



INCOMING NEWS



Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

Dec. 2016

VNVDV 2016 Christmas Holiday Appreciation & Recognition Dinner Gala & Annual "TOY DRIVE" - DEC. 1st... Celebrating 25 Years of Service!
Remember to bring your donation to dinner for our TOY DRIVE



Bill Green -
VNVDV
President
2016 - 17

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

GARY VILLALBA
Former Contra Costa County Veterans Service Officer
Is attending the VNVDV DEC 1st Christmas Holiday Dinner GALA
Be sure to Greet Him!

Greetings and Happy Holidays to all. This is my 12th newsletter and it's hard to believe I'm starting my 12th month, and a whole year has nearly passed. November was one of our busy months & worth taking a look at our activities....

Nov 3rd was our Annual Dinner Meeting and our elections for our 2017 Officers & Directors with the results due in December. This was a special dinner meeting with an amazing speaker. We were honored to have **David Behring** as our featured guest speaker. David, in addition to being President of the *Wheelchair Foundation* - serves as a Board Alumnus of the Smithsonian National Museum of American History... Home to the **Price of Freedom: America at War** exhibit in Washington DC... which I recently visited and if you go to "DC" to see *the Wall* - this exhibit is also truly a **"MUST SEE"**!! David's presentation on **Memorials & Monuments** was outstanding - very informative and clearly one of the best ever!

On Nov 5th in honor of Veterans Day at the VMB in Danville there was a Pancake Breakfast for all Veterans hosted by **Catherine Baker** & sponsored by our **American Legion Post 246**. a great event! Of course every SAT morning from 8 to 11 is **Veteran Coffee Social**. All Vets are welcome. Speaking of the VMB - we are in need of some additional **Museum Docents**. It's easy & training is provided. Step up and take a three-hour shift once or twice a month. Get involved & have fun!

NOV 6th the VNVDV joined other VSOs in the **Pleasanton Veteran Day Parade & Ceremony** which our own **CMOH Jim Taylor** was the Grand Marshall & guest speaker. Jim distributed Viet Nam 50 Year Anniversary Pins to all VietNam Veterans. Jim is a true Hero & we are honored he joined us again o Veteran's Day weekend in Danville at the Veterans Memorial Building.

Operation Santa Claus Toy Drive prefers **GIFT CARDS** for Toys from Toys-R-Us to support the **VNVDV's toy** purchase for **Operation**

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



Holiday Dinner Dec. 1st
TOY DRIVE
Remember to bring new - unwrapped TOY or a GIFT CARD

VNVDV Crab Feed
"Donations Needed"
Sunday - Feb. 5th
Get your Crab Feed Tickets Now - \$45

December is Christmas Holiday Appreciation & Recognition Dinner

The VNVDV Thanks all VSOs!

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

GARY VILLALBA Contra Costa County Veterans Service Officer



1988 - 2008 in Contra Costa County ... Over Twenty Years - Proudly Serving Our Nation's Veterans

Gary Villalba is a legend in the California Veteran Community... serving Veterans over twenty years in Contra Costa County as our Veterans Service Officer & Director for both Martinez & Richmond Offices aiding thousands of veterans & their family members. Back in 2008, the VNVDV Board of Directors voted *unanimously* to establish a "perpetual recognition award" in the name of GARY VILLALBA Honoring his years of service & dedication to all veterans. This is the highest award the VNVDV bestows annually... **in Gary's honor. It's bestowed upon an individual who exhibits the character & great dedication to serving veterans as Gary demonstrated & provided in our community for his entire career. Gary will be joining us again to present this award at our 2016 Gala to another very dedicated individual.**

Continuing our **Veteran's Day** ceremonies... on Nov. 8th VNVDV members participated in the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors annual **Veteran's Day Tribute Honoring all Veterans**. The event was led by our outstanding Veterans Service Officer **Nathan Johnson** and the featured guest speaker was Gulf War Veteran & Cal-Vet **Secretary Vito Imbasciani MD** - with a meet & greet luncheon afterward at the Martinez VMB.

NOV 11th was our joint VSO **Veteran's Day** Program at *San Ramon High School Performing Arts Center* honoring all Veterans with a special tribute this year to our Korean War Vets. My personal thanks goes out to VNVDV Past President **Ray LaRoche** for stepping up to chair the San Ramon Valley's combined VSO tribute. The VMB hosted a reception afterwards to meet & greet our Korean War Vets to kick-off the Vet Day weekend..

The largest **Veteran's Day** effort in the East Bay was Danville's expanded 3-day educational military exhibition at the VMB. It was a *hell of a show* - drawing huge crowds daily to see amazing museum displays outside & inside the VMB. A team effort putting these historical displays together...led by **Tim Sammons** (*Museum Curator*) & **Bob Sada** (*LHCC Chair*) with the dedicated & hard working VMB LHCC team - Lorrie, Dennis, Lee, Greg, Allan, Jon & John, plus all the great exhibitors sharing family military memorabilia. *Actually thousands* parents & children visited the VMB museum displays!

I'm sad to tell you that TJ lost his father. TJ, our thoughts and Prayers go out to you and your Family.

HR, Helen Reese is healing slowly but well after her fall and 4+ hour surgery to put her arm back together again. Get Well soon Helen, we miss you & speedy recovery.

The rest of the month went to planning our **Christmas Dinner Gala & Operation Santa Clause** chaired by another past President Jerry Yahiro. The event supports military families selected by their local command - plus we support the **Concord Vet Center Santa Visit** & the **USMC "Toys for Tots"**. These annual programs are only successful with **YOUR SUPPORT!** We critically need your Toys & Gift Card donations at our December 1st Holiday Dinner to meet the requests & needs of these efforts. **Please remember Your Gift Cards or Toy Donations & bring to our Christmas Dinner.**

Tickets for our **FEB 5th Super Sunday 2017 Crab Feed** are now available from our Treasurer. Make your reservations & purchase your tickets in advance. It will be another "Sell-Out" & of course we will need your support obtaining some donations for our silent auction.

This weekend we have an **Operation Welcome Home** event in Danville for a returning warrior - please attend & review other programs on website & in this edition.

Hope all of you had a *Great Thanksgiving* & I wish you and your Families... a **VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS** & a **HAPPY NEW YEAR** !!!

I'll see you at our dinner gala & thank you for your support...

Bill

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A Night to Honor the Community

Mayor's Installation and Community Service Awards Set for Dec 6

The Danville Community is invited to come out Tuesday, December 6, 2016 for the 35th Annual Mayor's Installation and Community Service Awards.

Each year, the community gathers to honor individuals and organization who have made a difference in the Town of Danville. For the third year, the event will be held at [Village Theatre & Art Gallery - 233 Front St.](#)

A Meet and Greet with the Town Council will take place at 6:30PM - **followed by the Mayor's Installation and Community Service Awards at 7PM.**

After the award presentations, Councilmembers Newell Andrich and Renee Morgan, and new Councilmember Lisa Blackwell, will take their oath of office. The Town Council will then elect the Mayor & Vice Mayor for 2017.

After the event concludes, the community is invited to attend a reception in the Art Gallery.

For more information, contact City Clerk Marie Sunseri at (925) 314-3401 or msunseri@danville.ca.gov



**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA
 ALAMO CEMETERY
 DECEMBER 17, 2016
 NOON**



The Alamo Cemetery is an official Wreaths Across America site. Help honor and remember our local heroes buried there. We have identified over 100 veterans, from all wars, one even from the Civil War!
 What you can do:

SPONSOR A WREATH

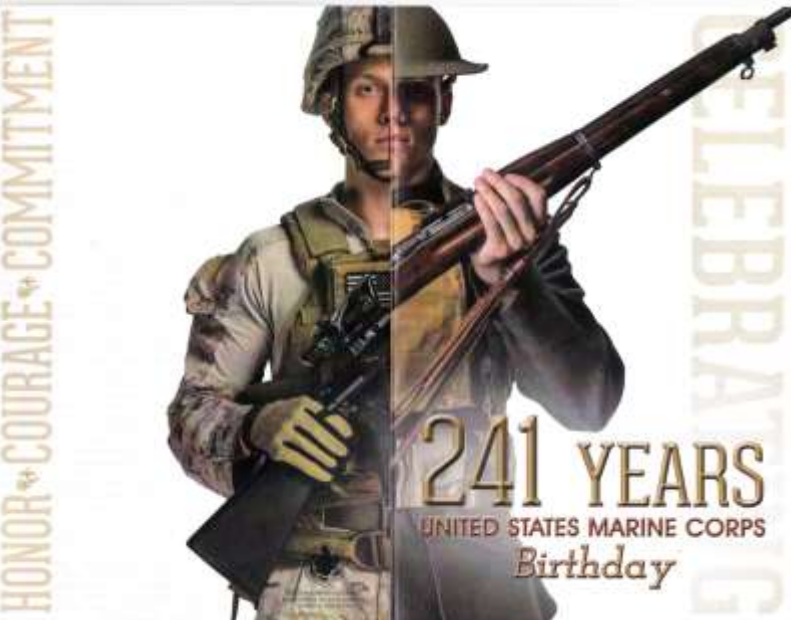


1. Sponsor a wreath for a \$20 contribution.
2. Make your tax deductible check payable to WAA, note Alamo Cemetery, id code CAAACA in the memo line and mail to SRVRWF, PO Box 1, Danville, CA 94526,
3. Be here at noon on December 17 at Alamo Cemetery and help lay wreaths.

THE AMERICAN SOLDIER
 A PHOTOGRAPHIC TRIBUTE
 FROM THE CIVIL WAR TO THE WAR IN IRAQ
 September 18 - December 18, 2016
 Lecture: Sunday, September 18, 2 PM, Boda Center
 Speaker: Cyrus Rubin, the curator and producer for the exhibit
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**UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
 BIRTHDAY BALL - 241 YEARS**
GUEST OF HONOR
COLONEL ALAN CRUZ



Operation Santa Claus:

Honoring Our Military Men & Women

TESORO IS PROUD TO SUPPORT THEIR COURAGEOUS SERVICE, FAMILIES AT HOME AND CIVILIAN PURSUITS



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

The largest investment by the Martinez Refinery each year in support of military families is [Operation Santa Claus](#), an event sponsored primarily by [Tesoro](#) in partnership with the [Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley](#). The December 2015 event hosted families of over 110 active-duty, wounded & killed-in-action military personnel. The families were treated to a traditional holiday experience that included a visit & picture with Santa Claus, stuffed Christmas stockings, sledding on a hill of manufactured but *real snow*, an opportunity to make their own stuffed animal, games, face painting, a present from Santa's Workshop, plus a catered holiday meal with all the fixings. The festivities culminated in a raffle for fully decorated Christmas trees, handcrafted quilts & two, weekend stays at a Lake Tahoe cabin. [Tesoro](#) & the [VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley](#) thank the [Blue Star Moms](#) for their support of [Operation Santa Claus](#) each year.



The VNVDV's DEC Christmas Holiday Dinner is the time of our [Annual Toy Drive](#). Your new - unwrapped Toy donations are great, although to help support the VNVDV's major purchase of new toys to support *Operation Santa* this year you can donate **GIFT CARDS (\$20 to \$25) for Toy Stores** i.e. **TOY-R-US** is a great substitute for new, unwrapped toys still acceptable for [Operation Santa Claus](#).

All **GIFT CARDS or any Pre-Paid Debit/Credit Cards** will be used by the VNVDV for the major purchase of new toys used at [TESORO GOLDEN EAGLE REFINERY](#) who generously agreed to continue their support of the 2016 **OPERATION SANTA CLAUS**. VNVDV members - guests & supporters are asked to participate by bringing their **Gift Cards or TOYS** to the **Dec 1st Holiday Dinner**. The goal is to facilitate the purchase of toys for both male & female children of all ages, especially TEENS! The toys will be distributed to children of *specialty invited* military families, including U.S. Coast Guard, **Gold Star Families, Reserve/National Guard families & GWOT families...** *selected & invited by their Command*. Shop now for your gift card! Toys will also be used to support the [USMC Toys for Tots](#) & the [Concord Vet Center](#) **"Santa Visit"** - **BRING ALL GIFT CARDS / Toys to our DEC. 1st Holiday Dinner Gala**

The VNVDV thanks you for your generous donations again this year! Official donation receipts are available.

PLEASE JOIN THE
VIETNAM VETERANS OF DIABLO VALLEY
FOR THE **13TH ANNUAL**
"SALUTE TO OUR TROOPS"



The **BEST**
CRAB FEED

SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 5, 2017
DANVILLE VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING
1 P.M. DOORS OPEN

VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING
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ALL YOU CAN EAT **CRAB DINNER**
SILENT AUCTION - SUPER RAFFLE - ENTERTAINMENT
APPETIZERS - DESSERTS - NO HOST BEVERAGES
TICKETS - \$45.

ADVANCE TICKET SALES ONLY

EVENT SELLS-OUT ANNUALLY

PURCHASE TICKETS NOW TREASURER AT: 925 / 837 - 6238



Please Join Us To Celebrate
Supervisor Mary Nejedly Piepho's

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE AND FAREWELL

Wednesday, December 7th
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Brentwood Community Center
150 City Park Way
in Brentwood

Please R.S.V.P. by December 5th to
Alicia Nichols at
alicia.nuchols@bos.cccounty.us or
call (925) 252--4500

The Veterans THANK
our Assemblywoman
Catharine Baker for her
Veterans Day Weekend
Pancake Breakfast



SRV Veterans Thank Walnut Creek
ELKS Lodge 1811 for
Honoring Military - Veterans -
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Operation Welcome Home in Danville - Sat. 12/3



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VNVDV, BSM, SOF, AMVETS, VFW, Warriors Watch, Jim Taylor Grand Marshall and Speaker at Ceremony



VNVDV Dinner - November 2016



VNVDV Member *December* Birthdays

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|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|------|
| Harry Stonelake | Navy | Chelle Clements | Army |
| Floyd Cox | Army | Mike McDaniel | USMC |
| David Vasquez | Navy | Harold Booth | Army |
| Gene Cota | Air Force | Ron Lowe | Army |
| Cliff DeCuir | Army | Bill LaVigne | Army |
| Patrick Pralle | Navy | James Taylor | Army |

THANKS TO NOVEMBER SPEAKER

David Behring



David provided photos and background from his travels and studies of Why Veterans Serve and How Veterans are

Remembered around the world...

“Monuments and Memorials”

A great presentation & we Thank You for your support.

NEW MEMBERS NOVEMBER 2016

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| Gary Sponseller | Army |
| Michael Huntsman | Navy |
| John Kuhn | Air Force |
| Alex Giovus | Army |
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The 117th annual
Army/Navy Game

December 10, 2016

Doors open 11:30

Game starts at noon

Come join your fellow Veterans upstairs

In Your

Veterans Memorial Building

Veterans Event Room, 2nd floor

For hot dogs, chili, nachos

Camaraderie and The Game

Hosted by your VMB Operating Committee





BLUE STAR MOMS

EAST BAY CHAPTER 101

DANVILLE, CA

PERMANENT DONATION DROP OFF SITE:

Better Homes & Gardens Real Estate

630 San Ramon Valley Blvd.

Danville, Ca 94526



“We’ll send to anywhere,” said collection co-chair Joan Jachowski, of San Ramon, whose son is a paratrooper. “We’ve sent care packages to Korea, Australia, of course all over the Middle East, Bosnia, Italy, Germany, England, wherever anyone is based or on deployment. The whole point is to support deployed troops — the ones away from their families.”

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!

ADDITIONAL DONATION DROP OFF SITES : Blue Star Moms Chapter 101 will hold Drop Zone collection events from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Veteran’s Memorial Building in Danville, 400 Hartz Blvd., and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 12 at Dublin Safeway, 7499 Dublin Blvd.

FAVORITE ITEMS TO DONATE TO THE TROOPS =

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Each November, on the Tuesday in which Veterans Day falls, the County pays special tribute to the men and women who have served us in the military. Thanks for the **Supervisor's Veterans Day** recognition.

VNVDV Members are proud supporters of the



Looking for a great gift - donate a wheelchair in their honor... for someone who has everything!

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 & *Two Trips to Vietnam*



More information at: 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

All Wars Memorial Paver

AWM ENGRAVING ONLY TWO TIMES A YEAR - Only 25 Blank Pavers Remain Do you have Your AWM Paver Ordered? **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

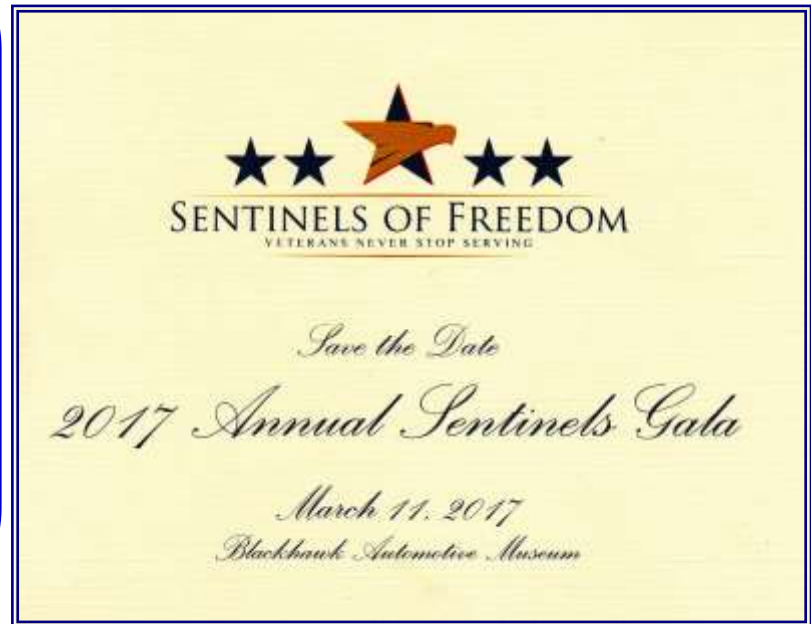
Please SUPPORT & FOLLOW NEWS from some of our SUPPORTERS & FRIENDS WEBSITES:

- 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*
- 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*
- 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.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

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JIM MURPHY Donation Coordinator for our Annual 2017 "Super Sunday" Crab Feed needs your support. Flyers & Donation Letter & Receipt included in this edition of the news.

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

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

Please remind businesses & supporters of the need to request donations NOW for our Annual "Super Sunday" Crab Feed to be held on Sunday - FEB. 5th! If EVERY MEMBER - Supporter would obtain just ONE donated item from a local merchant we would have enough donated items for a very successful silent auction. Do Your part & obtain a donation Please distribute the Donation Request Letters to your local merchants.

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley
ELECTION RESULTS for 2017 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS
To Serve from JANUARY 1, 2017 to DECEMBER 31, 2017

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Viewer Advisory Panel

You can help with a small commitment of your time, only 2 or 3 minutes per month. You will receive a single email each month with a short survey containing 5 questions. You simply rate each segment of the Show and send the email back to: the CCCVSO "Veterans Voices" link.

To sign up, use your computer to search for "Veterans Voices Contra Costa". Open the home page and click the link at the bottom of the page that says: "Click here to Sign Up"



**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.

WATCH every month and 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" highlight Veteran programs & events at the end of the 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 provides information on all Veteran Events in the East Bay

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!

VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER
in Danville - 400 Hartz Ave. **Open every Wednesday** from 10 to 2 for Veterans & family members. Schedule a **"benefit check-up"** - Call our County VSO in Martinez: 925/ 313-1481



Dear VietNam Veterans

The **VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley** is a Commemoration Partner with the Department of Defense's 50th 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. **VNVDV Lifetime Membership is 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 also to celebrate and commemorate VNVDV's 25th Anniversary of service our organization has provided Veterans and our community since establishment in 1991.

I encourage all of our VietNam Veterans to take part in this recognition tribute and become a Lifetime Member.

WE, as individuals, have come a long way since Vietnam and the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley - as a non-profit, grass-root, and all volunteer organization has been extremely helpful to our fellow Veterans, the local military and continues to do a great job in working with our community to enhance their impression and commitment to support Veterans. We are ***EXTREMELY proud*** of our organization, its achievements, its service to others, and how it has bonded so many great friendships.

Thank you for your service.

Joe Callaway

Director of Membership

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

You know other VietNam Veterans... Invite them to join you for one of our dinners!

VNVDV MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

VIET NAM VETERANS
of
Diablo Valley



Proudly We Served

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DATE: _____

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| NAME: | | | | | |
| Spouse / SO | | | | | |
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| Address: | | | | | |
| Home E-Mail: | | | Work E-Mail: | | |
| Company: | | | Title: | | |

Military Service

| <i>Branch</i> | <i>Dates of Service</i> | <i>Rank</i> | <i>Specialty</i> | <i>Viet Nam / Military Dates</i> |
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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 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Memorial Building Museum / Docent | <input type="checkbox"/> Take the Rock: Veteran Swim Challenge |

Please Visit our Website @ www.VNVDV.com for other Activities & Programs

I PLEDGE MY INTENT TO PARTICIPATE WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION. TO HELP MAKE IT A SUCCESS AND OFFER ASSISTANCE WHENEVER POSSIBLE. I ACCEPT PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY LIABILITY IN ANY ACTIVITY I CHOOSE TO PARTICIPATE IN AND HOLD HARMLESS THE VIET NAM VETERANS OF DIABLO VALLEY, ITS MEMBERS AND ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHOULD ANY MISHAP OCCUR. I PLEDGE TO ABIDE WITH THE BYLAWS OF THE ORGANIZATOION.

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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Please Mail your completed application to our P.O. Box above or Submit at our 1st/Thurs. of Month Dinner. Thank You!

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Veterans Benefits Contact:

Nathan D. Johnson
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Contra Costa County

10 Douglas Dr. Suite 100
Martinez, CA 94553

Tel: (925) 313-1481

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Nathan.johnson@vs.cccounty.us



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January 2017

Dear Business Owner / Community Supporter –

The Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley (VNVDV) announces their 13th annual charity fund-raiser and we respectfully request your support for this event. On Sunday, February 5, 2016, we will hold our annual “Salute to our Troops” Super Sunday Charity Crab Feed, proudly honoring all those who served. This fundraiser will be at the Veterans Memorial Building – 400 Hartz Avenue in the Town of Danville, CA.

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

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

The money raised through our 2017 Charity Crab Feed will support local veteran, active-duty military & community-service events - projects & programs that we conduct and support throughout the year - including...

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

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

We look forward to you joining us in support of our 2017 “Salute to our Troops” Charity Crab Feed and are grateful for your generosity & support of our veterans, active-duty military, & community programs. *Thank you again.*

Sincerely,

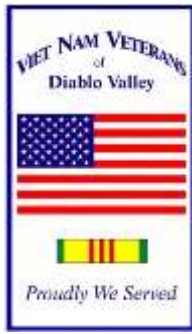
William “Bill” Green
President 2016
Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley
Telephone: 925 / 683 - 3293
E-mail: BillGreen@aol.com



DONATION IDEAS

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

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



Date: _____

DONATION RECEIPT

To: _____

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

| Your Donation Details | \$ - Value |
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The money raised through our 2017 Charity Crab Feed, will support local veteran, active-duty military & community-service programs and events the VNVDV conducts and proudly supports throughout the year. We thank you again for your support of the VNVDV.

Sincerely,

Coordinator
Crab Feed Donation Committee 2017
Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

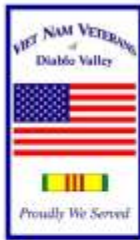
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Established in 1991

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

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Social Hour starts at 1700 - Buffet Dinner at 1815 - Join Us in 2016!

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

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Meeting are OPEN to ALL Veterans - Supporter & Guests

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