



# INCOMING NEWS



Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

**EBSD Volunteer Sign-up is open  
2,500 Volunteers Needed - Register Now!**

**Danville/Kiwanis 4th of July Parade Honored VietNam War Veterans Commemoration**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE VN 50th Anniversary Honored  
in Danville Parade**

Greetings... At the time that I'm writing this, July is closing & we are beginning the month of August. July is always a rewarding month for our non-profit service organization and its members due to our participation in the Kiwanis / Danville 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, and it was again, truly Grand! First, our thanks go out to VNVDV Life Member - **Major James Taylor, USA (Ret.) Medal of Honor Recipient.** Jim was able to join us this year for the parade and we were especially honored to have the Kiwanis Club select him as the Grand Marshal of the Parade & the Kiwanis Club's special tribute honoring the Vietnam War Veterans in the 4th of July Parade this year.

The VNVDV also thank the **U.S. Marine Corps** Color Guard from Concord - our own members who provided the military service colors - the **Prince Charles Pipe Band** - the **Daughters of American Revolution (DAR)** & **Boy Scout Troop 805** for carrying our large U.S. Garrison Flag – a special thanks & recognition to **Mike Conklin** & the **Sentinel of Freedom** for hours of labor & effort providing a beautiful VietNam War Commemoration parade float honoring VietNam Veterans & the 50th Anniversary that carried our members who could not walk the parade route & wanted to participate – thanks to T. J. & the **Amvets UH-1 Huey Helicopter** & the escort provided by the **Warrior Watch Riders** – and my thanks to all the VNVDV members & family that passed out the 10,000 + American Flags to the children & 45,000 community members who came out this year along the parade route - and it wouldn't be a parade without John Reese & our Parade Truck transporting all the flags for distribution. Thanks to Jerry Yahiro for organizing & coordinating the parade and my thanks to all of you for making us look so GOOD leading the Danville 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.

*Lots of events in this edition of the Incoming!*

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August 2016



Bill Green VNVDV  
President 2016

East Bay Stand

Down is a community support program providing a helping hand-up... not a hand-out to our Homeless & in-need Veterans from SEP. 15 - 18

Registration is Open 2,500 Volunteers are needed. Sign-up in advance on-line.

We are honored to be a Major Sponsor of EBSD 2016.

Join us in supporting EBSD



**VETERAN 's  
SAT Morning  
Social Coffee  
In Danville...**

Join fellow Veterans every Saturday 8AM until 11AM at the Veterans Memorial Building In Danville Pastries too!



**SPEAKER AUGUST 4th**



Richard Jarrett will discuss his early days in the DEA to include

development of the International Network for training and information exchange. Richard Jarrett has been honored by the DEA Educational Foundation Inner Circle 2008. Please join us for dinner on Thursday - AUG 4th.



At our monthly meeting, I told the membership that the VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley is a Commemoration Partner with the Department of Defense 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration of the Vietnam War. The VNVDV Board of Directors, as partners in this national recognition program, wants to honor the service of our Members who served in Vietnam during the war in a special way... A special tribute of VNVDV Lifetime Membership for *only \$50.* to recognize the Commemoration of 50 years and honor the service and sacrifice of all those who proudly wore our nation's uniforms in VietNam. This special tribute is to also celebrate & commemorate VNVDV's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of service our organization has provided Veterans & our community since establishment in 1991. I encourage all of our VietNam Veterans to take part in this recognition tribute.

WE, as individuals, have come a long way since Vietnam & the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley - as a non-profit, grass-root, & all volunteer organization has been extremely helpful to our fellow Veterans, the local military & continues to do a great job in working with our community to enhance their impression & commitment to also support Veterans. As President, I am **EX-TREMELY Proud** of our organization, its achievements, its service to others, and how it has bonded so many great friendships. **Thank you for your service.**

Now let's get ready for East Bay Stand Down 2016! **2,500 Volunteers are needed this year.** It will be from Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> thru the 18<sup>th</sup> - but they can use all the help they can get starting on the weekend of the 10<sup>th</sup> until it opens on the 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have any time to help, please go to [Eastbaystanddown.org](http://Eastbaystanddown.org) & **VOLUNTEER.** Remember... PROUDLY WE SERVED & now PROUDLY WE CONTINUE TO SERVE

We distributed special 50<sup>TH</sup> Commemorative lapel pins to VietNam Veterans at the parade & our July meeting. If you did not receive your pin - we will be making another presentation at the August Dinner.

Please review all the upcoming events in this issue of the INCOMING news and participate in as many as you are able. Stay active & get the full rewards of being a member of one of the most active service organizations.

**WILLIAM "BILL" GREEN**  
**President 2016**  
**PH: 925 / 683-3293**  
**E: [BillGreen@aol.com](mailto:BillGreen@aol.com)**



# EastBayStandDown.org

## On-Line Registration OPEN!

### VOLUNTEER NOW!



**VOLUNTEERS FOR SET-UP & VOLUNTEER IN THE FOUR DAY PROGRAM & TEAR DOWN TOO!**

**Sign-Up On-Line NOW!**

A complete list of the **Sept 15 - 18** needed volunteer areas and requirements will be listed on the EBSD website.

**All volunteers must register on-line.**  
**NO on-site volunteer registration permitted.**





# "THE UNKNOWNNS" Stephen Shodeen joins Valley Vets and Friends for showing



FRIDAY, MAY 27, 2016 BAY AREA NEWS GROUP

## Film follows work of tomb guards

Livermore officer to host local screenings of "The Unknowns"

By Marta Yamamoto  
Correspondent

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery has been guarded 24 hours a day, every day, since July 2, 1937, by Tomb Guard sentinels, members of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment, also known as the Old Guard.

Visitors may know little about their commitment, training and experiences, nor much about the tomb itself. That may change through a new documentary, "The Unknowns," that tells the story through the eyes of former sentinel Ethan Morse.

Morse, who spent 18 months as a sentinel, created the film, wanting to share his story with Americans. The documentary is being shown nationwide, with two screenings in Brentwood hosted by fellow sentinel and Livermore police officer Stephen Shodeen, who lives in Brentwood.

A first screening Monday at Brentwood 14 IMAX — Memorial Day — is sold out, but Shodeen has arranged for a second screening on Flag Day, June 14.

"I am a former sentinel from the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, serving from



U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class and Livermore police Officer Stephen Shodeen is one of 634 soldiers to have served as a Sentinel at The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

1991 to 1995; that was one of my duty assignments while I was in the United States Army on active duty," Shodeen said. "I'm hosting this because a lot of people are going to get a first-time look at the training and lifestyle of a sentinel. This documentary covers what they go through and what they dedicate to complete the training and the duty to become a sentinel."

Many people never see Arlington National Cemetery or the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and both Morse and Shodeen believe that experience is integral in recognizing the honor

### "THE UNKNOWNNS"

**When:** June 14

**Where:** Brentwood 14 IMAX, 2525 Sand Creek Road.

**Tickets:** \$11, available online only at <http://bit.ly/1s8iz3t#vztvg2yZLGE>. mailto

**Information:** [www.theunknownsmovie.com](http://www.theunknownsmovie.com) and [tombguard.org](http://tombguard.org)

due to those buried there. Seeing "The Unknowns" is a step toward that recognition.

The film follows men, like Shodeen, as they progress through the intense seven- to nine-month train-

ing program to earn their Tomb Guard identification badges. The instruction includes three components: knowledge, the uniform and outside performance. Tests must be passed at each level.

During the knowledge section Shodeen had to memorize facts about the history of the tomb, the Old Guard, and Arlington Cemetery.

"Memories of my time as a sentinel are lasting and that's why I want to help Ethan Morris share 'The Unknowns' documentary with everybody," Shodeen said.

In the film **"THE UNKNOWNNS"** you witness behind the scenes, never seen before view of volunteers from the U.S.

**Army's most elite ceremonial unit** taking on the intense training cycle at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery.

Take the journey with **the 'New Men'** as they

progress through a strict gauntlet of instruction, correction, & the endless pursuit of perfection. Watch as these soldiers are exposed to the rich history & honorable traditions of the brotherhood of Sentinels who guard the Tomb. *Thank you Steve*



# EBSD receives generous support from tri-valley donors. Final Community Planning Meeting - **Aug. 9** in Danville



Kaiser Permanente Director Scott Whitacre & Kaiser Employees attended the East Bay Stand Down 2016 July community planning meeting in Danville, along with about 100 other interested members of groups - organizations – churches – corporations - non-profits & community supporters. These informational, public planning meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month to provide information & updates on the September 15 through 18 East Bay Stand Down community support event. **The objective is to provide a “helping hand-up... not a hand-out” to our bay area homeless Veterans & at-risk Veterans who unfortunately “slipped through the system” of benefits & assistance they earned through their military service to our nation.**

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**Support & Volunteer**  
**September 15 - 18**  
**Alameda County**  
**Fair Grounds in**  
**Pleasanton, CA**

## **VOLUNTEER ON-LINE NOW for EAST BAY STAND DOWN**

The 2016 [East Bay Stand Down](#) (EBSD) is scheduled for September 15 through 18, 2016 at Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton - *the original four-day Stand Down in the U.S.*

### **ATTEND AUGUST 9TH PUBLIC ADVANCE PLANNING MEETING - TUE 6PM**

EBSD 2016 *final public, community informational meetings* will be held in Danville on **TUESDAY - AUGUST 9th at 1800 Hrs. (6PM)** at **VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING** of San Ramon Valley - 400 Hartz Avenue - in Danville, CA. *Use Prospect Street Entrance Doors*

ALL Volunteers - community organizations - clubs - businesses - churches & interested individuals are encouraged to attend to discover how you can support & assist in EBSD - our major community effort to *end homelessness* for our military Veterans. The 2016 event will be held at the Alameda fairgrounds & 2,500 community volunteers are needed. Volunteers are needed prior to the event - to aid with set-up & after the close of EBSD for the tear-down & storage of the encampment. Advance Registration a MUST & is now OPEN on website.

Businesses - organizations & individuals can help **“sponsor”** EBSD 2016. The August public community planning meeting is an excellent venue to show your support & present your **“Sponsorship Donation Checks.”** Major Sponsorship begins at \$5,000.00. Non-profit groups can sponsor a “Tent” for \$500. & Business & organization “Tent” sponsorship is \$1,000.

**NOTE:** All East Bay Stand Down (EBSD) donation & sponsor checks should be made payable to - [Diablo Valley Veterans Foundation](#), a 501(c)3 non-profit foundation funding EBSD.

If you have questions - about [EBSD](#) - volunteering - support - **wish list needs or other...** check the EBSD website at: [www.EastBayStandDown.org](#) **NOTE: No Walk-In Volunteers** All registration *must be done in advance on-line using the EastBayStandDown website.* **“Volunteer Sign-Up” is now OPEN** & Coordinators of each areas have identified positions & time slots available to Volunteer. **2,500 Volunteers are needed... please go online & register to Volunteer...** BEFORE the event - DURING the event & AFTER the EBSD 2016 event.

The EBSD “Executive Board” meets at 1700 Hrs. prior to the public planning meeting. *Volunteers are always needed to help setting up chairs & putting them away prior to & after public community meeting. REMEMBER.... NO on-site Volunteer Registration Available - NO Walk-Ins... All Volunteers MUST Register in ADVANCE!*

Help spread the word & help get other organizations - churches - non-profits - service clubs - businesses aware & volunteer & support homeless Veterans at [EBSD 2016](#).



# Danville's Hot Summer Nights Car Show

## Danville Hot Summer Nights Hot Rod and Classic Car Show

**This is the 22nd year! Please join us .... On Thursday August 11th from 4PM to 9PM**

Danville, CA  
ezasugo@yahoo.com  
925-437-3649



**HOT SUMMER NIGHTS - JULY 14, 2016**





**Take the Challenge... Start your free training to -**

# TAKE THE ROCK



## **Veteran Alcatraz Swim Challenge**

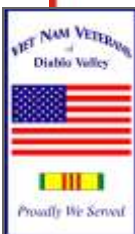
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Eligible Participants: Veterans, Serving Military and their parents, spouses, children and siblings

Includes Training Program

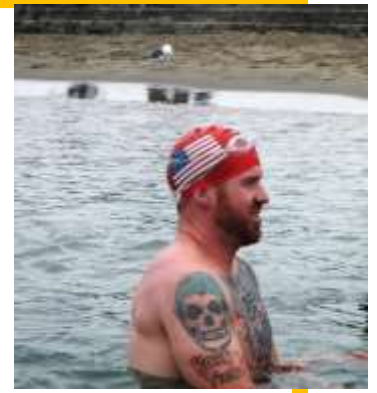
**Info at [www.taketherock.com](http://www.taketherock.com)**

Sponsored by: Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley and Nadadores Locos Swim Club





**VET Center's  
Jeff Jewell to  
Swim for Moms**



# **Veteran Swim Challenge September 25, 2016**

**Sponsored by:**

**Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley and the Nadadores Locos Swim Club**

**Jeff Jewell  
"TAKES THE ROCK"  
for  
GOLD STAR PARENTS**



**To donate to the Blue Star Moms of the East Bay to support their annual Gold Star Parents event, please go to:**

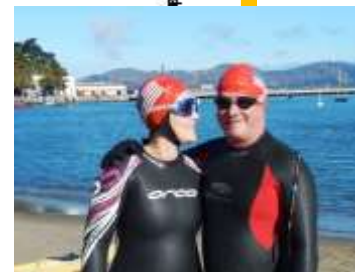
**<https://www.gofundme.com/24zrmxd7>**

**For questions, email Lynn Jewell at:**

**[lynn.jewell53@gmail.com](mailto:lynn.jewell53@gmail.com)**

**Or check out the website at:**

**<http://taketherock.com/>**



*Jeff Jewell is an Air Force veteran who has been working with Northern California veterans and their families for over 30 years. During the last 10 years, Jeff has been involved in the annual Gold Star Parents Connecting and Sharing Event held each year in February at the Marine's Memorial in San Francisco. The Marine's Memorial and the Blue Star Moms of the East Bay are primary sponsors of this event for the parents and siblings of loved ones who lost their lives in the Global War on Terror.*

**Get Active in the VNVDV Swim Challenge  
~ Take the Rock yourself ~ Start practicing or  
Vounteer & Support the VNVDV on the beach!**



# VNVDV Dinner - July 2016





# VNVDV Pass Out Flags To Celebrate The Fourth and Recognize the 50th Anniversary of Viet Nam





# V3 Hopfest DISCOUNT TICKETS!

Just a quick note to let our veterans support organizations know about a 35% discount to [V3 Hopfest](#) on September 17<sup>th</sup> in San Ramon that will only be available via our FACEBOOK\_ page.

Find us on FACEBOOK, like our page, and get the coupon code that will be available July 28 – August 3! Please share widely!! I know many of you are probably involved in East Bay Stand Down that weekend, but feel free to share this email with others who might be interested.

As you know, the beer festival is preceded by a charity bike ride – one of the finest in the East Bay – whose proceeds benefit the [Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship Foundation](#). Over the past two years, our Rotary club has given over \$33,000 to Sentinels and to other veterans support organizations.

Once again, we will have 20-25 NorCal craft breweries pouring their finest and a FANTASTIC band – Wolf Hamlin and the Front Porch Drifters!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [dvsrv3@gmail.com](mailto:dvsrv3@gmail.com)

Gayle Larson  
Dougherty Valley - San Ramon Rotary Club

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## Veterans Voices BBQ News

Hi all, I wanted to summarize what we have planned so far for the BBQ this Saturday. Please send out this invite to anyone who you think will be interested. If they sign up for the Viewer Advisory Panel it will be free to attend, if not we are asking **for \$10 donations which we will collect at the event. In the Evite I've included a link to sign up for the panel and the Evite has also gone out to panel members.** The focus will be for panel members to be celebrated and fed. Although, if we can get some other friends of the show to attend and pitch in for food that would be great too. <http://evite.me/vEFnhV2CPN>

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# VNVDV Fourth of July Celebration With the Blue Star Moms



## Post Parade Relaxation





# 9/11 Remembrance Program

## All Wars Memorial

### Oak Hill Park ~ Danville

### Sunday 9/11 @ 5PM

OUR COMMUNITY REMEMBERS



**9/11** HONORS MY  
**UNCLE-PILOT FLIGHT 175**  
 SPEAKER: JUSTIN CLARK



**SUNDAY 9/11/16**  
**OAK HILL PARK 5:00**  
 3500 STONE VALLEY RD DANVILLE



### Flight 175

- MONTE VISTA CHOIR
- ICE CREAM & PICNIC
- SCOUT ARRAY OF FLAGS
- FLIGHT OF DOVES
- STUDENT ESSAY AWARDS

COMMUNITY PICNIC  
 HOSTED BY  
 EXCHANGE CLUB  
 Follows ceremony

[srvexchangeclub.org](http://srvexchangeclub.org)



Questions?  
[coachstepper@yahcc.com](mailto:coachstepper@yahcc.com)

**Community Program**  
**Hosted by San Ramon Valley Exchange Club**  
[www.SRVExchangeClub.org](http://www.SRVExchangeClub.org)



A Special Thanks to Mike Conklin and the Sentinels of Freedom for the Float Recognizing the





# VNVDV Member August Birthdays

|              |           |                     |        |
|--------------|-----------|---------------------|--------|
| Jack Enright | Army      | Anthony Bettencourt | Army   |
| Denver Mills | Navy      | Ed Meshinsky        | Army   |
| Phil Butler  | Navy      | Carl Swanson        | Army   |
| Leo Brunning | Air Force | Bob Wright          | Marine |
| Jack Bailey  | Marine    | James Hart          | Marine |
| Art Gaskin   | Army      | Mike Martin         | Navy   |

Special Recognition to Jack Bailey - Leo Brunning - Art Gaskin

VNVDV Honorary Life Members and World War II Veterans

Welcome to new Member Paul Cahalen

THANKS to the VNVDV June Dinner Speakers Debra Johnson for her continuing effort to locate pictures of Viet Nam KIAs from Contra Costa County and Nathan Johnson speaking on Veterans' Benefits, updates and



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**TIPS FOR CHANGE EVENT**  
*BENEFITTING*

**THE VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING  
OF SAN RAMON VALLEY**



*Monday, September 12, 2016*  
*Between 5:00 PM and 8:00 PM*  
**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

Please join us at **Gianni's Italian Bistro** for a *Great Italian Dinner*, inspiring conversation, and heart-warming camaraderie... to support our Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley Operations in Danville... with your dinner being served by our local VMB Team of Veterans - retired Generals – Officers - Enlisted

All TIPS go directly to the Veterans Memorial Building's Operating Committee to Fund & Support annual events, such as:

- Military Recruit Swearing-in Ceremony
- Docent lead tours of the Veterans Memorial Building Museum Collection
- Veterans Day (weekend) Special Event Open House Museum
- World War II Veterans Recognition Ceremony
- Research Library & Historic VMB Military Museum
- Veterans Resource Center for Returning Veterans
- Army-Navy game buffet lunch
- As well as paying the day to day operating expenses of the entire *Veterans Wing* of the Memorial Building.

Please Call **925/820-6969** for Reservations

Or go to [opentable.com](http://opentable.com)

**2065 San Ramon Valley Blvd. San Ramon, CA 94583**

[www.giannissanramon.com](http://www.giannissanramon.com) **925/820-6969**



# EBSD PARTICIPANT INFORMATION



## East Bay Stand Down for Veterans and their Families

September 15-18, 2016 | Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton, CA

### Participants must Pre-register

- Pre-registration begins August 1 and ends September 2 – Presenting your DD-214 is encouraged, but not required.
  - Pre-Registration is NOT a guarantee of admission to Stand Down. No Walk-Ins!
  - Eligibility for U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs services is NOT required for admission.
    - All services are free. Family members may attend with valid proof of relationship.
    - This is a 4-day event and you are expected to be there the entire time – No “ins and outs.”
  - No drugs (includes marijuana even if you have a valid cannabis card), alcohol, weapons or violence.
    - You will be treated with the dignity and respect you deserve at all times at the event.
  - Transportation to and from the event will be provided. Bringing your own car is discouraged.

### Pre-Registration Sites

- VA Oakland Behavioral Health Clinic, 525 21st St., Oakland, CA | POC: Anna Berg | M, W, F: 8AM – 4:30PM
- VA Livermore Clinic, 4951 Arroyo Rd., Bldg. 62, 5th Floor, RM 505, Livermore, CA | POC: Adriann Pemberton: 650.493.5000 x36199 | Mondays: 10AM – 11AM
- VA Martinez Clinic, 150 Muir Rd., Bldg. R-1, Rm 114A, Martinez, CA | POCs: Tristan Ring: (925) 372-2455 | W & F: 2PM – 4PM; Elizabeth Rocha: (925) 372-2408, Homeless Drop-In Group @ Mental Health Clinic: W: 2PM – 3PM; F: 9AM – 12PM
- East Contra Costa County, POC: Alex Alexander: (415) 519-9983; Call for availability
- Bay Area Rescue Mission, 200 MacDonald Ave., Richmond, CA | POC: Dan Helix: (510) 215-4868 | Check with shelter for available times
- San Francisco VA Downtown Clinic, 401 3rd St., San Francisco, CA | POC: Duane Ray: (415) 281-5191 | M-F: 9AM – 3:30PM
- VA Menlo Park Clinic, 795 Willow Rd., Bldg. 324, Rm E-101, Menlo Park, CA | POC: Michael Quijano: (650) 493-5000 ext 25590 | Fridays: 10AM – 2PM
- Peninsula Vet Center, 345 Middlefield Rd., Bldg. 1, 1st Floor, Menlo Park, CA | POC: James Howard: (650) 617-4300 | M & F: 8AM-12PM, 1PM-3PM
- San Jose Vet Center, 440 North 1st St., Suite 120, San Jose, CA | POC: Corey Cochran: (408) 993-0729 | M-F: 7AM – 3:30PM
- VA Stockton Outpatient Clinic, 7777 South Freedom Rd., Trailer S-1, Room 103, French Camp, CA | POC: Derek McGinnis: (650) 906-4426 | Wednesdays: 10AM – 12PM

### Some of the Services Available at Stand Down Are:

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OFF-SITE PET CARE  
EMPLOYMENT SERVICES  
DENTAL SERVICES

SUBSTANCE ABUSE ASSISTANCE  
MEALS/CLOTHING/HYGIENE  
WELLNESS SERVICES

ID/DRIVERS LICENSE  
VETERANS BENEFITS  
COURT/LEGAL SERVICES

PRIVATE AREA FOR WOMEN VETERANS AND CHILDREN

[www.EastBayStandDown.org](http://www.EastBayStandDown.org)  
Post Office Box 2133 - Danville, CA 94526

**PARTICIPANTS MUST PRE-REGISTER IN-ADVANCE - NO "WALK-IN" or ON-SITE REGISTRATION**



Congressman Mark DeSaulnier  
Hosts

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# VETERANS EDUCATION AND BENEFITS WORKSHOP

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MONDAY AUGUST 8TH  
1:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

John F. Kennedy University  
100 Ellinwood Way  
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

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## PANELISTS FROM:

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS  
AFFAIRS

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY VETERANS  
SERVICE OFFICE

VA NORTHERN CALIFORNIA  
HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

CONCORD VETERANS CENTER

To RSVP, please email [cost1.rsvp@mail.house.gov](mailto:cost1.rsvp@mail.house.gov) or contact our  
office at 925/923-8860.



# Large Number of Currently Serving Returning to Contra Costa County County Veterans Service Office Expands Serves / Hours

Our Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office reported that *Army One Source* has compiled data on Contra Costa County (and other counties as well). This data is available online at <http://www.aosresourcecenter.com/data/search-data-maps>

When reviewing estimated enlisted separations from service from 4/1/15 to 1/31/17 & this is what the data shows:

*West County:* 53 of 301 total enlisted military separations or 18%  
*Central County (Concord, Walnut Creek, Pleasant Hill, LaMorinda):* 98 of 301 or 32%  
*South County (Alamo, Danville, San Ramon):* 29 of 301 or 10%  
*East County (Pittsburg & East):* 117 of 301 or 39%  
*Unknown:* 4 of 301 or 1%

This information helps our office with its planning for future service delivery. Because of this data and high demand, we have recently added an additional day of service to our Brentwood outstation.

Here is a summary of all of our locations & hours:

*Martinez:* Monday – Thursday 9am -12pm & 1pm – 4pm & Fridays 9 am – 12pm. *Drop in only*  
*San Pablo:* Tuesdays 9am – 12pm & 1pm – 4pm. *Drop in only*  
*Danville:* Wednesdays 10am – 2pm. *Appointment only*  
*Brentwood:* Tuesdays & Thursdays 9am – 12pm & 12:30pm – 3:30pm. *Appointment only*

Costa County Veterans Service Office addresses & phone numbers for appointments - please visit our website at: [www.contracosta.ca.gov/vets](http://www.contracosta.ca.gov/vets)

The VNVDV strongly encourages All Veterans & those returning from the Military to always seek support from your Veteran Advocate / Service Representative at the Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office in Martinez or one of the outstations.

## VA Health Care:

**Check VA's "MyHealthVet"  
for online support & services.  
Sick? Call VA's "Advise Nurse"  
for assistance & answers!**



**VietNam Veterans  
of Diablo Valley  
Official Partners  
in the 50th VietNam  
War Commemoration  
Program**

**RECOGNITION EVENTS:  
Walk of Honor for our Veterans  
4th of July Parade - Honoring  
VietNam Veterans in Danville**

**VA Martinez - New Mental Health Clinic  
Grand Opening on JUNE 13th**







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**FLU IS CAUSING SERIOUS ILLNESS & DEATH!**  
**Please visit one of our VA Clinics in Martinez**  
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**FLU shot - available to all Veterans! Don't Wait!**

**VA's NEW MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC**  
**OPEN for VETERANS - Use the Services**  
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**150 Muir Road**  
**Martinez, CA 94553**

**Veterans... Are You Utilizing**  
**Your VA Health Care Benefits?**  
The VNVDV encourages all Veterans to Enroll in VA  
Health Care coverage & utilizing trained  
professional advocates at our Contra Costa County VSO.  
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...  
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**  
**Services**

*Because You Chose To Proudly Serve*

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

Pre-Planning Lifts the Burdens Off Your Loved Ones

Contact: Thomas Corbett, Veteran Liaison Officer, LIC# 44629  
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**VETERANS' VOICES**

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**Support our Contra Costa County  
Veterans Service Office  
Watch Veterans' Voices**

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 every third Monday, 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 MAY 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 for 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 be providing information on East Bay Stand Down & the Sept. 15-18 event.**

**SAT Morning Social Coffee in Danville**  
Join fellow Veterans each Saturday AM from 8-11at Veterans Memorial Building  
Hosts: Hank Glauser - Art Gaskin & Lee Halverson & the Veterans Memorial Building  
**Join Us for a few minutes or an hour—Drop In!**

**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 County VSO in Martinez at: 925/ 313-1481**





**Register to  
VOLUNTEER  
at EBSD 2016  
September 15 thru 18**

**EAST BAY STAND DOWN Registration is Now OPEN online**

**Visit the EBSD website for full details on Sponsorship & attend the Public Monthly Planning Meetings. [www.EastBayStandDown.org](http://www.EastBayStandDown.org)**

**VNVDV Members are proud supporters of the**

**Wheelchair  
Foundation**  
"Serving the World"



**Outstanding  
community events  
supporting mobility,  
including WW II  
Freedom Flights  
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& 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](http://www.wheelchairfoundation.org)**

**& if donating a wheelchair - mark "VNVDV" on your WCF note. Thanks!**

**VietNam 50th Commemoration Honors  
our VietNam War Veteran Members**

**VNVDV LIFE MEMBERSHIP...  
Special 50th Commeration  
Limited Time - ONLY \$50.**

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

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YEAR - Only 25 Blank Pavers Remain  
Do you have Your AWM Paver Ordered?  
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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.AllWarsMemorial.org](http://www.AllWarsMemorial.org)

Please SUPPORT & FOLLOW NEWS from 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](http://www.AllWarsMemorial.org)*

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

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

*Wheelchair Foundation & Wine for Wheels - Support our those in need of mobility - Visit: [www.WineforWheels.org](http://www.WineforWheels.org) & see VNVDV*

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

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

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](http://www.VMBSRV.org)**



# Help Protect our Non-Profit Status

**AS A REMINDER, IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR! WE MUST REQUEST ALL MEMBERS & GUESTS REFRAIN FROM ANY & ALL POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS & COMMENTS AT ALL MEETINGS - DINNERS & ORGANIZATIONAL FUNCTIONS. EVERYONE MAY HAVE A DIFFERENT OPINION & THAT'S FINE! THIS IS A REQUIREMENT TO PROTECT OUR NON-PROFIT VETERAN SERVICE ORGANIZATION & STATUS. THIS IS AN ABSOLUTE - NO EXCEPTIONS! WE PROUDLY SERVED TO PROVIDE FREEDOM AND EVERYONE'S RIGHTS & WE DO STRONGLY ENCOURAGE ALL VETERANS TO EXERCISE YOUR PERSONAL FREEDOM AND VOTE YOUR PERSONAL BELIEFS**

## California 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 Veteran Status Verification Form. 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 Contra Costa County office is in Martinez
- ◆ **Visit Any DMV.** Go online or call DMV for an appointment. Then bring your Veteran Status Verification Form 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 [www.dmv.ca.gov](http://www.dmv.ca.gov) or call 800-777-0133.

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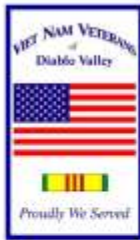
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## OPEN - SOCIAL DINNER MEETINGS with SPEAKER!

# VIET NAM VETERANS of Diablo Valley

### MONTHLY SOCIAL DINNER MEETINGS with FEATURED GUEST SPEAKERS

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

**at Crow Canyon Country Club in Danville, CA**

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