

INCOMING NEWS











April 2016





Bill Green VNVDV President 2016

Congratulates all VSO & supporters making a success of the Corned Beef & Cabbage Fund Raiser to support VMB Operation Expenses for the Veterans Wing. Thanks to many this event achieved great results!

To the Community

A Reminder... The East Bay's Largest MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE is Monday - MAY 30

Site of the beautiful
ALL WARS
MEMORIAL
In Oak Hill Park 3005 Stone Valley
Road (next to Monte
Vista High School)
Town of Danville



Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

Register now for the "WALK of HONOR" for our Veterans Support & Attend the "SENTINELS GALA" - Sat - April 9th Proud to Support Local Organizations who Support our Veterans

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

April Fools! Not really, it's a month that I always reflect on because it was 48 years ago on the 1st that I got my first Purple Heart followed by my 2nd one 28 days later! Needless to say, April of '68 was not my favorite, but for us in the VNVDV, 48 years later, its great because spring is in the air, we have had a great first 3 months of success!

First with a successful Crab Feed, and a great Paddy's Day Dinner to support operation expenses at the VMB & great meetings & speakers. The **Sentinels of Freedom** will have their **Gala** on April 9th and I urge as many of you who can - to try to attend this event. We all know how much this organization does for assisting wounded & injured members of our armed forces & if you don't - **YOU SHOULD**.

The rest of the month is fairly quiet, although the VFW is having their fundraiser on Sat. April 23rd (details inside) & VMB is still looking for more Docents for the VMB - 3 Hr shifts.

We do have a lot to get ready for in May. The VNVDV Board voted to reschedule our 3rd Thurs. BOD meeting (see announcement) allowing members to support another organization that continually supports the VNVDV. The D/SV Rotary's Blackhawk Food - Wine & Film Festival on Thurs. May 19th. These Rotary members attend & support Veteran events & fund raisers at our VMB.

Our largest event supports all Veterans & so many valuable programs conducted throughout the east bay. On *Armed Forces Day* join us for the 8th annual Phillips 66 "WALK of HONOR" for our Veterans - SAT - May 21st in Crockett. Honor the Veteran in your family & "register" to *Walk in their Honor*. All names will go on the *Walk's "Tribute Wall"*

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Honor Your Hero
Walk in their Honor
on Armed Forces Day

SAT - May 21, 2016 at the Phillips 66

WALK of HONOR!

Register NOW on-Line
& carry a Photo Sign of your
Veteran or Family Member
to Honor them. Sign up NOW
online & include the names of your
Veterans for the Tribute Wall.

Walk Applications NOW On-Line
& in this edition to Mail in!

April Featured Speaker

DAVID SMITH, VNVDV member will discuss his recent visit to Laos & Viet Nam to include the Ho Chi Minh trail in the zone of the 1971 Lam Son 719 ARVN - NVA Battle. Please join us!



2016 VNVDV President Bill Green



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Supporting the **Phillips 66 "Walk of Honor"** is <u>critical</u> & even if you cannot make the event or do the Walk... it's important to request family members & the community to please "register" & we demonstrate our support & recognize our military & veterans on Armed Forces Day each year. <u>Special note</u>: working to have this year's **Walk** recognized as part of the 50th Anniversary of VietNam War Commemoration. Each "registered" Walker receives the 2016 Walk shirt, a BBQ luncheon, information & materials at the Veteran Expo & much more, including a free flag to wave during the Walk across the bridge at the UH-1 Huey fly-over. Tell others - get a group together & Join us!

Rounding-out the month of May is our annual **Memorial Day Remembrance** program held on Mon - May 30th at the site of the All Wars Memorial in Oak Hill Park in the Town of Danville. Volunteers needed & more info next month.

But on the 8th... don't forget MOM on Mother's Day! We also learned, with great sadness Diablo Valley Flag Brigade's Bryon Welden is moving to Oregon. I cannot begin to tell you how much the Veteran community is going to miss him. Our Welcome Homes will just not be the same. Good Luck to Bryan... our loss is Oregon's gain. We have heard Warriors Watch Rider - Matt Boggs will continue to follow-up returning troops & any requests for Welcome Home events. These are team efforts & volunteers are needed for each returning Vet.

Reviewed lots of valuable announcements on many worthwhile events from organizations that support not just the VNVDV, but all Veterans in the East Bay. Help those groups that help us return the favor by supporting them! Please review this edition of the INCOMING & I strongly encourage all of our members supporters - fellow VSO members & community supporters to mark your calendars & attend these programs. Get more active - you will be glad you did!

"Proudly We Served" and very proud we continue to serve our troops - veterans & our community. Special Note: A "special" event at our April meeting - so please join us this Thursday at Crow Canyon Country Club. I look forward to seeing you... and my thanks to all...

Bill

WILLIAM "BILL" GREEN President 2016

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Monthly Dinner Meeting 1st Thursday
Crow Canyon County Club
1700 - Social / 1800 Dinner
Featured Speakers Monthly
All dinner meetings are OPEN... Join US
"Proudly we Served... & we Continue to Serve"

OFFICIAL NOTICE

The VNVDV Board of Directors Meeting regularly scheduled on the 3rd Thursday each month is CHANGED for the month of MAY 2016 will NOT be held on MAY 19th at 6 PM at the VMB/SRV. By a passage of a motion by the BOD the May meeting for the Board has been RESCHEDULED for a BOD meeting to be held on WED - MAY 18th - 6PM (the day before).

The official change for May was requested by VNVDV President BILL GREEN to show our organization's support for a special non-profit organization who supports VNVDV projects & programs, & Veterans in our community.

The change for the MAY BOD allows VNVDV leadership & members to support Danville / Sycamore Valley Rotary Club's Community Foundation by attending their Blackhawk Food - Wine & Film Festival at the Blackhawk Museum on Thursday - MAY 19th at 5PM. Details on this annual Rotary event are in this edition of the INCOMING News.

Invitations available at the Thursday Meeting

Phillips 66 as we organize the 8th annual Walk of Honor for our Veterans on Armed Forces Day (3rd Sat. of May) - Saturday -May 21st. A "Registration Form" is included in this edition of the INCOMING for you to complete & mail with your registration fee. Also, is the NEW Phillips 66 Walk of Honor website at: SFRWalkofHonor.com The 2016 ONLINE registration form is now active. Sign-up early & avoid the late registration fee & be sure to name the Veterans you are walking in Honor of on Armed Forces Day -Sat. May 21st in Crockett. You can make a sign with a photo to pay tribute to a family member - favorite Veteran - or Hero you are Walking for on Armed Forces Day & carry on the Walk. The featured speaker will be a "Sentinel" - the Guard from the Tomb of the Unknown at Arlington... you will not want to miss the Veteran Information EXPO. Do Mark your calendars & plan to join us on Armed Forces Day in Crockett, CA!

SENTINELS OF FREEDOM





LAST CHANCEIII
Go to Sentinels
Website & CALL for
Your Gala Tickets



Generel Joseph Votel, US Army Commander U.S. Special Operations Command

General Votel commanded the 75th Ranger Regiment and participated in Operation Enduring Freedom, in Afghanistan, and Operation Iraqi Freedom, in Iraq. General Votel served in the Pentagon as the Director of the Army and Joint Improvised Explosive Device (IED) Defeat Task Force.





Master Sergeant Leroy Petry, US Army (Ret.)

Petry became only the second living recipient of the Medal of Honor. On 26 May 2008, Petry, despite being wounded in both legs by gunfire, he continued to fight and give orders. When a grenade landed between him and two other soldiers, Petry grabbed it and attempted to throw it away from them when it exploded, saving the soldiers' lives but severing his right hand.

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WALK of HONOR 2016







2016 WALK of HONOR for our Veterans

Sponsored by Phillips 66 Refinery & Carbon Plant

Honoring the Men and Women who Served Our Nation

The Phillips 66 SF Refinery & Carbon Plant invite you to join with us in honoring & celebrating the service of our military veterans on Armed Forces Day - Saturday, May 21, 2016. The 8th Annual "Walk of Honor for our Veterans" is a short walk across the Alfred Zampa Memorial Bridge & back followed by an outstanding BBQ luncheon. Last year's "WALK" event was a huge success & well attended. Over 600 employees, contractors & local residents participated in the celebration, & together we raised \$40,000 to support Veteran projects in our community! The planning committee is working hard to surpass last year's fundraising & attendance milestones, & we know with your support we are sure to succeed! We promise you a fun, exciting & fulfilling Armed Forces Day 2016 honoring the men & women who proudly serve today & all those who have valiantly served our nation. A short ceremony during lunch at the Crockett Community Center with a special guest speaker & raffle. Outside beginning at 8AM until 12 noon the "WALK" features a Veteran Information Fair - an EXPO featuring non-profit & government providers with valuable information for Veterans - family & community members. Exhibitors include VA Health Care, Department of Veteran Affairs, County Veterans Service Office, Concord Vet Center, Blue Star Moms, Sentinels of Freedom, JFK University, Shelter, Inc., the Wheelchair Foundation & Blackhawk Museum, U.S. Park Service "Rosie the Riveter"+ invited Veteran Service Organizations & s displays of military vehicles including a UH-1 Huey Helicopter for family to climb aboard & take photos. Remember your camera! Join Us! Register NOW on-line at: www.SFRWalkofHonor.com & if you know Sponsors interested in being included on the Walk of Honor participant shirt & in the program - contact **Phillips 66** before the deadline. Registration forms & sponsor contacts on the website.

Walk of Honor Schedule of Events in Crockett on SAT. - MAY 21st

8:00AM - 9:30AM - "Walk" Check-In / Registration at the Crockett Community Center - 850 Pomona Street - Crockett, CA. Register on-line in advance at: www.SFRWalkofHonor.com - \$25. Registration includes "Walk" Shirt & great BBQ Luncheon - items provided at the Veteran Information Fair, military displays + an American Flag for the Walk. 8AM - 1PM - The VA along with many local Veterans Service Organizations (VSO) & other non-profit organizations serving veterans & their families will be on hand providing information regarding their services / programs / projects and benefits available to veterans / family members and those who proudly serve today. Plus UH-1 Huey for photos 10:00AM - "Walk" begins. Transportation will be provided to and from the bridge (from Community Center) 11:45AM - Luncheon Ceremony, Following the "Walk" all registered participants are invited to join us for a special BBQ luncheon & ceremony, a special guest speaker, plus music and a outstanding raffle & the Veteran Information Fair/EXPO

100% of all contributions to the Phillips 66 Walk of Honor will be divided evenly between the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley (VNVDV) & the Crockett Community Services District (CCSD). The VNVDV a non-profit, all-volunteer VSO dedicated to present & former members of the Armed Forces of the United States, through the support of local community activities, programs, & projects which recognize the contributions & sacrifices of Veterans. The CCSD is dedicated to the preservation & restoration of the historic Crockett Veterans Memorial Hall built in the 1920s.

Join us & Walk in Honor of your family Veteran & help support those currently serving & our Veterans by registering for the **2016 Phillips 66 "WALK of HONOR" for our Veterans** on SAT – May 21th Armed Forces Day in Crockett



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Phillips 66 "Walk of Honor" for our Veterans REGISTRATION FORM

Registration On-Line & WALK in Honor of a Veteran in your family!









Sign up today for the May 21, 2016 event! Enjoy a memorable leisurely walk across the "Alfred Zampa Memorial Bridge" and share a delicious BBQ lunch at the Crockett Community Center – 850 Pomona St., Crockett. Invite your family, friends and neighbors; and enjoy yourself while honoring the service of loved ones who honored us by their service to our country.

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

www.SFRefinery.com

Tear along dotted line, keep top portion for your records Registration Form

Last Name;	First Name:
Mailing Address:	78
Street Address	City, State, Zip
Phone #:	Email:
Walking in honor of	29'
	Veterans Name(s)
T-Shirt Size: S $/$ M $/$ L Please make checks payable to: SFR Community Fund,	May 1, 2016 Registration is \$30 (T-shirt and BBQ included) / XL / 2XL / 3XL (Please circle one) (Tax ID#45-2483804). Mail registration form along with check to: ohr, 1380 San Pablo Avenue, Rodeo, CA 94572
Register online at www.SFRWalkofHonor.com	
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Participant Waiver	
Ι,	, do hereby agree that I will indemnify and hold harmless
Phillips 66, its subsidiaries and affiliates, successors, assigns,	, agents, representatives, directors, officers, and employees, from any th may be incurred by me as a result of my voluntary participation
I further represent and certify to Phillips 66, its officers, em	ployees, agents and assigns that I am physically able to do the various no disabilities which might prevent me from doing the same.
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I certify that either I am eighteen (18) years of age or older, participation in this event and has given me permission to p	or that my parent or court-appointed guardian has full knowledge of my participate, as evidenced by his/her signature below.
PARTICIPANT (If not age 18 or older, parent/guardian n	nust co-sign below.)
PARENT/GUARDIAN (Undersigned has read the above	and understands this waiver.)
Date	

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

The Veterans of Foreign Wars in Danville did not have a Crab Feed this year!

Instead Post 75 is hosting an exciting Southern Fund Raiser designed by the VFW's younger Veteran members & deserves Community & VSO Support!



VFW Post 75 is one of the Veteran Service Organizations meeting at the VMB/SRV Sign-Up NOW to Support & Reserve your tickets for this enjoyable evening!

Community Friends & Supporters...

Help as celebrate again and enjoy our third annual combined

Veterans Service Organization

CORNED BEEF AND

CABBAGE DINNER

Thank You To Our Crews

Kitchen Crew

Jerry Yahiro and team

Appetizers and Desserts

Marilyn Steichen

Blue Star Morns



Many THANKS to all who Volunteered & Supported the VMB/SRV Operating Committee St. Patrick's Corned Beef Fundraiser

Cub Scouts take a guided Tour of the Veterans Memorial Building

Art Gaskins, 97 year old, WW II Veteran is Senior Docent for the Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley, & was joined by Docent Bill Green, President of VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley providing a well-rounded educational experience "at the right level" for these third grade Cub Scouts at the VMB Museum located in Danville. Veterans saw the amazement through the expressions on their faces & the comments from their leaders, "It's clear you both left an impression with them that will be lasting." These VMB Docents believe it is an honor for them to share "real history" as a World War II & Viet Nam Veteran. Art personally telling these Cub Scouts "how important Scouting will be in their lives as they grow & continue in life" was special, Green mentioned. Art also taught these young Scouts about folding an American Flag. Volunteer Docents support the Veterans Memorial Building Museum & Library, open Monday-Friday from 9 to 3 providing free guided tours & Danville's VMB/SRV is open to the public... to provide an educational experience for all ages. Veteran Social Coffee on Saturday's from 8-11.



Viet Nam Veterans Diablo Valley April Birthdays

This month please acknowledge the following:

Doug Miller - Navy - 4/1

Harry Fuller - Army - 4/6

Del Loewe - Navy - 4/7

Dennis Giacovelli - Navy - 4/9

Michael Ebert - Army - 4/12

Charles Fiedler - Army 4/23

Dennis Verlyne - Navy 4/23

Jack Hafen - Navy 4/25

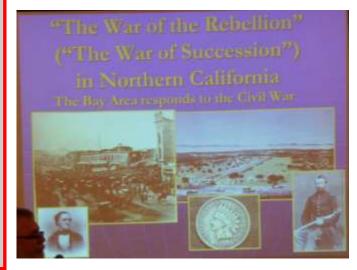
Dave Richardson - Army 4/25

Richard Lambert - Navy 4/29

Special Welcome to new Member ERNIE PETAGARA - NAVY & ARMY

SPECIAL THANKS to the March Speaker DENNIS EVANOSKY who provided a lively presentation about California's involvement in the Civil War.





SAT Morning Social Coffee...

Join fellow Veterans each Saturday 8-11AM at the Veterans Memorial Building

Hosts: Hank Glauser - Art Gaskin & Lee







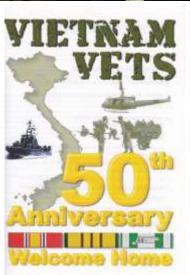
Guess Who Came To Dinner March 2016



MARCH RECOGNITION OF SERVICE



JERRY YAHIRO, VNVDV Past President & Co-Founder of East Bay Stand Down has been recognized with the "Unsung Hero Award" from the San Ramon Rotary (March 24, 2016). Congratulations to Jerry & thanks for his years of service to Veterans, the Community & the VNVDV.





VA's Concord Veterans Center Recognizes Viet Nam Veterans









Alameda County Fair Grounds September 8 - 11

> Support EBSD become Active in Planning MeetingsI

The 2016 East Bay Stand Down (EBSD) is scheduled for September 8 through 11, 2016 at Alameda County Fair Grounds in Pleasanton - the original four-day Stand Down in the U.S.

All meetings for EBSD are Open - Public Community Information / Coordination & Planning Meetings & held on the second Tuesday of each month. Locations vary in the East Bay - so always check the website for latest information on EBSD meetings & wish list needs. The next community meeting is in APRIL on the 12th at 1800 Hrs. (6PM) at HILLCREST CONGRE-GATIONAL CHURCH - Fellowship Hall - at 404 Gregory Lane - Pleasant Hill, CA.

Community organizations, clubs, businesses, churches & interested individuals are encouraged to find out more about how you might be able to assist in this major community effort to end homelessness for our military Veterans. As months get closer to the event date - final meetings usually take place at the Alameda Fairgrounds to aid volunteers in becoming familiar with the event location. NOTE: EBSD public - monthly planning meetings is an excellent venue to show your support & present your 2016 "Sponsorship Donation Checks." Major Sponsorship begins at \$5,000.00 & "Tent Sponsorship" is \$500. for non-profit organizations & \$1,000 for Corporations. All groups Sponsoring Meals during the four-day event are coordinated with Food Services & Executive Board. NOTE: All EBSD donation checks should be made payable to - Diablo Valley Veterans Foundation, a 501(c)3 funding EBSD.

The EBSD "Executive Board" meets prior to the public meeting at 1700 (5PM) at the same location as the community / public meetings. We respectfully request all planning meeting attendees wait until 6PM before entering allowing the Executive Board to complete their business meeting prior to the scheduled start of public meetings. We are all volunteers & can always use help setting up chairs & putting them away.

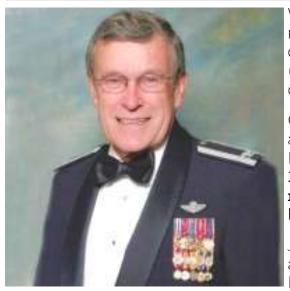
Each Planning Meeting has a "Sign-In" sheet requesting: Your Name - Organization you are representing -Your Mobile Phone & your best E-Mail contact address & if you attend on a regular basis - this information will be pre-typed & you need to check to see if all data is correct. Collection of information will allow Executive Board Members & Coordinators to contact you personally, if necessary between meetings. This listing is kept "confidential" & not shared with any except those mentioned above. At your first planning meeting you will be requested to provide the information above.

If you have questions - about anything - the monthly planning meetings - locations or times - always check the EBSD website at: www.EastBayStandDown.org The official 2016 "Volunteer Sign-Up" will NOT be available online until early July & completed online.

Signing-in at the monthly planning meetings DOES NOT register you as a Volunteer at EBSD. This is a separate process. Again - check the EBSD website on a regular basis for additional information. Thank you for your support of East Bay Stand Down 2016. Help spread the word - get other groups interested in EBSD.

Remembering VNVDV Life Member

Col. Jerry D. Driscoll



With deep regret, the VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley inform our members, fellow Veterans & supporters of the passing of a friend & one of the original VNVDV Life Members - Colonel Jerry D. Driscoll (USAF, Ret), a USAF Pilot in VietNam with over 100 missions & shotdown becoming a Prisoner of War during VietNam for nearly 7 years.

Col. Jerry Driscoll was one of the first featured guest speakers in 1991 at a VNVDV dinner meeting & became a VNVDV Life Member. Jerry lived out-of-state & we recently learned of his passing on 20 February 2016, at the age of 75, after a 6-year battle with Primary Lateral Sclerosis, (PLS) a slower acting form of ALS, from VNVDV's 1991 founding President Norm Mahalich, fellow pilot and good friend.

Jerry was born in Chicago, Illinois, 21 February 1940. A 1958 graduate of De La Salle High School, he studied for 1 year at St. Mary's College in Winona, Minnesota - before receiving his appointment to the

Air Force Academy, June 1959. Jerry was a USAFA graduate in 1963 with a B.S. degree & commissioned as a Second Lieutenant. Colonel Driscoll completed pilot training at Craig AFB, Alabama, receiving his pilot wings in October 1964, followed by an assignment to F-105 "Thunderchief" Combat Crew Training. After F-105 training, June 1965, was assigned to the 560th Tactical Fighter Squadron (TFS), McConnell AFB, Kansas.

Jerry was reassigned in November 1965 to the 469th TFS, Korat Air Base - Thailand. While on his 112th mission, he was shot down over North Vietnam 24 April 1966 & immediately captured. Many of his 2,487 days of captivity were spent at Hoa Lo prison, a.k.a. the *Hanoi Hilton*. Driscoll was held in captivity nearly 7 years before his release 12 February 1973, with the first group of U.S. POWs to come home to the United States.

Colonel Driscoll received training in the F-4 "Phantom" at George AFB - California, and in 1974 was assigned as Instructor Pilot in the F-4 at Homestead AFB, Florida. From July 1977 to June 1978, he attended the U.S. Army Command & General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and earned a Master's degree in Business Management from Central Michigan University. From July 1978 to June 1981, Jerry was assigned to the Air Force Inspection & Safety Center at Norton AFB, California, as F-105/A-10 Project Officer, followed by assignment as Chief, Fighter/Trainer Branch, Flight Safety Division. Jerry also earned an MBA from the University of Utah in 1981. From July 1981 to October 1982, he was assigned to Columbus AFB, Mississippi, as Instructor Pilot in the T-38 aircraft & Assistant Operations Officer of the 50th Flying Training Squadron. In November 1982, due to Jerry's real-world experience, he was named the Commander of the 3612th Combat Crew Training Squadron (Survival), at Fairchild AFB, Washington, until May 1984. Jerry's assignment changed & he became the Commander & Professor of Aerospace Studies, & Commander of AFROTC Detachment 085 - University of California - Berkeley from July 1984 through June 1987. Colonel Jerry D. Driscoll retired from the Air Force on 1 July 1987, after 24 years of service.

Jerry civilian life began shortly after his USAF retirement... flying for American Airlines from August 1987 to February 2000, retiring as a 727 Captain. He went on to pilot the Citation X for NetJets Aviation until he retired his wings in 2009. Colonel Driscoll's decorations include: Silver Star, two Legions of Merit, three Distinguished Flying Crosses, two Bronze Stars with Valor, two Purple Hearts, two Meritorious Service Medals, ten Air Medals, and three Air Force Commendation Medals.

Jerry is survived by his lovely wife, Sharon of Wayzata, Minnesota; son, Donald of Stockton, California; step-children, Kim Gehrman White (Mike), of Portland, Oregon and Jason Gehrman (Megan) of Long Lake, Minnesota; granddaughters, Trisha Driscoll, Alexandra and Madeleine White, and Ava Gehrman; grandsons, Sean Driscoll and Justin Gehrman + his furry companion, George the Bassett.

Jerry Driscoll Gifts in his memory of may be made to *The ALS Association* or the *United States Air Force Academy Fund.*The VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley pay tribute - salute & honor Col. Jerry D. Driscoll for his dedication - loyal service to his country & love of life & family. He will be greatly missed & never forgotten!

DANVILLE LOST WORLD WAR II VETERAN WARREN JENSEN

With deep regret, the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley inform our community - fellow Veterans & supporters of the passing of Veteran & friend **Warren M. Jensen** a Danville resident & World War II veteran who served in the European Theatre during 1944 1nd 1945.

Warren Jensen was a assigned to the 793 Field Artillery & arrived in France during the Normandy Invasion June 1944. The LCT (Landing Craft Tank) ride across the Channel dropped him in four feet of water but all equipment was prepared & made it to shore. In the St. Lo region it took till 25 July to break out from the German resistance & then they proceeded north of Paris on their way through Belgium & Holland. The 793 FA participated in the attack of Aachen, Germany, then moved south to the Huertgen Forest.

During the Battle of the Bulge the 793 FA under XIX Corps supported the defense of the Northern Shoulder of the Bulge.

The Battle of the Bulge breakout in Feb permitted the 793 FA to move rapidly across the Roer River & German plains reaching the Elbe River where they meet the Russians.

The XIX Corps history states: "The 8 inch howitzers of the Corps Artillery's 793 BN could lay their big projectiles in on a dime".

Returning to the States Warren joined the 91st Infantry Division in California and was commissioned as a Lieutenant & left his military service as a Captain.

Warren was honored for his military service by the Danville Town Council in November 2014. *Photos included to the right*: a current photograph of Warren; Danville Town Council

Warren will be greatly missed... Never forgotten!

recognition; plus a picture of Warren in his European accommodations. Warren Jensen remained active in the community, communicating Veteran events & will be greatly missed by all.

Warren was a life member of the California Alumni Association, Military Officer's Association of America, and Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Military Order of the Purple Heart & a founding member of the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge. participated in Danville's 4th of July Parade

Chefs Bill Green & Jerry Yahiro cook a Cioppino Dinner *par excellence* to **Reward "HIGH BIDDERS" from the Crab Feed Auction (donated by Bill & Jerry)** with members Jim Murphy & Dennis Giacovelli **both serve winner's guests.**



The VNVDV Proudly Supports & Thanks Danville/Sycamore Valley Rotary Members for their Support of all Veterans & our VMB & encourages Your Support of the Blackhawk Film Festival!



Rotary Club of Danville/Sycamore Valley Community Foundation

Presents the 26th Annual

BLACKHAWK FOOD, WINE & FILM FESTIVAL

Date: Thursday, May 19th, 2016

Time: 5:30 - 8:30 PM

Location: The Blackhawk Museum

3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville, California



An Evening of Great Food, Wine & Entertainment!

Featuring the wines of Livermore Valley, local fine restaurants, and great musical entertainment, Silent and Live Auctions

2016 FUND-A-CAUSE to benefit Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship Foundation assist veterans with severe service-related injuries who have the aptitude, attitude, and drive to become independent and successful members of society.



Featuring Wineries from the Livermore Valley & the Finest Restaurants

Throughout the San Ramon Valley

Proceeds go to the Rotary Club of Danville/Sycamore Valley Community Foundation a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization in support of local charitable and non-profit organizations and international service projects.

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Advance Invitations Only. Information at Newell@ADarch.com or call 510.366.0716

To obtain a "Donor Invitation" to the Rotary Foundation Festival Contact: Helen Reese - Newell Arnerich or David Behring

The VNVDV Thanks the Blackhawk Chorus Members for their Support our our Crab Feed & the Sentinels of Freedom Foundation & Encourages Your Support of their Spring Concerts!



Save the dates! Blackhawk Chorus Best of the Beatles on May 21& 22!



Mark your calendars now for <u>The Blackhawk Chorus</u> (BHC) spring concert series, Best of the Beatles on May 21 and 22!

Whether you were around for the British Invasion by the Fab Four, or you're one of the generations to discover the Beatles in the 50 years since they first touched down at JFK, the Blackhawk Chorus spring concert series is sure to delight audiences of all ages.

With rich choral renditions of timeless Beatles classics like All You Need is Love, I Want to Hold Your Hand, Here Comes the Sun, and Yesterday, this Best of the Beatles program will also explore their rich collection of early rock 'n' roll hits, such as She Loves You and Can't Buy Me Love, beautiful ballads like Michelle, as well as the iconic anthems of Let It Be and Hey Jude.

Tickets to our 2 performances are \$25 for adults and \$17 for kids 12 and under. The concerts are:

Saturday, May 21 at 8 p.m. in Walnut Creek at the Lesher Center for the Arts Sunday, May 22 at 430 p.m. in San Ramon, at St. Joan of Arc Church

The May 22 concert benefits our <u>BHC Music Education Support Fund</u>, in honor of long time member Debbie Frey. This fund supports vocal music programs in our area Middle & High Schools. To date, BHC has raised and donated almost \$60,000 to local schools through this 501C3 charity. For information on contributing to this fund, or applying for a choral education grant, please contact our <u>Chorus Manager</u>.

The Blackhawk Chorus, beginning its 25th year under the direction of Diane Gilfether, has entertained thousands each year at concerts in the Bay Area, New York and several tours in Europe. With humble beginnings with only a dozen women in 1991 under Gilfether's experienced, operatic and classical tutelage, the chorus has grown and matured into the auditioned, 130+ members of today's chorus. Two smaller groups "born" from BHC, Blackhawk Jazz and Special Blend, will perform in the spring series.

Follow us on <u>Facebook</u> for the latest concert information plus ongoing Beatles trivia to help build excitement for the program; check in regularly at our <u>Blackhawk Chorus website</u>, join our <u>tickets interest list</u> today, or let your favorite chorus member know to notify you as soon as tickets become available!

Don't Miss the "BEATLES" Musical Concert by the Blackhawk Chorus in May. The VNVDV encourages you to Order your Tickets Early! Contact Helen Reese









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California's Veteran Benefit Book Available and the New

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Veterans... Are You Utilizing Your VA Health Care Benefits?

The VNVDV encourages all Veterans to Enroll in VA
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The VA Health Care System is the Best - get help

Visit our VNVDV Website for more Benefit details.

Watch CCTV "VETERAN VOICES" each Month

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

Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office is a FREE service for all Veterans!

Find out about all the Veteran Benefits
You earned through your Military Service
Visit the County VSO Office NOW...
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Our Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office is "the place" to have <u>all</u> of your VA paperwork completed - by a qualified, experienced service rep. & this service is for all veterans <u>FREE</u> & available M - F in Martinez & on Wednesdays in Danville 10-2

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

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September 8 thru 11

Visit the EBSD website for full details on Sponsorship & attend the Public Monthly Planning Meetings. www.EastBayStandDown.org

VNVDV Members are proud supporters of the



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community events
supporting mobility,
including WW II
Freedom Flights
for our Veterans
& EBSD

The VietNam Veterans made distribution trips in 2006 & again in 2012 to VietNam to provide mobility for those lacking this basic freedom.

Thank you for your support of VNVDV



More information at: www.wheelchairfoundation.org
& if donating a wheelchair - mark "VNVDV" on your WCF note. Thanks!



Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office

WATCH VETERANS' VOICES on CCTV Every Month on the 3rd Monday

Veterans' Voices - our VSO TV Show Airs Live Every 3rd Monday at 7PM.

Each month you're invited to call in, text or live chat with the hosts & guests. Be a part of the conversation and you can help other vets who are struggling with the same issue. New topics every month - 3rd Monday!

Veterans' Voices will be broadcast live/online on CCTV on Monday, April 21, from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The show is a joint production of the Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office & Contra Costa Television (CCTV.) It is underwritten by a grant from the California Department of Veterans Affairs. "Veterans' Voices" airs the third Monday every month at 7:00 p.m. on CCTV. "VETERANS' VOICES" will be promoting the WALK of HONOR in their April TV Show

CCTV and Veterans' Voices can be found on Comcast Channel 27, Astound Channel 32 and AT&T U-Verse Channel 99 throughout Contra Costa County. If you missed this edition... Catch it and all other prior shows or watch the show live online by visiting: http://www.contracostatv.org/veteransvoices. All previous shows are on-demand 24/7 & If your organization can help support an episode of Veterans' Voices - contact Nathan Johnson our County VSO for more info.

If you know non-profit Foundations supporting "education" - "history" - "military issues" - Veterans, or other - please advise County Service Officer Nathan Johnson - Funding support is needed to continue these CCTV "Veterans' Voices special monthly TV shows to provide this valuable information to our returning veterans & their family members. If you have any TV or production skills or are willing to learn—stop by the CCTV studios on the 3rd Monday prior to the live broadcasting of Veterans' Voices... YOU may be able to help or learn to help & reduce production costs of shows. Veterans' Voices will also be providing information on East Bay Stand Down meetings & the Sept. 8-11 event.



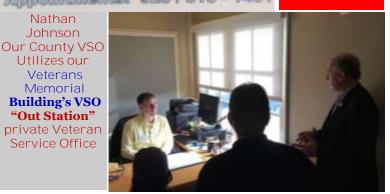
Nathan Johnson

Utilizes our Veterans Memorial

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Visit Your County Veterans Office & Let them work for you! It's Free... you earned it!

REGISTER NOW ON-LINE Phillips 66 Walk of Honor for our Veterans Armed Forces Day 2016 SAT - May 21st in Crockett





Register at: www.SFRWalkofHonor.com

Danville VMB's County Veterans Service Office is OPEN every Wednesday 10-2 to serve Veterans

Danville "VSO" Outstation - 400 Hartz Ave. Open every Wednesday from 10 to 2 for veterans & family member. Schedule your "benefit check-up" appointment by calling the VSO at: 925/313-1481

Your VNVDV 2016 MEMBERSHIP... is PAST DUE - Mail it in or See Slatts

VNVDV MEMBERSHIP... only \$25. year! Life only - \$200.

All Wars Memorial Paver UPDATE

AWM ENGRAVING SET FOR NEXT MONTH - Only 25 Blank Pavers Remain Do you have Your AWM Paver Ordered? Over 1,100 Solid Granite Pavers are set in the "Walk of Honor" leading to the top of the AWM in

Oak Hill Park. Don't wait - Honor a veteran, friend neighbor, family member with a Paver Tribute! Only - \$250.00

Engraving is only performed in the Spring & Fall. Take time to visit the AWM website for an order form & more historical & educational information about all wars. www.AIIWarsMemorial.org

Please CHECK-OUT & FOLLOW MONTHLY some of our SUPPORTERS & FRIENDS WEBSITES:

Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office - Open in Danville every Wednesday - call 925 / 313-1481 for Appt.

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

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

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

Wheelchair Foundation & Wine for Wheels - Support our those in need of mobility - Visit: www.WineforWheels.org & see VNVDV Blue Star Moms #101 website: www.bluestarmoms.org & Blue Star Moms #20 website: www.ccbluestarmoms.org VNVDV website to see more about the VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley at: www.VNVDV.com

See other website LINKS listed inside this edition of the INCOMING News & on our website.

VISIT THE VMB/SRV's WEBSITE - for the VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING at: www.VMBSRV.org

California Launches Veteran Driver License & ID Card

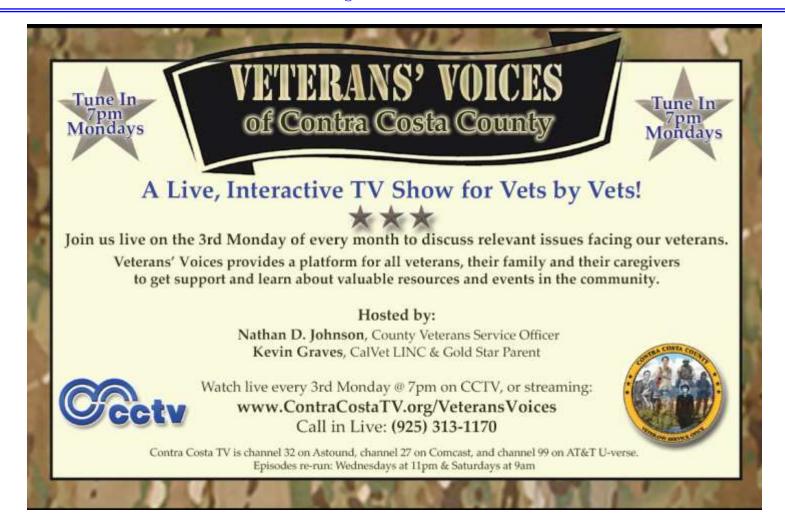
As a Veteran - you can obtain a DMV "Veteran" designation on your Driver's License

The California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) has a new program honoring Veterans & recognizes the military service by allowing them to apply for a "Veteran" designation on California driver licenses & identification (ID) cards.

All Veterans are encouraged to contact our local Contra Costa County Veteran Service Office in Martinez or one of their outstations to start the process. In addition, Veterans can learn about "earned benefits" from their military service. A "Veteran" designation on a California Driver's License or ID Card will aid Veterans show their status as a certified Veteran & take advantage of businesses proving offers and/or discounts to Veterans.

How to obtain your "Veteran" designation for a driver license or ID card - It's easy:

- Get Records. Find your military discharge certificate (DD214). If you need assistance obtaining your military records, then contact our County Veteran Service Officer (CVSO) in Martinez.
- Visit any Contra Costa County Veteran Service Office. Take your DD214 and government identification to the CVSO to obtain your <u>Veteran Status Verification Form</u>. For faster CVSO service, you can contact our local CVSO by calling 925/313-1481 to find out locations & hours of CVSO outstations, and their main office in Martinez
- Visit Any DMV. Go online or call DMV for an appointment. Then bring your <u>Veteran Status Verification Form</u> to any DMV field office. Pay any application fees, in addition to a \$5.00 Veteran designation fee, and complete all application & testing requirements. To schedule an appointment at a DMV office, visit <u>www.dmv.ca.gov</u> or call 800-777-0133.



Exhibition in Pleasanton - WAR COMES HOME A Collection of Letters Written by Veterans and Their Families and An Ordinary Year, An Extraordinary Time



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WAR COMES HOME: THE LEGACY



The VNVDV & the VMB are Proud Supporters of Historical Education in our Community & encourage visiting the "Spirit of the Old West"



SPIRIT OF THE OLD WEST LECTURE SERIES - SPRING 2016



Sunday, April 17, 2016 • 10:30am

Larry Ford

"The Gunfight at the O.K. Corral"

Saturday, April 23, 2016 • 10:30pm

Craig MacDonald

"Gold Rush Spirit & Spunk"



All events are free with admission to the Museums on the Day of the Event.

Members of the Museum are always free.

For More information: museum@BlackhawkMuseum.org

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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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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 2016!

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

Reservation NOT Required - Except December Appreciation Dinner

Meeting are OPEN to ALL Veterans - Supporter & Guests

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