

INCOMING NEWS



**AUGUST
2012**

VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley
Established in 1991



New Danville Veteran Service Office is Open! *Help Yourself & Your Family... Make an Appointment to Visit!*

**MIKE
SLATTENGREN**
President VNVDV

Great News - the VNVDV was honored by the Kiwanis Club as the "Best Marching Unit" in the 2012 Kiwanis 4th of July Parade! Thank You to Kiwanis and to all who participated this year.

August 2012 - A Message from President Mike "Slatts" Slattengren

Welcome to this month of August's INCOMING.

The Danville 4th of July parade was another success this past month. It was great to see all of our loyal members who showed up as you do each year to either carry our banner, our service flags or to hand out some of the 12,000 flags we purchase each year to give to the crowd watching and enjoying the parade. For those of you who walked (we really don't march) for the first time in a parade since you were separated from the service, I hope you enjoyed it and the cheers we received from the parade attendees. Our VP Ray La Rochelle did an excellent job working with the Kiwanis Parade committee to have us up front in the parade this year. The Marine Corp Color Guard as always looked sharp marching in front of our banner. The Concord Vet Center Huey along with the Warrior Watch Riders followed as did the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) volunteers who carried the unfurled Garrison-sized U.S. flag. Ray received notification from the Kiwanis a couple weeks after the parade that the VNVDV had won the "Best marching unit" trophy. He and I attended a luncheon and accepted the trophy last week. Congratulations to our members

East Bay Stand Down (EBS D) is conducting the last public planning meeting in preparation for the EBS D event in Danville's VMB on the 3rd Tuesday of this month - **AUG.14th** at 1800 Hrs. A great time to find out more - if you have considered volunteering to help in any capacity. **Remember you must register no later than Aug. 31st.** EBS D event dates are - **September 13th to 16th** - the only four day *Stand Down* in the nation - held at Alameda County Fairgrounds.

Do you know each month we have interesting speakers - usually with historical topics of interest to veterans & our many supporters? Please join us for a casual - relaxed - fun evening. It may be the best evening out you have enjoyed in some time!

Don't Miss Thursday's Dinner!

The VNVDV dinner meeting is Thur. - AUG. 2nd at Crow Canyon County Club - Open to all veterans & guests.

We will have another great evening of relaxing, social enjoyment - followed by our Chef's Choice Buffet Dinner & our featured guest speaker. No business - just a casual enjoyable evening with fellow veterans & their guests - friends & supporters & interesting speakers.

**Guest Speaker for August
Major John Wells**
Admissions Officer
Oakland Military Institute
A College Prep Academy

The VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley congratulate the selection of **Newell Arnerich** as the new Mayor for the Town of Danville and **Robert Storer** as Vice Mayor. We also **THANK GREG GILBERT** - Assistant Town Manager for his solid support of the veterans during the opening of our new VMB as he begins to enjoy his retirement & wish him always the very best in the future. We the veterans Thank You for Your Service!



**Your New Contra
Costa County
Veterans Service
Office in Danville is
NOW OPEN in our
new Veterans
Memorial Building
every THURSDAY
from 10AM until
2PM for benefit
services & info.**



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President's Message

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This is a very rewarding activity that helps & truly assists our fellow veterans who don't quite have things as nice as we do. The reason for a four-day program... to provide a helping-hand up! Go to the EBSD website at: www.eastbaystanddown.org to learn more - volunteer for a day or for more than one day, or make a donation. Check-out the EBSD "wish list" for items needed. Again - you must "register to volunteer in advance" - There will be no walk in volunteers, so if you are planning to assist, please go to the website and sign up today. It only takes a couple of minutes. It is a feel good event!

Veterans Day planning is well on its way & again will be held at San Ramon Valley High School in Danville in the performance center (where we formed up for the 4th of July parade) as it has in previous years. Please mark that day on your calendar & come to this event. Veterans Day is for us; we veterans. The date & time is easy to remember. It's always on Nov 11 at 11 am (11/11 at 11 am).

We are actively using the new San Ramon Valley Veteran's Memorial Building facilities. Our BOD meetings are held there each month. On the 3rd Tuesday we will host the final public planning meeting for our major East Bay Stand Down event at 6PM in the building. Last week we hosted a Veterans Forum - mentioned in our July newsletter. Plus our new Veterans Service Office is used by the County and the Concord Vet Center to assist ALL veterans. We are assisting in continued raising of funds for the operations of our section of the building. Stay tuned for opportunities to come down and help at those fund raisers. These events don't require any heavy work, just showing up and assisting with some function.

Don't forget our Operation Welcome Home's. If you are interested in participating in these, let John Reese know you want to be on his distribution list when we learn about when these young warriors come home. You may also check online at: Diablo Valley Flag Brigade's website. No special skills are needed, just show up with a flag in your hand, a smile on your face and a thank you hand shake for the young man or woman. These are "feel good" gatherings and only take about an hour out of your day. It is very fulfilling for both the returnees and to each of us. We welcomed three returning veterans in Danville's Blackhawk area this past weekend.

I hope to see all of you all at our August dinner meeting this Thursday - August 2, 2012 at the Crow Canyon Country Club in San Ramon. Dinner will be available at 6 pm, social hour starts at 5 pm followed by our guest speaker. *Please join us!*

Michael Slattengren

President 2012

PH: (925) 837-6238



Michael Slattengren

Note: E-Mail with a "dot"

President "SLATTS" invites all veterans to join us for dinner at Crow Canyon Country Club to hear our August Guest Speaker Featuring...

Major John Wells

California Military Reserve

Dinner is \$25. for both members & guests Social @ 1700 - Buffet (*all you can eat*) @ 1800 followed by Guest Speaker. *No business - a relaxed - enjoyable dinner with friends - fellow veterans & guests.*

Special Notice - David Behring is bringing a guy to the meeting tomorrow night who just finished a film about veterans and PTSD. He wants to give a number of guys the film to get their thoughts (I watched the draft film and it is a pretty powerful story about a group of Vietnam vets that go back to Vietnam with a counselor) and would like to do a public screening maybe at the Veterans Memorial Building at a later date. Part of his goal is to get a lot of the returning Iraq and Afghanistan veterans to seek out counseling.

This is advance information to share with interested vets who have just returned or counselors and other specialist who serve our veterans. Join us at our meeting on Thursday to find out more. Thanks.

**The Danville VMB
Veteran Service Office
is OPEN each Thursday
with hours from 1000 to 1400
Every Thursday for Vets
& family members for
veteran benefit claims.
Make an Appointment Now!**

**The New Danville VMB Veteran Service Office
saw 21 new veteran clients during the first 4 weeks!
Make YOUR appointment by contacting the
CCC VSO in Martinez at 925 / 313-1481.**

Support our New Veterans Memorial Building



Once again in August - VNVDV members are helping volunteer with the Hot Summer Nights in Danville to promote EBSD registration.. Join us! See more information in this edition. Remember - Check on the benefits you Earned at our Danville Veteran Service Office - "OPEN" every Thursday - 10am until 2pm - Call for an appointment.

We encourage members & our supporters to attend the monthly *Wine for Wheels* events supporting the Wheelchair Foundation - as a group of VNVDV members prepare for a distribution trip to VietNam to deliver the *freedom of mobility*.

Lots going on every month for veterans in the greater Diablo Valley! Check out the Calendar and the websites of our many partners for events & programs to support our veterans & our great community.



2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Aug 2 - Thursday - San Ramon - VNVDV Social & Dinner Meeting at Crow Canyon Country Club with guest speaker.
 - Aug 2 - Thursday - County Veterans Service Office is Open EVERY THURSDAY in Danville - 10AM until 2PM each week
 - Aug 9 - Thursday 10AM - 2PM in Danville - County Veterans Service Office Open in VMB - Every Thursday for Veteran Benefits
 - Aug 11 - Saturday - 10 to 5PM in Orinda... Returning Veterans of America - Welcome Home Workshop including County VSO office.
 - AUG 13 - Golf for Mobility - Wine for Wheels - Wheelchair Foundation Charity Golf Event at Blackhawk - VNVDV Booth at this event.
 - Aug 16 - Thursday @ 1800 in Danville... VNVDV "Board of Directors" Business Meeting @ Veterans Memorial Building
 - Aug 16 - Thursday - County Veterans Service Office is Open EVERY THURSDAY in Danville - 10AM until 2PM each week
 - Aug 16 - Thursday @ 2PM - 9PM in Danville... Hot Summer Nights Car Show - Downtown Danville - See the VNVDV Parade Truck at VMB
 - Aug 17 - Friday @ 1800 in Diablo... Wine for Wheels event at the Madden's Six Acre Estate in Diablo - Contact Jeff Behring for details.
 - Aug 21 - Tuesday @ 1800 in Danville... Final Public Planning Meeting for information in advance on East Bay Stand Down - Join Us!
 - Aug 23 - Thursday - County Veterans Service Office is Open EVERY THURSDAY in Danville - 10AM until 2PM each week
 - Aug 25 - Saturday - 10 to 5PM in Orinda... Returning Veterans of America - present a Welcome Home Workshop for OEF & OIF Veterans
 - Aug 30 - Thursday - County Veterans Service Office is Open EVERY THURSDAY in Danville - 10AM until 2PM each week
 - Aug 31 - Friday - FINAL DAY to Register as a Volunteer for East Bay Stand Down - Must be completed on-line & in advance.
 - Sept 2 - Thursday - County Veterans Service Office is Open EVERY THURSDAY in Danville - 10AM until 2PM each week
 - Sept 6 - Thursday - San Ramon - VNVDV Social & Dinner Meeting at Crow Canyon Country Club with guest speaker.
 - Sept 13 to 16 in Pleasanton... East Bay Stand Down at the Alameda County Fairgrounds - a four-day event for the Homeless Veterans.
 - Sept 20 - Thursday @ 1800 in Danville... VNVDV "Board of Directors" Business Meeting @ Veterans Memorial Building
 - OCT 13 - Music on Eagle Ridge 2012 - Wheelchair Foundation - Home of Ken & Pat Behring - Blackhawk
- * See Newsletter for additional dates of events & more during the month & see our note below on visiting other websites. Thanks

We encourage you to attend many other meetings - events - information by fellow VSO & support organizations + our Operation Welcome Home events Watch for more announcements & only wish we had time and space to list everyone's event and program. Please check their specific websites of all our partnering and supporting organizations for details on their upcoming events - **listed in this edition of the newsletter. Look for special features "other organizations"** - listing website for more information on events we support..

All "Operation Welcome Home" event updates can be found at: www.DiabloValleyFlagBrigade.com for coming events.

Visit our website to see more about the VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley at: www.VNVDV.com

For information on All Wars Memorial and obtaining AWM Pavers at Oak Hill Park - visit: www.AllWarsMemorial.com

Join & visit the Marines Memorial Club & Hotel in San Francisco - visit the website for details
www.MarineClub.com

For details and information on our new Veterans Memorial Building visit: www.srvveteranshall.org

You can make a "pledge" over a three to five year period... and YOU can "make a difference in the future

More events - Not enough space to list them all - **watch for FLASH News to our Supporters! Thanks... jgr**

Help our Bay Area Homeless Veterans...



Time to Register & Volunteer for EAST BAY STAND DOWN

Registration is OPEN on-line for all 2012 “VOLUNTEERS”

Do it NOW... You will NOT be able to register on-site & enter – you must pre-register if you plan to volunteer any days prior to – during or after the event. Registration closes on August 31st.

Visit – www.EastBayStandDown.org and Register on-line NOW
all volunteer must pre-register on the website!

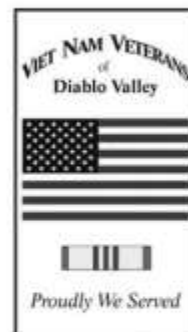
Part of a group... Register individually & by the way... participating in the 2010 EBSD does NOT automatically register you... Nor being a EBSD Coordinator or attending the Public Planning Meetings also does NOT register you to be a VOLUNTEER at EBSD 2012.

You must do it before the event... Please go to the official website & Register as a 2012 EBSD Volunteer! Thank You.

Please help pass the word... everyone must register in advance. *Thanks*



*East Bay Stand Down Monthly
Planning Meetings
3rd Tuesday of each month
At various locations
Meeting start at 1800
The Public & Community Groups
are invited & encouraged to attend*



You Can Make a Difference - Get Involved - Volunteer



Monday, August 13, 2012



**11th Annual Golf Fore Mobility
Wheelchair Foundation Charity Golf Event**
Blackhawk Country Club Lakeside Course

For sponsorships' and additional information

call **Jeff Behring** at (925) **648-3829**

Pete Petrovich, Chair (925) 634-1203 or Beyond Golf at (925) 680-4653

www.wheelchairfoundation.org

Please purchase golf tickets online or mail check to:
The Wheelchair Foundation Golf Tournament
P.O. Box 634 - Brentwood, CA 94513
Nonprofit ID #: 94-3353881

**Help the VNVDV on their Wheelchair Foundation
Distribution Trip to VietNam by bidding
on a SF Bay Area Tour aboard the
25th Inf. UH-1 Huey Helo at this event!**



Veterans Service Outstation

Opened in July 2012 in Danville

Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office has an outstation

EVERY THURSDAY - FROM 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**AT THE VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING, 2nd Floor – Room 208
400 HARTZ AVENUE - DANVILLE, CA**

The opening of this outstation extends Veterans Service's capability in serving elderly - disabled - newly returning Veterans - Vets of all Era's - and their families. **This is a FREE Service to all veterans. *You Earned it!***

Comprehensive benefits counseling, claims assistance, case management, information & referrals are some of the services offered at this location. **Mike Hoffschneider is the on duty Veterans Service Representative.**

Please call (925) 313-1481 to schedule an advance appointment.

Nathan Johnson, our Contra Costa County Veterans Service Officer - wants to thank everyone for their contributions toward establishing our Danville Outstation. They have completed their first month in providing services at this location. During July - this new office was able to serve 21 Veterans with issues ranging from VA healthcare, disability compensation, Dependency Indemnity Compensation, and much more. This has been a successful start for this outstation and we hope to continue to improve and grow. Help inform other veterans of this south County service available.

The Danville Outstation is staffed each Thursday from 10:00am to 2:00pm by **Mike Hoffschneider**, VSR. **Mike is the most experienced Veterans Service Representative (VSR) in our office**, with *over 36 years* of dedicated work in serving Veterans. At the Danville Outstation, he is able to schedule appointments with Veterans in 45 minute increments beginning at 10am and ending (last appointment) at 1:00pm. An appointment can be scheduled by calling **(925) 313-1481**. Nathan advise all Vets & family members to schedule this appointment in advance, as these appointments fill quickly. **Remember – these are benefits you earned!** If you have not received a **“benefit check-up”** – do it for yourself and especially for your family. This is something **“EVERY”** veteran needs to do... regardless of when they served!

HOT SUMMER NIGHTS AUGUST CAR SHOW IN DANVILLE

Be a Volunteer & also Attend & Support this Event

HOT SUMMER NIGHTS - To All Our Valued Volunteers & Many Guests...

This is to let you all know that we will be having our "Final" Hot Summer Night's Car Show - on Thursday August 16th. In addition to the wonderful collector automobiles that attend our show there will be music, food & 25 vendors providing something for everyone. The July Car Show & Hot Summer Nights was a huge success! Many thanks to all the Supporters of this community event.

As always, we will need an 'Army' of volunteers to help us make these shows a success. Since many of you were of great assistance in the past, we are in hopes that you will be willing to give of your time this year. If you can, please let us know by contacting us at the email - **Linda Mannina <linda.mannina@comcast.net>**. We are planning on doing something a little different at this meeting. We will be assigning stations and responsibilities for all volunteers. In this manner, all you will have to do on the day of the show is check into the Headquarters Booth and we will give you directions to your station.

Once again, if you are able to volunteer again this year, please respond to this email. If you are not, we want to thank you for all your help in the past and hope that you will be able to enjoy the show as an attendee. Please **look for the VNVDV Parade Truck at the VMB!** The VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley want to **THANK both David Miller & Linda Mannina for their courtesy & hospitality.**

David Miller, Hot Summer Nights Producer - Linda Mannina, Hot Summer Nights - Director of Vendors / Volunteers

Special Information for ALL Veterans: The new Brain & Wellness Center in Martinez at the VA Northern California Health Care System offers supervised personal physical therapy instruction for Veterans - Know "your own limits" by Contact your Primary Care Doctor for a consult.

Wine for Wheels

presents

"Summer Fun"

Friday, August 17, 2012 at 6:00pm

at Donna and Richard's Six Acre Estate
in Diablo Country Club
2381 Alameda Diablo
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DANVILLE 2012

HOT SUMMER NIGHTS CAR SHOW



The **VNVDV Parade Truck** at Hot Summer Nights

- * **WHEN:** *Thursday - August 16th*
- * **WHERE:** *Downtown Danville at Hartz Ave.*
- * **TIME:** *2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. - A Family Event*
- * **STAGING:** *St. Isadora's Church on La Gonda..*

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VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley



Board of Director POSITIONS OPEN...



*Interested in Being More Active?
Get Involved in Community Service!
Find Out More - at our "Business Meeting"*

Learn More about our organization...
Ask one of our Board of Director Members -
at our Dinner Meetings or attend a Board Meeting!



Director of Information Director of Events Director of Procurement

Interested in Joining the VNVDV Board of Directors?
Do you have some spare time & want to volunteer for community service?
THREE positions as "Board of Director" Members exist. Contact our President "Slatts"!

**The VNVDV Thanks Phillips 66
& all Walk of Honor participants!**

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Support "Wine for Wheels"

Call or email Jeff Behring

jeffbehring@wineforwheels.org

(925) 648-3829

The VNVDV encourages you to give the
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VNVDV Proud Supporters Wine for
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Operation Welcome Home

DIABLO VALLEY FLAG BRIGADE

Dedicated to the Remembrance of 9-11.
Devoted to the Support of our Troops.
www.diablovalleyflagbrigade.com



OPERATION WELCOME HOME!

We will never, ever again let our military heroes be treated like they were when they came home from the Vietnam War, when our Soldiers, Airmen, Seamen and Marines were spat on when they got off the plane.

NEVER, EVER AGAIN.

If you know of a military member that is returning home and you would like to surprise them with one of these heart-warming Welcome Home ceremonies, please contact Bryan Weiden of the Diablo Valley Flag Brigade at 925-212-9260 or to see pictures of past Welcome Home ceremonies or to be added to our E-mail list, go to:

www.diablovalleyflagbrigade.com

www.warriorwatch.org
spiker592000@yahoo.com

For Full Military Escorts : Welcome Homes, Funerals And All Veteran Events. An All Volunteer Patriotic Riding Group

VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley wants to thank and welcome all those returning along with Diablo Valley Flag Brigade - the Warriors Watch Riders - Blue Star Moms & many support organizations.

To find out how and when these events are in your area and occur - visit the new website of the **Diablo Valley Flag Brigade** at www.diablovalleyflagbrigade.com

Website has video slideshow of each Welcome Home event & dates of all upcoming events & is updated daily. It **is the best source for Welcome Home news & where families can schedule a Welcome Home**

Recognition of all our 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** - along with VFW #75 - American Legion #246 - Marine Corps League #942 make-up the San Ramon Valley Veterans. Attending & thank each returning veterans for serving. Help these other great organizations in providing the proper Welcome Home. Each returning service member is presented a Certificate of Appreciation by the SRV Veterans.

Visit the Website & Please Join Us!



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 - share all this with the returning service member when you see them.

You will feel good inside...

JOIN US

In 2012



Join friends - family - veterans & the community... along with the Blue Star Moms - MCL - VFW - Legion Warriors Watch Riders - Diablo Valley Flag Brigade - Military Family groups & many others...

As we conduct our local returning military "OPERATION WELCOME HOME" events for those serving from our community.

This is part of what being a VSO is all about... Remember when we came home... Never Again! We Welcome Home our Troops the Right Way!



DIABLO VALLEY FLAG BRIGADE - Welcomes Home the dedicated Military Men and Women that keep this Country Safe



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VNVDV Parade Truck

Cub Scouts - Pack 1776

& all of our Members & Supporters



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VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley

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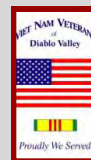


VNVDV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING BOARD MEETING

THIRD MONDAY - EVERY MONTH @ 1800

VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING - BOARD ROOM (1st Floor)



Come to a Board Meeting

Your Involvement makes the difference! **We need your personal participation** If you are a member - come to the parade - visit the Veterans Memorial Building - **join a committee** of interest or **get more involved** – spend only what time you want & you will enjoy it... plus you will make new & lasting friendships! *We believe... you will be glad you did - it may change your life!* *Proud Veterans serving other Veterans & those who now currently serve our nation in uniform & we continue to serve our community Proudly!*

Visit the new Veterans Memorial Building

The VNVDV Proudly Supports our Blue Star Moms



Contra Costa BLUE STAR MOMS - Chapter 20

Check website for year-round needs: www.ccbluestarmoms.org

San Francisco East Bay BLUE STAR MOMS—Chapter 101

Check website for year-round needs: www.bluestarmoms.org

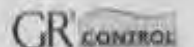
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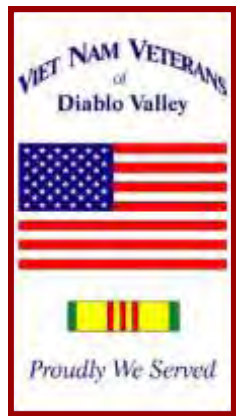
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Bid on an Rare Opportunity to Ride aboard the 25th Inf. UH-1 Huey at the Wheel chair Foundation Golf Tournament



Look for the VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley at our Tee Booth at this years Wheelchair Foundation's Annual Golf Tournament for information about taking your family - friends - business associates on a tour of the San Francisco Bay aboard this VietNam UH-1 Huey Helicopter with your charitable non-profit donation... don't miss this event!



Please Join Us each First Thursday at 1700!

You can Help Save \$\$\$ (processing fees) for the VNVDV at all Dinners by Paying by CHECK - Made Payable to the "VNVDV" -

Save Time Writing it in Advance - for the Correct Amount.

Our "Regular Monthly Meeting" Buffet Dinner is \$25. members /guests

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Sentinels of Freedom 5th Annual Golf Gala & Tournament

September 16 & 17, 2012

Hosted by the Diablo Valley Veterans Foundation for the exclusive benefit of Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship Foundation.

The year, unlike previous years, we will have a 2-day event held on Sunday September 16, 2012 and Monday September 17, 2012.

Both events will be held at the Diablo Country Club, 1700 Club House Drive, Diablo, CA. There are many pricing options, depending on if you decide to attend the dinner/auction only, golf only, or attend both events. [Click here to see our pricing online.](#)

In addition, there are many [sponsorship opportunities](#) available

Sunday September 16, 2012 - Cocktails, Dinner, Speaker and Auction

4 – 5:30 pm: Cocktail House (times are approximate; a full schedule will be posted closer to the event. The event order may also change.)

5:30 – 6:30 pm: Dinner/Program

7:00 pm: Speaker Col. Danny McKnight; USA (Ret.)

7:45 pm: Auction

Guest Speaker, COL Danny McKnight - US Army Ranger



COL Danny R. McKnight, USA (Ret.) – His military career included two combat duty tours (Panama 1989 and Somalia 1993 – the basis for the Book and Movie "Black Hawk Down"). His new book is "Streets of Mogadishu".

COL Danny R. McKnight's awards and decorations include:

- Legion of Merit (2 awards)
- Bronze Star Medal for Valor
- Purple Heart
- Combat Infantryman's Badge
- Ranger Tab
- Mater Parachutist Badge
- Combat Star and the Path Finder Star

COL Danny R. McKnight has authored a new book called "Streets of Mogadishu" and there will be a book signing opportunity available.

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[Click here to register for dinner only](#) - (Sunday, September 16).

Dress: Business Casual, Class A Uniform

[Click here to register for golf and/or dinner](#) - (Sunday & Monday, September 16 & 17).

Monday September 17, 2012 - Golf

9 am: Check-In Opens

10:45 am: Opening Ceremonies

11 am: Shot Gun Start with the Cannon

4:00 pm: Appetizers and Open Cash Bar (time may change)

5:00 pm: Awards Ceremony (time may change)

If you wish to pay by check, make it payable to DVVF, PO Box 1316, San Ramon, CA 94583. For golf, [please print out this form](#). For dinner attendees, [please print out this form](#). Refer to our pricing page (link above).

Discounts are only available online.

Visit the Sentinels of Freedom website for all details!

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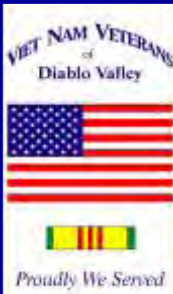


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VNVDV Members & VIPs

The VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley was established in 1991 as a non-profit Veterans organization to promote & enhance the image of the VietNam Veteran through Community Service & Support of fellow Veterans. Our new Danville Veteran's Memorial Building is complete - Come Visit!

*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 at our new Veterans Memorial Building in Danville. 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... & of our continued contributions to fellow veterans & our community. Our dinner meetings consist of social - dinner & a guest speaker of interest to veterans & military. All of our meetings are **OPEN** meetings... fellow veterans - active duty military - history buffs welcome! ... **Join us!***

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