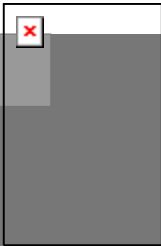




# INCOMING NEWS



February  
2016



The  
INCOMING

Featured in this  
edition:

- ◆ Final opportunity to obtain CRAB FEED Donations to turn-in at Feb. Dinner Meeting - Letter & Receipt included
- ◆ JAN Dinner Meeting ... a Photo Update
- ◆ Diablo Valley Flag Brigade Operation Welcome Home update
- ◆ VietNam Memorial Face on the Wall
- ◆ Save the Date - Armed Forces Day "Walk of Honor" for our Veterans - May

All Newsletters  
are On-Line at:  
[www.VNVDV.com](http://www.VNVDV.com)

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

## CRAB FEED - Super Sunday - FEB. 7th

### Outstanding Items in Silent Auction & Super Raffle Fund Raiser!

### Thank You to our Generous Sponsors & Supporters

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**WOW!** I made it through my first month, but not without the help of my GREAT BOARD, *Thanks Guys!*

**Thank You to our Supporters & Donors!**

So now we start February with the line I give my grandkids... **"WHO LOVES YA BABY"** On the 14<sup>th</sup> - *let the ones you love know it!*

FEB 4<sup>th</sup> is our Thur. dinner meeting & FEB 7<sup>th</sup> is the CRAB FEED... **and we need your help!!** Major sponsors of our annual event have **NOT** been asked to help. *Safeway Stores* in your area (usually provide \$25 gift certificates), *Starbucks* (gift baskets with coffee & mugs), *Trader Joes* (gift baskets), *Home Depot & Lowe's* (both known supporters of Veterans with gift cards of \$25 to \$50)... & Golf Club foursomes (I know some of you play that damn game)... **WE have NONE!** *How about local restaurants who always have supported us by providing gift cards?*

We are working to obtain all donations & have them turned-in at our dinner meeting this Thur. night. **Will you help us - allowing the VNVDV to support & sponsor the projects & programs during 2016?**

Members - Supporters & Friends:

**THANK S - THIS IS IT...** all donations for our "Super Sunday" - FEB. 7th 2016

Charity event need to be turned-in at our FEB Dinner meeting to Jim Murphy!  
**Final Countdown...** *Help us - Please Turn-In all Donations by THUR.* Thank You!

For questions regarding this Charity event & tickets contact Treasurer Mike **"Slatts"** Slattengren @ 925 / 837-6238

Ideas & Donation Letter to Print inside this edition of *Incoming*

## February Speaker

**ROGER BAZELEY** will discuss the **USCG-Auxiliary**, its activities & relationship with the **U.S.C.G.** active enlisted, reservist, & civilian components & public service missions.

**Please Join Us Thursday.**



# 2016 VNVDV President Bill Green



## OFFICIAL NOTICE

The VNVDV Board of Directors Meeting scheduled for the 3rd Thursday - February 18th at 6 PM has been **RESCHEDULED** to **WED. - FEB 17 at 6 PM.** This official change was necessary to avoid a conflict with **Blue Star Moms Honoring & Remembrance of Gold Star Parents.**

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I'm excited about & sincerely thank **Phillips 66** for the *Kick-Off* meeting for our 8<sup>th</sup> annual **WALK of HONOR** for our Veterans on Armed Forces Day on the 3rd Saturday in May. Sign-ups start in FEB. **Mark your calendars & plan to join us!**

Watch your e-mails for **Welcome Homes** events which are starting up again with our troops returning home, please try to attend! \*\*\* **Board Meeting Notice "change" to support Gold Star Families.**

And remember... on the 14<sup>th</sup> let someone know – **"WHO LOVES YA BABY!"**

**"PROUDLY WE SERVED"** and continue to serve our troops - veterans and our community.

Bill

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



**FINAL OPPORTUNITY** for you to get your Donations from merchants & business for our 2016 Charity Crab Feed. Turn-In of ALL donations is requested at our FEB. Dinner Meeting. Our official VNVDV *Donation Letter & Donor Receipts* is on-line & in this edition of the INCOMING. **Print a copy & give it to a business THIS WEEKEND. Remember... BRING DONATION ON THURS.**

## 2016 CHARITY CRAB FEED is a FUNDRAISER

*ONLY Three Tickets Remain!  
Have you got your tickets?*

*No Tickets sold at the door!  
All Sales in Advance.*

If you cannot attend - **at a minimum...**

Purchase a **"GIFT CARD"** for one of your favorite businesses & DONATE IT on Thurs. at FEB. 4th Dinner Meeting.

If every member obtains just one contribution - this will ensure a successful event.

Please do your part - **100% of funds raised support & sponsor our programs!**

**Reminder: Our Crab Feed is a Fundraiser  
Please DO NOT bring ANY alcohol or wine to the event.**

## SPECIAL NOTICE

### VNVDV DINNER MEETING FEBRUARY 4TH

**"T.J." TRUJILLO** will have our **Pre-Crab Feed Sheets Available for the Super Sunday Entertainment.** Remember to see **"T.J."** & remember you do not need to be present to win!

A LARGE GATHERING WELCOMED IN THE NEW YEAR & PRESIDENT BILL GREEN AT THE JANUARY MEETING



Photos by Jon Robbins - Newsletter Editor

**VietNam FACES NEVER FORGOTTEN** *Virtual Wall of Faces* UPDATE

Contra Costa County FALLEN

Recently Patti & Jerry, while vacationing on Maui visited with **Janna Hoehn** former VNVDV guest speaker. She is dedicated herself with diligence & tireless effort to find & match a face to each of the 58,286 names on "The Wall" in Washington, DC. Of specific interest is the effort to locate pictures of **Contra Costa County** Service Members on The Wall that have not been matched with a picture. She provided Jerry a list of the Contra Costa names without photos. **Can you Help?**

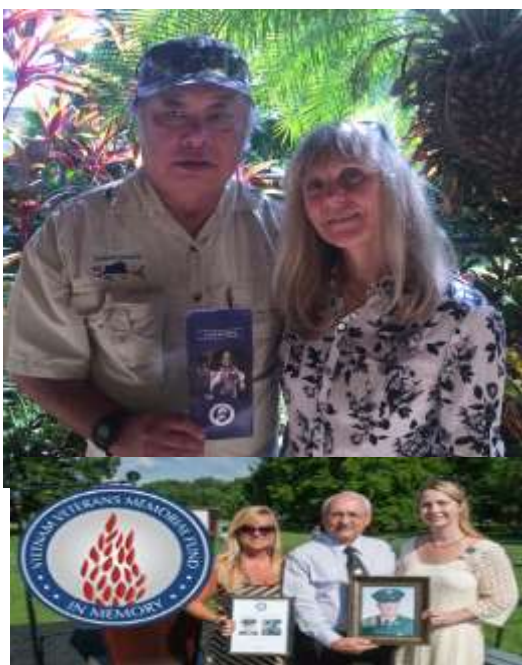
Please review the list of Contra Costa's military VietNam Veterans who were **Killed in Action** & help try to find the missing faces. More info at:

<http://www.vvmf.org/Wall-of-Faces/>

Name	DOB-DCD	Town or City
Ronald R. Baker	1944-1969	Concord
Wayne S. Bates	1938-1938	San Pablo
John P. Burke	1947-1967	Walnut Creek
John H. Butcher Jr.	1923-1937	Richmond
Robert S Croke	1945-1958	Walnut Creek
Richard Curtis	1949-1957	Walnut Creek
Daniel G. Doman	1947-1971	Richmond
<del>Mike M. Godines</del>	<del>1937-1969</del>	<del>Richmond</del>
Wayne A. Goetsch	1949-1938	Brentwood
Paul A. Gonzales	1946-1938	Richmond
Fred J. Hayes	1942-1968	Walnut Creek
Wayne K. Laine	1947-1968	Walnut Creek
Jerald L. Law	1949-1968	Pittsburg
Edward N Leonard	1942-1966	Richmond
Donald G. MacIntosh	1945-1968	El Sobrante
Gerald G. McGinley	1948-1938	Concord
Joe H. Morrison	1943-1970	Richmond
Morris A. Noble	1946-1967	San Pablo
David M. Parks	1947-1967	Concord
Vincent A. Ramirez	1945-1967	Richmond
Robert A. Reyes	1948-1968	Richmond
Willard W. Riggs	1948-1968	Pittsburg
Timothy A. Thomas	1951-1972	Lafayette
James D. Van Hook	1947-1968	Richmond
Thomas M. Walker	1949-1968	Richmond
Michael A. Welch	1945-1937	Crockett
Ricky L. Wike	1948-1939	Concord
Jose Ybanez	1937-1936	Richmond



Janna with her VNVDV plaque on display in her office in Maui



# VNVDV Member *February* Birthdays

Russ Kennedy	2/5	Air Force	Alvin Webb	2/7	Navy
Eric Ardell	2/7	Navy	Harold Griggs	2/11	Army
Tom Corbett	2/14	Marine	Bob Musor	2/14	Army
Jerry Driscoll	2/21	Air Force	Ray Hill	2/21	Air Force
Dick Harrow	2/22	Navy	Don Love	2/26	Marine
Dave Brown	2/28	Army	Wayne Rice	2/28	Army

VNVDV WELCOME *NEW MEMBER* JEFF JEWELL. AIR FORCE, CURRENTLY TEAM LEADER - CONCORD VET CENTER

## VNVDV Thanks our Jan Dinner Speakers

### LTC Larry Janes - VA VISA 21 & Dr. Ron Chun, M.D. - VA Oakland

The Viet Nam Veterans appreciate & thank our outstanding JAN 2016 Speakers... both LTC Larry Janes, USAF (Ret) with VA VISA 21 Assets & Dr. Ronald Chun, MD - VA Oakland - NCHCS. The VNVDV had a packed house hearing exciting news & the latest update on their years of work developing the V.A.'s Alameda Point Project to be constructed on the former Alameda Naval Air Station. Interesting overview of the very long detailed process to gain approvals for Land Acquisition for the VA's first true "One VA" containing a new VA Out-Patient Medical Clinic - Columbarium & Benefits Administration at Alameda Point.

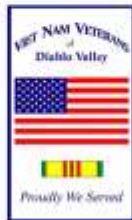


## Diablo Valley Flag Brigade Operation Welcome Home Events

DVFB - **Our beginning...** On Dec. 24th. 2005, Christmas eve, we started a tradition of honoring our returning military service members by organizing an event known as "**Operation Welcome Home**", a celebration to show our support & recognition for their **service to our country**. We invite members of their city government, police, fire, VSO's such as Blue Star Moms, VFW posts, American Legion members, Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley, military families groups, community groups, family members & neighbors. We work with motorcycle groups like the Warrior Watch Riders to escort the service member home to a surprise "**Welcome Home!**" *We Thank the VNVDV for your Support!*

We have proudly been conducting Operation Welcome Home events for the past nine – plus years! View the events at: [www.DiabloValleyFlagBrigade.com](http://www.DiabloValleyFlagBrigade.com)

PLEASE JOIN THE  
**VIETNAM VETERANS OF DIABLO VALLEY**  
FOR THE **12TH ANNUAL**  
**"SALUTE TO OUR TROOPS"**



The BEST  
**CRAB FEED**

**SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 7, 2016**

**DANVILLE VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING**

**1 P.M. DOORS OPEN**

**VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING**

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**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**



January 2016

Dear Business Owner / Community Supporter -

The Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley (VNVDV) announces their 12<sup>th</sup> annual charity fund-raiser and we respectfully request your support for this event. On "Super Sunday" - February 7, 2016, we will hold our annual "Salute to our Troops" 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 annual business support for this event with donated merchandise, gift certificates or gift cards to promote your business / services, or purchase tickets to sponsor active-duty military service members to attend. Your generous donation will be used in our Silent Auction or Super Raffle held during the 2016 Charity Crab Feed event.

The VNVDV are an independent, "grass-roots", non-profit & tax-exempt, 501(c)(19), Veteran's Service Organization, comprised primarily of VietNam combat veterans. We "**proudly served**" and **continue to serve our community and veterans**... through your support of this annual event. (Tax ID number below).

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

- The East Bay Stand Down - *Homeless Vet Support*
- Memorial Day Program at Oak Hill Park
- Danville's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade - *Flag Distribution*
- Danville Veteran's Day Program
- The VNVDV Speaker's Bureau - *over 65,000 reached*
- Operation Welcome Home - *Returning Veterans*
- Armed Forces Day "Walk of Honor" *for our Veterans*
- The Blue Star Moms - *Troop Care Packages*
- The Sentinels of Freedom -
- GWOT Veteran Retreat - *Duck Club Weekend*
- All Wars Memorial at Oak Hill Park
- The Wheelchair Foundation
- Operation Santa Claus - *Helping Active-duty*
- 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](http://www.VNVDV.com) - or contact us below.

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

Sincerely,

William "Bill" Green - President  
Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley  
Telephone: 925 / 683-3293  
E-mail: [BillGreen@aol.com](mailto:BillGreen@aol.com)

### Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

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



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## DONATION RECEIPT

To: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley (VNVDV) hereby acknowledges your donation to our annual charity fund-raiser. 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 2016 Charity Crab Feed, will support local veteran, active-duty military & community-service programs and events the VNVDV conducts and proudly supports throughout the year. We thank you again for your support of the VNVDV.

Sincerely,

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

*VNVDV Contact:* Treasurer Mike Slattengren - PH: (925) 837-6238 - E-mail: slattengren.vnvdv@gmail.com

[Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley](#)

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## **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..*



**Yes - 2016 EBSD  
is beginning!**

**September 7 thru 11**

**Mark Your Calendars... Plan on attending Monthly Planning Meetings & providing Active Support & Participation in 2016.**

VNVDV Members are proud supporters of the

**Wheelchair  
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*"Serving the World"*



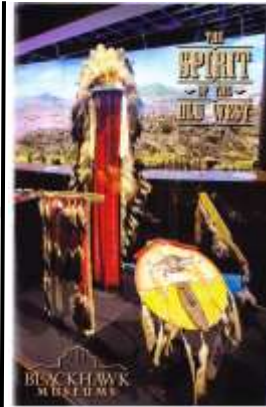
Outstanding  
community events  
supporting mobility,  
including WW II  
Freedom Flights  
for our Veterans  
& EBSD

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

More information at: [www.wheelchairfoundation.org](http://www.wheelchairfoundation.org)

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

**Thank you for your support of the VNVDV**



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## VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley

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

VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley  
Veterans Memorial Building  
400 Hartz Avenue  
P. O. Box 2079 - Danville, CA 94526  
**Website: [www.VNVDV.com](http://www.VNVDV.com)**

The Best Crab Feed on Super Sunday  
Danville VMB - **Sunday / FEB. 7th 1PM**  
*Advance Sales Only - No Tickets at Door*



**WALK of HONOR** for our Veterans

*Sponsored by PHILLIPS 66*  
Annual **Armed Forces Day** Event  
Bridge Walk / BBQ & more in Crockett, CA  
3rd SAT. / May 21



# California Launches **Veteran** Driver License and ID Card

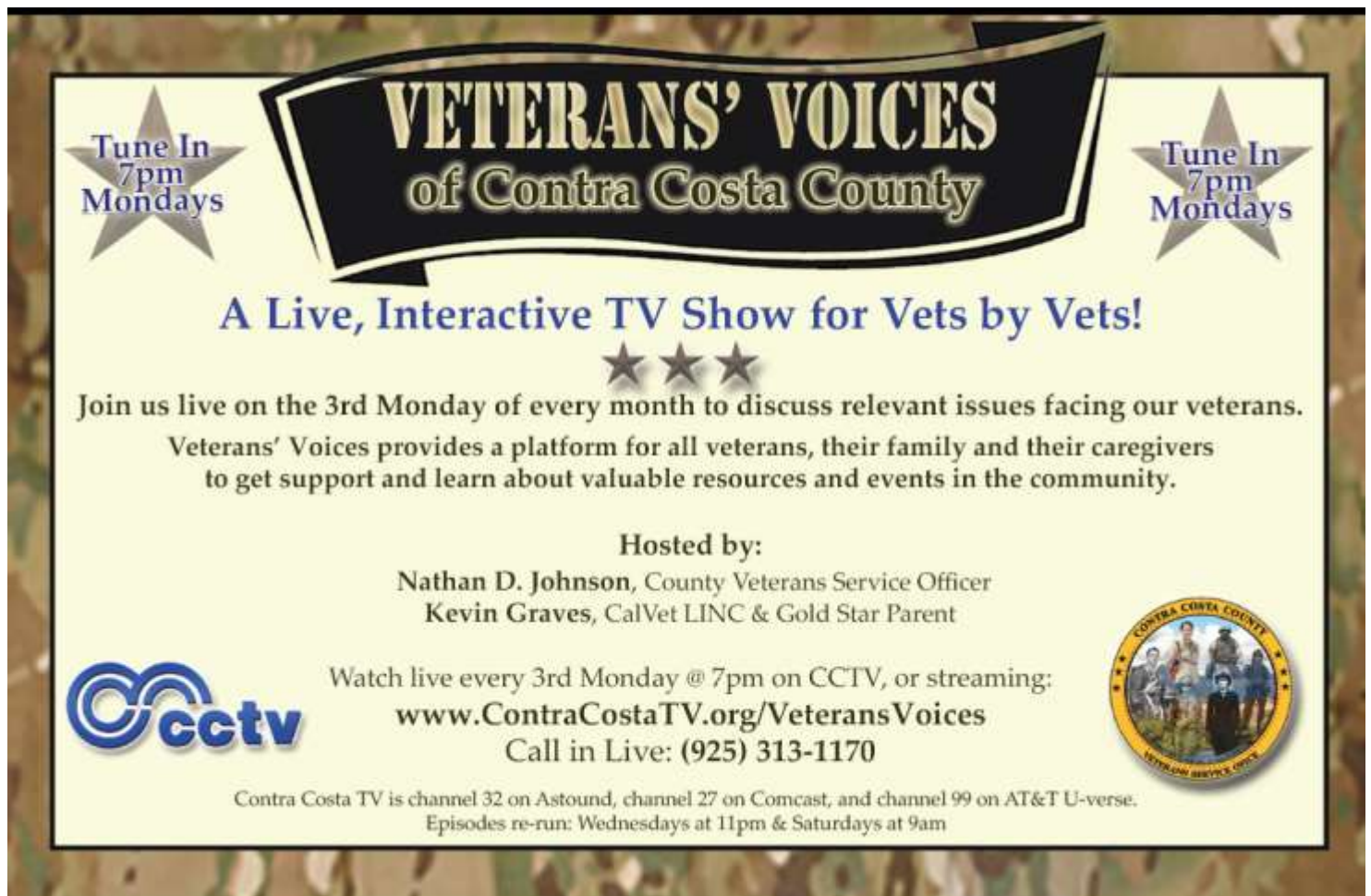
**DMV "Veteran" designation program began Veterans Day 2015**

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 and take advantage of businesses proving offers and/or discounts to Veterans.

## To obtain your "Veteran" designation for a driver license or ID card is 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/ 323-1481 to find out locations of CVSO outstations.
- ◆ 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.



**Tune In 7pm Mondays**

# VETERANS' VOICES of Contra Costa County

**Tune In 7pm Mondays**



## A Live, Interactive TV Show for Vets by Vets!

★ ★ ★

Join us live on the 3rd Monday of every month to discuss relevant issues facing our veterans. Veterans' Voices provides a platform for all veterans, their family and their caregivers to get support and learn about valuable resources and events in the community.

**Hosted by:**  
Nathan D. Johnson, County Veterans Service Officer  
Kevin Graves, CalVet LINC & Gold Star Parent

Watch live every 3rd Monday @ 7pm on CCTV, or streaming:  
[www.ContraCostaTV.org/VeteransVoices](http://www.ContraCostaTV.org/VeteransVoices)  
Call in Live: (925) 313-1170



Contra Costa TV is channel 32 on Astound, channel 27 on Comcast, and channel 99 on AT&T U-verse.  
Episodes re-run: Wednesdays at 11pm & Saturdays at 9am

# SENTINELS OF FREEDOM

April 9, 2016

VNVDV

"Gold Supporters"



Save the Date

2016 Annual  
Sentinels of Freedom Gala

Saturday, April the Ninth, 2016  
Blackhawk Automotive Museum,  
Danville, CA

Celebrate our Sentinels and our  
guests of honor,

General Joseph Votel,  
United States Army

and

Master Sergeant Leroy Petry,  
United States Army (Ret.),  
Medal of Honor recipient

[www.sentinelsoffreedom.org](http://www.sentinelsoffreedom.org)



**General 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.

## 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

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# Joint VSOs - schedule St. Patrick "Corned Beef & Cabbage" Dinner



## Community Friends & Supporters...

Help us celebrate again and enjoy our third annual  
*combined*

Veterans Service Organization

## CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER

Fundraiser

Tickets \$35.00

Saturday March 12, 2016 at 5:00 PM

Veterans Memorial Building

400 Hartz Ave Danville, CA

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT-SILENT AUCTION-  
LIVE AUCTION-RAFFLE-DOOR PRIZES**

All funds collected go directly to the Veterans Memorial Building  
Operating Committee to pay for the operating expenses of the  
Veterans Wing of the building

Purchase Tickets at the VMB in Danville

Or Contact Dennis Giacovelli at [houseworks@pacbell.net](mailto:houseworks@pacbell.net) or

Lee Halverson at [lhazmateer@aol.com](mailto:lhazmateer@aol.com) for tickets



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Pharmacy(Toll Free)Line  
866-600-8279  
Martinez, CA. 94553

Fax: (925) 372-2804

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

**Check VA's MyHealthVet  
or the VA online for Flu Shot  
details or Call VA's  
"Advise Nurse" for answers!**

California's Veteran Benefit Book Available and the New

Federal Veteran Benefit Handbook - See CCC VSO for copy.

**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  
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Find out about all the Veteran Benefits  
You earned through your Military Service  
Visit the County VSO Office NOW...

for your FREE "Benefit Check-Up" - You Earned it!

Our Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office is "the place" to have all of your VA  
paperwork completed - by a qualified, experienced service rep. & this service is for all  
veterans FREE & available M - F in Martinez & on Wednesdays in Danville 10-2

**Veterans Benefits Contact:**

**Nathan D. Johnson**  
**Veterans Service Officer**  
**Contra Costa County**

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### "Save the Date"

## Armed Forces Day 2016

# Phillips 66 & the Carbon Plant Walk of Honor for our Veterans



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



**Armed Forces Day is the 3rd Saturday in May**

Last opportunity to obtain your donations for our FEB. 7th 2016 event & submit them. MISSING some of our regular sponsors... *Home Depot, Sam's Club Costco, Lowes, , Trader Joes, Safeway Stores, & many restaurants & pizza locations + golf foursomes!* We NEED your Follow-up this weekend *please*

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 & your family. Schedule your appointment by calling 925/ 313-1481

## All Wars Memorial Paver UPDATE

Have you Reserved YOUR All Wars Memorial PAVER at Oak Hill Park ?

These solid granite stones set in the walkway at Oak Hill Park are now limited...

Less than thirty blank pavers remain!

Honor a veteran, friend, neighbor, family member with a paver tribute it will last for-

**ever... Only - \$250.00** Engraving is completed in the Spring & Fall. Engraving cannot be completed during the winter due to wet conditions. Visit the website for an order form. [www.AllWarsMemorial.org](http://www.AllWarsMemorial.org)

**Your VNVDV 2016 MEMBERSHIP... is DUE in Jan 2016 - See Slatts**

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

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

All "**Operation Welcome Home**" event updates can be found at: [www.DiabloValleyFlagBrigade.com](http://www.DiabloValleyFlagBrigade.com) for upcoming events.

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)

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

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

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

**VISIT THE VMB's WEBSITE - for the VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING visit: [www.VMBSRV.org](http://www.VMBSRV.org)**

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# Electronic News

## To: VNVDV Members & VIPs

**The VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley** - established in 1991 as a local, grass-roots, non-profit, & all-volunteer Veteran Service Organization (VSO) to promote & enhance the image of the Viet Nam Veteran through Community Service & Support of our fellow Veterans, and value & maintain a high level of dignity & respect for the young men & women currently serving our nation today in all branches of our military services. **Danville's Veteran's Memorial Building for the San Ramon Valley** is home for the VNVDV and designed for the next 100 years - to serve our veterans now - those returning & our future veterans - while serving as a lasting reminder & Memorial for all those who served before us in the name of Freedom... **leaving a "legacy"**

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

VNVDV monthly Board of Directors Meetings are held on the **3rd Thursday** each month at the Veterans Memorial Building in the Library / Board Room at **1800 Hrs.** in Danville. To find out more about programs & projects the VNVDV supports & events sponsored... visit the website at: [www.VNVDV.com](http://www.VNVDV.com). All veterans & guests are welcome to attend our **"open"** membership meetings. This VNVDV is a casual - **"fun"** - social veterans group - always looking for new members who enjoy friendship & the special bond as military veterans. **We are Proud of our Military Service...** & of our continued contributions to fellow veterans & community. Our dinner meetings consist of a social dinner & guest speaker of interest to veterans & military. Please join us... All dinner meetings are **OPEN** - bring fellow VietNam veterans - active duty military - history buffs - friends - community supporters... *see what a difference volunteering makes in the lives of others. All veterans welcome!*

# OPEN - SOCIAL DINNER MEETINGS with SPEAKER!

# VIET NAM VETERANS of Diablo Valley

## MONTHLY SOCIAL DINNER MEETINGS with FEATURED GUEST SPEAKERS

### 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

# the "INCOMING" - Official Newsletter of the VNVDV

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