



INCOMING NEWS



VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley
Established in 1991

August
2013

Veteran Memorial Building Renovation Book to be published...

Opportunity to place "salutes" & "tributes" to military & veterans



MIKE

SLATTENGREN
President VNVDV

Support our VMB
Operations Fund
with a
"salute" (tribute
to a veteran) in
the new VMB
Renovation Coffee
Table Book being
published.

Message from the "Prez" - "Slatts"

Welcome to August's INCOMING. As we wrap-up July & kick-off a new month - our appreciation continues...
Thanking Phillips 66 for their ongoing support through the "Walk of Honor" enabling us to continue valuable programs for our veterans. In this year's July 4th parade we were awarded best marching unit by the Kiwanis - host of the parade! This is the 2nd year in a row now!

Our VP Ray LaRochelle led the planning effort for the parade, working with the Kiwanis to coordinate all the other Veteran groups. We had our 10,000 American flags to hand out to parade attendees as we have each year. It is always nice and very touching to receive: "thank you for serving our country in Viet Nam" from the crowd as we reach out to hand those flags to people in the back rows of the crowd. The U.S. Marine color guard detachment from Concord looked as sharp and squared away as always followed by our banner and service flag marching unit. The 40th Infantry Division Army Band (Det. 1) from Sacramento played great patriotic music - followed by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) carrying our huge parade flag and the Concord Vet Center / AMVETS Huey escorted by the Warrior Watch Riders. Jerry Yahiro coordinated the Vietnam Helicopter's UH-1 Huey "low & slow" fly-over of the parade route. It too is always a crowd pleaser. I know I get a lot of comments from people who now understand the "Huey" is somehow connected with us; if they see us, they're going to see the Huey. Thanks to all for participating this year.

We had a great speaker at our dinner meeting the night before at the Crow Canyon Country Club. Pearl Harbor Survivor Chuck Kohler (US Navy) recounted his morning on Dec 7th, 1941. A very interesting talk & we thank Chuck for sharing with us.

This month of August our dinner guest speaker is Marine Corp League member Col. Allan Cruz. He will share his Artillery Battery's experience in Viet Nam during 1966 through 1968. He is a trustee & on the VMB Committee.

In August, along with the Warriors Watch Riders - we will again support the "Purple Heart Tour" for active duty military personnel held in Livermore.

Korean War Veterans Association
Honors & Pays Tribute Korea War Veterans on the 60th Anniversary of Armistice - SAT. July 27th at 1100 Hrs. in Concord Hillcrest Park
Please Attend

VNVDV Membership Dues... only \$25. year! Life - \$200.

VNVDV unit recognized by Kiwanis in 4th of July Parade - Thank You

Walnut Festivals Twilight Parade
Downtown Walnut Creek on SAT. September 14th at 1800 Hrs.

A short parade - would appreciate all hands for Flag Distribution

Join Us Monthly

Inside INCOMING this month...
Danville Street Festival - Thurs. August 8th - Dunk Tank!

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Walnut Festival's Twilight Parade - SAT - Sept. 14th

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Thanks to Phillips 66 - SFR for their support - making our programs possible.



Every
Saturday ...

"Morning Coffee"
& pastries with fellow veterans every Saturday from 8AM until 11AM

At the Danville Veterans Memorial Building



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VNVDV "INCOMING" Newsletter



President's Message

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On Saturday, July 27th we remember the 60th anniversary of the Korean War Armistice. Korean War Veterans in Concord will conduct a program beginning at 11AM at Hillcrest Park on Saturday. The VA Clinic in Martinez honoring all Korea War Veterans in a special event on Tues.

Veterans will be honored at Monte Vista High School on Friday - Sept. 13th at their **7PM Football Game... It's the Mustangs vs. Pittsburg Pirates.** Free Hot Dog & Drink + Apple Pie for Vets. Contact me for *FREE Tickets.*

September we participate in the Walnut Festival Twilight Parade on Saturday - September 14 at 1800 in downtown Walnut Creek. This is an enjoyable, short parade as it is only 2 blocks long. We plan to distribute American Flags depending on how many volunteers we can get to participate. Would like to have Service Colors & Banner - Contact me to participate

29th & 30th of September the Sentinels of Freedom will be holding their *2013 Dinner Gala & Golf Tournament.* Please see more details on this worthy fund raising effort in the INCOMING. The VNVDV is a sponsor of this event - being the Tee Sponsor for the 1st and 18th Tees.

The SRV Veterans Memorial Building is open from 9 am to 3 pm each day, Monday – Friday. There are a number of docents that volunteer three-hour shifts to share the building information and displays with visitors. We are looking for more volunteers (easy 1 hour training provided), if you are interested in being more active - volunteer 1 or 2 shifts a month (not much time taken away from schedule) please let me know.

Remember **“Saturday Morning Coffee”** hosted by the various veteran groups who use the SRV *Veteran Memorial Building (we being one of them).* **It's open from 8 – 11 am each Saturday. It's a nice way to spend an occasional Saturday morning visiting with fellow veterans. Come when you'd like between 8 & 11 and leave when you'd like. It's just a nice way to start a Saturday morning connecting with friends. Join me.**

The **Veteran Memorial Building's Operations Committee** (all VSOs) are jointly publishing a *coffee table book* highlighting the renovation of our new VMB. Veterans & supporters have the opportunity to honor a veteran, family member who served or serving - in this book to be published this fall. To pay tribute - **reserve your “salute” - contact Dennis Giacovelli**

According to our by-laws a **“life membership”** dues in the VNVDV is calculated as *8 times* the annual dues. Since our dues were lowered this year to \$25 per year, the life membership payment of \$200 is a bargain for you to consider. There are criteria for applying for life membership: One needs to be a member in good standing for 5 years & also has contributed effort to the VNVDV (helped at Memorial Day, participated in the 4th of July parade, etc.). If you are considering this, please let Bill Chew - Membership Chair know.

As required in our by-laws, I have appointed Jerry Yahiro as Chair for our 2014 Nomination & Election Committee. He is seeking members who would like to be more active - officers & directors. Please consider joining the team - Contact Jerry Yahiro .

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We are already planning for Veterans Day (Nov 11th at 11 am – remember 11/11 @ 11) to be held again at San Ramon Valley **High School Performing Arts Theater in Danville (it's the building where we formed up for the 4th of July parade).** Planning meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of each month at the **Veteran Memorial Building at noon. Come if you'd like to help plan.** This is a *joint* VSO effort, not just VNVDV members.

We send *our very best* to our members and friends who are ill or recovering and those who cannot get out any longer. Please personally communicate with me - allowing me to pass-on your condition & status to our members.

Finally, don't forget our Operation Welcome Home events. **We've got one coming up on Friday Aug 2 at 6 pm in Pleasanton.** Easy participation... just show up! Let John Reese know you want to be on the distribution when we learn about dates these young warriors come home. No special skills are needed, We present each with a *certificate of appreciation* from the SRV VSOs. Join us - 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 fun gatherings & only take about an hour out of your day. Very fulfilling for both the returnees and to each of us.

There is a lot of information in each INCOMING newsletter, so be sure to look at all the articles - review back issues on-line. Besides information on the various activities we participate in or support, there is further information we need as veterans for ourselves and our families.

We send a *special Thank You* to our **“Walk of Honor” Sponsors - Phillips 66 - SFR / Rodeo & Carbon Plant** for their outstanding support... making our community a better place and our veteran support activities possible.

We'll see you all at our August dinner meeting on Thursday Aug 1, 2013, 6 pm at the Crow Canyon Country Club in San Ramon. Social hour starts at 5 pm. Thank you for your support....



Michael Slattengren

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President 2012 - 2013

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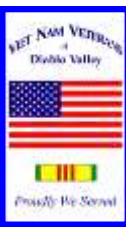
**Members:
Have Questions?
Please Contact Me.**

Note: E-Mail with a "dot"

OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION TO VNVDV MEMBERS

Our VNVDV President selected & appointed - in July 2013 - Past VNVDV President & Advisor **Jerry Yahiro** as *Chair* for the **2014 Nominations & Election Committee.** The President will appoint additional Past Presidents to serve. If you are interested in joining as an Officer or Director - Contact me personally or Jerry Yahiro.

VNVDV Honors our Korean War Veterans - SAT. is the 60th Anniversary in Concord



KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION Mt. Diablo Chapter 264

Invites you to Join Us as Our Nation Commemorates the

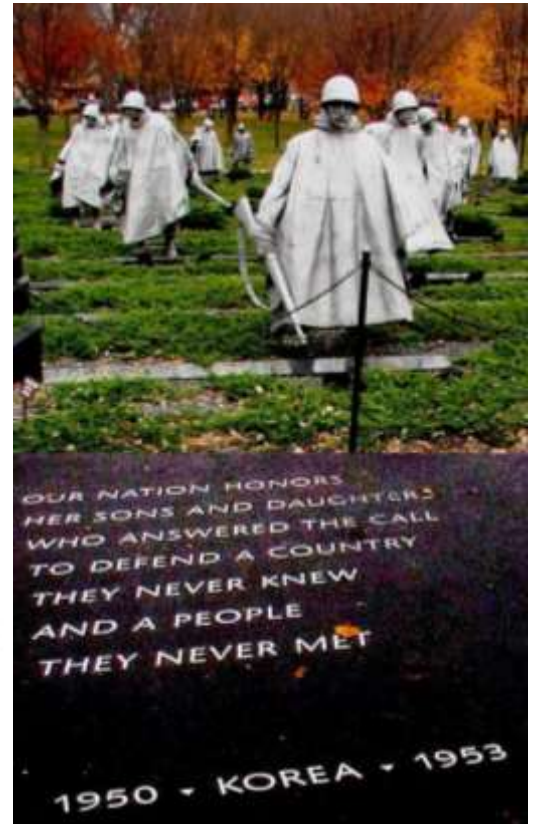
KOREAN **WAR** **60th** **ARMISTICE** **Anniversary**

JULY 27, 2013 - 11:00 a.m.
Korean War Memorial
Hillcrest Park - Concord, CA
Location—Olivera Road at Grant Street

Come and pay tribute to our Korean War Veterans at this special
Salute to the 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice.
We will recognize our UN allies, especially the South Koreans we
fought alongside to defend their country's freedom.

Remarks from elected officials and veterans, wreath laying, taps, etc.
A moment in time for veteran's families and friends to remember.

FREE FOOD TO FOLLOW PROGRAM



NEED INFO—925-899-2015- Or-925-998-8071—e-davidamc@comcast.net

KWVA MT. DIABLO CHAPTER 264—P.O. BOX 6021—CONCORD, CA 94524

East Bay Remembrance of Korean War Armistice -
Saturday - July 27th at 1100 Hrs

Hillcrest Park - Concord - Support the KWVA - 60th Anniversary Tribute
VNVDV Proudly Honors Korean War Veterans Association - 60th Anniversary in Concord

VNVDV Monthly Meetings feature Buffet Dinner & Guest Speaker Meetings are "Open"... Join Us!

August 2013 Dinner Meeting is on Thursday - August 1st!

The Marines have landed

Please join us for our monthly dinner meeting August 1st, 2013 as we welcome Colonel Allan Cruz, United States Marine Corps (Retired).

Colonel Cruz enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps on February 20, 1966. He served on active duty from 1966 to 1970 including a tour in Vietnam as a sergeant/operations chief in Mike Btry 4/12 and Kilo Btry 4/13 for 21 months with the 3^d Marine Division. Colonel Cruz continued his service in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve as a staff sergeant in 1971 and received a direct commission in 1975.

Colonel Cruz was activated for Battle Griffin-91 in Norway during Desert Shield/Desert Storm as the Executive Officer of 1st Bn, 14th Marines (attached 2^d Marine Division). He was activated for the second time for Operation Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom in November 2002 where he served as the Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff G-4 Logistics for the First Marine Expeditionary Force in Kuwait and Iraq. He returned to CONUS after 17 months in theater during Operation Iraqi Freedom 1 and 2. He was assigned as the Asst C/S G-4 Logistics for I MEF at Camp Pendleton, CA until his retirement on 1 Apr 2005.

Colonel Cruz will be sharing his artillery battery's experiences in Viet Nam from 1966 through 1968 through his many photos and detailed stories.

Join Us for dinner & speaker - Thurs. Aug. 1st



Last Month's outstanding Speaker



VNVDV Thanks goes to our July dinner Speaker...

CHUCK KOHLER

Pearl Harbor Survivor

Community Support Requested

New VMB Coffee Table Book - Supporting all VSO Operations

Combined VSO Fundraising

To pay for the day to day expenses of the Veterans portion of the VMB, including: phone, insurance, internet, office supplies, etc.

Danville Thursday Night Street Festivals

Thursday - August 8th - 6pm - 9pm

The City of Danville has provided us with a booth and carnival game, "Buccaneer Battle". We will need 1 or 2 volunteers from each VSO to run the game and collect funds. We would also have a table in front of the VMB to sell book "tributes"

Hot Summer Nights Car Shows

Thursday - August 15th - 4pm - 9pm

We are not sure what we will be able to do yet, but we know it will not be a dunk tank. We will need 2 or 3 volunteers from each VSO to run game and collect funds. We would also have a table in front of the VMB to sell book "tributes"

Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner

• Saturday March 15th 2014

We will need 1 or two members from each VSO for a committee to plan this event.

VMB Renovation Coffee Table Book

A glossy, hard cover book loaded with pictures chronicling the planning, construction and opening of the new Veterans Memorial Building is in the works. The first step is to sell "Tributes" to fund the initial printing of the book. Tributes may include a picture and range in size from 1/2 page to 1/8 page. Think the back of high school yearbooks or Oak Hill Park "paver", on your coffee table. It is requested that each VSO solicit its members, local businesses, and the community at large to purchase "tributes". Flyer with prices to follow. Hopefully the book will be out by Veterans day and will sell for \$45.00

Please join our veteran service community on Thursdays in Downtown Danville as we participate in a combined VSO fund raising effort - near the corner of Hartz & Prospect. We will have a booth / table with the new book & Thursday - Aug 8 with a **"Dunk Tank"**

Thursday - August 8th - 6pm - 9pm

Jointly - the VSOs are raising funds to cover the basic operating expenses of the Veterans Wing of our new building. *You can help!*

Donate & purchase a **"SALUTE"** in our soon-to-be published hard-cover - [VMB Renovation Coffee Table Book](#). Your **"Salute"** can pay tribute to a special Veteran - current Military Service Member or Patriot (order form in newsletter & at all events). The finished book will be on sale later this fall. Confirm your personal **"salute"** now for someone special in your family. Stop by our booth on any of the Thursday evening events in beautiful, downtown Danville. Thank you.

100% of the funds raised at Danville's Street Festival events - VMB book "Salutes" & your purchase of the VM + sale of Coffee Table Book go towards VMB - VSO operation expenses

Sample photos in VMB Renovation "Tribute" Book

Limited Time: Reserve Your "Salute" Now!



The Veterans Memorial Building has its own **Coffee Table Book** chronicling the planning, construction and opening of the new Veterans Memorial Building. Here is a sampling of the photos included in this glossy, hard cover book.



The group would occasionally meet at one of their homes. Sadly, six of these eleven did not get to see the realization of the rebirth. They will be missed.



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Leave your "Legacy" - place a "salute" in this special VMB edition

Support our VMB Operations with your placement of a "salute" or "tribute" in our new VMB Renovation Book.

The Rebirth of the Veterans Memorial Building



Eighty-eight years ago, Danville became home to one of the memorial halls built in Contra Costa County. Treasured and used by veterans with love and respected by thousands, this grand **Veterans Memorial Building for the San Ramon Valley** (VMB / SRV) building deserved to be preserved for those serving now & the future. And so it was.

This book, a glorious, full-color tribute to the rebuilding of the VMB (Vet Hall) and the Veterans it serves, will be available for purchase this Fall at \$45.00 each. All profits from the sale of this coffee table book and your personal "salutes" go directly to the Veterans Wing (front) operating budget. But printing a book like this is expensive, and we hope you will help us defray much of the printing costs by sponsoring a salute. What's a *salute*? A *salute* is your personalized tribute - honoring someone special to you, your unit, ship, military era, family member, whether a veteran or not, or a *Thank You* to the veterans that have served this great country. Similar to the Pavers personally honoring others in the walkway at the *All Wars Memorial*, and your *salute* will live on in perpetuity within this book.

A quarter page *salute* example:



In memory of my Great Grandfather R. J. Williamson (d)
Co. E 3rd New York Infantry -- Mexican Border Service (1916)
Respectfully, your great grandson -- R. A. Williamson of Danville
May we never forget.

Yes, I want my salute to be part of history!

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|-----------------------------|--------|---|
| Quarter page salutes | \$150: | Your <u>photograph</u> will be resized to 1¼ x 1½ inches and can include up to four lines of text (roughly 80 words) in tribute. |
| Half page salutes | \$300: | Your photograph may be up to 2½ x 3½ inches and can include up to ten lines of text (roughly 180 words) or multiple tributes. |
| Eighth page salutes | \$100: | (<i>text only</i>) Your salute tribute can include up to four lines of text (roughly 70 words) Your unit, ship, military era or military family. |
| Full page salutes | \$600: | (VSOs only) Your salute must conform to the margins established by the primary book. Your page image should be no taller than 6½ inches & no wider than 9 inches. Other than VSO – contact us |

Please fill out this form & include your "salute" text, photograph & check payable to the "**Veterans Memorial Building**" & leave it with the *docent* on-duty at the Veterans Building, weekdays before 3:00pm or Saturdays before 11:00am. We will contact you once your photograph has been scanned and processed. You may pick up your photo when completed. Salutes may not be used for advertisements. Once received, all pledges are final. You may be asked to sign a photo "release." All "**Salutes**" must finalized & be received by **September 2nd for publication**.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____ Size of Salute: 1/8 1/4 1/2 Full

Address: _____

Veterans Memorial Building - P. O. Box 1092 - Danville, CA 94526
Questions? Call: 925/838-6445 or 925/362-9806

Your "Salute" & payment must be received by 9/02/2013

Monte Vista High School Host Football Game - Sept. 13 "Honoring our Veterans" - FREE Tickets!

FREE tickets for the Monte Vista High School Football Game on September 13 available for our veterans! This is a local tribute to our Vets! Please make every possible effort to attend! **Please help pass the word! For Tickets see "Slatts" or Lee Halverson at VMB.**

The Varsity game starts at 7 p.m. & It is at Monte Vista High School - 3131 Stone Valley Road (next to the "All Wars Memorial") in Oak Hill Park in Danville – so lots of parking is available!

This **"tribute to veterans"** football game is hosted by Monte Vista High School's Mustangs vs. Pittsburg Pirates. It should be a great game *Honoring our Veterans...*

Remember... Each Veterans need an "advance" ticket – which includes your: free admission, free hot dog, beverage, and piece of apple pie (home baked by magret nunes!). *Last year great!*

There are tickets available from Lee at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Danville or **VNVDV President "Slatts" or VSOs contact Magret Nunes by E-Mail to obtain more tickets...** all the tickets your veteran organization will need for this game. One contact in VSO.

The thought of "will-call" is not feasible at a H.S. Football Game & would be very difficult.

This is a local event & they would like to obtain an estimate of attendees (mostly for the amount of baking needing to be completed in time for the game.) **Remember... this is FREE for all veterans!** Everyone must have a numbered ticket. Tickets for non-veterans are available at the game. Please support our local high school taking time to honor veterans.

Magret Nunes is coordinating this event for the team and is providing her email address for ticket & contact information only - magretnunes@yahoo.com and to obtain more VSO tickets for this tribute to veterans. Hoping for a great turnout! – Please obtain your tickets in advance.



East Bay Veterans Fair... a HUGE Success! Thank You to all Supporters & Participants.

Thank You to the VFW for hosting the Veteran BBQ after the 4th of July Parade at the Veterans Memorial Building for all veterans. Their hospitality welcoming all veterans and family members after the parade was greatly appreciated. Thanks to all in VFW.

Again this year – We Thank the efforts of - Bill & Peg Green (and Family) for hosting their BBQ annual pot-luck picnic in the afternoon of the 4th at their home for everyone participating in the parade and distributing American Flags. It was a great 4th of July.

VNVDV Unit Entry Recognized by Kiwasis Club in July Parade!



VNVDV Thanks ALL in our 2013 Entry!
VNVDV Thanks the U.S.M.C Color Guard
- 40th Inf. Div. Army Band -
Daughters of the American Revolution -
Concord Vet Center Huey - Amvets -
Warriors Watch Riders & the
Vietnam Helicopter's UH-1
VNVDV MEMBERS - Distributes 10,000 American Flags along Parade Route!



Vietnam Helicopter's UH-1 does a special "fly-over" of the Kiwanis 4th of July Parade. The UH-1 Huey flew in Vietnam & aboard were members of the original crew!
 Thanks to Jerry Yahiro for coordinating the Huey & Thanks to Mike Haus & Chris Miller, owners of this flying UH-1 Huey.



Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley has utilized John Reese's 1949 International Harvester truck in the 4th of July Kiwanis Parade. This "daily driver" has been used since 2004.



Walking along the 4th of July Parade in Danville—VNVDV Members - Rich Lambert (Past President) - Jim Murphy (Past Board Member) & Earle Conklin distribute U. S. American Flags as they worked their way up the street.



The U. S. Army Band - Detachment One - 40th Infantry Division from Sacramento performed for the crowd (top) VNVDV members carry Banner - Military Service Colors from all branches followed by the MIA/POW flag (left)



VNVDV Membership Dues only \$25.00

Pay Your Dues by mail or at our Monthly Dinner.
Life Membership Dues - \$200.00!

County VSO Outstation in Danville on Wednesdays

VMB Danville Veteran Service Officer Outstation Hours

Danville Outstation - 400 Hartz Ave. Room 208 - Open *every Wednesday* from 10am to 2pm (Except Holidays). Your appointments may be scheduled by calling (925) 313-1481 (Martinez VSO).

Richmond also features a branch office - 100-37th Street - Room 1033 - Veterans service is available on Tuesdays from 9am to 12pm & 1pm to 4pm (Except Holidays). To reach this office by phone, call (510) 374-3241.

We pledge to continue comprehensive and respectful services to the Veterans community of Contra Costa County. This is a FREE service!

Nathan Johnson - County Veterans Service Officer

FEDERAL BENEFITS FOR VETERANS

Link to 2012 Veterans Handbook: http://www.va.gov/opa/publications/benefits_book/2012_Federal_benefits_ebook_final.pdf

Download your copy of your Veteran Benefit Handbook - Review the benefits you may have earned with your service!

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Martinez - OP Clinic

Concord VET Center



Veteran
Coffee
&
Pastries

Veterans Memorial
Building - Danville

Every Saturday

0800 to 1100

All Veterans Welcome

Please Join Us.

Danville's Veteran Memorial Building OPEN weekdays for public visitors. President Mike Slattengren request members interested in volunteering as a Docent for our Historical Military Museum tours - of the new Veterans Memorial Building for the San Ramon Valley. Contact VNVDV President Mike "Slatts" Slattengren for details / training - easy hours.

the 2013 Danville Hot Summer Nights Hot Rod and Classic Car Show on THURSDAY **AUGUST 15TH**.

Show hours are 4 PM to 9 Pm - cars register & stage beginning at 2 PM - This year is a tribute to 60th anniversary of the Corvette - all years! Look for our VNVDV Parade Truck in front of the new Veterans Memorial Building - along **WITH A VSO TABLE FOR "RENOVATION BOOK" TRIBUTES & "SALUTES"** - stop by!



Support "Wine for Wheels"

Call or email Jeff Behring

jeffbehring@wineforwheels.org

(925) 648-3829

The VNVDV encourages you to give the **FREEDOM** of mobility! Donate a Wheelchair!



Speaker's Bureau appreciates your school leads!

Important notice... If you know teachers who would be interested in the assistance of our VNVDV Speaker's Bureau during - *the next school term...* please let them know of our program - available to all schools & grade levels. *As a member...* Take time to find out more about this program and others - helping join in and being an active part of our group. Contact Mike Martin at (925) 820-1401 or Bill Green (925) 820-5918 about your personal school contacts for the next 2013-2014 school term (beginning Aug/Sept 2013).

The **VNVDV Speaker's Bureau** finished an outstanding 2012 - 2013 school term and *has surpassed 53,000 school students reached through our popular supplementary history education program.* report to the membership and our Diablo Valley community they have shared this valuable history of our nation at war during the VietNam period with *school children!* **The VNVDV Speaker's Bureau is Chaired by Mike Martin** - Director of Speakers and Bill Green - who is a member of the Board of Directors and uses the VNVDV membership to assist in the presentations to school children ranging from elementary schools through college, although the primary audience is high school history classes in the Contra Costa and Alameda County school districts.

The **VNVDV Speaker's Bureau** was recognized a few years back by the state's California Department of Education as a community leader in sharing history education with Diablo Valley school teachers and students. CONGRATULATIONS to both Mike and Bill for another outstanding year of leadership. A *big thanks* goes to all the members who volunteered many hours and days to help students learn history first hand from those who were there! A special thanks to the Vietnam Helicopters for their ongoing support!

Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office

is a **FREE** service for all Veterans!

Find out about the Veteran Benefits
You earned through your Military Service
Visit the County VSO Office NOW..
for your "Benefit Check-Up" ~ You Earned it!

Our Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office is "the place" to have all of your VA paperwork completed - by a qualified, experienced service rep. & this service is for all veterans FREE & available M - F in Martinez & on Wednesdays in Danville 10-2

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All Wars Memorial "PAVER" Order Form

Yes, I would like to make a tax-deductable donation to the **All Wars Memorial Foundation** or purchase an AWM Paver To honor the service or contribution made by an Individual - Organization or unit

PURCHASER'S INFORMATION: (If paying by credit card Use the information as on the billing statement)

Name of Purchaser

Address

City / State / Zip

Contact Phone and E-Mail Address

INDIVIDUAL Granite 8" x 8" Pavers @ \$250.00 each

___ IN MEMORY (for those who died while serving their country)

___ IN HONOR (for all other pavers)

NAME (to be shown on paver)

Can add **Rank** for those who that served in the military. Up to two lines available - maximum of 15 characters on each line - including spaces. **Please PRINT all letters.**

BRANCH of SERVICE: (circle one)

U. S. Army - USMC - U. S. Navy - USAF - USCG - **Army/Air Corps**
Merchant Marines - National Guard - or - **PATRIOT** (for all others)

Organization / Unit Granite 8" x 8" Pavers @ \$250.00 each

PAYMENT METHOD:

Enclosed **Check** for: \$ _____

Payable to: **ALL WARS MEMORIAL FOUNDATION**

Post Office Box 158 - Danville, CA 94526

Charge my: Visa - MasterCard

Card Number

Expiration Date

Signature and Date... & mail to: AWMF (address above)

www.AllWarsMemorial.org



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

					DATE:
	<i>Last</i>	<i>First & MI</i>	<i>Home Phone</i>	<i>Cell Phone</i>	<i>Work Phone</i>
NAME:					
Spouse / SO					
	<i>No. & Street</i>		<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>ZIP Code</i>
Address:					
Home E-Mail:			Work E-Mail:		
Company:			Title:		

Military Service

<i>Branch</i>	<i>Dates of Service</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Specialty</i>	<i>Viet Nam Dates</i>
Viet Nam Units:				
Location(s):				
Medals & Awards:				

PLEASE INDICATE ACTIVITIES/COMMITTEES OF PERSONAL INTEREST

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Operation Welcome Home Events | <input type="checkbox"/> VNVDV Super Sunday Crab Feed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial Day Ceremony | <input type="checkbox"/> Walk of Honor for our Veterans |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Danville Fourth of July Parade - Flag Distribution | <input type="checkbox"/> East Bay Stand Down - Volunteer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Color Guard & Service Colors/Flag Detail | <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday Support for Veterans |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Day Ceremony | <input type="checkbox"/> Speakers Bureau - High Schools |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Directors / Leadership | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): |

Please Visit our Website @ www.VNVDV.com for other Activities & Programs

I PLEDGE MY INTENT TO PARTICIPATE WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION. TO HELP MAKE IT A SUCCESS AND OFFER ASSISTANCE WHENEVER POSSIBLE. I ACCEPT PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY LIABILITY IN ANY ACTIVITY I CHOOSE TO PARTICIPATE IN AND HOLD HARMLESS THE VIET NAM VETERANS OF DIABLO VALLEY, ITS MEMBERS AND ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHOULD ANY MISHAP OCCUR. I PLEDGE TO ABIDE WITH THE BYLAWS OF THE ORGANIZATOION.

THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Please attach a copy of your DD-214 - and a check for Annual Dues: \$25 payable to VNVDV

P.O. BOX 2079 - DANVILLE, CA 94526-2079 - PR/INFO: 925 / 935 - 4859 - E-Mail: VNVDV1@gmail.com

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley is a non-profit organization/corporation (EIN 68-0266369) exempt from Federal (IRC 501a) and State (RTC 23701w) income tax.

Please Mail your completed application to our P.O. Box above or Submit at our 1st/Thurs. of Month Dinner. Thank You!

Visit our Website at: www.VNVDV.com - Read our monthly newsletter "INCOMING" for our current events!

Sentinels of Freedom

2013 Dinner Gala and Golf Tournament
September 29th & 30th - See our website

Sentinels of Freedom Golf Gala Dates:

Dinner: Sunday September 29th, 2013

Cocktails begin at 4 pm. Dinner, Auction and Speaker to follow

Golf: Monday September 30th, 2013

Registration opens at 9 am

Opening ceremonies at 10:30 am

Goal:

To raise money and awareness for Sentinels of Freedom and the Veterans that we serve.

Location:

Diablo Country Club

1700 Clubhouse Road

Diablo, CA

Registration or Questions:

Email: carlagoulart@sentinelsoffreedom.org

Phone: (925) 380-6342 ext 2

Members interested in being more active in the VNVDV organization
Please contact Jerry Yahiro ASAP
to find out about various officer &
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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 Welden 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 thanks and welcomes all returning military along with Diablo Valley Flag Brigade - Warriors Watch Riders - Blue Star Moms & our fellow VSO support organizations.

To find out how and when these events are in your area and occur - visit DVFB 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. Attend & thank each returning veterans for serving & help these other great organizations to provide the proper Welcome Home. Each returning service member is presented a Certificate of Appreciation by the SRV Veterans.
Visit the Website on a regular basis!



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 2013



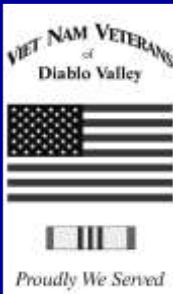
Join friends - family - veterans + the San Ramon Valley Veterans...
VNVDV - MCL - VFW - Legion & Blue Star Moms -
Warriors Watch Riders - Diablo Valley Flag Brigade -
+ many others...

as we celebrate our local returning military in "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!***



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The VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley was established in 1991 as a non-profit, local, grass-roots Veterans organization to promote & enhance the image of the Viet Nam Veteran through Community Service & Support of fellow Veterans. The Veteran's Memorial Building for the San Ramon Valley located in Danville is Open daily with Coffee on Saturdays until 11AM. Looking for Docents. - Come Visit!

The VNVDV meets monthly 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 the Veterans Memorial Building in Danville. To find out more about programs we support... visit our website at www.VNVDV.com. All veterans & their guests are welcome to attend our dinner 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 meeting is social - just dinner & a guest speaker of interest to veterans & military. All meetings are OPEN... fellow veterans - active duty military guests - supporters & history buffs welcome! ... Join us!

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of
Diablo Valley**

OPEN - SOCIAL DINNER MEETINGS - JOIN US!

**August 1st - Featured GUEST SPEAKER & DINNER
at CROW CANYON COUNTRY CLUB in San Ramon**
Social Hour starts at 1700 - Dinner at 1815
Don't Miss our great monthly speakers!