

# INCOMING

## NEWS











JAN 2016

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

# William "BILL" Green Elected VNVDV President 2016 Super Sunday Crab Feed Tickets Going Fast! Got Yours?

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Members – Fellow Veterans – Supporters:

We are leaving 2015 and starting a New Year. I wish all of you & your families a happy & healthy New Year.

Next, I want to thank **Ray LaRochelle** for his service and dedication to the **VNVDV**, not just his two years as President, but for his many years of service.

Twenty five years ago this April, I was asked if I would like to go to a meeting of a new veterans group called VNVDV. I really had no interest in joining any veterans group at that time, but I was told this one was different! First, it was non-political and second it was *just* Vietnam vets. I *instantly* had a feeling of comradery at that meeting. We represented all the service branches and different MOS's, but we all shared the same stigma of being veterans of this countries *most unpopular* war. Needless to say, I wanted more after that first meeting!

Members - Supporters & Friends:

We urgently need your personal support to obtain Donations for our "Super Sunday" - FEB. 7th 2016 event!

**Final Countdown... Help us**Obtain Needed Donations

Your Donations go to Jim Murphy this year - for Tick-ets contact Treasurer Mike

"Slatts" Slattengren @ 925 / 837-6238

Ideas & Donation Letter for Merchants provided in this

edition of the Incoming

## & Directors

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Congratulations to our

newly elected Officers

edition:

- ◆ 2016 Crab Feed Ticket. on sale at January dinner
- ◆ DEC Holiday Dinner Award & Appreciation Photo Update
- ♦ December activities & program event updates.
- ◆ Your JAN Donation Letter - Receipt - Flye & Idea List in this edition to copy & use!
- Donations urgently needed for Silent
   Auction & Super Raffle
   Please help & do
   your part! Thanks.

This Newsletter is also On-Line at: www.VNVDV.com

## **January Speakers**

LTC Larry Janes (USAF retired) & Dr. Ronald Chun, MD will discuss their work developing the V.A.'s Alameda Point Project & provide information on the Land Acquisition, VA Out-Patient Clinic & Columbarium Project. Don't miss this informative VA update presentation.

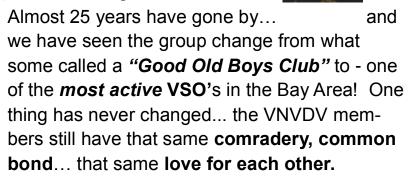
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#### 2016 President Bill Green

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We just do a hell-of-a-lot more towards our founding commitment... to improving the image of VietNam Veterans and providing support to Veterans... especially Viet Nam Veterans, through our actions in programs & projects.

Now, after 25 years as a VNVDV member... I find myself being asked to be the *President*.

Words cannot begin to tell you how honored and moved I am to be put in this office. I thank you for having such faith in me.

We will continue to do all that we did last year and hopefully more! We will continue to serve our community & our young veterans, both serving and those returning home from service. <u>To do this I will need your help</u> - starting with our annual Crab Feed (or maybe non-crab feed) on **Sunday - February 7.** We need items donated for our auction and raffle. You will not be just helping the group, but the community and our young veterans. To help, just contact myself or any board member to assist.

I thank you & look forward to working with each of you *throughout* the New Year!

Bill

WILLIAM "BILL" GREEN President 2016 PH: 925 / 683-3293 E: BillGreen@aol.com



2016 Crab Feed Merchant/Business
Donation Request Letter & Donor
Receipts are available at the JAN.
Dinner Meeting & also <u>included</u> in
this issue of the INCOMING News.
Pick-up or copy & keep with you
to use for soliciting your event
merchant donations.
An idea list of items to request
& 2016 Crab Feed poster for
you to copy & keep in your car

Please remind everyone including supporters of the need to request donations for our Annual "Super Sunday" Crab Feed to be held on Sunday - FEB. 7th!

2016 CRAB FEED is a FUNDRAISER

Have you got your tickets yet?
Crab Feed tickets going
FAST! Don'T BE LEFT OUT...
only 160 tickets will be sold-all in advance.

This is the largest VNVDV sponsored fundraiser each year & we need all members & supporters to dig in & contribute to its success. *Purchase tickets for our Military!* 

If every member gets just one contribution each, it will ensure a successful event.

Please do your part!

Donation Request I etter & receipt are in this edition with poster & idea I ist.

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



## APPRECIATION DINNER HONORS AND RECOGNIZES EAST BAY CONTRIBUTORS DEDICATED TO SERVING OUR VETERANS



## OVER 140 MEMBERS & GUESTS ATTENDED THE 2015 APPRECIATION DINNER & ENJOYED A GREAT DINNER & GALA EVENING



## VNVDV Member January Birthdays

Ron Allen 1/7 Marine Bill Kiper 1/7 Navy

Alan Perry 1/10 Navy Arthur Gaoiran 1/13 Army

Ray La Rochelle 1/20 Navy Bill Hawkins 1/21 Army

Rich Lee 1/21 Army Jerry Carlson 1/24 Army

#### VNVDV Supported the Concord Vet Center Staff & their Annual Holiday Party



## Operation Santa is a joint project sponsored by Tesoro - Blue Star Mons & VNVDV



Brought to you by
Tesoro Golden Eagle Refinery,
Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley,
Blue Star Moms And Englund's Catering





PLEASE JOIN THE

#### VIETNAM VETERANS OF DIABLO VALLEY

FOR THE 12TH ANNUAL "SALUTE TO OUR TROOPS"







# CRAB FEED

SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 7, 2016

DANVILLE VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING
1 P.M. DOORS OPEN

VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING

115 PROSPECT / 400 HARTZ DANVILLE, CA 94526

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

# 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 or Lee Halverson at <a href="mailto:lhazmateer@aol.com">lhazmateer@aol.com</a> for tickets





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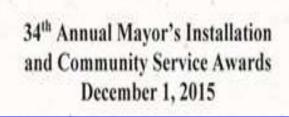
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## **DECEMBER EVENTS INVOLVING VNVDV MEMBERS**



Mayor Mike Doyle presenting
THE DANVILLE AWARD to Ron
Lowe in recognition of his years
of Community Service



Incoming Mayor Karen
Stepper presents the
DANVILLE AWARD OF
MERIT to the VMB
LIBRARY & HISTORICAL
COLLECTION COMMITTEE
for their Efforts in the VMB
Educational Military Museum
& Veterans Day Exhibits

# VMB DOCENT RECOGNITION BREAKFAST ART GASKIN



(LEFT) RE-CEIVED THE FIRST ANNUAL DOCENT OF THE YEAR AWARD







## SENTINELS OF FREEDOM

# April 9, 2016

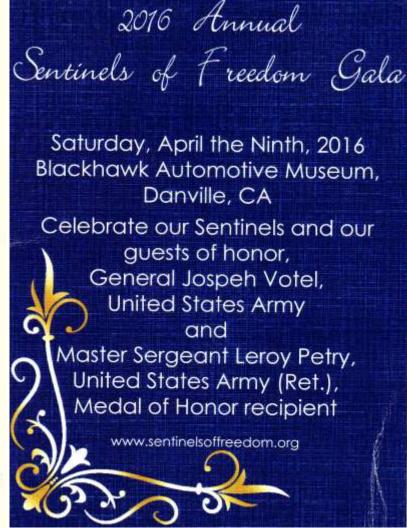


# Save the Date



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

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





Master Sergeant Leroy Petry, US Army (Ret.)

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

#### 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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Rub it on - Pain is gone! Promo Code: 2058

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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...



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 Sunday, February 7, 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", <u>non-profit & tax-exempt</u>, 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 2016 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.

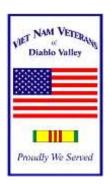
We look forward to you joining us in support of our 2016 "Salute to our Troops" Charity Crab Feed and are grateful for your generosity & support of our veterans, active-duty military, & community programs. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

William "Bill" Green President 2016

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

Telephone: 925 / 683 - 3293 E-mail: BillGreen@aol.com



Date:			

#### **DONATION RECEIPT**

To:	
	<ul> <li>hereby acknowledges your donation to our annual charity on and the VNVDV provided no goods or services in exchange r support of our annual fund raising event.</li> </ul>
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munity-service programs and events the VNVDV c you again for your support of the VNVDV.	Feed, will support local veteran, active-duty military & comconducts and proudly supports throughout the year. We thank
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









U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Monday-Friday 8:00a.m.-4:30p.m. Martinez Primary Care Clinic 150 Muir Road, Martinez, Calif.94553

Advice Nurse-Appointment Line 800-382-8387 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 Voteransi Don't Waiti

## Check VA's MyHealtheVet 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 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 <u>all</u> of your VA paperwork completed - by a qualified, experienced service rep. & this service is for all veterans <u>FREE</u> & available M - F in Martinez & on Wednesdays in Danville 10-2

#### Veterans Benefits Contact:

Nathan D. Johnson

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# VNVDV NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Unfortunately, we Are Behind in "Super Sunday" Donations for our FEB. 7th 2016 event!
We Really Need EVERYONE'S Help in Obtaining Donations. Contact 2016 Crab Feed Chair Mike Slattengren @ 925 / 837-6238 ASAP

Ideas for 2016 Donations are

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

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

**VNVDV MEMBERSHIP...** 

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

"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

# All Wars Memorial Paver UPDATE

Have you ordered an All Wars Memorial PAVER at Oak Hill Park?

These solid granite stones set in the walk-

#### way 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

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

All "Operation Welcome Home" event updates can be found at: www.DiabloValleyFlagBrigade.com for upcoming events.

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

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

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

#### VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley



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Visit the VNVDV Website for our latest news online at:





Jan 2016









## 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!



#### PAST PRESIDENTS

John "T. J." Trujillo

PUBLIC RELATIONS John "jgr" Reese

Ray La Rochelle Michael Slattengren Jerry Yahiro John Estes Del Loewe Tim Hart Mike Weber Mike McDaniel Rich Lambert Ron Azarcon Bill Picton Norm Mahalich

Established in 1991

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