

# INCOMING NEWS



**MAY  
2014**



## Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

# Armed Forces Day - "Walk of Honor" for our Veterans Memorial Day - Rememberance Oak Hill Park

**Raymond  
"Ray"  
La  
Rochelle  
VNVDV  
President**  
Thanks all  
the VSOs  
for support  
of the joint  
"St. Patty"  
Corned Beef  
& Cabbage  
Dinner



### VNVDV Prez Ray's Comments:

**Greetings to our May Newsletter...**

#### **BLUE STAR MOMS GOLF TOURNAMENT -A WET SUCCESS**

Thanks to All who participated in the Color Guard for the Blue Star Moms Golf Tournament. The rain held off just long enough for us to present the Colors. Unfortunately for the golfers the rains came with a vengeance shortly afterwards but it was still a successful fundraising event.

#### **CALLING ALL MEMBERS -**

#### **2014 WALK of HONOR - SIGN UP NOW!**

Time is short and the Walk is just over 3 weeks away. If you haven't signed up yet please do so NOW. Remember, if you can't negotiate the 2 mile round trip across the bridge and back you can still enjoy the food and the program. This IS our biggest fundraiser of the year so we need maximum participation from our members.

#### **MEMORIAL DAY 2014**

#### **Remember our fallen heroes...**

Our signature event is fast approaching and plans are nearly complete for this year's program on Monday, May 26, 2014. We need volunteers starting at 8:00 AM to help set up the shade covers and chairs for the event. We will be having a cookout after the event so bring a side dish - dessert - beverage to enjoy and share after the ceremonies.

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**This Newsletter  
is also On-Line at:  
[www.VNVDV.com](http://www.VNVDV.com)**



### **Register for the Walk May 17th**

The Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley  
most important fund raiser is the  
"Walk of Honor"

**Sponsored by Phillips 66**

**Register Now**

<http://site.walkofhonor2009.com/>

### **Tad Kishi**

#### **Speaker for May 2014**

**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. *Join Us!***

**SAT Morning**

**Coffee...**

With fellow Veterans on Saturday from 8 AM until 11 AM

At the Danville Veterans Memorial Building

**Pastries too!**



This ARMED FORCES DAY - Plan to Join Us -

For the Phillips 66 Walk of Honor



In Crockett - May 17th - includes lunch & shirt  
This is a major event supporting our veterans & the  
Historic Crockett Veterans Memorial Building

Phillips 66 is the generous Host & Sponsor

Please Join us on May 17th in Crockett!

### 2014 President Ray La Rochelle

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#### WINE TASTING IN THE LIVERMORE VALLEY - AUGUST 6, 2014

A wine tasting event for the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley will be held at **Retzlaff Winery** in Livermore. Wine, appetizers and music from 5:00-8:00 PM with one-half of the \$10 tasting fee returned to the VNVDV for attending. Plan on being there... *if you're a wine lover you won't be disappointed!* In order for the winery to properly plan and staff this event we will be asking members – guests & supporters to sign up in advance so the winery will have an idea of how many people to plan on. This event is open to the public and is an opportunity to gain additional publicity for our organization.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to assist in the numerous events we have planned for this year. We need Color Guard volunteers to carry your Military Service Colors on:

**Memorial Day - May 26, 2014**


**4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade - July 4, 2014**

We need volunteers to serve on the **Veterans Day Planning Committee**. The VNVDV will again be taking the lead in chairing this event but all the local VSOs are involved in the planning. Bring your innovative ideas to this event. See **Jerry Yahiro** for details on carrying your service branch flag in the Color Guard or information on the Veterans Day planning.

**"PROUDLY WE SERVED"** and continue to serve veterans and our community.




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



SFR Rodeo Refinery and Carbon Plant

Proudly Presents the



Saturday, May 17, 2014

Crockett Community Center  
850 Pomona Street  
Crockett, CA 94525

Register on line at  
[www.SFRWalkofHonor.com](http://www.SFRWalkofHonor.com)

The Phillips 66 Refinery and Carbon Plant invite you to join with us in honoring and celebrating the service of our military veterans. The "Walk of Honor" will be a short walk across the Alfred Zampa Memorial Bridge and back. Last year's event was a huge success. More than 500 employees, contractors and local residents participated in the celebration, and together we raised in excess of \$40,000. We are working hard to surpass last year's fundraising and attendance milestones, and with your help we are sure to succeed! We promise you a fun, exciting and fulfilling day honoring the men and women who have valiantly served our nation.

Schedule of Events  
8:00 - 9:30 am - Check in at the Crockett Community Center, 850 Pomona Street, Crockett. Transportation will be provided to and from the bridge.  
10:00 am - "Walk" begins.  
11:45 am - Luncheon Ceremony. Following the "Walk" all registered participants are invited to join us for a luncheon ceremony. There will also be music and a raffle.

Many local veterans service organizations will be on hand providing information regarding their services.

100% of all contributions will be divided evenly between the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley (VNVDV) and the Crockett Community Services District (CCSD). The VNVDV is dedicated to present and former members of the Armed Forces of the United States, through the support of local community activities, which recognize the contributions and sacrifices of Veterans. The CCSD is dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the Crockett Veterans Memorial Building.

For questions, contact Mark R. Hughes, Phillips 66 Public Relations Manager at 510-245-4400.

The "WALK" is the VNVDV's Most Important Event of the Year... Funding our Programs & Projects!



**ARMED FORCES DAY - MAY 17...**

**Plan to Join Us -**

**For Phillips 66 Walk of Honor**

**Third Saturday - 17th of May 2014**

**This major event supports the VNVDV & all their Programs & Projects including EBSD + it supports the Historic Crockett Veterans Memorial Building Phillips 66 is the generous Host**

**Phillips 66 - San Francisco Refinery & Carbon Plant Honor** the Men and Women who Served Our Nation & those serving currently on **Armed Forces Day** - 3rd Saturday in May in Crockett with the **"WALK of HONOR" for our veterans!** Phillips 66 and the VNVDV invites you to join with us in honoring & celebrating the service of our military veterans on **May 17th Armed Forces Day 2014.**

Currently, the employees are organizing their **"6th Annual Phillips 66 "Walk of Honor"** a key-stone community event sponsored & hosted by **Phillips 66.** On **Saturday, May 17,** the **"Walk of Honor"** is a short walk across the *Alfred Zampa Memorial Bridge* & back - followed by an amazing BBQ luncheon. Last year's event was a huge success. More than 400 employees, contractors, sponsors & local residents participated in the celebration, together raising in excess of **\$100,000** in the past four years. **Phillips 66** event planning team is working hard help surpass last years fundraising & attendance milestones, and with your help we are sure to succeed! We promise you a fun, exciting and fulfilling morning honoring the men & women who have valiantly served our nation. This event supports our veterans - and deserves your personal support.

Once again, **Phillips 66** is partnering with *both* the **Vietnam Veterans of the Diablo Valley** (VNVDV), and the **Crockett Community Services District** (CCSD). **Phillips 66** equally di-vide **all proceeds** from the **Walk** between these two organizations. The **VNVDV** is an incredible organization comprised of community volunteers who work diligently providing support services to veterans in need, including hosting the **"East Bay Stand Down 2014"**. The volunteers of the **CCSD** have undertaken a huge public benefit challenge, leading the efforts to **re-store the Crockett Veterans Memorial Building.** We are very honored to support these two worthy causes and hope we can count on your support. Registration on-line at **Phillips 66's** website [www.SFRWalkofHonor.com](http://www.SFRWalkofHonor.com) Walkers receive a shirt - veterans information expo materials - plus an outstanding BBQ luncheon after the walk and transportation (if desired) to and from the bridge. More details on the **VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley** (VNVDV) website: [www.VNVDV.com](http://www.VNVDV.com) **Your organization can be a SPONSOR!** Join us in 2014. visit both websites - see newsletters - *Facebook & Flash*

**Coming Events - Mark your Calendar**

**Phillips 66 "Walk Of Honor" - May 17, 2014**

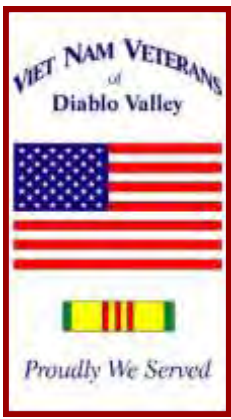
**Memorial Day - Oak Hill Park - May 26, 2014**

**Kiwanis 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade - Danville July 4, 2014**

**Veterans Day - November 11, 2014**

**"PROUDLY WE SERVED" & Continue to serve veterans & our community.**





# Memorial Day Remembrance

## Mon. May 26th

### Oak Hill Park in Danville



**Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley** are working with the *All Wars Memorial Foundation & Town of Danville* to present this year's memorable Memorial Day event.

**Plan to join us and attend**

The VNVDV will be setting-up cammo and chairs beginning at 0730 at Oak Hill Park on May 26th & after the remembrance program we will have **Our “Members & Guest Only” Family BBQ**—meat provided.

**REMEMBER**—everyone should bring a side dish—salad or dessert “with enough for their family & extra to share with others” *plus your beverage!*

Everyone is also responsible for “bringing their own favorite beverage” A Main dish—condiments and plates/silver wear will be furnished by the VNVDV Organization. Bring your own chairs or picnic blanket, Sun Screen

The Danville Community Band play at 10:30 and the Program will start at 10:30AM - Get there early to help volunteer and get a great seat.

Invite the Community to take an hour or two out of the weekend to honor **FALLEN WARRIORS** whose sacrifice made it possible for us to enjoy the freedom we have today! This is the day to remember veterans of the past.

Remember to visit the **ALL WARS MEMORIAL (AWM)** before and / or after the event... just on the other side of the lake in beautiful Oak Hill Park.

New AWM Pavers have been engraved... and a few paver locations are still available. Stop at the AWM Paver table and get an application today!

WALK OF HONOR  
FOR OUR  
VETERANS

On Armed Forces Day

SAT. - MAY 17th

"WALK of HONOR"

for our Veterans

Register On-Line Now!



Mark Hughes - Phillips 66  
Invites to "Walk of Honor"



A Major Event for the VNVDV annually  
Be a part of a very special East Bay  
community effort & join us on  
Armed Forces Day - Saturday May 17th  
in Crockett for the Phillips 66  
2014 "Walk of Honor" for our Veterans  
Website: [www.SFRWalkofHonor.com](http://www.SFRWalkofHonor.com)

Walk "In Honor" of a veteran or service member in the 2014 "Walk of Honor"

GWOT Veteran Retreat

Sponsored by VNVDV in con-  
junction with Bill Green's Private  
Duck Club - Jun 20 - 22

Saturday a special visit from the  
25th Int. Div. UH-1 HUEY Chopper  
provides some great GWOT rides.

It's a weekend of clay pigeon  
shooting, swimming, horse shoes,  
good food, bond fires, cigars  
(optional) and most of all GREAT  
CAMARADERIE with our young  
Vets. *Sponsored by the VNVDV*

The VNVDV and Diablo Valley Flag Brigade had the "tables turned" at one of our recent Operation Welcome Home events - where Capt. David Yuers presented beautiful framed flags flown in combat along with challenge coins & combat patches... after being welcomed by the SRV VSOs. VNVDV President Ray La Rochelle accepted our plaque & display it at our meeting.

Mark YOUR Calendar NOW for the  
Kiwanis July 4th Parade in Danville

*A Reminder . . . East Bay's Largest*

**MEMORIAL DAY - MAY 26**

*The Diablo Valley's Largest Veteran Remembrance*

Oak Hill Park - Stone Valley Road - Danville

Site of the **ALL WARS MEMORIAL**

The Concord Vet Center invites you to join us to honor Gold Star Families & Blue Star Moms with a

# ***Mother's Day BBQ***



***Saturday  
May 10  
12:00-3:00***



at the Concord Vet Center ~ 1333 Willow Pass Road

# **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!***

The VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley is a Proud Supporter of the ROTARY



Danville/Sycamore Valley Rotary  
Club  
Presents

**The 24th Annual  
Blackhawk Food, Wine & Film Festival**

**May 15, 2014**

**Thursday 5:30 - 8:30PM  
The Blackhawk Museum**

An Evening of Great Food, Wine & Entertainment!



Featuring Wineries from the Livermore Valley  
& the Finest Restaurants throughout  
the San Ramon Valley, great musical entertainment,  
and Silent and Live Auctions

Proceeds go to the Rotary Club of Danville/Sycamore Valley Community  
Foundation a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization in support of local  
charitable and non-profit organizations and international service  
projects.

A Private Event for the Donors of the Rotary Club of Danville/Sycamore Valley  
Community Foundation with a minimum annual donation of \$50.00 or more.

Advance Invitations Only. Information at [dchandler@leaders-inc.com](mailto:dchandler@leaders-inc.com) or call 1-925-413-5338

**VETERANS - advance invitation - contact HELEN REESE at: [HReese@sbcglobal.net](mailto:HReese@sbcglobal.net) or 925 /935-4294**

Don't miss the Blackhawk Film Festival for donors to the D/SV Rotary Foundation. Donor Invitations available!

**Donation** of **\$50.** or more per person

If you need information or would like an invitation for this outstanding annual event - Contact one of our **VNVDV** Supporters: **David Behring or Helen Reese**

This event held at the Blackhawk Museum annually features outstanding food restaurants - wineries - desserts - beverages & much more, in addition to a fun silent & live auction on Thur. May 15th

**Join Us - Support the D/SV Rotary CF.**

# Sentinels of Freedom News

## Giving Wounded Veterans A Fresh Start

General Dynamics C4 Systems was pleased to have Sentinel Wayne Waldron, former U.S. Army Captain speak at the 2014 Soldier's Network Supplier Event on March 25th. Captain Wayne Waldron is a spokesman for the Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship Foundation, which provides scholarships, mentoring, and financial assistance to severely wounded veterans.

The Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship Foundation's mission is to help these wounded heroes not only have a smooth transition back into the civilian workforce, but to achieve their full potential by providing them with life-changing opportunities.

During the presentation, Captain Waldron told his story how the Foundation approached him with a phenomenal opportunity while he recovered from losing his leg below the knee to an explosive device in Iraq in 2007.

Thanks to the Sentinels of Freedom Foundation, Captain Waldron enrolled in Georgetown University's executive MBA program while also working full time for General Dynamics' Information

Technology business unit.

Today he is CEO of Revolve

Group LLC, a Washington D.C.-based consulting firm for the acquisition and program needs of civilian clients government agencies.



**GENERAL  
DYNAMICS**

**VNVDV Supports the Sentinels of Freedom**



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## **VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley members & supporters assisting in locating missing photographs.**

The **Faces Never Forgotten** project, which endeavors to honor Vietnam War casualties in the proposed Education Center at the Wall on the National Mall, needs photos of the following service members from **Contra Costa, Alameda, Santa Clara, San Mateo and Santa Cruz counties**: VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley members & supporters assisting in locating missing photographs.

**This exhibit will be part of the National Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Fund Museum Veterans / Family & Community Members - Will you assist in the project on your own time?**

**See the *Contra Costa Times* feature by Gary Peterson in this issue & our website for all the names of fallen who require photos. Help this worthwhile effort to Honor - Remember & Pay Tribute to those Contra Costa Vietnam Vets... "Who Gave All"**

## Memories of Vietnam still alive

Leslie Pfeifer was in Sacramento recently, visiting the California Vietnam Veterans Memorial, where more than 5,000 Californians killed or missing in action are memorialized. The connection is deeper for her than most. She used to accompany soldiers to and from the Vietnam War.



**TOM BARNIDGE**  
COLUMNIST

Pfeifer, a Moraga resident, was a wide-eyed 21-year-old when she dropped out of the College of San Mateo in 1967 to become a flight attendant on military transport charters operated by Flying Tiger Line. It was the allure of world travel that caught her fancy. Only later did she grasp the magnitude of what she was witness to.

"When I signed on," she said, "I just saw it as a big adventure. I had no idea where Vietnam was. My parents said, 'You're going where? You're doing what?'"

Reality arrived like a thunderbolt with the first flight assignment, as a parade of somber faces slowly climbed

## Barnidge

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on board, the fear of the unknown reflected in their eyes.

"The majority of them were drafted, enlisted 18-year-old GIs," she said. "You could tell they didn't want to be there. They were afraid. After I talked to one of them for a while, he said, 'Here, I want you to have this.' He gave me his rosary beads.

"I wasn't a Catholic, and I told him I couldn't accept them. He said, 'No, I want you to have them. I want to leave something.' He was going to the front lines, and he just knew he wasn't coming back."

The rhythm of the transport operation never skipped a beat, Pfeifer said.

The first leg of the trip was to Anchorage, Alaska; then to Japan, Okinawa or the Philippines; and finally on to Vietnam, where soldiers who'd completed their 13-month hitch would board for the return trip.

Pfeifer worked one

week on, one week off for three years. She made more than 70 trips to Vietnam — usually landing in Da Nang — but never stayed on the ground for more than a couple of hours.

"We couldn't stay there because it was too dangerous," she said. "Da Nang is next to the demilitarized zone. When we landed during red alerts, the returning soldiers would muster on the airstrip to board. There were bullet holes in the belly of our aircraft."

The mood of soldiers going home?

"It was 100 percent different," Pfeifer said. "They were so happy and relieved. They always said they missed the same two things — cold milk and American girls. They cheered when the flight landed in the U.S."

Pfeifer developed a deep respect for those who served.

She saw some return in casts and bandages, others who had lost limbs.

She saw men whose suffering was not just physical, coming back to a nation that was largely

oblivious.

"I lived in Berkeley during those years," she said. "I'd come home to arm-bands and protests and people not even knowing the numbers of casualties. Our boys were dying by the thousands. It was such a dichotomy to come home to an ungrateful nation."

Pfeifer ended her three-year career after meeting the man who was to become her husband — she and Dave have been married 42 years — because flight attendants were not allowed to be married.

After the war, Flying Tiger found new challenges — in 1980, it surpassed Pan Am as the No. 1 air cargo carrier — and eventually was purchased by FedEx.

But the pilots and crew who transported military personnel share a bond that re-emerges every time they reunite.

Pfeifer said the experience profoundly affected their lives.

She has the rosary beads to prove it.

Contact Tom Barnidge at [tbarnidge@bayareanewsgroup.com](mailto:tbarnidge@bayareanewsgroup.com).



# An Opportunity to Leave a Legacy in the Diablo Valley...

## A book to be written about the VNVDV members & organization!



Jerry Whiting is an accomplished research author & has started the interviewing of 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 beginning with the All Wars Memorial & Memorial Day, followed by EBSD, Operation Welcome Home, Veterans Memorial Building, Speaker's Bureau, 4th of July Parades, Veteran's Day & others.

Mike Martin is the VNVDV BOD Primary Contact for coordinating Members to participate in this effort.

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

To participate - please complete the following questions and return to Jerry Whiting.

**Jerry Whiting**

925-934-5204

[EAJWWhiting@aol.com](mailto:EAJWWhiting@aol.com)

[www.jwhitingwarstories.com](http://www.jwhitingwarstories.com) \* Please e-mail the above information to Jerry Whiting

### **Veteran Pre-Interview Questionnaire**

**Full Name:**

**Address:**

**Phone number:**

**Email address:**

**Date of Birth:**

**Were you drafted or enlisted:**

**Branch of Service:**

**Date of Service entry and departure:**

**Specialized training received:**

**Dates of Service in Viet Nam:**

**Units in which you served:**

**Assignment in Viet Nam:**

**Where in Viet Nam did you serve?**

**If on a ship which ship?**

# EBSD East Bay Stand Down

## Open Public Community Meetings Planned

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

**May 13** - at the Jockey Pavilion (the other side of the grandstands)

**June 3** - at the Palm Pavilion

**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!

**East Bay Stand Down 2014** is scheduled for **September 11 to 14 - 2014**. The next public informational /coordination & planning meeting will be held, April 8th 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 as shown in photos. See EBSD website for details!



## **VNVDV announces Sponsorship of Take the Rock II - Veteran Swim Challenge Sunday - September 28, 2014**

**Earl Conklin— Swim Director**

**Bob Musor— Maritime Director**

**Planning to Sponsor up to 75 Veteran Swimmers**

# 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 26<sup>th</sup>, the USS Hornet Museum is holding an event to commemorate the 45<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.hornetsplashdown.com)**

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

FRIENDS OF PORT CHICAGO AND NPS

# THE PORT CHICAGO DISASTER

# AT 70

PORTCHICAGOMEMORIAL.ORG

JULY 17 & 19, 2014

Learn how little-known events in the Bay Area during World War II led to desegregation of the U.S. military.

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portchicagomemorial.org

Sponsored by The Burroughs Fund at  
Coastal Carolina University

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!

**Contact Editor/Publisher: "Jon" Robbins - JonathanRobbins@Hotmail.com**

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

# Don't Miss our Featured Guest Speakers Monthly

## Speakers for 2014

- April 3<sup>rd</sup>:** **Special Thanks to April Speaker John Shirley-WWII** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> :** **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 5<sup>th</sup> :** **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 3<sup>rd</sup>:** **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 Military Museum tours. Easy Training is provided ~ 3Hr shift. Contact *"Slatts"*

**Tell others about our Veteran & Military Museum!**

# East Contra Costa Career Fair

Thursday, May 22, 2014 ■ 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Pittsburg Elks Lodge, 200 Marina Blvd, Pittsburg ■ (925) 602-3996 for More Information

## To Register for This Event

>> [Go to [EventBrite.com](http://EventBrite.com) and search on *East Contra Costa Career Fair*] <<

Job Seekers should attend this event to learn about:

- Employment Opportunities
- Career Counseling and Resume Review
- Veteran Services
- On-the-Job Training (OJT)
- Educational Resources

\*Job seekers with questions - call 925-602-3996

Businesses should attend this event to learn about our no-cost services:

- Job Posting and Recruitment Events
- Training and Hiring Incentives
- Advising and Strategic Planning
- Access to Capital and Financial Planning
- Other Business Resources

\*Businesses wishing to participate—call 925-671-4944



Presented by:  
Contra Costa County  
Business Services Team



America's **Job Center**  
of California™



Bus Routes to the Event  
#387 Pittsburg BART-Tri Delta Transit Antioch  
#394 Pittsburg BART-Antioch Hillcrest Park&Ride

Priority entrance will be given to job seekers who register in advance and arrive by 9:45 a.m. on the day of the event with their pre-printed EventBrite ticket. Preregistration will end on Wednesday, May 21, 2014 at 3:00 p.m., but job seekers who have not registered can still attend.

*For More Information:*  
Contact us at 925-602-3996

(Be sure to bring copies of your resume and check for resume writing and review workshops at the Antioch,

# VA Introduces More Secure Health Care ID



## Your New ID Card: More Secure And Personal

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](http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/VHIC) or call 1-877-222-VETS (8387).

VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
Veterans Health Administration

# Enrolled Veterans will receive New ID Automatically



Saturday, June 7th

2:00 to 4:30 pm

# Wine Tasting

at Viano Winery

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Come spend the afternoon at a century-old vineyard nestled on hillsides surrounding a fertile valley where they have produced many award-winning wines. Enjoy silent and live auctions for great gifts plus a DJ playing light jazz music.

Admission \$30 per person or  
\$50 per couple if purchased before May 15th  
(after May 15th \$30 per person only)

~ includes 4 pours, appetizers, & souvenir wine glass ~

Online purchasing available at

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/ccbsm-wine-tasting-fundraiser-tickets-11221930095?aff=efbevent>

and then search for CCBSM Wine Tasting Fundraiser  
(Yes, of course checks are still very welcome!)



Contra Costa  
Blue Star Moms  
California Chapter 20  
[www.ccbluestarmoms.org](http://www.ccbluestarmoms.org)

For more information,  
contact: Shannon at  
[fundraisers@ccbluestarmoms.org](mailto:fundraisers@ccbluestarmoms.org)

must be 21 to attend



**VNVDV Proudly Supports our Blue Star Moms!**

# **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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://Twitter.com/garyscribe).**

## **To contribute a photo**

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](mailto:neverforgotten2014@gmail.com).

**Janna Hoehn is the VNVDV featured dinner speaker on JUNE 5th - *don't miss the full story on this amazing volunteer project. Remember... You can help!***

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

All **"Operation Welcome Home"** event updates can be found at: [www.DiabloValleyFlagBrigade.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.AllWarsMemorial.org)

[East Bay Stand Down](http://www.EastBayStandDown.org) monthly meetings - *Second Tuesday* - visit: [www.EastBayStandDown.org](http://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](http://www.MarineClub.com)

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

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

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

Plan to participate on [Armed Forces Day for 2014 PHILLIPS 66 "Walk of Honor"](http://www.SFRWalkofHonor.com) on-line soon at: [http://SFRWalkofHonor.com](http://www.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](http://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 APRIL dinner guest Speaker  
John Shirley 3rd Infantry Division 1944-1945

*Please Join Us the First Thursday each Month!*

**You can Help the VNVDV \$\$\$  
by Paying by CHECK or CASH at Dinners  
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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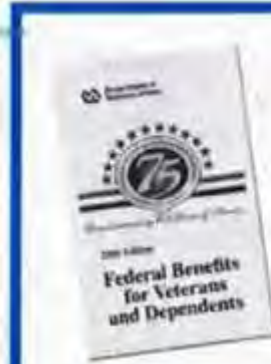
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# VA OFFERS DENTAL PLANS TO VETS



The latest edition of the **Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents** booklet is now available. It provides a comprehensive list of federal benefits available, along with a complete list of VA facilities by state.

To get your free copy, go to:

[http://www1.va.gov/opa/vadocs/current\\_benefits.asp](http://www1.va.gov/opa/vadocs/current_benefits.asp)  
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## Veterans Affairs Dental Insurance Program (VADIP)

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# Check VA's MyHealthVet or the VA online for details



Department of  
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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.



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866-600-8279  
Martinez, CA 94553

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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!**

**If you as a Veteran - have VA Health Care Benefits  
You are Covered & meet all requirements of the  
Affordable Health Care Act! Use the VA!**

## 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:

**Nathan D. Johnson**  
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Contra Costa County

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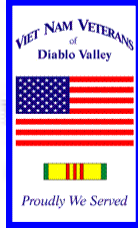
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**RAY says... get ready to join us for the Armed Forces Day "WALK of HONOR" for our Veterans on Saturday - May 17th. More details soon!**



**Phillips 66 "Walk of Honor" Armed Forces Day SAT - May 17th in Crockett**

**WALK "IN HONOR" OF A VETERAN or SERVICE MEMBER IN YOUR FAMILY**

**at "Phillips 66" "Walk of Honor" for our Veterans!**



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

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

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<b>Company:</b>			<b>Title:</b>		

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<b>Location(s):</b>				
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### 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    |
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**Please Visit our Website @ [www.VNVDV.com](http://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**

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**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](http://www.VNVDV.com) - Read our monthly newsletter "INCOMING" for our current events!**



# Operation Welcome Home

## DIABLO VALLEY FLAG BRIGADE

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

### NEVER, EVER AGAIN.

If you know of a military member that is returning home and you would like to surprise them with one of these heart-warming Welcome Home ceremonies, please contact Bryan 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](http://www.diablovalleyflagbrigade.com)

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*For Full Military Escorts - Welcome Homes, Funerals And All Veteran Events. An All Volunteer Patriotic Riding Group*

**VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley** 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](http://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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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.

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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...

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***This is part of what being a "VSO" is all about... Remember when we came home... Never Again! We Welcome Home our Troops the Right Way!***



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**To: VNVDV Members & VIPs**

**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](http://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.**

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**1st THURSDAY of each Month - Every Month**

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