



INCOMING NEWS



Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

July 2016



Danville/Kiwanis 4th of July Parade Honors VietNam War Veterans Commemoration EBSD Volunteer Sign-up opens July 8



Bill Green VNVDP
President 2016

East Bay Stand

Down is our community support program to provide a helping hand-up - not a hand-out to our Homeless & in-need Veterans on SEPT. 15 - 18

Registration is Open Sign-up to help provide advance set-up of the encampment.

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

Join us in supporting EBSD



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy 4th of July, it's hard to believe that the first six months of the year are gone and were they ever busy! Looking back at June, we had our wrap-up meeting for the **Phillips 66 Walk of Honor for our Veterans** which was agreed by all as a major success! Then the honor of attending the dedication & ribbon-cutting of the **new VA Mental Health Clinic** building on the Martinez Campus which is an amazing facility & we encourage all Veterans to utilize these valuable health services to deal with effects from their military services. Most enjoyable was our annual Duck Club Weekend Retreat for our young Vets. They had 3-days of good food, fun, bond fires, swimming, and bonding. Many thanks go out to Concord Vet Center's Team Leader Jeff Jewell and all the guys from the Vet Center for all their help with tables, chairs & pop-ups making it comfortable for all. Everyone had a great time! We had 20 plus Vets & many helping hands at the club - with a special thanks to the members of South Butte for opening up the club for these young Veterans.. We didn't have the Vietnam Helicopter Museum's UH-1 Huey this year because of high winds... safety first! It was missed - but you have no control over Mother Nature.

We also attended the Danville Town Council meeting this month to support Police Chief' Simpkins proposal to install cameras in Danville's Oak Hill Park which will aid in security of the beautiful All Wars Memorial and that is Great news. Many thanks to the Town Council & Danville's Police Department.

Danville Parade Honors VietNam War Veterans



Commemorative Lapel Pins & VN Bumper Sticker for all Vietnam Veterans

DON'T MISS JULY 7th
Nathan Johnson will update us on Veterans Benefits. Nathan is our Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office.
Debra Johnson will speak on her continuing effort to locate pictures of Viet Nam KIAs from Contra Costa County.
Please join us for dinner on Thursday - July 7th.

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

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

Pastries too!



New had an extremely successful 4th of July Parade & the special honor of having VNVDV life member & **Medal of Honor Recipient Jim Taylor** as *Grand Marshall* in the **50th Commemoration of the Vietnam War** & Kiwanis Club's special tribute honoring the Vietnam War Veterans in the 4th of July Parade. We distributed our American Flags to children along the parade route & *special commemorative lapel pins* to VietNam Veterans & if you did not receive your pin - we will be making another presentation at the July 7th Dinner. We want to give special thanks to **Sentinels of Freedom** CEO Mike Conklin for his hours of labor & effort providing a beautiful parade float honoring VietNam Veterans & the 50th Anniversary + providing transportation for Vietnam Veterans. A **special THANKS** to the **USMC Color Guard** from Concord - the **Prince Charles Pipe Band** & the **DAR / Boy Scouts Troop #805** for carrying the large American Flag & **Amvets Post 26** for the Huey & **Warrior Watch Riders** & to all our members for their support & participation & finally to **Jerry Yahiro** for organizing & coordinating the parade. *Thanks again to all!*

On **Monday, July 11th** we are strongly encouraging all members - Veterans & patriots to attend the one-day only showing of the new documentary film **"THE UNKNOWNs"** with **Sentinel Stephen Shodeen**, our **Walk of Honor** guest speaker providing the introduction & answer questions afterwards. Tickets online at: <http://gathr.us/screening/15216>

Finally... as part of our recognition of your service in the VietNam War & our partnership in the 50th Commemoration of the War - the Board of Directors is offering VNVDV LIFE MEMBERSHIP for \$50. for a limited time. Please process with our Treasurer "Slatts" at the dinner or by mail at our official P. O. Box.

Please attend the July 7th meeting & I look forward to seeing all of you. Thanks to all our members & friends for their support.

WILLIAM "BILL" GREEN
President 2016
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EastBayStandDown.org

On-Line Registration Opens

this week!



East Bay Stand Down

www.EastBayStandDown.org

VOLUNTEERS FOR SET-UP + VOLUNTEER IN THE FOUR DAY PROGRAM & TEAR DOWN WILL BE REQUIRED. Sign-Up On-Line!

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 onsite volunteer registration permitted.



"THE UNKNOWNNS"

Phillips 66 Walk of Honor Speaker SFC Stephen Schodeen is introducing the new documentary film **"THE UNKNOWNNS"** on **Monday - July 11th - 7:30PM** at Crow Canyon Movie Theater in San Ramon. This one-day showing of this excellent film provides a behind the **scenes view of the 3rd United States Infantry Regiment known as the "OLD GUARD" that serves as the SENTINEL GUARDS at the TOMB of the UNKNOWN SOLDIER** at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia, just outside Washington, D.C. Tickets only available in advance on-line for this one-day only showing at: <http://gathr.us/screening/15216> **Please order your tickets NOW for this special July 11th showing. Special price of only \$11.00 per person.**

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, **as they learn what it means to protect our Nation's Patriots amidst America's most hallowed grounds.** Please join the VNVDV for this community showing in San Ramon on **July 11th. The "quota of tickets sold has been met"** - Please Order your tickets NOW.



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

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

ATTEND A MONTHLY ADVANCE PLANNING MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Community meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month. The next open/public meeting is **TUESDAY - JULY 12th at 1800 Hrs. (6PM)** at **VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING of San Ramon Valley** - 400 Hartz Avenue in Danville, CA.

ALL Community organizations, clubs, businesses, churches & interested individuals are encouraged to find out more about how you might be able to assist in this major community effort to end homelessness for our military Veterans. The event will be held at the Alameda Fairgrounds & volunteers are needed - prior to the event, to aid with set-up & afterwards for the tear-down of the encampment.

Looking for awareness of your support for EBSD? The monthly public community planning meetings is an excellent venue to show your support & present your 2016 **“Sponsorship Donation Checks.”** Major Sponsorship begins at **\$5,000.00** & **“Tent Sponsorship”** is **\$500.** for non-profit organizations & **\$1,000.** for Corporations.

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

If you have questions - about anything - locations or times of the monthly planning meetings always check the EBSD website at: www.EastBayStandDown.org The official 2016 **“Volunteer Sign-Up”** will OPEN & be available online only beginning in **July**.

The EBSD **“Executive Board”** meets at **1700 Hrs. prior to each public meeting.** *We are all volunteers & can always use help setting up chairs & putting them away prior to & after each public community meeting. Thanks,*

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

Please check the [EBSD website](http://www.EastBayStandDown.org) on a regular basis for additional information.

Thank you for your support of East Bay Stand Down 2016. Help spread the word - get other groups interested in volunteering & supporting our homeless Veterans at [EBSD](http://www.EastBayStandDown.org).

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 Thursdays July 14th and August 11th from 4PM to 9PM

Danville, CA
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COME SAIL ON THE **SS JEREMIAH O'BRIEN** - JULY 16, 2016 -
GOOD MORNING VIETNAM VETERANS - 10AM—2PM

Join the Crew as they pay a Tribute to Viet Nam Veterans, long overdue recognition for the men and women who served in Viet Nam. Featuring *Harold Day & the Experience*, a *Jimi Hendricks Tribute Band*, will bring back oldies of the era. Cruise leaves & returns to **Pier 45 at Fisherman's Wharf. The Jeremiah O'Brien will sail under the Golden Gate Bridge** & then back inside the bay continuing along the San Francisco waterfront for a spectacular view of the City. Order tickets NOW Adults \$140, Children 16/under \$85 & Vietnam Vets \$62



June 10-12 **VNVDV's GWOT Veteran Retreat** is again a huge success - Thanks to Bill Green & his South Butte Duck Club Members plus all the VSO Groups and their Volunteers



EBSD receives generous support from tri-valley donors.
 Next Community Planning Meeting - **July 12** in Danville





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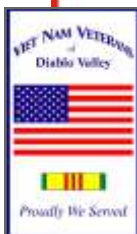
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**VET Center's
Jeff Jewell to
Swim for Moms**



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

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!**

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

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**



25th Anniversary Memorial Day Remembrance

Sponsored by Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

Thank You to the dozens of Supporters - Volunteers & Attendees

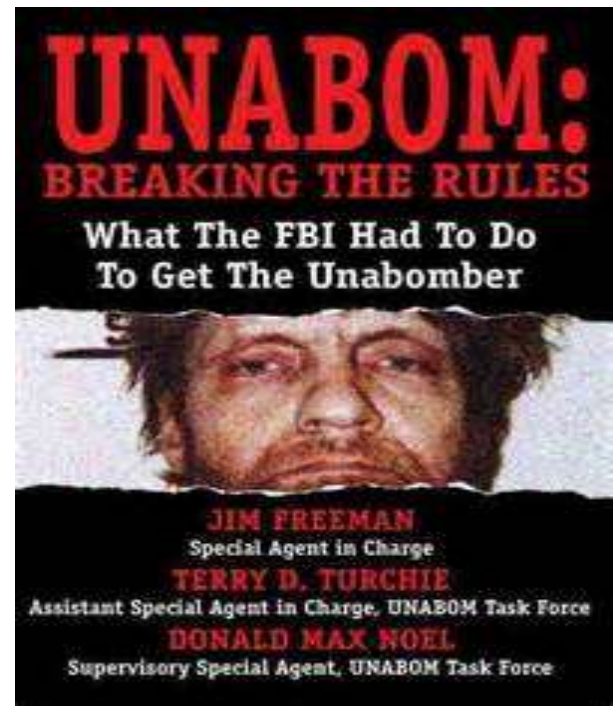


VNVDV Member July Birthdays

Gary Villalba	Army	Dick Sperling	Army
Mike Weber	Army	Earl Conklin	Army
James Hill	Army	John Schafgans	Army
Larry Ashlock	Army	Marty De Venuta	Air Force
Ron Huesman	Marines	John Willing	Marines
Alex McElee	Navy	Frank Luna	Army
Wayne Norwood	Army	Bill Chew	Army
Daniel Harrington	Navy	Dick Seavey	Army



THANKS to the VNVDV
June Dinner Speaker
MAX NOEL for his out-
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on his FBI investiga-
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VNVDV Dinner - June 2016



In 1994, the eyewitness from the CAAM's device (#12), was re-interviewed. A new composite sketch was prepared which, according to the witness, was more detailed and accurate than the first composite.



The image shows two composite sketches of a man's face. The sketch on the left is a simple line drawing, while the sketch on the right is a more detailed and realistic drawing.



Don't miss the JULY 7th meeting with Service Officer - Nathan Johnson



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The VA Health Care System is the Best - get help

Visit our VNVDV Website
for more Benefit details.

Watch CCTV "VETERAN VOICES" each Month

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

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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

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More information at: www.wheelchairfoundation.org

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

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

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

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

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

Wheelchair Foundation & Wine for Wheels - Support our those in need of mobility - Visit: www.WineforWheels.org & see VNVDV

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

VNVDV website to see more about the VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley at: www.VNVDV.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

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 or call 800-777-0133.

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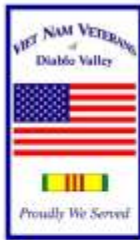
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Established in 1991

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. 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