State/Agency	Office	Target Name	Case Caption	Short Description	Press Contact/Release
FTC	Federal Trade	Help the Vets,	Federal Trade	Complaint and Stipulated Final Judgment and Permanent Injunction	
	Commission	Inc., et al. and	Commission, et al. v.		
		Neil Paulson,	Help The Vets, Inc.,	The Federal Trade Commission, along with the Attorneys General of	
		Sr.	d/b/a American		
			Disabled Veterans		
			Foundation, Inc.,		
			Military Families Of		
			America, Veterans		
			Emergency Blood Bank,		
			Veterans Fighting		
			Breast Cancer, and Vets		
			Fighting Breast Cancer;		
			and Neil G. Paulson, Sr.		

		Medal of Honor		
California	Department of Justice- Attorney General's Registry of Charitable Trusts	American Veterans Foundation	Cease and Desist Order  Multi-state: misleading reports (IRS Form 990 and RRF-1 Forms) were filed with our office. We issued a Cease and Desist Order. Michigan also filed an action.	AG Press Office (916) 210-6000 agpressoffice@doj.ca.g ov Walter.Garcia@doj.ca.g ov; Bethany.Lesser@doj.ca. gov
California	Department of Justice- Attorney General's Registry of Charitable Trusts	American's Heroes Foundation dba Yellow Ribbons America	Administrative Order  Administrative Order Cease and Desist Order was sent by Registry of Charitable Trusts on March 17, 2017. Charity failed to register.	AG Press Office (916) 210-6000 agpressoffice@doj.ca.g ov Walter.Garcia@doj.ca.g ov; Bethany.Lesser@doj.ca.
California	Department of Justice- Attorney General's Registry of Charitable Trusts	Foundation for American Veterans, Inc.	Registration Suspension  Registration Suspended. Charity failed to file reports for 2016 and filed incomplete reports in 2015. No appeal was filed by the organization as such registration has been suspended.	AG Press Office (916) 210-6000 agpressoffice@doj.ca.g ov  Walter.Garcia@doj.ca.g ov; Bethany.Lesser@doj.ca. gov

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			Attorney General, and failing to disclose a self-dealing transaction with Paulson.	
California	Department of Justice- Attorney General's Registry of Charitable Trusts	National Paradigm Foundation	Registration Revocation  National Paradigm Foundation – solicited donations in the Bay area but never registered or filed annual reports with the Attorney General's Registry of Charitable Trusts. After multiple notices were sent to various addresses, the Registry revoked the organization's registration and a Cease and Desist Order was served on January 12, 2017.	AG Press Office (916) 210-6000 agpressoffice@doj.ca.g ov Walter.Garcia@doj.ca.g ov; Bethany.Lesser@doj.ca. gov

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	Georgia	Troop Aid			
	Secretary of	(OTA)		Consent agreement reached following multistate Investigation	
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				to cease operating, wind down and enter into an agreement which	
				includes dissolution, penalties, an injunction barring its chief executive	
				from serving as a fiduciary, or soliciting for, any nonprofit, and	
				assistance in the States' continued investigation into Harris	
				Jewelry. (	
Georgia	Office of the	Professional	ENCH-170203	Open Investigation - Pending Cease and Desist Order	ļ
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	Secretary of	Association,		The Division received a complaint that the Georgia based Professional	
	State	LLC		Fundraising Association LLC ("PFA") was conducting door-to-door	
				solicitations in Oklahoma, Missouri, and Arkansas. The same individual	
				who organized PFA organized Something for Soldiers. While PFA	
				contends that it notified all participants that it was a for-profit	
				corporation, the Division alleges that PFA held itself ellaha P-7.6 (e)4 (t)-3.4 (i)-0.9 (i)-0.1 (r)-1.4 (	(a)-3.

				corporation, the Division alleges that SFS held itself out in solicitations as a charitable organization that worked with veterans. The Division issued a Cease and Desist Order for further solicitations and any other violations of the Georgia Charitable Solicitations Act.	
Georgia	Office of the Georgia Secretary of State	The Clear Coalition and AMVETS National Service Foundation	ENCH-150142	Letter of Caution  Clear Coalition was the subject of an investigation after the Division received a complaint alleging it was conducting unregistered activity in Georgia. The Division issued a Letter of Caution based on investigatory findings that Clear Coalition was not registered and was operating	
l Georgia	Office of the Georgia Secretary of State	United Veterans Foundation	ENCH-160168	donation bins that did not display the proper statutory language.  Letter of Caution  The Division received a complaint from a Georgia resident that United Veterans Foundation ("UVF") was soliciting donations outside of a Rome area Wal-Mart. The complainant, a veteran, had concerns about	l

	Office	Longmore	Investigation of	nonprofit corporation. The Attorney General's investigation revealed	scott.graf@ag.idaho.go
			Veterans Relief	Mr. Longmore, while soliciting charitable contributions and selling	V
			Association, Inc., and	goods on behalf of VRA, misrepresented to donors and consumers: (a)	208-334-4112
			Wayne Longmore	the tax-exempt status of VRA, (b) the Attorney General's approval of	(No prior press release.)
				VRA's activities, (c) VRA's status as a registered Idaho telephone	
				solicitor, and (d) how VRA uses or distributes the charitable	
				contributions it receives.	
Illinois	Illinois	Community	People of Illinois ex rel.	Case Filing	
	Attorney	Guide	Lisa Madigan, Attorney		
	General,	Magazines, Inc.	General of Illinois v.	The Illinois AG is suing CGM, an Illinois-based professional fund raiser	
	Charitable	(CGM)	Community Guide	(PFR), its owner, and 6 solicitors it employs in connection with 2	
	Trust Bureau		Magazines, Inc., et al. –	veteran charities, Viet now National Headquarters & American	
			Circuit Court of Cook	Veterans Foundation, where most of the monies collected went to pay	
			County, Illinois	fundraising costs. The complaint alleges that the CGM violated Illinois	
				law by knowingly employing 6 solicitors who had felony convictions	
				that, if disclosed, would have prevented them from legally registering	
				as solicitors; filing PFR & solicitor registration and accounting	
				documents that falsely stated that the 6 CGM solicitors had no criminal	
				backgrounds; and using solicitation materials falsely suggesting that	
				CGM is endorsed by the IL AG as a registere-10.6 (ed4 (4e-10.6 (c71.9 (s)4	I.4 (e)-9.R(t )]J.A)-3.(e)1-5 (L)-5.7 (l)

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Illinois	Illinois Attorney	Safety Publications,			
	General,	Inc.			
	Charitable Trust Bureau				

was appointed to take control of Viet now and liquidate its assets. Settlement agreements were also entered between the defendants and the other participating states paralleling the terms of the injunctions in Illinois' agreed order but conforming to the specific requirements of each participating state (it permits enforcement in each of those respective state). a (t)-3.3Fr occh

	Division		Grand Prize!" while less prominently describing the exciting news as a mere possibility.	
			VRN describes its mission as helping those veterans "who need it most," getting homeless veterans "off the streets" and providing them "a meal or a bed." But VRN records indicate that the help it provides often covers routine expenses for selected veterans, like phone bills, car insurance, property taxes, or even retirement benefits.	
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	Attorney	National		
	General,	Headquarters,	Multistate settlement with Illinois-based VietNow following allegations	
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	Attorney	National		
	General	Headquarters,		Multistate settlement with Illinois-based VietNow following allegations
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				remaining assets to two national and well-respected veterans charities,
				Fisher House Foundation and Operation Homefront. (see entry for
				Michigan for more information)
Maryland	Office of the Attorney	Help the Vets, Inc., et al. and	FTC, et al., v. Help the Vets, Inc., et al.	Complaint and Stipulated Final Judgment and Permanent Injunction
	General and	Neil Paulson,		The Maryland Attorney General and Secretary of State, along with the
	Office of the Secretary of	Sr.		Federal Tal Talete652.8 547.92 109.32/ 0a Td(T).7 (e -3.9 (c)-14.7 2.8 547.92 .229 Td()] JEecrTw 9.96 -0 0

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Maryland	Office of the Attorney General and Office of the Secretary of State	Southern Maryland Veterans Association and Daniel Brashear	(1) In re Southern Maryland Veterans Association, et. al.  (2) State v. Brashear, Price George's County Circuit Court, Case No. CT170551X - the referral resulted in the State's Attorney Obtaining a multi-count criminal indictment of Mr. Brashear including violations of the Maryland Solicitations Act, theft by fiduciary and embezzlement.	bears dressed in military uniforms, it would donate a specific amount of money, depending on the bear's size, to OTA. OTA has acknowledged, among other things, that it failed to ensure that donated monies were expended for its stated charitable purpose, and it failed to request or receive periodic accountings from Harris of sales made. OTA has agreed to cease operating, wind down and enter into an agreement which includes dissolution, penalties, an injunction barring its chief executive from serving as a fiduciary, or soliciting for, any nonprofit, and assistance in the States' continued investigation into Harris Jewelry. ( )  Two types of actions: (1) Administrative Cease and Desist Order against the organization, its founder, and assistant director, and (2) Following new complaints that Daniel Brashear continued to solicit even after the final agency order, the OAG and SOS referred the matter to the State's Attorney of Price George's County, Maryland for criminal prosecution  Soliciting in Front of Retail Storefronts: Solicitors for the Southern Maryland Veterans Association had been a visible presence at several retail and grocery stores throughout Calvert County and elsewhere in Southern Maryland. Fundraisers for the charity would get permission from the large retail stores, stand outside, and ask for donations for homeless veterans programs from customers going inside and outside the stores. The solicitors would distribute false registration documents to customers that claimed to show that the organization was registered with the Secretary of State, when in fact it was not. Solicitation materials included misrepresentations about a homeless shelter for veterans in Calvert County that did not exist.	http://www.marylandat torneyg eneral.gov/Press/2016/ 021716. pdf (Announcing the initial agency Cease and Desist Order) http://www.marylandat torneyg eneral.gov/Press/2016/ 070116. pdf (Announcing Final Administrative Agency Action and Dismissal of appeal
Maryland	Office of the Attorney General and Office of the Secretary of State	VietNow National Headquarters, Inc.		Multistate Settlement	of the Cease and Desist Order)

				Michigan for more information)	
Massachusett	Attorney	Focus on	Commonwealth of	Consent Judgment filed on 2/15/2018 as part of negotiated settlement	Margaret Quackenbush,
ŝ	General	Veterans, Inc.	Massachusetts v. Focus		Deputy Press Secretary,
	Office		on Veterans, Inc.	Veterans charity was illegally soliciting in Massachusetts and falsely	(617) 727-2543,
			(Super. Ct. Suffolk, 14-	representing that money raised from Massachusetts residents would	Margaret.Quackenbush
			CV-02487-D)	benefit Massachusetts veterans, when that was not the case.	@State.MA.US
			•	Negotiated settlement resulted in a Consent Judgment for \$60,000.	
				AGO asked the Court to transfer the \$60,000, under the doctrine of cv	http://www.mass.gov/a

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pres, to two other veterans charities in Massachusetts that will benefit

MA veterans. Court order granting transfer of funds granted on May 18,

http://www.mass.gov/a go/news-andupdates/pressreleases/2014/2014-08-15-focus-onveterans.html

				American Heroes agreeing to pay penalties, to dissolve, and to	452462,00.html
				distribute its remaining assets to a reputable veterans' charity. Healing	
				American Heroes' fundraiser Jeremy Squires and Associates also settled	
				by paying a penalty and agreeing to a ten-year ban on Michigan	
				solicitations.	
Michigan	Department	Help the Vets,	In the Matter of Help	Notice of Administrative Revocation of Solicitation Registration	
	of the	Inc.	the Vets, Inc. Charitable		
	Attorney		Solicitation #49152	Attorney General alleged that Help the Vets filed inaccurate financial	
	General			statements that misrepresented its charitable programs. In response,	
				organization agreed to a 5-year solicitations ban in Michigan.	
				Michigan's action also led to investigations of Help the Vets in other	
				states.	
Michigan	Department	VietNow	In the Matter of	Multistate Settlement	•
	of the	National	VietNow National		
	Attorney	Headquarters,	Headquarters, Inc. and	In March 2017, Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette alleged	
	General	Inc.	Joseph Lewis, AG No.	thousands of acts of deceptive solicitation against VietNow, an Illinois-	
			2016-0149626-A	based veterans charity that fundraised nationally. Michigan alleged that	
				VietNow's professional telemarketers were using deceptive fundraising	
				scripts that misrepresented VietNow's charitable programs. During the	
				fundraising calls, VietNow's professional fundraisers routinely told	
				donors that a portion of their donation would help veterans in their	
				home state. However, in response to the Michigan Attorney General's	
				investigation, VietNow admitted that it had no local programs in	
				Michigan; nor did VietNow have local programs in other states. Other	

				Operation Homefront.			
Minnesota	Office of the Minnesota Attorney General	Communicatio n Specialists, Inc.; Patrick Sharpe	State of Minnesota v. Communication Specialistsnod[48 <b>(</b> 0)-4.6	[0 9.96 100-1 ()E/o 0.004 Tw 0 -1.22	22.7 (tto)-1.1 (4.1 (ng.004 Tce(.)]JETQq3	Tw 2.916 0 Td()TjETEMC /F	P #MCIE

				suicide prevention program, therapeutic family retreats, and similar programs. Instead, donations almost entirely benefited the private interests of Paulson and the professional fundraisers he authorized to	
			!	perform the deceptive solicitations. Help the Vets and Paulson have	
			!	signed a Stipulated Final Judgment and Permanent Injunction, in which Help the Vets will pay its remaining assets, at least \$72,122.36, and Paulson will pay \$1.75 million to be distributed to one or more	
			'	legitimate veterans charities, subject to court approval. Injunctive	
			'	relief against Help the Vets and Paulson includes a ban against soliciting	
			!	charitable contributions. Paulson is further banned from charity	,
			'	management and oversight of charitable assets	
Minnesota	Office of the Minnesota	VietNow National	In Re VietNow National Headquarters, Inc.,	Multistate Settlement	
	Attorney General	Headquarters, Inc.	Court File No. 62-CV-17- 7170	Multistate settlement with Illinois-based VietNow following allegations of deceptive solicitations, including that VietNow raised nearly \$2 million annually nationwide using professional telemar)1.9em c 0 Tw 1.9 (	(na) nw7w 0 -1.229 Td <b>[</b> G)0.5 70.9

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	Licensing		comply with the Charitable Solicitation Act.	
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North	North	Operation	Consent Agreement	
Carolina	Carolina	Troop Aid		
	Department	(OTA)	Consent agreement reached following multistate Investigation	
	of Justice,		by sixteen (16) states of Operation Troop Aid (OTA), a Tennessee-based	
	Consumer		charity with a stated purpose that included sending care packages to	
	Protection		deployed service members. OTA participated in an unlawful charity co-	
	Division,		venture with nationwide retailer, Harris Originals of New York (Harris	
	Financial		Jewelry) and its related incorporated stores. Harris Jewelry would	
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	General -	Inc.	of deceptive solicitations, including that VietNow raised nearly \$2	https://www.ohioattor
	Charitable		million annually nationwide using professional telemarketers that	neygeneral.gov/Media/
	Law Section		exaggerated or misrepresented VietNow's charitable activities or	News-
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			resolution with VietNow. In November 2017, the settlement was	2017/Deceptive-
			finalized and a receiver appointed to dissolve VietNow and distribute its	Veterans-Charity-to-
			remaining assets to two national and well-respected veterans charities,	Dissolve-Following-A
			Fisher House Foundation and Operation Homefront. (see entry for	
			Michigan for more information)	
Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Jeff David	Case Filing	Communications
	Attorney	McDougal		Director Terri Watkins

General

The Oklahoma Attorney General has charged Jeff David McDougal with sixteen counts of obtaining property by false pretenses for an alleged charitable purpose, one count of making false material statements on a charitable organization registration statement and one count of using a name similar to another charitable organization in connection with the solicitation of contributions for the purpose of deceiving the public. McDougal, through his professional fundraising business, Cornerstone Oklahoma, solicited and obtained contributions on behalf of American Oklahoma Veterans of Green Country for the purported purpose of helping veterans. However, an investigation revealed that American Oklahoma Veterans of Green Country is an organization created by McDougal, and McDougal allegedly failed to provide any assistance to veterans.

Virginia	Office of the	Hearts 2	Commonwealth of	Case Filing
	Attorney	Heroes Inc.	Virginia v. Hearts 2	
	General of	d/b/a Active	Heroes Inc. (Henrico	Action under the Virginia Consumer Protection Act and Virginia's
	Virginia	Duty Support	County Circuit Court,	Solicitation of Contributions law regarding for-profit company doing
		Services Inc. (to	Case No. CL18-3920-00)	business as Active Duty Support Services Inc., which makes door-to-
		be announced)		

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