

# INCOMING



**NOV 2010**

**Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley**

## Veteran's Day Observance - Nov. 11th San Ramon Valley High School - 1030

New "Agent Orange" changes have been approved by VA. Get your benefit update from the Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office now. Phil Munley

Official 2011 Ballot for Election of Officers & Directors enclosed in this annual meeting edition for VNVDV 2010 current or life members.

### President's Message -



VNVDV President  
Jerry Yahiro

Our last dinner meeting (attended by over 100 members and guests) guest speaker, LTC Alex Jefferson, USAF (Ret.), Tuskegee Airman, was just spectacular. LTC Jefferson's comments on his life, before, during, after World War II to the present, was stimulating and thought provoking. His was/is an example of a Great American. In addition, through the efforts of Mike Martin and Bill Green, VNVDV Speakers Bureau, during the course of his one week visit, Alex spoke to over 2,000 veterans and students.

Thank you, Robin Yancy, for planning, making the arrangements and hosting Alex.

On **Sunday, November 7, 2010** the VNVDV will be participating in the **Pleasanton Veterans Parade**. Join us.

Our local **Veterans Day Program** will be observed, on **Thursday, November 11.**

The VNVDV, along with the other veteran organizations, will have a combined observance on that day, starting at 1030 hrs. (10:30 AM), at the San Ramon Valley High School Auditorium, 501 Danville Blvd., Danville.

If you cannot make this observance, try to make one in your local area. (Dress code: the official uniform for the VNVDV.)

The Board of Directors (BOD) of the VNVDV is considering candidates for our **annual awards**. We will present these awards our Christmas Appreciation Dinner Celebration, **Thursday, December 2, 2010**. The following are the awards and criteria for consideration:

### The Gary Villalba Dedicated Service Award:

Awarded to someone who has provided outstanding support, service and unwavering commitment to the needs of and for veterans, their families and/or serving military personnel. Need not be a member of VNVDV.

### Volunteer Of The Year:

Awarded to a member of the VNVDV for outstanding service during the past year.

### Veteran Of the Year:

Awarded to a veteran for outstanding service to/for, other veterans and/or serving military personnel. Need not be a member of the VNVDV.

If you have a candidate for any or all of these awards, please let me know. Your nomination will be added to the list for consideration. I can be reached via telephone at **925 / 743-8850**, or e-mail: [jyahiro@aol.com](mailto:jyahiro@aol.com).

Next year will be the **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of the founding of the VNVDV. The BOD has decided that the official observance will take place during our **April** dinner meeting, **Thursday, April 2, 2011**. If you have an idea on how to make this anniversary a special occasion, please let me know. Meanwhile, mark your calendars and reserve the date.

**WAY TO GO GIANTS!**



# Honoring 42 Veterans at Fremont Post Office Saturday - NOV 6 - 0730

## Attention Patriots:

Veterans and members of the community have been requested to join the USPS in **Honoring 42 Veterans** on Saturday - November 6th at the **Fremont Post Office** at **0730**.

Many of you may remember and participated in last year's Walnut Creek U. S. Post Office ceremony conducted. We strongly encourage anyone living in the Fremont area or if you are in the area to please stop by and show your support for these local veterans. The U. S. Post Office in Fremont heard about the success of the W.C. program last year and requested assistance from the **Lafayette Flag Brigade**, and **Veteran Service Organizations** and **Military Support Groups** to join them in this special event.

**Event location: Fremont Post Office at:  
37010 Dusterberry Way  
Fremont Post Office  
Fremont CA 94536**

## Contact Information:

Gurpreet (Gopi) Sohal  
OIC Fremont Post Office  
Fremont CA 94536  
510 / 792-1655  
Cell: 510 / 407-2176  
Mobile fax: 651 / 306-6365

Information provided by - **Phil Munley**  
from BRYAN WELDEN & JIM MINDER (925) 212-9260

# VA NCHCS Oakland "Health Care" Administration

## New Address and Contact Numbers

### VA NCHCS Oakland Administration

1301 Clay Street, 270 South  
Oakland, CA 94612

Main Number: 510 / 587-5000

Fax Number: 510 / 287-2417

#### Chief Medical Officer

Ronald Chun, MD,

Alameda Co. Market Area Manager

PH: 510 / 587-5002

Contact numbers Mon, Wed, Fri:

**VA Oakland OPC**

PH: 510 / 267-7818

Fax: 510 / 267-7819

#### Administrative Officer

Fanny Roberson,

PH: 510 / 587-5001

#### Quality Improvement Coordinator

Ethel Warren, RN,

PH: 510 / 587-5007

#### Administrative Assistant

Geraldine Lambert, Administrative Assistant

PH: 510 / 587-5003

#### Lead Administrative Assistant

Patricia Goldsmith,

PH: 510 / 587-5004



# Don't Miss this Special VET Center Grand Opening



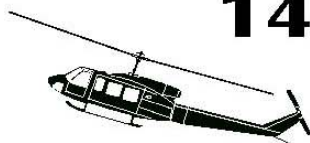
## Vet Center

*You are invited to*  
**The Grand Opening  
Ceremonies**

### Saturday 11/6/2010

### 1400 'til 1930(ish)

2:00 pm until 7:30 pm for civilians



**1400 Classic Car Show featuring:**

Max Loffgren's 55 Chevy POW Car / The Black Widow / The Concord Vet Center Huey and more

**1500 Concert with the CA Air National Guard Band**

**1600 Pipes and Drums of the Black Bear Pipe Band**

**1615 Presentation of Colors by Concord Marines**

**1630 Speechifying and presentcantationating**

**1730 Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies**

**1800 tours begin dinner is served**

**Music by *Strumming for Vets***

**CONCORD VET CENTER**

**1333 WILLOW PASS**

**CONCORD, CA 925 680 4526**



## MIA GEURTS - IRAQ VETERAN GUEST SPEAKER

The VNVDV is honored to have MIA GEURTS, a young veteran speak to our organization at our November 4th dinner meeting held at the Crow Canyon Country Club. Social Hour 1700, and Buffet Dinner starts 1800. The chef's choice buffet is \$25.

Mia Geurts graduated from Monte Vista High School in Danville in 2002. She joined the U.S. Army shortly thereafter and served for four years as a Combat Medic - stationed in Germany, Iraq, and Washington D.C. Leaving the Army in November of 2006 to return to school and began attending Diablo Valley College for two years - prior to her transferring to UC Berkeley. Currently Mia is in her final year of undergraduate studies, pursuing a degree in Molecular and Cell Biology with plans to

attend medical school once she graduates. Upon graduation from medical school her goal is to return to the Army as medical doctor.

Ms. Geurts wants to share a little about her military experience, most notably her service in Iraq. That experience was a large factor in why she chose to volunteer in Viet Nam last summer. She would like to share with our members and guests her experiences in Viet Nam. She went there with a student group from UC Berkeley called "Volunteers for Medical Out-Reach VMO. They sent two groups on two separate trips (about 10 people each), for three weeks each, working with two main organizations in Vietnam, Aid to Children Without Parents and Friends of Hue. Our student group (VMO) fully funded several remote mobile health clinics (6 per trip) that served

a few thousand people, including both adults and children. These were a combination of dental and medical clinics. We worked in several areas throughout the country both in the southern region (near Saigon) and central region (north and south of Hue). In addition, they visited schools and an orphanage.

The VNVDV looks forward to Mia Geurts presentation of her military experiences in Iraq and her volunteer efforts in Viet Nam. She welcomes questions from our members and guest at the November dinner. She will also include photographs from my trip in her presentation.

Remember next month is our December Appreciation Dinner and reservations are required for this Annual DEC. Dinner. RSVP with VP Mike Slattengren at: [mjsslatt@yahoo.com](mailto:mjsslatt@yahoo.com) or call 925 / 901 - 8085. **Remember Bring a New Toy**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- NOV 4 - Thursday @ 1700 in San Ramon.... General Membership Dinner Meeting @ Crow Canyon Country Club -
- NOV 5 - Saturday @ 0730 in Fremont... Veteran's Recognition at U.S. Post Office by Lafayette Flag Brigade and VSO
- NOV 6 - Saturday @ 1500 in Concord... **Grand Opening** of the new location of the **Concord VET Center** - 1333 Willow Pass Road
- NOV 7 - Sunday @ 1300 in Pleasanton... Veteran's Day Parade in Downtown Pleasanton - VNVDV Participating with Service Colors
- NOV 10 - Wednesday - All Day - Celebrating the Marine Corps Birthday - Many activities scheduled throughout the Bay Area for USMC
- NOV 10 - Wednesday @ 1000 in Danville... Veteran's Recognition Program at **St. Isidore Elementary School** with Mayor Mike Doyle
- NOV 11 - Thursday - **All Day - Statewide**.... **Discounts** at Businesses - Restaurants - Stores - Hotels - Merchants for **Military & Veterans**
- NOV 11 - Thursday @ 1030 in Danville... **VETERAN'S DAY** - San Ramon Valley High School Auditorium - Slide Show & Program
- NOV 11 - Thursday @ 0900 in Pleasant Hill... Veteran's Day - Hosted by many Pleasant Hill community service organizations
- NOV 18 - Thursday @ 1600 in San Ramon... VNVDV "Board of Directors" Business Meeting @ Crow Canyon Country Club
- DEC 2 - Thursday @ 1700 in San Ramon.... Annual **HOLIDAY Appreciation Dinner** @ Crow Canyon - **Bring a New Toy** - **RSVP REQ**
- DEC 6 - Monday @ 1800 in Danville... Veterans Memorial Building Board of Directors Meeting - Swan House - Hap Magee Ranch Park
- DEC 7 - Tuesday @ 1600 on Mt. Diablo ... Annual Lighting of the Beacon on top of Mt. Diablo by the Pearl Harbor Survivors
- DEC 8 - Wednesday @ 1800 in Lafayette... Remembering Pearl Harbor - Dec. 7th by the Contra Costa Council Navy League - Dinner
- DEC 16 - Thursday @ 1600 in San Ramon... VNVDV "Board of Directors" Business Meeting @ Crow Canyon Country Club
- DEC xx - TBA @ 1000 & 1400 in Danville... *"Operation Santa"* presented by Tereso for our Active Duty families with the Blue Star Moms
- FEB 6, 2011 - Sunday @ 1300 in Danville... Annual **Charity Crab Feed Fundraiser** - Community Center—Front Street—Next to Library
- APR 2, 2011 Thursday @ 1600 in San Ramon... VNVDV **"20th ANNIVERSARY" DINNER MEETING** @ Crow Canyon Country Club
- MAY 21 2011 - Saturday @ 0900 in Crockett... Annual **"WALK OF HONOR"** presented by **ConocoPhillips** in Rodeo - be a Sponsor
- MAY 30 2011 - Monday @ 1000 in Diablo Valley... **Memorial Day - Oakhill Park - Danville**
- AUG 2012 - **EAST BAT STAND DOWN** - Program for Bay Area Homeless Vets - **Donate** - visit - [www.EastBayStandDown.org](http://www.EastBayStandDown.org)

*Support the Wheelchair Foundation - We are going back to Viet Nam!*

# ReBoot Camp

## Help for our Returning Veterans

Support for Our Returning Tri-Valley Veterans

If you don't already know about **ReBoot Camp**, we're here to help returning Veterans reconnect to civilian life. There are weekly meetings at the Livermore Veteran' Memorial Building on **Wednesday nights** and a monthly **2nd Thursday** Employment Readiness workshop at **Camp Parks for Veterans, Reservists, the Guard, and Military Family members**.

Please inform all those who are returning from the military and their families. Thank You.

For additional information - Please contact us at: [Joy@ReBootCamp.US](mailto:Joy@ReBootCamp.US) or call 925 / 292.9898

Or visit our website at: <http://www.ReBootCamp.US>

<http://www.linkedin.com/in/joymontgomery>

## VNVDV to Participate in Pleasanton Veterans Parade on Nov. 7th

2010 Tri-Valley VETERAN'S DAY PARADE—PLEASANTON on MAIN STREET

1:00 PM "KICK-OFF" ON **Nov 7, 2010 - SUNDAY**

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6298 will host the 2010 Tri-Valley Veterans Day Parade on Sunday, November 7 beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Main Street in Pleasanton from Old Bernal Road to St. Mary's Street. This annual event will feature military and veteran color guards, marching bands, military vehicles and much more. A ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Building at 301 Main Street follows the parade.

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The theme of this year's parade is "America's Navy: A Global Force for Good" and the parade Grand Marshall is Commander John Molinari, the new naval command officer for the U.S Navy West Coast Support Group in San Jose

Immediately following the parade will be a ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Building featuring Keynote Speaker Admiral Jud Scott of the U.S. Navy who will speak on honoring our veterans. The Veterans Memorial Building is located at 301 Main Street.

This year, the U.S. Marines and members of the P-Town Pushrods car club will collect Toys for Tots before, during, and after the parade, along the parade route, at the review stand and at the Veterans Memorial Building. For more information, please contact David Ham at (925) 580-6661.

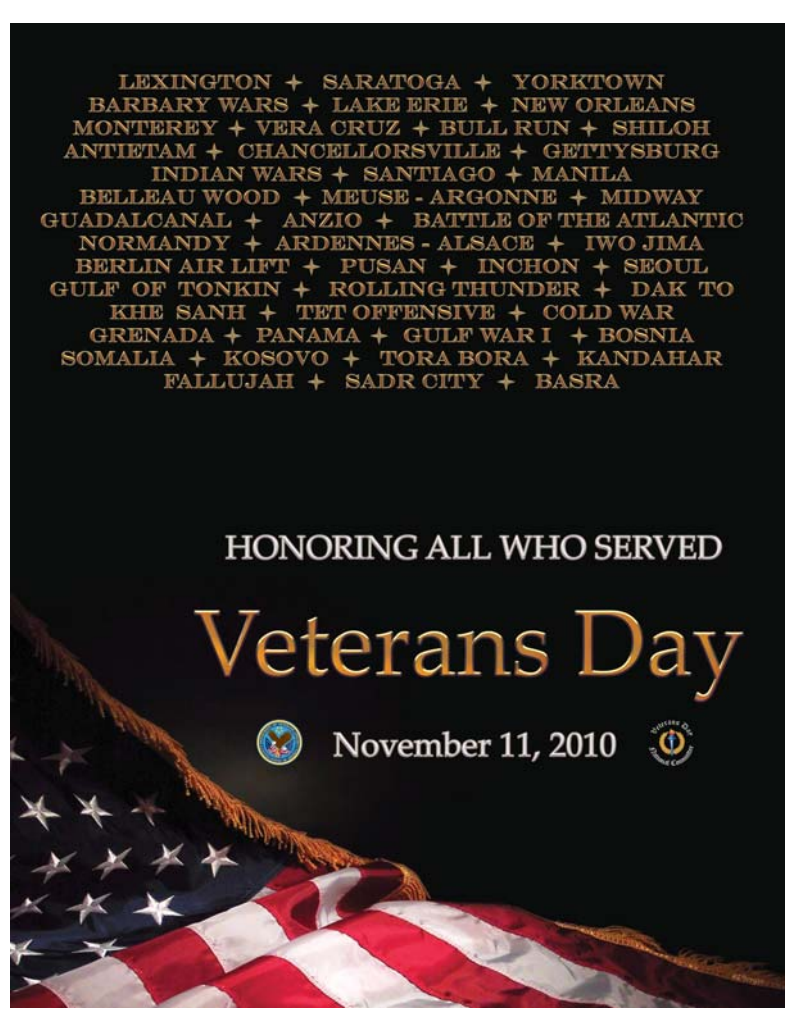
YES This is **John Estes "BIRTHDAY"** AND WHAT A WAY TO CELEBRATE! JOIN US FOR THE PARADE AND HAVE SOME FUN!

**WE NEED VNVDV MEMBERS FOR OUR MILITARY SERVICE COLORS AND FOR OUR ORGANIZATIONAL BANNER FOR THIS PARADE. PLEASE CONTACT FRED GRANADOS AT 925 / 939 - 6732 FOR THIS DETAIL. FRED CAN ALSO BE E-MAILED AT: [FLGRANADOS@YAHOO.COM](mailto:FLGRANADOS@YAHOO.COM). CONTACT HIM NOW!**

# Veteran's Day for the San Ramon Valley

# NOV. 11

to be held in  
Danville at  
San Ramon Valley  
High School  
Performing Arts Center



# Veteran's Day Program for the San Ramon Valley 10:30 AM

A pre-program video presentation at 10:30am -  
Veterans of the Valley.. Then and Now.

**Information Booths will be in the SRVHS lobby  
with materials for veterans - military & family members.**

The 2010 Veteran's Day Program for the San Ramon Valley is a  
joint effort of all the Veteran Service Organizations in the valley. Please Attend!

**Remember our Veterans on November 11th**

A veteran appreciation program is being held at St. Isidore Elementary at 10AM on Nov. 10th  
and our SRV Nov. 11th Veteran's Day Program is at 10:30 at SRV High School

# WE NEED MEMBERS TO VOLUNTEER TO CARRYING OUR MILITARY SERVICE FLAGS ON - NOV. 7TH & NOV. 11TH CONTACT FRED GRANADOS @ 925/939-6732



It is time to obtain "DONATIONS"  
for our "Super Crab Feed" in Feb. 2011



## Our Annual Crab Feed is our Only Internal Fundraiser and needs the individual support of all members. Please Volunteer.

**WE WANT YOU! YOUR DONATIONS FOR THE CRAB FEED ARE VITAL! HELP US!**



Help is needed NOW for the February CRAB FEED. "Big Daddy John Estes" our Past President has stepped up to the plate once again to Chair this event. Talk with John about how you can help. Volunteer for a committee. Help is needed in all areas. We have a new location since the Veteran Building is being remodeled for the next 12 to 18 months. Our Crab Feed will be at the Community Center on Front Street next to the Danville Public Library this year. It is still on the FIRST Sunday in February as always. Tickets are still \$40. **Make your Crab Feed Reservations with Treasurer Gary Estrella.**

**NOTE:** As mentioned every edition - Events are *subject to change* after the time of publication. Many events are NOT listed which the VNVDV supports and we encourage you to check the all websites of our friends - supporters - and other organizations we also support.

Be sure to visit our website @ [www.VNVDV.com](http://www.VNVDV.com)

# VNVDV Member Lorrie Sammons Recognized as Northern California's CalVet Woman of the Year - 2010

It is my pleasure to inform you that **U.S. Navy, Captain** and San Ramon resident **Lucy "Lorrie" Sammons** has been selected as Northern California's **CalVet Women of the Year for 2010**.

Captain Sammons receiving her award during the 3rd annual Woman's Veterans Conference that took place in Clovis, October 7& 8, 2010. The award was presenting the award to Lorrie by **Barbara Ward**, Deputy Secretary, Women's and Minority Veterans for the **California Department of Veterans Affairs**.

Lorrie was selected for this honor based on her exemplary record of service in the U.S. Navy and Navy Reserve and as an outstanding member of our Veterans community.

Congratulations Lorrie!!!

*Phil Munley*

**Contra Costa County Veteran Service Officer**

*The VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley Board of Directors and members add our sincere congratulations to fellow veteran and VNVDV member Lorrie Sammons. She has demonstrated her commitment to our organization, fellow veterans and the military as a member and as an Executive Board Member for the East Bay Stand Down in previous years. Thank you Lorrie for your service and well deserved recognition.*

## Veterans Day 2010 - Military Discounts

There are thousands of businesses at [MilitaryAvenue.com](http://MilitaryAvenue.com) that are thankful for our military 365-days a year. You can find military-discounts around you:

<http://www.militaryavenue.com/RewardFinder.aspx>

**National:** <http://militaryavenue.com/Articles/Veterans+Day+21++Military+Discounts-35163.aspx>

- [Sears is offering 10% off on Veterans Day](http://www.sears.com/ue/home/Salute_to_Local_Heroes_Flyer.pdf) - "Local heroes" need to print out the Storewide Savings Pass in this flyer:[http://www.sears.com/ue/home/Salute\\_to\\_Local\\_Heroes\\_Flyer.pdf](http://www.sears.com/ue/home/Salute_to_Local_Heroes_Flyer.pdf) and they also need ID to prove their "local hero" status.
- [Bed and Breakfasts Across the United States to Honor U.S. Military](#) - B&Bs and Inns are providing free rooms on Wednesday, November 10, in observance of Veterans Day, November 11, to honor servicemen and women currently serving or who have previously served their country. .
- [Free Meal at Applebees](#) - All Veterans and Active Duty Military eat free at Applebees on November 11th
- [Free Meal at Golden Corral](#) on Monday, November 15 - "Who is eligible for the free "thank you" dinner? Any person who has served in the US Military (retirees, veterans, active duty, National Guard or Reserves)"
- [Free Meal from McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant](#) (on Sunday, November 7)
- [A free Bloomin' Onion and Beverage](#) on November 11th from Outback Steakhouse, Nationwide
- [Free Cane](#) from AMG Medical Inc at your local Sam's Club, November 10th, 11th and 12th. "A national program will provide 36,000 Hugo® Folding Canes free of charge to U.S. military veterans in need of mobility assistance to honor them for their selfless contributions to our country."
- [UNO Chicago Grill](#) invites all members of the military, both veterans and active duty, to enjoy a free entree or individual pizza with the purchase of an entree or pizza of equal or greater value. (November 11)
- [Sport Clips](#) is offering a free haircut to Veterans on Veterans Day 2010 at participating locations.
- [Free Doughnut at Krispy Kreme](#) on Wednesday, November 11th for Veterans and Military Personnel on Veterans Day!
- Subway, Free Six Inch Sub. Many subway locations offer a free six inch sub to military veterans on Veteran's Day. Subway restaurants are franchises, so this offer may only be available in select locations. Please contact your local Subway for more information regarding Veteran's day specials.
- Visit one of your [national parks on Veterans Day](#), November 11, 2010, and you won't be charged an entrance fee
- As a Thank You to the Military – [Select Comfort, the maker of Sleep Number](#), have an exclusive Military Offer. (ends November 14, 2010)
- [MSC Cruises](#) remembers our heroes with a 50% discount on all 2011 Mediterranean summer sailings for military veterans and those currently serving in the armed forces. (all new bookings made between 11th and 15th November)
- [Under Armour Factory Houses](#) nationwide will be offering a "20% discount to our Military on Veteran's day. Our everyday discount is 10%. Just bring your ID and show it to the cashier when checking out!"
- **Lowe's & Home Depot** - 10% off to active-duty military members, National Guard and reserve members, retirees, honorably discharged veterans and immediate family members. This discount is extended year round for our Active Duty but is also available to our veterans on Veterans Day
- [Amazon.com](#) - Free "Veterans Day Honor" MP3 album download. The album includes 12 songs by The Bands and Ensembles of the U.S. Armed Forces.
- Cabela's Outdoor Store - Offers their employee discount to all veterans, active-duty military and reserves, law enforcement, fire and EMS personnel Nov. 11-12. Discounts vary from 5% to 50%, depending on the item.
- Build-a-Bear Workshop - Members of the armed services including the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Reserve Officer Training Corps, will receive a 20% discount Nov. 11-15 on any one transaction at Build-A-Bear Workshop.
- Dollar General - 10% discount for all veterans, active-duty military, National Guard and reserve and their immediate families.
- Fashion Bug - 20% off all plus-size and misses clothing purchases with a copy of military ID or spouse's military ID.



# Support Our Blue Star Moms

## BLUE STAR MOMS - Chapter 101 - Upcoming "DROP ZONE" Events

November 6 - Drop Zone at Safeway, 11050 Bollinger Rd., San Ramon from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

November 13 - Drop Zone at Pleasanton Wal-Mart, 4501 Rosewood Drive from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

November 20 - Drop Zone at Molly's Pup-Piree, 425 Hartz Ave., Danville from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

December 4 - Holiday Hugs Pack out to troops starting at 10:00 a.m. until done, Elks Lodge, Walnut Creek

**VietNam Veteran of Diablo Valley - Proud Supporters of the Blue Star Moms**

**Annual "Holiday Appreciation Dinner" - DEC. 2**  
**Remember to bring a NEW Toy for boy or girl to make the holiday brighter for someone!**

**Contact Mike Slattengren - Advance Reservations are Necessary.**

*Interested in Being More Active?  
Involvement in Community Service?  
Investigate One of our many Committees  
Find Out More at our "Business Meeting"*

Involvement makes the difference! Your personal activity and participation makes it all work. We thank those who are active and enjoy the many programs - projects & events our organizations participates in throughout the Diablo Valley. We cannot do it alone and thank the many wonderful organizations who partner and work with us in most all of our events. The teamwork and joint effort benefits us all and those we serve in our great community. Together we have make efforts very *successful!* New membership is encouraged. Join us! If you are already a member - join a committee of interest and get involved - you will enjoy it! *You'll be glad you did - it could change your life!*

**Learn More about our organization  
Attend a Board of Directors Meeting  
Crow Canyon Country Club**

**3rd Thursday of the Month**

## VETERAN'S DAY

**Many Discount Offers for Military  
and Veterans from Business**

Applebee's provides a free meal to veterans on Veterans Day. Applies to all Applebee's.

400 Inns offer free stay for military on November 10<sup>th</sup> for Veteran's Day.

[http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/39401775/ns/travel-destination\\_travel/](http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/39401775/ns/travel-destination_travel/)

List of participating properties:  
<http://www.bnbsforvets.org/particip>

LOWE'S HOME CENTER AND HOME DEPOT STORES offer a 10% Discount to ALL Veterans EVERYDAY if you let them know you are a veteran when you check-out. Your VA Health Benefit Card comes in handy again or other veteran ID card.  
**SEE DETAILED LIST IN THIS NEWSLETTER**

<http://www.military.com/discounts/>

<http://paycheck-chronicles.military.com/2010/10/28/2010-veterans-day-discounts/>

# Support our Gold Star Family License Plate Program

**To ALL VETERANS—MILITARY PERSONNEL—COMMUNITY MEMBERS:**

Did you know it has been two years since Gov. Schwarzenegger authorized the creation of a special recognition license plate to honor the families of the fallen, also known as **Gold Star Families??** Did you also know that before production can begin of these plates **\$300,000** needs to be raised by private donations?? To date **approximately \$170,000** has been donated.

As of **31 Aug 2010, California has lost 603 brave men & women in Iraq & Afghanistan.** That is more than **10% of America's Fallen.** We realize that we have been asking a lot of you when it comes to fund-raising and that times are tough, but California's **Gold Star Families** have lost so much. And they are still in need of your help.

As a thank you gift for your **\$20 donation**, please accept a commemorative t-shirt (design shown below). Available only in white and in sizes S-XXL. And because no donation is ever too small, as a thank you gift for \$5 donation, a commemorative static cling bumper sticker (also shown below).

To ensure your thank you gifts are sent correctly - *please* contact our local representative. Donations should be sent to **SOME GAVE ALL, P.O. Box 1215, Discovery Bay, CA 94505**

If you have any questions, please contact **Leianne Graves** via email [leianne@somegaveall.us](mailto:leianne@somegaveall.us)

We should never let the memory of those who have given their all drift away.

Please forward this important information to as many people as possible and thank you so much for *ALL* your help and support!

Phil Munley  
**Contra Costa County Veteran Service Officer**  
10 Douglas Drive # 100  
Martinez, CA. 94553  
(925) 313-1481

VNVDV "INCOMING" Newsletter

## County Board of Supervisor Veteran's Day Recognition

During the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors meeting of [November 9, 2010](#) - the Board will be **presenting a resolution recognizing the Veterans of Contra Costa County** for their dedication and sacrifice to our county and our contributing the nation's ideals of liberty and freedom.

The presentation should only last about 30 min. and will take place in the **Board Chambers at 651 Pine Street in Martinez.** The recognition will begin at 11am and will likely last about 30 min. **I would like to invite [all veterans](#) of the County who might be able to make this meeting to attend.** It would be nice if we could have at least one representative from each **Veteran Service Organization (VSO)** in attendance, to be recognized. Please let me know if you are able to attend.

Thank You in advance.

Phil Munley  
**Contra Costa County Veteran Service Officer**  
10 Douglas Drive # 100  
Martinez, CA. 94553  
(925) 313-1481



**Vet Center**  
**I Want You To**  
**Save The Date!**

**SAT - NOV. 6**  
**3PM**

**CONCORD VET CENTER**  
**GRAND REOPENING**  
 At our new location in Concord at:  
**1333 WILLOW PASS ROAD**  
*Mark your calendar now!*

This is your **Invitation** to come and see the new offices serving our veterans and their families on...

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6 @ 3 PM**  
 Ceremony - Music - Food - Tour & More

**WELCOME HOME OUR RETURNING MILITARY VETERANS!**

**It is part of what we are all about - Remember when we came home...**

Join fellow veterans and the community... along with the Blue Star Moms - MCL - VFW - Legion Patriot Guard Riders - Lafayette Flag Brigade - and their family to Thank them for serving!



**VETERANS & Military Families**

Support the California Department of Veteran Affairs  
 Your DMV Renewal of your Veteran Plate Directly Supports

**COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICES**

Obtain CA VETERAN Plates with your choice of over 100 logos:  
 VNVDV - Service Branch - many others



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 Veterans plates fund county veteran service offices statewide. Choose from over 100 organizational decals.  
[www.cdva.ca.gov](http://www.cdva.ca.gov)  
 1-800-952-5626



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**VNVDV SUPPORTS OUR COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE**

**Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941.....**

***Lest We Forget...A Remembrance***

**When: Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**Where: Lafayette Veterans Memorial Bldg.**

**Time: Social Hour 1800 Dinner 1900**

**Why: To Honor "those who were there!"  
USA, USN, USMC, USCG, USAAC**

**Cost: \$35 per person (including wine)**

***Honored Guest and Speaker:***

**Rear Admiral Winston W. Copeland, Jr., USN (Ret)**

Admiral Copeland, a distinguished Naval Aviator, Commander of the USS Theodore Roosevelt Battle Group, a test pilot, recipient of the Silver Star for gallantry in action, the Bronze Star with Combat V, a corporate success and now head of his consulting firm focusing on leadership.

**The Contra Costa Council of the Navy League of the U.S. and veterans organizations in Contra Costa County are joining to coordinate this fourth annual observance of a Pearl Harbor Remembrance. We are inviting Pearl Harbor Survivors and active duty personnel to join with us.**

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**Reservations Deadline December 1, 2010, PLEASE!**

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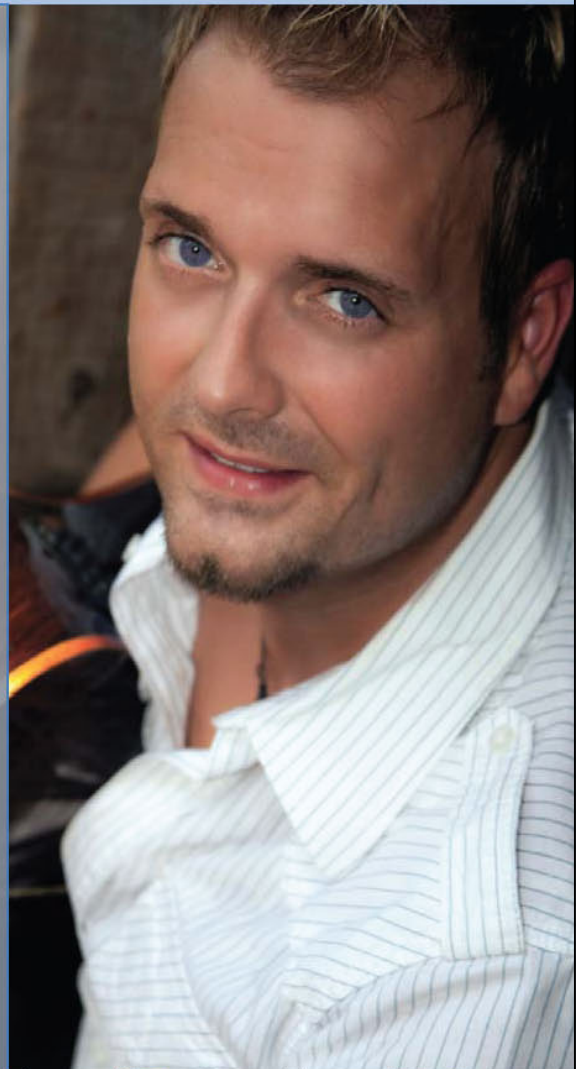
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To all Veterans – Military – Community Members and Supporters—be aware of the **GEORGE KOMSKY NOV 21st** Concert in SF. George graduated from Monte Vista H.S. in Danville about 6 yrs ago. While at Monte Vista he participated in the School's Oratorical Debate Team and competed each year in our A.L. Oratorical competition. He also sang in the Monte Vista H.S. chorus. He attended UCLA and majored in music. While at UCLA he was a member of the "Young Americans" – a travelling chorus of young people who sang throughout the U.S. and Canada. George studied Opera and put on his first concert this spring at Leshner Theater in Walnut Creek. It was a sellout. Dee & Terry Thompson past owners of the Danville Valley Citizen Magazine told me that he sang the Star Spangled Banner in Berkley while he was a student at Monte Vista. George's family came from Russia. His dad is an engineer from one of the hi tech firms in Silicon Valley and his mom is a nurse. In his

concert at Berkley his grandfather accompanied him by playing the piano.

George' has requested assistance from the veterans in promoting his concert. Although much of his music will be focused on opera, he wants to sing some **patriotic songs as a tribute to our veterans** and recognize them by organizational groups if present in the audience. Reportedly the entire Monte Vista H.S. Chorus will accompany him at the concert so the music should be great even if you are not an opera lover. The Thompson's told me that he had one of the best voices that they have ever heard.

Please assist in getting the word out to your friends and others and see if we can get a solid representation of our veterans at this concert. Admittedly the tickets may seem a little expensive, but I am certain that his concert will be well worth the investment if you enjoy hearing a great singer and up and coming future star. We have put the word out to our the VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley - American Legion - the VFW, the Marine Corps League, the Pearl Harbor Survivors, Tom Schramm – Crow Canyon Country Club Veterans Group, The Blue Star Moms, and even my Northern CA Norwich University Alumni Association, hoping that there might be interest in attending and making George's tribute to our Veterans worthwhile. Please help us pass this outstanding concert information on to others in the community who would enjoy his tribute of patriotic songs to our veterans. We encourage other community social groups to get onboard and support this event.

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**“OFFICIAL 2011 ELECTION BALLOT”** The “nomination period” closed **October 15<sup>th</sup>** per our By-Laws after our official appointed **“Nomination & Election Committee”** accepted and solicited nominations by e-mail & phone. This **“OFFICIAL BALLOT”** is being e-mailed to all members - in this special edition of the **VNVDV Incoming** during the “election period” **after** the nominations closed. This same “ballot” will be distributed at the **November General Membership Meeting** – as required by the by-laws. Our **“election”** begins at our **official “Annual Meeting”** which is our November meeting and **members present** may vote by turning their ballot only to the **“committee”** at this meeting. All ballots **not turned-in** at the annual meeting and mailed - must be **completed in-full** to be valid. Members **must “Print & Sign Your Name”** on this **official ballot** for it to be counted since “the committee” needs to check **every ballot submitted** against **current** membership roster. All members who **do not turn-in** a ballot at the **“Annual Meeting”** in **November** – should **“MAIL”** (USPO) your completed **ballot** to our official address at: **VNVDV c/o “Elections” - P.O. Box 2079 - Danville, CA 94526-2079**. All **mailed ballots - must be “received”** - no later than **15NOV2010 - to be counted**. **ONLY** the **three appointed members** of the **“Nomination & Election Committee”** will collect – open - process & tally ballots. In accordance with our By-Laws they will submit and announce the **election result** to the membership at the December General Membership Meeting. Our **2011 election results - “confirming”** the memberships **vote and endorsement** of the VNVDV’s **2011 slate of incoming officers & directors** - will be published in the **“INCOMING”** newsletter & posted on our website, as required by our organizational by-laws.

**VNVDV MEMBERS LISTED ABOVE HAVE ACCEPTED YOUR NOMINATION TO SERVE AS YOUR 2011 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS... AND RESPECTFULLY REQUEST YOUR ENDORSEMENT AND FULL SUPPORT IN THE NEW YEAR.**

**Print Name:**

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**NOVEMBER 2010**  
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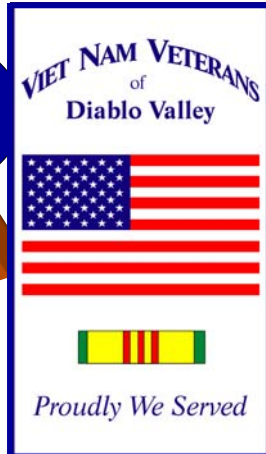
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The VNVDV meets each month on the **1st Thursday** of every month in the Diablo Valley @ **Crow Canyon Country Club**. Our Board of Directors Meetings are held on the **3rd Thursday** of each month also at Crow Canyon country Club. To find out more about some of our programs we support... visit our website at [www.VNVDV.com](http://www.VNVDV.com). *All veterans are welcome to attend our membership meetings.* We are a casual - "fun" - social veterans group - always looking for new members who enjoy friendship & the special bond as military veterans. *We are Proud of our Military Service... and of our continued contributions to fellow veterans and our community.* *Our dinner meetings consist of social - dinner and a guest speaker of interest to veterans and military. These are OPEN meetings. Join us.*

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