



INCOMING NEWS



December
2015

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

VNVDV Annual Holiday Christmas Appreciation & Recognition Dinner Gala & Annual TOY Drive - Dec. 3rd



Raymond
La Rochelle
VNVDV
President
Thanks
Everyone for
Their Support
of the Veterans
Day Events &
Educational &
Historical
Displays
at the
VMB

Holiday Dinner
is a great time to
Renew Annual
Membership +
Get your Crab
Feed Tickets &
turn in your Auc-
tion Donations
and drop off
your TOYS for
the annual Toy
Drive!

President Ray's Final Message:

THANK YOU for ANOTHER
SUCCESSFUL YEAR...
VNVDV SUPPORTING OUR
VETERANS & COMMUNITY!

Greetings:

As this year comes to an end and in my last newsletter article as your President, I wish to thank a highly dedicated and effective Board of Directors & numerous volunteers and supporters for all we've accomplished in the past year. *Some of the highlights include:*

- Successful partnership with **PHILLIPS 66** & the 2015 "WALK of HONOR" for our Veterans on Armed Forces Day
- Successful Super Crab Feed Fundraiser
- Support of Gold Star Family Program
- Host & Sponsorship of 2015 Memorial Day ceremonies – our 24th annual event at Oak Hill Park!
- 4th of July Parade Military Coordination & distribution of 10,000 American Flags to children & others at the Parade
- Sponsorship of Sentinels of Freedom
- Support of numerous veterans in need through our County Veterans Service Office - providing gas/grocery support cards.

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Pearl Harbor Day



Beacon
Lighting
Ceremony

Lighting the Eye of Diablo
December 7th at 3:45 PM
The remembrance Dec. 7th ceremony will be held in the Oak Room of the **Library Building** at the California State - East Bay Concord Campus - 4700 Ygnacio Valley Road - Concord, CA



VNVDV Crab Feed
Tickets Seats
Selling Out Fast
Sunday - Feb. 7th
Get your Crab Feed
Tickets Now - \$45.
& Auction Donations Needed!

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

2015 President Ray La Rochelle



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- **Support of Blue Star Mom events & drop zones**
- **VNVDV Speakers Bureau – reaching out to over 66,000 students in secondary & high schools + universities sharing real American History!**
- **Sponsorship of our 3rd annual Take The Rock swim for military & veterans from Alcatraz to SF Aquatic Park another success supporting our Veterans – largest group of swimmers to date!**
- **Support & joint sponsorship of our annual VSO Veterans Day Program - a moving tribute to all Veterans - honoring Women Veterans this year**
- **Sponsorship & Hosting of Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) Veteran's "Duck Club Retreat" supporting more recent Veterans with a relaxing weekend social vacation of BBQ, swimming, skeet shooting, movies, games & more**
- **Annual support for Wreaths Across America placing holiday wreaths on local veteran graves**
- **2014 Operation Santa Claus program in partnership with Tesoro Refinery & Blue Star Moms to provide a happy holiday for our local military.**
- **Support of the Concord Vet Centers programs assisting veterans with readjustment & support**
- **Membership growth to over 160 members.**
- **Support & participation on Operation Welcome Home events for returning military veterans.**

As my 2nd and last year as your President I wish to thank you all for your support and tireless efforts in continuing to make our organization the most active and effective VSO in the Bay Area. Please provide the same level of support to your new President as he takes over the reins in January.

Have a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

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

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

Holiday Appreciation Dinner - Reservations Required & Deadline Passed! Contact President

VNVDV Holiday Appreciation & Recognition Dinner &
Annual TOY Drive for Operation Santa & Toys for Tots
Thursday – DEC. 3rdrd Social 5 / Dinner 6

President Ray La Rochelle turned in our reservations to Crow Canyon Country Club for near 135 members & guests for our annual membership & supporter recognition dinner. Once a year, the VNVDV takes extra time to gather as a group with our members – spouses – family – friends & supporters... our annual Christmas Holiday Dinner in December is our largest dinner meeting – *always exceeding 125.*

Reservations are required to enable Crow Canyon Country Club Chef to plan & prepare for our gala!. This is our only dinner needing your RSVP in advance. IF YOU MISSED THE DEADLINE... *Please contact the President Directly for details on any remaining seats. Dinner reservations have been submitted by Treasurer "Slatts" (Slattengren.VNVDV@gmail.com) to the President. Meal choices were: PRIME RIB / SALMON or VEGGIE for each meal at the cost of \$45.00 per dinner.*

Please note: Due to the large crowd, & County Club requirements - no one will be admitted for meal without advanced reservation for this one special dinner. We sometimes have a limited number of single seats available for someone attending the program only. Seating preference will go to guests with a meal ticket. All guests are asked to "Check-In" at the dinner & obtain your meal selection tickets. Please remember again this year at our December Holiday Dinner Gala we host our annual Toy Drive - collecting new TOYS for Operation Santa & Toys for Tots to support our military serving & veteran families in need. Bring your toys! We look forward to seeing everyone on DEC. 3rd.

Gary Villalba Dedicated Service Award to be Presented at Holiday Dinner + Veteran of the Year & Volunteer of the Year

Remember your New Toys!

VNVDV's



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Remember...

**DONATE YOUR NEW -
UNWRAPPED
CHILDREN'S TOYS**

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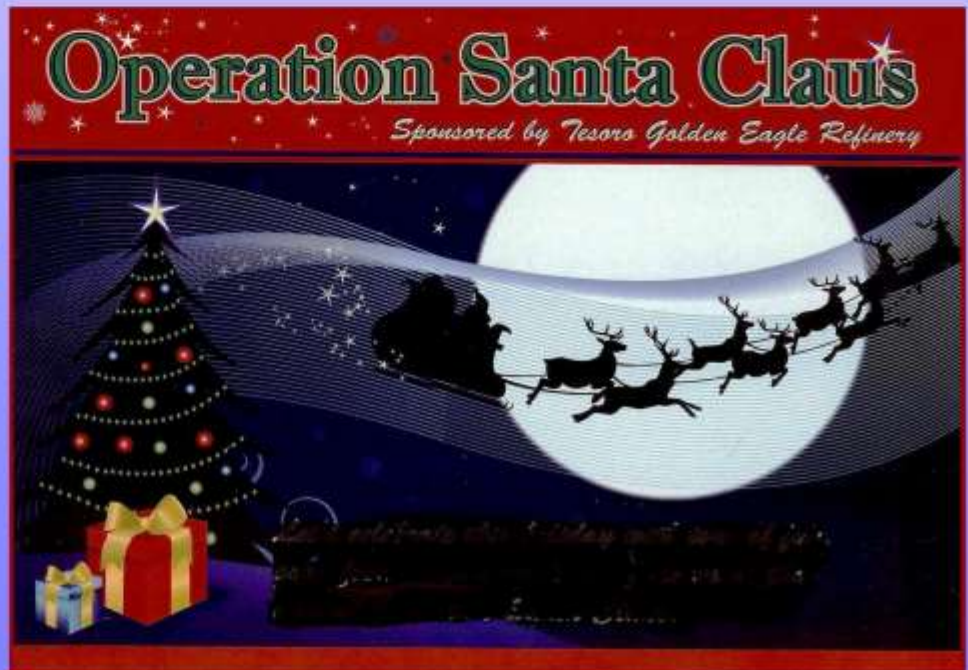
***VNVDV Holiday Appreciation
Recognition Dinner Gala***

Supporting Military Families at

**OPERATION SANTA &
*TOYS for TOTS*** (Supporting our Military Families)

You Can Make a Difference in Christmas for a Child!

Remember to bring
Your DONATION of
a New - Unwrapped
Children's TOYS
tonight at the **VNVDV
Holiday Appreciation
& Recognition Dinner
Gala** on Dec. 3rd at
Crow Canyon County
Club - and make a
child's Christmas
brighter! Give Hope!



Operation Santa is a joint project sponsored by Tesoro - Blue Star Moms & VNVDV

**Gary Villalba Dedicated Service Award to be Presented
at Holiday Dinner + Veteran & Volunteer of the Year**

What is the... VNVDV Holiday Christmas Appreciation & Recognition Dinner Gala?

Our annual Holiday Appreciation & Recognition Dinner has become a *Gala & the largest dinner event held each year... attracting the largest number of members, with spouses, & guests, many supporters & the organizations we support throughout the year joining providing the President & Board of Directors to join with our membership to Thank & Honor dedicated groups & individuals for their support of those currently serving - our fellow veterans & the community. This is the event we recognize our "Veteran of the Year" & "Volunteer of the Year" and honor one individual with our highest recognition "The Gary Villalba Dedicated Service Award."* This annual dinner is a sit-down dinner, served rather than our usual monthly buffet & the reason for reservations. The evening includes Christmas music provided by the great San Ramon Valley High School Choral Group. We host our *annual Toy Drive - collecting new TOYS for - Operation Santa & Toys for Tots* supporting our military serving.

GARY VILLALBA set the Standard

Our Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office continues to proudly provide to all Veterans & their Families



GARY VILLALBA has been helping veterans for over two decades, and will be retiring as a Contra Costa County Veteran Services officer. Here he talks with a client (left) in his Martinez office on Jan. 2.

DAN HONDA — MediaNews staff photos

From 1988 until 2008 - over Twenty Years of Dedicated Service to Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office's Veterans

Gary Villalba is a legend in the California Veteran Community... serving Veterans over twenty years in Contra Costa County as our Veterans Service Officer & Director for both Martinez & Richmond Offices aiding thousands of veterans. Back in 2008, the VNVDV Board of Directors voted *unanimously* establishing a "perpetual recognition award" in the name of **GARY VILLALBA** Honoring his service & dedication to veterans. This is the highest award the VNVDV bestows annually... **in Gary's honor** - to an individual who exhibits the character & great dedication to serving veterans as Gary demonstrated & provided in our community for his entire career. Gary will be joining us again to present this award at our 2015 Gala to another very special & dedicated individual.

Dedicated Service Award

The VNVDV's Highest Recognition a perpetual award displayed in the Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office lobby in Martinez to honor all recipients. Annually - an engraved brass name plate of the recipient of this high honor is added to the plaque - joining an honor roll of very dedicated previous recipients. The distinguished award recipient receives a "personal recognition plaque" at our holiday dinner appreciating their service to Veterans & recognizing their high honor as recipient of "The Gary D. Villalba Dedicated Service Award" - the VNVDV's highest & most significant honor bestowed. Gary receives an engraved name plate to add to his plaque honoring each year's recipient which is displayed at his home in Santa Barbara. Since 2008, Gary Villalba has joined the VNVDV to honor these dedicated individuals & personally present the award at our VNVDV Annual Holiday Recognition Dinner Gala. This is a very special recognition and a great evening to pay tribute to our dedicated members & supporters



Phillips 66 - SFR Rodeo & Carbon Plant
WALK of HONOR Sponsors



The VNVDV Thanks Phillips 66 & Carbon Plant for their Generous Support of community Veterans through their annual Walk Of Honor sponsorship on Armed Forces Day

PEACE on EARTH

~ A Holiday Wish



featuring

THE
Blackhawk
CHORUS

Saturday
December 5, 2015
4:00 PM

Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center
San Ramon, CA

The 120-member Blackhawk Chorus, under the direction of Diane Giffether, and accompanied by noted pianist, Randall Benway, will perform memorable holiday selections including "Jingle Bells", "Little Drummer Boy/Peace on Earth", "And the Glory of the Lord" from Handel's Messiah, and "The First Chanukah Night." Also featured is "Dirait-On" by contemporary American choral composer, Morten Lauridsen.

Holiday Concert Schedule

- **Saturday, December 5 at 4pm**
San Ramon: Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center
- **Sunday, December 6 at 7pm**
Oakland: Temple Hill Auditorium
- **Sunday, December 13 at 6pm**
Danville: Blackhawk Country Club - includes dinner after.

For more information - visit: www.BlackhawkChorus.com



VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE

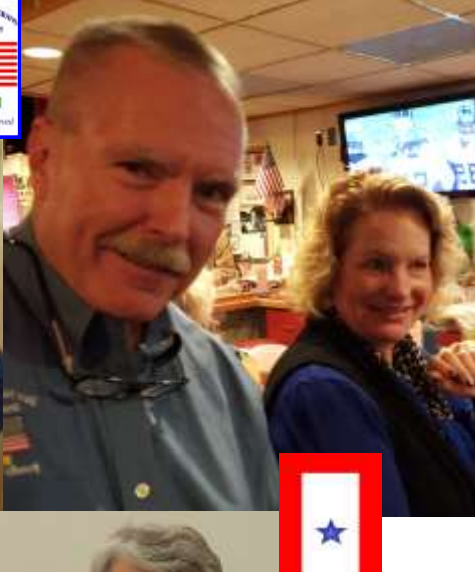


Veteran's Day 2015... a HUGE Success!

Walnut Creek ELKS Lodge 1811 Honors Military - Veterans - Blue Star Moms - Gold Star Parents - First Responders... a GREAT SALUTE to ALL!



WC
Elks
Thanks



ELKS Lodge provided Dinner - Music & Gift Cards to Honorees!



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BLUE STAR MOMS
 EAST BAY CHAPTER 101
 DANVILLE, CA

PERMANENT DONATION DROP OFF SITE:

Better Homes & Gardens Real Estate
 630 San Ramon Valley Blvd.
 Danville, Ca 94526

Donations items may be dropped off there by the community during their regular business hours:

Mon - Fri, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Thank you to the Staff at Better Homes Realty in Danville!



FAVORITE ITEMS TO DONATE TO THE TROOPS =

JUST ADD WATER (INDIVIDUAL Serving Sizes) Instant Coffee Packets - Sugar - Powdered Creamer, Powdered Drink Mixes - Crystal Light - Propel, etc. Liquid Water - Energy Enhancer Drops, Instant Oatmeal, Hot Cocoa, Hot Cider

TRAVEL SIZE PERSONAL ITEMS Flushable Wipes - Disposable Razors Lip balm - Chap Stick Dental Floss – Toothbrushes Eye Drops - Pocket Tissue - Hand Warmers

PROTEINS (Individual SINGLE Serving Sizes) Tuna or chicken - foil pouches - pull top cans Tuna - Chicken box w/crackers Beef jerky - Slim Jims, Protein Bars - Cliff - Muscle Milk Bars Peanut butter - Jiff to go Box type lunch kits

CLOTHING White/Black COTTON Long Athletic Socks Dark Colored, Knit Hats/Beanies

STOCKING STUFFERS AND ENTERTAINMENT Silly Putty - Nerf or Tennis Balls - Yo-Yos Crossword Puzzles - Word Search - Sudoku Playing Cards - DVD's

SNACKS (INDIVIDUALLY Wrapped Packages) Nuts All Kinds - Trail Mix - Corn Nuts - Sunflower Seeds Chex Mix - Hard Candy - Mints – Gum Granola Bars (non nutri-grain) - Pop Tarts, Dried Fruit (raisins, etc.) Fruit Snacks, Canned Fruit (no plastic) Crackers plain/w/Cheese - Cheese Packs (non-refrig types)

SPECIALTY ITEMS Ground Coffee (Peet's & Starbucks) Local Grocery Store Gift Cards Zip Lock Brand Bags (all sizes)

Please do not forget encouraging letters/postcards from home/schools, they love to receive them!!

Note: We can't ship glass containers, so plastic or metal only please! We can't send religious material, perishable foods, pork, fireworks, firearms, aerosol cans or pornographic material.

All donations of items and especially for the required postage (\$14.00 for each box) is greatly appreciated! Our Troops thank you! This is our small way to thank them!

VNVDV proudly supports the Wheelchair Foundation



*What a gift... if you are looking for a Holiday Gift for someone special - who already has everything... one of the most rewarding gifts you can bestow is **donating a wheelchair in their name** from the Wheelchair Foundation. A beautiful certificate will be sent with photo of the recipient of your generous donation of a new custom-sized wheelchair. Contact the Wheelchair Foundation on their website. Tax ID #94-3353881 VNVDV members have made three trips to VietNam to distribute new wheelchairs providing freedom of mobility to those in need.*

Visit - WheelchairFoundation.org to give the freedom of mobility! The best give you can give.

Sentinels of Freedom - PG&E - Peralta Community College District - College of Alameda join forces creating & dedication on Nov. 10th of a Veterans Resource Center

College of Alameda's
Grand Opening
of the
Veterans Resource Center
November 10, 2015

Mike Conklin
Master of Ceremonies
Chairman & CEO
Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship Foundation

Joi Lin Blake, Ed.D.
President, College of Alameda

Jowel C. Laguerre, Ph.D.
Chancellor, Peralta Community College District

Charles W. Ray
Keynote Speaker
Vice Admiral Commander
Pacific Area Commander, Defense Force West II S. Coast Guard

Mary King
V.P. Human Resources
Pacific Gas & Electric

Jannett N. Jackson, Ph.D.
Chancellor, CLPCCD - Chabot / Las Positas Community College District

Gabriel Flesher
Lotonuu Tasi
Student Presidents COA
Veterans Club





VETERANS' VOICES of Contra Costa

Your monthly TV Show for all 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>



Veterans: Watch Veterans Voices LIVE on the 3rd Monday each month at 1900 Hrs - 7PM
Past episodes are available on **line... 24/7** - catch-up & watch all educational episodes.

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
10 Douglas Dr. Suite 100
Martinez, CA 94553
Tel: (925) 313-1481
Fax: (925) 313-1490
Nathan.johnson@vs.cccounty.us



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Owner operator

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Unit E
Walut Creek, Ca 94597

925-247-4268

Docent Recognition Brunch



**Saturday December 19, 2015
10:00 A.M.**

All Docents, Trustees, Committee
Chairmen and head of VSO representatives
are invited

OJ, mimosas and brunch items

Hosted by your VMB Operating Committee



The 115th annual
Army/Navy Game

December 12, 2015
Doors open 11:30
Game starts at Noon

*Can the Midshipmen make it
14 straight
over the Black Knights*

Come join your fellow Veterans upstairs
In Your

Veterans Memorial Building
Veterans Event Room, 2nd floor
For hot dogs, chili, nachos,
Camaraderie, and The Game

Hosted by your VMB Operating Committee



Please Save the Date to attend the Sentinels of Freedom Annual Dinner Gala April 9, 2016 at the Blackhawk Auto Museum where we will honor Commanding General of U.S. Special Operations Command, Joseph L. Votel and Master Sergeant Leroy Petry, Army Ranger 2/75 & Medal of Honor Recipient as our Speakers and Guests of Honor

General Joseph L. Votel

Commanding U.S. Special Operations Command.

As a General officer, Votel served in the Pentagon as the Director of the Army and Joint Improvised Explosive Device (IED) Defeat Task Force and subsequently as the Deputy Director of the Joint IED Defeat Organization established under the Deputy Secretary of Defense.

MSGT. Leroy Arthur Petry (born 29 July 1979) is a retired United States Army soldier and recipient of the U.S. military's highest decoration, the Medal of Honor, for actions in 2008 during Operation Enduring Freedom.

For more information and Reserve
Seating call or email Mike Conklin at
925-380-6342 Ex 1.
mconklin@sentinelsoffreedom.org

Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship Foundation
PO Box 1316 San Ramon, CA 94583
office: (925) 380-6342 fax: (925) 867-1078
www.sentinelsoffreedom.org
TAX ID: 20-8139201





**Individual, marriage & family, counseling
now available to military veterans and
their families in the East County.**

**The Office of County Supervisor Mary Nejedly
Piepho and the Concord Vet Center are partnering
to offer readjustment counseling services in
Brentwood, CA.**

Appointments available on request
(Call Kira Serna, LMSW: 925-680-4526)
Located at 3361 Walnut Boulevard, Suite 140
Brentwood, CA 94513

Department of Veterans Affairs
Concord Vet Center
1333 Willow Pass Rd. Suite 106
Concord, CA 94519









*Join Santa and the
Concord Vet Center Staff at
Our Annual Holiday Party*

Where: 1333 Willow Pass Rd,
Suite 106, Concord, CA

When: December 11, 2015
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm


enjoy food, music and
Holiday cheer;
Santa, Ms. Claus and their elves
will be handing out toys

*Remember
Our Troops
This Holiday
Season*

*Please RSVP so Santa knows how many toys
to bring: 925-680-4526*



VNVDV Membership Dues
Annual Dues only \$25.
Renewal Time for your 2016 Annual Dues
at our Holiday Dinner or convert to a
Life Membership in VNVDV
in 2016 for only: \$200.00!



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Pre-need and Veteran Specialist
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PLEASE JOIN THE
VIETNAM VETERANS OF DIABLO VALLEY
FOR THE 12TH ANNUAL
"SALUTE TO OUR TROOPS"



The BEST
CRAB FEED

SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 7, 2016

DANVILLE VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING

1 P.M. DOORS OPEN

VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING

115 PROSPECT / 400 HARTZ

DANVILLE, CA 94526

ALL YOU CAN EAT **CRAB DINNER**

SILENT AUCTION - SUPER RAFFLE - ENTERTAINMENT

APPETIZERS - DESSERTS - NO HOST BEVERAGES

TICKETS - \$45.

ADVANCE TICKET SALES ONLY

EVENT SELLS-OUT ANNUALLY

PURCHASE TICKETS NOW TREASURER AT: 925 / 837 - 6238

Super Sunday Crab Feed Tickets Available at Dinners



December 2015

Dear Business Owner / Community Supporter –

The **Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley (VNVDV)** announces their 12th annual charity fund-raiser and we respectfully request your support for this event. On **Sunday, February 7, 2016**, we will hold our annual **“Salute to our Troops” Super Sunday Charity Crab Feed**, proudly honoring all those who served. This fundraiser will be at the Veterans Memorial Building – 400 Hartz Avenue in the Town of Danville, CA.

We look forward to your business support for this event with donated merchandise/certificates or gift cards promoting your business / services, or ticket sponsorship for military service personnel. Your donation will be used in our Silent Auction or Raffle held during the 2016 *Charity Crab Feed event*, to raise necessary funds to continue our non-profit organization's projects & programs in our local community.

The VNVDV are an independent, “grass-roots”, non-profit & tax-exempt, 501(c)(19), veteran's service organization, comprised primarily of Viet Nam combat veterans. We **“proudly served”** and continue to serve our community and veterans... with your support of this annual event. (*Tax ID number below*).

The money raised through our **2016 Charity Crab Feed** will support local veteran, active-duty military & community-service events - projects & programs that we conduct and support throughout the year - *including...*

- The East Bay Stand Down
- Memorial Day Program at Oak Hill Park
- Danville's 4th of July Parade
- Danville Veteran's Day Program
- The VNVDV School Speaker's Bureau
- Operation Welcome Home
- Armed Forces Day “Walk of Honor”
- The Blue Star Moms
- The Sentinels of Freedom
- Diablo Valley Flag Brigade
- All Wars Memorial at Oak Hill Park
- The Wheelchair Foundation
- Operation Santa Claus
- Veteran Swim Challenge – “Take the Rock”

For more information on the VNVDV, its programs, events, membership, our monthly newsletter, or how you can contribute to our organization, visit our website at www.VNVDV.com – or contact us below.

We look forward to you joining us in support of our 2016 **“Salute to our Troops” Charity Crab Feed** and are grateful for your generosity & support of our veterans, active-duty military, & community programs.

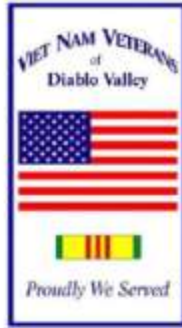
Thank you.

Sincerely,

Raymond LaRoche - President
Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley
Telephone: 925 / 606 - 5828
E-mail: Ray-L@pachell.net

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

VNVDV - P. O. BOX 2079 - DANVILLE, CA 94526-2079 - WEBSITE: www.VNVDV.com - E-MAIL: VNVDV1@gmail.com -
Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley is a non-profit veteran's organization / corporation (EIN 68-0266369) exempt from federal (IRC 501c) & state (RTC 23701w) income tax



Date: _____

DONATION RECEIPT

To: _____

The Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley (VNVDV) hereby acknowledges your donation to our annual charity fund-raiser. We are a non-profit organization and the VNVDV provided no goods or services in exchange for your donation. We sincerely thank you for your support of our annual fund raising event.

Your Donation Details

\$ - Value

_____	_____
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_____	_____

The money raised through our 2016 **Charity Crab Feed**, will support local veteran, active-duty military & community-service programs and events the VNVDV conducts and proudly supports throughout the year. Please keep a copy of this receipt letter for your tax records. Thank you for your support of the VNVDV.

Sincerely,

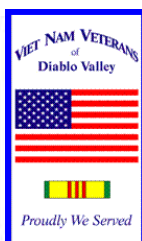
Coordinator
Crab Feed Donation Committee 2016
Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

VNVDV Contact: President Ray La Rochelle - Telephone: (925) 606-5828 - E-mail: Ray-L@pacbell.net

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

P. O. BOX 2079 - DANVILLE, CA 94526-2079 - E-MAIL: VNVDV1@gmail.com - WEBSITE: www.VNVDV.com

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Crab Feed Needed Donation Items

Sample IDEA list of "donation items" which would greatly assist our VNVDV fundraising event:

- *Gift Certificates / Gift Cards (various values)*
- *Large Bottles or Unique – Special Wine or Liquors*
- *Merchandise and/or Gift Items for our "silent auction" & "Super Raffle"*
- *Cases of Wine – for "silent auction"*
- *Gift Baskets from Professional / Service Businesses & Companies*
- *Military Memorabilia – any Branch or Era (very popular)*
- *Restaurant Dinners or Brunch for Two - Four at area dining*
- *Golf Foursomes with Cart at any golf course*
- *Limo Services or Tours - or other Professional Services*
- *Wine Tasting & Special Tour of Winery s for a group*
- *Sports Memorabilia – Signed / Autographed*
- *Tickets to Music / Art / Play or Pro Sporting or other Special Events*
- *Lodging / Hotel Nights — Private Club or Resort Weekends with dinner*
- *Travel – Trips - Vacations - Airline Tickets or Mileage Coupon Tickets*
- *Professional Services from Service Industry businesses*
- *Balloon - Airplane or Historic Aircraft Rides*
- *Certificates / Passes for Group Events for 2 – 4 – 6 - 8 or more*
- *VIP or Unique "One-of-a-Kind" Opportunities "YOU CAN'T BUY"*
- *Personal Hosting of a DINNER or Special Event at your Home/Business*
- *MAJOR Event SPONSOR for the Crab Feed's Appetizers – Desserts - Wines – Beers – Beverages*
- *Use your imagination or this list to help merchants & donors to support our only fundraising event*
- *Personalize the VNVDV Donation Request Letter to a business or merchant you personally know. Request specific items/merchandise or gift cards & asked they be mailed to our official address - or pick up in person and hand-deliver the "Donation Receipt" included in this packet of materials..*

Members & Supporters:

Please remember to keep this List of "Needed Donation Items" in Your Car... with the VNVDV Donation Letters & Receipts to provide to local Merchants.

Encourage you to Follow - Visit & Support Groups who Support Us...

Danville Veterans Memorial Building: www.VMBSRV.org

"Operation Welcome Home" event can be found at: www.DiabloValleyFlagBrigade.com

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

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

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

Wheelchair Foundation & Wine for Wheels - Support mobility - Visit: www.WineforWheels.org

Blue Star Moms #101: www.bluestarmoms.org & Blue Star Moms #20: www.ccbluestarmoms.org

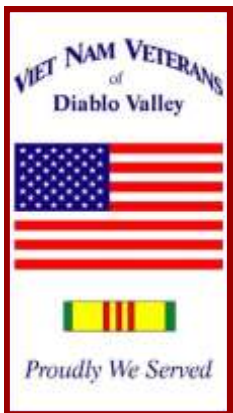
And many others...

Visit our own VNVDV website to see more about the VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley at:

www.VNVDV.com

Visit our Dinner Meetings and see Our website for additional listings & Links

Activities - Events - Programs & Projects



December is our Holiday Dinner Gala

**Our Annual sit-down Dinner with Music -
Recognition - Holiday Spirit & More
All Meetings are OPEN to All Veterans -
Spouse - Guests & Supporters**

Holiday Appreciation Dinner - \$45. Reservations Required

Social Hour begins 1700 Hrs. - Holiday Dinner begins 1800 Hrs. - followed by Music & Awards

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

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VNVDV Member *December* Birthdays

Harry Stonelake	12/6	Navy	Chelle Clements	12/7	Army
Floyd Cox	12/7	Army	Mike McDaniel	12/8	Marine
David Vasquez	12/16	Navy	Harold Booth	12/17	Army
Gene Cota	12/21	Air force	Ron Lowe	12/21	Army
Cliff DeCuir	12/22	Army	Bill LaVigne	12/29	Army
Patrick Pralle	12/29	Navy	James Taylor	12/31	Army



New Member
John Domde
27th INF/25th ID



November Meeting




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Honoring Our Military Men and Women

WE'RE PROUD TO SUPPORT THEIR COURAGEOUS SERVICE, FAMILIES AT HOME AND CIVILIAN PURSUITS

Tesoro has a strong commitment to assisting our military's active and veteran communities. While our Human Resources Department actively seeks out veterans when hiring opportunities arise, Tesoro also seeks out community investment opportunities in an ongoing effort to honor those men and women who've selflessly given of themselves in service of this great nation.



Operation Santa Claus, an event sponsored primarily by Tesoro in partnership with the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley and the BSM.

The largest investment by the Martinez Refinery each year in support of military families is **Operation Santa Claus**, an event sponsored primarily by Tesoro in partnership with the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley. The December 2014 event hosted families of 110 active-duty, wounded and killed-in-action military personnel. The families were treated to a traditional holiday experience that included a visit and picture with Santa Claus, stuffed Christmas stockings, sledding on a hill of manufactured but real snow, an opportunity to make their very own stuffed animal, games, face painting, a present from Santa's Workshop, plus a catered holiday meal with all the fixings. The festivities culminated in a raffle for fully decorated Christmas trees, handcrafted quilts and two weekend stays at a Lake Tahoe cabin. We thank the Blue Star Moms for their support of Operation Santa Claus each year.



Our DEC Holiday Dinner is the time of our *Annual Toy Drive* to collect new, unwrapped toys for *Operation Santa Claus*. These new toys will be used with **TESORO GOLDEN EAGLE REFINERY** who generously agreed to continue their support of **OPERATION SANTA CLAUS** for 2015. VNVDV members are asked to participate by bringing [“New Un-Wrapped Toys”](#) to the **Dec 3th Holiday Dinner**. The goal is to

collect toys (\$15-\$20) for both male & female children of all ages, especially **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!](#) **Extra Toys are used at Toys for Tots & the Concord Vet Centers “Santa Visit”** - *we do need your Toys at DEC. Holiday Dinner. Teen items needed the most. The VNVDV thanks you for your generous donation of toys this year!*

HONORING Our VETERANS... Pleasanton City Council voted unanimous & approved design of a Veterans Memorial to be located in the Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery.

The proposed Veterans Memorial was designed by a Veteran Committee & will be privately funded - according to Memorial Supporter & Veteran Doug Miller.

We Need Your Help

To Build the



*Pleasanton
Veterans Memorial*



www.PleasantonVeteransMemorial.com

The Veteran's community of Pleasanton has joined together with the City of Pleasanton to construct a Veterans Memorial in Pioneer Cemetery. The City has generously allocated land for the memorial. The Harrington family has graciously provided \$40,000. seed money for the project. The Veteran community committed to raise the majority of the funds to complete the project. Early estimates are: \$65,000.+

As approved, the memorial will include six 20-foot tall flagpoles, one for each of the services and the Merchant Marine; one 25 foot flagpole to fly the American flag and the MIA/POW flag, a large center granite platform, a bronze sculpture of a soldier kneeling, & one red granite star with an emblem of one of the services at each point. The six service flagpoles will include a monolith depicting scenes from the history of the service. The names, ranks, & theater of service of Pleasanton veterans killed or *missing-in-action* will be on the granite platform.

Interested in more information: contact Memorial Supporter & Veteran - **Doug Miller** by e-mail at: **DougMiller94566@gmail.com** or **925 / 998-9905**.

This promotional page is donated by Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley (VNVDV) to support fellow Veterans - courtesy of **INCOMING** News.

Tribute to Pleasanton Veterans

Pioneer Cemetery is the resting place of hundreds of veterans dating back to the Civil War. Every Memorial Day the local veteran community honors each resting veteran with a US Flag placed by their headstone.

The addition of a Veterans Memorial will create a year round location where the public can pay their respects and homage to the heroes who have served. It will be a place to reflect and remember the service and sacrifices that have been made, and continue to be made to protect our freedom.



How to Contribute

Donations / Contributions will honor the Pleasanton community's strong military heritage. Individuals, families & businesses are most welcome to contribute to this project. Two options to donate to the Pleasanton Veterans Memorial Project:

Option 1): Donate by **Check** - payable to "City of Pleasanton - VMF" and mail your tax-deductible contribution to:

Veteran Memorial Project
Attn: Michele Crose - Manager
P.O. Box 520 - Pleasanton, CA 94566

Option 2): Donate by **Credit Card** or **PayPal** on the internet at - <http://pleasantonveteransmemorial.com/donate.html>

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*Meet with fellow Veterans every Saturday
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Veterans Memorial Building

Pastries too! Join Us!

JIM MURPHY Donation Coordinator for our Annual 2016

"Super Sunday" Crab Feed needs your support.

Flyers & Donation Letter & Receipt
included in this edition of the news.

*Crab Feed Donor Letters & Receipts
available at our Dec. & Jan. Dinner
Meetings & also included in this issue
of this copy of the INCOMING News*

*Pick-up your copy of both at dinner or
copy the letters enclosed in this edition
& keep copies in your car with list.*

Please remind businesses & supporters
of the need to request donations NOW for
our Annual "Super Sunday" Crab Feed
to be held on Sunday - FEB. 7th!



REMEMBER YOUR TOY DONATIONS FOR OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER TOY DRIVE!
Support our Military Families & Veterans less fortunate during the Holidays.

San Ramon Valley Veteran's Day / Week Huge Success!

Photos of Highlights on Veterans Day Activities & Events



We have many photos of the Veterans Memorial Building Donor Reception already Posted on the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley Facebook Page

Hundreds of Photos taken at multiple events...

Working to get photos on our website and Facebook Page.

Our County Board of Supervisor Veteran's Day Recognition and our Veterans Memorial Building Historic & Educational Display Photos will be posted within the next week online.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CATHARINE B. BAKER FOR A

VETERANS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Veterans THANK our Assemblywoman Catharine Baker for her Veteran's Weekend Pancake Breakfast

Many THANKS to all of our Exhibitors and Personal Displays at our Veterans Memorial Building Historic & Educational Display on Veterans Day Weekend. Photos coming soon!

November Speaker

John Gallagher-

from "Save Mount Diablo" one of the Beacon Boyz who restored the "Eye of Diablo" - made the VNVDV aware of the Pleasanton Project to Honor Veterans - see flyer



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of
Diablo Valley



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Spouse / SO					
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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 |
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| <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

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THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

Please attach a copy of your DD-214 - and a check for Annual Dues: \$25 payable to VNVDV

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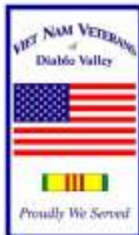
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To: VNVDV Members & VIPs

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. 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!*

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VIET NAM VETERANS of Diablo Valley

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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

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