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Dear Stephen,

Today, on Veteran's Day, Knight Foundation is announcing [\\$250,000 in new support](#) for Military Veterans in Journalism (MVJ), a new professional organization that aims to put more veterans in newsrooms by supporting their career growth, building community and advocating for diversifying newsrooms through hiring and promoting vets. Their important work provides a pathway for veterans looking to continue their life of service as journalists.

Our new support for MVJ will also help fill a gap in newsroom diversity: though 7% of Americans are military vets, the same group makes up only 2% of journalists. As American news leaders continue to push for newsrooms that reflect the communities they serve, it's absolutely critical we take America's veterans into account.

Knight's commitment will help MVJ hire new staff members, offer six-month fellowships for vets in newsrooms and expand the organization's programming. You can learn more about this organization, and how you, your news outlet or a vet you know can get involved, in [this blog post](#) from Zack Baddorf, a Navy vet and MVJ's founder.

As the organization continues to grow, we hope newsrooms continue to find ways to incorporate the knowledge, resources and skills that American vets bring to the table. [Click here](#) to learn more on Knight's investments in journalism, and [follow Knight on Twitter](#) for updates about our work.

Best,

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