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Events
Sept. 24 - General Meeting
Varto Technologies @ 12:00pm (Lunch 11:30am)

 Presentation: **One Operator. A Much Smarter Production** by Yervant Keshishian, Technical Director and Sales Engineer, Varto Technologies.

News from Trenton & Washington, DC and FCC Legislation Changes

by Dave Garb, Chair, Legislative

Reminder: ADA Title II Web and Mobility Access Compliance with the WCAG 2.1 Level AA Rules - Quickly Approaching

Starting April 24, 2027, any video published on government websites (or anywhere on the web) must include closed captioning. This new rule applies to local governments serving more than 50,000 people who provide online communications held to a minimum WCAG standard, but will extend to all government websites with less than 50,000 residents starting April 24, 2028.

This rule requires captioning for all online VOD and livestreamed content and adding a descriptive audio track for pre-recorded video that will also be aired online. [Read More](#)


One Operator. A Much Smarter Production.

by Yervant Keshishian, Technical Director and Sales Engineer, Varto Technologies.

Live-production gear can do more than ever. That does not mean it is always easier to run. The meeting still has to start on time. A remote guest may need to join. A presenter may step away from the podium. Cameras, graphics, recording, and streaming all have to stay on track, often with one person running the show.

When JAG returns to Varto Technologies on September 30, we will put several newer tools together and show how they can take some of the routine work off the operator's plate. The point is not to automate every decision. It is to give the operator more time to watch the production and make the decisions that matter.

[Read more](#)
The Board is Working for You

by Doug Seidel, President, JAG

We may be on hiatus with general membership meetings this summer, but the executive board is still hard at work for JAG. We just concluded our annual retreat and reviewed a lot of information. Let me give you a short update on what we have been up to.

[Read more](#)

Who Has the Password?

by John Morley, Independent Producer

Years ago, protecting a television station meant locking the doors, securing the equipment, and ensuring only authorized personnel had access to the control room. Today, another part of the station needs just as much protection: its digital assets.

Community television stations may have more online accounts than people realize. YouTube channels, social media accounts, websites, streaming platforms, cloud storage, email accounts, scheduling systems, remote access tools, and equipment management systems may all require usernames and passwords.

The question every station should be able to answer is simple: Who has the password? [Read more](#)


Alliance for Community Media
Public Policy Call
Sept. 10, 2026
2:00pm- 3:00pm (ET)

Join in on this monthly phone call with ACM President and CEO Mike Wassenaar, discussing current State and Federal issues affecting PEG Access TV, and what actions the individuals in community media can make in support of our industry. Email ACM is you need the link. Public Policy Phone Briefings are for ACM Members Only. Registration is monitored. Can't make a call, but want to get informed? Listen to a recording on the ACM website.

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Save the Date for the 2026



NATO Annual Conference in Kansas City,
MO, September 14-17, 2026

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November 17-19
JAG Booth 256
JAG Sessions to be announced

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EVENT SCHEDULE 2026-27

- Sept. 30 at 12pm: General Meeting, Varto Technologies, Presentation TBA
- Oct. 28 at 12pm: General Meeting, Zoom Meeting, Presentation TBA
- Dec. 2 at 12pm: General Meeting, Location TBD, Presentation TBA
- Jan. 27, 2027 at 12pm: Zoom Meeting-Reorganization, Presentation – TBA
- Feb. 24 at 12pm: General Meeting, Bloomfield TV, Presentation – TelVue
- Mar. 31 at 12pm: General Meeting, Zoom Meeting, Presentation – JAG Conference 2027
- Apr. 28 at 12pm: General Meeting, Location TBD, Presentation – DeSisti Lighting
- May – JAG Conference & JAG Awards, Location TBD
- Jun. 30 at 12pm: General Meeting, Zoom Meeting, Presentation – TBA

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