

INCOMING NEWS



January
2014



Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

"Proudly We Served"

Ray La Rochelle takes Helm in 2014

CRAB FEED - Super Sunday - FEB. 2nd

Tickets Available - Donations Needed

VNVDV Appreciation Dinner

Recognizes Dedicated Individuals

Major General Ronald Lowe, U.S. Army (ret) honored for his extremely active support of veterans & military was selected as recipient of the *VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley's* distinguished **Gary Villalba Dedicated Service Award**, the highest honor the organization bestows on any individual serving veterans. His involvement continues into 2014 accepting the leadership position of **Executive Board Chair** for **EBSD**, vacated by Denver Mills upon his retirement from the Vet Center.

Dennis Giacobelli was selected & honored as **"Veteran of the Year"** by the VNVDV for his active participation in supporting fellow veterans; & his leadership as Chair for the Veterans Memorial Building for the San Ramon Valley Operations Committee in Danville.

Ken Dami, manager responsible at *Tesoro Golden Eagle Refinery* for beginning Tesoro sponsorship of **"Operation Santa Claus"** a joint Christmas Program for military personnel & their families annually with the **Blue Star Moms** & VNVDV

Nathan Johnson, Contra Costa County Veterans Service Officer was awarded a Life Membership in the VNVDV.

January 2, 2014 Dinner Speaker
Captain Randall J. Ramian, USN
CEO of the USS Hornet Museum



Support our Crab Feed

The VNVDV's only fundraiser we conduct is one-month 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 available at our JAN. Dinner Meeting or you can reserve your tickets in advance. We are in need of *many* donated items for our silent auction - raffle & door prizes. Donate items personally & use the donation request letter included in this newsletter. Please bring your items to any of our meetings or drop them off at the Veterans Memorial Building office in Danville. See the details inside this edition. **Questions?**
Contact Skip George 415-640-8403.

RAYMOND
"Ray"

La Rochelle
Elected as
VNVDV
President for
2014 - and
the new
Officers &
Directors
assume their
duties on
Jan. 1st
asking for
your
continued
support in
2014



Donations for
our Raffle & Si-
lent Auction are
Needed for Crab
Feed on *Super
Sunday FEB
2nd* Don't turn
them in late - col-
lect them & turn
in Early!



2014 Officers & Directors Elected

My Last Harrah!



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DIRECTOR of EVENTS

Gerald "Jerry" Yahiro

I'm taking this final opportunity to thank everyone who had the confidence in me to lead this organization for the past two years. But it wasn't just me; we had a great Board of Directors and Officers who made so many things happen. Also, big thanks to all of you who gave of your time, your efforts and sometimes even your donations to the numerous activities in which we participated. Some 45 years ago we stepped up and served our country in the military. Today we continue to step up as we support our community of veterans, their families and currently serving military.

Bravo Zulu.

Slatts

Michael Slattengren

President 2012 - 2013

PH: (925) 837 - 6238

GO NAVY!



It has been an honor to lead this very best veteran organization these past two years!
THANK YOU!



Michael Slattengren

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

January 2nd Featured Guest Speaker. . .



Captain Randell J. Ramian, USN

On our Thursday... January 2nd Dinner meeting, we will spend an hour with Captain Ramian who provide an overview history of the USS Hornet (CV-8).

We are all familiar with the USS Hornet (CV-12) and the connection with Apollo 11 and the first moon landing, but did you know it was originally named the USS Dearsarge? The name was changed in honor of the USS Hornet (CV-8) that was sunk at the Battle of the Santa Cruz Islands in 1942. Our beloved Hornet, now a floating museum and anchored in Alameda, is in fact, the eighth USS Hornet. The first was a ten-gun sloop commissioned in 1775 and served in the American Revolutionary War. The first two ships in the Continental Navy were the Hornet and the Wasp.

*Come join us for our January dinner meeting to meet & hear **Captain Randall J. Ramian, USN, CEO of the USS Hornet Museum**, who will be educating us on the 240 year history of the Hornet ships. The Doolittle Raid, Battle of Midway, Battle of Santa Cruz Island, First Barbary War, Spanish-American War and yes, even the Viet Nam War are only a few of the conflicts the various Hornet ships have been involved in.*

The current Hornet (CV-12) is one of the most decorated ships of the US Navy. It destroyed over 1400 Japanese aircraft, ranking second behind the Essex. She shot down 72 enemy aircraft in a single day, in which 10 Hornet pilots attained "Ace in a Day" status.

The Hornet is now a floating museum. She educates and also entertains us. She hosts big bands, school groups and girl scout overnights. And one more thing, the USS Hornet is said to be one of the most haunted places in America.



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



New President ready for "Super Sunday Crab Feed"



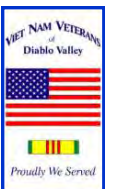
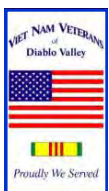
Reservations & Tickets for
FEB. 2th "Crab Feed"
Available at Jan. Dinner
or RSVP to Treasurer!

*If EVERY MEMBER would obtain ONE "DONATION"
for our "Super Crab Feed" on Feb. 2nd 2014...*

Please don't sit on the sidelines... Get Active - Obtain a Donation using the letter!

**This is an Urgent Call with One Month remaining...
To all Members & Supporters for assistance
with Ticket Sales & Silent Auction Donations!
One Donation from a place you shop will make our event a success!**

You can renew your 2014 ANNUAL DUES
at our JAN dinner meeting & get Crab Feed Tickets at the same time!
Your Membership is Important to Us!
Every Member "Makes a Difference"
Please join us again!



Don't Miss February's Featured Guest Speaker Frank Wallace

Frank Wallace, author of "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.

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

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Health Care has Changed - Get Enrolled 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. These services are also available for the veteran's family members. Don't try to complete VA forms alone or go the process alone - pro help is available & it's local & the best you will find anywhere in the State of California! *Vets... just tell them the VNVDV referred you !*

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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Affordable Care Act & Veterans 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.



**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
800-362-6387
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?



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** trained professional **Veteran Service Officers** - who are your advocates & provide this service **FREE** at their County Service Offices. Get VA Health Care - it is the Best!

A special thanks to Martin “Marty” De Venuta for his invaluable contribution to the VNVDV while performing the duties of Treasurer for the past four years. This essential function required constant attention and an understanding how the financial records must be maintained to meet Organizational and Tax standards. Marty will continue to assist during the transition of Treasurer duties to *Slatts*. ***BRAVO-ZULU Marty!***

RAY says... a successful "Super Sunday" Charity Crab Feed is critical to our 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.



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

VA Martinez - Oakland & other locations
now giving FLU shots to Veterans!

The VNVDV encourages all Veterans to Enroll
for VA Health Care coverage utilizing trained
professionals & advocates at our Contra Costa County VSO.
The VA Health Care System is the Best - get help

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!



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



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 dis-
plays ~ *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"*

Toys Collected at VNVDV Dinner & photos of Operation Santa Claus



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 operating expenses of the Veterans portion of the building



Marines Memorial Club & Hotel... in SF

MARINE DAY LUNCHEON -- 9 JANUARY 2014

ATTENTION ON DECK:

The United States Marine Corps Council of Northern California is proud to announce the Marine Day Luncheon on Thursday, 9 Jan 2014, from 11:45 A.M. to 14:30 in the Crystal Ballroom at the Marines' Memorial Club and Hotel, 609 Sutter St., San Francisco.

The guest speaker will be Major General Lawrence D. Nicholson, Commanding General, 1st Marine Division. Prior to assuming Command of 1MARDIV, Major General Nicholson commanded the 5th Marine Regiment and deployed with them to Fallujah, Iraq. Major General Nicholson served as the Deputy Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command at Quantico and in January of 2009 became the Commanding General of the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade, Task Force Leatherneck, and deployed with them for a year to Southern Afghanistan. Upon return from this combat tour he was assigned as the Senior Military Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense in Washington DC in July 2010 and in February 2012, Major General Nicholson returned to Afghanistan for a year serving as the Operations Officer for the ISFA Joint command in Kabul, Afghanistan. Major General Nicholson assumed command of the 1st Marine Division in June 2013.

Coordination Council President Colonel Allan Cruz, USMC (Ret.) will present the *Marine of the Year Award* at the luncheon.

An excellent buffet luncheon will be served prior to the Major General's presentation. This event is open to all active duty, retired and veteran Marines, as well as friends of marines. The USMC Coordinating Council encourages all Bay Area Marines and Veteran marines to attend and bring a guest.

Tickets for the event are \$35.00 in advance. Unreserved seating will be available at the door the day of the event for \$40.00. Tickets for Active Duty Marine are \$20.00. Reservations may be made by contacting Ms. MacKenzie Jakoubek at (415) 673-6672, ext. 215 or by mail to: Marine Day Luncheon c/o MacKenzie Jakoubek, Marines' Memorial Club and Hotel, 609 Sutter Str., San Francisco 94102. Checks should be made out to Marine Corps Coordinating Council.

Marine Challenge Rules will apply. As we all know, in order to attract first-rate speakers, it is necessary to have good attendance at the Marine Day Luncheons. In recognition and appreciation of member support, the Council is making an Award of \$100 to the Unit or Organization that has the most members in attendance at Marine Day Luncheons.

Proceeds from this event will go to the Semper Fi Fund

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



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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

- | | |
|---|--|
| <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

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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!



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

IN MEMORY

PETER G. RUBIN

DECEMBER 14, 2013

PETE RUBIN Passes



In Memory



Pete Rubin along with an amazing team of kitchen workers - Pete worked behind the scenes for years with other members at our Annual Super Sunday Charity Crab Feed & our Memorial Day Family BBQ Picnics. For nine years the Oakland Raiderettes visited Pete & the team of volunteers.



Yes - it's true... Pete's kitchen was a popular place to be and to be seen... Congressmen and even an occasional *President* hung out in Crab Feed kitchen

It's with deep sorrow & regret ...

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley must inform our membership & supporters of the passing of a hard-working VNVDV member -

PETE RUBIN

According to a phone call received by good friend Dennis Peterson from one of Pete's daughters - he passed this evening after his week-long ICU hospitalization battling kidney & liver problems at Kaiser in Antioch. At this time, no other information is available on Funeral or Memorial Services for our good friend & VNVDV member. Dennis & Jerry Yahiro have been visiting the hospital keeping in close touch with both daughters Jennifer & Rebecca. We have notified our Contra Costa County Veterans Service Officer - Nate Johnson & his team in Martinez are standing by to assist the daughters with Pete's benefits / rights & information, as necessary.





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.**

Sincerely,

Mike Slattengren - President 2012/2013
Crab Feed Fund Raiser Committee
Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley
Telephone: **(925) 837-6238**

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Visit the VNVDV Web
Often - our latest news
is online at:

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The VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley (VNVDV) - 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 men & women currently serving our nation in all branches of our military. We're fortunate to live in a patriotic community with a new Veteran's Memorial Building for the San Ramon Valley - designed for the next 100 years - to serve veterans now - those returning & 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 Director Business 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 supported & events sponsored... visit our website often at www.VNVDV.com. We are casual - fun & a 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. Monthly dinner meetings consist of a social, buffet dinner & featured guest speaker of interest to veterans & military - no politics or business. All dinner meetings are OPEN to all veterans - spouses - supporters - friends & interested community members. Active-duty military always welcome. Join us each month.

OPEN - SOCIAL DINNER MEETINGS with SPEAKER!

VIET NAM VETERANS of Diablo Valley

MONTHLY Social DINNER MEETINGS with featured GUEST SPEAKERS

1st THURSDAY of each Month - JAN. 2nd 2014

at CROW CANYON COUNTRY CLUB in Danville, CA

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

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

the "INCOMING" - Official Newsletter of the VNVDV

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