

INCOMING NEWS



February
2014



Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

"Proudly We Served"

CRAB FEED - Super Sunday - FEB. 2nd

Tickets Available - Donations Needed

VNVDV Crab Feed Fund Raiser
Complete Entertainment Event

Prez Ray's Comments:

CRAB FEED! CRAB FEED!

February 6, 2014 Dinner Speaker
Frank Wallace author of
"Kennedy's General" a biography
of General David M. Shoup USMC

Raymond
"Ray"
La
Rochelle
VNVDV
President
2014
We look
forward to
seeing all
our friends
at our Crab
Feed - Super
Sunday -
Feb 2nd

If it sounds like I have a one track mind it's only because the annual Crab Feed fundraiser is our most important event of the year. It's where we make our money to continue in business as the best and most respected Veterans Service Organization in the Tri-Valley area. **EVERY** member of this organization should plan on attending this event in order to ensure its success. And don't forget, the Silent Auction is the largest money maker, so don't forget to bring in at least 1 donation from a business that you frequent. We're not asking you to do "cold calling" just present the donation request letter to a business that you frequent and where you're known as a customer – it's that easy! Then get it to Skip George so that he can catalog it in time for the event. Please don't wait until the morning of the event to bring something in – that'll be too late for Skip to get it recorded and all the forms prepared. A lot of work goes into preparing for the Silent Auction. **BE THERE OR BE SQUARE!**

"Kennedy's General" a biography of David M. Shoup, 22nd Commandant of the Marine Corps. With the help of his father, who had fought at the battle of Tarawa, (the battle for which David M. Shoup was awarded the Medal of Honor) this story tells how a poor farm boy rose to become a four star general and the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Tribute to our Troops Support our Crab Feed

The VNVDV's Crab Feed fundraiser is two-weeks away & we do need *every member* to help, in addition to support from our many friends. Collectively we can make 2014 a success. We need members & guests to attend. Tickets still are available from "Slatts" or you can reserve your tickets in advance. We are in need of *more* donated items for our silent auction - raffle & door prizes. Donate items personally & use the donation request letter included in **this newsletter**. Contact Skip with your items to drop off or arrange for drop off at the Veterans Memorial Building office in Danville. See the details inside this edition. **Donation Questions? Contact Skip George 415-640-8403.**

OK, off my soap box for a moment.

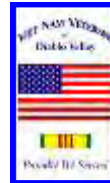
I'm extremely proud to be taking over as your President of the finest and most highly respected V.S.O. in the Tri-Valley area. Slatts has done a marvelous job these past 2 years so I have some big shoes to fill but with your help and the assistance of a highly capable Board of Directors I'm sure that we can continue to excel in all of our endeavors. The key to that is maximum participation of our members in our activities. Jerry Yahiro, past President and the newly elected Director of Events, is going to need a lot of volunteers to ensure that all of our scheduled events are successful. Don't be a stick in the mud – be pro-active. (Oops, I think I just climbed back onto my soap box. I guess it just comes with the job.) **Looking forward to another great year for this great organization! Ray La Rochelle - Prez 2014**



Donations for Super Raffle & Silent Auction are Critically Needed for Crab Feed on Super Sunday FEB 2nd! Bring them to the Veterans Building or call Skip



2014 Officers & Directors



Crab Feed Charity

Super Sunday Features



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DIRECTOR of EVENTS

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Oakland Raiderettes Visit

Great Assortment of Appetizers

Salads/Italian Pasta/French Bread

Fresh cleaned & cracked Crab!

Beverages - No Host Bar with sodas & more - Plus beer and wine

Desserts by the Blue Star Moms!

Servers - D/V High School *Interact*

***Super Silent Auction*—Includes Sailing Adventure on SF Bay and Huey rides over the Bay - Police Ride Along**

***"Super Raffle"* - lots of great items!**

Entertainment Games to enjoy.

Meet with VNVDV Members - Family and Friends - plus many Supporters of the VNVDV at a Great Gathering Feb 2

Once a Year Event to Support VNVDV programs & events - Your active participation is encouraged.

Plan to Join Us on Armed Forces Day -

For the Phillips 66 Walk of Honor

In Crockett - Third Saturday in May 2014

Please join us for this major event to support our veterans & the Crockett VMB

FEB. 2th "Crab Feed" Advance Ticket Purchase Available NOW!

**Contact Slatts our new Treasurer 925/837-6238 or E-Mail
VNVDV TREASURER - (vnvdv.treasurer@gmail.com)**

Tickets are Advance Sale & Not Sold the Day of the Event! RSVP Now!

WE NEED YOUR HELP NOW!

Please Obtain any "DONATION ITEMS" for our event!

Sample of types of donations popular in past...

- Golf Foursomes with Cart at any golf course (private & public)
- Cases of Wine – for "silent auction"
- large Bottles of Unique – Special Wine or Liquors
- Limo Services or tours or other Professional Services
- Wine Tasting & Wine Tours for a group
- Sports Memorabilia – Shirts, Balls, Bats - Signed / Autographed
- Military Memorabilia – any Branch or Era (very popular)
- Tickets to Pro Sporting – music – plays or Special Events
- Hotel Nights – Lodging – Private Club or Resort Weekends with dinner
- Restaurant Dinners or Brunch - for Two - Four or a Small Group
- Travel – Vacations - Airline Tickets or Mileage Coupon Tickets
- Gift Baskets from Professional / Service Businesses & Companies
- Professional Services from Service Industry Businesses
- Balloon - Air - Race Car - Boat - or Historic Aircraft Rides
- Gift Certificates or Passes for Group Events for 2 – 4 – 6 - 8 – 10
- **VIP or Unique "One-of-a-Kind" Opportunities / Items / ???**
- Personal Hosting of a Special Event / Dinner at your Home/Business
- **Sponsor for the event's Appetizers** – Wines – Beers – Beverages
- **Merchandise or Gift Items for our "silent auction" and "Super Raffle"**

Please Obtain & Submit Donations Now!



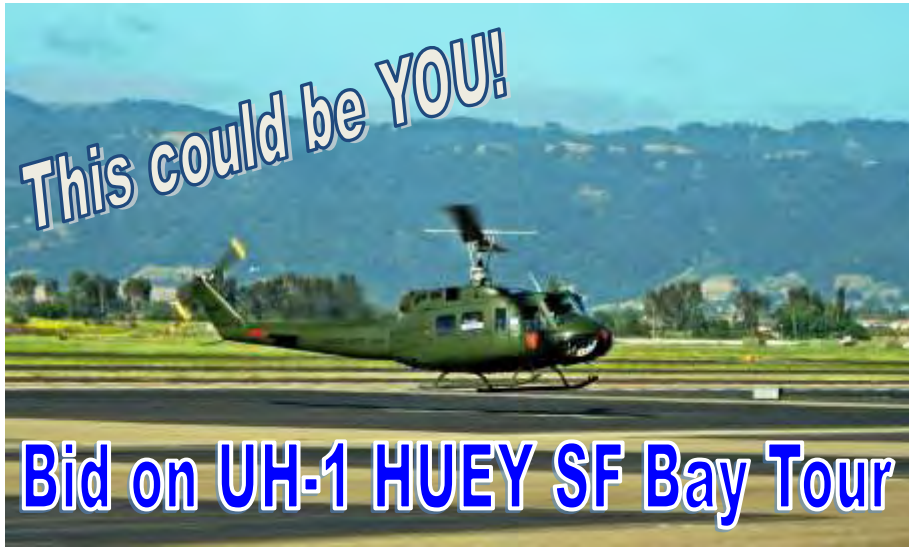
Sail the SF Bay on this beautiful Boat

Featured at Crab Feed Silent Auction



The Sceptre - 42' Sailboat for a self-designed day of sailing on SF Bay - available at Crab Feed

VNVDV Crab Feed Silent Auction Features - Sailboat & Huey Tours + Much More! *Join the Fun*



Please Join Us the First Thursday each Month!

You can Help the VNVDV \$\$\$
by Paying by CHECK or with Cash at Dinners
Checks payable to the "VNVDV"

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

Social Hour begins at 1700 Hrs. - Buffet Dinner begins just after 1800 Hrs.

Yes - we also take Major Credit Cards...

However - on the back-end the VNVDV is charged a percentage - for "a processing fee"

"Super Sunday" Crab Feed

featuring...

Oakland Raiderettes
10th Year Appearance

VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley

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Plan in Advance to hear our Outstanding Future Featured Guest Speakers ★

- March 6th : Douglas Northam USN will describe what it took to survive the three years he spent as a Japanese POW during WWII. Douglas details the horrors of daily life in the many camps he spent time in and the excitement of finally being liberated.
- April 3rd: John Shirley-WWII 3rd Infantry Division of the US Army, awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart as well as being named to the French Legion of Honor. He will tell of his combat on the breakout of the Anzio, Italy Beachhead, and the march to capture Rome. Also how he was wounded, captured, and escaped fighting in the Colmar Pocket, France.
- May 1st : Tad Kishi -Japanese American who was interned at Manzanar, America's Stalag during WW II, because he looked like the enemy. After the war he was drafted and sent to Occupied Japan as an interpreter. Later Tad had a rewarding career at Lawrence Livermore Labs for over 35 years.
- June 5th : Susan Mayall Susan Mayall – Grew up in England during World War II. Having lost her father to the war, her mother was left with four small children, Susan at six, being the eldest. She will describe how they survived the nightly bombing, strict rationing, travel restrictions, and constant air raids.

Remembering VietNam Vets "Who Gave All"

Community Members / Supporters - We are Seeking Photos of Fallen VietNam Veterans KIA from Contra Costa County Help us in this national project for the VN Wall Museum

Veterans & Patriots -

Contra Costa County Viet Nam Veterans Fallen (KIA) during War – Part of the National Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Fund Museum

"Looking for Photograph Project" – The attached listing is about Half of the total number of KIA veterans from Contra Costa, and we are Still Missing the Photo of these VietNam Veterans listed.

Veterans / Family & Community Members - Will you assist in the project on your own time?

To see how the finished museum in Washington D.C. is projected to appear & function -

Please watch the **video link** - regarding the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Educational Center

Link: http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=Gfn4PK3G0s

Please help in passing the word and the need for finding photos of these Vietnam Veterans.

For the Museum's **"Looking for Photograph Project"** for the Viet Nam Wall Museum

Will you assist in tracking down some of the photos needed for these VietNam Veterans

Watch for the *Contra Costa Times* feature by Gary Peterson on this worthwhile effort to Honor - Remember & Pay Tribute to those Contra Costa Vietnam Vets... "Who Gave All"

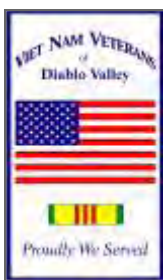


EBSD 2014 is scheduled for September 11 to 14, 2014. The first public informational / coordination planning meeting will be held, February 11, 2014, at the Veterans Memorial Building - 115 E. Prospect Avenue in Danville - beginning at 6:30 PM (1830).

Ray La Rochelle looks forward to seeing you at our "Super Sunday Crab Feed"



Please *EVERY MEMBER*
obtain *ONE "DONATION"*
for our "Super Crab Feed" on Feb. 2nd 2014...
Please don't sit on the sidelines...
Get Active - Use the Donation Request Letter
in this newsletter!



FEB. 2th "Crab Feed" Advance Ticket Purchase Available
through Slatts our new Treasurer or E-Mail
VNVDV TREASURER - (vnvdv.treasurer@gmail.com)
Call Slatts Today @ 925 / 837 - 6238

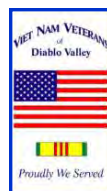
Crab Feed Silent Auction Item!



LAST CALL - with about a week to go until Super Sunday...
Members & Supporters we urgently request assistance
with Ticket Sales & Silent Auction Donations!

One Donation from a place you shop will make a big difference!

You can renew your 2014 ANNUAL DUES
at any dinner meeting or mail a check to the P.O. Box.
Your Membership is Important to Us!
Every Member "Makes a Difference"
Visit our Updated VNVDV Website!





Department of
Veterans Affairs

Affordable Care Act & Veterans and the Veterans Health Administration



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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.



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
VETERANS AFFAIRS

Monday-Friday 8:00a.m.-4:30p.m.
Martinez Primary Care Clinic
150 Muir Road, Martinez, Calif.94553

Advice Nurse-Appointment Line
800-382-8387
Pharmacy(Toll Free)Line
866-600-8279
Martinez, CA 94553

Fax: (925) 372-2804

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

Veterans... Are You Utilizing Your VA Health Care Benefits?

The VNVDV encourages all Veterans to Enroll in VA Health Care coverage & utilizing trained professional advocates at our Contra Costa County VSO. The VA Health Care System is the Best - get help Visit our VNVDV Website for more Benefit details.

FLU IS CAUSING SERIOUS ILLNESS & DEATH!
Please visit one of our VA Clinics in Martinez - Oakland or other locations now to obtain your FLU shot - available to all Veterans! Don't Wait!

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!



Veteran Job Fair

The Veteran Employment Committee
& Delta Veterans Group Present:
Veterans Employment Job Fair.



March 25th 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
329 Railroad Ave.
Pittsburg, CA 94565

The VNVDV encourages all Veterans to enroll for VA Health Care **by first visiting our Contra Costa County Veteran Service Officers** - who are trained professional advocates & provide this service **FREE** at their County Service Offices. Get VA Health Care - it is **the Best!**

You are getting Older & Health Care has Changed - Enroll in the VA through our Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office

Let true professionals guide all veteran through the VA process for Free!

**County VSO Outstation OPEN in Danville on Wednesdays
& in Martinez a Team of VSO Professionals Mon - Fri**

Danville VSO Office - 400 Hartz Ave. Room 208 - Open every Wednesday from 10am to 2pm (Except Holidays). Martinez Office is "drop-in" & Danville you can make an appointment by calling in advance to the Martinez VSO Office for appointment **(925) 313-1481**.

The VNVDV strongly encourages all veterans to obtain trained - professional veteran service assistance free of charge when dealing with any of your VA claims, benefits, appeals, or other questions about veteran services which you have earned through your military service. Don't wait until it is too late & the veteran's family members are requesting help! Don't try to complete VA forms alone - professional help is available - it's local - free & the best available anywhere!
We are all getting older - See our County Veterans Service Officer NOW!

**Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office
is a FREE service for all Veterans!**

Find out about all the Veteran Benefits
You earned through your Military Service
Visit the County VSO Office NOW...

for your FREE "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

Veterans Benefits Contact:

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Veterans Service Officer
Contra Costa County

10 Douglas Dr. Suite 100
Martinez, CA 94553

Tel: (925) 313-1481

Fax: (925) 313-1490

Nathan.johnson@vs.cccounty.us



**Veterans
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RAY says... a successful "Super Sunday" Charity Crab Feed is critical to continuing Community Service Programs.

We are in need of members & friends obtaining "DONATIONS" -
Merchandise & Gift Certificates for our "Super Crab Feed" Silent Auction!

Participate by **ASKING** using the "donation letter" in this
newsletter - at your favorite stores you visit often & obtain
a gift certificate or gift card for dinner or any other service.



Featured at... **VNVDV Crab Feed Silent Auction & Super Raffle**

**Gift Certificates & Gift Cards for great meals at some of the finest restaurants
and Services from many of our great business supporters in the Diablo Valley.**

**Also featured a variety of amazing sports clothing - military books - AWM Paver -
Ride along with Danville Police Chief Steve Simpkins - jewelry - wines & more!**

Veterans Memorial Building Renovation Coffee Table Book on Sale - see Dennis!



VNVDV Membership Dues Now only \$25.

Renew Your 2014 Annual Dues at our Monthly Dinner or convert to a
Life Membership for only: \$200.00!



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VMB Renovation Coffee Table Book
The are available now at meetings & VMB
Books sell for \$45.00. All proceeds go di-
rectly to pay for the operating expenses of
the Veterans portion of the Veterans Memo-
rial Building for the San Ramon Valley



A Book about the VNVDV... an Opportunity!



Attention: ALL Veterans

Danville's Veteran Memorial Building OPEN every SAT. AM from 0800 to 1100 for a *free* coffee & pastry social get-together. Stop by for a few minutes, an hour, stay as long as you desire ~ leave when you want. Meet in our new lounge ~ see the museum displays ~ *bring a friend!*

The VMB Museum is Open Monday thru Friday 9 to 3 for public visitors. Past President Mike Slattengren is looking for any members interested in volunteering a few hours each month as a VMB Docent for our Historical Military Museum tours & Training is provided. **Contact "Slatts"**

Jerry Whiting is an accomplished research author and he has an interest in interviewing VNVDV Members.

The intention of interviews is to develop a book that will present the background of Members and how the VNVDV Organization became involved in the many Projects to include All Wars Memorial, Memorial Day, EBSD, Veterans Memorial Building, Speaker's Bureau & others.

Mike Martin will be the VNVDV Primary Contact for coordinating Members will to participate in this effort.

Please consider this unique opportunity and contact Mike Martin (925-323-1093) and be part of the VNVDV legacy!

Joint VSOs - schedule St. Patrick "Corned Beef & Cabbage" Dinner



Save the Date - Saturday March 15th 2014 @ 6:00 PM

The first, and, hopefully Annual, Combined /Joint

Veterans Service Organization (VSO)

VMB Operations Fundraiser

Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner - \$30.00

See Dennis Giacobelli or Lee Halverson for reservations or questions.

**Please help us by collecting an item to auction, mark "for CB&C"
and deliver to the Veterans Memorial Building before March 1, 2014**

**All funds collected go directly to your
Veterans Memorial Building Operating Committee to pay for the op-
erating expenses of the Veterans portion of the building**

California VETERAN License Plates to be Available Again - Get a VNVDV Plate!

California veterans can proudly display their status with VETERAN license plates which are again available. A new law brought the California specialty license plates back at the request of veterans who were disappointed when VETERAN license plates which had been available were replaced by an "Honoring Veterans" version. Honoring Veterans license plates are still available, so both veteran and nonveteran drivers can honor military service.

VETERAN license plates can be customized with the distinctive military branch or veterans service organization logo of choice. Proceeds from the sale of these plates help support efforts of CalVet and 56 county veteran service offices to connect veterans and their families with the benefits and services they have earned through military service.

VETERAN plates can be reserved now, but they are not immediately available. According to the new law, CalVet must collect and hold pre-paid VETERAN license plate applications until 7,500 are received before the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will actually produce the plates. Once that threshold is crossed, DMV will produce the plates and take responsibility for processing future applications. That same "hold and wait" process applies to all new specialty license plates approved in California.

For more information or to reserve your VETERAN license plates, go to <http://www.calvet.ca.gov/VetServices/VeteransPlate.aspx> to download the application. You may also call CalVet at 877-741-8532 toll free to request a VETERAN license plate application be mailed to you. Honoring Veterans license plates can be ordered by following that same link.

The veteran license plate program is a partnership between the California Department of Veterans Affairs the California Department of Motor Vehicles, and the California Association of County Veterans Services Officers, Inc.

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For the latest veteran news, follow CalVet on Facebook and Twitter.

CalVet advisory, news release, and newsletter archives are available at www.calvet.ca.gov.

See the latest in Updates & News on the VNVDV website: www.VNVDV.com

Membership Drive... Bring a "veteran" to any event &

Veterans - Join us at our monthly dinner at Crow Canyon Country Club - 1st Thurs/Monthly

VIET NAM VETERANS
of
Diablo Valley



Proudly We Served

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>
<i>Viet Nam Units:</i>				
<i>Location(s):</i>				
<i>Medals & Awards:</i>				

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!



Operation Welcome Home

DIABLO VALLEY FLAG BRIGADE

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



OPERATION WELCOME HOME!

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

NEVER, EVER AGAIN.

If you know of a military member that is returning home and you would like to surprise them with one of these heart-warming Welcome Home ceremonies, please contact Bryan 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!***



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



January 2014

Dear Business Owner / Community Supporter -

The **Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley** (VNVDV) proudly announces their annual charity fund-raiser & we respectfully requests your support for this event. On **Sunday, February 2, 2014**, we will hold our **10th** annual *Charity Crab Feed...* at the newly remodeled Veterans Memorial Building, in Danville, CA.

The VNVDV are an independent, "grass-roots", non-profit, tax-exempt, 501(c)(19), veteran's organization, comprised primarily of Viet Nam combat veterans. We "**proudly continue to serve**" our community... *with your support* - through a variety of programs - projects and events. (*Tax ID number on letterhead*).

The money raised through our **2014 Charity Crab Feed**, will support local veteran, active-duty military & community-service events and programs, we conduct and proudly support throughout the year. These include:

- The East Bay Stand Down 2014
- Memorial Day Program at Oak Hill Park
- Danville's 4th of July Parade
- San Ramon Valley Veteran's Day Program
- VNVDV School Speaker's Bureau
- Operation Welcome Home
- Armed Forces Day "Walk of Honor"
- The Blue Star Moms - Sons & Daughters Serving
- The Sentinels of Freedom - Wounded Warrior
- Diablo Valley Flag Brigade
- All Wars Memorial at Oak Hill Park
- The Wheelchair Foundation - Providing Mobility
- Operation Santa Claus - Military Support
- Veteran Swim Challenge - "Take the Rock"

We respectfully request your business/personal support for this event - through a donation, discount on goods purchased for this event, "monetary sponsorship", ticket purchase, donated items, or gift cards /certificates for your goods & services. Your donated items will be used in our Silent Auction or Raffle held during the 2014 *Crab Feed*, to raise necessary funds to continue these & many other worthwhile projects for our community.

For more information on the VNVDV, its programs, events, membership, our monthly newsletter, or how you can contribute to our Crab Feed, visit our website at www.VNVDV.com - or e-mail us at the address below.

We look forward to you joining us in support of our **2014 "Tribute to our Troops"** Charity Crab Feed and are grateful for your generosity to our veterans, serving military, and community programs. **Thank you.**

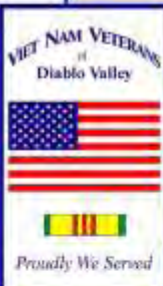
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The Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley - established in 1991 as a local, non-profit, Veteran Service Organization (VSO) to promote & enhance the image of the Viet Nam Veteran through Community Service & Support of our fellow Veterans, value & maintain a high level of dignity & respect for the young men & women currently serving our nation today in all branches of our military services. Danville has a new Veteran's Memorial Building for the San Ramon Valley - designed for the next 100 years - to serve our veterans now - those returning & our future veterans - while serving as a lasting reminder & Memorial for all those who served before us in the name of Freedom... leaving a "legacy"

The VNVDV meets on the 1st Thursday of every month at the Crow Canyon Country Club, in Danville. Our Board of Directors Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Veterans Memorial Building - Library / Board Room at 1800 Hrs. in Danville. To find out "details" & more about programs we support & events we sponsor... visit our website at www.VNVDV.com. All veterans & guests are welcome to attend our "open" membership meetings. We are a casual - "fun" - social veterans group - always looking for new members who enjoy friendship & the special bond as military veterans. We are Proud of our Military Service... & of our continued contributions to fellow veterans & community. Our dinner meetings consist of a social dinner & guest speaker of interest to veterans & military. All dinner meetings are OPEN - bring fellow veterans - active duty military - history buffs - friends - supporters... & Join us each month.

OPEN - SOCIAL DINNER MEETINGS with SPEAKER!

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Social Hour starts at 1700 - Buffet Dinner at 1815 - Join Us!

Featuring "Chef's Choice Special Buffet Dinner" - \$25. RSVP NOT Required!

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