



INCOMING NEWS



April
2015

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

"Proudly We Served"



REGISTER for MAY 16 - WALK of HONOR

Corned Beef Cabbage Fund Raiser Huge Success & Coming Events!

CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE FEAST!

The Veterans Memorial Building fundraiser exceeded expectations in every way - Great Food and a really successful Silent & Live Auction and Raffle. Jerry Yahiro - Slatts & team headed up the kitchen crew. You know it's good when they were even getting compliments on the cabbage! Dianne Giacovelli did a super job organizing all of the donations & the presentation was excellent. Thanks to Dennis Giacovelli & Lee Halverson with the support of all the committee members for planning & executing another great event. Funds raised will allow the Operating Committee to pay for the veterans expenses for operations of the veteran wing for the coming year.

WALK OF HONOR 2015

We're still looking for additional registrations to participate in the Phillips 66 7th annual Walk of Honor on Armed Forces Day - Saturday May 16, 2015. The web-site is up & running so sign up and walk to honor your favorite veteran or service member. Whether you can physically do the walk or not please register & attend the luncheon, the food is always great and it is a grand party so come on out!

MEMORIAL DAY – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.

Our Flagship event is coming up fast & we need volunteers to serve on the committee, carry flags & help with set-up/teardown. See me or Jerry Yahiro if you want to help out. This is our 24th annual Memorial Day Ceremonies event at Oak Hill Park in Danville scheduled on May 25, 2015. We have a great speaker lined up & the Danville Community Band to provide music for the event.

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

Raymond F. La Rochelle

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President - Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley



Welcome March 2015 Speaker
Ruth Mary Torres - *"Rosie the Riveter"*
served as a welder at Moore's Shipyard in Oakland during WWII. *This is one speaker you will not want to miss!*



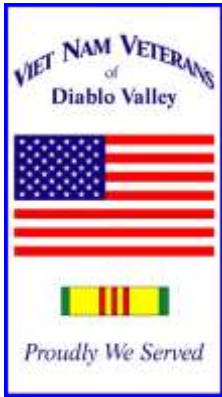
Armed Forces Day
WALK of HONOR
May 16, 2014
Phillips 66
WALK of HONOR
Be a
"Tribute" Walker!
Crockett, CA

Raymond "Ray" La Rochelle VNVDP President 2015 Offers Congratulations to the VSO and friends for the success of the Corn Beef and Cabbage dinner Fund Raiser that achieved great results through the efforts of many!

A Reminder . . . East Bay's Largest MEMORIAL DAY - Monday MAY 25 The Diablo Valley's Largest Veteran Remembrance Oak Hill Park - Stone Valley Road Town of Danville Site of the beautiful ALL WARS MEMORIAL



2015 President Ray La Rochelle



May 16 Walk of Honor

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 16th Armed Forces Day 2015. Currently, the employees are organizing their **"7th Annual Phillips 66 "Walk of Honor"** a key-stone community event in Crockett sponsored & hosted by **Phillips 66**. On **Saturday, May 16**, 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. **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 & fulfilling morning honoring the men & women who currently serve our nations and all those who have valiantly served our nation. This event supports our veterans! 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 divide 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"**. 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 is OPEN at: <http://site.walkofhonor2009.com/Success.html> - and Sponsorships are available** - see the 2015 **WALK of HONOR** website for event details and full schedule at: **www.SFRWalkofHonor.com** and contact Aimee Lohr at Phillips 66 to sponsor. Please join us in 2015. Watch for updates on our website - in our newsletters - *Facebook & Flash* news!

To Do List...

EVENTS YOU SHOULD ATTEND

VMB Veterans Coffee
Visit VMB Museum
Every Saturday - 8-11AM

See our County Veteran
Service Officer
By Appt. Every Wed 10AM-3PM

DISV Rotary *Blackhawk
Film Festival & Spirit of
the Old West Exhibit*
Thurs. - MAY 7th - Danville

Phillips 66 - Walk of Honor
Armed Forces Day
MAY 16th - Crockett

Memorial Day
Oak Hill Park
MAY 25th - Danville

Wheelchair Foundation 15th
Anniversary Gala - June 13th

4th of July Parade VNVDV
Flag Distribution - Danville



"Corn Beef Cabbage" VSO Fund Raiser - Pictures Record the Success



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On Saturday - April 11th, The DELTA VETERANS GROUP would like to tell our Vietnam Veterans WELCOME HOME and THANK YOU!

We are having a BBQ at the Antioch Historical society museum in Antioch, CA.
Please see our Appreciation BBQ Information Poster below - in this edition of the VNVDV Incoming newsletter.

Colors will be posted at 11:30 followed by remarks and Food will be served at Noon.

This is a fundraiser to support the "2015 Stand Down on the Delta" event - a Homeless Veteran Stand Down program at the CCC FAIRGROUNDS - September 11 - 14, 2015.

Please help share the news about this special Vietnam Veteran Appreciation BBQ - and also pass the word about the 2015 Stand Down on the Delta this fall and our effort to help end veteran homelessness.

Thank you for your continued support of our local veterans' community.

J.R. Wilson - President / CEO - Delta Veterans Group - www.deltaveteransgroup.org



"IT'S ABOUT THE VETERAN."



DELTA VETERANS GROUP TO SUPPORT:

"STANDDOWN ON THE DELTA 2015"

September 11-14, 2015 CCC FAIRGROUNDS

VIETNAM VETERAN APPRECIATION BBQ

BBQ

• Color Guard performed by:
American Legion Post 161



Sponsor VFW Post 6435



• Guest Speaker:
John Amie, Vietnam Veteran



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April 11, 2015 11:30AM - 3pm - Antioch Historical Society
1500 West 4th Street, Antioch, CA 94509

With an emphasis on the families of Veterans so, bring the family.

Free tours of the historical building (must see)

\$20.00 At the Event

\$15.00 Pre-Paid

\$45.00 Families of (4)

\$40.00 Pre-Paid

• Pick up pre-paid tickets at
Antioch VFW

815 Fulton Shipyard Rd

Modern Era Veterans' BBQ



**Saturday
April 18
2015**

**3-6 pm
Veterans
Only**

There are quite a few Southwest Asia veterans in this area who have served in Iraq, Afghanistan, Desert Storm and the Global War on Terror.

Check out your building and connect with other veterans while enjoying some good BBQ. The Veterans Memorial Building serves ALL veterans

Veterans Memorial Building, 400 Hartz Ave., Danville, CA

**RSVP: by phone or text to Hank at (925) 998-3671
Or email RSVP to info@vfwpost75.org**

6th Annual

LCPL TRAVIS LAYFIELD

(KIA Iraq - April 6, 2004)

Memorial Golf Tournament

Date: Friday, May 1, 2015

Check in Time: 8:00AM
(closes @ 10:15AM)

Location:
Sunol Valley Golf Course
6900 Mission Road
Sunol, CA 94586



Please watch short video: Travis' story
"Our Fallen Warrior" @ www.tinyurl.com/nk99sw

Contact info:
Doug Lyvere @ 415-309-2510
email: Eaglesup@Lyvere.com

Diablo Valley Flag Brigade - *"Operation Welcome Home"*

OPERATION WELCOME HOME The VNVDV is Proud to Participate & Support the Diablo Valley Flag Brigade Warriors Watch Riders & OPERATION WELCOME HOME

Visit Diablo Valley Flag Brigade at
www.DiabloValleyFlagBrigade.com
Or contact WWR below:



WARRIORS' WATCH RIDERS
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

Matthew Boggs
Assistant State Coordinator

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www.norcalwwr.org

Warriors' Watch is dedicated to ensuring that never again will a generation of American Warriors be scorned or ignored when they return home from defending our nation.



Warriors' Watch will support our troops and our veterans, and will honor, support, and comfort their families



Contact Northern California Warriors' Watch:
email: info@norcalwwr.org
www.norcalwwr.org



SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS AND THEIR FAMILIES

WARRIORS' WATCH is an all-volunteer Troop Support group. We exist for the purpose of supporting our nation's warriors, past and present, as well as their families. We come from many different walks of life, united for a single purpose. What we all have in common is an unwavering dedication to the support of our troops and their families.



The Warriors' Watch Riders' definition of troops includes veterans of all military branches from all eras, police and firefighters, and all first responders. We honor our first responders and our veterans in the same way that we honor our currently-uniformed troops.

Warriors' Watch Riders has members and chapters in 38 states, and around the world, and we are growing daily as more and more American patriots experience for themselves the honor of welcoming home one of our nation's finest.

VNVDV Dinner Speakers On-Deck:

- April 2nd** **Mary Torres-** "Rosie the Riveter" served as a welder at Moore's Shipyard in Oakland during WWII
- May 7** **Steven Burchik** "*An Ordinary Year, An Extraordinary Time*" has photography exhibit of his year in Viet Nam—This is the exhibit displayed in San Ramon.
- June 4th** **Jason Deitch and Michael Ergo** presenting "War Ink"
- July 2** **Hank Glauser** works for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory as a Principal Investigator for Global Security of our Countries Ports
- August 6** **Cornelia and Lang Srey** "The Smell of Water" a twelve year old soldiers escape form the Khmer Rouge Army and the story of his survival

Please Join Us the First Thursday - every Month!

All membership expires January 1st.

Please renew your 2015 ANNUAL DUES

at any dinner meeting or mail a check to the P.O. Box - only \$25. or Life for \$200.

Checks payable to the "VNVDV"

Dinner @ "Regular Monthly Meeting" \$25. members /guests

Social Hour begins at 1700 Hrs. - All-You -Can-Eat Buffet Dinner begins at 1800 Hrs.

We accept all Major Credit Cards...

However - Cash / Check is Preferred

VNVDV is charged a percentage - for "a processing fee"

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FEBRUARY SPEAKER

Ruth Gasten- Jewish Girl who was born in Germany in 1933, the year Hitler rose to power. The story of her father being dragged off to a concentration camp and her escape to the United States

Viet Nam Memorial Travelling Wall

April 8-12 the (travelling/moving) VN Memorial Wall is coming to Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno. Docents and security personnel are needed 24x7. Time slots start at 6 pm Wed Apr 8 thru 6 pm Sunday Apr 12 and are 3 hrs. long with 2 docents and 1 security person needed for each shift. Anyone desiring to volunteer contact: Jim Herndon 650-561-2491.

Salute to Viet Nam Veterans 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War



THURSDAY • APRIL 9, 2015 • 6:00 PM
Marines' Memorial Club & Hotel • 609 Sutter Street, San Francisco

Join us for the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War for an evening honoring Viet Nam Veterans. Our Guest of Honor is Paul "Buddy" Bucha who is the recipient of the Medal of Honor. He'll speak, followed by showing of "Last Days in Vietnam", Academy Award nomination for Best Documentary. Our commemoration program will be followed by a grand reception with open bar, carving stations, plenty of hors d'oeuvres, live music and dancing.

5:30 pm [Registration](#) | 6:00 pm Special screening of the documentary
"Last Days in Vietnam"

FREE Admission to Movie Screening

- Following Film Screening: Grand Reception with live music from the era - hors d'oeuvres, desserts and open bar.

GRAND RECEPTION TICKETS: \$49.00 per person to attend grand reception

[REGISTER ONLINE TODAY www.marineclub.com](http://www.marineclub.com)

Concord Veterans Center News

NORCAL 2015 Fundraiser for Veterans

Reconnection Workshops

Reuniting, Reconnecting, and Rebuilding for Veterans, Service Members, & Families
 Presented by the Concord Vet Center and the American Red Cross

WORKSHOP DATES

- **Communicating Clearly**
 Monday, April 13
 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- **Exploring Stress & Trauma**
 Monday, April 20
 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- **Identifying Depression**
 Monday, April 27
 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- **Relating to Children**
 Monday, May 4
 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- **Working Through Anger**
 Monday, May 11
 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.



After a deployment, many realize that the return home can be just as challenging as the tour of duty.



Take advantage of this no-cost and confidential program. Workshops will be held at the Concord Vet Center. May attend as an individual or couple.

Call the Concord Vet Center to Sign Up:
 Telephone (925) 680-4526
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 Concord, CA 94520



NORCAL 2015 FUNDRAISER
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APRIL 18-19



PHWFF Background

- Established in 2005 at Walter Reed Medical Center
- Currently has 175 programs in 49 states
- Supports over 5400 recovering warriors and disabled vets
- Relies on volunteerism and generosity of both private and corporate donors

Here's what we've got planned

- The 2-Pattern event will take place at the Turtle Bay Expatriation Park, adjacent to the Studial Bridge (on the Sacramento River) in Redding, CA, on the afternoon of April 18 and all day 19th. Participants get only 2 Patterns to use for the day.
- Reception with silent auction including online auction two weeks before event
- 1/2 day guided fly fishing competition on the Lower Sacramento River. 21 boats with sponsors fishing with a participating veteran.
- Dinner and awards ceremony.
- Silent auction including online week of event plus reception.
- Keynote address by retired Deputy Chief of Naval Operations and former Under Secretary of Commerce, Admiral Conrad Lautenschlager.

Here's how you can get involved:

- Sponsor a Vet in a Boat - each boat will have a vet, a sponsor (or guest), a guide, and FF gear available if required.
- Gold Sponsor: \$5,000. This includes two boats, plus the reception/dinner.
- Silver Sponsor: \$1,500. This includes one boat plus R/D.
- Bronze Sponsor: \$1,300. This includes one boat plus R/D.

Individual Sponsors:

- \$75 for one - Reception of Dinner
- \$100 for two - Reception of Dinner

If you want to buy a boat for a vet and cannot make the event, we will ensure the vet is accompanied by your guest or a supporter.

Note: ALL Corporate sponsors receive:

- Display of corporate logo
- Ability to display company materials
- Verbal Recognition

If you can't make it to the event, we welcome donations of any amount to support Project Healing Waters' mission.

Please make your check out to:
 "2015 NORCAL PHW Fundraiser"

Mail to: Shasta-Trinity Fly Fishers, Inc.
 P.O. Box 990002 Redding, CA 96009

For reservations to the 2-Pattern event, contact either:

David Lipscomb
 davidlipscomb@comcast.net • 925-787-1008
 Dick Rechia
 rdrechia@frontiernet.net • 530-356-0547

See diablovalleyflyfish.org for event details





4th Annual Salute to Iraq and Afghanistan War Veterans
Thursday, 16 April 2015 at 7pm

Marines' Memorial Club and Hotel - www.marineclub.com

Please join us for our 4th Annual Salute to Iraq and Afghanistan War Veterans on 16 April 2015. Program begins 7:00 pm. This is a free event. [REGISTER ONLINE TODAY](#) Featured Guest Speaker: **General James N. Mattis, USMC (Ret.)**, former Commander, US Central Command and one of our nation's most experienced combat leaders.

In the weeks after 9/11, General Mattis commanded Task Force 58, comprised of over 8000 Marines from the USS Peleliu and USS Bataan Amphibious Ready Groups. In the darkness of the early hours of 25 November, 2001, the first waves of CH-53E Super Stallion helicopters lifted off amphibious assault ship flight decks in the Northern Arabian Sea. Task Force 58 flew 400 miles inland to a dusty airstrip south of Kandahar, Afghanistan. It was the deepest insertion of Marines from the sea into a combat zone in our nation's history. By 13 December, the Taliban leadership was deposed and the Marines established a Forward Operating Base in Kandahar.

In March 2003, General Mattis led the 1st Marine Division from Kuwait to Baghdad. His Marines toppled the Saddam Hussein statue in Iraq's capitol on 9 April, 2003 and a week later seized the city of Tikrit 150km north. General Mattis redeployed the Division to Camp Pendleton. CA and less than a year later, returned to Iraq to lead the counter insurgency fight in a restive Al Anbar Province. He popularized the slogan adopted by the Marines, "no better friend, no worse enemy".

General Mattis subsequently commanded I Marine Expeditionary Force (I MEF) and Marine Forces Central Command (MARCENT). As a 4 star general, he served as both NATO's Supreme Allied Commander Transformation from 2007-2009 and as Commander, US Joint Forces Command from 2007-2010. After serving as Commander US Central Command from 2010 to 2013 General Mattis retired with over 40 years of active service and became a Fellow at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University.

Don't miss an opportunity to join General Mattis as we gather to recognize Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans! Immediately following the program, all Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans are invited to join General Mattis for a reception.



4th Annual Salute to Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans

THURSDAY • APRIL 16, 2015 • 7:00 PM

Marines' Memorial Club & Hotel • 609 Sutter Street, San Francisco

6:30 pm Registration | 7:00 pm Commemoration Program

This is a **FREE** event. [REGISTER ONLINE TODAY](#). www.marineclub.com



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VietNam Veterans Proudly Supports the Blackhawk Film Festival



Rotary Club of Danville/Sycamore Valley
Community Foundation

SAVE THE DATE for the 25th Annual

BLACKHAWK FOOD, WINE & FILM FESTIVAL

Date: Thursday, May 7th, 2015

Time: 5:30 – 8:30 PM

Location: The Blackhawk Museum

3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville, CA



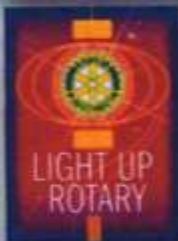
An Evening of Fun, Great Wines, Food and Entertainment featuring (24) Livermore Valley Wineries and the Finest Local Restaurants, Silent and Live Auction, Music with Special Guest Performers, the classic movie "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" and a Special Invitation to visit the New Wild West Museum & Blackhawk Auto Museum included.



2015 FUND-A-CAUSE will benefit The Debbie Frey Memorial Fund giving our children the gift of music by funding local schools' Music Programs and Projects not funded by SRVUSD. Bring Music Back to our local schools and support our 2015 Fund-A-Cause.



America's "SPIRIT OF THE OLD WEST" will come alive in front of you with a 150 Ft. locally hand painted mural and historical exhibition of antique artifacts and unique memorabilia that features American Plains Indians, Settlers and cowboys from the 1800's to 1900's.



DANVILLE/SYCAMORE VALLEY ROTARY: Since 1989 Danville/Sycamore Valley Rotarians have put "Service Above Self" by raising over \$1 million to support local community and international projects and programs. Your donations and sponsorships are matched with personal donations and private grants without any administrative costs.

For more information, call or email, Drew Corradini, Tel. 415-990-1423 or drew.corradini@gmail.com, Tim Willett Tel. 415-571-5148 or visit www.BlackhawkFilmFestival.com

Proceeds go to the Rotary Club of Danville/Sycamore Valley Community Foundation a 501 (c) 3, charitable Tax status organization. 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.

See a D/SV Rotarian for an Invitation to this Private Event

The Blackhawk Film Festival is to Thank their Community Foundation Donors.

Behind the Scene Effort to Prepare the Veteran Services Organization Resource Library with specific emphasis on Professional Job Research Materials



1. Information collected and sorted
2. Books arranged by categories
3. Professional development or starting a business
4. VNVDV Computer available

Viet Nam Veterans Diablo Valley April Birthdays

This month please acknowledge the following:

Doug Miller - Navy - 4/1

Harry Fuller - Army - 4/6

Del Loewe - Navy - 4/7

Dennis Giacobelli - Navy - 4/9

Michael Ebert - Army - 4/12

Charles Fiedler - Army 4/23

Dennis Verlyne - Navy 4/23

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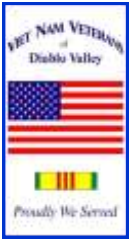
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WALK of HONOR 2015



2015 WALK of HONOR for our Veterans Sponsored by Phillips 66 Refinery & Carbon Plant

Honoring the Men and Women who Served Our Nation

The Phillips 66 Refinery and Carbon Plant invite you to join with us in honoring and celebrating the service of our military veterans on Saturday, May 16, 2015. The 7th Annual "Walk of Honor for our Veterans" will be a short **walk across the Alfred Zampa Memorial Bridge and back. Last year's event was a huge success & well attended.** Over 600 employees, contractors & local residents participated in the celebration, and together we raised \$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 Armed Forces Day 2015 honoring the men and women who proudly serve today and those who have valiantly served our nation. We are still accepting Sponsors at this time!

Schedule of Events at [2015 WALK of HONOR for our Veterans](#) in Crockett Saturday, May 16, 2015

8:00AM - 9:30AM – **"Walk" Check-In / Registration** at the Crockett Community Center - 850 Pomona Street - Crockett, CA. Register on-line in advance at: www.SFRWalkofHonor.com - \$25. Registration includes **"Walk" Shirt & BBQ Lunch.**

8AM – 1PM - The VA along with many local Veterans Service Organizations (VSO) & other non-profit organizations serving veterans & their families will be on hand providing information regarding their services / programs / projects and benefits available to veterans / family members and those who proudly serve today.

10:00AM - "Walk" begins. Transportation will be provided to and from the bridge.

11:45AM - **Luncheon Ceremony. Following the "Walk" all registered participants are invited to join us for a special BBQ luncheon & ceremony, including music and a outstanding raffle.**

100% of all contributions to the Phillips 66 Walk of Honor 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 Hall.

Please join us and help support those currently serving & all of our nation's veterans on SAT – May 16th Armed Forces Day in Crockett at the 2015 Phillips 66 Walk of Honor for our Veterans. *We'll look for you!*

Because You Chose To Proudly Serve

Oakmont Memorial Park Cemetery in Lafayette is offering major financial assistance to all Veterans and Veteran Spouses on both Traditional and Cremation Property.

Pre-Planning Lifts the Burdens Off Your Loved Ones

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Blackhawk Museums New Exhibition Now Open

The Spirit of the Old West exhibition tells the story of the western frontier from the perspective of both the Native Americans and the settlers before, during and after the expansion west. The exhibition features authentic artifacts from the period, a large diorama depicting key historic moments, scenes of wildlife from the frontier and other ele-



Also at the Blackhawk Museum...
The Wheelchair Foundation's
15th Year Anniversary Gala
June 13, 2015

Save the Date for this Special Event

Blackhawk Museum
3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle
Danville, CA 94506



SFR Rodeo Refinery
and Carbon Plant

Proudly Presents
the 7th Annual

WALK OF HONOR

FOR OUR



VETERANS

Saturday, May 16, 2015

Crockett Community
Center
850 Pomona Street
Crockett, CA 94525

Register on line at
www.SFRWalkofHonor.com

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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 by the John Swett High School Band and a raffle.

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

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Phillips 66 is proud to be the Lead Sponsor of American Jobs for America's Heroes, a national nonprofit campaign coordinated by the Center for America to encourage employers to post jobs for 60,000+ unemployed National Guard members. Register at www.CenterForAmerica.org to post jobs at no cost.



For questions, contact Paul Adler, Phillips 66 Public Relations Manager at 510-245-4400 or Aimee Lohr, Phillips 66 Community Relations Representative at 510-245-5130.



Rodeo Refinery and Carbon Plant



Sign up today for the May 16, 2015 event! Enjoy a memorable leisurely walk across the "Alfred Zampa Memorial Bridge" and share a delicious BBQ lunch at the Crockett Community Center – 850 Pomona St., Crockett. Invite your family, friends and neighbors; and enjoy yourself while honoring the service of loved ones who honored us by their service to our country.

Check-in 8:00 am - 9:30 am at the Crockett Community Center/ Walk will begin at 10:00 am

www.SFRWalkofHonor.com

www.SFRRefinery.com

Tear along dotted line, keep top portion for your records

Registration Form

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____
Street Address City, State, Zip

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Walking in honor of: _____
Veterans Name(s)

Registration \$25.00 T-shirt and BBQ included

T-Shirt Size: S / M / L / XL / 2XL / 3XL (Please circle one)

Register online at www.SFRWalkofHonor.com or mail registration form to:
Phillips 66, Attn: Aimee Lohr, 1380 San Pablo Avenue, Rodeo, CA 94572

Participation waiver must be filled out completely. Application deadline is May 10, 2015.

Participant Waiver

I, _____, do hereby agree that I will indemnify and hold harmless Phillips 66, its subsidiaries and affiliates, successors, assigns, agents, representatives, directors, officers, and employees, from any and all liability or claims of injury of whatsoever nature which may be incurred by me as a result of my voluntary participation in the Walk of Honor for our Veterans event sponsored by Phillips 66 on Saturday, May 16, 2015.

I further represent and certify to Phillips 66, its officers, employees, agents and assigns that I am physically able to do the various things enumerated above without limitation, and that I have no disabilities which might prevent me from doing the same.

All banners, flags, or apparel worn or carried in the WALK are subject to the approval of the Walk of Honor Committee. Non-compliance with this policy will subject offenders to eviction from the WALK or banquet and forfeiture of their application fee

I certify that either I am eighteen (18) years of age or older, or that my parent or court-appointed guardian has full knowledge of my participation in this event and has given me permission to participate, as evidenced by his/her signature below.

PARTICIPANT (If not age 18 or older, parent/guardian must co-sign below.)

PARENT/GUARDIAN (Undersigned has read the above and understands this waiver.)

Date

For additional information, please contact Aimee Lohr at 510.245.5130 or Paul Adler at 510.245.4400

Thank you for your support!

BLUE STAR MOMS – Chapter 101

4th of July Care Packages for our Troops - Community Drop-Off Schedule:

- April 11 – Pleasanton – WALMART from 10:00AM to 3:00PM - 4501 Rosewood Dr. - Pleasanton
May 2 - San Ramon – SAFEWAY from 10:00AM to 3:00PM - 2505 San Ramon Valley Blvd. (near Crow Canyon)
May 30 – San Ramon – LUCKY'S from 10:00AM to 3:00PM - 21001 San Ramon Valley Blvd. - San Ramon
June 6 – Danville – VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING from 10:00AM to 3:00PM – 400 Hartz Ave. - Danville
June 20 – Dublin – CAMP PARKS – Packaging & Mailing - 4th of July Care Packages for the Troops -10:00AM - 2:00PM

For more CARE PACKAGE information, or to find out how to drop off other donations contact Linda Johnson at: lcjas-soc@gmail.com. Monetary donations are always appreciated to cover our postage expense. Your checks can be made payable to & mailed to: Blue Star Moms – P. O. Box 2537 - San Ramon, CA 94538. All drop-off dates listed above are Saturdays and for a list of items we are looking for - visit our website at www.bluestarmoms.org.

May 29 – Friday – 10AM - The Blue Star Mom's 5th Annual Charity Golf Tournament at Callippe Preserve Golf Course in Pleasanton. All funds raised through this event will again benefit our annual Gold Star Family program in San Francisco. The Blue Star Moms – Chapter 101 are seeking event sponsors - Event flyer on our website. For more information contact Jake at Callippe Golf Course at [925-426-6666 x18](tel:925-426-6666) or Michelle Miller at chellem@bak.rr.com.

June 29 - Monday from 5:30PM thru 9:00PM at Gianni's Restaurant in San Ramon the Blue Star Moms will be working for "TIPS for the TROOPS" Gianni's is closed on Mondays – and open for charitable organizations to support worthy causes. Please join the Blue Star Moms at Gianni's at 2065 San Ramon Valley Blvd. in San Ramon as they work for "TIPS" To make reservations call: [925-820-6969](tel:925-820-6969) or visit <http://www.opentable.com/giannis-italian-bistro?rid=108103&restref=108103>. All funds raised at Gianni's will benefit the BSM care package program for our troops.

2015 Sentinels Gala

Saturday, the 28th of March, 2015



*Sentinels Gala... an enjoyable evening!
Watch for "special photo edition" news
from this event!*

Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship Foundation.

**Returning Veterans...
Have you visited or
seen YOUR Veterans
Memorial Building?**

**The San Ramon
Valley Veterans
Memorial Building
has a NEW website
www.VMBSRV.org**

Did you Know...

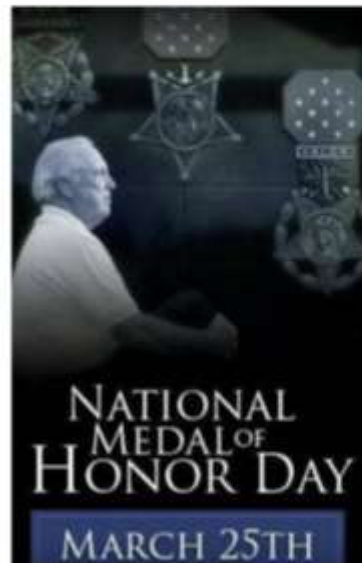
**The All Wars
Memorial's NEW
Website now has
Photos of Pavers**

AllWarsMemorial.org

We Remember...

NATIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR DAY

The United States Congress has designated March 25th of each year as NATIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR DAY, a day dedicated to Medal of Honor recipients. (Public Law 101-564) Concealed in the State of Washington, this holiday should be one of our most revered. Unfortunately all too many Americans are not even aware of its existence.



The Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley remember... join in honoring and remembering these Heroes... who gave so others could live. All gave some... Some gave all!

Lots of Great Events with photos... watch our website ~ www.VNVDV.com

VNVDV MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

VIET NAM VETERANS
of
Diablo Valley



Proudly We Served

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DATE: _____

	<i>Last</i>	<i>First & MI</i>	<i>Home Phone</i>	<i>Cell Phone</i>	<i>Work Phone</i>
NAME:					
Spouse / SO					
	<i>No. & Street</i>		<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>ZIP Code</i>
Address:					
Home E-Mail:			Work E-Mail:		
Company:			Title:		

Military Service

<i>Branch</i>	<i>Dates of Service</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Specialty</i>	<i>Viet Nam / Military Dates</i>
Viet Nam Units:				
Location(s):				
Medals & Awards:				

PLEASE INDICATE ACTIVITIES/COMMITTEES OF PERSONAL INTEREST

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Operation Welcome Home Events | <input type="checkbox"/> VNVDV Super Sunday Crab Feed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial Day Ceremony / All Wars Memorial | <input type="checkbox"/> Walk of Honor for our Veterans |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Danville Fourth of July Parade - Flag Distribution | <input type="checkbox"/> East Bay Stand Down - Volunteer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Color Guard & Service Colors / Flag Detail | <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday & Other Support for Veterans |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Day Ceremony | <input type="checkbox"/> Speakers Bureau - High Schools |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Directors / Leadership | <input type="checkbox"/> GWOT Duck Club Retreat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Memorial Building Museum / Docent | <input type="checkbox"/> Take the Rock: Veteran Swim Challenge |

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!

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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.

OPEN - SOCIAL DINNER MEETINGS with SPEAKER!

VIET NAM VETERANS
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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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