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Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

TWENTY YEAR ANNIVERSARY...

and still going Strong!

JOIN US for our **APRIL 7th**
Dinner CELEBRATION"

"Walk of Honor" in Crockett Hosted by **ConocoPhillips**

Saturday - **May 21st** - **Jim Taylor, Guest Speaker** - Register Now!

DON'T MISS
OUR APRIL 7
MEETING...
"20 YEARS of
VietNam
Veterans of
Diablo Valley
History"



President Jerry Yahiro

President's MARCH Message

I want to **thank** all those that attended our Crab Feed, Sunday, February 6, 2011, for helping make it a success. Thanks especially to those who volunteered with setting up, decorating, food preparation, serving, auction, raffle, games, donations, clean up and/or helped in any way. Without your help it couldn't have been done.

On a more somber note, last Thursday evening, February 17, I attended the Gold Star Parents

Memorial program, at the Marines Memorial, San Francisco. This event is for the parents and family of those who made the *ultimate sacrifice*, in the service to our Country. It is also an opportunity to meet their families and to see and hear about these true heroes.

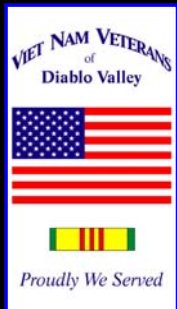
This was my second time attending this event. As it was the first time, this was not something easy to attend. While meeting the parents, spouses and family, of these heroes, one thing became abundantly clear. The families were all very proud of those whom they had lost. They did not hesitate to talk about their loved ones and share bits and pieces of who they were and what they were like.

I also met with and talked the brother of a Marine, killed in Vietnam. He was only 5 years old when his brother was lost. He was there, partly with the hopes of meeting someone that might have been able to provide him with any information about his brother, possibly served in the area, at the same time, or anything that might fill in some of the blanks. *Continued... on Page Three-*

Help Us Celebrate Our Anniversary

Please contact Ray LaRoche if you have **photos** covering our last 20 years of Service. **Bring your photos to the MARCH Meeting**

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



20th Anniversary Celebration at Our April Meeting

by **Raymond F. LaRochelle**

Director of Events

"Who'd a thunk" that 20 years ago when a group of local Viet Nam Vets sat around a bar discussing the possibility of forming a local, more informal organization of Viet Nam Vets that it would actually happen and that this organization would rise to such prominence and achieve so much - even to the point of being recognized last year by none other than the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff? The vision that Norm Mahalich and Dennis Marguet had of forming an organization to elevate the status of Viet Nam vets in the eyes of the public took root and soared to levels beyond their wildest imagination. Come join us on **Thursday April 7, 2011** for the **20th Anniversary Celebration** of the **Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley** at *Crow Canyon Country Club* and hear the story of how we got started, major milestones through the years of our accomplishments and what the vision is for the future of our organization. We have much to be proud of and celebrate. Like our Christmas program, this evening dinner event will be by advanced reservation only and will include a full service meal along with a no-host bar. Wives and significant others and/or friends and family are welcome to attend along with the member. As befitting the significance of the event this will be a "**parade dress**" event so members are urged to wear their ribbons and/or medals and other devices. As a reminder, "parade dress" is blue trousers, (not jeans), white uniform shirt, medals, wings, etc. The press and local politicians will be present so look sharp!

Anyone possessing **memorabilia** and/or **photographs** of events **over the past 20 years** of our organization's history is urged to contact me as soon as possible so that these might be included in the program. At a minimum, **photographs** are needed for a slide show of the organization's history. If you can scan them and e-mail them to me at RAY-L@pacbell.net, that would be the preferred method. If you only have hard copies and prefer to send them by mail, send them directly to my *home address* at: **1009 Via Madrid, Livermore, CA 94550** along with a stamped, self addressed envelope and they will be returned to you once scanned. Each photograph must include information about the picture, date taken, specific event, names of personnel in the photo, (where applicable), so that it may be included in the slide show. HURRY, HURRY, time is growing short so don't delay. Special Note: If you have **old event photos** bring them to the MAR Meeting.

Do YOU have PHOTOGRAPHS of ANY of our EVENTS from the past Twenty Years? Especially the first Ten Years!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- MAR 3 - Thursday @ 1700 in San Ramon.... Monthly Dinner Meeting - Dinner & Guest Speaker @ Crow Canyon Country Club
- MAR 17 - Thursday @ 1800 in San Ramon... VNVDV "Board of Directors" Business Meeting @ Crow Canyon Country Club
- APR 7 - Thursday @ 1600 in San Ramon... VNVDV "**20th ANNIVERSARY**" DINNER MEETING @ Crow Canyon Country Club
- APR 21 - Thursday @ 1800 in San Ramon... VNVDV "Board of Directors" Business Meeting @ Crow Canyon Country Club
- MAY 5 - Thursday @ 1700 in San Ramon.... Monthly Dinner Meeting - Dinner & Guest Speaker @ Crow Canyon Country Club
- MAY 5 - Thursday @ 1730 in Blackhawk.... Danville / Sycamore Valley Rotary Blackhawk Film Festival @ Blackhawk Museum
- MAY 7 - Saturday @ 2000 in Walnut Creek... Blackhawk Chorus "Spring Oldies 50's & 60's Concert" Dean Leshner Theater
- MAY 19 - Thursday @ 1800 in San Ramon... VNVDV "Board of Directors" Business Meeting @ Crow Canyon Country Club
- MAY 21 - Saturday @ 0800 in Crockett... Annual "**WALK OF HONOR**" presented by ConocoPhillips in Rodeo - be a Sponsor
- MAY 30 - Monday @ 1000 in Diablo Valley... **Memorial Day** - Oakhill Park - Danville... *the annual remembrance for the east bay*
- JUN 2 - Thursday @ 1700 in San Ramon.... Monthly Dinner Meeting - Dinner & Guest Speaker @ Crow Canyon Country Club
- JUN 16 - Thursday @ 1800 in San Ramon... VNVDV "Board of Directors" Business Meeting @ Crow Canyon Country Club
- JUL 4 - Monday @ 0900 in Danville... Annual **4th of JULY Parade** down Hartz - VNVDV distributing 12,000 American Flags to Children
- JUL 7 - Thursday @ 1700 in San Ramon.... Monthly Dinner Meeting - Dinner & Guest Speaker @ Crow Canyon Country Club

Note: Many other meetings - events - by fellow veteran & support organizations & welcome home events we encourage you to attend. Watch for more e-mail announcements. Wish we had time and space to list everyone's event and programs... Check the websites too.

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.

President's MARCH Message

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There are still many who grieve over the loss of our brothers and sisters, lost more than 40 years ago, in Vietnam.

I was honored to meet these families and share in the memories of their loved ones. (See the follow up article by **Judy Yarian, Blue Star Mom.**) It was a very moving experience for all

This year we will be celebrating the **20th Anniversary** of the founding of our organization. We will celebrate this milestone at our monthly dinner meeting, **Thursday, April 7, 2011**, at the *Crow Canyon Country Club*. Director of Events, **Ray La Rochelle** is in charge of putting the event together. If you have any suggestions regarding this special occasion please contact Ray via e-mail at rayl@pacbell.net Early-on **pictures** especially would be GREAT. Please contact Ray how to get them to him and get them back.

Included in this month's INCOMING is the application for our **third Walk of Honor (WOH)**, on **Saturday, May 21, 2011**. The WOH, across the Alfred Zampa Memorial Bridge (Carqueniz) is sponsored by **ConocoPhillips**, the **VNVDV** and the **Crockett Community Foundation (CCF)**. Funds raised through the Walk will be divided equally between the VNVDV and the CCF. The CCF will use their share of the funds to refurbish the *American Legion Hall* in Crockett. This year's guest speaker will be **James (Jim) Taylor**, Medal of Honor Recipient and VNVDV member. Jim and his family will be flown to the WOH via a **Vietnam vintage, UH-1H, "Huey"** helicopter. This Huey has been rebuilt to its original condition. For more information on this Huey, go to, www.25thhuey.com.

Come and join us for a GREAT day of camaraderie. Enjoy the beautiful walk across the Bridge, a great lunch and an outstanding Speaker.

See you at our Thursday, March 3, 2011, dinner meeting.

Jerry Yelina



Museum of the San Ramon Valley Veteran Exhibit

Final Week

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.

Don't Miss it... this is the LAST WEEK to see this very successful exhibit from - our local veteran warriors!

Attend Local Military Welcome Home Events.



to remember how important it is to...

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Buffet Dinner is \$25. per person

Attention ALL Annual Members:

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!**

**Many of our 2010 Members have not renewed
according to the most recent report from the Membership Director.
Your Membership helps us continue Programs in the Community.
Please Support Us.**

Contact VNVDV Membership Director [Bill Chew](mailto:BillChew@comcast.net) 925/829-3658 - E: WBChew@comcast.net to renew.

Join Us for our Monthly Dinner & Guest Speaker

**Many thanks to our
February speaker... [William E. Nelson](#)**

March Dinner Speaker -

SALLY HOLCOME

Daughter's of The American Revolution

Sally Holcome our March Guest Speaker is a member of the Anne Loucks Chapter of the **National Society Daughters of the American Revolution**. She is a retired school teacher with four teaching credentials, plus a Master of Science degree in Science Curriculum Development from Hayward State University. Her teaching career spanned a period of 30 years in the *Acalanes, Lucia Mar, Mt. Diablo and Walnut Creek School Districts*.

Sally will present a brief history of the **NSDAR** along with an overview of the many projects by the *Anne Loucks Chapter* and specifically it's work with *Wreaths Across America* and the *Sacramento Valley National Cemetery* and the services provided by the cemetery. She wants to highlight for VNVDV members and guests the ways that the DAR has served active military personnel and veterans for over 100 years, and will leave time for any questions about their organization or projects. *Liz George is also a Member of the DAR.*

Don't Miss our MARCH 3rd Dinner at Crow Canyon Country Club - 1700 Social - Buffet Dinner 1815



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Contact Mike Slattengren for Advance Reservations for APRIL Dinner by -

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Concord Vet Center

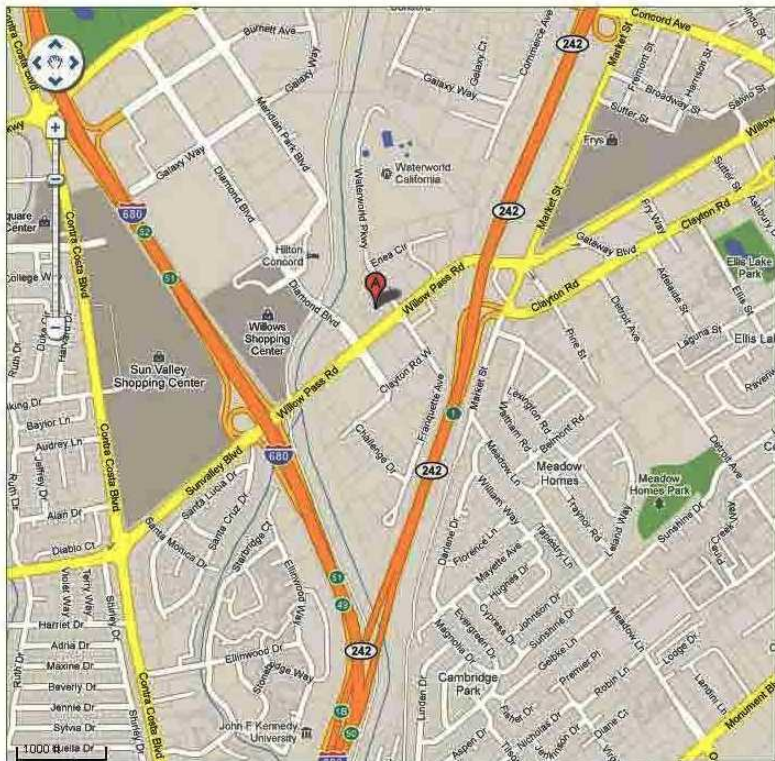
1333 Willow Pass Road Suite 106

Concord, CA 94520

First Come - First Served Seating . . . arrive early for best chance.
Questions? Email: Jeremy.Mattia@va.gov or call 925 / 680 - 4526

MARCH 9th @ 1200

For parking: Turn onto *Waterworld Parkway* from Willow Pass Road follow the Vet Center sign and find parking behind *Sizzler*. Walk towards the office complex and down the ramp. VET Center is Suite 106.



This **Special Veteran Briefing** will be conducted by our own *Contra Costa County Veterans Service Officer* **Phil Munley** and **Ruben Soto** a Senior Veteran Patient Services Manager from the VA Outpatient Clinic in Martinez. *Two outstanding speakers.*

Gold Star Parents Honor And Remembrance

By: Judy Yarian

Blue Star Mom - Chapter 101

This past week, the **Annual California Gold Star Parents Honor and Remembrance** event was held in San Francisco at the **Marines' Memorial Club**. One hundred California Fallen Heroes were remembered at this reception and memorial, including a Vietnam era mother and brother who returned for the second time. This is the sixth year that the **Marines Memorial Association** and **Blue Star Moms** have welcomed **Gold Star Parents** into a community of kindred spirits, surrounded by memories of their loved ones. The event provides a warm, safe atmosphere at a reception of approximately 350 invited guests, including many members of the *Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley*, where parents share stories of their sons and daughters to kind listening ears.

As you know, many parents have never had such an opportunity; a mother whose son died five years prior in Iraq had never felt safe enough to speak about his death, yet told his story to others for the very first time. Mothers and fathers attend together and alone, some knowing not a soul, but bravely come to honor their sons' and daughters' memories at a Memorial Service that exquisitely honors both parents and their sons and daughters, speaking each name, displaying every face, recognizing all with lighted candles and white roses.

One attendee, Chaplain Chuck Roots, USN Ret, notes the following statement displayed on one mother's tribute table: "When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure." He reminds us that these Gold Star moms and dads are also a "poignant reminder" to all of us that our freedom, another priceless treasure, comes at a high price.

Thank you, ladies and gentlemen, for supporting this momentous and healing event for our Gold Star Parents and continuing to honor the memories of their sons and daughters. As long as there are people like you with generous hearts and love of country, our Fallen Heroes need not worry about those special people, their moms and dads, who are left behind. You have their backs.

Our New Veteran's Memorial Building will be . . .



VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley

SUPER CRAB FEED 2011



Football's Fabulous Females the... **2010 Oakland Raiderettes** joined the **VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley** for the 7th annual charitable fundraiser the *Super Sunday Crab Feed*. John Reese, VNVDV Director of Public Relations joins with the **OAKLAND RAIDERETTES... ANGEL - RACHEL - JESSICA** and **JONNI** in welcoming active-duty military and "Sentinel of Freedom" Foundation's wounded warriors in attendance at this year's event sponsored through generous donations from our community supporters. Proceeds from the event support the organization's veteran & community programs - projects & events conducted in the East Bay.

Our Special Thanks goes to:

The Oakland Raider Organization & the Oakland Raiderettes
 East Bay Commercial Real Estate Women - CREW
 Skip & Liz George - Chair for Collecting ALL Donations
 Patti Kintz - Lorrie Sammons - Lindsay Lowe - RAFFLE
 Gary & Marcia Estrella - Guest Check-in & Auction Check-out
 Pete Rubin + "Slatts" + Dave Smith + "Vannucci" - KITCHEN Team
 Ray LaRoche - *Secret Recipe* Cocktail Sauce
 Dennis Petersen - Pick-up & Return to Storage
 Jon Rosell & *Big John* Estes - Beverage Service
 Gene & Carol Ghio - Appetizer Table - Nachos & Popcorn
 Steve Mazaika - Football Entertainment Games
 Helen Reese - Ticket Sales to D/SV Rotary & Blackhawk Chorus
 Harry Stonelake - Engraved Wine Bottles & Donations
 Marty De Venuta - Mumm's Napa Winery Donations



Steve Mazaika coordinates the football entertainment games as *Wild Bill* looks over his shoulder & Dennis Peterson checks his numbers.

The VNVDV Super Crab Feed a Success

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT & THANKS TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS!



Sentinel of Freedom Scholarship Recipient "Manny" and his beautiful wife at the Crab Feed. This years crowd was a little lighter than years before.

Yes, our President Jerry Yahiro is extremely busy at every event! He did take time at the Crab Feed to "pose" & say Hello to the **Oakland Raiderettes!**

The **VNVDV 2011 Super Crab Feed** is now History! **"It's a Rap!"** This year our members & guests dined on an excellent *Dungeness Crab Dinner* on the same Sunday as the *Super Bowl*. This year the VNVDV was given a different venue due to our **Veteran's Memorial Building** being *completely* renovated - remodeling & under major construction for the remainder of 2011. The *Town of Danville* moved our 7th annual event to the Town's Community Center since it was the only building similar (at no-cost) with a kitchen - and enough seating somewhat like the VMB. Due to *many* facility limitations & restrictions this year - we were not able to provide our guests with *everything* usually expected at our annual event. President Yahiro told the team of members who Chaired specific areas, he was pleased they worked through each of the rough spots in time and thanked the many volunteers for the **outstanding job** and dedication to this event. This is the first year *we made less* than we did in previous years! This occurred due to a number of reasons. President Jerry Yahiro told the volunteers as we cleaned-up the building after the event he considered the Crab Feed a **success** overall... especially considering the different location & the number of hurdles we had to jump. Most important - Our guests were **HAPPY** as they left & looking forward to next year - in *our new* Veterans Memorial Building.



Well - it finally caught up with HARRY! He could no longer run from the honor and recognition he so richly deserved due to his ongoing generous giving of himself - time - money - experience - energy and more to veterans and non-profits everywhere. Jerry Yahiro presented Harry with a Special Recognition from the Sentinels of Freedom Board of Governors - Honoring his Service to Others.



It is amazing how *fast* the Crab Feed "Kitchen Crew" got together when the **Oakland Raiderettes** were ready to stop and thank each of them for *Serving our Country* - and for Serving the Crab Dinner at the event - and for the special treat of fixing each one of them a **"Super Crab Feed" dinner to-go**. This way they could also enjoy our event when they got home! **Many Thanks to the Oakland Raiderette organization.**



President Yahiro stated in his message **"THANKS"** to everyone who pitched-in to help with the Crab Feed this year. It is a great deal of work for those who volunteered and really did the work. The funds are needed and do go to many worth caused in our community. We want to shout-out a "Special Thanks" to the outstanding Kitchen Crew for a super job! Also this goes to the Board Members & Advisors who took on specific roles & positions for the President (you know who you are) - also Steve Mazaika for again taking charge of the football entertainment games - and to VNVDV Member Lorrie and the *many* other spouses (Patti - Lindsay + +) who helped with auction - raffle and tickets.



YES... The **MAYOR** of Danville **KAREN STEPPER** heard *Football's Fabulous Females* - the **Oakland Raiderettes** were in Town. We think she wanted to stop by to see when the *"tryouts"* started! :) She found out she was *early* - they don't start until April in Oakland. Karen thought she should get in a little practice with these lovely ladies since she was already here for the **VNVDV Crab Feed**.

THANKS to the OAKLAND RAIDERETTES

for ongoing Support of our Military & Veterans



Wheelchair Foundation 9th Charity Ball **Thank You to All!**

Thanks to all who supported the
9th Annual Wheelchair Foundation Charity Ball

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In addition to
honoring your friend -
Please note on your donation
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to help fill our container.

Thank You.

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

Marine Corps League #942 Continues to Ship Packages Congratulations!

The MCL again received many outstanding letters and notes from the troops serving thanking them for their packages **BRAVO-ZULU** to the **Marine Corps League** from **VNVDV**.

Warriors Walk OIF OEF



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

Thank You to All for Supporting This Event

Congratulations to this East County Support Group.



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2011 "Walk of Honor"
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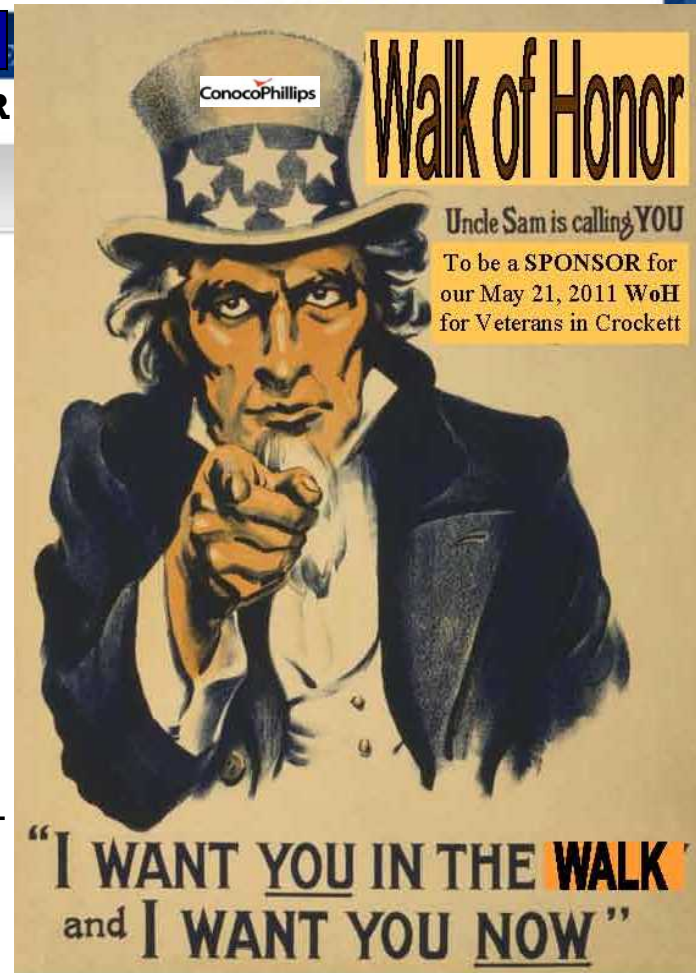
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The "Walk of Honor" proceeds benefit the VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley and will also benefit Crockett Community Services for restoration of the Crockett Veteran's Memorial Building.

Jim Taylor

Medal of Honor Recipient

Is our Guest of Honor

Support the Veterans - Be a Sponsor of the 2011 Walk of Honor

Please make your "Walk of Honor" checks payable to:
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Send your Sponsor / Donation checks to:
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Attn: Mark Hughes
Manager, Public Relations
1380 San Pablo Avenue
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Phone: 510 / 245-4400
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Sign up today for the **May 21, 2011** event! Enjoy a memorable leisurely walk across the "Alfred Zampa Memorial Bridge" and share a delicious BBQ lunch at the Crockett Community Center – 850 Pomona St. Crockett, with your family, friends and neighbors; while honoring the service of loved ones who honored us by their service to our country.

Registration Form

SFRWalkofHonor.com

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____
(Receipt Confirmation purposes)

Walking in honor of: _____ (Veterans name)

Registration - \$25.00 T-Shirt and BBQ included

Check-in 8:00 AM– 9:30AM at Crockett Community Center / Walk will begin at 10:00 AM.

T-Shirt Size: S / M / L / XL / 2XL / 3XL / 4XL (Please circle one)

Purchase "Walk of Honor" Baseball Cap _____ @ \$ 15.00 = \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: **Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley or (VNVDV)** (Tax ID#68-0266369)
 Mail registration form along with check to: **ConocoPhillips, Attn: Aimee Lohr, 1380 San Pablo Avenue, Rodeo, CA 94572**

Participant waiver must be filled out completely. Deadline for application May 11, 2011.

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I certify that either I am eighteen (18) years of age or older, or that my parent or court-appointed guardian has full knowledge of my participation in this event and has given me permission to participate, as evidenced by his/her signature below.

 PARTICIPANT (If not age 18 or older, parent/guardian must co-sign below.)

 PARENT/GUARDIAN (Undersigned has read the above and understands this waiver.)

 DATE

For additional information please contact Aimee Lohr at 510 245-5130 or Harvey Duran at 510 245-4946

THANK YOU for your support.

Use This "Mail-In" Registration Form to mail with your Check to the address "highlighted" above... or register "on-line" - for ConocoPhillips 2011 Walk of Honor @ sfrwalkofhonor.com.

You Can Organize a Group or Team of Walkers
 "Honoring Your Veterans" for this Pre - Memorial Day - May 21
 "2011 Walk of Honor"

2011 "Walk of Honor" Tri-Fold

with Sponsors to-date & Speaker Information

Keynote Speaker

We are honored to have:

James A. Taylor
USA (Ret.)
Medal of Honor Recipient

Check in begins at 8:00 a.m. at the Crockett Community Center, 850 Pomona St., Crockett. Transportation will be provided to and from the bridge. We will also be providing transportation to the Crockett Veterans Memorial Building.

Following the "Walk" all registered participants are invited to join us for a luncheon ceremony featuring our keynote speaker and a delicious lunch catered by Englund's. There will also be music and a raffle.

Many local veterans service organizations will be on hand providing information regarding their services.

100% of all Sponsor Contributions will be divided evenly between the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley (VNVDV) and the Crockett Community Services District (CCSD). The VNVDV is dedicated to present and former members of the Armed Forces of the United States, through the support of local community activities, which recognize the contributions and sacrifices of Veterans. The CCSD is dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the Crockett Veterans Memorial Building.

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Third Annual



Saturday, May 21, 2011

Check in: 8 to 9:30 A.M.

Crockett Community Center
850 Pomona Street
Crockett, CA. 94525

Walk will begin at 10:00 A.M.

News you may have not seen...

16% of Veterans Are Homeless, Study Shows

Military veterans are more likely to be homeless than any other American group, reveals a newly released government study on homelessness among former service members. Yet, vets only make up 10 percent of the adult population.

About 16 percent — or more than 75,000 — veterans in the country do not have a home and live on the streets or in a temporary shelter, according to the study.

Nearly half of the homeless vets are in California, Texas, New York, or Florida.

The study found a higher prevalence of minority vets being homeless (34 percent were African American, and 11 percent were Hispanic), according to the survey.

About 11,300 younger veterans, who were between 18 to 30 years old and who had served in Iraq and Afghanistan, were in shelters at some point during 2009, when the study was originally conducted.

As more troops return from Iraq and Afghanistan, experts say it's time to do something about the high incidence of homelessness among U.S. vets. President Obama has set a goal to end homelessness among veterans and others by 2015.

To start reaching that goal, HUD is providing \$10 million in short-term rental assistance to vets, and the VA is providing \$5 million for medical services and case management. Meanwhile, the Labor Department will provide job training and counseling for vets.

Source: "[Veterans More Likely to be Homeless, Study Says](#)," USA Today (Feb. 9, 2011)



Be a part of a very special East Bay community event and join us prior to Memorial Day on May 21st for our Veteran's "Walk of Honor" - 2011

A Reminder . . .

MEMORIAL DAY - MAY 30

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LEAVE a LEGACY

for our Local Military Serving.

SUPPORT OUR

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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 at 433 Diablo in Danville - Phone 925 / 362-9806 or log on to www.srvVeteransHall.org.



Your reason for making a pledge & supporting the Our New Veteran's Memorial Building should be simple...



All the plumbing & electrical is set ready for the concrete.



The Construction Team take a final look at the new section for the VMB before pouring the slab.



Looking at the back of the old VMB you see the new basement framed.



**Visit Our Contra Costa County
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***Congratulations to
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To the membership, I would like to extend a special thanks to our fellow Veteran, John Reese for his unwavering devotion to the previous years newsletters.

I have big shoes to fill.

Attend A Local Welcome Home Event

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 our Military for serving.

This is part of what being a veteran is all about...

Remember when we came home... Now let's Welcome them Home the Right Way!

Don't forget to send us YOUR News
& Photos - we are proud to Support
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Thursday, May 5th, 2011

5:30 – 8:30 PM

Blackhawk Museum

"CASABLANCA"



Proceeds go to the Danville/Sycamore Valley Rotary Foundation a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization in support of local charitable and non-profit organizations and international service projects.

A Private Event for the Donors of the Danville/Sycamore Valley Rotary Foundation.

The VietNam Veterans
of Diablo Valley
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Tickets are available for a **Donation** of **\$40.** per person

If you need information or to obtain tickets for this outstanding annual event - Contact one of our **VNVDV** Supporters:

David Behring or

Helen Reese

You may recall this event held at the Blackhawk Museum annually features outstanding food restaurants - wineries - desserts - beverages and much more, in addition to a fun silent and live auction on May 5th.

4th of JULY

It is not too early to PLAN NOW...

And mark YOUR Calendar for the **Kiwanis July 4th Parade** in Danville

This year it is on a Monday and the **VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley** will distribute **12,000 American Flags** along the parade route! :)

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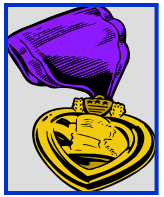
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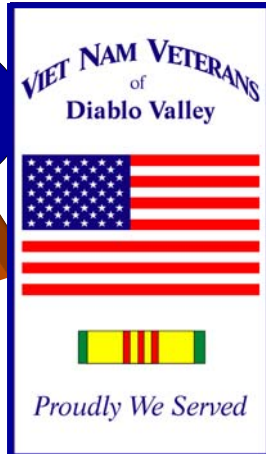
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The Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley was established in 1991 as a non-profit Veterans organization to promote and enhance the image of the Viet Nam Veteran through Community Service and Support of fellow Veterans. Our Veteran's Memorial Building 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!



VIET NAM VETERANS of Diablo Valley



**MONTHLY DINNER & OPEN SOCIAL MEETING
THURSDAY - MARCH 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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