

SIUVA Press Release

November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017

In September of 2017 David Smith's non-profit, Stories in Uniform (SIU), partnered with Adam T. Cummings' non-profit, Vetting America (VA), to form SIUVA. A woman by the name of Amie Russell / Amie Hicks was originally apart of SIU as David Smith's partner before becoming Director of Business Development for the merged organization Stories in Uniform Vetting America (SIUVA).

As of October 23, 2017, Amie Russell was relieved of her duties as Director of Business Development for SIUVA after misfortunate facts of her came to light in the national spotlight. Ms. Russell's claims to have solicited donation funds under our organization's name while in the Jacksonville, FL area are unverifiable, for the organization never saw any of the money nor received any receipts for said donations.

We apologize for any pain or damage Ms. Russell has caused anybody during her time affiliated with SIUVA. Our organization is designed to support positive impacts in people's lives not take away from the quality of those very same lives.

As of November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017, SIUVA was 501c-3 pending. Although our organization has yet to begin fundraising, our ability to-do so is greenlighted until the attorney general of the state of Florida makes a ruling on our non-profit status, so long as we inform donors that our 501c-3 is indeed pending.

SIUVA is a Veteran nonprofit startup aiming to bring awareness to the plight all Veterans go through psychologically, emotionally, and spiritually as they attempt re-identify themselves in a society that no longer feels like home.

With less than one half of one percent of our population in the military, we appreciate the uniqueness of those who answer the call to serve. Defended by an all-volunteer force, we recognize the selfless sacrifice made each day by those in uniform.

Our vision is to become the Central Hub for all Veteran Outreach Initiatives in order to actuate positive change for our Nation's Heroes. We believe that love, compassion, empathy, and understanding are undervalued resources in the fight against mental illness and is our Organization's mission to help those who have helped us live our American Dreams.

Respectfully,

Adam T. Cummings, Chief Executive Officer  
David B. Smith, President  
Loies Loyola, Marketing and Sales Executive  
D. Marie Crossley, Director of Business Development

