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October 2014



The INCOMING

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- Holiday Dinner
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- Crab Feed Tickets onsale now at dinners
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- Nominations for 2015 VNVDV Now Open
- ♠ And more

Meet at VMB for SATURDAY Morning Veteran & Friends

Coffee...

Meet with fellow Veterans <u>every</u> Saturday from 8 AM until 11 AM at the Danville Veterans Memorial Building Pastries too! Join Us! Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

East Bay Stand Down a Success! Take the Rock Swim Challenge a Success! Veterans Day is our next Opportunity!

VNVDV Prez Ray's Notes for October

Greeting:

2014 EAST BAY STAND DOWN

Thanks to Ron Lowe, Jerry Yahiro, Mike Weber & a host of volunteers from all over the East Bay for another well run & successful event. Despite the searing heat all the volunteers maintained their enthusiasm & good cheer. WELL DONE ALL!

2014 VETERANS DAY

Jerry Yahiro, our Director of Events, is working with the VSOs wrapping up details for this event. It will again be held at the San Ramon Valley High School Performing Arts Center with doors open to the public at 10:00 AM & the formal program starting at 11:00 AM. This year's theme is "A Special Tribute to Pearl Harbor Survivors". Del Loewe will be this year's EMCEE – fitting that it be a Navy man. Plan on being there for this annual SRV event.

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VETERANS DAY 11/11
& Veterans Day Weekend
at the San Ramon Valley VMB

Veterans Day 11/11/2014 in the San Ramon Valley will honor & pay tribute to our Pearl Harbor Survivors. The program will feature a special video / slide presentation & highlight four survivors & their experience on December 7, 1941. The Veterans Memorial Building Museum will be open Nov. 9 12-4 / Nov. 10 9-4 / & Nov 11 9-4. Great new displays throughout the Veteran's Wing & military vehicle displays all three days. It is an expanded display - don't miss it!

October Guest Speaker

John Bryan - CEO of 680 Recovery in Alamo, whose company goal is to give every person the confidence to make it through a crisis situation. Their team consists of former military personnel, firefighters, policemen and women and emergency medical first-responders with over 150 years of combined experience in emergency services.

Join us on Oct. 2nd



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

2014 President Ray La Rochelle

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DOCENT VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED AT THE VMB

Do you have a few hours per month to spare? Docent shifts are only 3 hours long, (9-12 & 12-3:00). Spend some time introducing visitors to our beautifully remodeled Veterans Memorial Building. Contact Art Gaskins to get on the schedule.

CONCORD GUN CLUB FUNDRAISER SHOOT TO BENEFIT VNVDV

The Concord Gun Club is again sponsoring a skeet shoot with all proceeds to benefit the VNVDV on Saturday, October 25, 2014. The last shoot brought in over \$1000! If anyone is interested in joining me in registering shooters and taking in the cash contact me ASAP.

2015 CRAB FEED FUNDRAISER

Yes it's time to start planning on getting contributions for our Silent Auction and Raffle for this upcoming event. Tickets will be available for purchase starting at our OCT 2014 General Membership Meeting. This is the largest VNVDV sponsored fundraiser each year and we need all members to dig in and contribute to its success. If every member gets just one contribution each, it will ensure a successful event.

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

Thank you for your ongoing support... and

I look forward to seeing you at the dinner & our upcoming events.

Raymond "Ray" La Rochelle VNVDV President 2014

2015 Crab Feed Tickets Available

Our Event Chair Jerry Yahiro is getting a jump-start on our 2015 Charity CRAB FEED scheduled for SUNDAY - FEB. 1st

It is not too early... and you can NOW purchase & obtain your Crab Feed tickets at our October - Nov or Dec. Dinner Meetings. See our VNVDV Treasurer Mike "SLATTS" Slattengren to purchase your tickets for this annual sell-out event.

The 11th "Super Sunday" Crab Feed tickets are same as last year - only \$40.

This is the time to encourage friends & neighbors to get a group together and purchase tickets. Tables of 8 and you will need a ticket to attend. They will go fast again since we limit our sales to 160 total... providing space & comfort for our guests. We will again have a nohost beverage service - door prizes - a Super Raffle & our Amazing Silent Auction. We are again requesting members & supporters to assist with obtaining donation items for our Silent Auction. Start now getting - business gift certificates! Remember to purchase your tickets at our dinner for the best Crab Feed Dinner in the Diablo Valley. Contact Slatts.

EBSD Thanks our VNVDV Members

EBSD Logistics Director Mike Weber put out a special call for a Work Party to take trucks to Dixon for pick-up of the Large Tents / Poles & very heavy kitchen oven equipment needed for our EBSD. The first to volunteer were STEVE MAZAIKA & DENNIS PETERSEN... and joining them immediately after the notice were DENNIS GIACOVELLI & BILL LAVIGNE. This was a big job with four very dedicated VNVDV members answering the call. Many Thanks for their personal efforts on behalf of East Bay Stand Down.

TAKE THE ROCK

.VETERANS SWIM CHALLENGE.





VNVDV Events, Programs & Functions scheduled 2014

Presented by the Veterans Employment Committee of Contra Costa County

VETJAM 2014 with HOT FOR TEACHER and Crossfire – A Tribute to Stevie Ray Vaughn

The 2nd annual VETJAM concert features classic rock and Texas blues by Hot for Teacher and Alan Iglesias. Hot for Teacher entertains with the grooving and unforgettable music of Van Halen and Alan Iglesias presents Stevie Ray Vaughn at his best, with his signature sound, guitars, and attitude! Tickets are ONLY \$10 and are available at the Theatre Box Office and online. Performances)): **Saturday, November 8, 2014 at 5pm** All Tickets are \$10 - Purchase Tickets - 925-706-4831, 925-516-0672

Brad A Yoder, MPA

Disabled Veterans Outreach Program Specialist Employment Development Department - Workforce Services Division

Official Notice: President selects Past Presidents Del Loewe - Rich Lambert & Mike Weber as the 2015 VNVDV Nomination Committee to identify members who want to get more involved & serve on the 2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Interested members contact Del Loewe, Rich Lambert or Mike Weber at the October Dinner Meeting. BOD Meetings once a month on 3rd Thursday at the Veterans Memorial Building in Danville. Attend OCT BOD if interested in running for Office at NOV. Dinner Meeting.



Please Plan ahead - TESORO GOLDEN EAGLE REFINERY has generously agreed to continue their support of OPERATION SANTA CLAUS for 2014. VNVDV members are asked to participate by bringing a "New Un-Wrapped Toy" to the Dec 4th Holiday Dinner. The goal is to collect toys (\$15-\$20) for both male and female children of all ages, including teens.

The toys will be distributed to children of specially invited military families, including U.S. Coast Guard, Gold Star Families, Reserve/National Guard families and GWOT families... selected & invited by their Command. Shop now for your gift!

Our Annual Holiday Dinner - a sit-down & served meal - planned with a fun-filled evening of holiday music - great food - good friends + recognition including the: Gary Villalba Dedicated Veteran Service Award & other presentations + a great evening of fun! *Everyone is Invited...* Open invitation - so please JOIN US for our year-end Gala Event! Social Hour begins at 1700 with dinner following after 1800 at *Crow Canyon Country Club* in San Ramon. \$40. per person *RESERVATIONS REQUIRED IN ADVANCE!* Please RSVP your Reservations Now - Notify Treasurer "SLATTS"

EAST BAY STAND DOWN a SUCCESS - and PROVIDED

ASSISTANCE TO MANY VETERANS with our THANKS to ALL the Volunteers - Military Personnel & Supporters







Boy Scout Christopher Behring leads a team of Scouts at East Bay Stand Down interviewing veterans for the Library of Congress "Veteran History Project"



VOLUNTEERS

Boy Scout Christopher Behring designed an amazing Eagle Scout Project he led at this years East Bay Stand Down - and became a Major Sponsor through his efforts. Chis conducted a multiple approach to helping veterans - first by raising more than enough funds to purchase all the sleeping bags for the EBSD homeless veterans & distributing them on-site. His dedication to his project, at the age of 16 - paid-off for EBSD with Chris becoming a Major Sponsor raising over \$12,000 for the event. This was the largest personal donation to EBSD. Congratulations to Boy Scout Chris Behring.

In addition, Chris's outstanding project allowed his additional funds to purchase a special event color photo printer to help veterans reconnect with a photograph in a letter to family. This was used as part of an **EBSD Photo Booth** taking **photos** of participating displaced vet-

erans during the four-day encampment. The major portion of Chris's project was working on-site leading his team of Scouts setting-up two video studios to conduct interviews for the Library of Congress "Veteran History Project." The goal was to conduct 30-minute video interviews of twelve veterans - with Chris & his team interviewing a total of 18 veterans for 30 minutes each. He is now preparing with all the necessary paperwork & documentation to be sent back to the **Library of Congress** with the videos as part of a permanent collection in the "Veterans History Project." this multi-faced project is nothing short of amazing! His fund raising has also allowed additional funds to be carried-over to the next EBSD according to Executive Director Jerry Yahiro. East Bay Stand Down 2014 is honored to have Chris Behring as a volunteer & major sponsor... and we Salute his efforts. Congratulations again Chris - an outstanding job!



VNVDV supports the Wheelchair Foundation



Wheelchair Foundation - providing freedom of mobility to those in need. For Information on **Wine for Wheels** events or to Purchase Tickets live call Jeff Behring - (925) 648-3829 or E-mail Jeffbehring@wineforwheels.org Non profit ID #94-3353881

The VNVDV has made three trips to VietNam to distribute new wheelchairs!



PREZ "RAY" announced it is time to begin obtaining donations in advance for our Annual 2015 "Super Sunday" Crab Feed.

Some of our VNVDV members do not need a reminder to start early on donations for our Annual "Super Sunday" Crab Feed!

Danville's Veteran Memorial
Building OPEN Veterans Day
weekend (SUN-MON-TUES)
& weekdays for public visitors. Member Bob Sada request members interested in
volunteering this weekend - a
few hours as a Docent for our
Historical Military Museum
in our new Veterans Memorial Building for the San Ramon Valley to contact him
this month.

Interested? Contact VNVDV Member Bob Sada for details / training - hours. Stop & visit the military displays.

Thank You to the Town of Danville
& staff for their support of our
SRV Veterans Memorial Building

during our Discover Danville event this summer!

Thank You to Monte Vista High School for "Honoring our Veterans" at your annual Football Game!

Danville Veterans Memorial Building will be OPEN Veteran's Day weekend with special historical & military displays!



Thank You to Phillips 66
for enabling the VNVDV
to have the funds to support
East Bay Stand Down
Duck Club Retreat for GWOT
Take The Rock Swim
& more... THANKSI

Outstanding Featured Guest Speakers Monthly

September 4th: Thanks to September Speaker Frank Jordan is very passionate and extremely

knowledgeable about World War I. He leads yearly battlefield tours of the old Western Front in France and Belgium. This May, Frank lead a tour to commemorate the centennial of the start of the "Great War". Frank will be reporting on this trip as well as enhanc-

ing our knowledge of World War I.

October 2nd: John Bryan - CEO of 680 Recovery in Alamo, whose company goal is to give every per-

son the confidence to make it through a crisis situation. Their team consists of former military personnel, firefighters, policemen and women and emergency medical first-

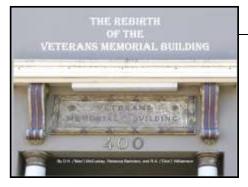
responders with over 150 years of combined experience in emergency services.

November 6th: Mony Nop- was born in Battambang, Cambodia in 1972 during the Pol Pot regime and

the reign of terror by the Khmer Rouge. His story traces his walk from Cambodia to Thailand at the age of 6, his 4 year stay in various refugee camps and his escape to the United States in 1983. He will also share his experiences of hardship and determination to suc-

ceed in this country.

The VMB / SRV Renovation Book



VMB Renovation Coffee Table Book Reduced Price Special Available Vet Day Weekend

Books sell for \$45.. & now reduced to \$35.00
All proceeds go directly to pay for the operating expenses of the Veterans portion of the VMB 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... a 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 - enjoy the outdoor patio porch - see the museum displays - bring a friend or fellow veteran.

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!

Special Displays on Veterans Day Weekend a three-day Open House to share Military History. Join Us.



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Honorable Edwin M. Lee Mayor, City & County of San Francisco

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Committee for Commissioning USS AMERICA (LHA 6)

April 2014

Dear Navy and Marine Corps Supporters,

USS America (LHA-6) will be commissioned in San Francisco in early October 2014. She will be the fourth U.S. Navy vessel named after our country and will showcase the strength, resolve and commitment of our great nation.

The America Class LHAs will replace the LHA-1, Tarawa Class of amphibious assault ships, and will have the flexibility to operate in the traditional role as the flagship for an Expeditionary Strike Group. She is characterized as an aviation-centric amphibious assault ship designed to accommodate the next generation of Marine Corps aircraft, the MV-22 Osprey and the F-35B (VTOL) Joint Strike Fighter across the full spectrum of military operations. These amphibious warships are uniquely designed to support the U.S. Marines' Aviation Combat Element (ACE) philosophy including assault from the sea against defended positions ashore and Sea Control Air operations using enhanced numbers of strike fighters. The air assault role is optimized for conducting larger air assault operations from much further out, allowing the Ground Combat Element (GCE) to arrive on scene more quickly and the Americaclass ship to be better protected from its station farther out to sea.

We are asking you to be part of something special. The Department of the Navy has asked that a committee be established to sponsor the commissioning of this new amphibious assault ship. Our sponsorship responsibility includes raising a significant amount of funding. The Department of the Navy, the ship and its crew are counting on us to make this commissioning a success.

Your attendance will help assure that success. Your dollars will support the time-honored and traditional events associated with a ship's commissioning that the Department of the Navy is not allowed to fund. Your donations will create and sustain the crew's morale, welfare and recreation fund. When AMERICA sails off to join the fleet we want the crew to know that they are supported and valued by all Americans.

BE PART OF THIS IMPORTANT EVENT! Take an ownership interest in the first day of the life of the USS America by providing financial support. Please see the enclosure for details. All donations are appreciated, are tax-deductible and will be listed in the donor's brochure. Your financial donation will help make this happen.

Please send your contribution today. Do your part to make the USS America the newest and finest ship in the fleet.

Thank you in advance for your generous contribution.

Semper Fidelis,

Thomas F. Brown III Rear Admiral USN (Ret.)

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Chair, Commissioning Committee

Allan F.P. Cruz Colonel USMC (Ret.) Chair, Marine Liaison

Participate in the Commissioning During Fleet Week OCT. 11

Donate to be a "Plank Owner" of

USS AMERICA



USS AMERICA (LHA 6) after her launch, June 4, 2012

Builder: Huntington Ingalls Industries Sponsor: Lynne Pace Launched: 4 June 2012 Christened: 20 October 2012

Commissioning (planned): early October 2014 in San Francisco, California

General Characteristics

Class & type: America class amphibious assault ship

Displacement: Approx. 45,000 long tons (45,700 metric tons) full load

Length: 844 feet (257.3 meters)

Beam: 106 feet (32.3 meters)

Propulsion: Two marine gas turbines, two shafts, 70,000 total brake horsepower,

two 5,000 horsepower auxiliary propulsion motors

Speed: 20+ knots (37+ km/h)

Complement: 65 officers, 994 enlisted, 1,687 Marines (plus 184 surge)

Sensors and processing systems: AN/SPQ-9B fire control; AN/SPS-48E air search radar

Electronic warfare & decoys: AN/SLQ-32B(V)2; 2×Mk53 NULKA decoy launchers

Armament: 2× Rolling Airframe Missile launchers; 2× Evolved Sea Sparrow Missile launchers;

2× 20 mm Phalanx CIWS mounts; 7× twin .50 BMG machine guns

Aircraft carried: MV-22B Osprey, F-35B Lightning II, CH-53K Super Stallion; UH-1Y Venom;

AH-1Z Viper; MH-60S Seahawk

Ship's Crest & Motto:



"PREPARED IN WAR OR IN PEACE"

SF FLEET WEEK

"BELLO VEL PACE PARATUS"

ALL SERVICE WOMEN VETERAN'S LUNCHEON

2014

ALL SERVICE WOMEN VETERAN'S LUNCHEON

San Ramon Marriott 2600 Bishop Drive, San Ramon

> NOVEMBER 1, 2014 1130 AM ~ 3 PM

~Educational Opportunities for Service Members and Veterans.~

Come join your sister veterans and currently serving service women For Northern California's 29th Annual Luncheon Celebrate our past

Honor those who have gone before us
Find out what is available to women veterans today

Looking into the future

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\$36 PER PERSON

MAKE CHECKS OUT TO
Jo Lawrence
Note ASWVI 2014 on memo line
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140 Ghormley Ave., Oakland, CA 94603

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE IN NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 24TH

Sorry, NO REFUNDS AFTER OCTOBER 27TH

BRING A RIFFLE PRIZE!

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR
TO VOLUNTEER TO ASSIST AT THE CHECK-IN TABLE,
SELLING RAFFLE TICKETS, ETC, CONTACT

JO LAWRENCE AT 510-568-6076 / jall 40@aol.com FEEL FREE TO SHARE THIS WITH SISTER VETERANS

ALL SERVICE WOMEN VETERAN'S LUNCHEON

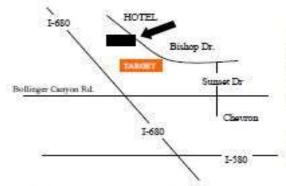
San Ramon Marriott, 2600 Bishop Drive, San Ramon, CA 94583
Discounted Flat Fee Parking of \$3,00 per vehicle

Key Note speaker, LtCol Jannett N. Jackson, USAF, ret.



Dr. Jackson received her doctorate in Educational Administration at The University of Texas at Austin, and holds a Master's in Education emphasis in Curriculum and Instruction and a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies from California State University, Fresno.

Dr. Jackson is the newly appointed Chancellor of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District. She served as President of College of Alameda (COA) Peralta Community College District. Prior to her presidency, Dr. Jackson was Vice President of Instruction at COA, and an Instructional Dean, at Fresno City College.



DIRECTIONS

From Sacramento: Exit I-80 at Cordelia onto I-680 South. Continue over Martinez Bridge toward San Jose. Exit at San Ramon Bollinger Canyon Rd. Go over the freeway and at the first light, turn left onto Sunset Dr. Turn Left at Bishop Dr. Hotel is just past the Target store on the left side of the street. We encourage car pooling.

Flat Fee Parking of \$3.00 per vehicle. From Oakland and San Jose:

I-680 North, exit Bollinger Canyon Rd. Turn Right off exit ramp. Follow the above directions to Hotel

Please clip reservation form and return it promptly. Please there with all service women you know, even if you THDNK they might have gotten this flyer—they may not have. In order to keep the costiperson as low as possible, you will note a change in the mean choices. In order to keep cost at a minimum, it is important to have valid e-mail addresses—please print clearly. If you know of someone who has passed away please tall or

PLEASE NOTE: NO REFUNDS AFTER OCTOBER 27. By that time, all the meals will have been ordered and need to be paid for.

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ALL SERVICE WOMEN

VETERAN'S LUNCHEON

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NOVEMBER 1, 2014 11:30 AM ~ 3 PM

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For Northern California's 29th
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Celebrate our past
Honor those who have gone before us

Find out what is available to women veterans today Looking into the future

See attached flyer for Luncheon Reservation Information

Job & Resource Fair - OCT. 22nd - Concord Hilton

About the Event

This Honor a Hero, Hire a Vet[®] event was established to share knowledge and provide services to veterans.

Participating Organizations:

- Employment Development Department
- California Conservation Corps
- · Pacific Gas & Electric Company
- Customs and Border Protection
- Apprenticeship, Standards and Industrial Relations
- Tesla
- · CalTrans
- Shell
- AC Transit
- · Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
- Safeway
- . Bay Ship & Yacht
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EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

EDO, an equal opportunity employee/program, is a partner in this recent. Assolitary arith and services, are available upon request in individuals with disabilities. Requests for services, aids, and/or alternate formats need to be made prior to the events by calling BOO-713-2922 poices. TTV users, phone call the California Bollay Services at 711.

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Wednesday October 22, 2014 Concord, CA

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A job and resource fair for Veterans, National Guard, and Reservists returning from active duty.

October 22, 2014

Concord, CA

WANTED:

Businesses that have job openings in Contra Costa, Alameda and surrounding counties.

If you are looking for job candidates who are trained, educated, and have leadership skills, it makes sense to hire a vet. Veterans have the skills that will immediately add value to your business.

- Meet candidates face-to-face
- Showcase your business
- Advertise open positions
- No fees to participants

Community organizations and service providers are invited to join other federal, state, local, and private organizations to highlight their services at the job fair.

For additional information, please contact

Shawn Hansen at 925-602-0115 Dan Kennerk at 510-794-3681 Registration Form - Register by Friday, September 5, 2014

Shawn Hansen
Employment Development Department
A071 Port Chicago Hwy, Ste 250
Concord, CA 94520
925-602-3981

Tables and chain am available for two participants. Please let us know if you mend accommodations by a large, free-stanting display. Please bring your own signs and table decurations. Advance registration is required. Send or fax your completed registration to:

in partnership with the Employment Development
Department, California Community Coleges, California
Department of Veterans Affairs, California Labor
and Workforce Development Agency, Department of
Industrial Relations-Apprenticeship Standards, Local
VEC, Local EAD, One-Biop Center, and versions federal,
state, local, and private organizations within Contra
Costs and Alamada Counties.

VETERAN VOICES - SENTINELS OF FREEDOM







Contra Costa Television (CCTV) **"VETERAN VOICES"** and on Monday evening Sep. 15, Sentinels of Freedom Director Mike Conklin outlined the program for host Nathan Johnson on the CCC Veterans Voices television show. The theme was "Caregivers".

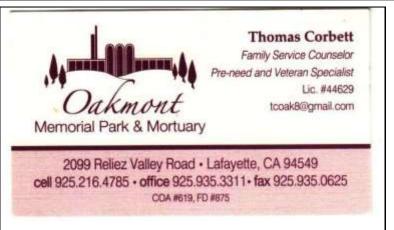
SOF originally started in 1998 to honor local valley residents entering Military Service and it expanded after September 2001. The Sentinels of Freedom "Get Ready" program responded to all Military Branches in the Global War on Terror. Wounded/injured service members were invited to participate in a specially designed program that fits a custom package of recommendations to promote the goals of the individual. Motivation and attitude contribute greatly to the success of a four year walk that achieves the educational and physical objectives the individual Sentinel.

Mike Conklin discussed the tremendous response from Communities where Sentinel Programs are located. Rotary Clubs, Businesses and local resources are fitted to the Sentinel requirements. The result is a network that services that support the Sentinel till success is achieved.

The Veteran steps into the Circle of Help and builds trust and self-motivation the allow him to "Get to the Objective" Currently there are 160 Sentinels receiving direction, assistance, education, trade skills and job placement, whatever it takes.

VNVDV support Sentinels of Freedom

A reminder ... the VNVDV is a local, grass-roots non-profit Veterans Service Organization and is Non-Political (part of our non-profit status). Please refrain from "politics" of any kind at dinners.











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

artinez, CA 94553 Fax: (925) 372-2804

FLU IS CAUSING SERIOUS ILLNESS & DEATHI
Please visit one of our VA Clinics in Martinez

- Oakland or other locations now to obtain your FLU shot - available to all Veteransi Don't Walti

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.

Watch a New TV Show "VETERAN VOICES" on CCTV

Featuring Nathan Johnson - our Contra Costa County Veteran Service Officer & Guests

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 <u>all</u> of your VA paperwork completed - by a qualified, experienced service rep. & this service is for all veterans <u>FREE</u> & available M - F in Martinez & on Wednesdays in Danville 10-2

Veterans Benefits Contact:

Nathan D. Johnson

Veterans Service Officer

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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 at: www.VNVDV.com

Information on All Wars Memorial and obtaining AWM Pavers at Oak Hill Park - visit: www.AllWarsMemorial.org

Marines Memorial Association / Hotel / Club in SF - Visit their website at: www.MarineClub.com

Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship Foundation - visit: www.SentinelsofFreedom.org

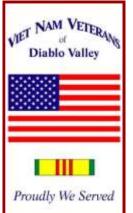
Wheelchair Foundation & Wine for Wheels - Support our those in need of mobility - Visit: www.WineforWheels.org & see VNVDV Blue Star Moms #101 website: www.bluestarmoms.org & Blue Star Moms #20 website: www.ccbluestarmoms.org



Thank You to all Volunteers - Coaches - Swimmers & Boaters for their outstanding support of "Take the Rock" - Veteran Swim Challenge for our Active-Duty Military & Veterans See other websites listed inside this edition of the INCOMING News & on our website.

For details and information on our new Veterans Memorial Building visit: www.srvVeteransHall.org

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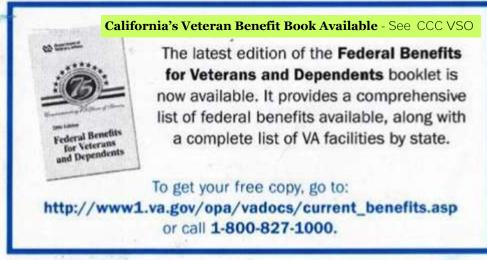
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The VA Northern California Health Care System operating Mare Island - Oakland & Martinez - Fairfield
are providing Outstanding VA Health Care.

FLU SHOTS available starting this month - October at VA Mtz Drop-in with your VA Health Card ID & get your Flu Shot

We THANK the VA Northern California Health Care System for their solid support & efforts at EBSD 2014

Pleasanton Veterans Day Parade - SUN - Nov. 2nd Military Service Branch Color Team Needed - See Jerry Yahiro

San Ramon Valley Joint Military Color Team Volunteers for NOV. 11th Veterans Day - Contact Jerry Yahiro

Please obtain "DONATIONS" for our 2015 Crab Feed NOW!

START SHOPPING THE TOY SALES FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS DINNER TOY DONATIONS!

Support our Military Families & Veterans less fortunate during the Holidays.





The Parade of Navy Ships will once again make it's way under the Golden Gate Bridge. This special event will be on Friday at 11:00am.

Ship Tours are FREE on a 1st come 1st served basis.

October 8th & 9th 1pm-4pm - USS America

Saturday October 11th 9:00am - 4:00pm

USS Chosin, and USS Kidd: Pier 35 South

USCGC Active Pier 35 North HMCS Calgary: Pier 15/17

HMCS Yellowknife and HMCS Brandon: Pier 19 MV Cape Horn(AKR-5068) Pier 50 (10:30am-

4:00pm)

Sunday October 12th 9:00am - 4:00pm

USS America: Piers 30-32 (10am-4pm) USS Chosin, and USS Kidd: Pier 35 South

USCGC Active Pier 35 North

HMCS Calgary: Piers 15-17 (9am-noon)

HMCS Yellowknife and HMCS Brandon: Pier 19

Monday October 13th 9:00am - 4:00pm

Ship Tours

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USS Chosin (9:00-12:00 Monday)

USS Kidd: Pier 35 South USCGC Active Pier 35 North HMCS Calgary: Piers 15-17

HMCS Yellowknife and HMCS Brandon: Pier 19





Wednesday October 8th

Art Exhibit 10:30am - 5:00pm The Cannery Ships Tours 1:00pm - 4:00pm See Navy Ships page Thursday October 9th

Art Exhibit 10:30am - 5:00pm The Cannery Blue Angels Arrival & Practice 12:00pm - 5:00pm Ships Tours 1:00pm - 4:00pm See Navy Ships page 32nd Street Brass Band 1:00pm - 2:00pm Pier 39 Friday October 10th

Art Exhibit 10:30am - 5:00pm The Cannery USMC Band Performance 11:00am Pier 39 Parade of Ships 11:00am Northern Waterfront

Air Show Rehearsal 12:30 - 4:00pm (Blue Angels from 3pm - 4pm) Veterans War Memorial Dedication and Reception 3:00pm Van Ness Ave

The Destroyers Band Performance 4:00pm Pier 39

Saturday October 11th

Ships Tours 9:00 - 4:00pm See Navy Ships page Humanitarian Village 10:00am - 5:00pm Marina Green

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Blue Angel Meet & Greet 6:15pm - Pier 39

Pier 39 Fireworks 8:30pm Sunday October 12th

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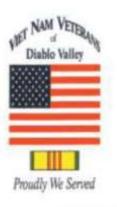
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Beginning November 2014, www.fleetweek.us will merge with www.fleetweeksf.org check out the new site today!

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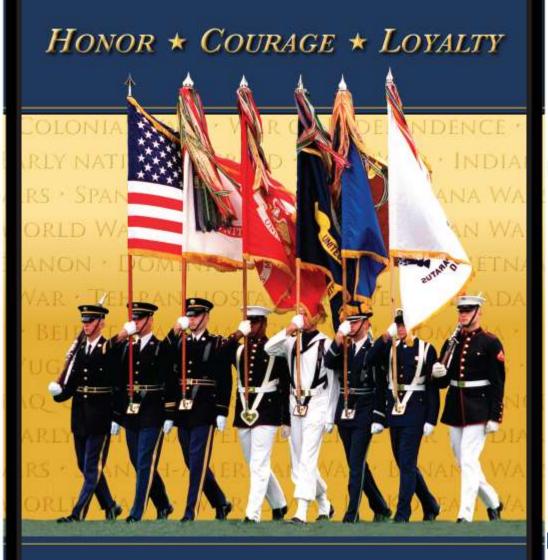


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VNVDV SPEAKER'S BUREAU BACK IN THE SCHOOL YEAR!

Important notice... If you know teachers who would be interested in the assistance of our VNVDV Speaker's Bureau as the <u>new school term starts...</u> please let them know of our outstanding history & educational program - available to all schools & grade levels. *As a member...* Take time to find out more about this program and others - helping join in and being an active part of our group. Contact Mike Martin at (925) 820-1401 or Bill Green (925) 820-5918 regarding personal school contacts for the 2013-2014 school term.

The **VNVDV Speaker's Bureau** finished an outstanding 2013 - 2014 school term & well *surpassed 60,000* school students reached through our popular supplementary history education program. report to the membership and our Diablo Valley community they have shared this valuable history of our nation at war during the VietNam period with *school children*! The VNVDV Speaker's Bureau is Chaired by Mike Martin - Director of Speakers and Bill Green - who is a member of the Board of Directors and uses the VNVDV membership to assist in the presentations to school children ranging from elementary schools through college, although the primary audience is high school history classes in the Contra Costa and Alameda County school districts.

The **VNVDV Speaker's Bureau** was recognized by the state's California Department of Education as a community leader in sharing Viet Nam history education with Diablo Valley school teachers and students. <u>CONGRATULATIONS to both Mike and Bill as their enter a new year of speaker leadership</u>. Also thanks to all the members who volunteered hours and days to help students learn history first hand from those who proudly served and were there! A special thanks to the Vietnam Helicopters for their ongoing support! We encourage our new members to find out more about the many varied activities the VNVDV is involved.

County VSO Outstation in Danville every Wednesday

Danville Outstation - 400 Hartz Ave. Open *every* Wednesday from 10am to 2pm. Your appointments may be scheduled by calling (925) 313-1481

VNVDV Membership Dues... only \$25. year! Life - \$200.

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OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION TO ALL VNVDV MEMBERS

VNVDV President Ray La Rochelle is required by our VNVDV By-Laws to appointed a Past President to Chair the 2015 Nominations & Election Committee. <u>To ALL VNVDV Members</u>: <u>Nominations for all positions are Open</u>. The Election of Officers & Directors for 2015 will be conducted at our "ANNUAL MEETING" as by-laws direct on the first Thursday of November 6th @ 1800 at Crow Canyon Country Club in Danville. Del Loewe—Richard Lambert & Mike Weber have been appointed as the three members of this Committee. If you are interested in finding out more about any of the positions and running for a position on the 2015 Board of Directors - please contact one of these three past Presidents for more information. The election/vote is in November.





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The VietNam 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.

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