



INCOMING NEWS



September
2015



Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

Veterans & Military Sign-Up to Take the Rock Swim Challenge Veterans Day November 11, 2015

Raymond
"Ray"

La Rochelle
VNVDV
President

Watch
"Veterans
Voices"

every month
on the 3rd
Monday on
CCTV—
Tune-In &
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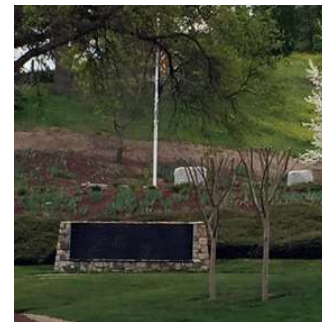


VNVDV Prez Ray's Comments:

CALL FOR MILITARY MEMORABILIA

The Veterans Memorial Building will be hosting a display of Military Memorabilia the weekend of November 7-8, 2015 in the Main Hall and are seeking additional items to display. These additional items may include any mementos that you may have from your time in service and would be on a loan basis for that weekend. If you have any items that would be of interest please contact Bob Sada, (925-389-0955), or Lorrie Sammons, (925-216-4196). This is planned to be the largest display ever held at the VMB so any assistance that you can provide would be appreciated.

9/11 Remembrance... a Ceremony in Danville featuring World Trade Center survivor



The 9/11
ceremony
will take
place - Sept
11 from 5:30
- 6:30 p.m.
on **FRIDAY**

at All Wars Memorial in
Oak Hill Park - 3005 Stone
Valley Road in Danville.
Football game for Vets afterwards
at Monte Vista High School.

SAT Morning

Social Coffee...

Join fellow Veterans
each Saturday

8AM until 11AM

At the Danville
Veterans Memo-
rial Building

September Speaker



Mike Conklin
Sentinels of
Freedom
Scholarship
Foundation



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

2015 President Ray La Rochelle

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VETERANS DAY EVENT NOVEMBER 11, 2015

Jerry Yahiro is again chairing our joint VSO event at the San Ramon Valley High School Performance Arts Center with the joint sponsorship of the VNVDV, A.L. Post 246, MCL Det. 942 and VFW Post 75.

This year's event will feature a Special Salute to women in the Military. Mark your calendars & plan to attend

TAKE THE ROCK – ALCATRAZ SWIM

The VNVDV will be again sponsoring our 3rd annual **“Take The Rock”** swim challenge. This has been a very popular event, especially with **our GWOT vets. See Jerry if you'd like to volunteer to assist in this event.**

Thanks to **“Slatts” & “JGR”** for supporting VETCON 2015!

“PROUDLY WE SERVED” and continue to serve veterans and our community.

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



SEPT. 11th Remembrance Ceremony

A community picnic will follow the ceremony in the Park, in addition to the Monte Vista High School Football Game Honoring Veterans.

This annual Exchange Club event serves as a community memorial to those who lost their lives during the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Survivor Bert Upson will share his experience of being on the 78th floor of one of the Twin Towers on Sept. 11, 2001.

He is also the author of **“On a Clear Day -- An Eyewitness Account,”** which details his experience.



Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship Foundation

Sentinels of Freedom connects **permanently disabled** veterans with caring community volunteers who pool their resources to provide four years of housing, an accessible vehicle, a suitable job and ongoing community support and self-sufficiency services.

After operating informally for several years, Sentinels of Freedom was incorporated in 2006 and received non-profit status in 2007. The simplicity of the Foundation's service model is the source of its success—even beyond their personal compassion, community volunteer teams can leverage resources within their communities that would be prohibitively expensive to purchase on the open market.

Mike's vision has been honored by military and community leaders ranging from California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, philanthropist and social advocate Paul Newman and corporate icon Ross Perot.



Charge Filed in All Wars Memorial Vandalism

18 year old Utah man to face felony charge

Wednesday Sep. 2, 2015



A felony vandalism charge was filed against Jared Vance, 18, of Provo, Utah.

Investigation of the June 8, 2015 vandalism at the All Wars Memorial at **Oak Hill Park has led to the Contra Costa District Attorney's Office filing** charges against Jared Vance, 18, of Provo Utah.

In the original incident, suspects used spray paint to vandalize the war memorial in Danville. Due to the nature of the crime, a reward was offered. Danville Police Department Detectives, following tips and other information in the case, presented their investigation to the Contra Costa **District Attorney's Office. The District Attorney's Office subsequently filed** a charge of felony vandalism against Vance.

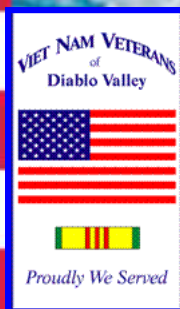
Danville Police Chief Steve Simpkins said he was pleased that the case was able to be resolved and he appreciates the assistance and patience of **the community. "We are very glad that we were able to bring closure to** this case, and we empathize with our local veterans who were affected by **the vandalism of this important memorial," Simpkins said.**

For more information, contact Sgt. Brian Sliger at (925) 314-3700 or bsliger@danville.ca.gov.

Swim Open to All Military & Veterans

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

TAKE THE ROCK



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

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

Veterans Day November 11, 2015 - *Recognition of Women in the Military* at San Ramon Valley HS



**Display Your Military Memorabilia
at the Veterans Memorial Building
of the San Ramon Valley**

**SAT - NOV. 7th & SUN NOV. 8th
in Danville**

VETERANS DAY 2015... the Veterans Memorial Building for the San Ramon Valley – located in Danville will feature a special educational & historical exhibit of local military items & memorabilia on the weekend prior to Veterans Day – SAT. Nov 7th & SUN Nov 8th this special event will be held in the Main Veterans Hall Auditorium and has been referred to as a “Do it yourself Museum” - *goal is to honor – pay tribute & remember our veterans.* The Library & Museum Committee for our local Veterans’ Memorial Building is asking local veterans and their family members to gather any special military items are ready them for display to the public Veterans Day weekend prior. Have questions... contact VMB Museum Curator at: curator@vmbsrv.org

Do you have special military memorabilia to display from your personal collection or a family member? This is a special opportunity to display these special items at the Danville Veterans Memorial Building the weekend **PRIOR** to Veteran’s Day in our weekend tribute to all of our local veterans and a special *salute to all women in the military*... look through your family treasures and contact the VMB Museum Curator to discuss - and reserve your space to display your items in Danville at the Veterans Memorial Building for the San Ramon Valley for **SAT & SUN - NOV. 7 & 8.** Contact our Curator at: curator@vmbsrv.org

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 August Speakers Lang and Cornelia Srey authors of ***"The Smell of Water"***



VIET NAM VETERANS OF DIABLO VALLEY & LoCo

SPONSOR "TAKE THE ROCK SWIM" - Sept. 20th

PRACTICE IS WELL UNDERWAY AS PARTICIPANTS QUALIFY



Wheelchair Foundation

"Serving the World"



Twilight BBQ on the Serengeti

**A Wine for Wheels Event to Support the Wheelchair Foundation
All Net Proceeds will Benefit Stephanie Behring's "Wheels for Tanzania"
Project**

Hosted by: David and Lisa Behring

Saturday - September 12, 2015

6:30PM – 10:30PM

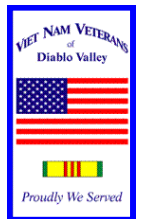
2982 Deer Meadow Drive - Blackhawk, CA

Music and Dancing to the African Beat

An African Inspired Buffet by: Valley Catering

A \$60 dollar per person donation is suggested but additional Donations are encouraged to help provide wheelchairs to the Tanzanians in need through Stephanie's "Wheels for Tanzania" Project. One bottle of wine per 1 or 2 people (to share or not share) is also requested or a non-alcoholic beverage if you prefer.

Please RSVP to Jeff Behring at jeffbehring@wineforwheels.org call (925) 890-9883 or send check to made out to Wheelchair Foundation and send to Jeff Behring at 3820 Blackhawk Rd, Danville CA 94506



Wine for Wheels is an International group of philanthropic volunteers, consisting of thousands of friends and colleagues, who meet all over the United States at different venues, some private, some public, to provide the awareness of the needs and abilities of people with physical disabilities and to collect donations to provide wheelchairs, hope, mobility and freedom to those in need.

V3 & HopFest 2015

The East Bay's Premier Bike Ride & Craft Beer Festival

September 19, 2015 - San Ramon, CA

Presented by

Rotary



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YOUR HOMETOWN STATION!

Dougherty Valley/San Ramon

Register for HopFest
Benefitting
Sentinels of Freedom
Scholarship
Foundation



**Benefits Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship
Foundation and the Dougherty Valley/San
Ramon Rotary Foundation**

Registration for all rides begins at 6 a.m.
Hopfest runs from Noon - 5:00 p.m.
2600 Camino Ramon, San Ramon

V3 is The Ride:

Your choice of 30, 60, or 100 mile rides through the
majestic foothills of Mount Diablo, the San Ramon
Valley and the Livermore Valley
and

Hopfest is The Party:

20 craft breweries, live music, food trucks and
more!

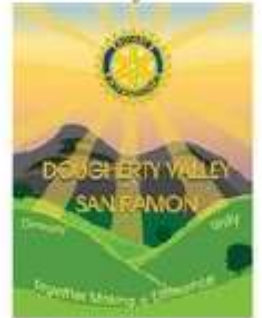
**Join us for The Ride,
The Party
or both!**

**In addition to riding or attending, there are
several ways to support the HOPFEST:**

- Consider becoming a sponsor
- Consider sponsoring a rider.

Thank you to our Event Sponsors!

How to find us



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San Ramon

The VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley
are proud to support the *Sentinels of
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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>



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
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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:
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Contra Costa County
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Veterans Memorial Building in Danville hosting a Free public educational & historic display of Military Memorabilia

Diablo Valley Seeking Your Military Memorabilia for FREE Public Display



510 La Gonda Way
Danville, CA 94526
Phone (925) 314-3388
Fax (925) 838-0548

Press Release

Contact: Henry Pesezalono
Phone: (925) 314-3434

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.

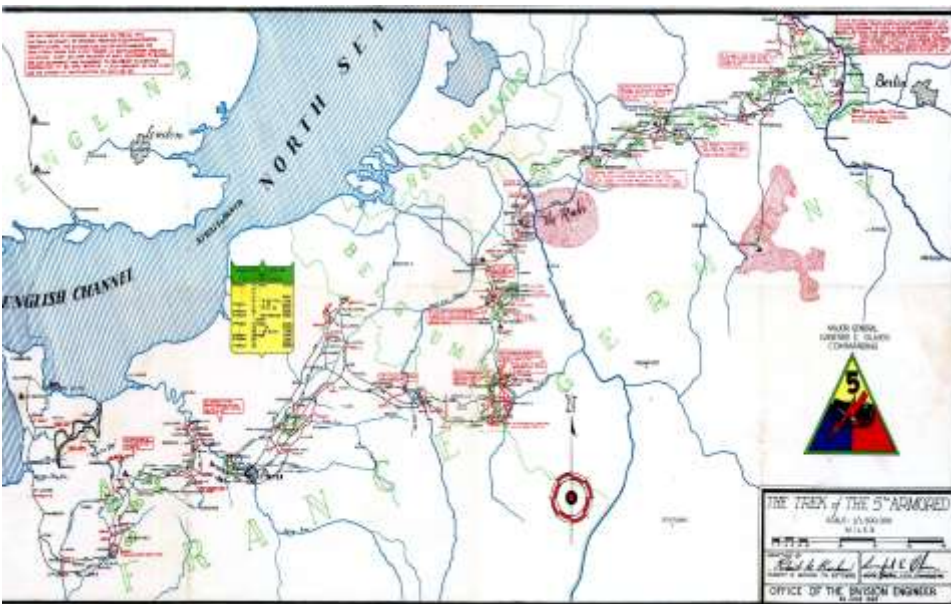
Admission is free.

For those with collections or memorabilia, send a brief description of the items and photos to Tim Sammons - curator@vmbsrv.org Deadline for entries for the exhibit is 12:00 p.m. October 16, 2015.



Supporters at a recent Car Show wanted to make sure you are aware of our Military vehicle displays too... at the Danville VMB on Nov. 7 & 8

Contact Tim Sammons - VMB Curator at:
Curator@VMBSRV.org
if you have items for display on Nov 7 & 8



Events: Get Involved in September

Freedom Day
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Thursday, September 10, 2015

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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



EXCHANGE CLUB SAN RAMON VALLEY

*"How the Wild West Came to
Life at the Blackhawk Museum"*
September 9, 2015

David Behring, President, Wheelchair Foundation



12:00 (11:30 Sign In) rsvp_coachateper@yahoo.com
FAZ, 600 Hartz, Danville *Saffron Chicken Kabob*
Call Fax by Monday if you require special dietary requests
\$16 Members/\$20 Returning Guests 275-2412

Please Join Us for The AUSA Golf Tournament



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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 Berkeley 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 Retirees who live in our geography. Please join our mission.



**All Proceeds will Benefit & Support
The Local Military Community
Please join us on September 21st, 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!"



Volunteers Needed for Stand Down on the Delta

The year's "Stand Down" will serve an estimated 250 homeless Veterans. It will be held on Friday, **September 11 through Monday, September 14th** at the Antioch Fairgrounds. It is a unique opportunity to serve veterans who will be offered a range of services from dental and health care screenings, optometry services, DMV and court services, hygiene and grooming services, etc. along with meals, entertainment, a shower and a clean set of clothes. More than 100 volunteers will be needed as will donations of clothing, food and toiletries. Contact: **403 W 6TH ST, ANTIOCH, CA 94509**
Phone: 925-754-8381 Email: post161@aol.com



**BUILDING
VETERANS' SELF-
UNDERSTANDING
THROUGH
SELF-PORTRAITS**

Painting Workshops for Veterans of all Service

IF YOU CAN DRAW A STICK FIGURE, WE'RE LOOKING FOR YOU

Sign up for a **FREE** two-day workshop and paint a self-portrait as a way to self-understanding and self-expression. The Arts and Culture Commission of Contra Costa County is offering two-day self-portrait painting workshops at no cost to all Contra Costa County Veterans. Workshops will take place in Martinez at ARTU4IA, a working art studio led by noted artist John Kleber. No art experience required! All painting materials will be provided.

Work with other Vets – Veteran and artist Geoffrey Meredith will assist in the workshops to help Veterans of all service, all ages, and all service dates, network and tell their story.

OCTOBER 20 & 22 — 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm NOVEMBER 3 & 5 — 6:00 pm TO 9:00 pm
OCTOBER 27 & 29 — 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm NOVEMBER 17 & 19 — 6:00 pm TO 9:00 pm

If you are a Veteran living in Contra Costa County please register at ACS.org

Funded by the California Arts Council, a state agency, and Contra Costa County



**EVENTS Veterans
Should Know About...
*get involved...***

**Concord
Vet Center**

PATRIOT DAY OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY SEPT. 19, 2015

FROM 1100—1600

**Join us for good
food, meet our staff,
and see our museum
quality military
memorabilia.**

**Come see what your Vet Center is doing for
Veterans in your community!**

1333 Willow Pass Road, Suite 106
Concord, CA 94520
Call (925) 680-4526 to RSVP

STAND DOWN on the DELTA

Homeless Veteran Support Event

September 11 - 14, 2015

Antioch, CA

Volunteers Needed for Set-up &

Tear down - September 9, 10 & 15

LINKS: <http://www.deltaveteransgroup.org/contact-us>

Stand Down Location: Contra Costa County Fairgrounds

1201 W. 10th Street

Antioch, CA 94509

CONTACT:

DVG - Gerald Wilson | (925) 222-7596

geraldwilson1971@gmail.com

LAS POSITAS COLLEGE



Every year we find a special way to remember the events of September 11th, 2001.

Our campus community would like to invite you, any co-workers, and

family to attend this event. The program will be on Friday, September 11, 2015 at 1:00 pm at Las Positas College

Guest speaker that was in the south tower (on the 78th floor) at the time of the attacks. His name is Bert Upson, an Army Korean War Veteran who wrote the book, "On a Clear Day." The speaker will be on the main stage of Building 4000. (Barbara Fracisco Mertes Center).

You can make a difference!



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[PERMANENT DONATION DROP OFF SITE:](#)

Better Homes & Gardens Real Estate

630 San Ramon Valley Blvd.

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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 - i.e. 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 Pop Top Canned Fruit (no plastic) Crackers plain/w/Cheese - Cheese Packs (non-refrig types)

SPECIALTY ITEMS Ground Coffee (Peet's and Starbucks are popular) 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!!

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 are greatly appreciated! Our Troops thank you! This is our small way to thank them!

Small, individual, and travel sizes preferred... PLEASE

We are a 501(c)(3) IRS designated non-profit group.

East Bay Blue Star Moms - P.O. Box 2537 -San Ramon, California 94583



FELLOW SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION WEBSITES:

Danville Veterans Memorial Building: www.VMBSRV.org

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

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

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

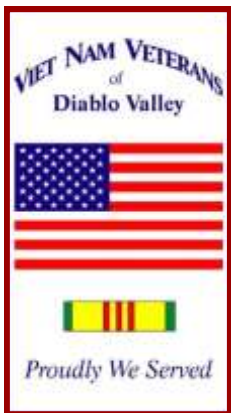
Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship Foundation - visit: www.SentinelsOfFreedom.org

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

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

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

See OUR websites for additional listings & Links



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.

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VetCon a Huge Success!



VETCON 2015 - formerly known as the *East Bay Veterans Fair*, was held at the Concord Hilton Hotel on Monday - August 17th and was A HUGE SUCCESS! The VNVDV participated with an information booth on the Veterans Memorial Building in Danville and the many programs, services and VSOs in addition to information about the All Wars Memorial and Take the Rock Veterans Swim Challenge.


Our thanks to the Concord VET Center & our Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office for their coordination of this outstanding event for all military / veterans and their family members. Special thanks go to the Coordinator Maurice Delmar from the Concord Vet Center and his Team of coordinators. This event provided information about education, employment, benefits, employment and many other services to all those attending. The Department of Veterans Affairs was represented in every area and a blood drive was provided. A great feature this year was the LIVE broadcast of VETERANS VOICES by CCTV during the entire event. You can see this special episode on their website in addition to all the past years shows. At VetCon - the VA Director for Northern California Health Care held a VA Town Hall Meeting for veterans to ask any question about VA Health Care and in attendance the leadership from the VA Hospitals & Clinic Directors and the public relations director.

This event - VETCON is held on the odd years - and EBSD is held on the even years. Many thanks to the VA, Colleges, Support Programs, Employers, community service organizations and all others who were on-site to assist Veterans & Military & families.



VNVDV Membership Dues Now only \$25.

**Please renew your 2015 Annual Dues
at our Monthly Dinner or convert to a
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FRONT LINE to HOME FRONT
Suicide Prevention



-- Save the date -- * **See attached workshop flyer for full details...**
Oct. 24th - John F. Kennedy University will be hosting a suicide prevention event.
Please RSVP today. We hope to see you there and help with this very important and serious issue.

We will have three speakers who will speak on the topic of suicide among veteran and current service members and how we can broach the subject and seek out resources.

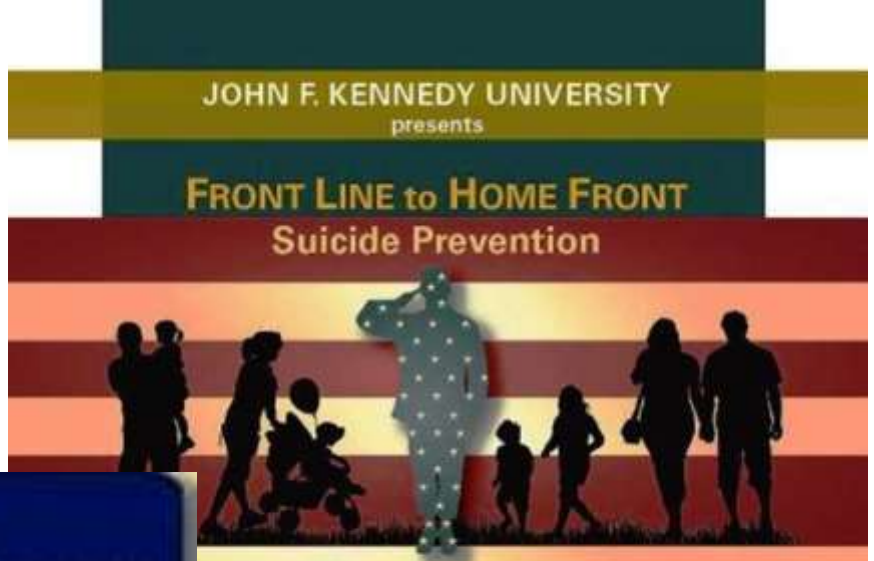
Please share this important information...

Keynote Speaker
Captain Tom Chaby
Decorated Navy SEAL Commander currently serving as Director of the Preservation of the Force and Family Task Force for the US Special Operations Command

Session Presenters
Melodi Billera
Clinical and research social worker with the Rocky Mountain Mental Illness Research Education and Clinical Center at the Denver VA Medical Center

Brian Adkinson
Suicide Prevention Coordinator for the Veteran's Administration - East Bay

...And representatives from local veteran agencies and support



To register for the event, go to
<http://bit.ly/JFKUnivFrontLine2015>.

Saturday, October 24, 2015 | 10 am – 2:30 pm
100 Ellinwood Way, Pleasant Hill, CA
A **FREE** half-day workshop with resources for struggling servicemembers and their families

Sign Up for OCT. 24th Workshop...
Full details in the workshop flyer.

Jared Anderson
Veteran Academic Advisor
Academic Advisor
John F. Kennedy University
100 Ellinwood Way, Pleasant Hill, CA
W. [925.969.3332](tel:925.969.3332) F. [925.969.3136](tel:925.969.3136)
janderson2@jfku.edu

Who should attend?

- Veterans and servicemembers and their families
- Military service organizations
- Counselors, therapists and mental health professionals
- Primary care and community health providers
- Substance abuse treatment providers
- Advocacy groups

...and anyone interested in issues facing servicemembers and their families

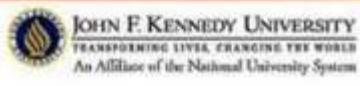
Keynote Speaker
Captain Tom Chaby
Decorated Navy SEAL Commander currently serving as Director of the Preservation of the Force and Family Task Force for the US Special Operations Command

Session Presenters
Melodi Billera
Clinical and research social worker with the Rocky Mountain Mental Illness Research Education and Clinical Center at the Denver VA Medical Center

Brian Adkinson
Suicide Prevention Coordinator for the Veteran's Administration - East Bay

...And representatives from local veteran agencies and support organizations.

To register for the event, go to
<http://bit.ly/JFKUnivFrontLine2015>.



VNVDV Member *September Birthdays*

Tom Hutchens	9/1	Navy	Michael Hurder	9/6	Army
Bill Tharp	9/9	Army	Nathan Rockwell	9/10	Air Force
Bob Miller	9/16	Navy	Don Loeffler	9/19	Army
Dave Smith	9/21	Army	John McPartland	9/24	Marine
Bart Gilbert	9/25	Army	Julian Mathews	9/27	Navy
Keith Harrigen	9/28	Army	Dan Young	9/29	Army

WELCOME to NEW MEMBERS

Charles Gibson

Gordon Dunne

SPECIAL MEMBER RECOGNITION



Honorary Life Member Leo Bruning celebrates his 100th birthday *in style* with the VNVDV

WW II Veteran John Bailey awarded Honorary VNVDV Life Membership



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History on Display at Veterans Memorial Building

Military memorabilia sought for Veterans Day exhibit



The theme of this year's exhibit will be "Women in the military."

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."*

These educational & historic 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 and an excellent opportunity to share history with children of all ages & grand-children

For those with collections or memorabilia, send a brief description of the items and photos to Tim Sammons, curator@vmbsrv.org. Deadline for entries for the exhibit is 12:00 p.m. October 16, 2015. Please mark your calendars for the weekend prior to Veteran's Day - Nov. 7 & 8.

The annual San Ramon Valley Veteran's Day program will be held on Veteran's Day - November 11th at the San Ramon Valley High School's Center for Performing Arts beginning at 10:30 with a video program honoring *Women in the Military*. Free and open to the public.

Veteran Service Office **Flag Pole Ceremony** **September 30, 2015 at 1530 Hrs**

Who is invited: Veterans & Families - elected officials and county employees

When: Wednesday, September 30 - at 3:30 p.m.

Where: 10 Douglas Drive - Martinez

Why: *To honor veterans who have served, and service men and women currently fighting to preserve our freedom*

VNVDV MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Spouse / SO					
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Military Service

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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

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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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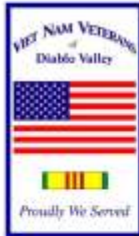
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The VNVDV meets monthly on the **1st Thursday of every month** at the **Crow Canyon Country Club** in Danville.

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!*

OPEN - SOCIAL DINNER MEETINGS with SPEAKER!

VIET NAM VETERANS of Diablo Valley

MONTHLY SOCIAL DINNER MEETINGS with FEATURED GUEST SPEAKERS

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