

INCOMING NEWS



**JULY
2014**



Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

Participate with the VNVDV in the Danville/Kiwanis 4th of July Parade

**Raymond
"Ray"
La Rochelle**
VNVDV
President

Thanks to all those who participated in the Oak Hill Park Memorial Day Program

Great job!

**SAT Morning
Coffee...**

Meet with fellow Veterans on Saturday from 8 AM until 11 AM

At the Danville Veterans Memorial Building

Pastries too!

VNVDV Prez Ray's Notes for July

MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE & JUNE DINNER MEETING - BOTH A HUGE SUCCESS! Thank You

Thanks to all who came to hear a great presentation by our guest speaker in support of obtaining a photo for each Viet Nam Veteran on "The WALL." This was the largest turnout since our Holiday Dinner - near 75 members & guests - *Thanks!* Again, we have a great speaker lined-up for July so plan on being there on the 3rd

JULY 4th PARADE IN DANVILLE

This is our most visible event to the community all year & we need a large turnout "all-hands" of members & their guests to help hand-out the 10,000+ free American Flags to children along the parade route. Assembly area is the same as last year: San Ramon Valley High School Parking Lot - corner of Danville Blvd. - Railroad Ave. & Love Lane. Assembly time is 8:00 AM. Please plan to be there ON TIME in our VNVDV Parade Dress Uniform - White VNVDV polo/hat, Blue trousers/shorts, White Sneakers with your Medals and devices.

4th of July Parade

Wear your shirt. Parade starts at 0900

VNVDV Members muster at 0800

south end of SRVHS

Love & Railroad - Danville

Guest Speaker for JULY Dinner Meeting

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 nightly bombing, strict rationing, travel restrictions and constant air raids. Join us Thursday 3rd as we review details for 4th of July Parade.



**This Newsletter
is also On-Line at:
www.VNVDV.com**



2014 President Ray La Rochelle

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**TAKE THE ROCK - 2 OUR ALCATRAZ
SWIM EVENT IS TAKING SHAPE.**

Swim Chair & Coordinator Earle Conklin & Bob Musor - our Fleet Commander who is securing the necessary boats - along with all the outstanding trainers & coaches are hard at work planning & already training swimmers for our 2nd annual Alcatraz Swim.

We're looking for additional veterans & active duty to swim - up to 75 swimmers for this event - double what we had last year! The date is September 28, 2014. Help pass the word to fellow veterans & military who may be interested. Make plans now to be there to show support for these veterans and, if you're able, contact Earle to join the swim.

“GWOT DUCK CLUB RETREAT A BIG HIT!”

Bill Green opened up his Duck Club for 22 vets this past week for a VNVDV sponsored “R&R” for veterans from the Concord & Fairfield Vet Center. Thanks to Phillips 66 for enabling the VNVDV to conduct this program.

“PROUDLY WE SERVED” and proudly we continue to serve veterans & our community.

I personally look forward to seeing you at our Thursday dinner meeting and the following morning to help distribute our American Flags. Thanks for your support.

Raymond F. La Rochelle
President - Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley



***Viet Nam Veterans
4th of July Parade***

The VNVDV purchased and received 10,000 U. S. Flags - made in America for distribution to the large crowd expected at the 4th of July Parade in Danville. Wear your shirt. VNVDV will distribute Flags. Parade starts at 0900 VNVDV Members meet at 0800, south end of SRVHS, Love & Railroad.

Bill Green will host a gathering of VNVDV parade participants at the plush but not overly ostentatious Green Estate on Pine Tree Drive in Alamo. Bring a salad, side dish or desert for entry.

The Parade is one of the most amazing events you - as a Viet Nam veteran can attend...

***It is the Welcome
Home you may not
have received!***

DANVILLE 4TH OF JULY

PARADE DETAILS

Parade Start 9:00 AM and ends at approximately 11:30 AM

- Shuttle bus service will be provided before and after the parade for all participants. Pre-parade pickups occur at the Sycamore Valley Road park n' ride with drop off at the parade staging areas (at the beginning of the parade route near San Ramon Valley High School).

After the parade, SHUTTLE pick-up at Sycamore Valley Rd to staging areas.

STAGING FOR VNVDV: CORNER OF RAILROAD/HARTZ AT High School.

MUSTER TIME: 0800 HRS.

UNIFORM: VNVDV WHITE POLO – WHITE TENNIS SHOES – DARK BLUE/BLACK PANTS or SHORTS & WHITE VNVDV BASEBALL CAP + Medals

PARK: WHEREVER... AT START OF PARADE OR END OF PARADE – YOUR CHOICE... BEST IS RAILROAD IF EARLY ENOUGH / NEAR THE LIVERY / NEAR THE HIGH SCHOOL

REMEMBER – STREETS WILL BE **CLOSED** RESTRICTING SOME FLOW OF TRAFFIC.



The VNVDV Plan:

AFTER PARADE: LUNA LOCA FOR A QUICK ONE - then on to the VMB for Beverage & Food with all of our Friends in the VFW & LEGION - a BBQ

THEN - off to the home of BILL GREEN'S for AFTER THE PARADE FAMILY BBQ/PICNIC—Remember to bring - Dessert/Salad or Side Dish to Share

Remember the 4th of July is MIKE WEBER'S BIRTHDAY! Buy Him One! :)

Also - SAN RAMON FIREWORKS from the Park - arrive early for parking.

Thank You to all who Supported the

WALK OF HONOR

FOR OUR

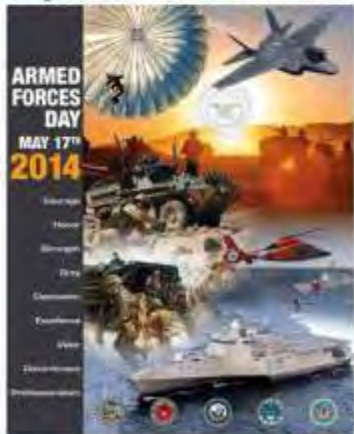


VETERANS



Phillips 66 Walk of Honor HUGE Success!

Phillips 66 "WALK of HONOR" for our Veterans



ARMED FORCES DAY MAY 17TH 2014
 MAY - May 17th - Crockett - www.SFRWalkofHonor.com



VP BILL & the PREZ Present FLAG to MARK HUGHES



Certificate for the Capitol FLAG Presented to Phillips 66



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RAY the PREZ - Mark Hughes, Phillips 66 - VP Bill Green



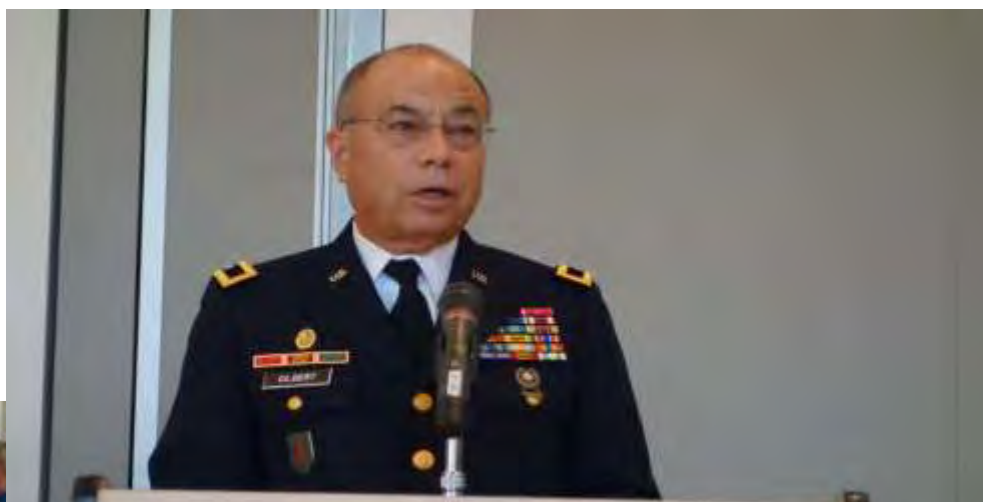
SLATTS & THE PREZ FOLD WALK OF HONOR SHIRTS



SLATTS - DAVID BEHRING - BOB SADA - DENNIS & DIANE & THE PREZ

**1st. Annual San Ramon Valley
Swearing in Ceremony**

**Sentinels of Freedom Salute San
Ramon Valley Graduates Entering
the Service**



General Bart Gilbert (Retired) provided introductory comments



VNVDV Support



Marines



Air Force



Navy



Army

What is going on with VNVDV MEMBERS...

Veteran Weekend Duck Club Retreat

Late this month—VNVDV member Bill Green opened the “Duck Club” to “GWOT” veterans for a weekend gathering providing a relaxed environment to reacquaint, share experiences and participate in activities. A significant contributor to this effort is **Phillips 66 SRF** and the **Carbon Plant** that sponsor the “Walk of Honor”. Bill Green is the Chief Cook and his 23 hour days make the event the success it is. Offering shooting, fly casting lessons, swimming, movies, campfires, game room, BBQ and this year a “hide & Seek” event for the twenty-two veterans. This was a great outdoor setting makes this is premier event for these young Veterans. Congratulations to Bill and the members of the “Duck Club”, as well as the support of Nathan Johnson and our Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office for this tremendous effort. Thanks to Mike & Chris for the Huey flight.



Thanks Bill—Director of Organizing, Purchasing, Activities, Cooking

Joe Callaway reports on his reunion with colleagues from 2/60 9th Division 1967—The 4 living original 2/60 INF BN 9th Division Vietnam platoon leaders met last week in Branson MO. Ernie Parker was my OCS roommate. Parker, Franke, Woodring and I are all that is left. Franke drove all night to make it to my wedding some 44 years ago. We all know we have little time left but also know how blessed we are to have survived 1967 and were able to enjoy our lives when so many were killed so early in life. It was a solemn event. Joe

Mike Martin reports the Speakers Bureau has presented to a total of 63,283 students throughout Northern California. Mike and **Bill Green** have a polished presentation that is informative and entertaining. They deserve a big “WELL DONE” from the VNVDV for providing this valuable service to the community.



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Welcome Home Ceremony 21 June 2014

Bryce Chilote, Sean Murphy and Adam Wetzel re- turn from Air Force assignments





VNVDV Membership Dues **Now only \$25.**

Life Membership in VNVDV **for only: \$200.00!**

Wine Tasting at Retzlaff Vineyards
1356 S. Livermore Avenue
Livermore, CA 94550

Wednesday, August 6, 2014, 5:00-8:00 PM



A portion of the \$10 Tasting Fee goes to benefit
the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley



Food pairings and live music included

VietNam Veterans Killed-in-Action from Contra Costa - **Need Photos of those fallen - *The search is on... can you Help***

The first time Janna Hoehn visited Washington, D.C., she went to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Its simple power -- a black granite wall etched with the 58,286 names of U.S. service members killed in the Vietnam War -- left her in tears.

"As you're standing there, you realize your reflection is in this wall," said Hoehn, 58. "You're in there with the soldiers. It made me cry because it's so massive, so many names."

Now she's part of a project that aims to intensify the emotional experience by adding faces to the names. The Faces Never Forgotten project has collected photos for more than 33,000 of the names on the wall, via online submissions from family and friends and through the work of volunteers directed by the nonprofit Vietnam Veterans Fund in Washington, D.C.

The project is the brainchild of Jan Scruggs, a Vietnam veteran who founded the wall. Now he seeks to build an underground education center on the Washington Mall in which to display the photos. (Photos that have been collected are displayed at www.vvmf.org/Wall-of-Faces.)

Legislation authorizing construction of the \$100 million education center was signed in 2003 by President George W. Bush. Scruggs said he has raised approximately \$15 million to date. Recently, Congress granted the project a four-year extension -- through 2017 -- to raise the additional \$85 million.

"We're talking to the right people in the corporate world," said Scruggs, an Army veteran who earned a Purple Heart in Vietnam. "We'll get it done. It will be powerful. We really want this to be done in a tasteful manner to inspire people to appreciate those who have given everything for their country."

Hoehn, a florist on the island of Maui in Hawaii, was part of the Faces Never Forgotten project before she knew it existed. Five years ago, on her visit to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, she traced a random name -- MIA Gregory Crossman -- on a piece of paper. After returning home, her curiosity piqued, she searched online for any information she could find about her mystery service member. Her cousin was able to locate a photo. "I put his picture in a scrapbook," Hoehn said, "and put the scrapbook away."

Then she heard about Faces Never Forgotten. She sent Crossman's photo to Scruggs, who wrote back asking if Hoehn would be willing to locate photos for the 42 dead or missing from her home island. She calls them the "Maui boys." "What I thought would be a simple project was not," she said. "After six months, I had them."

Hoehn then volunteered to find pictures of casualties from Riverside County, where she grew up. Now she's searching Bay Area counties. She uses a number of tools. She started tracking down the "Maui boys" with a phone book. She visited high schools, scanned microfiche in libraries and pored through yearbooks. She got the final photo by knocking on a door in her neighborhood.

Now she works remotely, scouring the Internet and asking local newspapers to write about the project. Her cousin helps, using ancestry.com. For her work in Contra Costa County, Hoehn enlisted the help of the Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley.

"I think we'll get most of the photographs," Scruggs said. "By the time we have the center built, we'll probably be in the 80 to 85 percent range. Once it's operational, and people come to see it, that's when we'll get the rest. There's probably one-half of 1 percent you can never get."

The photo Andy Holt cares most about is the one of his older brother, Raymond, who was killed in combat in the Binh Duong province of South Vietnam in 1970, two days after Christmas and 10 days after his 22nd birthday. Andy, Raymond and their three siblings grew up in Antioch.

Andy Holt, who enlisted in the Army with two buddies who were killed in Vietnam, likes the concept of Faces Never Forgotten.

"That sounds great," he said. "The men and women who served in Vietnam, and those who didn't make it back, had a (crummy) deal. It's not like our soldiers today, who come home to a warm welcome. It was just bad all the way around. This is a long time coming."

*** See the list of names for Photos Needed for Fallen VietNam Veterans from your County on website: www.VNVDV.com**

This article was written by Bay Area News Group's [Gary Peterson](http://Twitter.com/garyscribe) at 925-952-5053. Follow him at Twitter.com/garyscribe.

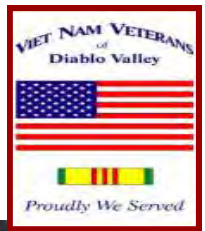
To contribute a photo—see our VNVDV website for a list of names for photos...

If you have a photo of a friend or family member who was lost in Vietnam and wish to contribute it to the Faces Never Forgotten project, email it to **Janna Hoehn** at neverforgotten2014@gmail.com.

Janna Hoehn was the VNVDV featured dinner speaker on JUNE 5th - support this volunteer project. Remember... You can help !

TAKE THE ROCK

VETERANS SWIM CHALLENGE



VNVDV announces Sponsorship of

Take the Rock II - *Veteran Swim Challenge*

Sunday - September 28, 2014

Jerry Yahiro - Event Director

Earl Conklin - Swim Director

Bob Musor - Maritime Director

VNVDV plans to Sponsor up to 75 Veteran Swimmers

We are looking for additional swimmers & support for this event. Encourage members - friends & supporters with **boats or kayaks to contact member Bob Musor to volunteer. More information monthly as plans develop. **Support our Veterans - Take the Challenge!****



Welcome to New VNVDV Members

VNVDV is pleased that so many Viet Nam Veterans have learned of our Group and chosen to join. New members allow VNVDV to expand the many Services Projects & Programs that support Veterans and the Community. Get Involved!!! THANKS for Joining!

USS HORNET HISTORY

On July 26th, the USS Hornet Museum is holding an event to commemorate the 45th anniversary of the epic Apollo 11 lunar landing mission.

The featured speaker for *Splashdown 45* will be Buzz Aldrin, one of the first two humans to walk on the moon, who will also autograph his book *Mission to Mars*.

In addition to the day-long public activities, there will also be a cocktail reception and dinner with Buzz in attendance that evening.

More information can be found at this website - www.hornetsplashdown.com

USS Hornet Museum Hosting Splashdown 45th - Sat. - JULY 25th



Open Public Community Meetings Planned

2nd Tuesdays - 6:30PM at Alameda County Fairgrounds

July 8 - at the Jockey Pavilion OR the Palm Pavilion (see website)

August 12 - at the Palm Pavilion

Website: <http://www.EastBayStandDown.org> - Check Online

SPONSOR A TENT OR BECOME A MAJOR SPONSOR OF EBSD 2014!

EBSD Dinner "Special Waiters" Fundraiser earned \$2500

East Bay Stand Down 2014 is scheduled for **September 11 to 14 - 2014**. The next public informational /coordination & planning meeting will be held, JUNE 10th at 1830 6:30PM at the Palm Pavilion, Alameda County Fair Grounds. The monthly meetings are OPEN to the public - all organizations & clubs interested in getting involved this year should attend. Schedule shown above! Your VSO— organization or group can make sponsorship donations at any of these meetings. \$500.00 for non-profit and veteran groups to sponsor and \$1000.00 for a corporate business. Major Sponsorships are still available - contact Director Jerry Yahiro for more information. Also see the "wish list" of items needed for EBSD... see if you are able to obtain these items needed. Remember we need volunteers prior to EBSD for the encampment set-up and afterwards for the tear-down of the campsite. Volunteer Registration will Open in JULY 2014. See website for details.

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Do YOU know any veterans or active-duty wanting to swim?

Don't Miss our Featured Guest Speakers Monthly

Speakers for 2014

- May 1st :** **Speaker 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 :** **Special Thanks to JUNE Speaker Janna Hoehn** - a Volunteer for the Viet Nam Memorial Fund is working on the Wall of Faces. Her mission is to have an image for every name on the Vietnam Veteran Memorial fund website and in the future Education Center to be built adjacent to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial (The Wall).
- July 3rd:** **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.

The VMB / SRV Danville



VMB Renovation Coffee Table Book

The are available now at meetings & VMB Books sell for \$45.00. All proceeds go directly to pay for the operating expenses of the Veterans portion of the Veterans Memorial Building for the San Ramon Valley

YOUR VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING in Danville

The Danville's Veteran Memorial Building is OPEN every SAT. AM from 0800 to 1100 for *free coffee & pastry... and 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

The VSO "Dunk Tank" will be in operation again during Discover Danville in August 2014. Sign up now to volunteer - See Dennis G.

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Thursday, July 17, 2014 - FREE
**The Port Chicago Disaster at 70:
A Symposium on Race and the
Military During World War II**
8:30 am to 1:30 pm
Diablo Valley College


Saturday, July 19, 2014 - FREE
**70th Anniv. Commemoration and
Tours of USS Enterprise and
USS Voyager**
10 am to 2pm
Rosie the Riveter Visitor Center

If YOU have NEWS of interest to the readers of the **INCOMING** News... Send it to us!

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News deadline each month is the 3rd Weekend of the Month - After Board Meeting

VA Introduces More Secure Health Care ID



**Your New ID Card:
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The new Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC) offers peace of mind with a personal touch.

Already have the old Veteran Identification Card? If so, VA will automatically mail you a replacement VHIC. Just make sure VA has your current address.

Cards will be mailed starting April 2014. It may take up to 3 months to replace all cards. Once you receive your new card, destroy your VIC as you would a credit card by cutting or shredding it.

If you are already enrolled but do not have a Veteran Identification Card, contact the Enrollment Coordinator at your local VA medical facility or request a new VHIC at your next VA health care appointment.

 To learn more about the VHIC, visit www.va.gov/healthbenefits/VHIC or call 1-877-222-VETS (8387).

VA  U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration

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Contact: **Thomas Corbett**, Veteran Liaison Officer

(925) 935-3311, (925) 216-4785 or

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CHECK - OUT & FOLLOW MONTHLY SOME OF OUR SUPPORTERS WEBSITES:

All **"Operation Welcome Home"** event updates can be found at: www.DiabloValleyFlagBrigade.com for upcoming events.

Visit our own VNVDV website to see more about the [VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley](http://www.VNVDV.com) at: www.VNVDV.com

Information on [All Wars Memorial](http://www.AllWarsMemorial.org) and obtaining [AWM Pavers](http://www.AllWarsMemorial.org) at Oak Hill Park - visit: www.AllWarsMemorial.org

[East Bay Stand Down](http://www.EastBayStandDown.org) monthly meetings - *Second Tuesday* - visit: www.EastBayStandDown.org for location of monthly meeting

[Marines Memorial Association / Hotel / Club in SF](http://www.MarineClub.com) - Visit their website at: www.MarineClub.com

[Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship Foundation](http://www.SentinelsofFreedom.org) - visit: www.SentinelsofFreedom.org

[Wheelchair Foundation & Wine for Wheels](http://www.WineforWheels.org) - Support our those in need of mobility - Visit: www.WineforWheels.org & see VNVDV

[Blue Star Moms #101](http://www.bluestarmoms.org) website: www.bluestarmoms.org & [Blue Star Moms #20](http://www.cbluestarmoms.org) website: www.cbluestarmoms.org

Plan to participate on [Armed Forces Day for 2014 PHILLIPS 66 "Walk of Honor"](http://SFRWalkofHonor.com) on-line soon at: <http://SFRWalkofHonor.com>

See other websites listed inside this edition of the INCOMING News

For details and information on our [new Veterans Memorial Building](http://www.srvVeteransHall.org) visit: www.srvVeteransHall.org - You can still make a **"pledge"** over a three to five year period... have your name on the donor wall and **YOU** will **"make a difference in the future"**



Special thanks to our JUNE dinner guest Speaker Janna Hoehn, Viet Nam Memorial, Faces Never Forgotten

Please Join Us the First Thursday each Month!

**You can Help the VNVDV \$\$\$
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Checks payable to the "VNVDV"**

Monthly Meeting Chef's Choice "All-you-can-eat" Buffet Dinner is \$25. members /guests

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

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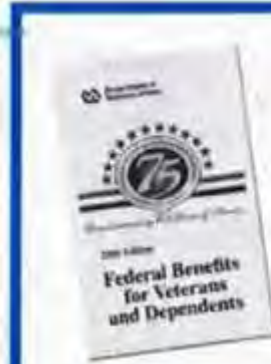
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Membership Drive... Bring a VietNam Veteran friend to our next monthly dinner!

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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Spouse / SO					
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Viet Nam Units:				
Location(s):				
Medals & Awards:				

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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 |
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| <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 2014



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

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley "INCOMING"

JULY 2014

Use Purple Heart Stamps



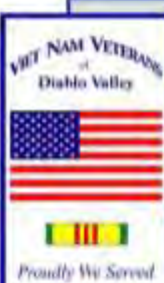
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**Visit the VNVDV Web
Often - our latest news
is online at:**



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!

**VIET NAM VETERANS
of
Diablo Valley**

MONTHLY SOCIAL DINNER MEETINGS with FEATURED GUEST SPEAKERS

1st THURSDAY of each Month - Every Month

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!

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