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FEB. 2011 Edition

"Super Crab Feed Sunday"

Fundraiser Tickets - last

available at our dinner

meeting on Thursday at Crow Canyon

CC to - come

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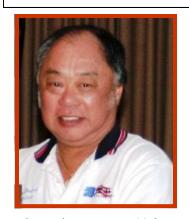
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Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

Organization's Major Fund Raiser 7th Annual "Super Sunday" Crab Feed supports our Veterans - Military and Local Community Service Programs

FEBRUARY 6th - <u>This Sunday</u> - Danville Community Center Tickets in Advance Only - No Tickets at Door - Reserve Now!



President Jerry Yahiro

President's FEB Message

Calling all VNVDV!!! This coming Sunday, February 6, is our annual fund raiser for our organization. The Crab **Feed** festivities begin at 1:00 pm, with a variety of snacks & appetizers, a raffle, a silent auction with a wide range items up for bid (including my very own halibut & salmon -"Indian Candy" Smoked Fish) - and maybe a photo opportunity with the fabulous Oakland Raiderettes (if you bring your camera....), and much, much more...

Cost for all of this fun and excitement is **only \$40 per person.** Of course, the raffle tickets, silent auction items and beverages are extra. *After all, this is a fund raiser!* So, come hungry and bring plenty of cash, your checkbook, or credit/debit cards... *and lots of friends with same*...

The highlight, of course, is our "all you can eat", **fresh Dungeness crab**, served with **Ray La Rochelle's** deliciously spiced cocktail sauce and hot butter, pasta with **Pete Rubin's** special secret sauce, salad, garlic bread, and a selection of dessert goodies. Bring your own crab *cracking tools*, bibs and prepare to get down for some serious, lip smackin', crab eatin', "good eats"!

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Are You Helping Veterans...
So We Can Help Others?

INCREASE at the FEB 6th "CRAB FEED" - you can still

Annual & Life

Membership

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 you can still renew or join for the current rate only if you act now!

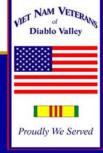
"Proudly we Served" . . . Proudly We Continue To Serve

The CRAB FEED held annually is our only fundraiser we conduct... and it is THIS SUNDAY. As the President stated in his monthly message we do need everyone's support once again to make our 7th year a success. This is a TEAM effort and we know everyone counts - each individual action makes a difference! The community support along with businesses will make the difference... YOU can make the difference. Purchase a ticket or make a donation today.

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

SUPER SUNDAY - FEB. 6th - 1PM

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- Outstanding Italian Crab Dinner
- Great Silent Auction Items Raffle
- Big Screen Televisions Multiple TVs
- No Host Beverages All Day Appetizers
- Join us for a Super Sunday in Danville

Support our veterans & attend our Super Sunday Crab Feed at Danville's Community Center - Sunday - Feb. 6th

With footballs' fabulous females the... Oakland Raiderettes supporting our troops & active-duty military + our

Blue Star Moms - Sentinels of Freedom and **YOU**!

Join us... Help Support this year's VietNam Veteran **Crab Feed**<u>Danville Community Center</u> - 420 Front St. - Danville - Feb 6th

Call - Reserve tickets - \$40. today! - Tickets can be purchased and donated back for local active-duty military attendance.

Contact VNVDV Treasurer Gary Estrella - for Tickets or Information @ 925 / 963-9552 or E-mail: Gamastar6@aol.com - All <u>Tickets & Reservations</u> in <u>Advance ONLY</u>.

The VNVDV is a <u>Non-Profit</u> organization - we accept checks - credit cards - cash
For tickets / donations / silent-auction purchases and other at the Crab Feed event

President's FEB Message

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Also, if you cannot attend the Feed, you can purchase a ticket/s, at \$40 per ticket, and donate it back to the VNVDV. We will distribute all donated tickets to serving members of the Armed Forces in our area. This cost to you may be tax-deductable (Please consult your tax advisor.). Please make the check out to VNVDV Crab Feed - Donation, and mail to P.O. Box 2079 - Danville, CA 94526. Please call or e-mail me if you wish to make a donation. I can be reached by phone at 925 / 743-8850, or via e-mail at jyahiro@aol.com.

For further details and information, on how you can purchase or donate tickets, or support the VNVDV's fund raiser, please see the Crab Feed Advertisement following in this INCOMING.

In addition, mark your calendar now for The Walk of Honor For Our Veterans (WOH), across the Carquinez Bridge, for Saturday, May 21, 2011. This annual event, generously sponsored by ConocoPhillips, along with the VNVDV, will be another opportunity to raise funds to support the VNVDV's ongoing activities and programs. This year the proceeds from the WOH will be split between the VNVDV and the Crockett Community Foundation, for refurbishing the Crockett American Legion Hall built in the early 1920s.

See you at the Crab Feed!.



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Remember flow Important it is to... WELCOME HOME our RETURNING MILITARY VETERANS!

Join fellow veterans & the community...
along with the Blue Star Moms - MCL - VFW - Legion
Warriors Watch Riders - Diablo Valley Flag Brigade military groups to Thank them for serving.

Remember to Bring Your GOLD!

Skip has arranged to have a "professional gold dealer" on-site during this Sunday during our Crab Feed. Remember to BRING YOUR <u>OLD</u> GOLD JEWELERY THIS YEAR... Get an estimate and sell your broken & old pieces of gold jewelry, watches, ear-rings, teeth, necklace, or other "real gold items." The VNVDV will get a %.

Director of Information Fred Granados Appointed by President

> VIET NAM VETERANS - SERVED WITH PRIDE... and VNVDV IS STILL SERVING OUR COMMUNITY WITH PRIDE & HONOR



YOUR ANNUAL DUES ARE ONLY \$20, for only three more days! This is your last chance to renew at the old rate!

YOU CAN PAY AT DINNER - SAVE TIME AND POSTAGE YOU CAN ALSO PAY BY CREDIT CARD OR CHECK.

Your Membership is Important to Us! Every Member Makes a Difference and we Appreciate Your Support even if you live a distance away... join us again!

Maybe now is the time to consider a Life Membership!

Speak with Membership Chair Bill Chew or Treasure Gary Estrella for details.

Don't Miss Our February 3rd Guest Speaker - Thursday at Crow Canyon Country Club

William E. Nelson

William E. Nelson - a Korean War-era Navy carrier pilot who also served in the Naval Air Reserve. He was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal in 1971 for outstanding performance as Commanding Officer of Naval Reserve Attack Squadron 303. He retired as Captain, USNR, in 1977 with nearly 27 years of active and reserve service.

Mr. Nelson retired in 1996 from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, where he had been Emergency Preparedness and Response Division Leader in the Nonproliferation, Arms Control and International Security Directorate. In this assignment, he spent 15 years directing research, development, training and operational readiness programs in support of the Department of Energy in worldwide response to nuclear emergencies. He was also responsible for LLNL organizational preparedness for natural or man-made disasters on the Livermore site.

Mr. Nelson joined the Livermore Laboratory in 1960 and spent the next 20 years working in nuclear weapon development, ultimately rising to the position of Weapons Engineering Division Leader and Assistant Associate Director for Weaponization.

He is a resident of Alamo and currently Chairman of a Police Service Area Advisory Board in his local community and is a member of the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Posse.

Please join us on Thursday - February 3rd to enjoy friends—fellowship—dinner and an outstanding speaker. We will also have an update on our "SUPER SUNDAY" Crab Feed this Sunday Feb. 6th at the Danville Community Center. Doors open at 1PM. All tickets sold in advance. NO Tickets are sold at the door - this is a closed event. Make your reservations Now. Call Gary Estrella today..





Wheelchair Foundation 9th Charity Ball SUPPORT

Join us and Attend the...

Fijian Breeze

Dan Ashley, ABC7 News Anchor, will Emcee for the 9th Annual Wheelchair Foundation Charity Ball on February 19, 2011

at the Blackhawk Museum, Danville, CA.

The VNVDV's favorite party band is playing...

Music and dancing to David Martin's House Party...

loved by everyone last year...

special performance by

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as well as special reserve wine tasting and wine auction. If you would like to donate a wine item, etc. for the auction please call *Jeff* at (925) **890-9883.**

\$150 - Per Person General Admission \$250 - Gold Circle & VIP Pre-Party Per Person (Black Tie Optional)

For Ticket Information Call - 925 / 648-3829 E-Mail: <u>jeffbehring@wineforwheels.org</u>

Or buy online at: http://www.wineforwheels.org/eventdetails.php?id=52

Can't go but want to Donate

Go To: https://www.wineforwheels.org/memberpages/add-donation.php
Non profit ID #94-3353881

The "Wine for Wheels" has an event posted on-line for the VNVDV Scheduled for November 8, 2011 to support our trip to VietNam helping us fill our next container of wheelchairs. Take a look at the WCF site & the "Wine for Wheels" website to see the VNVDV donation link… try it!.

Please Support the Wheelchair Foundation -The VNVDV/is going back to Viet Nam!

During the new year
if you have a gift
to purchase for
someone who is
hard to shop for...
or has everything a perfect gift - is
giving a
"new WCF wheelchair"
in their name!

When you go
on-line to
donate your
WCF wheelchair,
In addition to
gifting it to
your friend Please note to
also give
"credit to the VNVDV"
to fill our container.

Thank You.

The VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley are Proud Supporters of the Wheelchair Foundation & "Wine for Wheels"

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Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

CRAB COMMUNITY CENTER DANVILLE

February 06 2011 SUNDAY

Community Center - 420 Front Street - Danville



Confirm your Reservations Now! Contact our VNVDV Treasurer at Gamastar6@aol.com or 820-2557

Doors Open at 1PM - All day Appetizers Included Multiple Large Screen Televisions - No-Host Bar Crab Feed - plus the "OAKLAND RAIDERETTES" Join us - your support helps us - help others!

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

WEB: www.VNVDV.com E-Mail: VNVDV1@gmail.com

For Additional Information
Tickets & Reservations:

Reserve Tickets Call: 925 / 820 - 2557 or E-mail: Gamastar6@aol.com (Gary) General Info: 925 / 935 - 4859 (John)

Doors Open at IPM - Snacks & Appetizers all day Italian Crab Feed Dinner Served After 3PM -Great Silent Auction - Raffles - Door Prizes - Football Games Featuring Football's Fabulous Females the "Oakland Raiderettes" Multiple large screen TV's - All proceeds go to VNVDV's charitable programs benefiting veterans - military & our local community. Seating is limited each year to allow for comfort - Sold Out Every Year.

Purchase your Tickets - Donate Tickets or "Sponsor" a Table of eight now!

Limited Tickets sold in Advance: \$40. each - No tickets at the door!

The VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley's support our troops "SUPER CRAB

FEED" on Super Sunday - Feb 6th at the Danville Community Center. Our non-profit fundraiser on Sunday - Feb. 6th is our major event of the year supporting all our veteran & military projects - programs & events - military welcome home activities - community service programs & others... conducted by the **VNVDV**. Please generously support our Crab Feed fundraiser and "silent auction." Bring your old gold -

broken gold watches, etc. we will have a dealer on-hand to purchase gold at our Crab Feed. Donations still needed for our silent auction... let us know if you can donate. Tickets still available -Sponsor active-duty military mem-

bers to attend - purchase & donate your tickets. Support our Troops



Museum of the San Ramon Valley Veteran Exhibit

Don't forget to see the outstanding museum exhibit in Danville -

"Honoring Valley Veterans Heroes in Defense of Freedom"
at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley
from January 18 through March 5
at the Railroad Depot in Danville.

* See Special Insert for Speakers at Museum

Honoring Our Valley Veterans: "Heroes in Defense of Freedom"

Remember to "BRING YOUR GOLD"

to our Crab Feed on Sunday - FEB. 6th

A dealer will be buying your

broken or old jewelery, watches on-site.



Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8063

Annual St. Valentine's Day Dinner And Special Entertainment! Thursday, February 10, 2011

A Ladies and Gentlemen Event

Menu: Spinach Salad Bar-B-Q Tri-Tip

Roasted Rosemary Potatoes Steamed Vegetables, French Bread Cake, Peet's Coffee

When: Thursday, February 10, 2011
Time: 6:00 pm for drinks 7:00 pm for dinner
Where: Veterans Memorial Building
3780 Mt Diablo Boulevard, Lafayette
Cost: \$15 per person \$25 per couple

Entertainment by the fabulous

Singing Blue Stars of the USS Hornet

Not to be missed!

To reserve your place, call Terry Murphy at (925) 254-9392. The reservation deadline is Monday Feb 7, 2011.

If you would prefer a non-beef entrée, please let Terry know at time of your reservation. Call Terry now! To RSVP by email: <u>Terry.Murphy2@comcast.net</u>.

February birthday for a VFW member = free dinner!

For your dinner beverage, please buy at the bar
and bring to the dining room.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEB 3 - Thursday @ 1700 in San Ramon.... Monthly Dinner Meeting - Open to all - Dinner & Guest Speaker @ Crow Canyon Country Club

FEB 6 - Sunday @ 1300 in Danville... Annual Charity Crab Feed Fundraiser - Community Center - 420 Front Street - Next to Library

FEB 10 - Thursday @ 1800 in Lafayette... Lafayette Valentine's Day Dinner with special entertainment at Lafayette Veteran's Memorial Bldg.

FEB 11 - Friday @ 1800 in San Francisco... Marine's Memorial Valentine's Sweetheart Dinner and Dance - benefiting the Gold Star Parents

FEB 17 - Thursday @ 1600 in San Ramon... VNVDV "Board of Directors" Business Meeting @ Crow Canyon Country Club

MAR 3 - Thursday @ 1700 in San Ramon.... Monthly Dinner Meeting - Dinner & Guest Speaker @ Crow Canyon Country Club

MAR 17 - Thursday @ 1600 in San Ramon... VNVDV "Board of Directors" Business Meeting @ Crow Canyon Country Club

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... the annual remembrance for the east bay

Note: Many other meetings - events - crab feeds by fellow veteran organizations and of course welcome home events we encourage you to attend. Watch for more announcements & only wish we had time and space to list everyone's event and program.

Our Calendar is not a complete listing of all our friends and supporting organizations. Please check their websites also to see postings of their latest calendar events. Thanks.

Museum of the San Ramon Valley Exhibit

Museum of the San Ramon Valley

Presents

Honoring Valley Veterans

★Heroes in Defense of Freedom★

January 18 - March 5, 2011

Grand Opening

Saturday, January 22, 2011 10:00am – 2:00pm



Uniforms with gear, military memorabilia and artifacts
** Kids' Korner**

Saturday Programs at 11:00am

January 29: Paula Boswell, Author, No Ordinary Life February 5: Joe Callaway, Author, Mekong First Light

February 12: Aaron Mattia, Concord Vet Center February 19: Veterans Nate Greene and Doug Aitken

Whistle Stop Presentation at Village Theater

February 2, 7:00pm

- **★** Mr. Chuck Kohler, Pearl Harbor Survivor
- **★** Mr. Michael Stella, Update of the Veteran Hall Construction Project



Museum Hours:

Tuesday – Friday: 1 – 4pm

Saturday: 10 - 1pm

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Sponsorship Includes -"Participant - Walker Team Packages"

ConocoPhillips "WALK of HONOR" SAT. MAY 21st - 8AM Special Veteran Benefit Information Available Refore - During - After! Custom Ball Caps Available!

The "Walk of Honor" benefits the Crockett Community Foundation enhancement of the Veteran's Memorial Building & aids the VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley help fellow veterans in the East Bay.

Join Us **MAY 21st**

Honoring the Men and Women who Served Our Nation

Be a part of a very special local community event in West Contra Costa and join us in the May 21st"Walk of Honor" for our Veterans.

Following the "Walk" across the Alfred Zampa Memorial Bridge, all registered participants are invited to gather together for a barbeque luncheon and celebration. Many local veteran service organizations will be on hand providing information regarding their services. There will also be a Huey helicopter for you to view and, other military artifacts on display.

We hope you will join with us in support of the men and women who have given so much to protect the Walk "In Honor" of a Veteran freedom we all enjoy.

Your grandfather - brother - sister -





Sponsorship Opportunities

ConocoPhillips SFR Rodeo Refinery and Carbon Plant invites you to partner with us and become a corporate sponsor of

2011 "Walk of Honor" Plan NOW to be an "Individual" WALK of HONOR

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YOUR COMPANY CAN BE A SPONSOR

Contact "ConocoPhillips" NOW to be a "Walk of Honor" Sponsor this coming May.

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Honoring Our Veterans who are serving NOW!



SUPPORT OUR TROOPS















The funding campaign for the Veterans building renovation continues. For more information or to make a pledge, see Linda at our meetings or at the Veterans Memorial Building office in Danville - Phone 925 / 362-9806 or log on to www.srvVeteransHall.org.

Your reason for making a pledge & supporting the New Veteran's Memorial Building is really simple!





















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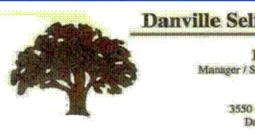
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Visit Our Contra Costa County Veteran Service Officer to learn about your Veteran Benefits

Warriors Walk OIF OEF

Global War on Terror Ribbon

Grand Opening Celebration - Veterans Peer to Peer Resource Recreation Center for our Returning Combat Veterans of OIF OEF (Operation Iraqi Freedom) (Operation Enduring Freedom).

520 F. Garcia Ave. Pittsburg, CA.
FEBRUARY 26TH SATURDAY 9AM – 5PM.
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
MUSIC, FOOD, CELEBRATION GRAND OPENING

Join us as we kick off the start of our new program with a "Warriors Walk". East County Military Families & Friends is proud to announce the start of a new program at the new Peer to Peer Resource Recreation Center. Walker Registration opens at 9:00 AM with a free continental Breakfast; Opening ceremony begins at 10:00 AM. Walkers can call or email for a registration/sponsor form. Walkers with \$50.00 or more in sponsorship donations will receive a FREE TSHIRT!

Building community for returning veterans in far East County is critical. Returning home from life in the military can be a difficult process for today's veterans. Often times reintegrating into society can be a difficult process that may start a sense of separation from friends and family. Reuniting with fellow veterans allows for a feeling of togetherness and camaraderie. East County Veterans Peer to Peer Resource - Recreation center is the first step in welcoming home our Veterans.

The "Warriors Walk" Grand Opening will benefit our new center and show our appreciation for our Veterans service, support beyond the yellow ribbon.

East County Veterans Peer to Peer Resource Recreation Center for Combat Veterans of OIF/OEF

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH 2011
REGISTRAION OPENS AT 9:00 AM WALK BEGINS AT 10:00 AM
520 F. GARCIA AVE. PITTSBURG, CA. 94565
CONTACT: JOSIE MONAGHAN – Executive Director / Founder 925.642.7537 or email
ecmilitary@yaho.com. More information on our website – www.eastcountyveterans.org

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FRED GRANADOS

NEW DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION

EDITOR AND PUBLISHER OF INCOMING NEWS

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





To:

VNVDV Members & VIPs

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. Our Veteran's Memorial Building is under construction.

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. 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.

OPEN - SOCIAL DINNER MEETINGS - JOIN US!







MONTHLY DINNER & OPEN SOCIAL MEETING
THURSDAY - FEBRUARY 3rd
At CROW CANYON COUNTRY CLUB in San Ramon
Social Hour starts at 1700 - Dinner at 1815
Featuring "Chef's Special Buffet Dinner" - \$25.

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