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SPECIAL EDITION

**INCOMING
NEWS**

INCOMING VETERAN NEWS

OCTOBER 2010

Tuskegee Airman POW

LTC Alex Jefferson, USAF (Ret)

OCT. 7 - Guest Speaker

Crow Canyon Country Club - Dinner

A rare opportunity... Reserve your seat!



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Recently there have been some questions raised as to Membership in the VNVDV. Our by-laws are specific as to who can be members, the percentage requirements that are required to be maintained, for the different categories and privileges of being a member. If anyone has any questions or is interested in the Categories of Membership and Privileges of Membership, please contact me or Director of Membership, Bill Chew. Director Chew may be reached via e-mail at wbc Chew@comcast.net.

While I am on the subject of By-Laws, I need to remind everyone, during this political election period, of Article II, Section 2.02 – Policies, Item A, which states that “The Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley is a non-political and non-sectarian organization”. In addition, Article III, Section 3.05 – Obligations of Membership, Item A, states, “Members must remember that the VNVDV is a non-political and non-sectarian organization, and therefore must insure that their personal views are never construed to be those of the VNVDV. This is especially true when members are participating in a function on behalf of the organization – or wearing any apparel which would identify them with the VNVDV.”



OCTOBER



**"FLEET WEEK" - San Francisco
Tuskegee Airman - Dinner Speaker
Open Meeting
Reservations Required.**

DETAILS INSIDE

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Dinner Reservations Requested - Please Respond by MON - Oct 4

Please make your checks out in-advance payable to VNVDV - \$25. per person

President's Message

VNVDV in Twilight Parade for Walnut Festival

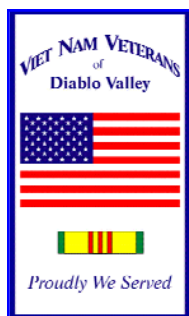
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On Saturday, September 18, several members of VNVDV joined the Walnut Creek Twilight Parade, in downtown Walnut Creek. Marching on Main Street, throughout the Parade, the crowd in attendance, thanked us for our service and many of them welcomed us home. Once again, it felt good to finally be thanked for serving our Country.

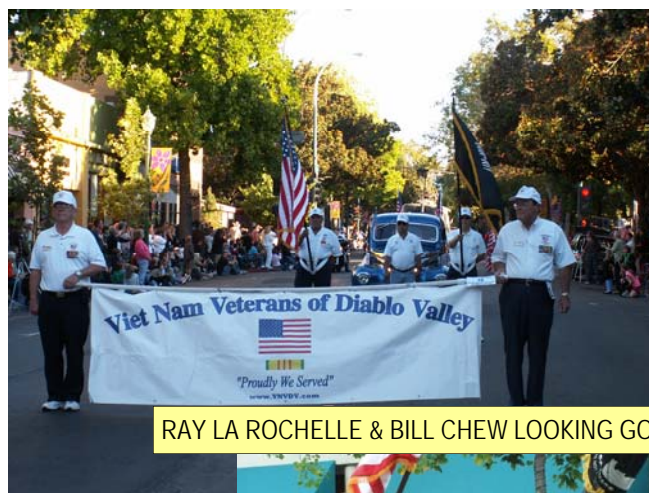
The Parade also featured the Pearl Harbor Survivors that live in our area. Sadly their numbers are reduced with each passing parade.

Another reminder, our Thursday, October 7, 2010, 6:00 PM, Dinner Meeting at the Crow Canyon Country Club will feature as the Guest Speaker, Tuskegee Airman LTC Alex Jefferson. (Ret.). U.S. Air Force. Because of his notoriety with the 332nd Fighter Group, during World War II, and the story of the Tuskegee Airmen's accomplishments, we are expecting a larger than normal attendance. **Dinner reservations are required. Please contact, no later than Monday, October 4, 2010, Vice-President, Mike "Slatts" Slat-tengren to make your reservation. Slatts may be contacted via telephone at 925 / 901 - 8085 or by e-mail at mjsslatt@yahoo.com.** The Crow Canyon CC Buffet Dinner is \$25.00 per person for members and guests. Checks are *preferred* - made out to "VNVDV" *in advance* - to speed the "check-in" process on Thursday. Credit Cards and Cash also accepted as usual.

LTC Jefferson will have a busy week here, in the Tri-Valley area. The VNVDV Speakers Bureau's Bill Green and Mike Martin, has him speaking to various high schools in the Diablo Valley and Los Positas College. In addition, he will be the guest speaker at a joint meeting of the Castro Valley VFW and American Legion Posts.



Jerry Yahiro
President



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"SPIKE" - LEADER OF THE PACK

Blue Star Mom - Chapter 101 were Grand Marshalls of the Twilight Parade in Walnut Creek this year. Joining in the parade were AMVETS #26 - Warriors Watch Riders - Concord VET Center - Pearl Harbor Survivors & VNVDV.
* Thanks to Patti Kintz for the photos and to members who attended the parade

Outstanding October Guest Speaker



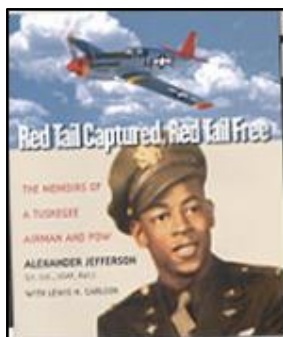
DON'T MISS ...

DIABLO VALLEY VETERANS HOSTS
**TUSKEGEE AIRMAN
& WWII POW**
LTC. ALEX JEFFERSON USAF



The Tuskegee Airmen were the first African-American pilots in the military, and were thus named for the town in Alabama where they were trained. In the book Red Tail Captured, Red Tail Free, author **Alex Jefferson** writes what it was like not only to be an African-American pilot flying during **WWII**, but also what it was like being a prisoner of war in Germany. Jefferson was shot down in 1944, right in German territory. He was immediately taken captive by German soldiers and held in a **POW** camp for nine months. Come here his story Oct. 7th. This is an OPEN dinner meeting - all VNVDV dinner meetings held on the 1st Thursday are open and you are welcome. Call and make reservations now: **837-6238**

Reserve Your Dinner Seats Now.



In 2007, Col. Jefferson was awarded the *Congressional Gold Medal* in recognition of service during WWII.

Join us for this Special Speaker Event make your Advance Reservations prior to Monday for this Thursday evening buffet dinner on Oct. 7th - Contact:

Mike Slattengren @ MJSlatt@yahoo.com or 925 / 901 - 8085



Thursday - Oct. 7th Listen to history from author and true American Hero of WWII - enjoying a great evening and dinner. Bring a friend - student - spouse - fellow veteran - history buffs or patriot to dinner. All dinner with guest speakers are open to all. RSVP.

Dinner Reservations Requested - Please Respond by MONDAY - Oct 4 - 5PM
Please make your checks out in-advance payable to VNVDV - \$25. per person

President Jerry Yahiro declares - as stated in our By-Laws...

NOMINATIONS for 2011 are OPEN!

President Jerry Yahiro previously appointed Board Advisor & immediate Past President **C. John Estes** as a senior member of the **Nomination Committee** for 2011 and also selected advisors & Past Presidents **Rich Lambert** and **Del Loewe** to serve as the other two required members on this committee. This committee handles the entire election process.

October is the "opening of the nominations" and any member can nominate themselves or another member (providing the other member accepts the nomination). For those of you who would like to find out more about the positions or any of the "committee positions" open in the organization - please check with **ESTES - RICH** or **DEL** who all serve on this important committee. Since they are all Past Presidents of the VNVDV - they do know the various positions in our organization very well and can provide you information and incite. Ballots will be prepared with all of the candidates for the November meeting as prescribed by our by-laws and all ballots must be received by the Chair in our P.O. Box 2079 in Danville, no later than November 15th and be signed to be counted (if mailed). All other ballots can be turned in at the November meeting by members present at the dinner. *Join us!*

San Ramon Pre-Veteran's Day Message

To all **Diablo Valley VETERANS** -

[We need your photos for the Veterans Day Program in the San Ramon Valley this year](#)

VETERAN'S DAY Program Coordinator **Ray LaRochelle** is in the process of putting together this year's San Ramon Valley Veteran's Day program. He is still in need of veteran and service member photos from our area for the special "slide show" collage he is putting together for the event. The committee has put out many requests for photos to VSO in the San Ramon and Diablo Valley. Ray has indicated - the committee is still in need of **"YOUR PHOTO"** for the 2010 [Veteran's Day Collage](#) being shown at 10:30am prior to the main Veteran's Day Program at the San Ramon Valley High School on NOV. 11th @ 10:50am.

Ray is requesting from all veterans in the Diablo and San Ramon Valley a photo from *each - in uniform* when he / she was *in the service*. Also with your photo provide on a card your name / branch of service = Army, Marine, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, National Guard, etc. - and include: your military dates of service / era / or combat campaign. To make this Veteran's Day presentation complete we request **a current photo** to show next to your service photograph.

Ray has volunteered to do **all the work** - to put this Veteran's Day program together. So this will only take a little effort on your part as a veteran to make it happen. This will be a new outstanding feature at this year's Veterans Day program and we encourage everyone's participation. Please join in and make this community display a success.

Your photos and information can be sent *"electronically"* or by U.S. Postal Service to **Dick Seavey**, on the Veteran's Day Committee - Send your military service photo with the information requested to the address below. Also include the current photo of yourself which can be displayed next to it.

Email or mail the photos to Dick Seavey @ email address: dseavey@sbcglobal.net - or mail to: **Dick Seavey @ 3235 Vallejo Place - San Ramon, CA. 94583.** **Please forward your photos NOW!**

Congratulations!

Martin "Marty" De Venuta wins Wells Fargo Volunteer Service Award

Martin De Venuta wins **Volunteer Service Award** for service to Diablo Valley Veterans Foundation

Martin De Venuta, Wells Fargo CPG accountant in San Francisco, California, is a recipient of a **2010 Volunteer Service Award** from **Wells Fargo** for his volunteer support to the Diablo Valley Veterans Foundation. The Diablo Valley Veterans Foundation has received a \$1,000 check from Wells Fargo on behalf of Martin's volunteer efforts.

Martin became connected to the Diablo Valley Veterans Foundation because of his involvement with the **East Bay Stand Down** beginning in 2004. Over the years, EBSD has struggled to obtain corporate foundation grant money directly. Typically, corporations will *only* donate to EBSD through a qualified 501(c)(3) public charity.

Funding for **EBS**D had been previously handled by the **Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley**, a 501(c)(19) non-profit organization, where Martin was treasurer for several years. Martin and three of his fellow VNVDV members formed the Diablo Valley Veterans Foundation in 2008 to directly reach out to corporate foundations *on behalf of EBS*D. It took a lot of paperwork and time to get the organization going and their efforts proved successful when the IRS granted **DVVF** public charity status with the 501(c)(3) designation. Martin serves as a director and officer in a volunteer capacity with the foundation. To learn more about **DVVF** - visit their website at: www.diabloveterans.org.

Peter Dudley, senior vice president and manager of the **Wells Fargo Community Support Programs** recognizes Martin's efforts, *"The leadership you have demonstrated through your extraordinary volunteer efforts proudly reflects our Vision and Values. The award represents Wells Fargo's appreciation for the incredible contribution you make to your community."*

This is the **second time** that Martin has received a Wells Fargo \$1,000 **Volunteer Service Award**. Several years back he received an award for his volunteer efforts with the **Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship Foundation**.

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The VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley add their **CONGRATUATIONS** to Marty for his commitment, knowledge and experience he brings to each project... along with dedication - volunteering many very long hours to support worthy veteran - non-profit and community service programs. Most is critical "behind-the-scene" efforts. *Thank You Marty.* The VNVDV appreciates Wells Fargo Bank recognizing outstanding employees and their contributions on-the-job and in the community. *Marty De Venuta makes a difference!*

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCT 4 - Monday @ 0900 in Diablo... *Sentinels of Freedom's 3rd Annual Charity Golf Tournament* at Diablo Country Club
OCT 4 - Monday @ 1800 in Danville... Veterans Memorial Building Board of Directors Meeting - Swan House - Hap Magee Ranch Park
OCT 7 - Thursday @ 1700 in San Ramon.... General Membership Dinner Meeting @ Crow Canyon Country Club - w / **Tuskegee Airman**
OCT 16 & 17 - SAT & SUN in Blackhawk... LPGA Golf Tournament Fundraiser for the Veteran's Memorial Building @ *Moore Home* - VFW
OCT 21 - Thursday @ 1600 in San Ramon... VNVDV "Board of Directors" Business Meeting @ Crow Canyon Country Club
NOV 1 - Monday @ 1800 in Danville... Veterans Memorial Building Board of Directors Meeting - Swan House - Hap Magee Ranch Park
NOV 4 - Thursday @ 1700 in San Ramon.... General Membership Dinner Meeting @ Crow Canyon Country Club -
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—sponsored by the VFW
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 Country Club - Reservations Needed
DEC 6 - Monday @ 1800 in Danville... Veterans Memorial Building Board of Directors Meeting - Swan House - Hap Magee Ranch Park
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 - Mark your calendars NOW to attend - Feb 2011
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**
AUG 2012 - EAST BAT STAND DOWN - Program for Bay Area Homeless Vets - *Donate* - visit - www.EastBayStandDown.org

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

Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship Foundation "Golf Gala" Tournament - Dinner and Auction This MONDAY - OCTOBER 4TH Diablo Country Club

The VNVDV is once again a sponsor of this annual tournament. Last chance for you to get involved in this event on Monday—October 4th. Act now and you can still help out! Golf? Support the Auction? Sponsor? Join Us! **Contact the Sentinels of Freedom this weekend!** They will again be hosting a live and silent auction to support the "Sentinels" - and are looking to local businesses and individuals who are able to donate items for this event, some ideas include: **1.** Gift baskets with wine, wine tour - **2.** Unique/one of a kind events/activities - **3.** Concert tickets, theatre tickets, sporting event tickets - **4.** Vacation rentals - **5.** Gift certificates for products/services - **6.** Golfing foursomes at other courses - **7.** Art, paintings, sculpture and antiques - **or** cases of wine - for the raffle according to Skip George who is assisting with the raffle program.

For questions about the event, you can contact **Carla Goulart**, Development Director at carlagoulart@sentinelsoffreedom.org or (925) 353-7100. www.sentinelsoffreedom.org. If you have cases of wine you can contact Skip George for information at 925 / 837-6281. The Diablo Valley community has many generous supporters... various businesses, companies, individuals and non-profit organizations who have been active in helping this outstanding foundation bring our wounded warriors into our local community. **Thank You for your support.**

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VietNam Veterans make Presentation to Admiral Mullen during recent visit



VNVDV member Ray La Rochelle presents a custom-made Navy coat plaque he crafted topped-off with official Navy knots prepared by Past President Del Loewe to Admiral Mullen during his CA "Sentinels" trip..



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23 September 2010

Mr. Jerry Yahiro
President
Viet Nam Veterans
of Diablo Valley
P.O. Box 2079
Danville, CA 94526-2079

Dear Mr. Yahiro,

Thank you for your kind letter and plaque; it will occupy a place among my cherished mementos.

Veterans like you, who continue to serve long after you depart from the Service, are a testament to the strength and dedication of the U.S. Military family.

I thank you again for your thoughtful letter and plaque and your invitation to attend a monthly meeting. My staff will contact you if my travel plans afford the opportunity to join you. Thank you for your service and continued support within your community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Mullen".

M. G. MULLEN
Admiral, U.S. Navy

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday 7 October

12am-3pm, Air Practice—Trials over Bay (weather permitting) with USCG

Friday 8 October

12pm-3pm, Air Practice—Trials over Bay (weather permitting) with USCG

8am-12pm, Search and Rescue Training for Sailors and Marines

8am-12pm, Softball tournament at Moscone Athletic Field

12pm-3pm, VIP tour with CERT leaders aboard USS Makin Island

5pm-6pm, Consular Corps reception at Marines' Memorial Club

Saturday 9 October

8am-4pm, Static displays on Marina Green

9am-4pm, Space exhibit at Fort Mason

10am-1230pm, Parade of Ships

1pm-4pm, Air Show with Blue Angels performance 3-4pm

1230pm, 1st MarDiv Band Concert at Pier 39

6pm-7pm, 1st MarDiv Band Concert at Huntington Park/Blue Angels Pilots

Sunday 10 October

8am-4pm, Static displays on Marina Green; Space exhibit at Fort Mason

11am-4pm, Navy League BBQ at Pier 30-32

1230pm, Italian Heritage/Fleet Week Parade; 1st MarDiv Band concert at Pier 39

1pm-4pm, Air Show with Blue Angels performance 3-4pm

6pm-7pm, 1st MarDiv Band performs at 49ers game

Monday 11 October

11am-1pm, Band Challenge at Kezar Stadium

1pm, Fitness Anywhere fitness challenge event at Kezar Stadium

1pm-3pm, Historical San Francisco Tour for Sailors and Marines

Fleet Week needs your help to continue and sustain this Bay Area tradition of support to the men and women serving in our armed forces. visit www.fleetweek.us for additional information on San Francisco Fleet Week.

* Schedule provided by the *Marines Memorial Association - Club & Hotel* - Thank You from VNVDV

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Saturday, Oct 16th Event – Make a contribution of \$75 each person – check payable to SRV VFW Post 75 and mail to The Moore's. Use address above. Your check is your reservation. First come, first served. Tickets will be mailed to you.

Include your e-mail address, phone number and note "SRV VFW" with your check.

Deadline for SRV VFW Members to buy Tickets is Sept. 17th

A matching contribution will be made by Pacific Rim Recycling. Therefore, your \$75 equals \$150 to SRV VFW. Your contribution entitles you to an invitation by the Moore's to a PRIVATE PARTY at their home and access to the LPGA Tournament grounds and Blackhawk Country Club public facilities.

11:00 am – 12:30 pm Coffee, juice and pastries
12:30 pm – 4:00 pm Light snacks, wine, beer, sodas, margaritas
4:00 pm – 6:30 pm Live band "Papa's Garage" performs
5:00 pm – 7:30 pm Buffet dinner
7:00 pm – 11:00 pm Music for dancing

STROLL IN / STROLL OUT ALL DAY LONG

Steve & Julie Moore are once again opening their beautiful home for a fund raiser. In addition, the Moore's are matching our contributions dollar for dollar, so for a one or two day deal we get quite a bang for our buck, says Lee Halverson, coordinator for this event. Lee went on to say, "This will likely be the last Blackhawk LPGA tournament hosted by CVS formerly Longs Drugs."

Most, if not all, of the funds raised will go towards the Veterans Memorial Building project. This benefits all veterans and our community. The VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley are proud to join with the VFW and American Legion in this worthy fundraising project.

According to Lee he has about twenty (20) spots for Saturday October 16 and fifty (50) spots Sunday October 17 available. Contact Lee ASAP.

The per ticket cost is \$75 for **Saturday** and \$50 for **Sunday** and gets you a shuttle ride from & to Bishop Ranch parking, a comfortable backyard on the 9th hole, all day on the greens, snacks & drinks, a buffet dinner, and on Saturday evening - a band and dancing.

Lee needs to have your submission and check submitted to the Moore's as soon as possible. Thanks for your joint support on the LPGA this year.

Contact **LEE HALVERSON** for tickets - information or other questions at 925 / 837-7493



North Bay Stand Down



North Bay Stand Down

October 12, 13, 14, 2010
 Dixon Fairgrounds, 655 South First Street (Highway 113) in Dixon

October 12th – Opening Ceremony, Registration, Sign up for Court Services
October 12th & 13th – VA Services, County Social Services, Workshops & Seminars, Spiritual Services, AA/NA Meetings
October 13th ONLY - Court Sessions (MUST sign up by Oct 12th!)
October 14th –Closing Ceremony

- Agent Orange, PTSD & Hepatitis C Info
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- Court Services – (MUST sign up by Oct 12th!)
- Drug & Alcohol Referrals
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(NO PETS ALLOWED)

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 ON OCTOBER 12th FROM SOLANO COUNTY

Bus	City	Location	Departure Time
# 1	TAFB	Passenger Terminal	8:25am
	Fairfield	Mission Solano – 740 E. Travis Blvd.	8:50am
	Fairfield	Allan Witt Park – Front Entrance at West Texas St.	9:25am
	Vacaville	Corner of School and McClellan St. (Near Andrews Park)	9:45am
# 2	Vallejo	Corner of Magazine and Sonoma Streets	8:30am
	Vallejo	Parking lot of Mission-Possible - corner of Marin and Maine (DO NOT LEAVE CARS IN THE PARKING LOT- YOU WILL BE TOWED!)	8:50am
	Vallejo	EDD – 1440 Marin Street	9:20am
Van	Rio Vista	Rio Vista CAC – Corner of Main and Front St.	9:15am

Buses will arrive at the Dixon Fairgrounds at 10am on Oct. 12th and leave in the afternoon on Oct. 14th.
 For information, registration, or to volunteer, please call the Veterans Services Office at

(707) 784-6590

Early registration is suggested so we can better assist you.

Please visit our website: www.nbstanddown.org.

Veterans and a Community Helping Veterans
 "A Hand Up, Not a Hand Out"
 All Veterans in need and their families are welcome!



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



Order Specialty License Plates

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Honor Our Veterans!
Veterans plates fund county veteran service offices statewide. Choose from over 100 organizational decals.
www.cdva.ca.gov
1-800-952-5626

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Motorcycle plates are now available....

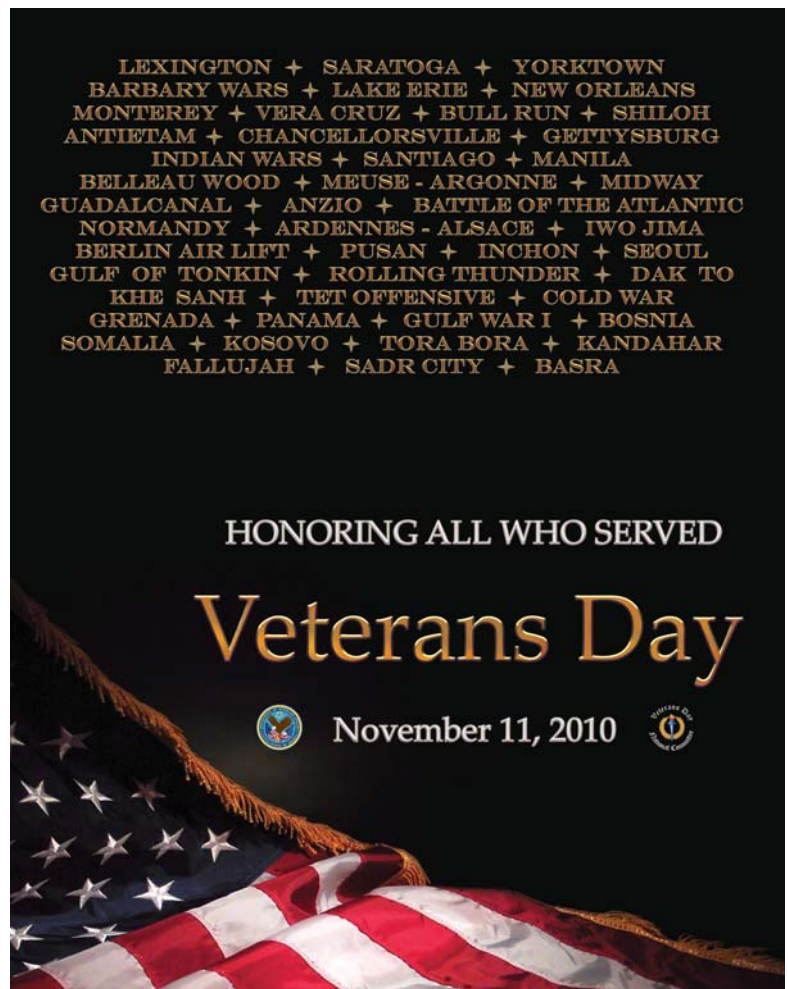
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VNVDV SUPPORTS OUR COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE

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
10:50 AM

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

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

Remember our Veterans on November 11th

Additional information regarding the SRV Veteran's Day Program will be published in our next edition and also in newsletters prepared by other veteran organizations.

More Veteran's Day Events in the East Bay

TRI-VALLEY VETERAN'S DAY PARADE

Don't miss the 14th Annual Tri-Valley Veterans Day Parade hosted by The Veterans of Foreign Wars. You can expect to see nearly 100 different military units marching on Main Street to honor our Nation's Veterans of past and current wars. For more information contact Doug Miller or Dave Ham at xxx

Date - Sunday, November 7

Time - **1 PM to 2 PM**

Where - Main Street - Downtown Pleasanton



VETERANS DAY

CELEBRATION AND OUTREACH



VETERANS

OF ALL AGES & ERAS

You and Your Families are Invited to a
Veterans Day Celebration & Outreach

November 11, 2010

8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Pleasant Hill Community Center
320 Civic Drive, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

Free Breakfast, Activities, Camaraderie, Resources for Vets

*** Transportation Provided, if needed ***

COME LET US MEET AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

HOSTED BY:

Pleasant Hill Rotary, Martinez Rotary, Pleasant Hill Lions, Diablo Valley Veterans, Contra Costa Veterans Service, Pleasant Hill VFW, Pleasant Hill American Legion, City of Pleasant Hill, Pleasant Hill Police Department, Employment Development Department, Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce and the California Employment Law Training Center.

To Register or Questions contact:

Ken Jacobson kenj19@comcast.net

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Veteran's Day Eve in Sacramento



SAVE THE DATE

November 11, 2010

***Reviving California- Recognizing our Veterans-
Annual Fundraiser***

Time:

6:00PM- 10:30PM

Location:

Radisson Hotel
500 Leisure Lane
Sacramento, CA 95815

Performances & Activities:

Stephen Cochran

Country Artist and Combat Veteran

Oakland Raiderettes

Special performance and photo
opportunity

Live & Silent Auction

Tickets available online:

www.vboc-ca.org

**100% of the profits Benefit the Veterans
Resource Center**



Featuring VNVDV Friends & Supporters - The Oakland Raiderettes!

Support Our Blue Star Moms

BLUE STAR MOMS - Upcoming "**DROP ZONE**" Events

October 9 - Drop Zone at Safeway, 11050 Bollinger Rd., San Ramon from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

October 23 - Drop Zone at Pleasanton Wal-Mart, 4501 Rosewood Drive from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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 Mark Your Calendar - Reservations 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 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 10th for Veteran's Day.

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/39401775/ns/travel-destination_travel/

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

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.

VNVDV "INCOMING" Newsletter



Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

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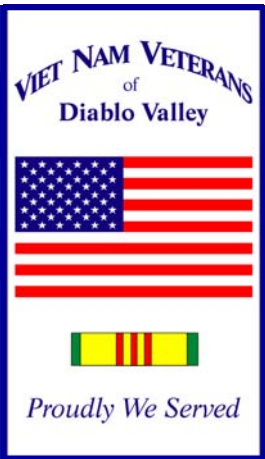
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**VIET NAM VETERANS - SERVED WITH PRIDE...
and VNVDV IS STILL SERVING OUR COMMUNITY**

The VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley was established in 1991 as a non-profit Veterans organization to promote and enhance the image of the VietNam Veteran through Community Service and Support of fellow Veterans.

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. *All veterans are welcome to attend our membership meetings.* We are a "fun" social 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 veterans and our community. Join us.*



OPEN - SOCIAL DINNER MEETINGS - JOIN US!



VIET NAM VETERANS
of
Diablo Valley



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP DINNER & OPEN SOCIAL MEETING
THURSDAY - OCTOBER 7TH - with LTC ALEX JEFFERSON - Tuskegee Airman
At CROW CANYON COUNTRY CLUB in San Ramon
Social Hour starts at 1700 - Dinner at 1815
Featuring "Chef's Special Buffet Dinner" - \$25. RSVP Please

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley
"INCOMING" Special News