



# INCOMING NEWS



Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

August 2015

## Veterans & Military Sign-Up to Take the Rock Swim Challenge Vets: Attend VetCon 2015 at the Concord Hilton

VNVDV Prez Ray's Comments:

**Lots to do in August...**

See the events inside...

Visit VetCon 2015 in Concord at the Concord Hilton - Aug 17

+ we request all Veterans help **'pass the word' to Military & Veterans** to sign-up for our 2015 Alcatraz Swim Challenge **"Take the Rock" on Sept. 20th** advance training provided.

**Don't forget to go through all** your military memorabilia to find items to display at the VMB in Danville on Nov. 7 & 8 See details on all inside this issue of the Incoming.

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



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

# VetCon 2015 Monday - AUG 17th

**VETCON 2015**  
All Veterans, Active Duty and their Family!

Monday, Aug 17, 2015  
9:00 - 2:00  
Concord Hilton Hotel  
1970 Diamond Blvd  
Concord, CA 94520

Visit: [www.vetcon.org](http://www.vetcon.org) for more information

## August Speakers

**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

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

Thanks to all those who participated in the 4th of July Parade Flag Distribution  
*Great job!*



SAT Morning  
Social Coffee...

Join fellow Veterans each Saturday

8AM until 11AM

At the Danville Veterans Memorial Building



# VNVDV Distributed 10,000 American Flags In Danville's Kiwanis 4th of July Independence Day Parade



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## Diablo Valley Seeking Your Military Memorabilia for Public Display

These young ladies attended our Car Show & agreed to help promote our Military displays the weekend prior to Veterans Day in Nov. Including Military Vehicles & Your Memorabilia

Contact Tim Sammons - VMB Curator at:  
[Curator@VMBSRV.org](mailto:Curator@VMBSRV.org)



VNVDV Thank All our  
PARADE Participants:

USMC Color Guard  
Concord

Our Boy Scouts

US Army 191st Band  
"Band of the Wild West"

Daughters of the  
American Revolution

AMVETS Post 26  
UH-1 Huey Helicopter  
with Oliver's Towing

Warriors Watch  
Riders  
Huey Escort

&  
All those who  
assisted in the  
distribution of  
over 10,000  
American Flags  
and  
Of course all our  
Members

*We Thank You*



Final Instructions and the start of the 2015 Kiwanis Danville 4th of July Parade



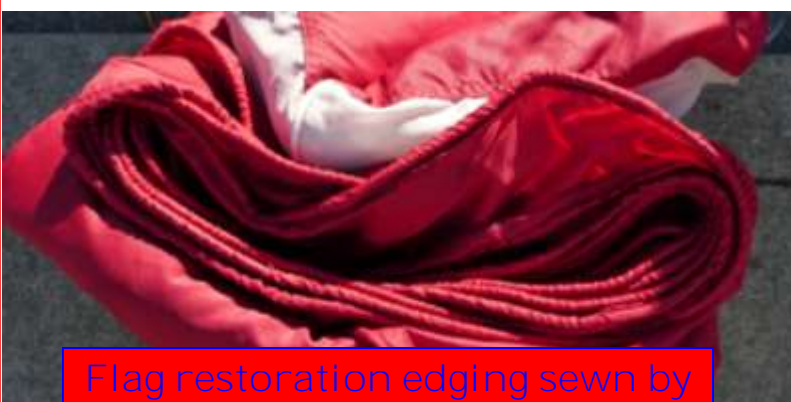
Again this year – We Thank the efforts of - Bill & Peg Green (and Family) for hosting their BBQ annual pot-luck picnic in the afternoon of the 4th at their home for everyone participating in the parade and distributing American Flags. It was a great 4th of July.



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

*SPECIAL THANKS TO HELEN AND JOHN RESSE FOR THE TREMENDOUS RESTORATION PROJECT OF THE LARGE AMERICAN FLAG THAT WAS CARRIED BY THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMREICAN REVOLUTION IN THE FOURTH OF JULY PARADE. THE WORN EDGES OF THE FLAG WERE REPAIRED WITH CHORDING SEWN BY HELEN TO PROVIDE A FIRM PERIMETER. WASHING AND DRYING REMOVED DIRT AND REDUCED THE WEAR & WEIGHT OF THE FLAG.*

***THANK YOU HELEN & JOHN...***



**Flag restoration edging sewn by Helen Reese**



**This is a big Flag**

# ***Viet Nam Veterans 4th of July Parade A Team Effort by all who participated***

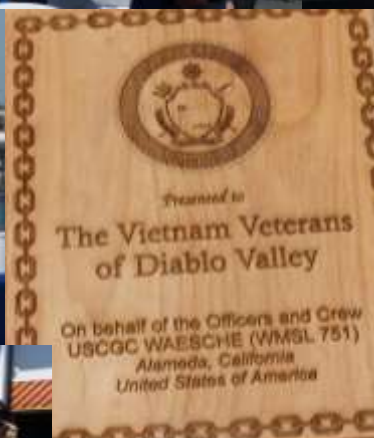


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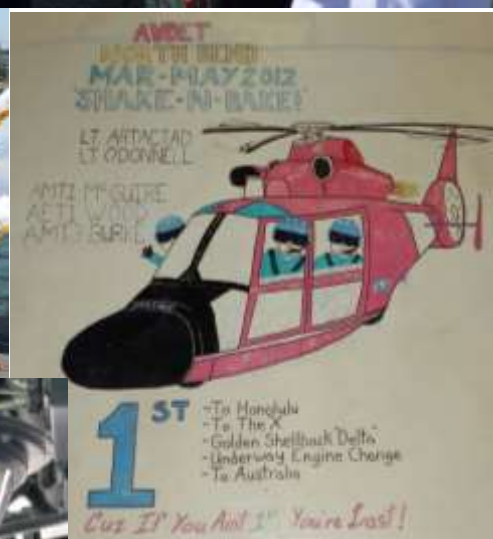
## ***A most memorable events to participate***



# Welcome Aboard United States Coast Guard Cutter WAESCHE WMSL 751 Alameda - California - We visited on June 25, 2015



ENS Pratz organized the VNVDV visit





Open to All Veterans & Military & Reserves personnel & family members.



**17 AUG 2015**  
**(9AM - 2 PM)**  
**VET CON**

**What is VetCon?**

VetCon is an opportunity for Veterans to gather and network with employers, educational institutions, Veterans health and benefits, and most importantly, each other. Veterans are the greatest resource for each other and the goal of VetCon is to not only help Veterans and their families' access the benefits, resources and information they need, but to create an environment where Veterans can tell the story of the transition from military life to the career, hobby, or interest they are passionate about today.



Attend valuable workshops and connect with employers who want to hire you!

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"Veterans' Voices" will be broadcasting live from VetCon, be there!

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"Kids Corner" On-site child care will be provided free of charge!

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Learn about your benefits (education, disability, burial, etc.)

**HILTON HOTEL**  
1970 Diamond Blvd  
Concord, CA 94520  
(925) 680-4526  
<http://www.vetcon.org>

VNVDV will have an Information Booth at VetCon 2015

Veterans Voices will be broadcasting LIVE at VetCon 2015

*Looking for Employment?*  
Bring your Resume

*Going back to School?*  
Check out Colleges

Register with VA  
Network with Vets

See a Service Officer  
Donate Blood

Connect with VSOs

This event is not to be missed by our Veterans & Military

**MONDAY - AUB 17**  
**9AM - 2PM**

Concord Hilton

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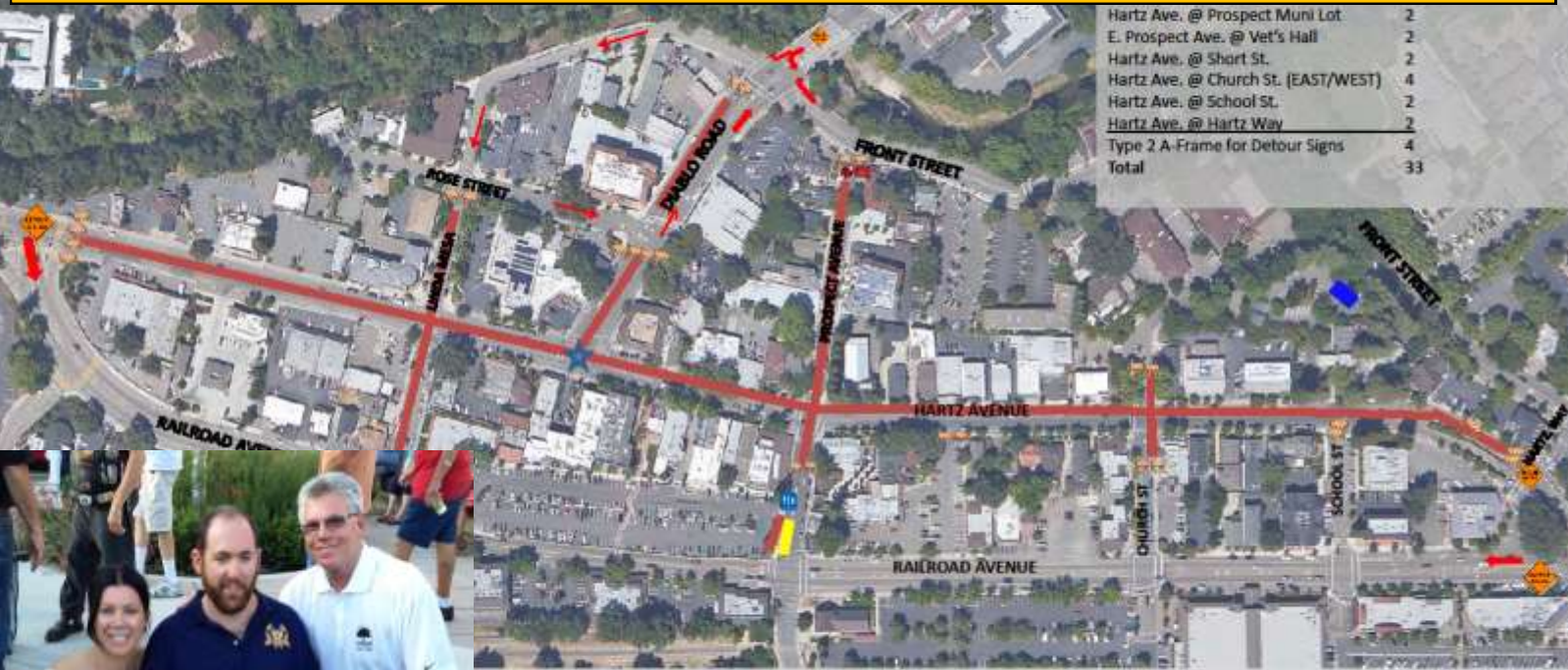
# Sentinels of Freedom

Sentinel Ryan Sykes was recently honored on July 1st, 2015 at the Danville Veterans Memorial Hall as California Assembly District 16's Veteran of the Year. He was awarded this honor by California State Assemblywoman, Catharine Baker who recognized Ryan's achievements as a member of the US Navy and those following his retirement from the Armed Forces after a severe injury in Afghanistan nearly cost him his life. Despite the many challenges that come with a traumatic brain injury, Ryan has not allowed himself to be held back by his need for a wheelchair but has pushed forward, taking every opportunity to live life. Since his injury, he has participated in bike races, tough mudders, skydiving, rock climbing and white water rafting.



**HOT SUMMER NIGHTS... Danville Car Show August 13**  
 Look for our Veteran Table in front of the Veterans Memorial Building - next to the Military Vehicles

Hartz Ave. @ Prospect Muni Lot	2
E. Prospect Ave. @ Vet's Hall	2
Hartz Ave. @ Short St.	2
Hartz Ave. @ Church St. (EAST/WEST)	4
Hartz Ave. @ School St.	2
Hartz Ave. @ Hartz Way	2
Type 2 A-Frame for Detour Signs	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>



**HOT SUMMER NIGHTS CAR SHOW**  
 July 16 & August 13, 2015  
 Street Closure Time  
 2:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1



# Swim Open to All Military & Veterans

& parents - spouses - children & siblings  
and includes Training Program & Practice



## Veteran Alcatraz Swim Challenge

**SEPT 20, 2015**

Eligible Participants: Veterans, Serving Military and  
their parents, spouses, children and siblings

Includes Training Program

**Info at [www.taketherock.com](http://www.taketherock.com)**

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Sponsored by Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley &  
Nadadores Locos Swim Club

# Don't Miss our Featured Guest Speakers Monthly

VNVDV Dinner Speakers On-Deck:

**September 3**     **Mike Conklin-** Sentinels of Freedom

**October 1**        **Veronica and Peter Villano-** Pilot and Stewardess on World Airways during Viet Nam. Brought us over, and back, and part of the final extractions.

**November 5**     **John Gallagher-** from "Save Mount Diablo" one of the Beacon Boyz who restored the "Eye of Diablo"

Special Thanks to our July Speaker Hank Glaser for his very informative talk on the Global Security of our Countries Ports

## VIET NAM VETERANS OF DIBLO VALLEY SPONSOR "TAKE THE ROCK SWIM"

### PRACTICE IS WELL UNDERWAY AS PARTICIPANTS QUALIFY





# VETERANS' VOICES of Contra Costa

A monthly TV Show for Veterans & their Family on CCTV  
**LIVE** on the 3rd Monday of Each Month & All Previous Episodes Available On-Demand  
Visit <http://www.contracosta.ca.gov/5163/Veterans-Voices>



Watch Veterans Voices LIVE on the 3rd Monday each month at 1900 Hrs - 7PM  
This month... Broadcasting LIVE at VetCon 2015 on Monday - AUG 17th

## 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**  
Veterans Service Officer  
Contra Costa County  
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Martinez, CA 94553  
**Tel: (925) 313-1481**  
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# Things of Interest August 2015

FREE Veterans Appreciation shoot hosted by the California Waterfowl Association.



## Military Appreciation Fun Shoot

at Grizzly Ranch, Suisun Marsh



### Beginning Shooters:

Certified Trained Instruction in Gun Safety, Shotgun, Rifle and Archery  
All guns, ammunition & targets included

### Shoot Date

August 16 (9:00am - 3:00pm)

For Military Veterans and their families

Join us for this Great Family Fun Day

- Free Admission
- Free Clay Targets
- Free Shells
- Free Lunch
- Free Drinks
- Laser Shot and More!

Experienced Shooters:  
50 Target Sporting Clays

To register go to [www.calwaterfowl.org](http://www.calwaterfowl.org)

CWA reserves the right to limit participation or cancel shoots when necessary



THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF WORLD WAR II AVIATION  
COLORADO SPRINGS

Colorado Springs Airport (COS), 755 Aviation Way, Colorado Springs, CO 80916

If travelling through Colorado Springs take a couple hours to visit this museum that features the restoration of Legacy WWII aircraft. It is amazing to see the details of these projects

P-38 Restoration



HIRING OUR HEROES  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2015  
AT&T PARK - SAN FRANCISCO, CA  
11:30 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

Join us for a one-of-a-kind event featuring a hiring fair, networking opportunities and workshops tailored for veteran job seekers, active duty military members, guard and reserve members, and military spouses. All registered veterans and military spouses are eligible to receive up to two (2) free tickets for them and their families to attend that evening's game between the San Francisco Giants and the Chicago Cubs.

EMPLOYERS & MILITARY JOB SEEKERS REGISTER AT  
**SANFRANVETS.ORG**



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Danville, CA 94526  
Phone (925) 314-3388  
Fax (925) 838-0548

## Press Release

Contact: Henry Perezalonso  
Phone: (925) 314-3454

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
3:30 pm July 29, 2015

### History on Display at Veterans Building

### Military memorabilia sought for Veterans Day exhibit

The Veterans Memorial Building, in partnership with the Town of Danville, is seeking collections of military memorabilia for an open house featuring temporary exhibits honoring our nation's veterans in conjunction with Veterans Day. The focus for this year's exhibit will be "Women in the Military."

The exhibits will be on display in the auditorium of the Veterans Memorial Building - 400 Hartz Avenue - and open to the public **Saturday, November 7, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** and **Sunday, November 8, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Admission is free.**

For those with collections or memorabilia, send a brief description of the items and photos to [curator@vmbhsrv.org](mailto:curator@vmbhsrv.org). Deadline for entries for the exhibit is 12:00 p.m. October 16, 2015.

# More Things of Interest Aug/September

**Freedom Day**  
**Free Dental for USA Military & Families**

We are honored to give back a day of FREE  
**Thursday, September 10, 2015**

FREE - Dental Cleanings, Exams, and Fillings  
 Please call to make an appointment - Military & Families

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 (925)820-8888

**Thursday, September 10, 2015**

Freedom Day is a National Day of THANKS for those who sacrifice/have sacrificed so much for our freedom.

Dr. Nadler's office is participating in this Thank You Movement by offering free dental cleanings, exams and necessary dental fillings to military and their immediate families, active or inactive, as well as, first responders on Thursday, September 10.

Space is limited, please call our office to make your appointment. (925)820-8888

\* MILITARY I.D. REQUIRED\*  
[www.FreedomDayUSA.com](http://www.FreedomDayUSA.com)

Please Join Us for The AUSA Golf Tournament



Association of the United States Army - Major General William Dean Chapter  
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**The 2nd Air, Land and Sea Golf Tournament**

**Leave No One Behind.....**

The Soldier's Creed states, "I will never leave a fallen comrade."

Too many veterans struggle through their transition back to civilian life. We have an obligation to continue to help those who served our nation. The Association of the United States Army is committed to provide assistance to our veterans in need whenever and wherever possible. Locally, we work with the Sentinels of Freedom, Active Army ROTC Battalion and two Recruiting Battalions, Army Emergency Relief and dozens of Army Reserve and Army National Guard units, plus supporting Department of Army Civilians and hundreds of Army Families who live in our geography. Please join our mission.



**All Proceeds will Benefit & Support  
 The Local Military Community**

**Please join us on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015**

For Tournament Information & Sponsorship Opportunities  
 Contact AUSA 2015 Golf Tournament-925-872-2639  
 Coordinator - Phil Stage / Email: phil.stage@sbcglobal.net

To Register for Golf or Sponsorship:  
 Cut and paste the link below, into your browser  
<https://sites.google.com/site/mgdeanausa/>  
 Or by mail: AUSA 2015 Golf  
 6714 Corte Santa Maria, Pleasanton, CA 94566

**"Helping those Soldier and Families who need our help NOW!"**

**San Francisco Hiring EXPO with the San Francisco Giants**

**HIRING OUR HEROES**  
 U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOUNDATION

Tuesday, August 25, 2015  
 11:30 AM- 3:00 PM  
 AT&T Park  
 24 Willie Mays Plaza, San Francisco, California 94107

**Hiring Fair**

Join us Tuesday, August 25, 2015 from 11:30 AM to 3:00 PM for a job fair for veterans, active duty military members, guard and reserve members, and military spouses at the AT&T Park 24 Willie Mays Plaza, San Francisco, California 94107.

This event will be a one-of-a-kind FREE hiring fair for both employers and job seekers.

This San Francisco Giants and Jewish Community Relations Council of San Francisco - sponsored hiring event is being conducted by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, the Department of Labor Veterans' Employment and Training Service (DOL VETS), the California Committee of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Goodwill Industries International, The American Legion, NBC News, and other local partners.

**Hiring Our Heroes Employment Workshop**

This Hiring Our Heroes employment workshop is led by HR and workforce professionals and covers a variety of topics including resume building, networking, and interview tips, all taking into account your military background and lifestyle. The unique online suite of tools that Hiring Our Heroes and its partners have developed, such as the [Personal Branding Resume Engine](#), are also integrated into the workshop curriculum. Immediately following the workshop, volunteer career coaches will help you develop an elevator pitch, participate in a mock interview, and create a more effective resume. To register for the workshop, you must first register as a job seeker for this event. You may then sign up for the workshop during that process.

While our workshop focuses on obtaining employment in the private sector, you can learn more about federal employment by registering for a FREE Corporate America Supports You (CASV) webinar [here](#).

## A DAY AT THE COUNTRY CLUB

Monday, August 31 | Moraga Country Club

**Hole in one prize:  
 A NEW CAR!**

**A Best Ball Scramble- Shotgun start at 10:30am**

**Prizes, events, dinner, and auctions!**

Tournament proceeds go to support severely injured veterans recovering at the Palo Alto VA Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center and their families.

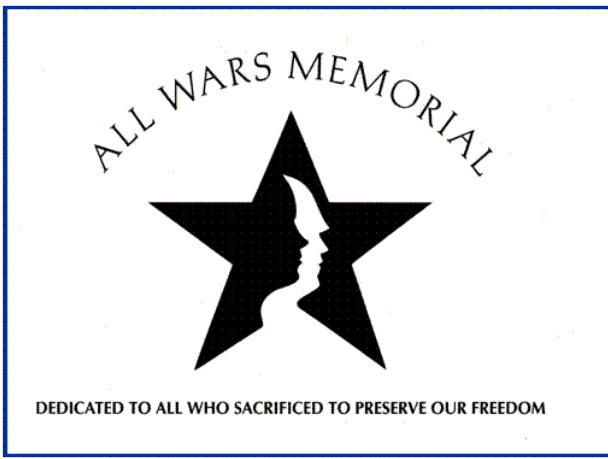
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Number of Golfers: \_\_\_\_\_ \$200.00 ea. Number of Non-Golfing Diner Guests: \_\_\_\_\_ \$40.00 ea.  
 Total cost: \_\_\_\_\_ (golfers + number of non-golfing dinner guests)  
 Make Checks payable to Veterans Memorial Golf Tournament or VMGT  
 Mail to: VMGT, P.O. Box 301, Lafayette, CA 94549-0301  
 For more information please contact: Steve Cwikolark at (925) 938-6364 or s.cwikolark@timeinc.net or Jerry Sullivan at (925) 253-0471 or jsullivan@gmail.com

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## All Wars Memorial Investigation Continues



Town of Danville  
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Phone [\(925\) 314-3388](tel:925-314-3388)  
Fax [\(925\) 838-0548](tel:925-838-0548)

### Press Release

Contact: Sgt. Brian Sliger  
Phone: [\(925\) 314-3703](tel:925-314-3703)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
11:30 a.m. July 1, 2015

### Reward Upgraded in All Wars Memorial Vandalism

**\$12,000 offered for Info on those responsible for graffiti at Memorial**

The investigation into the June 8, 2015 vandalism at the **All Wars Memorial at Oak Hill Park** continues as police seek to speak to persons of interest seen in video taken at the park. An initial reward of \$6,500 was offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible. Community Organizations have come forward to offer additional funds, bringing the reward total up to **\$12,000.**

An image pulled from cameras at Oak Hill Park (attached) show a pair of subjects walking in the direction of the memorial at around 3:30 a.m. on Monday, June 8, 2015. Police Chief Steve Simpkins is asking residents to look again at the image and contact police with **any information.**

Anyone with information is asked to contact Danville Police Det. Sgt. Brian Sliger at [\(925\) 314-3703](tel:925-314-3703) or [bsliger@danville.ca.gov](mailto:bsliger@danville.ca.gov)

Parents / Vets -  
Please help - pass the word to the youth in our great community... to listen for any talk of this vandalism act & share information with Det. Sgt. Brian Sliger  
[925/313-3703](tel:925-313-3703)

or e-mail at:  
[BSliger@Danville.ca.gov](mailto:BSliger@Danville.ca.gov)

[FOLLOW SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS on their WEBSITES:](#)

Danville Veterans Memorial Building: [www.VMBSRV.org](http://www.VMBSRV.org)

**“Operation Welcome Home”** event can be found at: [www.DiabloValleyFlagBrigade.com](http://www.DiabloValleyFlagBrigade.com)

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

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

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

**Wheelchair Foundation & Wine for Wheels - Support mobility - Visit:** [www.WineforWheels.org](http://www.WineforWheels.org)

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

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

See OUR websites for additional listings & Links

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*Please Join Us the First Thursday each Month!*

**A great Buffet Dinner & Guest Speaker  
Meetings are OPEN to All Veterans  
Guests - Patriots & Supporters**

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

**Social Hour begins 1700 Hrs. - Buffet Dinner begins 1800 Hrs. - Speaker 1900 Hrs.**

**Cash - Checks & we take Major Credit Cards...**

**However - VNVDV is charged a percentage - for "a processing fee" on credit cards.**

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*J. Rockcliff*



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

**Please renew your 2015 Annual Dues  
at our Monthly Dinner or convert to a  
Life Membership in VNVDV  
for only: \$200.00!**



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# THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION



In Honor of the 50th Anniversary of the Viet Nam War the *Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley* have **"Commissioned a commemorative VNVDV cap"** for members available through VNVDV *Director of Procurement: T. J. Trujillo's Contact him by: e-mail: [Trujillo.tj.john@gmail.com](mailto:Trujillo.tj.john@gmail.com)* to order this special cap. Cost is \$25 each for the existing supply.



## VNVDV Member August Birthdays

Jack Enright	8/7	Navy	Anthony Bettencourt	8/6	Army
Denver Mills	8/8	Navy	Ed Meshinsky	8/9	Army
Phillip Butler	8/11	Navy	Carl Swanson	8/15	Army
Bob Wright	8/22	Marine	James Hart	8/29	Marine
Mike Martin	8/30	Navy			

## SPECIAL CENTENARIAN TRIBUTE

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## Operation SAVE

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Crisis Line



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PRESS 1

• Confidential chat at [VeteransCrisisLine.net](http://VeteransCrisisLine.net) or text to 838255 •

# VNVDV MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

VIET NAM VETERANS  
of  
Diablo Valley



Proudly We Served

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

	<i>Last</i>	<i>First &amp; MI</i>	<i>Home Phone</i>	<i>Cell Phone</i>	<i>Work Phone</i>
NAME:					
Spouse / SO					
	<i>No. &amp; 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](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 ORGANIZATION.**

**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!**



# Operation Welcome Home

## DIABLO VALLEY FLAG BRIGADE

*Dedicated to the Remembrance of 9-11.  
Devoted to the Support of our Troops.*  
[www.diablovalleyflagbrigade.com](http://www.diablovalleyflagbrigade.com)



### OPERATION WELCOME HOME!

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

### NEVER, EVER AGAIN.

If you know of a military member that is returning home and you would like to surprise them with one of these heart-warming Welcome Home ceremonies, please contact Bryan Welden of the Diablo Valley Flag Brigade at 925-212-9260 or to see pictures of past Welcome Home ceremonies or to be added to our E-mail list, go to:

[www.diablovalleyflagbrigade.com](http://www.diablovalleyflagbrigade.com)

[www.warriorwatch.org](http://www.warriorwatch.org)  
[spiker592000@yahoo.com](mailto:spiker592000@yahoo.com)

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

**VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley** thanks and welcomes all returning military along with Diablo Valley Flag Brigade - Warriors Watch Riders - Blue Star Moms & our fellow VSO support organizations.

To find out how and when these events are in your area and occur - visit DVFB website of the **Diablo Valley Flag Brigade** at [www.diablovalleyflagbrigade.com](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?

It is easier than you might think...

Obtain the location, bring a flag, have a smile inside you or a handshake on you, keep a sincere thanks for their service in your heart - share all this with the returning service member when you see them.

You will feel good inside...

**JOIN US**

*In 2015*



Join friends - family - veterans + the San Ramon Valley Veterans...  
VNVDV - MCL - VFW - Legion & Blue Star Moms -  
Warriors Watch Riders - Diablo Valley Flag Brigade -  
+ many others...

as we celebrate our local returning military in "OPERATION WELCOME HOME" events for those serving from our community.

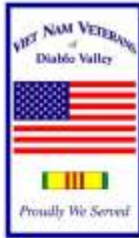
***This is part of what being a "VSO" is all about...  
Remember when we came home... Never Again!  
We Welcome Home our Troops the Right Way!***



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

# VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley

Aug 2015



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# Electronic News

## To: VNVDV Members & VIPs

The VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley - established in 1991 as a local, grass-roots, non-profit, & all-volunteer Veteran Service Organization (VSO) to promote & enhance the image of the Viet Nam Veteran through Community Service & Support of our fellow Veterans, and 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's Veteran's Memorial Building for the San Ramon Valley** is home for the VNVDV and 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 monthly on the **1st Thursday of every month** at the **Crow Canyon Country Club** in Danville.

VNVDV monthly Board of Directors Meetings are held on the **3rd Thursday** each month at the Veterans Memorial Building in the Library / Board Room at **1800 Hrs.** in Danville. To find out more about programs & projects the VNVDV supports & events sponsored... visit the website at: [www.VNVDV.com](http://www.VNVDV.com). All veterans & guests are welcome to attend our "open" membership meetings. This VNVDV is 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. Please join us... All dinner meetings are **OPEN** - bring fellow VietNam veterans - active duty military - history buffs - friends - community supporters... *see what a difference volunteering makes in the lives of others. All veterans welcome!*

# OPEN - SOCIAL DINNER MEETINGS with SPEAKER!

# VIET NAM VETERANS of Diablo Valley

## MONTHLY SOCIAL DINNER MEETINGS with FEATURED GUEST SPEAKERS

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

at Crow Canyon Country Club in Danville, CA

**Social Hour starts at 1700 - Buffet Dinner at 1815 - Join Us in 2015!**

**Featuring "Chef's Choice Buffet Dinner" - \$25.**

Reservation **NOT** Required - Except December Appreciation Dinner

# the "INCOMING" - Official Newsletter of the VNVDV

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