTING various other projects

The Veterans Support Network (VSN) also provides funding for two wonderful activities done by the Military Hospitality Alliance (MHA) which, since 2003, has held a Military Culinary Competition, outside Marine Barracks in Washington, DC, and the Enlisted Aide of the Year Award, held in conjunction with the USO at the Ritz Carlton in Pentagon City. Together, MHA has paid out \$100,000 in prize money to military enlisted personnel. It provides great education as well as bragging rights for which service has the best cooks and the best enlisted aides who support the Admirals and Generals.

To support VSN, learn more, or provide suggestions as to where and how we can help, PLEASE send us an email at <u>hq@vetsupportnetwork.org</u>.

