



INCOMING NEWS



Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley
Established in 1991

JULY
2013

Kiwanis Club's 4th of July Parade Thursday

WED July 3rd Dinner featured speaker Pearl Harbor Survivor!

Message from the "Prez" - "Slatts"

Welcome to this month of July's INCOMING. The month of June has been a busy month with our GWOT Duck Club Retreat and the end of the school year for our Speaker's Bureau exceeding 53,000 students reached and topped off with our partnership with Vietnam Helicopters landing the Vietnam UH-1 HUEY at the San Ramon High Schools as their History Departments learned about the Vietnam war and were treated to meeting and speaking with a couple of Pearl Harbor Survivors who were also aboard. Thanks & congratulations to Bill Green & Mike Martine for their efforts on the Speakers Bureau & thanks to Mike & Chris for making the Huey available and to Jerry Yahiro for the flight schedule & passenger load on each of these educational opportunities for our future leaders. as we planned for our 4th of July parade in Danville.

Our Board of Directors (BOD) has been busy **planning for the Town of Danville's Kiwanis Sponsored 4th of July parade.** Our VP Ray LaRoche has been leading this effort, working with the Kiwanis to coordinate all the other Veteran groups for the parade. The 10,000 American flags we hand out to children & parade attendees along the parade route are ready for our members to distribute. The 40th Infantry Division Army Band from Sacramento are scheduled to perform and with will have the D.A.R. carrying our full-size American Flag along with the Concord Vet Centers educational Huey escorted by the Warriors Watch Riders of Northern California... plus a few more surprises!. This is a family parade... So come on out and join us in our flag distribution during the parade. It is very rewarding to hear the crowd cheer for us, the recognition we never received 40 some years ago when we returned from Viet Nam. Please muster at the high school



Danville Parade begins
9AM - Muster at 8AM
SRV High School lot

Did you know - VNVDV Dues are now only \$25.00 a year!

Join Us Monthly



Inside INCOMING this month...

Monthly Dinner is WED. July 3rd due to Parade.

ALL-HANDS Needed for 4th of July Parade in Danville

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

VNVDV "INCOMING" Newsletter



MIKE SLATTENGRIN
President VNVDV

Our Sincere Thanks goes to all our friends at Phillips 66 - SFR who supported the "Walk of Honor"

True Patriots



Every
Saturday ...

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

At the Danville Veterans Memorial Building



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President's Message

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BTW, a reminder, since the 4th is on a Thursday this year, our dinner meeting in July will be on Wednesday, July 3rd. This dinner meeting speaker should be another interesting evening with a US Navy Pearl Harbor Survivor from Dec 7, 1941 sharing his experiences with us.

In the month of September the Sentinels of Freedom will be holding their 2013 Dinner Gala and Golf Tournament. Please see more details on this worthy fund raising effort in the INCOMING. Our Board of Directors voted to support by sponsoring 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 stand 3 hr. shifts to share the building information and displays with visitors. We are looking for more volunteers (easy 1 hour training provided), so if you are interested in volunteering 1 or 2 shifts a month (not much time taken away from your schedule) please let me know.

Remember the various veteran groups who use the SRV Veteran Memorial Building (we being one of them) are **having "Saturday morning coffee" gatherings. 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.** Last Saturday an Army veteran from Florida, out visiting his son and family, came by to sit and visit with us also. It was a very friendly, relaxing hour.

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 and 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 our Membership Chairman Bill Chew know.

Finally, don't forget our Welcome Home's. We've had a few more this past month of June. As mentioned before, 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. 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.

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In August we will again support the "Purple Heart Tour" for active duty military personnel held in Livermore. We also want to Thank all our members & supporters for their assistance with the Blue Star Mom Chapter's 4th of July packages for the troops.

We also want to send our very best to our members and friends who are ill or recovering and those who cannot get out any longer. Please continue to community with me - allowing me to pass-on your condition & status to our members. We also send our deepest sympathy to the Conklin Family in the recent loss of fellow veteran & friend Garret Conklin - a Life Member of the VNVDV & active in many Coast Guard activities in Alameda.

There is a lot of information in this INCOMING newsletter, so be sure to look at all the articles. 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 want to **again Thank our "Walk of Honor" Sponsors** - Phillips 66 - SFR / Rodeo & Carbon Plant for their outstanding support which making our veteran & community support activities possible.

We'll see you all at our July 3rd dinner meeting on Wednesday at 6 pm at the Crow Canyon Country Club in San Ramon. Social hour starts at 5 pm. And the following morning between 8:00 & 8:30 AM to muster for our 9AM kick-off in the 4th of July Parade.

Michael Slattengren

Michael Slattengren

President 2012

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

Note: E-Mail with a "dot"

OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION TO VNVDV MEMBERS

The 2013 JULY VNVDV Membership Dinner Meeting will be held on **WEDNESDAY - July 3rd** at Crow Canyon Country Club in Danville. A reschedule of days.

This change is necessary due to this Thursday being - 4th of July Holiday. Please attend the parade on 4th.

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

Our JULY 2013 Dinner Meeting is on WEDNESDAY - July 3rd!

A Rare opportunity to hear True-Life
History from VNVDV's July Dinner
Meeting Featured Speaker
Pearl Harbor Survivor Chuck Kohler



"Go to the top of Mount Diablo and light the light"

This is the last line of a poem of a poem written by Pearl Harbor survivor E. J. "Chuck" Kohler. At this very moment the Mount Diablo Searchlight is being renovated so that it will shine again on every December 7th as a reminder that we should never forget that date in 1941 when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor.

Chuck Kohler was there that day, a 17 year old farm boy from Minnesota. That morning he was up early and snuck into an office to type a letter to his mother. As planes flew by, he thought nothing of it, for he was stationed on Ford Island Naval Air Base in the middle of Pearl Harbor.

An explosion sent glass and debris throughout the office and Chuck realized something was terribly wrong. The flashing lights on the airplane wings turned out to be bullets being fired from planes that he suddenly noticed had a large red sun on the starboard side.

Chuck hurried out of the building and confronted the duty officer who ordered him into to take cover in a nearby construction ditch. Not wanting his family to hear that "he died hiding instead of fighting", Chuck decided to disobey a direct order. He grabbed a nearby Aviation Ordnance man, who Chuck could see had a key for the Ammo shack, and the two of them grabbed a 50 cal. and ammo and headed back out....

You will just have to attend our July Wednesday night meeting to hear Chuck Kohler describe what happened next. Social Hour begins at 1700 Hrs. - **Chef's Choice Buffet Dinner (\$25) all-you - can - eat begins at 1800 Hrs. Our dinner meetings are "OPEN"** - Please join us each month

Join us for a great dinner with another great featured speaker!

Many Thanks to our *June* dinner Speaker...

Captain David Yuers, USAF

Air National Guard



4TH OF JULY PARADE



sponsored by... **KIWANIS** in **DANVILLE**
Kicks-Off at **0900** on **Thursday**

Veterans Muster at **0800**

HS Parking Lot near Love Lane

VNVDV MEMBERS - Calling All Hands



*To Distribute over 10,000 American Flags
to the Kids -*

*Great Weather - Good Friends
Join Us - Enjoy the **FREEDOM**
our Veterans gave this Country!*



During the Parade - Watch for the Vietnam
Helicopter overhead conducting a "fly-by"
This is a UH-1 Huey from Vietnam

Are YOU Volunteering to Carry YOUR Service Colors in this year's Parade?

If so - ALL should all be wearing the same Official Parade UNIFORMS

VNVDV White Polo Shirt - Dark Blue Pants/Shorts - White Tennis Shoes - White Caps

Volunteers for Military Service Colors - See Ray LaRochelle at Parade

Remember - the parade is Thursday... at 9AM - the parade **"kick-off" time is earlier** - It will start at 0900 on **JULY 4TH** in Danville and streets will be closed earlier. Remember... to arrive on-time for muster at 0800 at the parking lot near the rear of Performing Arts Center off Love Lane. No vehicles will be authorized in this area. Park at the Church or at the end of the parade and catch the shuttle down to the start before 8AM that morning. Procurement Director Bill Green tells us he has a few of our *Official VNVDV* white ball caps available at the July 4th parade. Remember Wear or Bring Sun-screen - we will have Ice Water courtesy of Marty DeVenuta. We need ALL MEMBERS POSSIBLE to show up for this event. We purchase 10,000 American Flags to distribute to the school children along the parade route again this year. This will take every able bodied member we have and we need your help so please attend the parade ready to help out wearing your white polo shirt to representing our organization! As you continue to improve the image of all Viet Nam veterans. You are authorized to wear your military ribbons—medals-devices on your shirts on major holidays. The DOD and VA encourages you to show your pride in your military service. Remember... "Proudly We Served" See you at the Parade.



KIWANIS



Danville's annual *Kiwanis* 4th of July Parade is coming up this week - Thursday! According to [VNV DV VP Ray LaRoche](#) also serving as 2013 Parade Chair - [ALL MEMBERS are encouraged to attend](#) - to assist in distributing the 10,000 plus AMERICAN FLAGS we purchased to the thousands of children who attend this event.

To maintain our organizational image all members are requested to wear the official VNV DV [White](#) Polo Golf Shirt (DOD & VA also encouraged veterans to wear your military ribbons, medals & devices on all holidays). This is a great Welcome Home event for every veteran attending! This crowd truly honors the veterans in our community.

Our Military Service Colors... to those who are volunteering for the Military Service Colors Team and will be carrying your **Service Branch Flag in the parade... be sure your in our official uniform consisting of the VNV DV white shirts**—dark blue cotton slacks / shorts - white tennis shoes & our VNV DV white ball cap. ALL VETERAN & Military Units are to *muster* at the parking lot just off Love Lane behind the Performing Arts Center at the SRV High School no later than 0800 for instruction. The parade will **start this year at 9:00 AM Sharp! Our VNV DV Service Color Unit and Banner will take eight men... and we will need another forty or fifty** to conduct our *annual distribution* of 10,000 American Flags to the school children along the parade route again this year. **As our President said in his message... This is an "All Hands" effort** - encouraging's all members to attend the parade

Leading our group in the parade will be the Concord USMC Color Guard from Concord - followed by our VNV DV Organizational Banner and our VNV DV members carrying the Military Service Branch Colors - followed by the MIA/POW Flag. We are once again extremely fortunate to have with us this year an outstanding ARMY Band - 1st Detachment of the 40th Infantry Division ARMY Band - **also known as the "Governors Own" providing traditional patriotic music throughout the parade. The VNV DV 1949 Parade Truck - known as the "Flagmobile" will be loaded and transporting the 10,000 plus American Flags for distribution to the children along the parade route. The parade truck will also be carrying ice water for our members. Our "Flag Mobile" is a 1949 International Harvester KB-1 Pick-Up Truck, hopefully moving slowly along with the VNV DV members distributing flags to allow they re "re-load" throughout the parade route. The truck also transports the flags and service colors and banners to and from the parade site. Following the Parade Truck will be the D.A.R. - the Daughter's of The American Revolution join us this year to carry the very large 20' x 38' "Garrison Flag," covering the entire street. The mobile & educational Concord VET Center UH-1 Huey Helicopter Sponsored by AMVETS Post #26 joins the VNV DV again this year in the parade and it will be loaded with "scouts" from Troop 1776 from San Ramon Valley proudly riding aboard the Huey. The large & long UH-1 Huey will be escorted - and who better than our very own Warriors Watch Riders . This year the WWR may include their "tribute vehicles" honoring the Blue Angels—Remembering 9/11 and our MIA/POW with these special Vettes. Plus this year we will have a military Jeep - restored to round-out the VNV DV entry in this 2013 Parade and salute to "Service to Others"**

Note: This year the parade ends at Sycamore Valley and all veteran and military units will turn RIGHT into the LIVERY at Sycamore Valley. The only units going straight will be large and long floats that cannot make the turn such as the HUEY & its escorts - **all others will turn rights and we will "break-down all gear" in The Livery at the "Flag Mobile."**

Remember DO NOT STOP in the middle of the street—move to the side and CLEAR the area as soon as possible after the parade to allow other units to move forward. **Personal reminder... please "HAND" all flags out personally - DO NOT throw or toss flags**

The VNV DV is providing lunch for the 40th Infantry Division Army Band and USMC Color Guard ONLY following the parade. Ray **has worked hard on coordinating this years event and asks for everyone's cooperation. It will be HOT** so be sure to bring your VNV DV hat or buy one... and don't forget the sunscreen! **As recommended by the Kiwanis Parade Committee - we will have "ice water"** in the back of the Parade Truck with the extra flags. Parking near the start of the parade is available at St. Isadora's Catholic Church - since all streets will be closed before 0800. Shuttle Buses will be *near the Fire House* at the end of the parade on Hartz for return to the parade start. A Veteran BBQ is being held at the Veterans Memorial Building for all veterans following the parade. This is sponsored by the VFW Post 75 beginning at 10:30AM. Also for all VNV DV members who participated in the Danville Parade - Bill & Peg Green are hosting their annual pot-luck picnic at their home after the parade - beginning at 1:00PM (1300 Hrs). We look forward to seeing all of you at the dinner & parade this week.



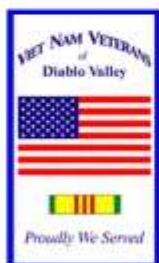
Things to Know about the Parade... READ it!



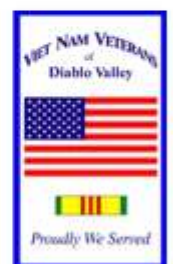
**Concord VET Center & County Veteran Service Office
announce "VetCon 2013"
the East Bay Veterans Fair
July 15, 2013
Hilton Hotel
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For more details visit:
www.eastbayveteransfair.org
or - www.VetCon.org**

VetCon 2013 is the continuation of the *East Bay Veterans Fair* designed to help returning veterans & all those who served... This year it will be held **Monday, July 15 from 9am to 2pm** at the **Concord Hilton Hotel** in Concord, CA. **VetCon 2013** expands the evolution of the *East Bay Veterans Fair* events held for the past several years. This year's event will include representatives from the Contra Costa County Veteran Service Office + representatives, counselors & service providers from VA - veterans & other relevant service organizations - with contacts - jobs - services - benefits + employers & colleges bringing a highly concentrated level of support for area Veterans & their families. **VetCon - 2013... Join us Monday - July 15.**

The VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley will have an information booth at VetCon 2013.

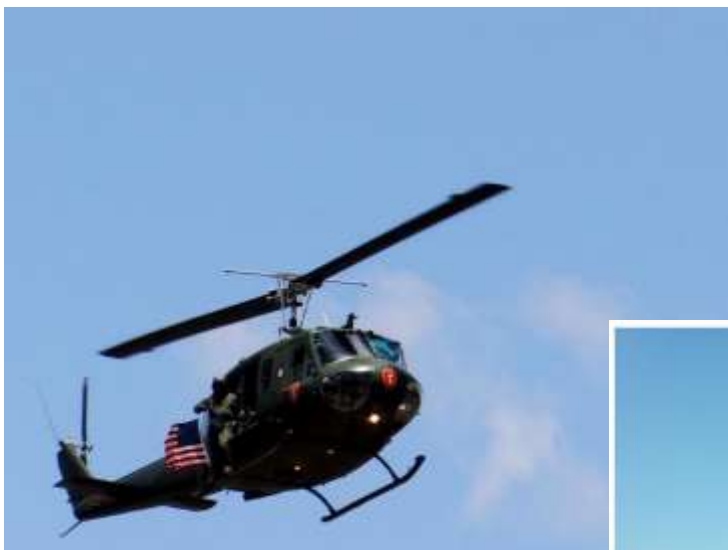


VNVDV President & Past Presidents participated in previous *EBVF* events.



VNVDV becomes Major Sponsor of - VetCon 2013

July 4th Parade will feature Vietnam Helicopters, Inc 25th Inf. Div. UH-1 Huey



Watch for us "over" the **JULY 4TH PARADE**

Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship Foundation Update

VNVDV President Michael Slattengren attended the *San Francisco State University Veterans (only) Graduation* on May 25th representing VNVDV - and attended with our *New Sentinel SSGT. Kyle Garcia, USMC* wounded in Afghanistan in 2012. The SFSU Graduation event was held at the *Marine Memorial Club* in San Francisco - who by the way Mike Conklin, *Sentinels of Freedom Foundation Founder* stated **"did an outstanding job."**

Kyle will be attending SFSU in the Fall and studying accounting. Kyle & his wife live in El Sorbronte. **PG&E** was honored as his scholarship sponsor at the event.



Sentinels President - Mike Conklin also thanks all of you in the VNVDV for your support of the SFSU *Veteran Graduation*. **Kyle & his wife attended our June VNVDV dinners. Thank You.**

Photo: (Left to right) Mrs. Crystal Garcia - Kyle wife, New Sentinel SSGT. Kyle Garcia & VNVDV President Michael **"Slatts"** Slattengren at the *Marines Memorial Club* graduation dinner held in San Francisco.



2013 Membership Dues only \$25.00

Pay Your 2013 Dues by mail or at our Monthly Dinner.
Membership Dues reduced for 2013 - Renew Now!

County VSO Outstation in Danville on Wednesdays

VMB Danville VSO Outstation Hours & Extension of Richmond 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 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.

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

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Sentinels of Freedom

2013 Dinner Gala and Golf Tournament
September 29th & 30th - Save the Date

Sentinels 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

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ALL WARS MEMORIAL



FOUNDATION

The All Wars Memorial located in Danville, California is a project undertaken by the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley and continued by the All Wars Memorial Foundation. The Memorial is unique in three ways. As the name implies, it honors those who perished or served in all wars, past and future. Second, it recognizes the sacrifices of the families of those who served. Lastly, it pays tribute to all patriotic Americans, who in their own way supported, contributed, volunteered and sacrificed to assist those fighting in a conflict.

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Congratulations to our Speaker's Bureau!

The **VNVDV Speaker's Bureau** just completed their 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 number of years ago 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!

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 school contacts for the next 2013-2014 school term!

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Danville's Veteran Memorial Building OPEN weekdays for public visitors. President Mike Slattengren mentioned additional DOCENT volunteers needed for 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.

"GWOT" (Global War on Terrorism) Veteran Weekend Duck Club Retreat Sponsored by the VietNam Veterans A "Huge Success" and one of the most relaxing weekends many have received since being discharged from service.

Announcing the 2013 Danville Hot Summer Nights Hot Rod and Classic Car Show. "PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW DATES"

This is our 19th year! We hope you will join us - the dates for our 2013 shows will be on THURSDAYS - **JULY 18th & AUGUST 15th** Show hours are 4 PM to 9 PM, while our car staging starts at 2 PM



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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:

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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?

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In 2013



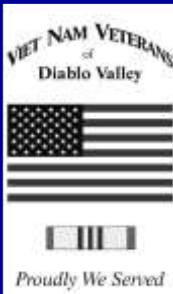
Join friends - family - veterans + the San Ramon Valley Veterans...
VNVDV - MCL - VFW - Legion & Blue Star Moms -
Warriors Watch Riders - Diablo Valley Flag Brigade -
+ many others...

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!*



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



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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!

VIET NAM VETERANS of Diablo Valley

OPEN - SOCIAL DINNER MEETINGS - JOIN US!

JULY — Featured GUEST SPEAKER & DINNER
Change: 1st WEDNESDAY - JULY 3rd (only)
at CROW CANYON COUNTRY CLUB in San Ramon
Social Hour starts at 1700 - Dinner at 1815
Don't Miss our great monthly speakers!