

# INCOMING



**OCT 2011**

**Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley**

## Guest Speaker: Lucki Allen



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



**Jerry Yahiro  
President 2011**

### President's OCT Message

These last months of summer seem to have flown by with a host of activities for the VNVDV.

At the Wine for Wheels, held August 26, 2011, at David Behring's home, an anonymous donation of \$10,000, was made. This enabled the VNVDV to attain its goal of raising funds for 280 wheelchairs (1 trailer), for distribution in Vietnam. Our Thanks and gratitude to Anonymous!!! Planning for our Return to Vietnam 2012, in conjunction with the Wheel Chair Foundation, has commenced!

The trip is tentatively planned for about 14 days in early November, 2012. The cost of the trip will be about \$3,000 per person. Final dates and cost will be based on negotiations with a third party, non-governmental organization (NGO). The NGO, U. S. based, 501(c)(3), will organize the in-country itinerary and distributions of the wheelchairs. We also plan to include time for day trips to areas that traveling Vietnam Veterans may want to visit.

Due to space and logistics, the number of travelers to Vietnam will be limited. Criteria for travelers may be necessary and used to determine who will be going to Vietnam. Details for the trip will be forthcoming.

Also in August we said our final good-byes to George "Budd" Primrose. Budd was a World War II Veteran, who served with the famed 506<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment (PIR), 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division. He served with B Company. The book "Band Of Brothers" was written about E Company, 506 PIR and its exploits. (See pictures of Budd's Memorial Service in this issue of INCOMING.)

*President's Message Continued... on Page Two -*

**VNVDV receives \$10,000 donation to the wheelchair foundation—**



**VNVDV members H Stonelake, S George, xxx, J Reese, J Estes, R LaRochelle, M Weber and J Yahiro present donation to Wheelchair Foundation present D Behring, honorary Lifetime Member of the Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley!**

**The Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley participated in the 2011 Kiwanis 4th of July Parade in Danville distributing 12,000 American Flags free to children and other patriots along the parade route again this year according to Event Director Ray La-Rochelle. In addition the VNVDV participated in the Walnut Festival "Twilight Parade" again this year and distributed American Flags to the "Kids" attending in support of this year's parade theme!**



**November 3's  
Guest Speaker will  
be Sgt. Vincent  
Silva—Survivor,  
WWII ataan Death  
March - 3-1/2  
year Prisoner of  
War of the Japa-  
nese.**



# HUMAN INTEREST -

## President Jerry's OCT Message Continued... from Page One -

### The Passing of Mrs. Audi Murphy

I'm so incredibly late on this, but the news hit at a bad time for me and I wasn't able to catch up. But, I wanted to bring this to your attention. Being a Dogface Soldier, Audie Murphy is something I consider a role model and hero. I stop short of calling him an idol, because I don't believe them, but he is someone that our children can do well to look up to as a positive role model.

Pamela Murphy, widow of WWII hero and actor, Audie Murphy, died peacefully at her home on April 8, 2010 at the age of 90. She is survived by sons, Terry and James. Pam established her own distinctive 30 year career working as a patient liaison at the Sepulveda VA Hospital, where she was much beloved. Services will be held at Forest Lawn (Hollywood Hills) on Friday April 16 at 2:30PM.



After Audie died, they all became her boys. Every last one of them. Any veteran who walked into the Sepulveda VA hospital and care center in the last 35 years got the VIP treatment from Pam Murphy. The widow of Audie Murphy – the most decorated soldier in World War II – would walk the hallways with her clipboard in hand making sure her boys got to see a specialist or doctor – STAT. If they didn't, watch out. Her boys weren't all Medal of Honor recipients or movie stars like Audie, but that didn't matter to Pam. They had served their country. That was good enough for her. She never called a veteran by his first name. It was always "Mister." Respect came with the job. "Nobody could cut through VA red tape faster than Mrs. Murphy," said veteran Stephen Sherman, speaking for thousands of veterans she befriended over the years. "Many times I watched her march a veteran who had been waiting more than an hour right into the doctor's office. She was even reprimanded a few times, but it didn't matter to Mrs. Murphy. "Only her boys mattered. She was our angel."



"She was in bed watching the Laker game, took one last breath, and that was it," said Diane Ruiz, who also worked at the VA and cared for Pam in the last years of her life in her Canoga Park apartment. It was the same apartment Pam moved into soon after Audie died in a plane crash on Memorial Day weekend in 1971.

She went from a comfortable ranch-style home in Van Nuys where she raised two sons to a small apartment – taking a clerk's job at the nearby VA to support herself and start paying off her faded movie star husband's debts. At first, no one knew who she was. Soon, though, word spread through the VA that the nice woman with the clipboard was Audie Murphy's widow. It was like saying Patton had just walked

in the front door. Men with tears in their eyes walked up to her and gave her

Budd was a replacement trooper and a month after receiving his jump wings, he made his first combat jump into Holland, during Operation Market Garden, in September 1944. He also fought in the Battle of the Bulge, Bastogne and the Ruhr Pocket. He ended the war in Berchtesgaden.

Budd, thank you for your association with the VNVDV, and for your friendship. Even though our time together was brief, we will miss you, and your lovely lady, Bea.

September began on a somber note with the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 9-11 Observance at the All Wars Memorial, hosted by the Exchange Club of San Ramon Valley. Many of our members planned and participated in this special remembrance.

The Observance was highlighted with the fly-over and dropping of red roses by the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Huey helicopter. All eyes turned skyward for the salute to all those who perished, on that fateful day and for those who have died serving our Nation.

Thank you to General Mike Myatt, the Veterans Memorial Building Foundation of SF, and the SF Opera, for hosting 1,200 Veterans and guests, at a special 9-11 tribute. Many of our VNVDV were their guests for the Opera, "Heart of a Soldier", the story of Rick Rescorla, a Viet Nam Veteran, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Air Cavalry Division, and unsung hero of 9-11 attack on the World Trade Center Towers. It was truly a moving experience. Thank you all for including the VNVDV.

On Saturday, September 17, 2011, the VNVDV participated in the Walnut Parade, part of the Walnut Festival, held annually in Walnut Creek. Our members fielded a full color guard, the VNVDV banner, and of course, Walnut Creek's own John Reese in his vintage Parade Vehicle. Members also passed out miniature American Flags, to appreciative spectators.

In addition, throughout these summer months, members of the VNVDV, have participated in and supported numerous Welcome Home ceremonies held throughout the Tri-Valley for our returning military. I encourage you to join us in showing our support for these dedicated military personnel.

Thank you to all VNVDV and Veteran's partners who participated in these events!

See you at our next dinner meeting, Thursday, October 6, 2011.

**Guest Speaker**  
**Lucki Allen**





# Diablo Valley's . . .

# The Walnut Festival Twilight Parade - A Success



The first Festival held in 1911 was a celebration of the harvest of grapes and was called 'The Grape Festival'. During prohibition, grapes were replaced with walnuts as the cash crop of the area and the vineyards became walnut groves. In 1936, the harvest celebration became known as The Walnut Festival. The Walnut Festival Association was officially incorporated in 1938 and except for a suspended period during World War II, has been celebrated as the popular annual community event it remains today.

As Walnut Creek as grown, and suburban developments have replaced walnut groves, the Walnut Festival Association has maintained the tradition of producing fundraising events for the benefit of the community. Locations for the event have changed over the years from the center of town to Civic Park and finally, in 1976, to Heather Farm Park, where it is now held the third Thursday after the first Monday in September.



## OCTOBER SPEAKER LUCKI ALLEN

### *She's Back!*

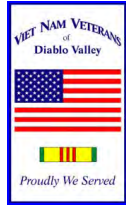
Our October speaker is none other than our own **Doris "Lucki" Allen**.

You have heard about her three tours in Vietnam as an intelligence analyst, you know she retired from the Army as a Chief Warrant Officer. You know she was inducted into the Military Intelligence Hall of Fame. You know she holds a doctorate in psychology and Dr. Allen is still active in community and veterans affairs.



Now come and let her tell you what you probably don't know. When we thought about the military, it was an all male show. Unless you were in the hospital in Viet Nam, how many female soldiers did you notice? They were there, they were everywhere. Lucki will fill us in on how it was back then for women in the military, in Viet Nam and in Intelligence.

Lucki is a shoot from the hips, tell it like it is, and thoroughly captivating speaker. ***You won't be disappointed.***



# Operation Welcome Home Events



PHOTO by - Sandee Wiedemann  
Warriors Watch Riders



Recognition of active-duty military service members is one of the most worthwhile activities VSO members are able to perform. Members of the VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley - VFW #75 - American Legion #246 - Marine Corps League #942 make-up the San Ramon Valley Veterans. They attend and thank each returning veterans for serving and welcome them home and present a certificate of appreciation.

## HOW CAN I ...

### PARTICIPATE AT A WELCOME HOME EVENT?

It is easier than you might think...

Obtain the location, bring a flag, have a smile inside you or a handshake on you, keep a sincere thanks for their service in your heart and share all this with the returning member when you see them. Feel good inside...

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 fellow veteran is all about...

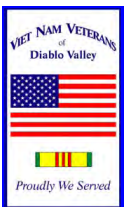
Remember when we came home...

Now let's Welcome them Home the Right Way!



Watch your email for a FLASH of the upcoming

"Welcome Home" events from the VNVDV

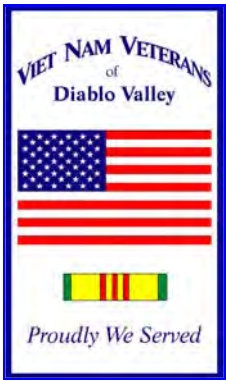


## NEWS ... Thanks to Linda Schardt

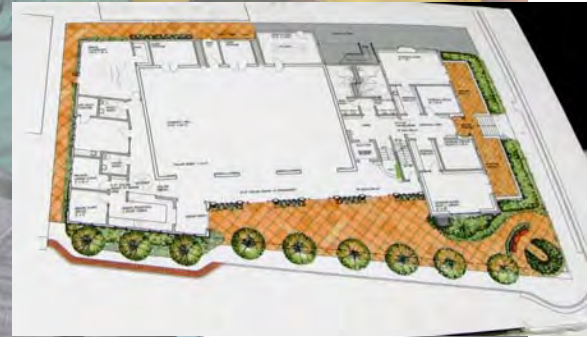
One of our newest members has stepped forward and volunteered for a BIG job!

**Linda Schardt is now assisting in the design and publication of the INCOMING Our organizations monthly newsletter. She will be assisting Director of Public Relations - John Reese who is serving as temporary Editor until the elections. So if you have "NEWS" or photos of events... please send them to Linda each month.**





**Viet Nam Vets  
Supporting Hot  
August Nights in  
front of the new  
Veterans Memorial Building!**



Jerry Yahiro  
John Reese,  
Michael Slattengren  
Linda Schardt—reviewing  
floor plans in front of new  
building.

**Bill gives “thumbs up” on  
progress!**

Diablo  
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Veterans  
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**Sentinels of Freedom**

## **4th Annual Golf Tournament**

**October 3, 2011 –**

**Diablo Country Club – Danville, CA**

Dear Friends and Supporters of the Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship Foundation, Thanks to your incredible support our program now has 64 Sentinels (recipients of our scholarships – current and graduated) placed across the nation.

Our goal for 2011 is 25 new Sentinels. These deserving young men and women were wounded serving our country, and now we believe it's our turn to assist them in achieving their part of the American Dream.

You can help by supporting our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament, hosted by the Diablo Valley Veterans Foundation, for the exclusive benefit of Sentinels of Freedom Golf Classic Tournament. We have an exciting day planned for you.

Your registration fee of \$375.00 includes two dinners, barbecue lunch, and more. We invite you to bring your spouse or significant other to be a part of this special day.

We'll have a raffle and live auction that evening. As the items come in, we'll share them with you, so you know ahead of time what you might wish to bid on.

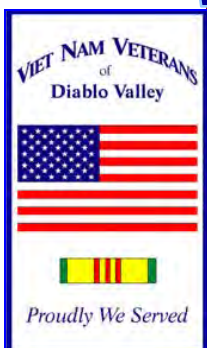
Please send your registration and payment to: Diablo Valley Veterans Foundation - P.O. Box 1316 - San Ramon, CA 94583. Please make checks payable to DVVF.

DVVF (EIN#26-3198472) partners with Sentinels of Freedom without administrative overhead. Sentinels of Freedom receive 100% of net proceeds of funds raised at this golf tournament.

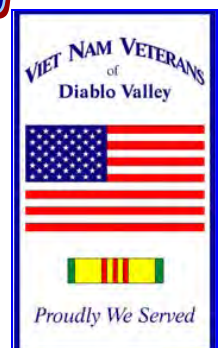
Please fill out the registration form and include your email as that's how we'll send your confirmation and communicate with you regarding this event. We encourage you to get your registration and payment in soon, last year, this event sold out early. We will limit the number of golfers to 144 to ensure that golfers come off in a reasonable time frame.

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**VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley**



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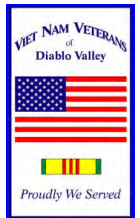
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**"Chef's Choice" Buffet Dinner is \$25. for members & guests.**

# Membership

**Attention ALL  
VIETNAM VETERANS:**

**Your Membership is Important to Us!**



**Every Member "Makes a Difference" We Appreciate Your Support  
even if you live a distance away... PLEASE JOIN US!**

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

# November Guest Speaker

## Sgt. Vincent Silva



**Bataan Death March Survivor and author of  
"Senso Owari" (The War is Ended).**

**The Bataan Death March was the forcible transfer, by  
the Imperial Japanese Army, of over 75,000 American  
and Filipino prisoners of war after the three-  
month battle of Bataan in the Philippines during  
World War II.**

**DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR  
SGT. Vincent Silva!**



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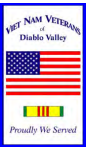


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Veterans Service Officer - Martinez

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**Phil reminds all veterans of the County Board of Supervisors  
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**It's Time for YOU to make a trip to the Martinez Veteran Service Office for YOUR Benefit Check-Up!**

**“Water In My Veins:  
The Pauper Who Helped Save A President”**

***“You are a great  
bunch of Vets!”***



**Theodore “Ted” Robinson;**

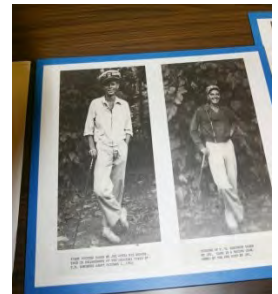
He was a radar officer and helplessly watched as Kennedy's PT-109 was rammed by a Japanese Destroyer during World War II. He was one of 12 men involved in Kennedy's rescue, and after Robinson's boat was sunk a month later the two shared a room in a dilapidated house for about 2 ½ months as they rehabilitated from their severe injuries.

The 91-year-old Robinson spoke at length about Kennedy's bravery during combat, civility to others and thoughtful outlook on life.

While the two were recovering from their injuries, Robinson noticed how Kennedy befriended the chiefs of the native tribes the two were living near. Kennedy's compassion for the impoverished people guided him in his future endeavors, Robinson said.

After the speech, he sold autographed copies of his book, **"Water In My Veins: The Pauper Who Helped Save A President,"** and talked with members of our group about his experiences.

***Ted Robinson sent us a letter: “Just a note to thank you and your club for the beautiful plaque and bottle of wine you gave me, plus the sale of 21 books.***



***On the way home, my wife said you were one of the nicest groups we ever spoke to. I have given about 5000 speeches over the years, and I agree.***

***We liked the lovely country club, the attractive town, and your group. You should be proud of yourselves and the enthusiastic way you greet a speaker.***

***You are a great bunch of Vets!***

***Best wishes from my wife and I,  
Theodore M. Robinson  
LCDR, USNR, Retired***

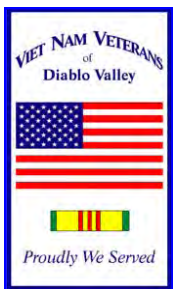
**THANKS**

**TO OUR SEPT. GUEST SPEAKER**

**Theodore M. Robinson  
LCDR, USNR, Retired**

**VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley**





# Wheelchair Foundation Wine for Wheels Monthly Events - See the WCF Website for Details



*We Support the  
Wheelchair Foundation -  
The VNVDV is going back  
to Viet Nam!*



At the WCF events you can help support the VNVDV container. Please note on your WCF donation "credit to the VNVDV" and help fill our container. Thank You.

The Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley present David Behring with a \$10,000 check in support of the Wheelchair Foundation. At the Wine for Wheels event (Left to Right:) Harry Stonelake, 'Skip' George, , John Reese, John Estes, Ray LaRochelle, Mike Weber, Jerry Yahiro, and David Behring—President of the Wheelchair Foundation.

## Thank You - David & Lisa Behring

*For Hosting he Wine For Wheels - late August Event to help*

*the Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley... give mobility in VietNam*

### Jeff Behring (Wine for Wheels Director)

"My name is Jeff Behring - Director of Special Events for the Wheelchair Foundation & the "Wine For Wheels" Social Group. It is all about Wine and Culinary Appreciation, & Education for a philanthropic cause. We are making a difference, please join us."



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# Benefits Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley

## MONDAY - October 3, 2011

SUMMIT FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC  
9TH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT  
Dinner & Silent Auction • Net proceeds benefiting the Veterans Memorial Building of the San Ramon Valley  
Castlewood Country Club, Pleasanton • October 3, 2011

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12:00 pm Shot Gun Start .....Tee Signage, Event Program Listing  
6:00 pm Dinner/Awards .....Raffle Drawing and Silent Auction

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ALBATROSS SPONSOR \$2,500	2 foursome packages, 8 additional dinner guests, 2 VIP reserved tables, Main listing in Event Program, Hole Sponsor with Tee Signage, Recognition Award at dinner	PAR SPONSOR \$500	1 golf package, 1 additional dinner guest, Listing in Event Program, Hole Sponsor with Tee Signage
EAGLE SPONSOR \$1,000	1 foursome package, 4 additional dinner guests, Listing in Event Program, Hole Sponsor with Tee Signage, Recognition Award at dinner	HOLE-IN-ONE SPONSOR \$500	Hole-in-One Sponsor with Tee Signage, Listing in Event Program
BIRDIE SPONSOR \$750	1 twosome package, 2 additional dinner guests, Listing in Event Program, Hole Sponsor with Tee Signage, Recognition	BOGIE SPONSOR \$300	Hole Sponsor with Tee Signage, Listing in Event Program
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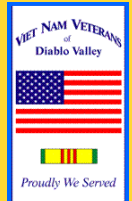
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# San Francisco Fleet Week...

## ...a message from Chairman MajGen Mike Myatt, USMC (Ret)



**General Myatt**  
chairman

### San Francisco Fleet Week Mission

Our San Francisco Fleet Week 2011 mission is to continue to focus on Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Response preparations while we take this annual opportunity to host and thank the young men and women of the Naval Services for their selfless devotion to duty in safeguarding our Country.

We will again hold a Senior Leader Seminar with participation by the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, FEMA, the State, and the local city, fire, police and emergency management agencies. We will also feature urban search-and-rescue training as conducted by the S.F. Fire Department for Marines and Navy sailors.

This will be a big year for Naval Aviation as it celebrates its 100th year. It all began shortly before 11 a.m. on the morning of 18 January 1911 when Eugene B. Ely took off from Tanforan racetrack in San Bruno, California in his Curtiss pusher biplane, and, in full view of thousands of spectators ashore, on ships and at the city piers, and in a flock of small craft gathered around, landed his bi-plane on the USS *Pennsylvania* that was anchored off the San Francisco waterfront. His biplane dove and snagged the arresting gear about halfway up its length. The Curtiss pulled ropes and sandbags to a smooth stop before reaching any of the safety barriers. This was the first landing of an airplane aboard a US Navy ship.

From its humble beginning in 1911, the Navy's flight program has grown to become a guardian of freedom for America and its allies. The U.S. Naval Aviation program includes three branches of the military: the Navy, the Marine Corps and the Coast Guard.

This year San Francisco Fleet Week spectators will be captivated by the dynamic performances of the Marines AV-8B Harrier and by TWO jet teams, The Blue Angels and Canadian Snowbirds!

Come back often to this site to see what events are in store for 2011.

Sincerely

*MajGen J. Michael Myatt USMC (Ret.)*

**Chairman, San Francisco Fleet Week Association**

**SF 2011 "Fleet Week" Web Link:**  
**<http://www.fleetweek.us>**



## Quick Fleet Week Schedule

### Thursday, October 6, 2011

1pm to 3pm - US Navy Blue Angels Circle & Arrival Maneuvers

4pm to 5pm - US Navy Blue Angels Practice

### Friday, October 7, 2011

12:30pm - 3pm - Air Show Flying,

3pm to 4pm - US Navy Blue Angels

### Saturday, October 8, 2011

11am - Parade of Navy Ships

12:30pm - 3pm - Air Show Flying

3pm to 4pm - US Navy Blue Angels

### Sunday, October 9, 2011

12:30pm - 3pm - Air Show Flying,

3pm to 4pm - US Navy Blue Angels



**See Complete Fleet Week  
Schedule on-line at:  
<http://www.fleetweek.us>**

**The City of San Francisco - Bay Area businesses and the VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley are proud to welcome visiting sailors, marines & coastguardsmen.**

**DISCOUNTS are available for the FLEET. Check on-line for the special offers honoring all visiting Military Personal .**



# San Francisco Fleet Week...

## a legacy continues... a tradition returns

The history of Fleet Week in San Francisco began ... Celebrate With Us the Arrival Of Admiral Evans and His Fleet, Wednesday, May 6, 1908

The "Great White Fleet" was sent around the world by President Theodore Roosevelt from December 16, 1907 to February 22, 1909. It consisted of 16 battleships of the Atlantic Fleet and various smaller vessels. The hulls of the battleships were painted white except for the gilded scrollwork on their bows. The Atlantic Fleet battleships later became known as the "Great White Fleet."

The fleet sailed from Hampton Roads, Virginia, on 16 December 1907 under the command of Rear Admiral "Fighting Bob" (Robley D.) Evans. His flagship was the U.S.S. Connecticut. Among the junior officers of the fleet were William Halsey (on U.S.S. Kansas) and Raymond Spruance (on U.S.S. Minnesota) who were to play major roles in the Pacific Theater during World War II. Evans stated that his ships "were ready at the drop of a hat for a feast, a frolic or a fight".

San Francisco Welcome to the Fleet... The 14 month long voyage was a showcase of American sea power. The ships were manned by 14,000 sailors. They covered 43,000 miles and stopped at 20 ports on 6 continents. The fleet arrived in San Francisco on May 6, 1908 from Magdalena Bay, Mexico for a huge celebration hosted by the City of San Francisco.

As each ship passed Fort Point it fired a 21-gun salute, which was answered with a salute from land. Crowds flocked to San Francisco to see the fleet. It was one of the largest crowds of California had seen.

The officers of the fleet were entertained at theater parties, and had their hotel expenses paid by the city welcoming committee. They were hosted at receptions at the Ferry Building, St. Francis and Fairmont Hotels. The enlisted men were entertained with a clubhouse, music, athletics and sightseeing. The people of San Francisco were taken by launches to visit the ships.

At San Francisco ill health forced Admiral "Fighting Bob" Evans to relinquish command of the fleet. On July 7, 1908 the fleet was reassembled under the command of Rear Admiral Charles Sperry and bid farewell to San Francisco and departed for Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

The current Fleet Week commenced in 1981 under Mayor Dianne Feinstein, with the purpose of honoring and thanking the men and women of the United Forces for their contributions to the city of San Francisco and abroad.

## San Francisco Fleet Week... 49ers Salute to the Fleet

Six U.S. Navy ships from the U.S. 3rd Fleet area of operations are scheduled to visit San Francisco to participate in the 30th annual San Francisco Fleet Week Oct. 7-12.

U.S. 3rd Fleet ships participating include the aircraft carrier **USS Carl Vinson** (CVN 70), the amphibious assault ship **USS Bonhomme Richard** (LHD 6), guided-missile cruiser **USS Antietam** (CG 54), guided-missile destroyer **USS Milius** (DDG 69), mine countermeasure ship **USS Chief** (MCM 14) and fleet replenishment oiler **USNS Guadalupe** (T-AO 200).

49ers Salute to the Fleet - Candlestick Park, 49ers vs Tampa Bay - The Marine Band will be playing at the entrances while fans enter the stadium, The Coast guard will have a singer for The National Anthem for pre-game with two F-18s flying over. Halftime will consist of 150 future Marines/Sailors bringing out a large American Flag along with the Marine Band playing "Stars and Stripes Forever." Following that, USN CF3 Captain Bryne will be doing a swear in on field for 20 future Marines/Sailors. Immediately after that, Air Force singer A1C Hokay will sing "God Bless the USA."

San Francisco Fleet Week 2011 (SFFW 11) is an opportunity for the American public to meet their Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard team and to experience the best of the sea services. More than 9,000 Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen are scheduled to participate in SFFW 11 to celebrate the shared maritime history of the naval services and the Bay Area. This event will showcase naval personnel, equipment, technology and capabilities with an emphasis on humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HA/DR).

Additionally, 2011 is a banner year for Naval aviation as it celebrates its 100th anniversary of flight. From its inception, Naval aviation has been a "global force for good," as a symbol of power, and a force for stability in an increasingly unstable and interconnected world. Naval Aviation is involved in a range of military operations around the globe, including humanitarian assistance and disaster relief anywhere, anytime - to help American citizens and citizens of the world.

There will be several opportunities to interact with the crew and leadership of the various ships during SFFW 11. Key events include the SLS, an HA/DR-themed static display area at the Marina Green, Urban Search and Rescue Training involving SFPD, SFFD, Sailors and Marines at Treasure Island, the Parade of Ships, Battle of the Bands in Golden Gate Park, and Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard participation in the Italian Heritage Day Parade and the San Francisco 49ers Military Salute game. Additionally, the Blue Angels will perform along the waterfront.

U.S. 3rd Fleet area of responsibility includes 50 million square miles of the eastern and northern Pacific ocean areas including the Bering Sea, Alaska, the Aleutian Islands and sectors of the arctic. U.S. 3rd Fleet measures its success by the readiness and combat efficiency of the Fleet and the extent to which it is connected and interoperable with domestic partners, international partners and allies.



# **NAVY BALL... a tradition returns during Fleet Week in SF**



*Moffett Chief Petty Officers Association, Northern California*

Greetings Post Commander,

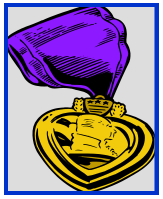
The Moffett Chief Petty Officers' Association (CPOA) of Northern California was established in the early days of Naval Air Station Sunnyvale (later to be named NAS Moffett Field). Through the years, the Association grew with the incorporation of Naval Air Reserve Center Santa Clara and Navy Reserve Centers first in San Jose and subsequently in Alameda.

However, we saw our numbers decrease as the Base Realignment and Closures (BRAC) closed virtually every active duty Navy Installation in the San Francisco Bay area. It was shortly after this exodus, that the tradition of the Navy Ball regrettably also left the Bay area.

The Moffett CPOA restored this tradition in 2008, and as an inaugural event persuaded Master Chief Petty Officer Joe Campa to serve as Guest Speaker for it. In 2009, VAM Debbink (Chief of the Navy Reserve) also served as Guest Speaker. We have held this event in the Pleasanton Hilton, which has a beautiful ball room and have afforded us blocks of rooms at preferred rates for the event. In spite of these events being well attended, our membership still finds that there are scores of Veterans in this area that are unaware of this event. I hope to at least start to remedy this situation by reaching out to all of the Veteran Organizations throughout the Bay area.

On behalf of the Moffett Chief Petty Officer' Association, I would personally like to make you aware of this event. This event coincides with San Francisco Fleet Week. In previous years, we have hosted several visiting Sailors from Fleet Week participating ships through donations. We intend to maintain this tradition, since it is the Sailors who we hope to honor with this event. Additionally, we sell the event tickets to junior Sailors (E-1 through E-6) at below cost.

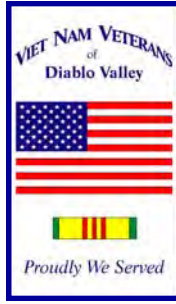
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The VNVDV meets each month on the 1st Thursday of every month in the Diablo Valley @ Crow Canyon Country Club. Our Board of Directors Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month also at Crow Canyon country Club. To find out more about programs 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 & military. All of our meetings are OPEN meetings... Please Join us.

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