



INCOMING NEWS



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2013



MIKE
SLATTENGREN
President VNVDV

The VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley invites all our friends & supporters to join us for our 9th Annual "Salute to our Troops" Charity Crab Feed Fundraiser Sunday - FEB. 3rd



You are not too late... but act now Reserve your seats in advance for the Crab Feed on Sunday - No Tickets Sold at the Door Contact Marty - details inside news. **RSVP Now!**



VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley

Established in 1991

CRAB FEED - Feb. 3rd "Final Opportunity"
Reserve Your Tickets for Sunday Today!
Good Seats Available Now - No Tickets at the Door!



Feb 2013 - Message from President Mike "Slatts" Slattengren

As the month of February begins our members are busy in many of the activities we participate. These include our Crab Feed fund raiser being held on Sunday Feb 3 - the Phillips 66 "Walk of Honor" (WOH) which will be held on Saturday May 18 and we are beginning planning for the Memorial Day services on Monday May 27th that help we host.

Our Feb dinner speaker will be **Jerry W. Whiting** who has interviewed and authored a number of books on WW II veterans. There is a local group of WW II veterans that started informally meeting for lunch in Concord & sharing their stories with each other. They meet once a month on the 3rd Thursday. The group has grown and now people attend lunch just to hear these men and their military experiences. Mr. Whiting interviewed and wrote a book of some of those stories. He will be a very interesting dinner speaker & encourage your attendance on Thursday - Feb 7.

Our fund raiser Crab Feed will be held on Sunday Feb 3 at our new San Ramon Valley Veterans Memorial Building (SRV VMB) in Danville. Festivities begin with doors opening at 1pm; featuring "all-day" appetizers to snack on & a no-host beverages managed by Bill Green. Lots of fun - activities & game with friends then the "all you can eat" crab, pasta, salad, bread served at about 4 pm. Followed by a selection of desserts (furnished by the Blue Star Moms on our appetizer tables. John Estes has been coordinating obtaining the fresh crab for this event & is coordinating activities with assistance from a number of members. Pete Rubin along with Jerry Yahiro will be working the kitchen team again this year & Ray La Rochelle promises to bring his homemade spiced cocktail sauce. We will have 4 talented & beautiful Oakland Raiderettes who will be assisting Patti Kintz & her team in our "Super Raffle." Skip & wife Liz have been very busy organizing our great silent auction items. This is a crab feed that you just can't pass up.

Oakland Raiderettes are attending... Are You ?

Yes - Football's Fabulous Females are participating for the ninth year in our Super Sunday Crab Feed "Salute to our Troops" Charity Fundraiser. Join Us!

VNVDV Members Continue to Serve... Distributing Wheelchairs to those in need in VietNam.



Our VNVDV dinner meeting is Thursday - FEB. 7th at Crow Canyon County Club - **Open to all veterans - guests & visitors.** - Join us for a casual evening of relaxing, social enjoyment - followed by our Chef's Choice Buffet Dinner & featured guest speaker. No business - *just fun, enjoyable* evening with fellow veterans & their guests - friends & supporters. ***You are invited*** - Join Us! ***Great Speaker in February***

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VNVDV "INCOMING" Newsletter



President's Message

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You still have time this week to make your Crab Feed advance reservation. Just contact our treasurer Marty De Venuta for tickets (\$40). A tradition we've had is - even if you can't attend, buy a ticket & donate it back to our organization, as we "Salute to our Troops" & use those tickets to invite current military personnel or wounded warriors to join us - enjoying an afternoon of food & friends. Active-duty military personnel please contact Past President Jerry Yahiro for details on a special opportunity available for this Sunday's Crab Feed.

Mark your calendar for the **Phillips 66 "Walk of Honor"** (WoH) *for our Veterans... on Armed Forces Day* - with a walk across the Carquinez Bridge on **Saturday, May 18 in Crockett**. This is an outstanding community event generously sponsored by **Phillips 66 SFR** to give back to their community & veterans. The VNVDV have been honored to be a partner, in now the **5th year** of this amazing effort established to serve the community. We have already met with an amazing 2013 WOH team & started the planning for this **Armed Forces Day salute** to all those serving & those who have served. Funds received from this annual event, along with the crab feed/fund raiser mentioned above gives us the financial resources which we use to aid veterans in need, projects, programs & other organizations who support veterans & current military personnel from our community. Mark your calendar for May 18th & plan to join us.

Finally, don't forget our *Operation Welcome Home* events in the east bay for our returning service members. We've had a couple more toward the end of January. As mentioned before, if you are interested in participating in these, go on-line and visit the **Diablo Valley Flag Brigade** to view the upcoming schedule or review previous Welcome Home videos of these amazing events. Also, let John Reese know you want to be on our distribution list when we learn about when these young warriors come home. 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 fun gatherings and only take about an hour out of your day. Very fulfilling for both the returnees and to each of us.



We'll see you all at our February dinner meeting on Thurs Feb 7, 2012, 6 pm at the Crow Canyon Country Club in San Ramon. Social hour starts at 5 pm. We have an outstanding speaker, Jerry Whiting who has authored a number of books on our local WW II veterans. This is a great chance to get a personalized, *auto-graphed copy* of any of his books at our dinner. We also understand he is considering writing a new book about local VietNam veterans. You do not want to miss this **Feb. 7th dinner** - or our **Feb. 3rd Super Crab Feed** at the Veterans Memorial Building in Danville. *Please join us!*

Michael Slattengren

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President 2012

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

Note: E-Mail with a "dot"

President Mike "SLATTS" Slattengren invites all VNVDV Members - Supporters - Friends & Fellow Veterans to join us for our 9th Annual "Salute to our Troops" Charity Crab Feed Fundraiser on "Super Sunday" - FEB. 3rd at the newly remodeled Veterans Memorial Building. This will be VNVDV's first official event in the new building & one you will not want to miss. RSVP by contacting our treasurer Marty De Venuta at: VNVDV.Treasurer@gmail.com *Active-Duty Military please contact us for a special opportunity on Sun.*

NO outside liquor or wines are allowed at our Super Sunday Crab Feed Fundraiser.

All liquor or wine beverages must be under the control & distribution of the VNVDV at this event - ABC regs. Please help observe our license/permit.

Veterans: our Danville VMB Veteran Service Office...

It is OPEN weekly - Every Wednesday from 1000 to 1400 for all Vets & family members.

Make an Appointment!

To make YOUR appointment to see the VSR in the Danville Veterans Memorial Building - call our CCC VSO in Martinez at 925 / 313-1481.

"Super Sunday" Crab Feed - FEB. 3rd

featuring... Oakland Raiderettes

VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley's 9th Annual Event -
Danville Veterans Memorial Building



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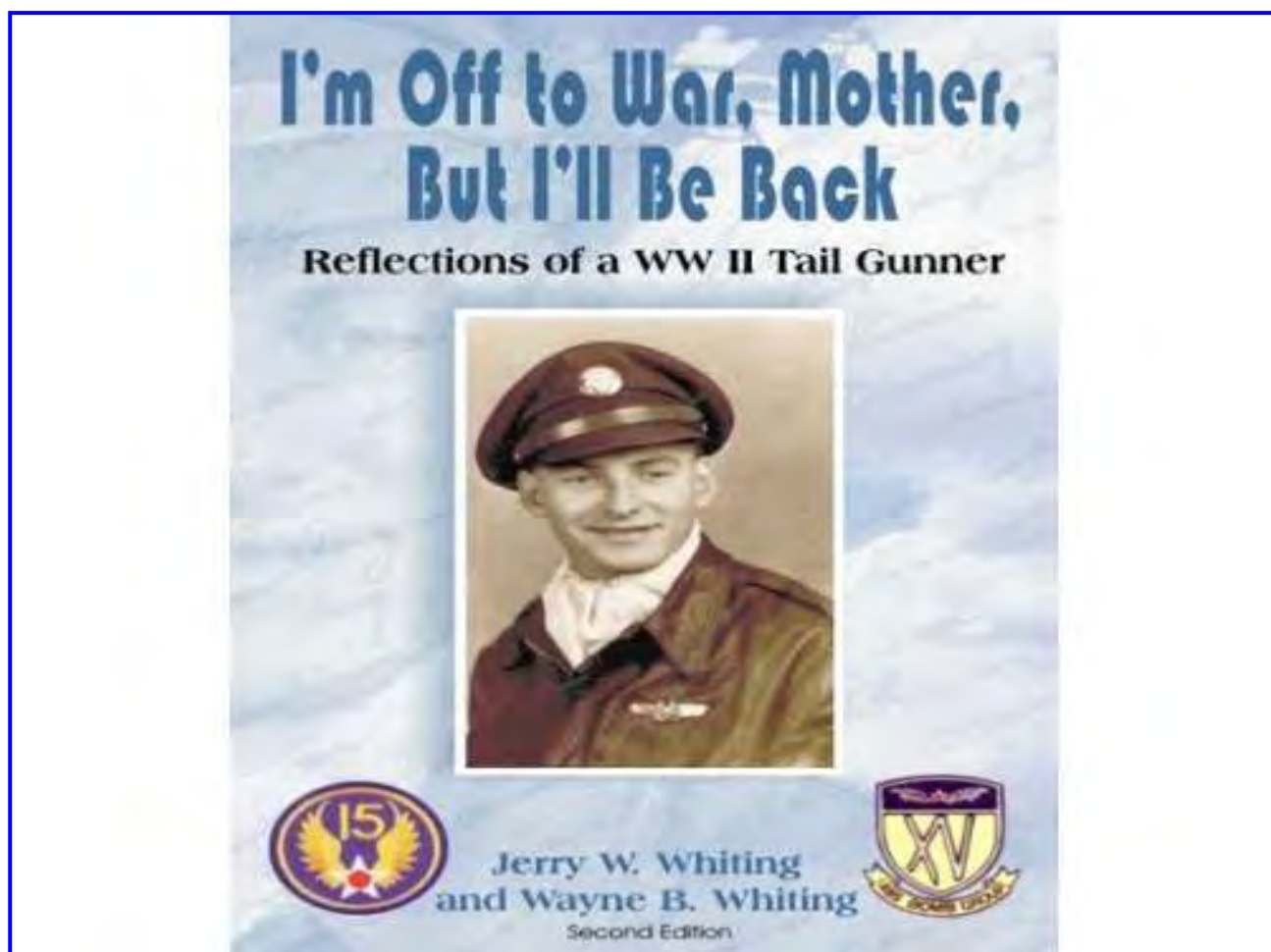
You remember last year's great event and *Football's Fabulous Females...* the **Oakland Raiderettes**. They are joining the VNVDV again for the 9th Annual "Salute our Troops" at our Charity Crab Feed Fundraiser. *This is the last week to reserve your Crab Feed Tickets in advance prior to Sunday's event.*

E-mail Treasurer Marty DeVenuta with your **NAME - Number of Tickets** you want to reserve (\$40.00 each) and your contact information / phone number. He will confirm your advance reservations.

Remember **NO** tickets sold at the door. Reserve Tickets in advance at: VNVDV.Treasurer@gmail.com

ON THURSDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2013 COME JOIN THE
VNVDV FOR OUR SPEAKER - AUTHOR AND HISTORIAN

JERRY W. WHITING



Jerry Whiting has written several books on WWII. His first book, *I'm Off To War, Mother, But I'll Be Back*, is a biographical account of his father's experiences as a B-24 tail gunner, flying combat missions from southern Italy. Two other books about the air war followed, *Don't Let the Blue Star Turn Gold* and *Missions by the Numbers*. His most recent book, *Veterans in the Mist: World War II Memoirs of the Third Thursday Lunch Bunch* is a series of stories about a group of Vets who meet in Concord every month. He has produced two documentaries, *In the Shadow of Mt. Vulture* and *New Year's at Ramitelli: A Safe Haven for Change*. Jerry has also provided training for the Dept. of Defense to assist them in their search for MIA's. He is a retired police officer and lives in Walnut Creek with his wife, Ann and golden retriever, Barney.

During our meeting Jerry will discuss researching the stories for various books he has written, but will focus primarily on one story that recently received national attention. This is the story of one bomber group that had a chance meeting with the *Red Tails*, the famed *Tuskegee Airmen*, in 1944 when 170 white airmen landed at the all-black fighter base at Ramitelli, Italy. The meeting lasted five days and significantly impacted the men involved, as well as our history. It has since been described as the first integration in the Air Force.

Jerry will answer questions and will have his books available for purchase which can be autographed and personalized, if desired. *Don't miss this great speaker.*





"Super Sunday Crab Feed"

Reservations a Must for FEB. 3rd Crab Feed

Available NOW from VNVDV Treasurer!

Last Opportunity to Make yours by Contacting Marty De Venuta



If you cannot attend... You could Sponsor a Military Service Member to attend & participate - Donate your Ticket back to the VNVDV.

Active-Duty Military encouraged to contact the VNVDV for details on the opportunity available on Sunday.



A reminder from our President:

Guests at our Crab Feed are NOT allowed to Bring their own wine or liquor. ABC License



The VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley are Honored to have Football's Fabulous Females

THE OAKLAND RAIDERETTES

again join us for the 9th year at our Super Sunday Crab Feed Fundraiser.



WE WANT YOU! PLEASE JOIN US & HELP US MAKE THIS ANOTHER AMAZING SUCCESS!

VNVDV Members: Set-up for Crab Feed

Begins at 0800 on Sunday at VMB.

Check-in with Coordinator Dennis Peterson



On behalf of all families
participating in Operating Santa
the VNVDV THANKS Tesoro -
the Blue Star Moms -
Diablo Valley Veterans Foundation -
First Christian Church

"OPERATION SANTA" - 2012

By Patti Kintz

Operation Santa Claus commenced at 1030 Hrs, on Saturday, 15 December 2012, as excitement mounted outside the First Christian Church, in Concord. Over 100 Military, Veteran and Gold Star families with more than 200 children, came together for a very special day of Holiday fun, food, games, snow, and visits with Santa.

All was made possible through a generous grant from Tesoro Golden Eagle Refinery, to thank these families for their service and sacrifices endured while serving our Country. This was the fifth Operation Santa Claus sponsored by Tesoro. Santa's Helpers from the Diablo Valley Veterans Foundation (DVVF), the Viet Nam Vets of Diablo Valley, the Blue Star Moms, Chapters 20 and 101, and the First Christian Church helped plan, and conduct this special Operation. While Englund's Catering provided plenty of Holiday "Good Eats", and special treats for all.

As Gold Star and U. S. Coast Guard families arrived for the morning session, and CA National Guard and Veteran Families for the afternoon, they were welcomed by the Blue Star Moms. Each family was presented with a specially designed, commemorative, "Operation Santa 2012", "campaign" Christmas ornament, to mark the occasion.

With giggles and smiles, wonder and awe, and a wee bit of apprehension, too, kids of all ages were delighted with the festivities at hand. There were Christmas stockings to fill, with carefully chosen toys, games, books, stuffed animals, and all that candy, as they waited with anticipation for time with Santa.

With a twinkle in their eye, Santa's (aka, ETC. David Baker, USCG in the AM, and Bill Green, VNVDV, in the PM,) noted each child's special wish with smiles and photos. Santa then pointed the way to his "Island of Misfit Toys", where each could select that one special gift, from his colorful collection of hundreds of toys, dolls, trucks, helicopters, games, cameras, sports equipment, craft and science kits, and so much more... Often something was selected, only to be set down as another gift, more exciting, was spotted. The sparkle in the children's eyes expressed the true magic of the Holiday Season!

Throughout the day, the "kids" thoroughly enjoyed a host of special activities, including "Build a Bear", Face Painting, electronic games, and shooting hoops with family and new friends. Afterwards, a raffle was held, for several very special prizes, and hand crafted gifts, including two Christmas trees, which were donated and fully decorated by the Blue Star Moms. Steve Hansen, and Ken Dami, Public Affairs Manager, at Tesoro, presented these gifts to the happy winners as the lucky tickets were drawn.

However, the highlight of this cold, overcast, and rainy day for many, was the 10 tons of snow, created by Plan It Interactive! Nothing could stop the fun and wonder of all that snow!!! Sliding on disks, snowballs, just "snow" much fun!!!

As the day drew to a close and guests departed, many expressed their gratitude for the event. Some commented, "You have made our Christmas! We did not know if we would be able to get our kids any gifts." "The Christmas tree we won, (through the Raffle) will be our Tree, for the Holidays." "We just relocated from Hawaii and are not ready for the Holidays. You have helped my family immensely!"

Thank you to ALL who helped, volunteered or contributed in some way to "Operation Santa". Thank you to Tesoro Golden Eagle Refinery. Without your generous participation, Operation Santa Claus, 2012, would not have been possible.

Lastly, let us all join hands to give thanks, and say, "THANK YOU" to those serving and those who have served and made sacrifices, so that we could all enjoy the true spirit and peace of the Holiday season!

Thank You - Tesoro Golden Eagle Refinery

"OPERATION SANTA" a huge Success!



Tesoro employees - Susan Allison, Ken Dami & DD Charrette along with Santa's helper Karla Cowan at the "Isle of Misfit Toys" a feature at "Operation Santa" 2012.



A visit with "Santa" is always a highlight for everyone... after all - this is "Operation Santa Claus." Yes - you may recognize that "real beard" on Santa this year (Bill Green)

"Operation Santa" Thanks *First Christian Church* in Concord for providing the location for this years "Operation Santa"

Snow in the Diablo Valley... only at "Operation Santa"



Santa's Elves gather outside prior to "Operation Santa"



Tesoro Golden Eagle Refinery Manager, Steve Hasen (left) and Ken Dami - Public Affairs Manager award one of two Christmas Trees to a family.



The highlight for many of the children of military families participating in Operation Santa is - the huge SNOW hill created for sledding in disks - others enjoyed the Christmas dinner served.

2012 Recognition & Presentation of Awards

"CONGRATS!"



2012 Gary Villalba Dedicated Veteran Service Award is Bestowed Upon MIKE "HOFF" HOFFSCHNEIDER Senior Veteran Service Representative

GARY VILLALBA Presents Highest Recognition



MARTY DE VENUTA "Veteran of the Year"



Mike "Hoff" Hoffschneider Contra Costa County Sr. Veteran Service Representative awarded the Gary Villalba Dedicated Veteran Service Award - the VNVDV's highest recognition.

PHILLIPS 66 Mark Hughes is recognized & thanked for his dedication to community service with the Walk of Honor



BOB SADA "Volunteer of the Year"



"Hoff" & Gary look on as County VSO Nathan Johnson recognizes the VNVDV for veteran support. President Mike Slattengren accepts the beautiful award.

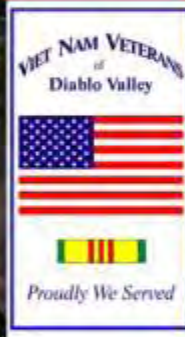


Chris Miller & Mike Haus owners of VietNam Helicopters are recognized for their dedication to veterans receiving Life Memberships in the VNVDV



VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley "Return to Viet Nam - 2012"

Delegation of VNVDV members & spouses join with the Wheelchair Foundation to give mobility to those in need



VietNam veterans working with the Wheelchair Foundation to provide the freedom of mobility with new wheelchairs to those in need in VietNam during a two-week plus humanitarian trip from Saigon to Hanoi. Members visited many sites & making cash donations to orphanages + wheelchair distributions.



VietNam veterans helped make a big difference in the lives of the handicapped & their families with new wheelchairs from the Wheelchair Foundation. This amazing adventure will last in our memories forever. Thank You





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SATURDAY - MAY 18th

Your Organization or Group
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in Crockett
on MAY 18th

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to be a 2013
"Individual Walker"
or
WALK of HONOR
"Tribute"
Walker!

Be a part of a very special community
event in CROCKETT, CA
... join us on Armed Forces Day - Saturday
- May 18 in our 2013 "Walk of Honor" for
our Veterans. Fun for the Family

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



The "Walk of Honor"
features a great morning
bridge walk & following
all registered participants
are invited for a BBQ luncheon
at the Crockett Community Center

YOUR COMPANY CAN BE A SPONSOR

Custom Ball Caps Available! **Contact "Phillips 66" NOW to be a "Walk of Honor" Sponsor this coming May.**

Mark Your Calendar Now for Armed Forces Day - Sat. May 18th
Memorial Day - Mon. May 27th - Oak Hill Park in Danville

Get Your Tickets NOW for our "Super Crab Feed" this Sunday!

**2013 Membership Dues - only \$25.00 -
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Affordable Care Act and the Veterans Health Administration

The provisions of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court will not affect the current role the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has in the lives of America's Veterans. We will continue to provide Veterans with high quality, comprehensive health care and benefits they have earned through their service. VA health care does not change as a result of the ACA. *All veterans are encouraged to enroll in the VA medical health care benefit services. See our Veteran Service Rep. in the Danville VMB on Wednesdays from 10 until 2.*



New Danville VSO Outstation Hours & Extension of Richmond Hours

Update News for All Veterans about VSO Office

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 branch office - 100-37th Street - Room 1033 - Veterans service will be available effective January 8, 2013 on Tuesdays from 9am to 12pm & 1pm to 4pm (Except Holidays). To reach the office by phone, call (510) 374-3241.

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The VA now has the new 2013 Calendars available for all veterans - pick one up when you get your flu shot this month. Stop at the County VSO office first if you do not have a VA Health Benefits ID

Our Contra Costa County VSO is ready to serve our Veterans!

Find out about the Veteran Benefits
You earned through your Military Service
Visit the County VSO Office NOW...
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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 available **free** to you in Martinez or on Wednesdays in Danville.

All Veterans Contact:

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Come to a Board Meeting or Consider a Board Position in 2013

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!*



The VNVDV Proudly Supports our Blue Star Moms

Remember to help during their Holiday Collection for the Troops!

DOCENTS needed for VMB museum tours of the new Veterans Memorial Building. Contact President Mike “Slatts” Slattengren for details & training if interested.

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The VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley
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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

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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



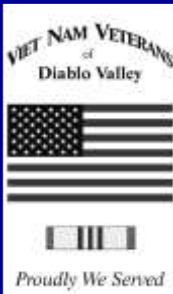
Join friends - family - veterans & the community... along with the Blue Star Moms - MCL - VFW - Legion Warriors Watch Riders - Diablo Valley Flag Brigade - Military Family groups & many others...

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!



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Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

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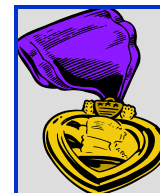
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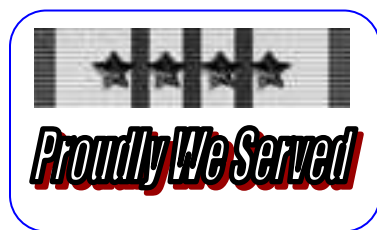
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Website:**

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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 VietNam Veteran through Community Service & Support of fellow Veterans. Our new Danville Veteran's Memorial Building is open & we are looking for Docents. - 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 & 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 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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OPEN - SOCIAL DINNER MEETINGS - JOIN US!

February — Jerry Whiting Featured GUEST SPEAKER

1st THURSDAY - Feb. 7th

at CROW CANYON COUNTRY CLUB in San Ramon

Social Hour starts at 1700 - Dinner at 1815

Don't Miss the Crab Feed on Sunday - FEB. 3rd